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THE 6-5s AT BACKSTROKE

By H. CHANT, WAKEFIELD

WHAT is the chief objection to 6-5s at backstroke in open-lead ringing? Most ringers have come to accept that these are something which must be avoided at all costs; I wonder how many pause to ask themselves why?

Several ringers whom I have asked say to me: 'Well, they don't sound very nice, do they?'

Don't they? Why?

Of course, in ordinary music where the melody settles upon the supertonic (5th on the bells) at a half-cadence, it is more often than not preceded by the mediant (4th), usually in hymn tunes with the chords 6-4 5-3, but frequently elsewhere in some variation of the dominant thirteenth.

But it is not difficult to find quite a few well-known hymn tunes that contain this progression (6-5) at a half-cadence, witness 'A & M' 254: 'Art thou weary,' and 'A & M' 228: 'Jerusalem the golden,' where tonic followed by supertonic occurs at least three times in the course of the tune at prominent cadences.

And although I have no Psalter by me at the time of writing I think I can remember several examples that could be quoted from the Chants. (Chants are nothing if not orthodox!)

Many more examples could be taken from the works of classical composers; witness again the exquisite use by Schubert in the opening phrase of the slow movement of the 'Unfinished,' where the insistence upon the tonic followed by the supertonic is beautifully effective (bar 6).

These excursions make the return to the tonic welcome and satisfying. If in ringing we hear the tenor behind a few changes after the 6-5s, we almost have the effect of an imperfect followed by a perfect cadence, or the resolution of a discord in music, and in ordinary dodging or forward hunting methods the 6th must be moving upwards to produce 6-5s at backstroke. Consequently we shall hear either 1-6, 2-6, 3-6 or 4-6 coming up shortly afterwards, giving us the repose required after the 'disturbance' of the 6-5s.

Do 6-5s sound worse than (say) 6-1s or 6-2s? Personally I don't think so, and in Major I can think of nothing more harsh than 8-2s, apart from actual 'clashing' of the bells.

With 6-3s, in Minor, we have a special case. Most handbell ringers have at some time or other indulged in the sport known in different parts of the country by different names and in this area as 'Rattler,' in which six bells are arranged in the order 1, 2, 5, 4, 6, 3, and Grandsire Doubles rung with the 3rd covering. The covering bell executing some rhythm or giving two extra blows of regular beat when the bells are up on the backstroke.

The effect of this arrangement is to 'fix' the bells in key of the sub-dominant, in this case the 3rd.

Now most students of harmony are warned against modulating too soon to the 'flat' side of the tonic, and in extemporising (at the piano) it is frequently advisable to return to the tonic through the 'sharp' side in order to re-establish the key.

Therefore in Minor ringing, after a succession of 6-3s, even when the tenor comes behind, doesn't one have the feeling of still being away from the key? Shouldn't one, therefore, following the argument of 6-5s to its logical conclusion, avoid 3-2s in the vicinity of 6-3s?

This sense of modulation is, I think, not so acute in Major as the leading-note (the 2nd) is, of course, never flattened, whereas with Minor the flattening is implied.

Are there any reasons, other than musical, for the prevalent objection to 6-5s?

Could it be that ringers object to hunting the 5th down before the 6th, or in Major coursing the 7th before the 8th? It certainly 'feels' awkward on handbells. Yet in Grandsire the last two bells course in this order without any feeling of discomfort on the part of the ringers. Is this because there is a covering bell or merely that we have got accustomed to it?

Or what?

Can it be that the avoidance of 6-5s is a task self-imposed by composers or arrangers on right or wrong premises until it has come to be regarded by ringers as a hallmark of quality?

It would be interesting to find out why many ringers *do* object to 6-5s and whether they think an occasional one might not improve the interest in the striking. At any rate it might encourage some of them to *listen* to what they ring.

We might, in fact, hear a little less about the 'new beat,' which was probably invented by someone who wasn't capable of listening to the old one anyway!

TEN BELL PEALS

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	6
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	8
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
*ALAN R. SYDER	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the induction of the Ven. E. N. Gowing as Vicar of St. Mary's, Prittlewell.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
GEORGE R. MORRIS	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	NORMAN GOODMAN	8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	DAVID BEACHAM	9
HAROLD J. SHUCK	5	JAMES TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
T. W. Lewis has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.
Rung to commemorate the founding of the Worcestershire Association at Bromsgrove 75 years ago.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT	*Treble*	*JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
*PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	WALTER W. MILLER	7
RUSSELL G. PARKER	3	*TREVOR A. J. BAILEY	8
†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	*LLEWELLYN ALLUM	9
WALTER RUFFLES	5	*ALDERMAN LING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal on ten bells.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the Ven. T. O. Wonnacott, rector here for 30 years.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	5
BRIAN R. WHITE	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
WILLIAM JUDGE	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
PHILIP WALKER	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN
First peal of Stedman as conductor.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's Odd-Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES McGUINESS	*Treble*	†THOMAS M. COX	5
CHARLES N. LEA	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
*MARION S. CAPEY	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
GEORGE S. DEAS	4	ROBERT F. TELFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

EDINBURGH, MIDLOTHIAN, SCOTLAND.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*MAGNUS PETERSON	*Treble*	KENNETH ARTHUR	5
*DAVID PRIESTLEY	2	EDMUND P. CROWDY	6
MARION S. CAPEY	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
GEORGE S. DEAS	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb.

MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON	*Treble*	PHILLIP J. H. HUDSON	5
*ALLAN SMITH, JUN.	2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6
ALLAN SMITH, SEN.	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
DEREK BUTTERWORTH	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hall, married at St. John-the-Evangelist Church, Miles Platting, on November 30th, 1907.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 13, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Treble*	STANLEY PONTING	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
GEORGE WAGHORN	3	EDWIN BROMLEY	7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4	COLIN TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. F. J. Lambert on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(St. Giles' Society of Change Ringers.)
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

*DIANA PRYNN	*Treble*	*JOHN HAYNS	5
†KATHLEEN BEASLEY	2	‡PETER JACKSON	6
*BRUCE PIPER	3	D. G. ASTRIDGE	7
J. T. SYMONDS	4	H. H. HAYNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. G. ASTRIDGE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor. 300th peal on the bells. First peal ever rung by a band of Ashtead resident service ringers and first peal for the St. Giles' Society. A birthday compliment to Kathleen Beasley.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

J. WILLIAM CLARKE	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	JOHN WORTH	6
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
An 89th birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones, a ringer at this church for 50 years. Also a peal of welcome to the Rector (Rev. E. B. Jones), who was inducted on the previous Saturday.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	5
ROGER MAHER	2	F. ANTHONY ELSON	6
GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
VICTOR C. NEAL	4	DAVID YOUNG	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DAVID YOUNG
First peal as conductor, aged 16.
Rung to the honoured memory of parishioners who had passed away during 1957.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Treble*	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	2	HENRY H. E. JEANES	6
GORDON GAYLARD	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
JAMES E. LOOKER	4	THOMAS W. JEANES	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.
First peal on the bells since augmented to eight.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Pyke.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

ARTHUR KERSHAW	*Treble*	*ROBERT R. CHURCHILL	5
JUNE GLADMAN	2	JOHN W. SINFIELD	6
EDMUND J. HOBBS	3	KENNETH G. SPAVINS	7
*KEITH C. FLEMING	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. GAYTON. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. E. C. F. Bache, M.A., on the day of his induction.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

ERIC NOBLES	*Treble*	RICHARD F. ROE	5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	2	DAVID W. JAMES	6
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	7
RAYMOND H. IDLE	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
The first peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 2,240 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,408 Superlative, with 136 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Treble*	†DEREK J. TRANTER	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	2	†HARRY GRIFFITHS	6
*RODERICK J. LEES	3	ERIC E. SPEAKE	7
P. GEORGE GOLDER	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER (E. A. Barnett's arrangement).
Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal of 3-Spliced Surprise.
A golden wedding compliment to the parents of Mr. Fred Jukes, of the local band.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	*WILLIAM C. RHODES	5
*GORDON H. LANE	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
ALAN G. FOSTER	3	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Major in the method. The composition is believed to be rung for the first time.
Rung in memoriam the Rev. J. R. King, Vicar from 1924 to 1943, who died recently at Sheffield, aged 87 years.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	MARION S. CAPEY	5
MRS. K. ARTHUR	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
*NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT, JUN.	3	GEORGE S. DEAS	7
CAROL HALL	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to Col. and Mrs. N. I. Wright on their golden wedding.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Carter's Odd-Bob (Original version). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*ANNE C. GARNETT	*Treble*	*HUGH NEILL	5
*WILLIAM S. DEASON	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
*DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
†FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4	*MICHAEL J. PALMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Sixth-place Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*W. ARNOLD MORLEY	*Treble*	‡VIVIENNE M. HORTON	5
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	†GORDON A. HALLS	6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	7
††‡DEREK P. JONES	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENIS R. CARLISLE and GORDON A. HALLS.
Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. E. E. C. Smith.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	MAURICE BENNETT	5
JOHN WALDEN	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
RONALD C. NOON	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 28 cwt.

PERCY BRAY	*Treble*	DAVID T. ROBERTSON	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	6
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	*ERIC J. HITCHINS	7
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	4	HUGH F. VENNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal of Triples.
In memoriam Mrs. H. Prout, Corsham.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 18, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D

T. Mark White	*Treble*	*William T. Beeson	5
C Ernest Smith	2	†Douglas A. R. May	6
Frederick A. Munday	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Robin G. Leale	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* 50th peal of Yorkshire Major. † First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a welcome to Susan Amanda, daughter of T. Mark and Audrey White.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation No. 2. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Canon C. Carew Cox	*Treble*	G. Stedman Morris	5
Mrs. C. W. Powell	2	Roger Keeley	6
Henry G. Keeley	3	Harry J. Gaylard	7
Cuthbert W. H. Powell	4	*John Rattenbury	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Keeley.
* First peal. The conductor's 100th peal.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Keeley, parents of the ringers of 2 and 3 and grandparents of the conductor, on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

Patricia M. Clarke	*Treble*	*Edwin T. Chapman	5
John W. Blythe	2	Walter W. Miller	6
Frank Ruffles	3	*William J. Button	7
Walter Ruffles	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 21). Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First attempt for a peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 4 lb.

Bernard V. Collison	*Treble*	Frank H. Hicks	5
*Frederick J. Lambert	2	William Rogers	6
Stanley G. Ponting	3	Robert T. Lambert	7
Reginald E. Lambert	4	Ernest J. Ladd	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* 25th peal in the method.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints and St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Trevor N. J. Bailey	*Treble*	Frank Ruffles	5
Patricia M. Clarke	2	William J. Button	6
Walter W. Miller	3	Walter Ruffles	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 51). Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	H. George Hart	5
*B. Clare Webster	2	*Richard G. Ouston	6
Elsie K. Hart	3	William Wenban	7
†Joan M. Wilcockson	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

J. Barry Pickup	*Treble*	James Walsh	4
David Gilbert	2	Leonard Walsh	5
Roger Maher	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
Rung for the wedding, at Pickworth Church, of Stuart A. Smith (a former ringer at Accrington) and Hilda Woodbridge.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Upton,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 11 extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's and ten extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*M. Wendy H. Jones	*Treble*	Charles B. Pemberton	3
D. John Poole	2	Alexander J. Martin	4
Thomas Rogers	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal and first attempt. First peal on five bells by all the band. The first peal on the bells (originally hung 1868).
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. H. Jones on their silver wedding anniversary.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

William J. Ridgman	*Treble*	*Peter F. Windley	4
*Edmund J. Whiting	2	†Harold S. Peacock	5
*R. Frank Baker	3	‡Frederick J. Reeve	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 11, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Katherine,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Robin G. Leale	*Treble*	Barwell B. Dibben	4
*Alan Streeter	2	Ralph Bird	5
John L. Morris	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 13, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

Kenneth Ballington (13)	*Treble*	Philip H. Whitaker	4
Patricia A. M. Forster	2	Vivienne M. Horton	5
Gordon A. Halls	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. E. Horton, mother of the fifth ringer.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Herbert G. Smithson	*Treble*	John R. Smith	4
Mrs. Hanbury F. Carter	2	Walter C. Medler	5
Hanbury F. Carter	3	William R. Catchpole	*Tenor*

Conducted by William R. Catchpole.
First peal in six methods by all except the ringer of the fifth.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Antelope, April Day and Plain Bob, and 12 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*KEITH J. DOLBY	*Treble*	‡ROBERT J. WARRILOW	4
†DAVID HARMAN	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
*R. IAN VAUGHAN	3	*TERRY HOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles in four methods 'inside.'

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*GEOFFREY GRAHAM	*Treble*	HOWARD SCOTT	4
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	5
*KATHLEEN MALLENDER	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal.

GREAT OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of St. Simon's and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM CROPLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR MILLWARD	3
ERNEST G. ORLAND	2	DEREK E. GRIFFIN	4
MICHAEL F. AMOS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in fourth methods: (1) and (2) St. Clement's, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS W. TUNE	*Treble*	G. FRED TERRY	4
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. John J. Tune, who has completed 50 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at this tower.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 Kent T.B. Minor and four 720's of Plain Bob Minor, each being called differently. C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 35, 37 and 152. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ANTONY GRAINGER	*Treble*	FREDK. G. RICHARDSON	4
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	5
†DONALD M. SALISBURY	3	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

An 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. A. Saunders, the mother of the ringer of the fourth.

PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being nine twelve-scores (Morris's arrangement) and 24 six-scores (ten different callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in C.

YVONNE HARDING	*Treble*	W. J. PALMER	4
EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY	2	JEFFERY W. WALLACE	5
ANTHONY M. COOMBS	3	GORDON HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS (16 years).

First peal by all the band, except W. J. Palmer, for whom it was the first peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells, and first peal by a local band since the bells were recast in 1937.

Rung to mark the induction of the Rt. Rev. Edwin Morris as Archbishop of Wales.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

DONALD B. MUNRO	*Treble*	FRANK H. PYKE	4
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	2	*ROGER W. GREEN	5
GEORGE W. ORMAN	3	ROY DUESBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 17, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents of Kent Treble Bob, one extent each of Double Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

SUSAN ALEXANDER	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	4
DAPHNE J. POLLARD	2	†STANDISH LESTER	5
*RICHARD RAVEN	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 3, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3—4	JOHN A. ACRES	7—8

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.
Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3—4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7—8

Composed by G. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*VIVIEN BARNES	1—2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	5—6
JOHN THOMAS	3—4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7—8

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First handbell peal away from the tenors.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 17, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,680 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER	1—2	A. SHEPPARD	3—4
J. POTTS	5—6		

Conducted by J. POTTS.

BELLS OF ST. PAUL'S, LONDON

'THE STRATFORD CHURCH MONTHLY' for January, 1901, the monthly magazine for St. John the Evangelist's, Stratford, E., contains an interesting article on pages 18 to 21 by the Ven. W. M. Sinclair, D.D., Archdeacon of London, Canon of St. Paul's and Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, on St. Paul's Cathedral bells, then a comparatively new ring.

He records that much of the information in the article came from his 'old friend, Mr. J. R. Haworth, formerly one of the ringers at Westminster Abbey. He rang at the Queen's Accession, Coronation and both of the Jubilees, as well as every other Royal event when the Abbey bells were rung.' 'He is in excellent health,' adds the Archdeacon, 'and received a portrait of herself from Her Majesty of the occasion of the Jubilee of 1897.'

The article, which contains six illustrations—(1) 'Inside Great Paul' (a man with lantern in one hand, the other touching the clapper, which is half again his height); (2) 'A Corner of the Belfry'; (3) The Belfry, 'Looking North'; (4) 'The Bells'; (5) 'Great Paul Ringing for Service'; and (6) 'Chiming' (using the apparatus)—runs as follows:—

'It was in 1882 that the bells of St. Paul's were finally completed by the erection of "Great Paul" in the south-west tower of the Cathedral. It must be remembered that there are two great bells at St. Paul's—one, the old State bell, which is still tolled on the death of any of the Royal Family, or of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, the Dean of St. Paul's or the Lord Mayor of London: the other is the huge monster of which we shall speak presently. Both hang in the south-west tower.

'WESTMINSTER TOM'

'First, as to the old bell, now so greatly surpassed by the young giant of 1882. The old bell was originally cast in the reign of Edward I. and hung at the gate of Westminster Hall to notify the hour to the Judges. It was first called "Edward of Westminster," afterwards "Westminster Tom." King William III. gave it to St. Paul's Cathedral, where it was brought on New Year's Day, 1699. It then weighed 8,271 lbs., but it has since been twice recast with additional metal. It now weighs 11,474 lbs., and is 10 feet in diameter. Its metal is 10 inches thick. The hour is struck on the bell by a hammer weighing 145 lbs. The clapper weighs 180 lbs. The chimes are struck on two smaller bells below.

'Before the Great Fire of 1666 a bell-tower stood at the angle of the east end of the churchyard of old St. Paul's, which, Dugdale tells us, "contained four very great bells, called 'Jesus Bells,' in regard that they specially belonged to Jesus Chapel, situate at the east end of the undercroft (crypt) of St. Paul's." He also narrates how these bells were in existence until the time of Henry VIII., when a certain Sir Miles Partridge, "having won them from the King at one cast of the dice, pulled them down." Sir Miles Partridge was put to death for high treason by Edward VI.

'During the great revival of the activity of St. Paul's Cathedral, which was begun under Dean Milman, and reached a climax in the time of Dean Church, it was determined to have a new "ring" of 12 bells.

'They were rung for the first time on All Saints' Day, 1878. The Corporation of London unanimously agreed to take part in the cost, on a petition presented by Canon Lightfoot (afterwards the famous Bishop of Durham), the organist (Dr. Stainer), and Dr. Webber (the Sub-Dean, the head of the Minor Canons).

THE BELLS AND THEIR DONORS

'The following list contains exact information about this great addition to the Cathedral, namely, the donors of each bell, its musical note and precise weight, details which, we are sure, the reader will be glad to have:—

No.	Note	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Donor
1	F	8	1	16	Drapers' Company
2	Eb	9	1	15	Ditto
3	D	10	0	3	B'ness Burdett-Coutts and the Turners Company
4	C	11	3	21	Ditto
5	Bb	13	2	14	Ditto
6	A	14	0	4	Ditto
7	G	16	2	21	Salters' Company
8	F	22	1	18	Merchant Taylors' Company
9	Eb	28	0	7	Fishmongers' Company
10	D	30	0	22	Clothworkers' Company
11	C	44	2	0	Grocers' Company
12	Bb	62	0	0	Corporation of the City of London (Lord Mayor Cotton).

'The bells were cast by Messrs. John Taylor of Co., of Loughborough, and were pronounced by Lord Grimthorpe (then Sir Edmund Beckett) to be "on the whole unquestionably the grandest ringing peal in England, and therefore in the world."

'The bells are rung by a Guild of College Youths (so called from a Society founded in the reign of Charles I., in connection with a church on College Hill, E.C.) on Sunday mornings, the Great Festivals and days of National Rejoicing. The Guild also practises from time to time, after six o'clock, when houses of business are closed and very few are left in the city. There are several records of change-ringing on this new and glorious peal. One of the most notable was on December 10th, 1881, when 5,014 changes of Stedman Cinques were rung in 4 hrs. 17 mins., the St. Paul's bells being the heaviest set of twelve bells in the United Kingdom.

'Amongst other sets of twelve the highest place is usually given to those of St. Peter Mancroft, in the City of Norwich.

'GREAT PAUL'

'Now we come to the greatest bell of all—the young giant, as I have called it (giantess, perhaps, it should be, for bells are treated as feminine in the craft)—"Great Paul." It was founded by Messrs. Taylor and Co. and was placed in the south-west tower in 1882. It weighs 16 tons 14 cwt. 2 qr. 39 lb. The height is 8ft. 10in. The diameter at the base is 9ft. 6¼in., the height inside the crown is 6ft. 11¼in., and the thickness where the clapper strikes is 18¾in. The clapper is 7ft. 9in. in length and weighs 4 cwt. 20 lb. The note is E flat. The witty and devout Canon Liddon chose the motto, which is inscribed under the arms of the Dean and Chapter: "Vae mihi si non evangelizavero." In St. Paul's epistle the words meant "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." Canon Liddon, translating on behalf of the bell, said: "May I be cracked if I don't call people to church."

'Sir John Stainer, writing to "The Times" on December 7th, 1881, after witnessing the casting of the monster, said: "The general appearance of the bell is handsome, and all campanologists should, if able to get to Loughborough, take a walk round her and also have an eye to the many valuable appliances which Mr. Taylor has brought together for the perfecting of his art. The cost of the bell and hoisting it in its place in the upper part of the south-west tower will be about £3,000. It has been decided to use the bell on Easter Sunday next, when I shall be surprised if Londoners do not realise the fact that "Great Paul" is worthy alike of their ancient City and splendid Cathedral.

'The pilgrimage of "Great Paul" from Loughborough to London attracted great attention. It was by road, and the machinery consisted of two traction engines and a trolley. The trolley weighed two tons, so that the weight on the roadway was nearly 19 tons. The journey took about a week. The lifting of the bell took about 15 hours. The work was done very expeditiously and quietly. The appliances for raising the bell answered their purpose admirably. No hitch whatever occurred. "Great Paul" is now heard every day at 1 p.m., tolling with solemn and melodious tones for the mid-day meeting for prayer in the midst of the vast and bustling emporium of business.

'"Great Paul" has not superseded "Edward of Westminster," as the State bell of S. Paul's Cathedral. "Edward of Westminster" still tolls for the national deaths before enumerated. But "Great Paul" in being by far the largest bell in the United Kingdom, has added dignity to the Cathedral of the Imperial City. And his twelve companions in the opposite (north-west) tower give voice to the various emotions which pass through the building and city, as the haunts and homes of living men and women, with all their daily tale of hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, aspirations and experiences. The Cathedral has become the centre of religious life in London, and its bells, great and small, new and old, contribute to the outward expression of that life. May the Christianity of London ever grow deeper, broader and truer, like the strong note which booms forth daily from our chief House of Prayer!'

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

OBITUARY

MAJOR H. J. CANN

We regret to announce the death at Carhampton, Somerset, of Major H. J. Cann, Royal Signals (retired). For many years he was prominent in Surrey ringing circles, attending meetings regularly. He held strong views in his later years against peal ringing and felt that ringing should be confined purely to church services or practices.

To his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on December 22nd at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Carhampton, where he was a former ringer and a benefactor to the tower.

L.A.C. COLIN MICHAEL STEPHENSON

The tower of Ossett Parish Church has sustained a severe loss by the passing of L.A.C. Colin Michael Stephenson, aged 20 years. He was fatally injured whilst riding pillion on a motor-cycle during a week-end leave. Colin, who had only eight weeks to go before completing his National Service, was serving with the R.A.F. at Princess Mary Hospital, Halton, Aylesbury, Bucks.

Of a cheerful and amiable disposition, he commenced to handle a rope at the age of 14. His keenness was such that he took every available opportunity to contact many towers and well-known ringers. This was most marked during his stay at Halton. His parents are specially thankful to all the ringers who have thus enabled him to pack so much ringing experience into a short life.

The funeral took place at Ossett Parish Church on December 19th, when a contingent of R.A.F. from Halton acted as bearers. Muffled touches were rung before and after the funeral service; also a joint band of local and Wakefield Cathedral ringers took part in a muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters during the evening.

To his parents and younger brother, Rodney, who is also a ringer, sincere sympathy is extended.

F. B.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lorna B. Armstrong 1, M. W. Toze 2, Pamela M. Bellamy 3, E. C. Quick 4, R. A. Toze (first as cond.) 5, J. F. A. Waite 6. First of Doubles for 1 and 3.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's One-part): D. C. Field 1, J. Tyler (first 'inside') 2, W. Richards (first of Triples) 3, Miss W. Bird 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, P. Baker 6, L. Aston 7, M. Pearce 8. For Evensong.

CARDIFF.—On Dec. 16th, at St. John-the-Baptist Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. E. Coles 1, T. Lewis 2, T. Yeomans 3, L. Hulbert 4, Rev. I. Richards 5, A. J. Pitman 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Daniels 8, W. Dare 9, T. Petty 10. A birthday compliment to Seymour Barker and a welcome to the Archbishop of Wales.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bellamy 1, S. Wyburn (cond.) 2, B. Williams 3, M. Cook 4, A. Chubb 5, D. Watts 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Major H. J. Cann, a former ringer and benefactor of this tower.

CHESTER.—On Dec. 19th, at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. King 1, Janet M. P. Raban 2, H. O. Baker (cond.) 3, Rev. J. Kingdon 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, T. G. Millington 6. In memoriam Mrs. G. King, mother of the treble ringer.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Elliott 1, Margaret Jennings (first 'inside') 2, Ann Miles 3, M. Jennings 4, G. T. Jennings (cond.) 5, W. Slaughter 6, S. Arnold 7, A. Stoner 8. For Evensong.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. G. Keeley 1, C. W. Powell (cond.) 2, G. S. Morris 3, G. Rendall (first of Major) 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, W. G. Gigg 6, R. Keeley 7, W. H. Poole 8. A birthday compliment to G. S. Morris.

QUARTER PEALS

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. E. Airey 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, D. R. Airey 5, T. Senior 6, W. E. Mashiter 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Kent 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey 3, F. Bishop 4, A. H. Fulwell (cond.) 5, D. Theedom 6, W. T. Cook 7, F. Ranson 8. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the late Mayor of Ealing (Ald. T. E. Williams).

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Lurcock 1, Miss R. A. Lurcock 2, S. T. Scott 3, Miss M. Tapley 4, F. E. St. G. Halton (first as cond.) 5, A. L. Cook 6. Rung by the local band for carol service.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Drury (first quarter, aged 14) 1, G. Oliver (cond.) 2, Pauline Drury 3, Doreen Gibbons 4, E. R. Warner 5, B. Priestley (first quarter, aged 15) 6. Rung in honour of the ordination of the Rev. J. W. R. Hunt as priest, at Guildford Cathedral on this day.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 19th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. W. Haw 1, S. Wright 2, H. Goakes 3, F. Boyall 4, G. Bush 5, W. Barker 6, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 7, J. W. Haw 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur J. Reeves, late Town Clerk for the City of Peterborough, who died on December 15th.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Antelope, 240 Reverse Canterbury and 240 Plain Bob): Miss A. Cox 1, A. Wixey 2, F. Tranter (cond.) 3, P. Hurcombe 4, C. Wixey 5, C. Leighton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick C. Slade, a member of the C.E.M.S. (Quedgeley branch).

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles (109 calls): J. Tyler (first of Doubles) 1, Miss C. Lewis 2, Miss W. Bird 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, R. W. Jones 6. Rung after meeting short for a peal.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Stevens (cond.) 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, E. Quick 4, A. G. Cooke 5, D. M. Bellamy 6.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. A. Wilson 1, Miss P. A. M. Forster 2, S. Bailey 3, C. E. Verdon 4, Miss C. Whitfeld 5, J. C. Shorter 6, J. Ridd 7, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 8. First of Major by all except 2, 4 and 6. First of Major on the bells for 48 years.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Dec. 22nd, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: T. H. Francis (cond.) 1, C. A. Hughes 2, B. K. Lunn 3, A. R. Ling 4, R. F. Deal 5, R. Tomlin 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, J. Phillips 8, D. Randell 9, C. Willmington 10, J. Phillips 11, T. J. Setter 12.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Wykes 1, J. J. Pawley 2, M. Roote 3, K. Rands 4, P. F. Pawley 5, H. L. Wykes (cond.) 6. For evening service and to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Meers).

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Howell 1, M. Jill Fisher 2, Stella Hughes 3, J. D. Holden 4, A. Williams 5, E. Stitch (cond.) 6, F. G. Handley 7, D. Parker 8. Rung for the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Bond).

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Devenish 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, E. Jacobs 6, A. Bishop 7, M. Sinden (cond.) 8. Rung with best wishes to Sheila Douglas, a member of the Wimbledon band, for her marriage this day to Mr. Geoffrey Spencer-Smith, at St. Mary's Church, Rudford, Gloucester.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

On St. Thomas' Day eight Thomases met at St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells, and rang a peal of Stedman Triples. The method selected was Thomas Thurstans' Four-part.

Diana and George Pipe from 'down under' send New Year's greetings to all ringing friends. Their wish is 'an even happier 1958.'

Mr. Ernest Morris is now busy getting material, photos and drawings together for a new book, entitled 'Tintinnabula.'

Our correspondent sends a correction to the quarter peal at Old Headington, reported in the issue of November 29th. The ringer of the tenor was John Cruickshank and not Reg Brown as submitted.

Mrs. E. M. H. Saunders, of Langdon Hills, celebrated her 84th birthday on December 13th. The band who rang a peal in her honour wish to congratulate her and thank her for her kind hospitality after the peal.

Lyme Regis awoke to the sound of its church bells on Thursday, December 19th, as they rang in the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Keeley. Later in the day a peal was rung in honour of the occasion.

Two local resident bands—St. Giles', Ashtead, and St. Augustine's, Penarth, Glam—report their first peals this week. May they both be the forerunners of a long list of local achievements. At Penarth there were five first peals.

Mr. Seymour Barker, who celebrated his 80th birthday on December 16th, is still an active ringer at St. John's, Cardiff. He has been a Sunday service ringer here for 52 years and towerkeeper for most of that period. Over a hundred peals in this tower stand to his credit. On his birthday the local band with some of his ringing friends from towers in the area rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters in his honour.

Following on A. H. Pulling's note the other week re Leicester's quickest peal of Stedman Triples to be rung 'in hand,' our peal columns for this week record a peal by his Leicester friends just under his Guildford peal time. (Incidentally, this Guildford peal has stood for 46 years.) While the Leicester ringers agree the time for the 5,000 can still be lowered, one record of A. H. P. and his famous Guildford handbell band constitutes a very different proposition, namely his 19,000-odd of Stedman Caters. Handbell enthusiasts, what about it?

The York youth, said to be 16, who rang the tenor on the Liverpool Cathedral open day, will not be 16 until next May.

The six mid-Suffolk ringers tender their many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Chapman for their most generous hospitality after the Lowestoft peal.

We hope to publish as early as possible our annual feature, 'Peal Ringers of 1957.' Will those ringers who have rung 25 peals or more during the year kindly co-operate by sending totals of tower and 'in hand' peals rung, together with the number conducted.

Two of the eight learners at St. George's, Doncaster, rang their first peal at Conisbrough on December 14th, and one of them was selected for the Christmas Day broadcast from Doncaster. Despite the 30 cwt. tenor, the learners rang very creditable rounds for Sunday morning service.

Mr. John J. Tune has completed 50 years' service as a regular Sunday service ringer at Hemingbrough, and a peal commemorating his half-century of useful church work was rung on December 14th. Afterwards the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Tune.

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PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL BELL DEDICATION

SUNDAY, December 22nd, was an 'occasion' for Portsmouth Cathedral and for ringers generally in that area. During Matins the re-hung and augmented ring (10) was dedicated by the Bishop of Portsmouth (Rt. Rev. W. L. S. Fleming) in an interesting ceremony in which the Provost (Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff), the bell-founder (Mr. Paul Taylor) and the newly-constituted (Cathedral) 'Guild of Ringers of St. Thomas of Canterbury' all took part.

After the traditional hand-over of a new rope the two new trebles were raised and rung; and then, after a blessing by the Bishop, six whole-pulls were rung on the ten. Later, as the congregation left the Cathedral, a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by the Cathedral Guild.

A luncheon, given by the Cathedral Council to the Guild and its guests, then followed in Cathedral House, to mark the occasion. The Provost presided, as representing the Council and as president of the new Guild; and he was supported by the Guild chairman (Mr. A. York-Bramble) and the tower captain (Mr. F. Burnett). An apology for absence was presented by the Provost on behalf of the Bishop (Dr. Fleming), who sent his good wishes for the Guild. Guests included Mr. Fred Rogers (the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Ringers), Mr. Paul Taylor, and the Isle of Wight District Ringing Master (Mr. W. Upton), the only survivor of the band attending the previous dedication (also on a Sunday morning) 45 years ago.

After the loyal toast the Provost referred briefly to the work of Mr. York-Bramble in ringing training, which had led to the initiation of work on the bells, carried out by Mr. Taylor and his firm. He invited them both to speak.

Mr. Taylor, in a few happily-chosen words of thanks, spoke of his pleasure in carrying out further work on the bells that had been recast and rehung on the previous occasion, in 1912. He noted the number of ladies present, whose charm, he felt sure, must enhance the membership of the Guild, and he wished it all success.

A BAND WORTHY OF THE BELLS DESIRED

Mr. York-Bramble voiced the thanks of the Guild to the Cathedral Council for their hospitality, and to the president (the Provost) for his ever ready encouragement and practical interest in both bells and ringers of the Cathedral. The Guild's real work was only now beginning, but he could assure the president of the Guild's loyal service to the Cathedral, and of their intention to build up a proficient 10-bell band worthy of the new ring they now had.

The Provost then joined the Guild for an interval in the tower, where visiting ringers were received throughout the afternoon. Although it was Sunday, yet their number reached some 50, and included ringers from Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Devon and many parts of Hampshire. The general verdict on the tone and match of the two new trebles was one of considerable praise, the effect of the whole ten being judged as very good indeed.

After tea in Cathedral House a B.B.C. unit visited the tower and recorded ringing and interviews with the tower captain (Mr. Burnett), Mr. Simmonds, from Torquay (an 'unbiased' visitor), and Mr. York-Bramble. This was broadcast the next day in the West Regional programme 'Round Up—People, Events and Opinion.'

Then came the first significant ringing by the new Guild—a well-struck quarter peal of Stedman Caters, in 50 minutes, conducted by the tower captain. This was followed by an 'action' photograph of the ringing in progress, and a group of the Guild.

Only a quarter-of-an-hour was left before Evensong for the remainder of the 25 Guild members (mostly beginners) to make their contribution to the ringing—rounds—before the lowering.

The improvements and decoration in the ringing chamber were noted and favourably commented on, and the Guild now looks forward to receiving visitors in happy ringing. (Practice night is Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.)

FIRST PEAL IN A CHESHIRE TOWER

This week we record the first peal to be scored on the bells of St. Mary's, Upton, Birkenhead.

The bells were originally hung in the tower by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1868, and were overhauled just before the last war (about 1937).

Recently an anonymous donor has paid for essential tower repairs occasioned by dry-rot. This donor has also paid for the tower clock to be electrified and so earned the thanks of all ringers at Upton, as no longer does the pendulum case protrude from the ceiling down the centre of the ringing chamber. This had been a menace to ropesight and also a great cause of bumped heads to all except midgets who rang at Upton.

The members of the peal band would like to express thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. H. Jones (Wendy's parents) for their hospitality after the peal.

A. J. M.

INSIDE STORY OF 10,000 DOUBLE NORWICH AT BUXTON

It was at 5.30 on the cold winter morning of December 14th when I opened my eyes; breakfast, and a lightning drive to the station and I was on the way to Wolverhampton—and still not dawn! Having found the other half from Staffordshire we reached the county town and had thoughts of joining the Warrilow family for breakfast! Then in the gathering daylight to Crewe and so on to Stockport. The last lap took us via Hazel Grove and over the Pennines, where the higher slopes were covered with hard snow.

At last we arrived, and at Fairfield Church, where Brian Woodruffe and his band met us. The usual preliminaries, and we set off soon after 11.45 a.m.—a rather messy start and the writer apologises for being a bit of a headache to the conductor—must be all these early mornings! However, we soon settled down to a steady beat, and apart from the occasional skirmish everything went well.

The hours passed very quickly and Brian did a splendid job with both conducting and his accurate bob-calling. Soon after 5.30 p.m. the bells came safely home and we had rung for 5 hours and 43 minutes.

The peal was the conductor's 100th, and his 50th as conductor, and was rung with a band average age 17 years; your reporter was amazed to find four younger than herself ringing! Though the 'old hands' at the heavy end were always very reliable, particularly to be congratulated is the treble ringer whom no one noticed but who was always in the right place, and also Frank Osbaldiston, the youngest, who at 13 rang quite as well as anyone else and whose only comment at the end was: 'What a pity we couldn't have rung for six hours!'

S. H.

The conductor would like to thank Stella Hughes and John Allen for coming all the way from the Midlands to ring in the peal, and also Neil Bennett for standing in at the last minute in place of Alan McFall who was to have rung.

B. J. W.

STILL RINGING AFTER 70 YEARS

There was a happy gathering at Eccleston, Cheshire, on December 14th, when Mr. Sam Jones celebrated his 89th birthday. A peal of Cambridge, conducted by Mr. John Worth, was rung on the fine eight during the afternoon, and our veteran, having met the band in the ringing chamber before the peal, retired to his armchair to listen to the performance.

All went well with the exception of the 'firing' afterwards, which was just a shade below average. However, the fall from grace was overlooked and soon forgotten round the festive table, which carried a huge cake as its centrepiece. The toast, 'Congratulations and many happy returns,' was proposed by Mr. Sam Jones, jun., and honoured by the assembled company in the traditional manner.

Sitting round the fire afterwards the conversation centred, as it must on such occasions, on peals and bells, ringers and towers, with Peter Laflin's soft Suffolk accent mingled with the sharper speech of those of the north. It was indeed a memorable occasion and one which give very great pleasure to those privileged to be present, for not everyone can claim to have joined in the toast to a man who has been ringing for over 70 years, and what is more, a man who is still ringing twice every Sunday. Sam has set a fine example. He is one of the 'evergreens' of the Exercise, and these lines will doubtless bring him to the minds of the host of ringers who have met him at Eccleston. They will join with those who were present at his birthday party and with them wish him 'many happy returns.'

J. W. C.

A TRANS-BORDER TREK

On Saturday, December 7th, the Sassenachs invaded the Scottish capital again, not this time after loot or the Calcutta Cup, but for a peal.

The tower was St. Cuthbert's, Lothian Road, with its spotlessly clean belfry, kept by the ladies of the tower, gleaming handbells and good-going Taylor eight of 21 cwt. The church is at the west end of Princes Street and is overshadowed by the Castle.

So through the morning three motor vehicles set off from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the place which many Southerners, contemptible people, think is in Scotland. After an hour and a half they reached the border and were at their rendezvous outside the church by 2.15 p.m.

Inside the belfry they were met by what seemed to be the entire local band, and after some discussion about what Association we were to ring the peal for, a start was made at 2.47 p.m., with a fugitive Welshman, at present studying in Edinburgh, on the treble. In the meantime various fiancées and wives went Christmas shopping.

With a peal board on the wall recording the first peal of Double Norwich in Scotland, called by William H. Barber on September 13th, 1902, to spur the band on, a good peal in the same method was scored in three hours and two minutes. What else could we do when the Edinburgh 'Evening News' had said that we were going to ring a peal of 5,024 changes? We even gave them 16 changes credit! The peal also served as an unofficial send-off to a two-week Parish Mission as part of the follow-up to 'Tell Scotland.'

The journey back to England was literally through clouds and pouring rain.

Thank you, St. Cuthbert's Church authorities and ringers for the privilege of ringing a peal on your bells, and thank you, Eric Harrison, for thinking of and arranging the peal. We must go back again some time, perhaps the St. Mary's Cathedral authorities will allow us to ring there? After all, we are all enthusiastic and fully paid-up members of the Scottish Association now!

J. A. A.

CALNE RINGERS' GUILD'S 30th ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, December 15th, was celebrated as the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the St. Mary's Guild of Ringers at Calne, Wiltshire, and the occasion was marked by special services.

The members assembled at 7.30 a.m. to ring for early service and then attended Corporate Communion, and special prayers were said at morning service. In the evening the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. O'Hanlon) and his curate joined the ringers in the ringing chamber for prayers. Evensong, conducted by the Vicar, included handbells rung for tunes, the singing of the ringers' hymn and prayers for ringers. In his address the Vicar spoke of the message of the bells throughout the ages. The Vicar and Mrs. O'Hanlon kindly entertained the Guild members and their wives to supper.

The Guild was formed by the late Canon Coulter on December 14th, 1927, soon after he became Vicar of Calne. The main purpose of the Guild was to form a regular Sunday service band, and the register shows members have put in 23,000 attendances for Sunday service ringing. The bells were rehung in 1928, and for the first time a serious attempt was made to teach a change-ringing band. The Guild was fortunate in finding the late Mr. S. Wiltshire, of Chippenham, willing to act as instructor, and with the help of others he taught the principles of change-ringing in this tower. Mr. H. Burry, the present captain and towerkeeper, took over in 1929, and his many years of faithful service in these two offices is an example to all. The Guild moved steadily forward and just before the band broke up because of war service, an entirely local Sunday service band rang 1,260 Stedman Triples.

When the ban on ringing was lifted the Guild found several ringers among the thousands of R.A.F. men stationed in the district. This association with ringing members of the R.A.F. has been a happy one, continuing up to the present time. The first lady member joined the Guild in 1945, and there are now three lady members. The Guild has broadcast on four occasions, the method being Stedman Triples, this being rather a favourite among the members. W. A. H.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Ten towers were represented at the monthly meeting held at Monkbretton, Barnsley, on December 14th. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., continuing till 5 p.m., when cups of tea were served in the Church Hall.

The president (Mr. Noel F. Moxon) was in the chair for the business meeting, when three new members were made, viz.: Harold Schofield, Gillian and Barry, from Bradford. Nominations for officers received were president, Mr. Noel F. Moxon; secretary, Mr. James W. Buxton; treasurer, Mr. Harold Chant; auditors, Mr. Herman Rusby and Mr. Wm. Womack. The next meeting (the annual) will be at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 25th. A vote of thanks was given by the president to the Vicar and wardens, and to Mr. Frank Chatterton for making all the necessary arrangements. It was decided to try and hold the Hoylandswaine cup contest at Hoylandswaine in September.

Further ringing followed the meeting.

J. W. B.

SUCCESS FOLLOWS FRUSTRATION OVER A FIRST PEAL

It was at a Branch meeting on November 30th that the idea of peals for the induction of the new Archbishop of Wales was first mentioned, and right away the idea of our first peal coming off before Christmas was born.

The following day a discussion after ringing fixed December 14th as the most suitable day, when all the band would be available; however, as that was the date of our Branch quarterly meeting, we decided to ring it in the morning. Also we wanted Gordon to ring, and he said he was only free in the morning and we knew we could get a lift in his truck to the meeting if we succeeded. So 9.30 a.m. was fixed as zero hour.

A shock was when, two days before the peal, a funeral arranged for 11 a.m. on Saturday was advertised in the evening Press. 'We knew Gordon had to leave before 1.30 p.m., for Llantrisant is where Teresa his girl friend lives, and he had other business there besides the meeting, and as a peal before 11 a.m. was out of the question, we cancelled the whole thing. That was Thursday night!

It was late Friday night before Teresa's plans, and hence Gordon's, were altered. Thus when Jeff and Tony called on Saturday to see if he could leave for Llantrisant later, they had little hope and were very pleased to learn he had till 3 p.m.

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A quick visit to Jack Palmer, our captain, ensured that he would be at the tower by 11.30 a.m., but at the Hartleys' they found Adrian had severe tonsilitis, and would be unable to ring. Yvonne, our number one reserve, thinking the peal was off, had gone to Cardiff shopping, and the hurried tour of other ringers' homes also proved unsuccessful.

It was thus a somewhat dubious band which raised the back five and started Grandsire at 12 noon. After less than ten minutes Tony called us back to rounds. Then we heard the service bell chiming in with us. The bells were stood and Tony rushed down to unlock the door, anxious to find out whether is was somebody to complain or somebody to ring. It was Yvonne! We hurriedly 'moved round one' and we restarted on six. No more 'Go, rounds' now, only Grandsire until 3.8 p.m., when we heard Tony say 'That's all,' and knew that for five of us our first peal was no longer a pleasant dream of the future.

By the time he had had his dinner, Gordon was an hour late, and as that meant only half-an-hour in Llantrisant, none of us went to the meeting. But this disappointment was dwarfed by our success, particularly Tony's, for he had conducted his own first peal after nine attempts with others conducting.

THE 300th PEAL AT ASHTEAD

The ringing chamber at St. Giles', Ashtead, is on the first floor and is open to the church on the eastern side. At some time in the past the north and south walls of the ringing chamber were plastered and painted and panels formed, on which could be recorded details of some of the many peals rung in the tower. Amongst the interesting peals written in the panels is the first peal of Ashtead Surprise Major rung in 1932. After writing in details of this peal one of the panels remained empty and it has for some time been the intention of the local ringers that this panel should be reserved for details of the first peal to be rung by a resident Sunday service band. When the present band was formed some years ago a local peal seemed a very remote possibility and more perhaps a pious hope, but some of the members were firm in their belief that such a peal could and would be achieved in due course.

Some two years ago a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by a resident band and at the beginning of last year a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, the first by a resident Sunday service band. During the present year the band has made rapid progress but suffered a set-back when its young conductor, Derek Astridge, won a place at Swansea University. Four previous peals have been rung this year and the 300th on the bells was to have been a peal of St. Giles' Surprise Major rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Giles on September 1st. Unfortunately that was lost after nearly three hours, while a peal attempt for Stedman Triples by the College Youths had to be postponed.

This left the 300th peal still to be rung, and at the annual meeting of the St. Giles' Society of Change Ringers held on the eve of Derek's departure for Swansea it was decided that the next peal attempt should be reserved for the local band. Derek returned on December 13th and great was the jubilation the next day, when after just over three hours' ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round. Not the first local peal, but the first peal ever to be rung by a band of Ashtead residents who were also regular Sunday service ringers.

A fitting birthday compliment to Kathleen Beasley, the ringer of the second, and a complete justification of the hopes that a local peal would some day be rung. J. T. S.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEMORIES FROM THREE CONTINENTS

Dear Sir,—As one who has always been an interested follower of the art of change ringing immediately I became a regular subscriber and reader of 'The Ringing World,' I continue to find many items of personal interest among its columns. Memories of places and personalities of long ago are brought to mind.

Before leaving for Canada some years ago I was a member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (St. David's, Exeter, Branch). I am sorry that band seems to have fallen by the wayside. Frank Davey was one of the stalwarts in those far-off days. He took a keen interest in the young chaps. One of the team whose name is sometimes mentioned is not, I understand, enjoying very good health, namely, A. W. Searle, of Exeter. Let's see your name in print now and again, Art; that used to be your lifework when I knew you.

My boyhood home tower was SS. Peter and Paul's, Hellingly, Sussex, where my father was captain of the ringers. He was also organist at the church for 35 years. I am happy to read reports of the young people and their quarter peals at Hellingly, Hailsham and, indeed, all over the country.

Before leaving England in 1911 I had roamed round quite a bit. I always received a warm welcome and an invitation to have a ring at any tower I visited. St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle-upon-Tyne was content to ring call changes. Jesmond Church had a nice ring of bells; what has become of them? In 1929 I was ringing at the Parish Church of St. Andrew, Plymouth. During a short holiday in 1951 I rang at St. Andrew's while just the walls of the blitzed church were standing. It was a pleasure to renew acquaintance with old friends such as the Myers. I hope Tom G. will soon be feeling well again.

I see my old friend, Colin E. Verdon, of St. Peter's, Bexhill-on-Sea, breaks out in print now and again. Good luck, Colin! Why do not others follow your example and make the ringers' own paper more interesting?

While in Canada my only contact with bells was a ring of eight by John Taylor and Co. hung 'dead' in the tower of St. John-the-Baptist, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. These are only 'clocked.' On many an occasion I have chimed them for services. When leaving Canada for New Zealand I had the privilege to have a pull on the eight at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia. It is refreshing to see Mr. Izard's name in print now and again.

During my seven months' visit in Auckland, New Zealand, I found a ring of Warner eight bells in St. Matthew's Church. According to report, the tower is unsafe; to a casual observer the building is far more substantial than many churches in the homeland.

Now, after many years abroad, I am settled down in the county of Hampshire (Diocese of Winchester). My only ringing during the last 12 months has been a few pulls at St. Mary's, Frensham, Surrey; St. Peter's, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex; and St. Nicholas', Wickham, Hants. I have enjoyed a few pleasant chats with our friend, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, of St. Peter's, Southampton.

At present I am organist and choirmaster at St. Barnabas', Southampton. That gives me plenty to keep my time fairly well occupied. I might say that the new St. Barnabas' is rising from the ashes, and due to be dedicated. It replaces the first church, destroyed by enemy action in September, 1940.

Incidentally, if any of you chaps are musically inclined and would care to give a donation, however small, to the New Organ Fund, it would certainly be appreciated.

ALLEN B. STROUD.

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Swaythling, Southampton.

'L' RINGERS AND THE DAILY PRESS

Dear Sir,—Following up the account on 'Change Ringing,' as quoted in the front-page article of the issue of December 13th, 1957. I herewith enclose a report regarding 'L' ringers. It is not quite so amusing but, nevertheless, emphasises how inaccurate and distorted statements can and do appear in the daily newspapers.

To any 'L' ringer who is instructed to keep his or her eye on the bell I can only wish him or her the very best of British luck.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. ABBOTT.

Melksham, Wilts.

The cutting, headed 'Safety for the 'L' Ringers,' reads as follows:—

The bellringers in some of London's largest churches are backing a safety plan for 'L' ringers.

The authorities have been urged to stop the practice of allowing the lights in bell chambers, ringing rooms and staircases to be controlled by one main switch.

Emphasis on the danger was given by the Rev. T. H. Dart, an Army chaplain, who is himself an 'L' ringer at Aldershot.

'Some of the bells weigh four to seven tons,' he said. 'The ringer has to keep his eye on the bell when he pulls the rope. If the lights are suddenly switched off and he can't see the bell he does not know what is going on.

'The bell may be swinging down at that moment, and the rope may be pulled out of his hand. When that happens the rope lashes about, and it could easily cut off a man's head.

'It might not happen to a skilled ringer, but with a beginner it is only too possible. . .'

PATIENCE, PRACTICE AND PERSEVERANCE

Dear Sir,—Whilst having been unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Rabbits Guild, reported in 'The Ringing World' of December 20th, I claim to be a strong supporter. Among my achievements I can say I have wrecked nearly all the attempts at change ringing in which I have been allowed to take part in several neighbouring towers.

My experiences, though rather limited, lead me to confirm all the evidence brought up regarding the teaching of ringing, but before anyone criticises let him first become a teacher and tower captain, and shoulder the responsibities involved. Let him experience the sinking feeling, waiting one dark, wet night in the tower when nobody turns up. Let him organise a working party for painting bell frames and see who comes. Has he tried the impossible task of getting a few bells rung by a lot of ringers, so that they all get a ring in the method they want, always bearing in mind the effect on the listeners at the same time?

If he can do it, and succeed, he will know why the cry of 'We want teachers' is raised so loudly.

It will be his duty to train not only ringers but teachers of ringing. Nothing has improved my own ringing so much as having had the opportunity of teaching it.

Incidentally, the more I have to do with it, the more convinced I am that the time is not wasted. So many things can be learnt in a church tower which are invaluable aids to modern life. One is the control of one's nerves (mine are particularly annoying) and somebody once said that the three 'P's' of ringing are 'Patience, Practice and Perseverance.' In how many things does this apply? —Yours faithfully,

HUGH B. MAKINS.

Great Down Cottage, Pitcombe,
Bruton, Som.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

For their winter meeting the members of the Eastern Branch paid their usual visit to the readily accessible village of Acle, with its ring of six.

The first touches served as a wedding compliment to a local couple, and after the ceremony a good variety of methods was rung until the service, conducted by the recently inducted rector (Rev. E. W. Alexander), who also acted as organist.

After the inevitable excellent tea the meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), who was supported by other Branch and Association officials. Amongst apologies for absence was one from the president (Rev. H. G. Lillingston), who was unable to stay to the meeting proper. The belfry election of Mr. Peter Bedford, prior to a peal, was ratified, and Mr. Norman Cossey, of Norton Subcourse, was elected a ringing member. Subject to permission, the Branch annual meeting will be held at Loddon on February 15th.

Mr. F. Nolan Golden congratulated the local 'young' veteran, Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, on his usual birthday peal a few weeks previously at the age of 85. Mr. Lidbetter replied suitably. Mr. Golden also spoke briefly of the life and work of the late Mr. George Ford, of Blofield, who had died some months previously.

ODE TO ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM

Climb a tower to the sky,
Stars are nearer, still so high:
Down below, all things are not so plain, to passers by.
It almost seems in vain to try
For Heaven or Earth, and yet,
Just half way up, a peaceful atmosphere—
Save for the chiming bells,
Ringing out their gladness to those below,
Telling of the beauty up above—and so
Let's climb a tower to the sky,
Now I've told you a reason why.

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Ding Dong, Ding Dong, Ding Dong,
The bells—they ring so long,
And should they falter in their chime,
It only seems as if they rhyme
With human life, below; they make mistakes.
But, should you climb a tower to the sky
You'll find that life's serene, and all the world is still;
So let the lovely bells ring out—in their goodwill.

'BEGINNER.'

DUTCH SCOUTS' CAMPANILE

Dear Sir,—I was delighted on opening 'The Ringing World' on December 6th to see a photograph of the Dutch 'Campanile' at the Scout Jamboree. It brought back pleasant memories of the wonderful fortnight we spent, all creeds and breeds, all camping together as one big family. There was no such thing as class distinction or colour bar, and everyone willing to help with language difficulties and weather difficulties (e.g., dust storms the first week, mud baths the second week).

Like Mr. C. T. Blundell, I didn't grab the tower, either, but I did grab St. Martin's, Birmingham, and Sutton Coldfield.

If I may reply to Peter Crook's letter, 'Scouts and Ringing,' I would like to correct his information. The article in our weekly paper, 'The Scout,' is not a weekly contribution, but a series of articles which appears from time to time entitled 'Focus on . . .' (some sort of art, profession, job, etc., e.g., G.P.O. Telephones, A.A. Patrols and many other things), and gives the readers some idea of interesting hobbies and jobs, which may be of use when choosing a career.—Yours sincerely,

South Shields. J. BRENDA SOFTLEY.

A SHAPE FOR THINGS TO COME

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PART II

A SLIP of paper on the floor as Dan Doubtful came home for tea one day proved to be a note which read: 'Dear Dan, I have some news for you about new bells. Can you come over tonight? Yours, Ned.'

So after tea away goes Dan down the road, eager to hear details of the defeat which he felt sure must be inevitable. 'Well, so you have got your answer from the bell-founders,' he greeted his friend. 'I trust that you have not been too rudely awakened.'

N. N.: 'As a matter of fact I had an extremely nice reply in which they extended a most sympathetic ear to what I had to say. In addition I received a cordial invitation to come up to the foundry and see things for myself. And before we go any further I will take back what I said about no bells being designed to meet the requirements of new churches with weak towers. Practically the first thing I was shown was a little ring of six specially designed for the small tower. It was on test, and before I had hardly had time to look at it I found myself turning in the 3 cwt. tenor to a course of Bob Minor.'

D. D.: 'Oh I don't like light bells. You can't handle them.'

N. N.: 'You must be ham-fisted then. I had no difficulty at all once I had adjusted myself to the light weight and short movement of the rope. I also rang 120 Stedman Doubles on a 60 lb. treble for the first time without any special difficulty, and I found the ringing quite delightful. Naturally the higher pitch of the lightweight bell would sound rather out of place in the large church or cathedral, but in a small church, and particularly in a new church, I think that light rings are very much in keeping with the somewhat streamlined styles that are appearing elsewhere in the furnishings of churches. They can be produced at a reasonable price without any sacrifice in quality. Moreover, the founders say that they have been setting themselves to the problem of casting and hanging rings of small bells, and that their efforts have been crowned with success. I personally couldn't agree more.'

D. D.: 'You've been side-tracked, Ned. What I want to know is what the bell-founders thought of your "in hand" style of church bell ringing.'

N. N.: 'Well, the idea of "nesting" bells into one another is no good because with small bells the difference in size is not very great and therefore the saving of space would be very small. Moreover, they feel that any electrical system of the necessary quality and reliability would be extremely costly, possibly more so than their normal ringing fittings. They thought that the idea of using "dummy handbells" was most ingenious and interesting, but felt that ringers would lose the sense of "contact" with their bells which the normal bell rope gives.'

D. D.: 'It is working out just as I thought it would. The bell-founders are not catching on to your idea, but they are being very nice and polite about it.'

N. N.: 'Nothing surprising in that. You would hardly expect them to approach such a problem without caution.'

D. D.: 'You were going to ask them about designing bells intermediate in size and character between tower bells and handbells. I think you had the idea of lowering the pitch of a light bell by making its walls thinner.'

N. N.: 'And the answer to that one is that if you reduce the thickness you will certainly lower the pitch, thereby possibly enhancing the dignity of tone, but you would also sacrifice sound volume and carrying power. They held the view, too, that with the "dummy handbell" system the time lag between the closing of the contact by the bob-weight in the "dummy handbell" and the resulting sound from the bell in the bell chamber might cause difficulties to ringers.'

D. D.: 'Well, really! What about the time lag between the pulling of a normal bell rope and the resulting sound of the bell? Does that delay cause difficulty to ringers? And as for the sacrifice of sound volume, I should have thought that would have been a desirable feature in many cases, judging by the frequency of complaints of excessive noise.

As far as I can see there is nothing in what you have been told to rule out the feasibility of your scheme of "in hand" ringing of fixed tower bells. Your visit to the foundry seems to have deflected your aim. You went away full of ideas on "dummy handbells" and have come back an ardent fan of lightweight rings of conventional bells.'

N. N.: 'I look at it like this, Dan. I have for a long time been searching in vain through the pages of "The Ringing World" to find some inkling of what is being done in the way of bell-founding and bell-hanging to meet the requirements of churches that do not have massive buttressed towers—or indeed whether anything is being done at all. I now find that in the meantime, and without shouting it from the house-tops, the bell-founders have been quietly setting themselves to the task of supplying these needs as and when they arise. Unfortunately, they do not arise very frequently. The price asked for a new lightweight ring of six suitable for a small modern church is roughly 5 per cent. of the total cost of the church, which in my opinion is quite reasonable. In fact, I think the price asked is sufficiently reasonable to be able to affirm that it is now no longer true to say that high cost is the reason why modern churches do not normally have rings of bells. I confidently affirm this with the proviso that you are prepared to accept lightweights. Castings and fittings that are not toys, but gems in miniature of the bell-founders' art, and I for one would much prefer to go into the service fresh and unruffled than like a wet rag.

'I will go further than that. Owing to the fact that the demand for rings is so small, each installation is virtually a "one off" job, and the cost is higher than it would be if the demand were greater.'

D. D.: 'Do you mean to tell me that the widely acclaimed idea that rings of bells are too costly is a fallacy? You have certainly shattered one of my life-long illusions.'

N. N.: 'Well, you can take it that it is so. Just look around and see the money that is being spent in other ways. There is no real lack of money, but there is a lack of desire to spend it on bells. To my way of thinking there is a connection here with a feature of the present age which many regular ringers may have noticed, namely the absence of any marked sense of vocation in ringing.

So many people are taking up ringing and reaching varying stages of proficiency, and then, often without any tangible reason, they drop it again. They do not seem to have inherited or acquired any marked desire to keep their hand to the plough. They seem to be lacking in a sense of continuity of service and of responsibility for maintaining and handing on their heritage.

I heard recently from a source in whom I have every confidence—and perhaps this may shatter another illusion you may have held—that at meetings of country clergy, if the subject of bellringing should come under discussion, the general feeling among the assembled incumbents is that ringers are more trouble than they are worth.'

D. D.: 'Those are rather strong words, Ned. I suppose you realise their significance.'

N. N.: 'Indeed I do. Coming from ordained ministers of the Church they can only mean one thing. They mean that there is a feeling abroad that on balance the services of bell-ringers do not fulfil a worthwhile purpose in the extension of Christ's kingdom on earth.'

D. D.: 'Then surely the right thing to do would be to lower all the bells from towers and steeples, except the one required under Canon 102 of the Church of England, and take them away to be melted down for crosses and candlesticks or other suitable ornaments. It seems very sad after all we have done, or tried to do with our bells, but if our ringing is no use to the Church, I feel, speaking as a Churchman, that the Exercise should be disbanded.'

N. N.: 'Is that not in effect precisely the state of affairs in three churches out of every four. But take courage. We still have one church left and I believe that it is up to us as ringers to make the most of them. I think we should try and take a fresh look at what ringing means in the service of the Church. We should try and instil a greater sense of vocation. Many of us are doing so already. There is nothing wrong with bells. Bell metal is one of the fruits of the earth to be enjoyed, and the ringer's art is also a gift from God to be used or abused at man's will. Use it rightly and the general feeling towards ringers at clerical meetings will change for the better.'

D. D.: 'If, as it appears, finance is not really the root of the trouble, and in any case the financial advantages of your scheme are somewhat doubtful, I suggest that no useful purpose can be served by pressing on with the "in hand" system of ringing church bells.'

N N.: 'Maybe you are right. I have never had the opportunity to do much handbell ringing myself but I think it is rather fascinating. I think that there are a lot of other people who would find it fascinating, too, if they ever got the chance. What appeals to me most though is the idea of raising handbell ringing from the status of a secular amusement to that of an art in the service of the Church. This surely should make it worthy of a trial.' C. E. Y.

[Concluded]

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The December meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Hatfield (10) on December 21st, and in spite of being so near Christmas was well attended.

Ringing commenced with Grandsire Caters just after 3 p.m., and continued in various methods until the service. The Rector of Hatfield took the service in the Brocket Chapel, and after welcoming those present read the Christmas Story from a modern translation.

Tea, with seasonal table decorations, was prepared and served in the Old Palace by the local band, who invited everyone to make a contribution to St. Audrey's Home for the Blind—a collection which amounted to £2 8s.

At the short business meeting following tea, Mr. A. Day (Harpenden) acted as chairman. Votes of thanks to the Rector and those who arranged tea were passed.

The annual District meeting will be held at St. Albans on January 18th. St. Peter's bells will be available in the afternoon and the Cathedral bells in the evening.

Ringing continued during the evening until 7.20. About 30 members were present at the meeting, representing most towers in the district.

M. A. C.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: A. Grainger 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, F. V. Gant 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, M. Bland 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, R. Hoskins 8.

GRANDSIRE CATERS

Its Notation and Calling

BY EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 838.)

We have now examined seven of the standard callings used in Grandsire Caters and it is hoped that the meaning of the customary notation of these callings is clear. There are, of course, more callings than these, but they will be found to be based almost entirely on the above and produced chiefly by the substitution of singles for certain bobs. In the early days of Cater ringing, and, indeed, for some considerable time, the single was regarded with great disfavour, and looked upon as a somewhat disreputable expedient, to be avoided as much as possible. There can be no doubt, however, that the use of the single has brought to the method a much greater flexibility and an increased scope in the construction of musical touches and peals, and nowhere has it proved more valuable than in the construction of short touches.

At this point it will be convenient to give the full table of 18 callings from one normal Tittum course end to another. A glance at the list will show the important part the single plays in providing many possibilities.

H.—TABLE OF TITTUM CALLINGS

23456978	
42356	9-3
62354	9-3s
35426	8-3
45326	8-3s
65324	8-2
53426	1s
43652	89
63452	89s
34256	78
43256	78s
43625	1s.4
63425	1s.4s.
34526	1s.5
43526	1s.5s
53624	8-2 and 78
35624	8-2 and 78s
23654	1.2.3s.4
32654	1.2.3s.4s

An examination of these eighteen courses will reveal a very important and useful fact. Every one of these callings either retains the fifths-place bell intact or else provides a new fifths-place bell taken in **every case** from the bell-in-the-hunt of the previous course end. It is thus manifest that the only possible way to get a bell into fifths place is first to get it into the hunt: and when we consider the great musical advantage of having the 6th in this position we realise the importance the composer must attach to the simple fact made clear by the Table.

We have already referred, in dealing with the calling 8-3, to the possibility of leaving out the third call and allowing the sixths-place bell to remain in the hunt. This calling is shown above, and is known as 8-2. It will be found very useful for moving the 6th, or any other bell, from 6ths place to the hunt, ready, if need be, to be placed in fifths place in the next course.

The use of the singles in the above Table should explain itself, the only ones providing any ambiguity being 9-3s and 8-3s. In these callings it is understood that the third call is a single.

Having examined the notation and callings of the Tittum position it is now necessary to consider what notation is customary in other musical placings of the back bells; for, as we have already pointed out, a new position of 789 or of 6789 means a course end with a different look, a different form of expression in its notation, and what may appear to be a different notation altogether. As in practical ringing it is often a natural transition from Tittums to Handstroke Home, so here we will move on to the consideration of the calling of the latter.

An examination of a normal Tittum course end with a normal Handstroke Home one shows only one difference.

Tittums ..	00000978
Handstroke Home ..	00000879

The 8th and the 9th have changed their places, the coursing order being 7-9-8 instead of 7-8-9. Bearing this in mind we should have no difficulty in applying the Tittum Table H to callings for the Handstroke Home. Even so, one or two points are worthy of note:—

(1.) Seeing that 8 has become 9 and 9 has become 8 it must be noted that 9-3 in the Tittums is 8-3 in the Handstroke, and that this 8-3 has no relation to the 8-3 of the Tittums. Similarly 8-3 in the Tittums is given as 9-3 in the Handstroke Home but is something entirely different from the 9-3 of the Tittums. If these two callings were always referred to as 1.2.3 and 2.3.4 respectively no confusion would arise, but the notation of the method being as it is we are bound to pay careful attention to its differing implications.

(2.) The Handstroke Home position is virtually useless unless the 6th is in fifths place at the course end, and it is therefore likely that the only callings that will be used from Table H are those that retain the fifths-place bell, and of these the more usual are (in Handstroke notation) 8-3, 8-3s, 98 and 98s. It is necessary, nevertheless, to be prepared to find the others in use for special purposes, particularly in short touches.

(3.) The 7th bell retains the place that it held in the Tittums. It therefore remains a sure guide and observation for the safeguarding of the calling, just as in the Tittums.

Thus the notes for the calling of 9-3 and 89 and the other Tittum courses apply equally to the calling of 8-3, 98, and so on in the Handstroke Home.

OPENING AND TURNING COURSES

Two opening courses from rounds to Tittums and two turning courses from Tittums to Handstroke Home are shown here in full:—

23456789	23456789
— 75293846	25374968
79582634	s 79285634
78965423	78962453
— 46738295	s 64738592
43627589	63457289
42356978	65324978
1.4	2s.4s
23465978	62354978
— 96283745	65293847
98672534	s 98675423
— 57948362	— 47938265
54739286	— 23457698
53427698	25364879
52364879	
1.3	2s.3.4

The notation underneath shows the way in which these courses are usually expressed. It is not uncommon to find the first expressed as '7 in and out at 3,' or the third one as '9 in and out at 2,' but any attempt to express the other two in words results in a somewhat clumsy form of wording, and the simple figuring is perhaps the best for general use. These courses are, of course, capable of considerable modification of which two instances may be mentioned. The opening course, 1.4, may have another bob added, which will immediately bring up the course end 23456978. Likewise the turning course 1.3 may have an added call, which will bring up the position . . . .7698 and, it may be noted, shorten the course by one lead. The turning course 2s.3.4 is an interesting one, for if a bob were called instead of the single the bells would remain in the Tittums and the calling would be just the familiar 8-3 of Tittum blocks. The single, however, turns over 8 and 9, and a careful observation of this will serve to remind the student that the Handstroke Home is mathematically only the Tittums with 8 and 9 the other way round. This turning course, 2s.3 or 2s.3.4 or 2s.3.4s, is a very handy one for use in short touches. It not only turns the bells but it also moves the seconds-place bell to fifths place, and this, as may be seen, is of considerable importance in the quick placing of the 6th.

These courses should be studied, not only for the method by which the heavy bells are turned but also for what they do to the small bells, which is a matter for further consideration in the survey of other course end positions. To some of these possibilities we now come.

Before passing to the more elaborate arrangements of the heavy bells some reference must be made to the Inverted Tittum position, one that can hardly compare with the Tittums for beauty, but possessing valuable qualities when bells are half-mufled, and extremely useful in the construction of short touches. The course end of the Inverted Tittums is . . . . . 798, and the musical effect is such that the attractive terminations produced at backstroke in the ordinary Tittums are here produced at handstroke. Two simple opening courses from rounds are shown here, and these, like the previous opening courses, may have calls added to shorten the course and to modify the position of the smaller bells. Among these possibilities it may be remarked that in the second example another bob might be added to bring up the course end 23456798 in four leads.

23456789
25374968
— 97285634
98762453
— 46938572
43659287
45326798
2.4
23456789
— 75293846
s 98765423
— 46938275
43629587
42356798
1.2s.3
23456798
25374869
27583946
28795634
29867453
— 46239587
43652798

In the application of standard callings to the Inverted Tittums the two course end positions, 978 and 798, must be compared and the resulting differences of notation carefully mastered. All the callings of Table H are available for use, of course, but in the Inverted Tittums bobs at 1.2.3 are noted as 7–3 (instead of 9–3), bobs at 2.3.4 remain as 8-3 (because the 8th occupies the same position in 798 as it does in 978), the bob at 5 becomes '87' instead of 89, and the bob at 6 becomes '98' instead of 78.

(To be continued)

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WOOLLEY—FELLOWS — The engagement is announced between Bryan David Albert Woolley, of 11, Peakhouse Road, Great Barr, Birmingham 22A, and Maureen Mary Fellows, of 33, Florence Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire. 1579

DEATH

BAILEY.—On December 27th, 1957, at 46, Merthyr Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, Frank Joseph, aged 85 years, beloved husband of Fanny Gertrude, father of Fred, Reg, Ralph, Vi and Les. Forty-nine years leader of Whitchurch ringers. 1601

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

BEST WISHES for a happy and prosperous New Year with good ringing to all ringing friends, especially Beverley and the Eastern District Association members.—From Albert E. Sellers, 3, Elwell Avenue, Champney Road, Beverley. 1548

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MISCELLANEOUS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — There will be Sunday service ringing on Jan. 12th at Sacred Trinity, Salford. 1597

BEDFORDSHIRE.—Silsoe. As from Thursday, Jan. 2nd, practice night will be on Thursdays instead of on Wednesdays. Visitors will still be made welcome. 1488

OXFORD.—Commencing with 1958, practices at St. Giles' Church, Oxford, will take place every Thursday, 7-8 p.m., and not as at present. All ringers welcome. 1557

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.—Ringing at Packwood has now recommenced. Practice night, Friday, 7.30 to 9. Beginners and ringers welcomed. Bells available for visiting change-ringing bands by appointment with the Vicar through Mr. Tallis; KNOwle 2425, evenings. N.B.—Sunday Evensong is at 3 p.m. 1460

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Annual meeting at Bridgwater, Jan. 4th. Usual times and arrangements. Please notify for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 1539

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ripley, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafes nearby. Meeting 6 p.m., belfry. All welcome. — A. B. Cooper, Gen. Sec. 1555

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Ely (8) on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1549

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting at Bocking, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 1486

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Jan. 4th. St. Philip's (8), 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. 'Kent' and 'Bristol.'—A. Bennett. 1538

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District. — Annual meeting at Kington, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Business after.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec. 1569

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Northern District.—A.G.M., Hitchin, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House, followed by business meeting.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1540

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Jan. 4th, Hertford. St. Andrew's 3 p.m.; All Saints' after tea. Tea and meeting at Salisbury Arms. Please send names for tea to C. E. Hayter, 27, Sele Road, Hertford.—T. J. Southam, Sec. 1525

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Brenchley, Saturday, Jan. 4. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 1452

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Wigan, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (10) 2.30. Own arrangements for tea; cafes nearby.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 1551

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual District meeting to be held Saturday, Jan. 4th, at St. Margaret's, Leicester. Bells (12) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Vestry Hall.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1550

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — General meeting, nomination of officers, etc., All Saints', Isleworth, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea and business in Church Hall 4.15. Service 6. Further ringing 6.30 to 8. Evening social in Church Hall. Practice, Jan. 6th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30. A.G.M., Feb. 8th. Dinner, April 19th. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL3921. 1518

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Longton on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 1543

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Calverton, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 1542

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Annual general meeting, East Haddon, Jan. 4th. 1544

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, Jan. 4th. All Saints' bells available 3-5 p.m. Tea 5.30 in the Church House, St. James Street (near Cathedral). Cathedral bells available after tea. —J. Seager, Sec. 1547

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's Hotel, at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4th. St. Martin's bells available 4.30 p.m. —G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 1496

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Lindfield (8), Saturday, Jan 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 1588

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, January 6th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Jan. 11th, 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., 6 p.m.—J. Chilcott. 1580

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting at Wiveliscombe, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Numbers for tea essential for this meeting by 7th.—A. R. Tudball. 1596

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael-with-St. Paul's (8) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hillview, Larkhall, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and business to follow. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 1565

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. A good company is requested.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 1545

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY. — Meeting, Holy Trinity, Hull, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Bells (10) available immediately after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. G. Reed, 127, Holmgarth Drive, Bellfield Avenue, Hull. 1603

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Tiverton, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 6th.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor Estate, Tiverton.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Meeting, Speldhurst, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 1582

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells at Our Lady and English Martyrs, 2–3 p.m.; St. Benet's 2.30–4 p.m.; St. Andrew the Great 3-4.30 p.m.; Great St. Mary's 7-8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock in St. Andrew's Hall.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1574

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.— Annual general meeting, Hornchurch, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. **Service 4 p.m.**, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 1521

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 1587

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Barnwood, Gloucester, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 3 to 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Service 6.30. Ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 7th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 1476

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Awliscombe, Jan. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business after. Names for tea, by Jan. 8th, to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 1537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Staplehurst, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1546

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Hythe (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Jan. 8th, please, to Mr. W. J. Bidnell, Kenora, London Road, Hythe.—C. T. H., Hon. Sec. 1571

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Morpeth Watch Tower on Saturday, January 11th. Names for tea, by Thursday, Jan. 9th, to Mr. N. I. Wright, 10, De Merley Road, Morpeth. 1556

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Annual meeting at Seaford, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 8th, please, to Miss D. Lester, 9, Laton Road, Hastings.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 1534

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Leyland, St. James', Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. by kind invitation. Direct buses from Preston, Fox Street, 2.13 p.m. and half-hourly. Frequent buses to Leyland, Seven Stars.—L. Walmsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District.—Practice meeting, Millom, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names to J. Ullock, 160, Albert Street, Millom. —N. M. Newby. 1606

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting at Loughborough, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Ringing, Parish Church (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing Bell Foundry after tea. Names, by Jan. 8th, to Mr. L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive. 1602

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Washingborough, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 1541

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Repton, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Tea names, by Jan. 10th, to Mr. S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. 1554

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Edgware, on Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service, tea locally, and business. Church is two minutes from Edgware tube station.—T. J. Lock. 1567

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Wroxham, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 8th, to Mr. A. J. Boyce, Hoveton Hall Lodge, Neateshead, Norwich. 1461

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Practice at Theale on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 6.30 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 1584

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Benson on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells at 3. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by January 7th.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 1589

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry, Jan. 11th (not 18th, as arranged). Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 1599

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 1583

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, January 11th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) open from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Plenty of cafes for tea. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m.—H. Denman. 1564

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Upper Beeding (8), on Jan. 11th. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 1607

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Annual meeting at Romsey on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 8th, to J. Page, 56, Alma Road, Romsey. 1590

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5, Red Lion Hotel. Names, please, by 15th, to Mr. R. Kendall, 43, St. Margaret's Avenue, Luton.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1578

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) 2 to 5 p.m. and after meeting. Service 5 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting in St. Peter's Hall. St. Leonard's bells (6) also available. Names for tea, by Jan. 15th, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 1562

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Writtle (8), on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 1604

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Tuesday, Jan. 14th, to Mrs. R. Cook, Hadley House, 34, St. Peter's Street, Sandwich, Kent.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1585

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch). — Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Woolwich, Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Monday, Jan. 13th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1581

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Cleveland Hotel for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Cwm Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1573

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Swanton Morley on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 Names for tea, by Thursday, 16th, to Miss P. Marsham, 5, Council Houses, School Lane, Swanton Morley, Dereham. 1577

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bucklebury (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 15th, to Miss S. Davis, The Village, Bucklebury, Reading. 1575

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Annual general meeting at Oakham on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m.-7.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Jan. 14th, to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham, Rutland. 1594

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Annual general meeting at Desborough (8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Committee meeting 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea free, only to members notifying, by previous Tuesday, Mrs. Loake, 21, Harrington Road, Desborough.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting at Rushden, Jan. 18th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Annual meeting, Jan. 18th. Bells: St. Thomas' and St. Paul's 2.15-3.45. Tea, Assembly Rooms, 4 o'clock, followed by meeting. Service, St. Thomas' Church, 5.30. Bells in evening: St. Thomas' (till 8 p.m.), St. Martin's (from 6.45 p.m.) and St. Paul's. Names for tea, without fail, please, by 14th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1557

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, St. Giles', Willenhall, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 15th, to Mr. C. Wallater, 1, Marston Street, Willenhall. 1563

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Ringing: Balderton 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Newark 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting, Newark Belfry, 6 p.m.—W. L. Exton. 1586

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Godstone (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 1560

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stourbridge (St. Thomas') 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 1576

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. General committee meet 3.15 p.m. prompt in St. Chad's Schools. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and general meeting in Schools. Names, by 16th, to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 16. St. Michael's bells (8) also available after meeting. No. 1 bus from Leeds City Square serves both towers.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 1553

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A DEDICATED SPORT

FROM time to time editors receive anonymous letters without a clue as to the identity of the writer. No editor summarily throws such a missive into the waste paper basket. At times these letters contain information or comment of more than passing interest, but the general rule for the conduct of all newspapers is that the name and address of the sender must be sent to the editor, though not necessarily for publication. Recently we had a controversial letter from an anonymous writer which, because of its interest, we would have considered for publication; we made an appeal in the following issue for the sender to forward his name, but although many weeks have elapsed there has been no response to our request.

The theme of the letter was one that has been frequently ventilated in our columns—the relationship of peal ringing to the vocation of a bellringer as a servant of the Church. The writer stated that he became a ringer under the impression that the purpose of bellringing was to summon people to worship or to celebrate some event in connection with the Church; and that the bells being the property of the Church, the ringing of them should be confined to these occasions, together with such practice as might be necessary to attain proficiency in this direction.

The writer goes on to say: 'It comes as rather a shock, therefore, on turning the pages of "The Ringing World" to find details of large numbers of peals which are apparently rung for neither of these reasons, or worse still, for no reason at all. Even more disconcerting are the many peals bearing such footnotes as "A's 100th peal," or "The first peal in the method on the bells," giving the impression, rightly or wrongly, that these peals were rung solely for the purpose of enabling "A" to ring his 100th peal, or whatever the reason might be.'

No peal ringer is going to be so pharisaical as to suggest that his ringing is exclusively in the interest of the Church and is solely dedicated to that purpose. The blunt fact is that we ring bells because we love ringing. The art of change-ringing developed as a secular sport, and the sporting side of ringing with the pleasure of individual attainment in peals and the variety of methods rung as well as in good striking is as real today as in the early days of ringing for wagers and prize money. Peals are almost exclusively rung for the pleasure provided for the individual, although happily on many occasions there is a secondary reason, and in the public or Church's eyes a justifiable purpose for the ringing of the bells.

The art of change-ringing must have a standard of proficiency, and the peal or quarter peal has by custom been the recognised medium. The constitution of a true peal in performance and composition is a matter of no little concern to the Central Council of Church Bellringers. All peals are recorded in our columns and tabulated by a special committee. There are theorists—composers who expend their skill in creating on paper a true peal and in splicing various methods into a peal. They set a challenge to the skilled ringer that requires mental concentration of a high order. Spliced ringing is not service ringing; there are not half-a-dozen towers in the country that have an 8-bell Spliced Surprise Sunday service company. But it is all part of the evolutionary process that has gone steadily on since the days of Fabian Stedman.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	FRANK W. LEWIS	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	REGINALD A. READ	8
REGINALD W. REX	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	9
MICHAEL J. BEST	5	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

BESSIE A. CARTER	*Treble*	*FREDERICK A. H. CATIELL	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
HENRY O. BAKER	3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	8
JOHN F. BUTLER	4	REGINALD WOODYATT	9
REGINALD H. NEWTON	5	†ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

MRS. E. C. JARVIS	*Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
JOHN A. WARNER	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	ALBERT WIFFEN	7
ALAN R. SYDER	4	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
Rung for the wedding of Hilda M. Snowden and Robert Dixey, who are both members of the St. Andrew's band.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

ERIC N. HARRISON	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	5
MARION CAPEY	2	THOMAS SEWELL	6
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	3	GEORGE S. DEAS	7
KENNETH ARTHUR	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
Specially arranged as a welcome to the new Vicar of Blackhill (Rev. C. W. G. King).

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
PHYLLIS POOLE	2	J. FRED MILNER	6
RICHARD F. PRIME	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
RUTH JACKSON	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	NORMAN G. GOODMAN	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

GEORGE WATERMAN	*Treble*	PERCY W. MILLS	5
*JOHN F. FELGATE	2	FELIX H. ERITH	6
†GILLIAN R. BROWN	3	WALTER FELGATE	7
CHARLES A. ANDREWS	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal. † First peal on eight and 'inside.' The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Treble*	THOMAS R. DENNIS	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ..	7
THOMAS G. HAWKINS ..	4	THOMAS J. SETTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
Rung on St. Thomas' Day.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	*DEREK PRICE	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	REGINALD WOODYATT ..	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS W. LEWIS.
* First peal. 50th peal on the bells.
In memoriam E. P. Thomas, of Claines, donor of one of these bells.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 22, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	5
MRS. FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	2	STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Richard Randles, mother of the ringer of the seventh.

ENDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
ALAN E. JACQUES	4	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 23, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29¼ cwt.

ROBERT SMITH	*Treble*	NEIL D. LOMAS	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..	6
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ..	3	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 35).
Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	EDGAR GLASS	5
E. JOHN MANLEY	2	GEORGE SKINNER	6
NORMAN MALLETT	3	FREDERICK WREFORD ..	7
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ..	4	ARTHUR MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the bells, dedicated on Christmas Eve, 1897.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Christmas Day, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE E. VERNON	*Treble*	GRAHAM T. BALL	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	2	JOHN VERNON	6
RODNEY RICHARDSON ..	3	MICHAEL VERNON	7
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY ..	4	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.
* First peal.
Rung by members of the local band to the glory of God on Christmas morning.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ROBERT B. BLOND	*Treble*	*KENNETH C. TIMBURY ..	5
HENRY L. BISHOP	2	FRANK E. GODDEN	6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	3	†WILLIAM E. FULKER ..	7
JAMES E. GODMAN	4	JAMES P. BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES P. BLOND.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

JEAN DAWSON	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON ..	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
*PHILIP DUNDERDALE ..	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
†J. BARRY PICKUP	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt.

NORMAN V. HARDING ..	*Treble*	FREDK. R. SCOTT	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
ALAN J. FROST	3	FRANK E. DARBY	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

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CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*PETER A. SHARP	*Treble*	†WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
GEOFFREY PAUL	2	JOHN E. COOK	6
†JOHN F. PEARSON	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
LOUIS WILLDERS	4	†G. LEONARD THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
A wedding compliment to Mr. Julian Paul and Miss Heather Needham.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's.
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

BRENDA M. SMITH	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	DAVID BEACHAM	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
JOHN C. SLATER	4	*GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* 100th peal together. The conductor's 100th peal and first of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor on their engagement.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

ALAN CLARKE	*Treble*	DAVID H. BUXTON	5
GEORGE V. BUXTON	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	4	ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
A birthday compliment to Patricia M. Clark, who was 21 on Christmas Day.

LEYTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	*Treble*	†BRIAN R. DOWNES	5
DENNIS HEWITT	2	*HUGH NEILL	6
*ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN	4	*LIONEL S. WOODS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'.
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM A. YATES	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	5
GEORGE E. GREEN	2	JOSEPH MARKS	6
HERBERT C. EDWARDS	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
ROGER CADAMY	4	HERBERT C. BEARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
The band wish to associate the name of Reginald H. Howson, who kindly made the arrangements for this peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. FLATT	5
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	2	*ROBERT PLUMMER	6
E. AUSTIN HEAD	3	*GEORGE FILBY	7
*LEONARD J. MINNS	4	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT	*Treble*	BERNARD GROVES	4
*GEORGE FORRESTER	2	ROBERT SMITH	5
LEONARD COPNALL	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER.
* First peal of Minor.
In memoriam James Fernley

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 2,880 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CRAPNALL	4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	2	ROBERT DOWNING	5
BRENDA DOWNING	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Ernest Cook, churchwarden, whose funeral took place on November 30th at the above church.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN G. GIPSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.
* 50th peal of Minor.
Rung to celebrate the 'arrival,' on November 30th, of Graham Eustace, second son of the ringer of the second and Mrs. Bullman.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Dec. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

VINCENT A. HEMMING	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	4
*DIANA J. PERRINS	2	*CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.
* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor in three methods.

LLANOVER, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being 720 of Plain Bob (three callings), 4,320 Grandsire (ten callings and one Morris's 240). Tenor 5¼ cwt.

*AVRIL EVANS	*Treble*	*BRYAN JOHNS	3
†JACK ALSOP	2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	4
GEORGE WARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE WARD.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles and first on five.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Bishop of Monmouth as Archbishop of Wales at his Cathedral, St. Woolos', Newport, Mon, in the afternoon of this day.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*James Linnell	*Treble*	Montague Saunders ..	4
Barry E. Saunders ..	2	†J. George Shellard ..	5
William J. Chester ..	3	William A. Yates	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Yates.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the first birthday of Richard William, son of the conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 20, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Cecil Barker	*Treble*	Alan R. Syder	4
Hilda G. Snowden	2	Walter Arnold	5
John A. Warner	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Terry Earle.

A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Ronald Russell	*Treble*	William R. Parker	4
G. Leonard Thompson ..	2	Louis Willders	5
Percy D. Baldock	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

A birthday compliment to Mr. G. Leonard Thompson.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Herbert W. Pearce.. ..	*Treble*	Sidney W. White	4
Roger J. Fox	2	*Alan W. Best	5
Raymond P. Selway ..	3	William E. Turner ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* First peal of Minor. 50th peal as conductor.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

George Forrester	*Treble*	Leonard Copnall	4
Bernard J. Ongley ..	2	Ernest Pimlott	5
Robert Barratt	3	Derek Briscall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.

First peal in five Doubles methods by all the band.

Rung in appreciation of the long and faithful service rendered to the church by J. Baston, former tower Master; W. Bracegirdle, vicar's warden, and T. Roberts, sidesman and former Sunday School teacher.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*William G. Wilson ..	*Treble*	*J. Colin Ashworth ..	4
*Derek Butterworth ..	2	*Peter Scholfield	5
†John H. Fielden	3	Derek Ogden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek Ogden.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*Richard Brandrick ..	*Treble*	Michael E. Brown	4
†Jennifer Stratford ..	2	Graham T. Ball	5
Rita M. Strateord ..	3	William Johnson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal (age 13 years). † First peal 'inside.'

The conductor has now 'circled' this his home tower to peals, being first to do so.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Peter W. Bartlett ..	*Treble*	Hugh Falkner	4
Ernest H. Jefferies ..	2	*Peter Wakefield	5
*Bruce Wakefield	3	William A. Godwin ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Godwin.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a 95th birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Oxford T.B., three extents Kent T.B. and two extents Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*Alan R. Bridges	*Treble*	Alan S. Pipe	4
†Leonard P. Bailey.. ..	2	James M. Bailey	5
Ernest S. Bailey	3	Edgar C. Pizzey	*Tenor*

Conducted by James M. Bailey.

* Tenth peal in ten years. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal at this tower.

The bells have been retuned and rehung in a new iron frame by John Taylor and Co., and a new treble added, the gift of Mr. Reuben Wright as a memorial to his wife.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5046 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods: (1) and (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight: (3) and (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob: (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight: (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

Sydney Sage	*Treble*	Sidney Hough, jun... ..	4
Neil D. Lomas..	2	Alexander Richardson ..	5
Derek Taylor	3	Denis Mottershead ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

In memoriam James Fernley, of Norbury.

HANDBELL PEALS

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Dec. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At No. 49, Long Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alfred Jordon	1—2	John Vernon	5—6
Alfred Ballard	3—4	Michael Vernon	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Michael Vernon.

Specially rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Cox, of Stoney Stanton.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At 201, High Street, Dunsville,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

David G. Jackson ..	1—2	William H. Jackson ..	5—6
*Gibson Jackson	3—4	W. Eric Critchley	7—8

Composed by D. Prentice. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* 100th peal for the Association.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Brown 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, G. M. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Spliced Kent and Oxford: S. W. Bigmore 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, G. M. Rouse (cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Christmas Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Everett 1, R. Rose (first quarter) 2, E. Nice (first quarter) 3, C. Stannard 4, W. Goodship 5, L. W. Banks 6, W. Stannard (cond.) 7, G. Jennings 8. Before morning service.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Minor (360 each of Cambridge, Kent and St. Clement's and 180 Plain): Miss S. M. Schofield 1, Mrs. J. M. Thorley 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, E. M. Bradley 4, D. Thorp 5, P. Dawson 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Stockbridge 1, J. Stockbridge 2, A. Butler 3, T. Phillimore 4, B. Luck 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6. In honour of the engagement of T. Phillimore to Miss S. Powell.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. D. Prockson 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. H. Hewitt (cond.) 3, G. A. Parsons 4, A. F. Lewry 5, W. Rawlings 6, R. Sanders 7, J. Euston 8. For carol service.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Jewell (first quarter) 1, S. G. King 2, Miss J. Parsons (first 'inside') 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, L. Jewell 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Gullick, who was interred this day.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): C. Evans 1, T. Hutchings 2, H. Blick 3, J. Thomas 4, R. E. Coles (cond.) 5, B. Thomas 6, E. Carter 7, R. Lee 8. Rung to mark the enthronement of the Archbishop of Wales, which took place at Newport this day.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Airey 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, D. R. Airey 5, D. Newton 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. For the Christmas festival, also a compliment to Mr. T. Hill and Miss D. Shaw on their recent engagement.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Lyons 1, R. Bridges 2, A. T. Weeks 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, W. Mortimer 5, T. Hobbs (first quarter) 6. For carol service.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, C. Kortright 2, Miss M. Fray 3, J. Brain 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, L. Derrick 6. First in method by all the band. For the festival of St. John.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck 1, W. Paul 2, J. Sharpe 3, D. M. Reeve 4, W. Bowers 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. For morning service.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. F. Packham 1, G. A. Packham 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, F. W. Parsons 4, W. A. Riddington 5, R. V. Johnson 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John W. Blair Fish, church official and editor of the parish magazine.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Rayner 1, W. W. Webb 2, G. Golding 3, C. J. Newnes 4, P. Ruch 5, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 6, P. Bettridge 7, J. E. Ricketts 8.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Brandist (first quarter) 1, R. Harris (first 'inside') 2, Miss T. I. Bowcutt 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, R. D. Hart 5. For early Communion.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. M. Lander (first quarter) 1, R. L. Arnold (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. H. Price 3, D. C. Price 4, J. G. Cull (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, J. Newbold 6. For the carol service, and as a farewell to J. Newbold, who is leaving Kimpton to live in Knebworth.

QUARTER PEALS

LIFTON, DEVON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. L. J. Wells (first quarter) 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. H. Benoy 4, W. J. Harvey (first as cond.) 5, W. H. Manning (first quarter) 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Strathdee (first quarter) 1, J. B. Webb 2, J. B. Dinenage 3, J. H. Allen (cond.) 4, C. M. Smith 5, Miss D. J. Perrins 6. Rung after a peal failure.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eileen Pile (first quarter) 1, Mrs. I. M. Batchelor (first quarter) 2, Peggy Skinner 3, Elizabeth Rogers (first 'inside') 4, J. J. Batchelor (first as cond.) 5, Iris Burford 6. First quarter by a local band resident in the parish. Rung for the first Evensong of Christmas.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Davis 1, C. W. Powell 2, R. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, W. Ritchings 3, T. Jefferies 4, W. Wayman 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, E. Cooksley 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Gibson 1, Miss J. Cook 2, V. Gibson 3, R. E. Dean 4, M. Spracklen (first of Stedman) 5, E. D. Poole 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8. A 21st birthday compliment to E. Silvey. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Bonner 1, Miss J. Cook 2, M. Spracklen 3, E. Silvey 4, E. D. Poole 5, Miss E. Gibson 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For morning service.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Brewin (first on eight) 1, D. N. Sellars 2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, C. F. Briggs 4, A. E. Chilton 5, H. Stevenson 6, W. L. Exton 7, F. W. Midwinter 8. Rung on the eve of Christmas.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Dale 1, F. Bennett 2, M. L. Bennett 3, P. Woodward 4, D. Lockwood 5, D. Cubitt 6, M. Cubitt 7, G. Townend 8, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 9, M. L. Lockwood 10. Rung fully-muffled in memoriam L.A.C. Colin Michael Stephenson, a local ringer, who was interred this day.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 780 Grandsire): C. Leighton (first away from tenor) 1, G. Green 2, F. E. T. Tranter (cond.) 3, P. Hurcombe 4, C. Wixey 5, S. C. Pugh 6. Trooper S. C. Pugh, home on Christmas leave, rang in this quarter after 18 months away from ringing. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Waite (first quarter) 1, P. Hurcombe 2, F. E. T. Tranter 3, A. Wixey 4, C. Wixey 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, A. T. Shelton 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, C. S. Hoad 4, W. H. Inwood 5, F. T. Hoad 6, G. Oliver (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): F. Taylor 1, A. Cook 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, C. Tarr 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8, covering): J. M. Clifton (first quarter) 1, D. Priestley (cond.) 2, Christine Wood (first 'inside') 3, L. Priestley 4, B. Whitworth 5, G. Smith 6, J. M. Clarke 7, C. Whitworth 8. For Christmas Eve.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. T. Bartlett 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, Miss J. Robinson (first 'inside') 3, K. R. Foot 4, J. T. Gwilt 5, J. K. Foot 6. For the eve of Christmas.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (6–7 covering): F. Shaw (first quarter) 1, C. Graves 2, R. O. Fyson 3, F. W. Talbot 4, D. Pollard (first as cond.) 5, P. Graves 6, M. Whitehead 7. Rung prior to Confirmation service taken by the Lord Bishop of Ely.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stanyon 1, J. Wallman (cond.) 2, Ann Aldridge 3, J. Perrett 4, S. G. Peck 5, C. Aldridge 6. For the Parish Communion. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mary Piper 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, J. Perrett (first of Major) 4, M. Stanyon 5, S. G. Peck 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stanyon 1, Mary Piper 2, S. G. Peck 3, J. Perrett 4, C. Aldridge 5, J. Wallman (cond.) 6. The 25th quarter on the bells during the year. Rung for the Parish Communion.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Swayne 1, H. Whittering 2, R. Day 3, W. Houghton 4, G. Johnson 5, W. Lawrence 6, W. Brown 7, R. Luxon 8. For the service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jones 1, Miss D. Honey (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Miss J. Jones 3, J. Honey 4, W. G. Cudd 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. For Matins.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Stephenson (first quarter) 1, A. Key 2, L. H. Taylor 3, B. Brown 4, R. Howard 5, W. B. Dawson 6, J. P. Morriss 7, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sharp, also a 21st birthday compliment to Barry Brown.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Griffiths 1, S. Lewis 2, E. Williams 3, J. Webb 4, G. Thomas 5, I. Jenkins 6, H. Jenkins cond.) 7, T. Osbourne 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of M. Jenkins, son of the conductor.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (being one extent of Oxford and 540 St. Clement's): Mrs. D. Stuteley 1, Heather Stewart 2, Marian Mills (cond.) 3, F. Harvey 4, M. Mills 5, P. W. Mills 6. For service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Harding 1, L. Hitchins 2, G. Harding (cond.) 3, C. Butcher 4, D. Knight 5, J. Case 6, J. Lucas 7, E. Hitchins 8, F. Slatford 9, R. Burbidge 10. First of Caters 5, 6 and 8. For the festival of Christmas.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On Dec. 23rd, at the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Burrows 1, Nadine Price (first quarter) 2, Pauline F. Sprackling 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, N. Sprackling 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William George Sprackling.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Chapman (first quarter) 1, H. Rumens 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. Sykes 4, E. E. Holman 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, D. Hewitt 7, A. L. M. Shepherd 8. For Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Lumsden.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Yates 1, P. R. Johnson 2, R. Bowles 3, D. H. Baker 4, G. Northwood 5, O. T. Northwood (cond.) 6. For Christmas morning Communion.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Waterfield (first quarter) 1, T. Randall 2, M. Kemp 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Jackson (first quarter) 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For Midnight Mass.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): N. Abbott (first quarter) 1, J. Hillard 2, Miss E. D. Overend 3, R. H. Abbott 4, P. J. Wycherley (cond.) 5, D. T. Robertson 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Bagworth 3, M. P. Moreton 4, P. Devenish 5, Susan Jacobs (cond.) 6, A. Bishop 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Wood 1, V. A. Headland 2, Miss A. Coulson (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Gibson 4, B. A. Coulson (first as cond.) 5, J. Groom 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. First quarter by present Woodford band. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain (first as cond.) 2, Miss A. Coulson 3, Miss D. Gibson 4, B. A. Coulson 5, J. Groom 6. For Midnight Mass.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

On December 14th a quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at the Church of St. Dingat, Llandovery. After a little attention being given to the stay of the treble, the bells were set going by the members who came from Llanelly, Burry Port, Carmarthen, Tenby, Llandilo and Sketty.

At 4 p.m. a service was held at the church, at which 30 members attended. The Vicar (Canon J. Rees) officiated, and the organist was the Ringing Master, Mr. Gwyn Thomas. After the service the members were entertained to a very welcome tea at the Church Hall, which was given by the ladies of the Mothers' Union.

The Vicar presided at the usual business meeting and opened the proceedings by extending a hearty welcome to those present. All the members stood in silence while the Vicar said a prayer as a token of respect to Mrs. L. Hurren, who had passed on since the last meeting. The agenda was disposed of very quickly and an apology was made for the Master of the Guild, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, who had to leave early to get home.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pembroke in March, 1958.

It was agreed that Mr. Ivor Jenkins be made a life ringing member of the Guild, and also that the Vicar be made an honorary life member of the Guild upon his retirement, as an appreciation for his interest in the Guild's activities. The members were very concerned about the illness of Mr. W. L. Williams, of Carmarthen. After the secretary had assured the meeting that he was out of hospital and getting about a bit, the secretary was instructed to write him hoping he would make a speedy recovery and be back at the bell-ropes before long.

Another pleasing incident of the day was the marriage of Mr. Mervyn Jenkins, of Tenby. St. David's Guild wish him joy and happiness during his married years.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar for having the Guild at Llandovery, and to the kind ladies who provided the tea. All were aware that the Vicar was retiring at the end of the year and spending the rest of his years in London. He has been in the Ministry for 51 year; 30 of these have been spent in Llandovery. Although regretting his retirement, the Guild hope he will be spared for many years and enjoy his retirement.

The vote of thanks was given by Mr. Gwyn Thomas, the Ringing Master, and members then returned to the tower to finish the evening.

C. H. H.

The Extra Call

The quarter peal of St. Clement's Bob Minor at Easton-in-Gordano, Somerset, on December 27th, was not without incident. Apart from 60 calls in the first 720 and 18 in the second, the proceedings were enlivened by an extra call in the second part when the trapdoor in the floor of the ringing chamber rose, and the face of a coalman appeared, asking where he had to put a load of coke for the church.

Following comments from various members of the band, the face was withdrawn, and the quarter brought to a successful conclusion.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF HEAVITREE BELLS

The ringers of Heavitree Parish Church, Exeter, recently marked the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the bells by ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, as reported in our peal columns.

It was on Christmas Eve, 1897, that the bells first rang out and were dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton. According to old records, tenders were received from no less than 16 of the chief bell founders of the country, and eventually Messrs. J. Taylor, of Loughborough, were given the contract. The four old bells which hung in Heavitree's old tower were taken by the founders, and the total cost of the new octave was £825 17s. 5d.

A member of the recent peal band, Mr. A. Mitchell, recalls the joyous occasion when the new ring was first rung out by ringers from other towers in the city.

N. M.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Chewton Mendip on December 14th, when, in spite of a very cold afternoon, a good number of members and friends gathered in what must surely be one of the finest of Somerset's churches, containing an equally fine ring of bells, which were put to good use during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next (the annual) meeting at Beckington, subject to the necessary permission being obtained. One new member was elected, Miss Frances Massey, of Frome.

The Guild service was held at 6 p.m. and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Kingdom, to whom thanks are due for the welcome given to the District.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In conducting from the treble Mr. A. J. Pitman's well-known composition of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, with all the work of each method for every bell, Mr. W. Eric Critchley, of Doncaster, has now called this composition from all the eight positions. He believes this to be unique.

To the memory of the late Mr. Harry Morgan, a hymn board has been given by his widow to Bilston Parish Church.

Mr. J. H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, has 'circled' his own tower to peals of Surprise Minor.

The peal rung at North Stoneham on November 30th was a non-Association peal and not for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, as published.

For the first peal on Theberton bells, Mr. Alan R. Bridges invited five members of the Leiston company to stand in. It was at this tower he learned to ring, ten years ago.

Not every ringer has Cambridge Surprise Major for his first peal, but such was the case of Derek Price, of Welland (nephew of Fred Price, Bournemouth), at St. John's, Worcester, on December 21st.

The Exercise is indebted to Mrs. Steeples for the efficient and painstaking manner in which she has taken charge of the Central Council's library's despatch department for the past four years. Miss Elizabeth Sharpe is her successor.

Bells will be heard prior to the evening services to be broadcast at 7.45 from Westbury Parish Church, Wilts, on January 19th (captain of the ringers, Trevor Holloway) and from Paul Parish Church, near Penzance, on January 26th, both in the West Home Service only.

The peal at Brampford Speke, on Boxing Day, was arranged to enable the conductor (Mr. E. M. Atkins) to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his first peal. This was at Isham, Northants, and was also of Plain Bob Minor. It was the first peal by all except the conductor, the late Mr. Edward Chapman, of Kettering, who had instructed the band formed when the bells were opened in June, 1906.

The band who rang the quarter peal at Easton-in-Gordano would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bennett very much for their hospitality after the attempt.

Readers are indebted to Mr. H. R. Roper, of Adderbury, near Banbury, for again providing the Index to 'The Ringing World' for 1957. Copies reprinted suitable for binding can be supplied on application to this office with a stamped addressed envelope.

Mr. B. Stedman Payne, of Barrow-upon-Soar, Loughborough, in sending the second family peal, states that the first family peal was rung at Cossington, near Leicester, in December, 1922. The Paynes are hoping that it will not be another 29 years before the next one.

Mr. Hermon J. Oliver, of Downham, Essex, celebrated his 50th anniversary as a ringer by ringing at Shenfield on Christmas Day. It was there on December 25th, 1907, that he first rang for service. The local band congratulates him and thanks him for his valued support of ringing at Shenfield.

The ringers at Farnworth, Lancs, after ringing for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, turned on the portable radio to hear the bells of Dedham Church, Essex. Also, after ringing for Mass on Christmas morning, switched on again to hear the Christmas bells which were broadcast in the Home Service.

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'WE WERE MADE TO HONOUR THE LORD'

Story of Theberton Bells

Saturday, December 14th. was a memorable day for the village of Theberton, Suffolk. There have been bells at Theberton from the days of the Reformation. According to the late Dr. Raven there was one dated 1553, another of 1594, which bore the arms of France and England, the Royal initials E.R. and the inscription 'nos sumus instructi ad laudem Domini.' The others were two of 1614 and one of 1663 by John Darbie.

The earliest bell had disappeared when, in 1875, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank recast the four bells into a ring of five with a tenor of 7 cwt. in A. These bells, alas, were rehung by a local blacksmith, and as two of the bells hit each other in their revolution only chiming could be done. In 1943 the bells were regarded as unsafe and were taken down.

It was when Canon J. R. Chapman was rector that a bell restoration fund was started, and then, under the leadership of the present incumbent (the Rev. J. W. H. K. Greenway) the sum of £1,175 was collected as the result of a gift day.

The work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and this included the retuning of the five bells and the provision of a new treble bell, the gift of a parishioner as a memorial to his wife. The inscription on the new bell reads: 'In memory of my wife, Alberta Louisa Wright, died 4th January, 1944.' The tenor now weighs 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in the note of B. flat.

There was a large congregation present for the service of dedication performed by Canon J. R. Chapman, now Rector of Great and Little Whelnetham. During the singing of the hymn 'Angel Voices' Canon Chapman, preceded by Mr. A. Bridges (captain of the ringers), the churchwardens and clergy, processed to the tower, where the new bell was dedicated and the old bells rededicated. In handing the ropes to the Rector, the Canon repeated the dedication charge:—

> 'Receive these bells, which have now been solemnly set apart from profane and unhallowed uses, as a sacred trust committed unto thee, as the appointed minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they may be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

As the procession returned to the east end, six members of the Suffolk Guild rang rounds: A. R. Bridges (Theberton) 1, A. S. Ling (Blaxhall) 2, L. G. Brett (Framsden) 3, J. M. Bailey (Leiston) 4, C. W. Pipe (Grundisburgh) 5, J. W. Blythe (Halesworth) 6.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN

In his address, Canon Chapman described the service as being one of thanksgiving for the culmination of a five-year plan, when he became Rector, five years ago. Much had been done in rethatching the church, but the walls of the interior were in a deplorable condition, and there was much more to be accomplished. First the choir was re-formed and robed. Then the church was redecorated and the lovely pews removed from the Doughty Chapel to the chancel. Then a fund was started for heating the church and restoring the bells. Now they thanked God all these things had been completed. The purpose of the bells was a call to prayer, and he asked his congregation to resolve another five-year plan and, as they heard their music, to draw the younger generation to God's house and the consecration of their lives to His service. 'May the sound of the Theberton bells help all who hear them to dedicate their lives anew to God's service,' he said.

As the congregation left the church a touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung.

A cordial welcome to the visitors was made at the tea by the Rector, and Mr. C. W. Pipe, in reply on behalf of the visitors, recalled that he was present only three and a half years ago at the dedication of Stonham Aspal bells when the Rector was their present incumbent (the Rev. J. W. H. K. Greenway). He presented the Rector with a cheque for £5 5s. from the Suffolk Guild Restoration Fund.

Mr. A. R. Bridges has been training five boys and a girl at Leiston to ring Theberton bells. Assisting him have been Mr. J. Bailey and Mr. S. Bailey. During the last four years Mr. Bridges has raised £200 for the Bell Restoration Fund.

CHIMES OF THE THEBERTON BELLS

(Theberton, October 20th, 1874)

SONG OF THE OLD BELLS

For thrice one hundred years our cry
Has sounded from the belfry high,
*Facti sumus in honorem Domini.**

For thrice one hundred we tell
Our message from each warning bell,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

Worn out at last by service long
Our followers must repeat the song,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

Neglectful hearts they still will rouse
Inviting all to God's own house,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

If any wander near in doubt
Hark let them hear the bells ring out,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

If any fainting in despair should cry
Why was I born? The bells reply,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

Let all who hear the solemn lay
Or young or old, for pardon pray,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

W. B.

* Inscription on one of the old bells, dated 1595. (May be translated 'We were made to honour the Lord.')

THE GLEANING BELL

Until about half way through the last century one interesting custom still held its own at Theberton — the gleaning bell, when the poor were allowed to gean after harvest. Parish bills show that from 1815 to 1849 a gleaning bell was paid every year.

The following lines are quoted from 'Suffolk Largess' (1865). The speech is fairly well rendered:—

(Morning)

Why! listen, yow be quiet, bo'—the bell is tolling eight.
Why don't yow mind what you're about? We're allers kind o' late!
Now, Mary, get that mawther dressed—oh dear! how slow you fare!
There come a lot o' gleaners now. Maw, don't stand gawkin' there!

* * * * *

(Evening)

Dear me! there goo the bell agin—'tis seven I declare.
And we don't fare to have got none—the gleaning now don't fare
To be worth nuthin'; but I think—as far can tell
We'll try a coomb somehow to scratch, if we be live and well!

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

50th Anniversary of Queensbury Bells

December 14th, 1907, was a memorable day for the ringers of Holy Trinity, Queensbury, for on that day their newly rebuilt tower and augmented ring of eight bells were dedicated by the then Bishop of Ripon, Dr. Boyd-Carpenter. On this occasion a 'date touch' was rung by eight prominent members of the Western District, namely: J. Hardcastle, J. E. Jenkinson, J. Cotterell, J. S. Ambler, J. Barraclough, T. B. Kendall, G. B. Bollard and J. Broadley. On March 21st, 1908, these gentlemen rang the first peal on the bells—5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by J. Cotterell.

It was, therefore, most fitting that the final meeting of the Western District in 1957 should be held at Queensbury on December 14th, even though, at the time this was suggested, no one was aware that the date coincided with the 50th anniversary of the dedication ceremony.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, followed by the business meeting in the schoolroom. Methods rung during the day ranged from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Spliced Surprise Major.

The vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, presided at the business meeting, supported by the Vicar of Queensbury, the Rev. A. Ridings. A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and other helpers was carried with applause.

The Vicar formally welcomed the visitors to Queensbury and expressed pleasure at seeing so many ringers present on this particular occasion. He praised the work done by ringers in summoning people to church, but stressed that this in itself was not enough—this act of worship must be completed by attending the service to which they had called others.

Following the business meeting, further ringing brought to a close a most successful meeting.

Eastern District

The winter meeting of the Eastern District, a combined one with the Beverley and Selby Societies, was held at Goole on December 21st and was attended by over 60 members and friends representing 21 towers.

The Vicar conducted a short service in church. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Taylor, who also made a Christmas cake, which was cut by Mrs. Pomsher, wife of the Vicar of Snaith. After tea Mr. L. M. Woodhead read a letter of congratulation and best wishes to those present and especially to those with over 50 years' membership of the Yorkshire Association, in answer to a letter sent on behalf of those veterans by Mrs. J. J. Taylor to Her Majesty, conveying loyal greetings and best wishes for Christmas.

The vice-president, Mr. A. C. Sellers, presided over the business meeting. Mr. James Thompson, of Patrington, and Mr. Ronald R. Worford, of Selby, were elected members. Bridlington was selected for the next meeting. The usual votes of thanks were passed. The business of the Beverley and Selby District Societies was then proceeded with. Mrs. Taylor was most heartily thanked for all she had done for the success of the meeting and the comfort of those present.

A social hour and a sumptuous tea followed the peal at Blankney, Lincs, on December 21st, in honour of the birthday of Mr. G. Leonard Thompson. The event, arranged by Mr. Thompson, came as a very pleasant surprise to the peal band.

SATURN TREBLE BOB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—The combination of changes rung as Saturn Treble Bob Doubles does not constitute a method, since its plain course is not true to itself, there being repeats when the treble is in thirds.

It is obvious that any four-lead Treble Bob Doubles method on this treble plan must have a single change when the treble makes thirds. This would mean that a bell would have to lie still for three consecutive blows. This is, of course, permissible in the case of Doubles.

If, however, it is desired to have no more than two consecutive blows, then a three-lead slow course type of method is possible, there being two of these. I suggest that they be named Ockham and St. Mary's.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

Ockham T.B.	St. Mary's T.B.
12345	12345
21354	21354
12534	12534
21543	21543
25134	25143
52143	52134
25413	25314
52431	52341
54213	53214
45231	35241
45321	35421
54312	53412
53421	54321
35412	45312
53142	54132
35124	45123
31542	41523
13524	14532
31254	41352
13245	14325
13425	14235
Bob	Bob
13245	14325
12354	13452

For 240 call bob every third lead (three callings).

Dear Sir,—I was greatly interested in the publication of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles in your issue of December 13th, and in the subsequent record of a peal in this method. More than 40 years ago I framed this hunting course and experimented with it for a long time in attempts to produce a six-score. In one of my scribbling books of that time I find it dated November, 1916, and a note beneath says: 'See note book.' The 'note book' is unfortunately lost, but I recollect that my experiments were inspired by Law James' Treble Bob Caters which, not long before, had set all the method experts chattering and had caused much controversy in the Exercise.

I can find no example of the use of this hunt in any of the old books. The nearest approach to it appears in a queer manuscript book of the last century called 'The Five- and Six-Bell Peals of Mr. Richard Valentine,' and in this book we find two six-scores of Doubles, one called 'Double Grandsire' and the other 'The Dream.' In each of these the treble describes a complicated path, as follows:—Four blows at lead, two in seconds, two in thirds, treble bob work behind, two in thirds, two in seconds, and so to the four blows at lead again. This produces a treble lead of 40 changes (as in Saturn), but most of the work of each 120 is highly unorthodox.

My own experiments, although extensive, were purely empiric, and were directed chiefly to attempts to secure the 60 in-course rows, with a view to doubling to 120 by the use of two singles. The idea of a 12-score does not seem to have occurred to me. I have often thought, however, that someone skilled in method construction might from this material make something worth while for Doubles ringers.

I wonder if Mr. Moreton or Mr. Leale would be good enough to let us know who arranged the Doubles, or from what source they came for this occasion, and also if any six-scores (as well as 12-scores) are available for use.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull, Warks.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION & SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Despite near-Arctic conditions, a fair proportion of the 'faithful' of both Associations arrived at Staveley on December 14th. After ringing on the pleasant ring of eight during the afternoon, members made their way to the Schoolroom, where an excellent tea was provided by the locals.

This was followed by the brief business meetings. That of the Sheffield and District was considerably enlivened by a warm discussion as to the place of the next monthly meeting, a motion to change the venue from All Saints' to St. Marie's, Sheffield, being defeated.

A return to the tower was then made, where ringing, including rounds, call-changes, Superlative and Yorkshire took place, the proceedings being rounded off in typical style by some excellent London Major. J. M. H.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Llandaff Branch held a quarterly meeting at Llantrisant on December 14th. Very cold weather conditions probably caused quite a few members to miss this meeting. However, 32 braved the elements, and this included 12 from one tower! The General Ringing Master, Mr. T. Yeomans, kept the bells going throughout the afternoon, catering for all standards.

The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Edwin Davies). Tea followed in the nearby hall, which had been prepared by several young ladies of the local youth club. A vote of thanks to those concerned was given by Mr. L. Malings.

During the business meeting Mr. Neville James spoke of the good progress now being made by the young ringers at the Cathedral. At the conclusion further ringing took place, but many members then left for home.

R. E. C.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A good touch of Stedman Triples opened the Southern District's nomination meeting on the fine ring of eight at Bletchingley on December 14th. Although the start was a little late, some good ringing was enjoyed until 4.30 p.m.

The service of shortened Evensong was conducted by Father Nicholls, who also played the piano for the hymns as there was no organist. A very good tea was provided at the Church House, with thanks to Mr. F. W. Bird, his wife and helpers.

The business meeting followed in the usual form, except that nominations were required for officers in 1958. All the members who held office now were renominated, also Mr. B. A. Cracknell for Ringing Master and Messrs. A. P. Cannon, E. G. L. Coward, F. E. Roberts, A. R. C. Clarke for the committee. Votes of thanks were then passed by members to Father Nicholls for taking the service, and to Mr. F. W. Bird for the arrangements of a successful meeting.

Ringing was resumed afterwards until 8.45 p.m. with methods up to Yorkshire Surprise Major. A. S.

OUR CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Our Christmas Crossword proved to be popular with readers, and we are indebted to Mr. Bert Sutton, of Scarborough, for providing the competition. The first prize, a book voucher for 10. 6d., has been awarded to Mr. Peter N. Bond, Gaywood, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent.

The solution was as follows:—

Across: 1 Saddleworth, 8 Rye, 9 Irvine, 10 Places, 12 Heels, 14 Meter, 15 Alloa, 16 Nobly, 18 Nolan, 20 Troyle, 22 Extent, 23 Ram, 24 Kingsbridge.

Down: 2 Daniel, 3 Lore, 4 Weep, 5 Rogate, 6 Heighington, 7 Eastrington, 11 Wells, 13 Say, 14 Man, 17 Leyton, 19 Ostend, 21 Eros, 22 Emir.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN H. BROTHWELL

Appreciation from North Nottinghamshire

The sudden death of 'Old Jack' or 'The Old Man,' as he was affectionately known, has taken from our midst one of the truly great characters of the Exercise.

His regular attendance at the monthly meetings of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild made them always lively and instructive. A forthright and fearless critic, he spared no one.

His one aim in ringing was perfection in striking, and for a youngster to receive a 'well done' from 'Old Jack' was praise indeed! Month by month and year by year his example of punctuality (always there by 2.30) and faultless striking did much to raise the standard of ringing in this area. Although an excellent ringer on higher numbers, his greatest enjoyment came from Minor ringing. His alertness of mind, especially in the realm of Minor methods, right to the last was a source of wonder to all.

We will remember long his cry, 'Get on with it!' which should be taken as a challenge: if we do that, there will be no doubt as to the future of ringing. H. T. R.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I have had some amount of correspondence with the B.B.C. recently (chiefly though Mr. Henry Riddell), and this being on the happiest of lines, I look forward to an improvement in future broadcasts of ringing.

Certainly the broadcast of Christmas bells was the best ever in that we heard the ringing without interruption (a special feature among my several requests). A postcard to Mr. Stuart Hibberd, B.B.C., London, thanking him for a good broadcast, would be greatly appreciated.

At their request, the B.B.C. now have in their possession a list of **some** of the best rings of bells of **all** numbers in **all** the counties of the British Isles.

It appears that the length of time allowed for ringing prior to a service very often depends on arrangements made between the incumbent and ringers. In some cases the bells are overlooked, and a timely reminder by the ringers to the B.B.C. staff will usually result in a broadcast of the bells. Quite often where there is a fine ring of bells the ringers 'are not available.'

Listening to bells, especially those on the air, is a great delight to some people, and I would like to suggest as a New Year's resolution that those ringers whose local church has a broadcast service will do all they can to co-operate with the B.B.C. and put their bells on the air.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

A POINT FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION

Dear Sir,—I should be interested to learn the opinion of other members of the Exercise on a point which is brought to mind by the recent long peal of Minor at Stisted. I have been startled to find that many of my acquaintances, if they were to be involved in an attempt upon the Minor record which broke down in the interior of the eighth or a later extent, would not be prepared to submit the first seven or more complete extents for publication as a peal of normal, abnormal or even record length.

My own attitude, which I almost fear to state in view of the hostile reception with which it has been met recently, is that I should have no hesitation at all in publishing any seven or more consecutive extents as a peal, as I fail to see how anything that occurs after the end of the last published extent can detract in any way from what has gone before.

Perhaps some other and more authoritative of your readers would care to comment on this question.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton, Surrey.

MR. NEWMAN'S VIEWS ENDORSED

Dear Sir,—I feel that I cannot let the occasion pass without writing, through your columns, to say how heartily I endorse Mr. Newman's sentiments about the infamous propaganda which has lately appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

In this age it is to cheap sensational papers that we look for examples of this type of vulgar primitive wit, and not to respectable journals such as 'The Ringing World.' As the official organ of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers it is to be hoped that in the future 'The Ringing World' will confine its tastes to articles of a more refined nature.—Yours sincerely,

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

Beccles, Suffolk.

THOUGHTS ON CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I am very interested to read other opinions about R. J. B.'s cartoons and also my opinion on same.

I would remind Francis R. Lowe, a lady or gentleman does not indulge in abusive personal remarks towards the other party during an argument. I have 'come out into the open,' as you term it, still that is not correct.

I, too, am an ardent church attendant from a boy chorister to a communicant, and often attend the church service I have just assisted in ringing for. I am not a teetotaller and, as I stated in my letter, I am not opposed to bellringers enjoying a glass of beer.

There is certainly no need to shield the fact. But why, on the other hand, as N. Robinson remarks, make our magazine into a brewer's journal?

To L. Bailey: If my letter gave you a bigger laugh than the cartoon, then why on earth do you support the publication of such nonsense in 'The Ringing World'? I would suggest you read again my letter. You will probably realise I am far from being opposed to bellringers partaking of a glass of beer: I am no prohibitionist.

What you are compelled to do after a peal is of no interest to me and does not in any way connect with any remarks in my letter. In conclusion, you have rather run off the rails of the argument. Have a drink with whom you like, but please try to adhere to the subject under discussion.—Yours,

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.

COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Reading the correspondence appertaining to compositions brought back to my mind a remark by the late H. W. Wilde at the Central Council meeting held in Chelmsford in 1929, when reporting the finding of the Peal Collection Committee. He stated that he didn't know how many his colleagues had done, but he himself had gone through over 800 compositions of Major during that year. He added a rider, 'Good, bad and indifferent.'

This report gave me the impression that to try and find something original would be a waste of time. There is in the Central Council's library an unrivalled collection of peals of Treble Bob proved by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and typed by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. It must be an almost impossible task to tabulate the whole of these, but the committee have done a grand job in selecting good ones and putting them in book form. Surely there are sufficient good compositions to supply the needs of all.

We keep getting withdrawals on account of falseness; there should be no need for this. Since the war I visited a certain district. A ringer approached me with a view to calling some of his Major compositions. He produced a pocket book: on every page was a new (?) composition. As he turned over the pages I noticed a date at the top of each page; they were produced (?) at the rate of one a day. It only needed a quick glance to see that heads had been cut off and put at the feet, and vice versa.

The development of splicing has certainly opened out a new channel. I like to see the footnote: 'C.C. Collection No. . . .' It is to achieve such things that our Central Council has been built up.

PETER CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Kenward 1, Miss D. Borer 2, Miss A. Eldridge 3, J. Carr 4, E. Bryant (cond.) 5, C. Verdon 6.

CARTER'S ODD-BOB PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir, — Congratulations to Mr. Alan Ainsworth on calling Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Stedman Triples. He correctly assumes that there are two versions of this peal. The original composition was first rung on tower bells at Selly Oak on May 5th, 1902, and on handbells in Birmingham on August 20th, 1902, both conducted by William H. Barber. The figures of the peal were published in 'The Bell News' on October 18th, 1902. John Carter later revised the peal and the simplified version was published in 'Stedman' by Jasper Snowdon and the later edition by J. A. Trollope.

I gave Mr. R. G. Leale the figures of the original composition, which he subsequently called, and I shall be pleased to let Mr. Ainsworth have them also when I am in Newcastle early in the New Year. He will find the original composition more difficult but I wish him and his northern band every success in trying to emulate the achievements of his friend in the Home Counties.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN BUSWELL.

Nottingham.

PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' of December 27th the report of a peal of Gainsborough Surprise Major rung at Sherfield English for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

As the composition was a 5,088 by Arthur Craven, perhaps the conductor will assure us that it was **not** the well-known peal that is quite frequently called to Yorkshire Surprise.

This does not run true to Gainsborough as it contains bells reversed in 5/6 in a number of courses.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

Penn, Staffs.

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STISTED, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Saunders 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, A. R. Syder 3, T. L. Stock 4, A. Stock 5, T. Earl (cond.) 6. For carol service.

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SLADE—DOREY.—The engagement is announced between Christopher Edward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Slade, and Shirley Hazel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dorey, both of Harrow, Middlesex. 1626

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The new address of the General Secretary is Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone (Telephone West Malling 2446). 1653

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MISCELLANEOUS

BEDFORDSHIRE.—Silsoe. As from Thursday, Jan. 2nd, practice night will be on Thursdays instead of on Wednesdays. Visitors will still be made welcome. 1488

The Secretary of Holy Trinity, Dartford, Kent, band of ringers is now Mr. R. G. Rayfield, 86, Hedge Place Road, Hornscross, Greenhithe, Kent. Practice, Tuesdays, 8–9.30 p.m. Visitors always welcome. 1654

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, Jan. 11th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, 3.45 p.m.—J. Chilcott. 1634

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael-with-St. Paul's (8) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hillview, Larkhall, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and business to follow. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 1565

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Jan 11th, Fairfield, Buxton, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. A good attendance requested.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 1620

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells at Our Lady and English Martyrs, 2–3 p.m.; St. Bene't's 2.30–4 p.m.: St. Andrew the Great 3-4.30 p.m.: Great St. Mary's 7-8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock in St. Andrew's Hall.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1574

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual general meeting, Hornchurch, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. **Service 4 p.m.,** followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 1521

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Dursley (8), Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 1617

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Awliscombe, Jan. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business after. 1537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Staplehurst, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1546

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Hythe (8), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. T. H., Hon. Sec. 1571

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Huyton, Jan. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—T. E. Ratcliffe, Branch Sec. 1616

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Washingborough, Saturday, Jan. 11th.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 1541

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 11th, Colliers Wood, 3–4.30. Clapham Park (Weir Road) 6. Business in tower after ringing. Good attendance, please. — Hutchings, TUL 0800. 1652

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Repton, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 1554

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Edgware, on Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service, tea locally, and business. Church is two minutes from Edgware tube station.—T. J. Lock. 1567

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Benson on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells at 3. Service at 4 p.m. — H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 1589

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Wells, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by Tuesday, 14th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 1638

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5, Red Lion Hotel. Names, please, by 15th, to Mr. R. Kendall, 43, St. Margaret's Avenue, Luton.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1578

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—January meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, at Stockton, at 3 p.m. 1633

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Eastham, Jan. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea **free** for those notifying by Wednesday previous. Tenth annual dinner, entertainment and dance, Feb. 1st. Tickets (17s. 6d. each) available.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1649

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, at St. Nicholas', Warwick. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in cafe opposite church. Names for tea would be appreciated. — J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 1641

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, at South Normanton. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire. — B. A. Sollis. 1625

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan 18th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 6 p.m. in belfry.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1618

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) 2 to 5 p.m. and after meeting. Service 5 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting in St. Peter's Hall. St. Leonard's bells (6) also available. Names for tea, by Jan. 15th, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Writtle (8), on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 1604

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — All Saints', Sutton Benger, Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names, by Thursday, 16th, to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 1644

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting at Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea—names to A. H. Kemp, Lillesden Cottages, The Moor, Hawkhurst. 1612

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Clun District.—General meeting in Clun on Jan. 18th at 3 p.m. Please inform secretary, Thomas Davies, 20, Newport Street, Clun, Salop, numbers requiring tea. 1640

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting, Central Cafe. All welcome.—J. J. Webb, Dis. Sec., 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 1628

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting at St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 18th. St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m.: Cathedral (12) after tea. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, not later than Tuesday, Jan. 14th, to Mrs. R. Cook, Hadley House, 34, St. Peter's Street, Sandwich, Kent.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1585

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch). — Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Woolwich, Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Monday, Jan. 13th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 1581

LADIES' GUILD (North-Western District) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance requested.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1619

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Llandaff Cathedral, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service and tea. Names for tea as soon as possible to Miss M. Way, 80, Pencisely Road, Llandaff, Cardiff. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. King. 1645

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Moorside (Oldham) (8), Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30 till 7. Cups of tea 5. Meeting 7. Dance and whist 7.30.—P. J. H. Hudson, Hon. Sec. 1608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at Bolton Parish, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (free). Business follows tea. Names to Vincent Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton. Please attend.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 1650

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint annual meeting, Town Hall, 3 p.m., Jan. 18th. Business in tower after tea. Nearby cafes. — R. Benson. 1648

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at St. Wilfred's Hall.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1641

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan 18th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Cleveland Hotel for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Cwm Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1573

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, Waltham Abbey, Essex (12), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., and further ringing until 8 p.m. A cordial welcome to all. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey, Essex.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 1622

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Swanton Morley on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 Names for tea, by Thursday, 16th, to Miss P. Marsham, 5, Council Houses, School Lane, Swanton Morley, Dereham. 1577

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bucklebury (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 15th, to Miss S. Davis, The Village, Bucklebury, Reading. 1575

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bicester, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, by 14th, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 1566

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Jan. 18th at 6 p.m. Special method: 'Cambridge.'—B. C. Castle. 1643

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Annual general meeting at Oakham on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m.-7.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Jan. 14th, to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham, Rutland. 1594

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Annual general meeting at Desborough (8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Committee meeting 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea free, only to members notifying, by previous Tuesday, Mrs. Loake, 21, Harrington Road, Desborough.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Annual meeting, Jan. 18th. Bells: St. Thomas' and St. Paul's 2.15-3.45. Tea, Assembly Rooms, 4 o'clock, followed by meeting. Service, St. Thomas' Church, 5.30. Bells in evening: St. Thomas' (till 8 p.m.), St. Martin's (from 6.45 p.m.) and St. Paul's. Names for tea, without fail, please, by 14th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1557

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Names, by Jan. 15th, to Mr. R. H. Duke, Morland, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester. 1624

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting, Calne, Jan. 18th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea. — E. Buckeridge, Grip House, West Hill, Calne, Wilts. 1627

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, St. Giles', Willenhall, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 15th, to Mr. C. Wallater, 1, Marston Street, Willenhall. 1563

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Ringing: Balderton 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Newark 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting, Newark Belfry, 6 p.m.—W. L. Exton. 1586

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Godstone (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 1560

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday, Jan. 14th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1614

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Andover District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, Andover (8). Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in local cafe, followed by meeting. Bells after tea. Names, by previous Tuesday, to O. G. Smart, 99, Charlton Road, Andover.—G. K. Dodd. Sec. 1605

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Portsea, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, 15th, to Mr. F. W. Rogers, 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth. 1629

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — A practice meeting will be held at New Alresford (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available 2.30 Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Bell Hotel. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, please, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 1591

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stourbridge (St. Thomas') 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 1576

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. General committee meet 3.15 p.m. prompt in St. Chad's Schools. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and general meeting in Schools. Names, by 16th, to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 16. St. Michael's bells (8) also available after meeting. No. 1 bus from Leeds City Square serves both towers.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 1553

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District — Annual meeting at Harlow, St. Mary's (8), on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting in the Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1635

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, St. James', Mangotsfield, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify early for tea: T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. Rural Branch annual social cancelled due to lack of support. 1630

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 25th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Queen of Hearts at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1656

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Jan 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, to Mr. W. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead. No names—no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Frindsbury on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, please, to R. C. Burns, 9, Murray Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1639

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Scunthorpe (8), Jan. 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Jan. 22nd, to Mr. F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 1615

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Talbot Cafe, 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Jan. 20th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec., Ermine Street, Ancaster, near Grantham, Lincs. 1636

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Harling Ringers' Dinner Mardle will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, in East Harling. Open to all ringers. Names, please, by Jan. 21st, to P. H. A. Jonason, White House, East Harling, Norfolk. 1642

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Annual general meeting at Paulerspury on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 1632

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing: St. Mary's (10) 2.30-4.25; St. Chad's (12), 2.20-4. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea at St. Chad's Parish Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting. St. Chad's bells available 7 onwards. Names for tea, by Jan. 22nd, to Mr. F. Cattell, 51, Copthorne Park, Shrewsbury. 1651

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, N.15 (new 8), 3-4.15 p.m. (Trolley bus 623, 679, 629, 659 from Manor House Underground, alight at St. Ann's Road). St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12) 3.45-5.15. Tea 5.15, St. Martin's Canteen, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to me, by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, please: sorry, no name, no tea. —P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting at Lakenheath, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special business: Election of new secretary.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 1646

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting following at 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. T. Blow, 1, Florence Road, Sanderstead. St. Peter's bells after and also the new ring at Addington (6). The business meeting will include nominations for general officers.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 1640

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, Saturday, Jan. 25th, University Refectory. Ringing arrangements: 9.30-10.30 a.m., St. Philip's (Old Market (8); 10.45-11.45, Lord Mayor's Chapel (6); 12 noon-1 p.m., St. Etephen's (10); 2.15-3. St. Thomas' (8); 3.15-4.15, St. Mary Redcliffe (12); 5-6, St. Michael's (6). Service 6. Dinner 7.15. Tickets 10s.—Patrick Bird, 20, St. Michael's Park, Bristol 2.

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, Feb. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Jan. 27th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1655

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at the Cadena at 7.45 p.m. Tickets, 15s. 6d., from R. A. Jackson, Balliol College, Oxford. Ringing programme: Christ Church 2-3, Merton 2.30-3.30, New College 3-4, St. Mary Magdalen 3.30-4.30, St. Ebbe's 4-5, Magdalen College 4.45-5.45, St. Mary-the-Virgin's 5.15-6.15. Service at St. Mary-the-Virgin's 6.15. 1552

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from J. L. Morris, 25, Lancing Road, Orpington, Kent. 1465

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Walton-on-Thames (8) on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Please note the change of date.—Hazel Hancock, Hon. Sec. 1623

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Blore (first quarter) 1, S. Walklate 2, J. B. Stennitt 3, C. Walklate 4, G. A. Halls (cond.) 5, Miss V. M. Horton 6, D. Walklate 7, H. Taylor 8.

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HUNTS OLD AND NEW

THE recent publication of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles provides another interesting example of the hidden possibilities of change ringing and the scope for enterprise in even the limited field of five-bell ringing. Since the days when change ringing emerged from the half-light of the ingenious, though clumsy, constructions of the Plain Changes, the systems of composition have divided themselves into two groups, one group having a bell with a very rigid path and another in which all the bells have the same path. The former group comprises what are sometimes called the 'Treble-Dominated' methods, and this term, although not agreeable to all the experts, seems to express conveniently enough the particular systems in which the working bells are made to conform to the path of the fixed hunt bell.

The earliest, best known and most universally satisfactory forms of hunt are, of course, the plain hunt and the treble bob hunt, both of which belong to the early days and both of which are the basis of virtually all our method construction to-day. But there have been, as our text books and ringing papers show, some interesting and ingenious experiments with other types of hunt, and the treble bob hunt is the one to which attention has been chiefly directed and in which some variation and modification have been sought.

Towards the end of 1894 two clever method builders published, almost at the same time, variations of the treble bob hunt. In 'The Bell News' of October 6th, 1894, Henry Dains displayed 'Alliance Major,' a method in which the Treble dodged, treble bob fashion, in 1–2 and in 7–8, but plain hunted through the other places. This combination of plain and treble bob was aptly named Alliance by Earle Bulwer. It produced a plain course of 168 changes, and was intended, as Dains said, to shorten the course of treble bob methods and render them more pliable and adaptable for short touches. It would also, he hoped, provide 'scope for the construction of sound variations and musical compositions.' In December of that year John Carter published 'Champion Surprise Major,' an extraordinary production in which the Treble dodged three times in every place. Dains' plan was to shorten the treble bob lead and consequently the course; Carter's avowed aim was to lengthen the lead and the course. Champion had a lead of 64 changes and a course of 448. Neither enterprise met with much lasting success. The course of Alliance was subject to much the same laws of composition as Plain Bob, and, as Holme Pilkington pointed out, many peals of Plain Bob Major and Triples could be adapted to Alliance. The versions of Royal and Maximus were published and, although the twelve-bell system gave convenient peals of 5,080 in full course, the method did not become a favourite with Maximus ringers. Champion had less success. The course was much too long for the method to be of any value for Sunday service ringing, and the leads must have been intolerably long, both for the Treble man and his colleagues.

For some years no novelty of note appeared to set composers at work with a new hunt, but in 1913 the Rev. H. Law James constructed what he called 'Surfleet Treble Bob Caters,' composed a peal of it, and conducted it on his new ten bells. In Surfleet the Treble dodged in 1–2, 3–4, 6–7 and 8–9, up and down, in the traditional treble bob manner, and filled in the awkward gap in the middle by making fifths-place going out and coming in. This system presented the method experts with a problem and opened the way for what Law James delighted in, a grand argument about basic principles. After a time the controversy died, and nobody had really decided whether this treble path was treble bob or not. But no further peals of Surfleet were rung.

It would not appear likely, at first sight, that any variant of the plain hunt could be made without turning it into something entirely different. But Bankes James, the clever brother of Law James and one of the shrewdest method manipulators we have ever had, introduced the 'Little' methods, in which the Treble hunted only to fourths-place and back. This plan was found to be surprisingly pliable and adaptable, and very useful for short touches. It became deservedly popular in the Major methods, and has been successfully exploited in Caters, Royal and Maximus. It cannot, of course, produce extents, and so cannot be used for 720's of Minor except in combination with other hunts, but it has been successfully spliced with Alliance methods to provide interesting material for the six-bell ringer.

The old plain and treble bob hunts remain the most popular and of the greatest general utility, but the appearance of the little planet 'Saturn' and the thoughts arising from it remind us that all the fields for study are not yet worked out.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

DIANA J. PERRINS	*Treble*	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
JOAN BERESFORD	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	8
HERBERT C. SPENCER	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	LEONARD TREVOR	10
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
ERIC E. SPEAKE	6	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	REGINALD A. REED	7
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	8
NELIA M. LEAHY	4	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	9
*KEITH JORDAN	5	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. M. Keary and Miss V. M. Tumber (sister of the ringer of the ninth) upon their marriage which took place the previous Saturday.

DUNHAM MASSEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in C.

C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	ALAN J. BROWN	7
JOHN WORTH	3	PETER LAFLIN	8
BRIAN HARRIS	4	EDWARD JENKINS	9
BASIL JONES	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

DENNIS BERESFORD	*Treble*	CLIVE M. SMITH	6
*D. MARY WARD	2	†JEFFREY B. WEBB	7
ANN R. BARR	3	PETER BERESFORD	8
GEORGE E. OLIVER	4	EDMUND MALIN	9
†JOAN BERESFORD	5	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal together.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

PETER J. EVES	*Treble*	AIDAN J. N. BOYACK	6
WILLIAM J. ELLIS	2	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
*DONALD M. SALISBURY	3	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	8
†ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	9
†ROY D. TOMLIN	5	BRIAN J. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
C.C. Collection No. 8. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

VERNON FORSHAW	*Treble*	LAWRENCE CLEMENT	6
WILLIAM WALL	2	THOMAS TURNER	7
JOHN FORD	3	JAMES E. BURLES	8
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY	4	HAROLD WILSON	9
ALAN CAPSTICK	5	RAYMOND SUART	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
Rung in memoriam Mr. H. Casson, who was interred on December 31st, 1957, at Kirkby-in Furness, where he was a ringer for 51 years.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN T. LOCKE	*Treble*	†RAYMOND P. SELWAY	5
HERBERT W. PEARCE	2	FREDERICK WELCH	6
JACK W. DREW	3	†ALBERT W. DYER	7
*ROGER J. FOX	4	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 25th peal together.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 18, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
†ERNEST MORRIS	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	†JOHN A. ACRES	7
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal on eight bells. † 125th peal together.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN	*Treble*	H. DAVID HOLLAND	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	*GEORGE E. FEARN	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	*ANTHONY AGER	7
EDMUND MALIN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 100th peal together.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT	5
J. HARRY COOK	2	ROLAND H. COOK	6
*ALFRED E. HINMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
FRANK T. LONG	4	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to J. Harry Cook (chairman of the Melton District). Also for the Festival of St. Thomas, A. and M.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	5
Ruth M. Jackson	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
John Pinfold	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
Patrick I. Chapman	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.

STRATTON-ST.-MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Dr. C. Guy Roworth	*Treble*	†Thomas R. Collins	5
Harry Austin	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
*Mavis Wright	3	Eric Sutton	7
Richard E. G. Luton	4	William A. T. Carter	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Sutton.
* First peal. † First of Triples 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Bertram Kynaston, on completing 25 years as secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Bernard V. Collison	*Treble*	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Betty A. Tester	2	Reginald E. Lambert	6
Olive D. Couchman	3	Robert T. Lambert	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Colin A. Tester	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Colin A. Tester.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Tester, parents of the ringers of 2 and tenor.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
(Ilkeston variation.) Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*Joyce Halliday	*Treble*	Ivan Kay	5
Harold Hamer	2	*Geoffrey S. Mills	6
*John P. Partington	3	*Neil Bennett	7
*Geoffrey Cheetham	4	Derek Ogden	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Gobey. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* First peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford.
Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

George E. Foster	*Treble*	J. Frederick Milner	5
Phyllis Poole	2	Peter J. Staniforth	6
*W. Eric Critchley	3	S. Anthony Jesson	7
*Ernest J. Jelley	4	John J. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 86 lb. in E flat.

Sidney Marshall	*Treble*	David Heighton	5
George P. Adams	2	John S. Barnes	6
Nolan Golden	3	Norman V. Harding	7
Cecil V. Ebberson	4	*Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 300th peal for the Association: the peals include 31 first performances by the Association.

HASELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5056 HASELBECH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*Murray A. Coleman	*Treble*	Alan J. Frost	5
Raymond H. Idle	2	Barrie Hendry	6
Philip G. K. Davies	3	Robin G. Leale	7
David W. James	4	Patrick I. Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal on eight bells. The first peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Roger Leigh	*Treble*	Brian A. Tomlinson	5
Thomas Barker	2	*Philip Dunderdale	6
Arthur Tomlinson	3	*Norman Smith	7
*J. Barry Pickup	4	Laurence J. Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Norman Smith.
* First peal in the method.

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

Edmund E. Pearson	*Treble*	Cyril H. Kinch	5
*John H. Gregory	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	6
*Robert A. Reeves	3	George F. Burton	7
*Christopher C. Clarke	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Christmas festival.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Urban W. Wildney	*Treble*	†Allen W. Cansdale	5
*Marian H. Mills	2	†Harry J. Millatt	6
†Evelyn R. Cansdale	3	†Frank G. Oliver	7
†Bernard W. Fairhead	4	Edward P. Duffield	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † First peal of New Cambridge.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*John F. Murfin	*Treble*	Geoffrey D. Fearnehough	5
David K. Walklate	2	Neil Bennett	6
Derek Taylor	3	Derek Ogden	7
*Samson Walklate	4	Harold Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 86th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr 8 lb.

Richard J. Clifton	*Treble*	Francis R. Lowe	5
*D. Keith Lane	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Gordon H. Lane	7
William F. Woodward	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. Barnett, sen. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Francis R. Lowe and Hilda E. Beeson at Derby on December 26th.

HASELBECH SURPRISE MAJOR
-58-16-12-38-34-1458-16-7
2nd place lead. 4th place bob.
F.C.E.'s: 63542, 56423, 24365.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

W. Eric Critchley	*Treble*	J. Henry Fielden	5
Howard Scott	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
*Sheila M. Taylor	3	*Robert E. Moulds	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of 4 Spliced Surprise.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*William T. Grice	*Treble*	Stanley Jenner	5
Luther J. Honess	2	George Fry	6
Edward J. Jenner	3	Colin A. Tester	7
Olive D. Couchman	4	Leslie Everest	*Tenor*

Composed by Louis Head. Conducted by George Fry.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

George E. Feirn	*Treble*	George H. Randles	5
Raymond F. Smith	2	Stanley E. Bennett	6
John Walden	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Walter Tomlinson	4	Geoffrey Paul	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

PENTRE, RHONDDA, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*Alan F. Lee	*Treble*	William E. Thompsett	5
Mrs. D. J. King	2	David J. King	6
Donald E. Cobb	3	*Roger O. Fry	7
Keith Jones	4	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roger O. Fry.
* 25th peal together.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Harold F. White	*Treble*	Frederick E. Wilshaw	5
Eric E. Speake	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
*Roderick J. Lees	3	Ivor R. Nichols	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	*J. Alban Jack	*Tenor*

Comopsed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

Royston Wilmore	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
Roger A. Brewin	2	Geoffrey M. Brewin	6
*Jack Handford	3	Harry Poyner	7
Derek M. Sawyer	4	Frederick T. Bindley	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal 'inside.'

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*J. George Shellard	*Treble*	William A. Yates	5
Barry E. Saunders	2	*Frederick G. Case	6
William J. Chester	3	*†William F. Eyden	7
*Montague Saunders	4	*George E. Green	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by George E. Green.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Mrs. F. W. Lawrence	*Treble*	*Philip J. Westwood	5
Myles R. Hawkins	2	†Fredk. W. Lawrence	6
*Warwick W. Rich	3	George E. Ruck	7
Hubert H. Furminger	4	Edward A. Dixon	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Ruck.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rich, parents of the ringer of the third, on their silver wedding anniversary.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Ernest G. Pearce	*Treble*	Gilbert Coodship	5
Harry D. Lister	2	Ranald Clouston	6
*Ivan Cooper	3	Ernest V. Blake	7
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Surprise.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

William J. Ridgman	*Treble*	*Hugh Neill	5
*R. James Cook	2	William T. Cook	6
*Robin N. Pittman	3	E. Charles Willmington	7
John G. Gipson	4	John Armstrong	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 992 London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Superlative and 1,632 Cambridge, with 106 changes of method, and with all the work of the four methods for each bell. Tenor 23 cwt.

Wilfred W. Ring	*Treble*	†Geoffrey Pearson	5
*Ian H. Oram	2	†Albert J. Lancefield	6
Frederick G. Huckstepp	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
John R. Cooper	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* 75th peal. † 50th peal together.
Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Michael Knight	*Treble*	David K. Walklate	5
Maurice Bailey	2	Ernest H. Johnson	6
*Clive Walklate	3	Benjamin Barker	7
John S. Harrison	4	Alfred Mould	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Maurice Bailey.
* First peal on eight bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH .. .. *Treble*	A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. 4
VICTOR NEAL 2	DAVID SMITH 5
ERIC HORNBY 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a compliment to Albert H. Booth (captain of the above tower), to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his first peal.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MRS. F. W. PINCHBECK .. *Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL 4
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 2	LESLIE H. SQUIRES 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Minor.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

FREDA P. GREAVES .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM ROSE 4
T. A. BEVIS 2	F. S. PARSONS 5
MICHAEL GATHERCOLE .. 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to Henry William Giddings, aged 80, verger and bellringer at this church and ex-secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being four 720's of Oxford T.B. and three of Kent T.B.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*HUBERT MITSON .. .. *Treble*	LEONARD S. SHARPE.. .. 4
*ERNEST BISHOP 2	LESLIE N. MELTON 5
KENNETH G. BROWN .. 3	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 100th peal of Minor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to L. N. Melton.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*KEITH R. WAKEFIELD .. *Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP 4
STEPHEN IVIN 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY 3	JOHN W. SINFIELD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Hamlet Charles Buck, churchwarden at this church and a ringer of long standing in the district, who was cremated this day. 'Requiescat in Pace.'

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. *Treble*	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 2	*EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 5
LUCY E. E. ALLEN 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by EUSTACE W. BULLMAN.

* 25th peal together. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. *Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 4
*BETTY SYRETT 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD.. .. 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal in seven methods.

MERROW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*JOAN E. PROBERT .. .. *Treble*	‡GERALD M. BATTERSBY .. 4
†PETER A. BIRD 2	†DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. 5
†JILL M. LANE 3	†PETER G. SMART .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

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

Rung in appreciation of the services of Mr. Butcher, who has relinquished his duties as verger after 45 years.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. *Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 4
*DONALD F. MURFET .. 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.. .. 5
R. FRANK BAKER 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment from the Association to the Rev. Canon F. J. and Mrs. Bywaters, whose 20th Christmas in the parish this was.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 240's by Morris (eight callings). Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE ARMITT .. .. *Treble*	RICHARD CARTLIDGE 4
IAN DAVENPORT 2	ROY WORRALL 5
VICTOR STONIER 3	HECTOR ARDLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROY WORRALL.

First peal in the method by all. First peal as conductor.

The peal contained the maximum number of calls of Grandsire Doubles: 378 singles and 63 bobs.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

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BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, rung on the light six. Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	MAURICE J. THURMOTT	4
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	FRANK RAYMENT	5
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	DONALD A. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

First peal of Minor in five methods by all except the ringer of the fifth.

Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen by a resident Bradford band.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in B.

E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	MICHAEL HOOD	4
HEATHER HOOD	2	ROBERT T. PERRY	5
GEORGE SKINNER	3	NORMAN MALLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor, who rang his first peal 50 years ago this day, also Bob Minor.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MENDIP TREBLE BOB MINOR

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

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 1,200 Stedman, 1,200 St. Simon's Bob, 1,200 Plain Bob and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERIC NAYLOR	*Treble*	*TERENCE T. JONES	3
*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	2	GWILYM G. SALMON	4
DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal in four Doubles methods.

Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARSH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROGER KING (15)	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY PARTING	4
*HENRY A. PRICE	2	†DESMOND F. CLAYS	5
HENRY O. BAKER	3	*THOMAS C. MILLINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. O. Baker.

SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents of Grandsire (ten callings), 16 Reverse Canterbury (four callings) and four Plain Bob (four callings) Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Treble*	JOHN F. MURFIN	4
ALAN WHITING	2	*JOHN S. KNIGHTON	5
JOHN E. COLLINS	3	JOHN FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Freebrey, and to commemorate a peal rung on the bells on December 25th, 1857.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Court and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

WALTER WESTON	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
GEORGE SCOTT	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

J MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	4
RONALD H. DOVE	2	DOUGLAS THORP	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

In memoriam John H. Brothwell.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES	*Treble*	ALBERT E. PRYKE	4
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	LAURENCE H. TURNER	5
JOHN H. SITCH	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LAURENCE H. TURNER.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Sewell, who were married in this church on December 25th, 1897; also to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sitch, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on December 26th; and to Mr. and Mrs. B. Hines, who celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on the same day.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*PATRICIA M. SPACKMAN	*Treble*	*STEVEN GAMBLE	4
†CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES	2	MALCOLM G. LANE	5
	3	*DAVID G. PICKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.

* First peal. † First 2-bell peal. Average age of the band, 16.

Rung as a 61st birthday compliment to the grandmother of the conductor; also for the father of the treble ringer, who is going abroad for two years.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being a 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*NANCY WILCOX	*Treble*	§GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*†JAMES T. ROOKE (14)	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	5
‡FREDA ROBINSON	3	§DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in seven methods 'inside.' § 75th peal together.

Rung in memoriam John H. Brothwell, of Treeton, Yorkshire.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) College Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Double Oxford Bob; (2) Double Court Bob; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*JOHN T. MANNERING	*Treble*	*MAURICE E. DOWNES	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	2	JOHN R. COOPER	5
*GEORGE F. CANTRILL	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal of Minor in nine methods.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, viz.: Six extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*MARY SOLOMON .. .. *Treble*	TERENCE G. PAGE 3
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 2	MICHAEL J. STOKES 4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

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

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. *Treble*	*BASIL JONES 3
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 2	BERNARD GROVES 4
†ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in the method. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung after turning up short for Minor.

FORD END, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: London Surprise, Wells Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt.

PETER J. EVES .. .. .. *Treble*	JOE E. G. ROAST 4
MARY I. DOWSETT 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE *Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to the local tower captain, Mr. C. S. Smith.

FRESHFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being 720 each of Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St Nicholas' Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*MARGARET E. GREEDY .. *Treble*	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR 3
ROBIN S. M. STUBBS .. 2	TERENCE T. JONES 4
ERIC NAYLOR .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in seven Doubles methods by all the band except the conductor.

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. *Treble*	GEORGE E. CRISP 4
JOHN G. GIPSON 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

MELBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three extents of Ipswich and four of Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON *Treble*	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 4
*LUCY E. E. ALLEN 2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of more than one Surprise method.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

DOREEN I. PAYNE .. .. *Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 3
MARY C. PAYNE 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE 4
*HARRY M. PAYNE .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Doubles. A 'family' peal.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

STANLEY W. COPLING .. *Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lambert, of The Orchards, Tibenham, married 60 years ago on Christmas Day.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 20 extents (ten callings) and one 240 (Morris's) of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*†MARGARET A. WILSON *Treble*	†DAPHNE F. LESTER 3
‡CELIA WHITFELD 2	*COLIN E. VERDON 4
*†EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in two methods. ‡ First peal.

A farewell peal to the ringer of the second, who is leaving the district to work in London. Also a birthday compliment to Charles Fellows and the conductor.

HEYDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

HERBERT G. SMITHSON .. *Treble*	HERBERT LASKEY 4
ROY E. CULLINGTON 2	WALTER C. MEDLER 5
DERICK W. PARDON 3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 15, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 1—2	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5—6
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .. 3—4	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 7—8

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 22, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .. 5—6
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .. 3—4	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

JULIANSTOWN, CO. MEATH.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT MEADOW COTTAGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 six-scores. Tenor size 12 in F.

MRS. F. E. DUKES .. .. 1—2	FRED E. DUKES .. .. .. 3—4
*SANDRA DUKES (13) .. 5—6	

Conducted by FRED E. DUKES.

* First peal.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Perkins (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Smale 2, G. Smith 3, A. Blackler (first quarter) 4, D. Roberts (first as cond.) 5, P. Shipp (first quarter) 6. Umpire: W. Simmonds.

BITTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. N. Newman 1, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 2, C. Harding 3, M. Wiltshire 4, R. Williams 5, R. Harding 6, G. S. Riches (cond.) 7, W. Cook 8. First of Triples for 1 and 5. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Harding on the occasion of their ruby wedding. First of Triples for 1 and 5.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Whittle (first quarter) 1, E. E. Roberts 2, A. Moore 3, H. Roberts 4, A. Lawton 5, W. Talbot 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, W. Talbot (jun.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Vicar's warden (Mr. Shelley), who was interred at this church earlier in the day. Also on Nov 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Whittle 1, E. E. Roberts 2, A. Moore 3, H. Roberts 4, A. Lawton 5, W. Talbot 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, W. Watkins 8. The best wishes of the band to the ringer of the tenor on his silver wedding anniversary.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. Norris 2, J. Pares 3, C. Evans 4, E. Ashby 5, C. Cooke 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8. To ring in the New Year.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,296 Minor (576 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent Treble Bob): G. M. Rouse 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CAVERSHAM, READING.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Betts 1, Miss P. Hollaway 2, D. Jones 3, Miss P. Hart 4, J. Betts 5, E. Busby (cond.) 6, H. Osborne 7, I. Padley 8. For midnight service.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Cox 1, Miss W. Harewood 2, Miss T. Barnett 3, H. C. Pearce 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, J. Damen 6. In honour of the engagement of Miss W. Harewood and Mr. E. Hawker, who are both ringers at this church.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Dec.29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Orme 1, A. Dilley 2, Miss S. Percival 3, Miss J. Mayes 4, J. Church 5, P. Tompkins 6, G. Mayes (cond.) 7, T. Dilley 8. For carol service.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hall 1, Mrs. H. White 2, D. Overton 3, L. R. Hall 4, H. White 5, H. Wyre 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, W. N. Lloyd 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Grove, a ringer in this tower for many years.

EASTWOOD, YORKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,008 Plain Bob Major: G. Hiner 1, Miss E. A. Wardill 2, Miss S. Chaddock 3, G. S. Lee 4, H. D. Holland 5, F. Fisher 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Deacon 1, Miss C. Puttock (first 'inside') 2, W. Stepney 3, E. E. Breed (cond.) 4, H. Goldsmith 5, C. Booth 6. For carol service.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Payne (first of Minor) 1, V. Headland (first of Minor) 2, H. Gayton 3, B. A. Coulson (first of Minor) 4, C. M. Payne (first of Minor as cond.) 5, R. Walker 6. Rung for the Christmas festival.

HENDON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Pratchett (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Wood (first quarter) 2, Miss R. Foreman (cond.) 3, J. Maltby 4, M. King 5, G. Ellis 6. Rung half-mffled in memoriam the father of the tenor ringer, who died on December 27th.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Garrett (first quarter) 1, G. Golding 2, Miss P. Rayner (first 'inside') 3, P. Ruch (cond.) 4, Miss E. Ricketts 5, C. Newnes 6, P. Bettridge 7, J. Ricketts 8. For Evensong.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, C. Manley 2, C. Webb 3, W. Baker 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. For morning service. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6 and 8 behind): A. Hodge 1, C. Webb 2, C. Manley 3, W. Clapp 4, W. Baker 5, C. Lowman 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, J. Real 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb on the occasion of their silver wedding.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Wilmer 1, P. Rose 2, D. Papworth 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6. First of Minor by the Sunday service band. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Wilmer 1, D. Papworth 2, P. Rose 3, D. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Collins (first of Minor) 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 2, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulker 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6. For the wedding anniversaries of ringers 5 and 6.

LLANDOVERY, CARMS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Alcock 1, A. Reynolds 2, D. Smith 3, E. Thomas 4, J. Turvy 5, J. Thomas 6. Conducted by Chris Hawkins, who sat in the belfry. Rung for Canon J. Rees, who was officiating at his last service before his retirement.

LONDON, S.E.—At St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. J. Batley 1, T. H. Taffender 2, P. J. Hutchings 3, C. W. Ottley 4, C. M. Meyer 5, F. A. Ranson 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. For Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Southwark.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): D. Hart 1, Marian Mills (cond.) 2, M. Mills 3, I. Cooper 4, P. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For Matins.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Dec. 21st, at St. Woolos' Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Price 1, Mrs. D. J. King 2, R. E. Coles 3, G. F. Jenkins 4, D. J. King 5, W. Thompsett 6, T. Yeomans (cond.) 7, P. Mason 8. For the enthronement of the Archbishop of Wales.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Dec. 22nd, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. C. Rainbow 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, Miss D. M. Miller 3, G. F. Roome 4, A. R. Jones 5, R. V. Baker (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Chater 1, G. F. Roome 2, E. Billings 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, A. R. Jones (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. S. Roberts 8. For evening service. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Linnell 1, J. C. Rainbow 1, Miss J. M. Packwood 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, R. S. Roberts 6, A. C. Cozens 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Linnell on their 25th wedding anniversary. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. C. Rainbow 1, E. Billings 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, Miss D. M. Miller 4, R. S. Roberts 5, A. R. Jones 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7. For evening service.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: D. Heapy 1, D. Mitchell (first 'inside') 2, Wendy Bowak 3, H. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also the same day 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doreen Peacock 1, S. King (cond.) 2, Janet Evans 3, C. Bingham 4, S. Blatch 5, J. Lodge 6. For carol service.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,265 Stedman Caters: A. York-Bramble 1, S. K. M. Knight 2, M. J. Parker 3, A. Page 4, E. W. Keys 5, R. H. R. Parker 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, E. K. Jordan 8, R. Baldwin 9, A. E. Hoodless 10. First quarter on the bells since augmentation.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,958 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire, 38 Stedman): D. Beard 1, C. Wratten 2, W. Richards 3, Miss W. Bird 4, R. Downdeswell (longest touch as cond.) 5, H. Norville 6, H. Nicholas and M. Holberton cover bells. First quarter for all three tenor men. To welcome the New Year.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,960 Grandsire Triples: G. Hiner 1, Miss E. A. Wardill 2, Miss S. Chaddock 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, G. S. Lee 5, F. Fisher 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, H. D. Holland 8.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,560 Doubles (720 Norfolk, 720 April Day, 120 Kennington): Miss F. Curtis 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, A. Osborne 3, K. D. Perkins 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. For the festival of Christmas.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Laurence, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Lewington 1, W. Hibbert 2, Miss H. Brant 3, R. Begrie 4, R. Burton 5, J. Harmsworth 6, J. N. Diserens (cond) 7, V. Cherrill 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. G. Foster.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. L. N. Hedges (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, C. S. Hoad 3, F. T. Hoad 4, W. H. Inwood 5, A. T. Shelton 6, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 7, Miss J. Hanning 8. For Watch Night service.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,920 Plain Bob Minor: K. Williams 1, C. Wallater 2, Stella Hughes 3, M. J. Austin 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, E. Stitch 6. For the Christmas festival.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Margaret Mackonochie (first of Minor) 1, Roselyn Corby 2, J. H. Edwards 3, E. White 4, J. H. L. Blick 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to J. H. Edwards and E. White.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,270 Spliced Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, M. G. Lane 5, L. S. Goddard (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Fynes, mother of conductor. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,140 Doubles in nine methods (New Bob, Grandsire, Huntspill Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Martin's Bob and St. Peter's Bob): D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, L. S. Goddard 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles in 11 methods (120 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, New Bob, Huntspill Bob, Plain Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Peter's, Winchendon Place Bob and 60 of Grandsire): S. Gamble 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, M. G. Lane 4, C. G. V. Burgess 5, D. G. Pickett 6. For Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Tombs 1, W. H. Cooper 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, J. G. Pusey 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, A. L. Dunn 6, F. B. Cookson 7, P. W. Webb 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples: P. W. Webb 1, Jill Tombs 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, R. Smith 4, A. L. Dunn (cond.) 5, J. G. Pusey 6, W. H. Cooper 7, F. B. Cookson 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. A. W. Farr, warden at this church for many years, interred at St. Mary's Churchyard, Oldswinford, the same day.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. W. Gray 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. C. L. Hislop, a lifelong member of St. Matthew's, who passed away on December 13th, in his 62nd year.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Annette E. Lang (first quarter) 1, H. Collings 2, D. H. White (first as cond.) 3, H. S. Banwell 4, D. G. Thorne 5, M. V. White 6. For the Christmas festival. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer M. Lang (first quarter) 1, H. S. Banwell 2, P. W. M. Jones 3, D. H. White 4, M. V. White 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to David and Michael White.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lyons 1, F. A. Ginns 2, R. Shaw 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. Rung to welcome the New Year and as a 21st birthday compiment to the treble ringer.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. G. Morris (cond.) 1, D. Price 2, F. Lawrence 3, J. Clements 4, H. Price 5, L. Dovey 6. First in method 2, 4, 5 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Charles Young, a former ringer at this church.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. W. Knight 1, G. Cheetham 2, Marjorie Legg 3, P. W. M. Jones 4, D. H. White 5, Derek C. Jackson 6, H. A. Price (first of Major) 7, M. V. White (composer and first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob Major for 2 and 8. First quarter of Major on the bells since rchanging in 1950. Rung for Epiphany and as a compliment to Mr. Geo. Prescott on his recovery from illness.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Howell 1, T. Yeomans 2, J. Dale 3, E. Morris 4, T. M. Roderick 5, A. Hannington 6, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. A. Hoare 8. A compliment to Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Aberavon, who was married at Leamington this day.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Mepham 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect for James W. White, a ringer at this church for 42 years, who died on December 12th. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. F. Gough (first quarter) 1, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 2, Linda M. Forrest 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, H. W. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. For the annual carol service.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Barrance 1, Mrs. J. Armstrong 2, Miss B. Tester 3, L. Prior (first of Major) 4, I. Attwater 5, J. Armstrong 6, L. Bullock 7, H. Neill (cond.) 8. First of Major on the bells. For morning service.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jos. Hill 1, Miss P. Hough 2, T. C. Belton 3, A. A. Lucas 4, N. Statham 5, T. K. Deacon 6, A. H. Hough (cond.) 7, C. Lucas 8. For the annual choir and bellringers' Sunday.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Ann Shiels 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. For the midnight service. Also on Dec. 28th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves (longest length) 2, Ann Shiels 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, J. Harrison 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8.

EATON BRAY, BEDS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Sear 1, Miss J. E. Gladman 2, J. W. Sinfield 3, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 4, D. Knox 5, S. Purcell (first quarter) 6. A compliment to the ringer of the 6th on his 73rd birthday.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, Jean Croft 2, B. W. Lake 3, S. H. Ashton 4, P. W. Croft 5. For the Christmas carol service.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 15th, 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. F. Murfet 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, F. S. Beaumont 3, Mrs. J. Measures 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. Also 720 in which J. Church took part.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Stokes 1, Jane Langton 2, P. H. Langton 3, June M. Clements (cond.) 4, S. A. Paice 5, J. Smith 6, D. R. Mitchell 7, C. Denyer 8. For carol service.

LEICESTER.—On Dec. 28th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Miss J. Baker 1, R. G. Leale 2, P. I. Chapman 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, D. W. James 5, R. H. Idle 6, A. J. Frost 7, B. Hendry 8, G. E. Watson 9, R. C. Noon 10. First on 10 bells 1 and 4.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Foster 1, A. Smith (jun.) 2, D. Butterworth (first as cond.) 3, J. P. Partington 4, C. S. Taylor 5, B. J. Wild 6. First of Doubles for all.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Dixon 1, E. T. Ellender 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, P. J. Rye 4, P. J. Westwood 5, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 6. To celebrate the first birthday of Neil Lawrence.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Garnet 1, R. Seeley 2, Mrs. R. Reece 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For evening carol service.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. P. Moreton 1, P. Morgan 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, A. T. Wingate 4, G. Davis 5, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 6, R. T. Jones 7, J. J. Webb 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Robin Taynton, who was killed motoring on Christmas Eve.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, T. J. Milsom (first of Triples 'inside') 3, B. Davis (first on eight) 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, A. F. Lee 6, D. E. Cobb 7, M. Jones (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob: W. W. Cousins 1, J. E. Fox (cond.) 2, C. Cousins (jun.) 3, H. Follen 4, M. R. Reed 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. W. Large, a ringer at this church, who died December 22nd.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,440 London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob: J. T. Rooke 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, R. Lucas 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Midnight Eucharist. Also on Christmas Day, 1,320 Surprise Minor (600 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): Miss M. Haynes 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, R. Lucas 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For 8 a.m. Communion. Also 1,320 Plain Minor (720 Double Oxford Bob, 600 St. Clement's): Miss N. Wilcox 1, J. T. Rook 2, Miss F. Robinson 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For 9.30 a.m. Eucharist.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Mallinson (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Mallinson 2, Miss D. Ramsay (first quarter) 3, A. Sykes 4, D. Elwick 5, G. W. White 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, J. Hodgson 8. For carol service.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Shellard (first of Triples) 1, L. Smith 2, F. C. Case 3, H. Ridgway 4, G. E. Green 5, J. G. Shellard (first of Triples 'inside') 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Philip Mehew, in conjunction with Mr. Stephen Ivin, is organising an attempt to ring 40,320 Plain Bob Major at Loughborough on February 8th. Full official details will be published when arrangements are completed.

Bushey Heath claims the distinction of ringing the first quarter peal in 1958. It started on the first hour stroke of Big Ben, conveyed by wireless, and finished in under 44 minutes. The method was Grandsire Triples.

A veteran of the Chester Diocesan Guild is Mr. Albert H. Booth, captain of Davenham tower. Last month he rang in a peal of Minor to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his first peal.

An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters on December 21st at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, to mark the enthronement of the Archbishop of Wales, was lost after about an hour's ringing, through the clapper of the second bell dropping out.

Ringers at Weldon, on the fringe of Corby, Northants, rang a quarter peal of Minor, starting at midnight, Jan. 1st. This young band are shortly to attempt a peal and, if successful, it will be the first peal on the bells by a local band. The bells were installed in 1710.

The quarter peal at Babbacombe by the young local band (average age 20½ years) gave great pleasure to the umpire, who sat in the tower and checked every lead-end. This was the first quarter ever rung in Torquay by a resident band, all of whom learnt to ring in the tower. Five of the local band are now away at various universities, but the eight bells are rung every Sunday by the rest of the band, Grandsire Doubles, with cover bells, being the usual method for service ringing. There is a total strength of 14 ringers in the tower with an average age of 17 years.

Six members of the local band rang in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Henbury, Bristol, five of them scoring their first peal. On no previous occasion have more than three local ringers rung in a peal here, and this peal is a reward for a great deal of enthusiasm and hard work over the past year or two. Unfortunately his work prevents the tower captain, Mr. Brian Huddleston, ringing on Saturday afternoons. It is to be hoped that soon this band will score their first peal on their own.

The Dukes family rang a handbell peal on New Year's Eve at Juhanstown, which was Miss Sandra Dukes' (aged 13) first peal. Within two hours Sandra was ringing out the Old and ringing in the New Year at St. Peter's, Drogheda.

The bells of Barnard Castle Parish Church, Co. Durham, will be heard prior to the service to be broadcast from there at 9.45 a.m. on Sunday, January 26th in the North Home Service only. The captain of the belfry is Mr. E. W. Willis.

Hendon ringers toured their parish prior to Christmas, ringing carols on handbells. They collected £71 towards the cost of providing two more bells for their tower. The total of the fund now stands at £270, nearly half the total required.

Mr. George Scott, who will be 80 next month, impressed those who took part in the peal at Leadenham, Lincs, on Boxing Day with his ringing. He gave an excellent example of model open handstroke ringing to the younger generation. He is looking forward to ringing another peal for his birthday.

Great hilarity was caused by the remark made by a lady who, after watching a demonstration of change ringing in Cornwall, where handbells are crossed and passed on the floor, said: 'Oh! I can see how it is done now, but it must be awfully difficult running around a belfry pulling all the ropes in turn'!

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ANOTHER FINE NEW RING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

THE installation of a ring of ten (tenor 21¼ cwt. in E) at the Benedictine Westminster Abbey, Mission City, has now been completed, and a short account of the events leading up to the successful conclusion of this project may be of interest to readers.

In 1947 the Whitechapel Foundry supplied the architects, Messrs. Gardiner, Thornton and Partners, with details of a suitable chime for keyboard operation, and later, the Prior, the Very Rev. Eugene Medved, O.S.B. (now the Rt. Rev. Abbot) wrote inquiring as to the possibility of having a ring of bells, and teaching his monks to handle them.

The tower was then only in the design stage, but it was to attain a height of 140 feet, and to be constructed as a thin concrete shell, with walls only nine inches thick, webbed at the corners, and practically free standing, as the buildings either side were only of single storey height.

To put a ring into such a tower seemed at first an impossibility, but after long negotiation between the architects, the engineers and the bell founders, a scheme was finally evolved upon which the three parties were in full agreement.

Meanwhile a donor had been found for the bells and the order was placed in November, 1949. During the following October, Father Eugene visited Europe, and during his stay at Buckfast called at Whitechapel and witnessed the casting of some of his bells.

In August, 1951, the bells, fittings and framework were shipped, but the new monastery and tower were far from ready, and the monks therefore erected the ring on the lawn and connected up the chiming apparatus.

Eventually the long-awaited tower was built and the frame and bells hoisted into position, much valuable guidance being given by Mr. E. W. Izard, of Victoria. He reported that everything went together very well, despite its sojourn of some six years in the open on the lawn, and on October 26th, 1957, he flew over his band from Victoria to try out the new ten.

They rang for several hours and included Stedman Triples with tenors behind 9, 8, 10, Bob Major with 9, 10 behind, and 504 of Grandsire with 9, 8, 10 behind.

They also 'fired' the bells for the architect's benefit as he was carrying out structure tests, and a penny was balanced on edge at the top of the tower, which speaks well for the overall design when one considers the lack of mass compared with traditional English towers.

Mr. Izard reported that the bells 'go' perfectly, and despite new ropes they were well struck and sounded beautiful.

The site was well chosen, being on a hill overlooking the Fraser Valley, and the bells were heard for many miles around.

Thus British Columbia has become possessed of another fine ring from Whitechapel, and the monks, who are already progressing, will eventually be able to ring the bells for their various occasions.

Peal Ringers of 1957

Will all those who have rung 25 or more peals during 1957 please forward particulars at once. The list will be published next week.

During the annual meeting at Ely on January 4th, whilst the two District secretaries were enjoying the ringing on this beautiful eight, someone else was ringing changes on the secretaries' cars. One official missed his aerial, whilst the other lost a valuable spotlight. It is wondered if any other member lost anything. The cars were within 50 yards of the tower.



HANDBELL RINGING AT ROTHERHAM

On Saturday, December 21st, a team of handbell ringers rang in Rotherham Parish Churchyard to raise funds for the church. The team consisted of Patricia Walker, Susan Chaddock, Christine Rodgers, Mary Atkinson, Joyce Godber, Diane Harrison, Denise Breedon and Rosamund Barclay, members of the Rotherham High School, under the direction of Mr. N. Chaddock, the trainer of the team. Elizabeth Wardill and Margaret Mills also helped with the ringing. Carols and traditional melodies were played and courses of Grandsire Triples were rung by Rotherham Parish Church ringers. As the darkness fell the gaily-lit Christmas trees in the yard provided a suitable atmosphere.

The people of Rotherham seemed to enjoy the ringing and gave generously. By the end of the afternoon £31 4s. 6d. had been collected.

In spite of a long and arduous afternoon, the team were not too tired to visit Rotherham Hospital in the evening to play to the patients. Five wards were visited, and afterwards the staff kindly provided refreshments, which were greatly appreciated.

M. A.

BOXING DAY AT NORTHAMPTON AND AROUND

Boxing day is a day in the year when the Hunt meets, football matches are played and motor-cycle scrambles are held, so why not a tower grab? So it was that at 9.30 on December 26th some 30 or more ringers and friends from Northampton and district assembled at Campbell Square, Northampton, and boarded a coach for a day's ringing round part of the county.

At the first tower, Chelveston (5, tenor 8 cwt.), eager ringers and friends piled out of the coach and with hurried footsteps made for the church tower. A variety of Doubles methods were brought round, but unfortunately Stedman would not come round. Now on to Raunds for an hour's ringing on this beautiful ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.). We had rounds for the learners; Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major for the little more experienced; and, for the even better, Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major. Ringing ended with a near perfect fall.

Lunch was taken with a little liquid refreshment in one of the local ale houses. (I hope this doesn't lower Mr. R. Newman's opinion of ringers any more, after his criticism of R. B. J.'s good cartoon in 'The Ringing World.'—'Thoughts after Cambridge Maximus.') Lowick (6, 13 cwt.) was next visited and proved to have a rather odd-struck ring of nice tone. At Sudborough (5, 10 cwt.) one of the local inhabitants recorded an extent of All Saints' Doubles, which was completed with, unfortunately, one clip, but this was only just audible when the record was replayed. Congratulations to that band—it was lovely. From Sudborough on to the 13¾ cwt. ring of five at Brigstock. A good rise was followed by a good 120 of St. Simon's Doubles. By this time everyone was beginning to feel hungry, so on to Thrapston for the last tower before tea. We had an hour's ringing on this grand ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.). There were touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major, and at the third attempt a course of Double Norwich was brought round. Tea was had at the cafe opposite the church.

After tea we had two more towers to visit—Twywell (5, tenor 7 cwt.) and Woodford (6, tenor 16 cwt.), where the bells have a lovely tone. The bells were fell, and as the calls 'One,' 'Two,' 'Miss' and 'Catch this one' echoed round the now empty church the last tower bells of the day were chimed.

Although ringing had ended, the day was far from being over. Now back to Raunds to spend the evening at the 'local,' and the chap who hasn't had a very successful ringing year had a very successful time playing his accordion for dancing and singing. We were also entertained by the handbell ringers of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, who rang the well-known melodies of the Christmas carols. Solos were sung by various members of the party, and everyone, including the 'locals,' joined in the more popular 'Good King Wenceslas,' 'O come, all ye faithful' and 'Hark, the herald angels sing.' Singing ended with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

We rejoined the coach and set off for home, the bus 'choir' again being led by our own self-styled comedian, 'Tec.' At last Northampton was reached and the party broke up, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I know they had, because hardly a person left without saying to our tour organiser: 'Goodnight, George, it's been a wonderful trip, thanks very much—when's the next one?'

E. B.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

To Hold Annual Dinner in Provinces

PROBABLY the small attendance of 35 influenced the Universities' Association at their annual dinner at the Victoria, Buckingham Palace Road, London, to break from a long-standing custom and hold their next annual dinner in the provinces—Birmingham being selected.

A full programme of ringing, starting at 10 a.m., was well supported. Towers visited were St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich (8); St. John's, Deptford (8), St. Lawrence Jewry (8) and St. Gabriel's, Pimlico (8). The service was held in the last-named church.

The president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) presided at the dinner and proposed the loyal toast.

Mr. A. York-Bramble, in proposing 'The Church,' said in connection with the toast they might ask themselves a few simple questions. Why were they members of their Association? Because they were interested in ringing. Why interested in ringing? It was a pastime for a lifetime, a husband and wife job for both sexes; it provided interest and scope for amusement, both physical and mental, but he thought there was a more cogent answer that as practising Christians they could find in ringing an opportunity of real service to their Mother Church. That service gave them deep and lasting pleasure and it was up to them as ringers to do something in return.

TWO-FOLD DUTY

That something was a two-fold duty—to give of their best for divine service ringing, which did not mean complicated method ringing and complicated touches, but proficiency of the highest order which a ringer could attain, and he would include in that a clean rise and fall and perfect striking. These qualifications should come first and they must be backed up by regular and punctual attendance.

The second duty was in handing on the torch, in other words, keeping up the scope and standard of ringing training; they must be particularly patient and painstaking because the youngster of to-day had so many counter-attractions and soon lost interest.

As to helping others, what a surprising amount of good came from visiting other towers—a little word spoken was often so helpful. Ringers owed a tremendous amount to the officers of the Church, who made it possible for them to go into a church for practice or visiting, and that day they had the privilege of ringing in four London towers, and they were delighted to have with them the representative of the Corporation of London, the Rector of St. Lawrence Jewry.

The Rev. J. F. D. Tringingham, in reply, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to welcome the U.A. to St. Lawrence Jewry. They knew that bellringers met with varying degrees of appreciation of their art. The day after St. Lawrence Jewry was reconsecrated, following which the bells rang out, a letter appeared in the 'Daily Telegraph,' which was most enthusiastic, and the writer likened the bells to the heavy artillery of the Church. He heard later that an irate chartered accountant rang up the Mansion House and said: 'Can't you stop these bells?' They replied that it was nothing to do with them. He then rang up the Guildhall, and they asked him if he was worried, to which he replied that he could not tot up. To this the Guildhall replied: 'These bells have not rung for 20 years, so I think they might ring this afternoon.'

He hoped they would have a very happy time ringing in the future, for they say bellringers never die. At the veterans' gathering he was talking to one venerable gentleman, who told him that he had been ringing for 60 years with another veteran.

The president interpolated with a story concerning the College Youths ringing a long length of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate. Sir Arthur Heywood was standing outside in the street listening when an indignant man came up to him and said: 'Excuse me, what are these bells ringing for?' Sir Arthur replied that the College Youths were attempting a long peal of Stedman Cinques: 'If they succeed it will be a very great achievement.' The questioner replied, 'I wish to God it was impossible.'

DIFFERENT ATTITUDES TO RINGING

Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, proposed the toast of 'The Universities Association.' The last time he attended one of their dinners was in 1952, and, commented Dr. Chalk, he wondered if he was invited as the lad who had made good! Their Society was founded with the idea that those who rang at Universities should get together and ring and have a dinner meeting. There was an idea that the Universities were centres for the fanatics. He thought it might be said that the Universities cultivated a rather sporting attitude towards their ringing; their approach was different from the College Youths. The latter rang the same method week after week, but at Universities it was anything that one was inclined to have a 'go' with varying degrees of success.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed replied and welcomed the guests. These included the Rector of St. Lawrence Jewry, the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths and his fiancée, the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. F. Cullum, who told him that his first peal was rung 40 years ago on Boxing Day, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. T. W. White.

BUSINESS MEETING

A business meeting followed with the president in the chair. New members elected were Dr. D. G. Neal Smith and H. Collins (London University), Roger Baldwin (Nottingham University) and Miss Molly Tilbury (Reading University).

In regard to the 1958 Week, which will be held either in Sussex or Dorset. Miss Cross and other members agreed to endeavour to find accommodation.

The meeting agreed to the next annual dinner being held at Birmingham on Saturday, January 3rd, 1959.

The hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. B. D. Threlfall) appealed to the meeting for the creation of two separate offices of hon. secretary and treasurer. The meeting felt unable to proceed with the new appointment as due notice to amend the rules had not been given. The meeting, however, approved of Mr. Threlfall having an assistant to help him.

Handbell ringing concluded a pleasant reunion.

NON-RINGER CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF CHANGE RINGING

The following appreciation of change ringing appeared recently in 'The Weekly Scotsman,' written by a non-ringer. We reproduce it as one of the best examples of appreciation of change ringing (written by Philip A. Stables) of our art:—

Once or twice in the decade before the outbreak of the second world war, I was among the guests at the annual dinner of the change ringers of St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, in Edinburgh. It was an exceedingly pleasant function. There were, as far as I remember, about a dozen change ringers and 50 guests.

The first time I attended I was astonished to find so many guests being lavishly entertained in one of the most expensive Edinburgh hotels by a little group of bellringers. But the explanation was that a wealthy and warm-hearted old lady left a sum of money to be invested to supply the bellringers with a dinner once a year, and the money was so well invested that more and more guests were invited each year to share in the enjoyment of their gracious benefactor's bequest.

There used to be a box of chocolates for every lady and a box of expensive cigarettes for every gentleman. And the most charming part of the evening was when eight change ringers, using handbells, gave us a short touch of Grandsire Caters.

WHO'S GRANDSIRE?

I know nothing about bellringing, but I was fascinated by the name of the tune they played. 'Caters,' I learned, was a corruption of the French 'quatres,' But who the original 'Grandsire' was, I never heard. Nor did I ever learn how long a long touch of Grandsire Caters would last. A short touch lasted about 20 minutes.

These recollections arise from reading the announcement of last Saturday afternoon's performance on St. Cuthbert's bells, by seven ringers from Newcastle and one studying in Edinburgh, of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

That magnificent title puts Grandsire Caters in the shade, and confirms my impression that the nomenclature of bellringing made all other musical terms seem dull. Moreover, there is something heroic about change ringing, when you consider that Double Norwich Court Bob Major lasts for three hours, and is, I gather, only an eighth part of the whole pattern of sound of which it forms a section.

SWEET SOUNDS

Yet, forgetting the quaintness of these names for the moment, is there any sweeter sound on God's earth than the chiming of bells? In an age which has produced hideous vandalism in all the arts—music, sculpture, painting, poetry—bellringing has been mercifully unspoilt.

The sound of distant bells coming across a city, or across country fields, on a winter's evening—rising and falling as the wind brings them towards us or takes them away—has a restfulness equal to the loveliest of Chopin's nocturnes or to Beethoven's wrongly-despised 'Moonlight' Sonata.

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KENWYN OUTINGS

BOXING DAY

Six Kenwyn ringers and one supporter left Truro for the annual Christmas outing on Boxing Day. The first stop was at the little church of Landewednack, the bells of which are the most southerly in England. They are a ring of six (tenor approximately 9 cwt.) and although very musical do not go as they should. A rather rapid six-score of Stedman was rung in about three minutes dead, with the 'little elf' on the tenor evidently desirous of getting it over with as quickly as possible.

After refreshment at the Lizard Hotel (a meal of Christmas Day left-overs, washed down with ale), we journeyed on to St. Keverne where we joined up with three or four other illustrious members of the Truro Guild. The glorious octave (tenor 19 cwt.) was soon sounding out to the music of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

St. Anthony-in-Meneage, a church which must surely be in one of the loveliest settings in the county, being situated in an isolated creek of the Helford River, right at the water's edge, was next visited. It is hard to imagine that this lovely old church was, not many years ago, a partial ruin, and was used as a barn. The hole through which the chickens used to run in and out can still be seen in the west door. In spite of opposition by a couple of ladies on the organ, and a rather obnoxious infant with a 'squeaker,' we managed to produce some rather shaky Grandsire and Plain Bob on the merry little octave (tenor 12 cwt.).

The eight (recently restored) bells of Helston Parish Church (the home of the Cornish 'Furry Dance') were soon sounding to the tune of various standard methods. It was here, I think, that we had our best ringing of the day, finishing with an excellent 'fall' in peal, in which all but one of our number (who shall be nameless) managed successfully to 'catch' in queens at the end.

Our thanks are due to the Ringing Master (Douglas Burnett) for arranging the ringing, and to the clergy concerned for so readily allowing us the use of their bells.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

Saturday saw us once again on the road with an ambitious programme including 11 towers. We were very pleased to have as our guest Mr. Ron Short, of Wembdon, Somerset, who had travelled down especially for the trip, all the towers being new to him.

The first stop was at St. Eval (6, tenor 6 cwt.). It was apparent from the start that we had got over our poor ringing of the previous trip, the rise in peal and the change-ringing being quite commendable. Our 'supporter' was encouraged to take a rope for rounds, and did very well considering it was her first attempt on 'open' bells.

St. Merryn (6, tenor 7 cwt.) was the next stop, and everyone enjoyed the ringing on the musical little six. It must be told here that our esteemed president confessed to having a dream the previous night, where one of the towers at which we were to ring collapsed on us. It was with some trepidation, therefore, that we eyed St. Merryn tower with its numerous cracks and crevices, before going in to ring. However, no ill befell us, and the tower (as far as we know) is still standing.

At Padstow (6, tenor 12 cwt.) we found the tower captain waiting to greet us. The bells are rather a poor six with high sallies almost out of reach. However, the usual variety of Minor and Doubles was accomplished, and we by no means disgraced ourselves.

At Little Petherick (6, tenor approximately 6 cwt.) we had just risen the bells and started a touch of Plain Bob when a local gentleman came into the tower and to the 'little elf' who was ringing the second said: 'There baint no stay on that thar bell, missy!' Needless to say, 'missy' broke into a cold sweat and nearly ruined the touch. However, our fears were unfounded when on setting the bells we discovered that they had a full complement of stays and other fittings.

On then up the hill to St. Issey, where we met our very good friends the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, their daughter Evangeline, and another stray member of our band. An excellent chicken lunch awaited us at the Ring o' Bells, and we were all (or nearly all) able to do full justice to it. The treat was on Alan Carveth, and we are all most grateful to him for his kind action. The fine old six (tenor approximately 14 cwt.) although a bit heavy going were greatly enjoyed by all.

At Eglashayle (tenor 12 cwt.) we had our first eight for the day: and here we really excelled ourselves. Stedman and Plain Bob were perfectly struck, and even the hardened prize ringing locals who were there were greatly impressed by our 'scientific' ringing.

It was only two or three miles to St. Breocke, with a rather nondescript six (tenor 9 cwt.). A certain ringer (who again shall be nameless) upset the whole proceedings by getting his car stuck on the steep approach to the church. Practically the whole village had to be called out with mats, etc., to put under the wheels before we could successfully extricate him. This certain gentleman was promptly declared to be 'in disgrace,' and only redeemed himself by buying a round of ale later in the evening.

Withiel (6, tenor 10 cwt.) was our next tower, and here the sallies were so high that we all had to stand on forms, boxes, etc., in order to reach the ropes. We left there fully convinced that the local ringers must be a race of giants.

At St. Wenn (6, tenor 10 cwt.) we had to contact the vicar for permission to ring. This was readily granted and we enjoyed a pleasant half hour on the bells.

After bidding farewell to Mr. Roberts and his family we journeyed on to St. Mawgan-in-Pydar, where we were met by Douglas Burnett and Tony Locke and warmly welcomed by the vicar (himself a change-ringer), and managed successfully to ring a course of 'Kenwyn Major,' an incredibly vile method which was composed locally and which the composer has not dared to send up to the C.C. for approval.

St. Columb Major (8, tenor 12¼ cwt.) was the last tower for the day, and we finished up in fine style with some well-struck Stedman and Plain Bob. A hasty meal, a pleasant hour in the Ring o' Bells, and we were on our way back to Truro.

We are most grateful to our organiser and chauffeur, Alan Carveth, for a wonderful trip, and to the clergy and local ringers. R. A. S.

HALSTEAD RINGERS' WEDDING



Dixey — Snowden

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 14th, between Robert Arthur Dixey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dixey, of Earls Colne, and Hilda May Claudette Snowden, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Snowden, of Halstead, and niece of Miss Hilda G. Snowden. Both the bride and bridegroom are ringers of St. Andrew's, Halstead.

The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Swallow), and Miss Hilda G. Snowden was at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an Elizabethan-style gown of white nylon net, silver entwined, with a three-quarter nylon veil held by a coronet of pearls and stones; she carried a bouquet of red carnations with trailing fern.

Attending the bride was matron-of-honour Mrs. J. Rawlinson (bride's sister), Miss Maureen King (friend) and Miss Elvina Dixey (bridegroom's sister), all wearing nylon dresses, two in blue and one in yellow. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. G. Miller (bridegroom's friend).

The bells of St. Andrew's were rung before the service: the bride entered the church as a successful touch of London was brought round. Afterwards a peal of Yorkshire Surprise was rung. Mr. and Mrs. Dixey are residing at 25, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead.

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1958 Has Arrived

Will ringers whose subscription to 'The Ringing World' is still outstanding kindly remit as soon as possible to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates: 12 months, £1 8s.; six months, 14s. 6d.; three months 7s. 6d. New subscribers are welcome.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING AND CHIMING

Dear Sir,—Mr. William Shepherd writes:—'We cannot expect the public Press to be correct in reporting all details of ringing news and I rather think some of the blame can be traced to those who supply the information in the first place. After all, how many editors know anything about ringing? Now, not wishing to dispute with Mr. Shepherd, my experience with the Press resulted in the few following lines appearing in the 'Daily Mail,' on December 17th:—

A FIVE-BELL BLACKSMITH

Blacksmith Mr. Frederick Coates, of Theberton, Suffolk, used to ring all five bells in the parish church.

They weighed nearly one and a half tons. Two ropes were tied to his elbows, he held two, and one was tied to his foot. But Mr. Coates died last June. Now schoolchildren are being trained as ringers.

The paper telephoned me about one man ringing five bells and, try as I might, I could not convince them that the bells were chimed, so I went into a lengthy conversation of what happens when a bell is rung, and what happens when a bell is chimed, and tried to explain the difference but only with the result you see. On being asked the weight of the bells I told them 26 cwt. If this is not a good example in exaggeration on a simple statement, how can we expect more technical things to be correct? We can only try and hope.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. BRIDGES.

Theberton.

NON-GUILD MEMBER IN PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday, July 27th, 1957, and published in 'The Ringing World' dated August 9th, 1957 (page 507), cannot be accepted as having been rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild due to one ringer's non-membership of the Guild.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. C. KING,
General Secretary,
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

LIGHTS IN BELFRIES

Dear Sir,—While most of us will agree with J. W. Abbott that it is hardly possible for an 'L' ringer (or a non-'L' one for that matter) to keep his eye on the bell when pulling the rope, many, I am sure, will agree that the press report quoted isn't quite as silly as it sounds.

Imagine a *very raw* learner being suddenly plunged into darkness!—the result could be very serious indeed with a rope nipping around the belfry like a mad thing.

Plenty of ringers could tell us tales of lights being turned off at very awkward moments—it happened at Ashford on several occasions, and in the end an oil lamp was kept burning all the time ringing was in progress—just in case!

In my humble opinion all belfry lights should have separate controls from all other church lights and should be operated by tower keepers and the like.—Yours sincerely,

Bethersden, Kent. W. W. RING.

GAVELKIND

Dear Sir,—The name of the Lodge of the ringer of the second in the Masonic peal at Bristol, reported in our last issue, is **Gavelkind**, not 'Gravelkind,' as stated.

The law of Gavelkind is an ancient one dating from the Norman Conquest and peculiar to the county of Kent, whereby land and estates held under this law, instead of descending upon the eldest son only, descends upon all the sons in equal parts. E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

SCOUTING, GUIDING AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I have been very interested in the recent correspondence concerning the close connection between these three activities.

Almost every member of our young band has been a volunteer to ringing from either the Guide Company or Scout Troop attached to our church. A more loyal set of young people I could never wish to find in any tower, and I feel that a lot of this is due to their Guide and Scout training. Their willingness to do any job (including belfry cleaning) and their perseverance is exceptional. (We have just scored the first quarter peal of Stedman Doubles after 11 vain attempts during the past year!)

To those looking for new recruits I could not recommend anything better than a visit to your Scouts and Guides. (We have a waiting list of those who have asked if they can be taught to ring.)

In conclusion, may I also say what a wonderful spirit of brotherhood I found at the Scout World Jamboree last August. How thrilling it was to meet Scouts from all parts of the world and see them living so happily together.

I too saw the Dutch Scouts' campanile, and was lucky enough to ring rounds and a few changes of Grandsire Doubles while on a visit to that part of the camp.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY W. BROWN.

Aldrington, Hove, Sussex.

SOMERSET BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the article by J. G. M. S. in the December 27th issue concerning the bells of Sutton Bingham and Brympton d'Evercy.

I was living in Yeovil until about three months ago and started to learn to ring two and a half years ago at St. John's, Yeovil, and about that time managed to borrow, for a short time, Canon Ellacombe's 'Church Bells of Somerset.' I see, from some notes I made then, that the Canon lists Sutton Bingham as having one undated bell and one of 1685, but I didn't note any reference to Brympton (which may be my omission).

In connection with your contributor's statement that 'Nobody since Ellacombe . . has "done" Somerset,' I should like to draw attention to a note in A. K. Wickham's book, 'Churches of Somerset,' where, in the introduction, comment is made on Canon Ellacombe's book, and it is stated that in 1914 the Rev. G. Aldridge made a preliminary survey, and later, in 1920, H. B. Walter collected further data for a more comprehensive account of Somerset bells. Reports of the work of these two gentlemen appeared in the proceedings of the Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society and Mr. Wickham goes on to say that their unpublished manuscripts are in the archives of that Society in Taunton Castle.

One further note I have from Ellacombe's book is that St. Mary's, Clatworthy, is credited with a treble (of four) dated 1199. I haven't found out whether this is correct or a printer's error or a bellfounder's mistake. Perhaps your contributor can enlighten me.

Now another matter in the same issue. The 'Belfry Gossip' column refers to the financial loss on the Bournemouth rally and dinner, and it occurs to me that Yeovil and district were visited by the College Youths on a date very close to the Bournemouth event, and one can't help wondering if the loss would have been avoided if somebody's diary entries had 'dodged' properly. Please do not take this as an ill-considered criticism of anybody concerned, as I know that coinciding dates are unavoidable at times, but it is a plea from a

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SUPERLATIVE AND YORKSHIRE COURT MINOR

Dear Sir,—In response to Mr. Frost's request in your issue of December 20th, I hope the following brief explanation will clear up the matter of Superlative and Yorkshire Court Minor.

In the case of Superlative (in notation -34-14-1256-46-34-5) the rows with the treble in third's place are of the same nature (even). Now if we ring the 30 leads which make up the extent we shall have rung 120 even rows with the treble in third's. An extent of Minor consists of 120 rows with the treble in each position (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6ths), half of which are even in nature and half odd. Therefore if our extent of Superlative contains 120 even rows with the treble in third's place then each one appears twice and we cannot get the rows which are odd in nature. A similar state of affairs occurs in the case of the rows with the treble in fourth's which are all odd in nature. (N.B.—Older readers, for even read 'in course' and for odd read 'out of course.')

Reverse Cambridge will produce the extent.

Yorkshire Court is an asymmetrical method (in notation: -14-46-16-16-16-12), i.e., the places in the second half-lead are different from those in the first half, and as such has four false lead heads against the first lead; 53624, 65432, 65324, 54632. Each lead head of the extent must be transposed by these four, and if the transposition appears amongst the lead heads then there is repetition. 53624 can be ignored as it comes naturally as the lead end and is therefore ineligible for further use, but the other three effectively prevent the production of an extent. For those who are not clear what all this is about just write out a lead of Yorkshire Court from lead heads 65432, 65324 and 54632 and compare it with that produced from 23456.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

PEAL RINGING AND REFRESHMENTS

Dear Sir,—Referring to the Central Council's 'Handbook,' under the heading: (D) Peal Ringing, Section (1), Sub-Section (f) on page 19, which reads: 'That in the case of a peal rung to surpass previous peals of 6,720 changes and upwards, compliance with these further conditions is necessary.' A further condition is found on page 20 at Sub-Section (f) (v). which reads: 'That no ringer shall have any refreshment handed to him whilst taking part in the peal.'

Is this a paradox in face of the fact of what occurred at an event for a record length not very long ago?

Sub-Section (v) provides a very big loophole in its construction: No ringer shall have 'handed' to him. Handed to him was easily overcome by the erection of a shelf round the circle of the band and within easy reach. Food was placed on this shelf, and they were able to partake of it. It there was an object in forming this rule, it is obvious that it can easily be defeated.

Why such a rule? Is there better striking on an empty stomach or when there is a physical contentment and comfort? What is there in a long length if the striking is poor?

I would humbly suggest to the powers that be that either the Sub-Section be amended or deleted, the latter preferred.

PETER CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

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completely disinterested party for greater watchfulness and for more use to be made of your 'Advance Notices' columns when fixing dates for major events.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CORRIE.

Sidcup, Kent.

COMPOSITIONS AND AUTHORSHIP

By E. A. BARNETT

THE recent correspondence concerning the authorship of a composition of Yorkshire Surprise Major has once again focused attention on a problem which the Exercise never has satisfactorily solved and probably never will—that of what constitutes an original composition. This was a subject to which writers like Jasper Snowdon and J. A. Trollope devoted much time, and it may perhaps be profitable to consider the matter again.

The problem naturally intensifies as time goes on, and more and more people become interested in composing peals. What usually happens is that someone either wants a composition in a hurry, or puts one together in the course of playing around with figures; later someone else rings it, and subsequently the composition finds a place on the back page of 'The Ringing World' as the work of 'X.' Or it may never become more public than the pages of an Association's report.

As Mr. C. W. Roberts said in this journal some time ago, it is the duty of every composer to endeavour to satisfy himself that he is not putting forward someone else's work under his own name, with which everyone will doubtless agree. But, in practice, what chance have most people got of making a satisfactory check? Few are in possession of, say, 'The Bell News' and 'The Ringing World' down the years, fewer still a large collection of reports: and even with these it requires a colossal amount of work to go through them all, or to form one's own personal index of peals. It is only, therefore, if someone like Mr. Roberts happens to recognise the composition (and personally I have great admiration for his efforts in this direction) that there is any hope of justice being done if, in fact, it is not a new one, for more often than not the original composer is dead.

The problem is further complicated by the fact that opinions sometimes differ on what is an original composition and what is a variation. As far back as 1885, J. W. Snowdon wrote to the Editor of 'The Bell News.'

> 'I can well understand that with your duties you cannot thoroughly investigate everything that is sent to you . . . . and for this reason I would ask [your correspondents] seriously to consider, before sending such contributions, whether the compositions are of genuine interest,' and went on to chide those who 'when they get a peal hasten to forward it to you without much regard for its properties, its originality or its truth.'

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONCLUSIONS

Later, in 1898, the Central Council adopted a 'Report on Variation and Authorship,' which was reaffirmed in 1955, and so appears in the Council's Handbook, and which contains probably as good a definition of 'originality' as can be set down on paper:—

> 'The following propositions are, therefore, limited to a general statement of the features distinguishing "originality," which are made more or less applicable to all methods:—
>
> (1) The earliest ascertainable true composition on any definite plan in any method, which is not a reproduction or obvious variation of the same composition in another method, is entitled to be called the "original" composition on that plan.
>
> (2) Subsequent compositions on the same plan which are not demonstrably reversals or transpositions (as hereinafter described) or obvious variations of a previous composition in the same method, may be considered as "distinct" compositions on the plan and allowed the claim of "originality."'

Perhaps it would be as well to consider some examples of what, in my view, are 'obvious variations.' In giving these I would like to make it clear that I am making no reflection on any of the composers named, some of whom I know, or knew, well. They may consider that I am quite wrong. But when I look at some of the compositions which make their appearance in print, I sometimes wonder why the majority of my own have been hidden in a notebook because of doubts whether they really are mine. This is, perhaps, due to the influence of A. G. Driver, to whom the Exercise generally and Spliced Minor ringers in particular owe so much, for nothing but the best was good enough for him. ('Have you been overworking and got overtired, or been racing against time, trying to do more than is possible? You must curb your youthful exuberance, or let it off at cricket, and come to ringing matters in a calmer spirit.'—A letter to me in July, 1932.)

EXAMPLES

Here, then, are some examples, chosen for no better reason than that they are ones which have come to my notice from time to time. The first is the well-known 6,048 of Superlative, etc., given on page 39 of 'Surprise Methods' as by John Cox, though the Middlesex County Association's report for 1914 ascribes its reduced version (5,152) to Ernest Pye, under whose name it has, on quite a number of occasions, been rung!

23456	M	W	H
52436		—	(3)
34625	(—)	—	(3)
23645		—	(3)

Twice repeated, omitting any two blocks of 3H.

The 6,048 was rung at Benington in 1855, but would it be doing an injustice to a celebrated ringer to say that it can hardly be called his composition? It is, after all, a three-course touch produced by calling three consecutive bobs at Wrong, with blocks of three Homes added to make it nine courses, and a shunting bob at Middle to turn it into a 27-course peal: the sort of thing that whoever first tried his hand at composition might well have done by accident.

Whether or not Cox has any claim to the foregoing peal, F. H. Dexter has absolutely none to the following 5,056, which is sometimes rung under his name (it was so published in the Kent County Association's report for 1949). All that he has done is to substitute

23456	B	M
43652		—
35426	x	

for

23456	W
52436	—
35426	—

in a transposed and reduced version of the 27 courses. The two are given side by side for comparison:—

5,152
J. Cox (?)

23456	M	W	H
54632	—	—	
35642		—	
43652		—	3
56234	—	—	3
35264		—	3
63254		—	3
52436	—	—	3
35426		—	3
23456		—	3

5,056
(Wrongly attributed to F. H. Dexter)

23456	B	M	W	H
54632		—	—	
64235		—		
43652	x			3

The last 18 courses as in the 5,152.

Here is another example from 'Surprise Methods,' page 40. I have said several times in these columns that almost every 5,056 of Superlative, etc., with one bob 'before' is just the following three-course touch extended as necessary:—

23456	B	M	W
43652		—	
35426	x		
23456			—

As Mr. Harold Chant pointed out a year or so ago, peals can be (and have been) put together ad nauseum from this one touch. The results have appeared under the names of at least 50 different different composers, yet if, as 'Surprise Methods' says, John Thorp, of Ashton-under-Lyne, was the first to obtain a peal of Superlative with the 6th its extent home, scores of peals attributed to Knights, Pitstow, Dains, Lindoff and Hattersley, to name a few deceased composers, and to quite a lot of living ones, are only simple variations of this one peal. The composition made what was probably its first public appearance on page 815 of Sottenstall's book, which was published in 1868. Quite a few peals Mr. P. A. Corby has called have been published as 'composed by J. Thorp,' I am glad to say, though others have claimed the figures as theirs. In fact, right next to Thorp's peal in 'Surprise Methods' is a simple variation said to be by N. J. Pitstow, and the fact that two extremely capable composers like Pitstow and the author of the book, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, should consider it appropriate to regard the compositions as separate ones, shows how rigid people's minds were, and, in some ways, still are.

The peal is based on the 21 courses having the 5th and 6th their extent at home at course-ends. Two courses need to be inserted to make a 5,056, and whereas Thorp added 3W with the second in 6ths, Pitstows were added with the 3rd in 6ths, while Sottanstall ('that archpirate,' as J. A. Trollope once called him) had previously added them with the 4th in 6ths and claimed it for himself (page 818 of his book). In the Middlesex County Association's report for 1928, the peal appears under Mr. G. H. Cross's name, again with the 3W inserted with the 4ths in 6ths! Mr. Cross, however, inverted the calling of the last 12 courses, as shown, but in my view the peal is Thorp's, however it may be varied.

23456	B	M	W	H
36452		—		2
46253		—		3
26354		—		3
43652		—		—
35426	x			3
34256			—	2
53246			—	3
45236			—	3
23456			—	—

43652	B	W	H
43526	x		—
24536		—	3
32546		—	3
35426		—	2
23456		—	3

ONLY HOPE OF ORIGINALITY

The only hope of originality in methods like Superlative or Yorkshire must surely lay in peals with reversed course-ends. But even this has its pitfalls. F. H. Dexter published the following in 'The Ringing World' of February 24th, 1933, as his own composition of Superlative.

This has five pairs of bells reversed in 5-6, but it was pointed out in a subsequent issue that the same composition had been rung in 1850 at Bethnal Green, composed and conducted by Henry W. Haley—only the fourth peal rung in the method! (See also 'The Bell News,' November 16th, 1912.)

5,600

23456	M	W	H
24536		—	2
63542	—	—	—
34562		2	

Compositions & Authorship—Cont.

Let us take another example, this time of Surprise Royal. This composition has appeared in several different Association reports in recent years as the composition of Mr. C. J. Sedgley (used, of course, for methods other than Cambridge). When Mr. Sedgley first wrote this down I do not know, but the same figures appear in the Middlesex County Association's report for 1931 as the composition of Mr. C. W. Roberts, of all people. I say 'of all people' because Mr. Roberts is normally most meticulous in such matters. For what, after all, is the composition but a ten-course touch with the 6th at home, often rung to Maximus methods, with four courses added to make the number up? In the 1904 Collection of Plain Bob compositions these ten courses were ascribed to John Reeves (one half of a 5,016 Bob Maximus). That, no doubt, is as good a guess as any, and surely both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Sedgley, if they read these lines, would agree that, if any name at all is to be attached to the composition, that of Reeves is the most suitable. It is, incidentally, difficult to understand why anyone nowadays should want to claim the 14 courses of a peal of Royal, unless there are false course-ends to contend with, as in Cambridge—though even in this method many of the compositions are almost entirely taken from Middleton's peal of Major

23456	M	W	H
43652	—		
63254	—		3
24536	—	—	2
32546		—	3
35426		—	2
23456		—	3

One could go on in this strain. For instance, I have before me some compositions which Mr. Sedgley sent to a well-known conductor in my district a short while ago, and one of them—his 'No. 31' of Superlative, New Cambridge, etc.— is one of C. H. Hattersley's best-known compositions, which was first published in May, 1888; while 'No. 3' of Bristol is a three-part peal of Treble Bob by Arthur Knights, which appeared in the Kent County Association's report for 1896. 'No. 45' of Superlative also appeared about the same year as the production of Henry Dains.

The situation is clearly chaotic, and there seems to be no remedy apart from one which could be used by composers themselves—that before they circulate the figures of a peal they should ask themselves this question: Is it likely that a composition such as the one I have produced is an original one, bearing in mind that others have for years probably been working on similar lines? If the answer is 'No,' surely they should in all honesty regard their efforts as merely a stepping-stone to something really new and worthwhile—and keep the figures to themselves. For instance, during the past 12 months four different people have published in 'The Ringing World' three-part peals of Bristol. A composition of this nature requires either five or six courses to a part, according to the distribution of bobs, and three of the peals, I think, had only 4-5-6 in 6ths at course ends, which means that the part-ends were either 23564 or 23645. Consequently there are only 15 different ways of beginning such a peal (counting 1H and 2H, but regarding, e.g., 2M, 2W and 'Before' as the same). What scope for originality can there be for peals of this nature? With great respect to the gentlemen concerned, surely the answer is 'none.'

However, no doubt most of us have skeletons in the cupboard in this respect, and someone may well come up with a similar comment on compositions which have gone out under my name. This much can be said, though: I have made every effort to avoid what 'The Bell News' often referred to as 'using the property of others.'

OBITUARY

MR. F. J. BAILEY

Captain of Whitchurch, Glam, bells since they were installed in 1909, Mr. Frank Joseph ('Joe') Bailey died at his residence, 46, Merthyr Road, Whitchurch, on December 27th, aged 85 years. He came to South Wales from Newton St. Loe in the early '90's and was employed by the Taff Vale Railway and later by the G.W.R.

Failing eyesight had prevented him from travelling to neighbouring towers in recent years. Quiet and unassuming in character, he was very popular with all who came in contact with him.

The funeral took place on December 30th. Messrs. F. J. Hannington and R. Coles represented the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, and Mr. Hoffman the Whitchurch ringers.

F. J. H.

MR. JOHN ARMOUR HAYDN

With the death of Mr. John Armour Haydn in the early hours of Christmas Day, the Irish Association has lost one of its most interested ringers.

Mr. Haydn was attached to St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. He was one of Limerick's most esteemed citizens, and of the Cathedral a devoted benefactor. Apart from his accomplishments as a bellringer he did much for the Cathedral bells, was president of the bellringers' Association and published a full history of the Cathedral bells. He also was an artist, and his paintings of the interior of St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, were exhibited in the Royal Hibernian Academy. He was also a talented musician, being a 'cello player and an organist of no mean ability.

The son of the late Ven. J. A. Haydn, Archdeacon of Limerick, he spent his younger days in Dublin, where he rang at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and on returning to Limerick rang at St. Mary's Cathedral, subsequently becoming president of the Ringers' Guild, and, as such, was an inspiration to the Limerick ringers. He regularly took his place at the ropes and did so a few weeks, although advanced in years, before his death. One of his ambitions was to see the local band ring a peal, which was realised when the local team scored their first peal unassisted in their own tower on March 16th, 1956.

Mr. Haydn was for many years a member of the Irish Association and was honoured in 1951 by being elected a life member. In 1953 he was chairman of the Southern District.

The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled for all services on Christmas Day, and as the remains were received into the church the same day. The funeral took place in the adjoining churchyard on December 27th, and during the committal the Cathedral bells were rung fully muffled as a last tribute to a much-loved bellringer and Cathedral friend.

F. G. B.

MR. JAMES W. WHITE

With regret we received the news of the passing of Mr. James W. ('Bill') White on December 12th, at the age of 71 years.

'Bill' was a keen member of the Aldrington band and a regular Sunday service ringer at the same church for 42 years. He took part in several peals and was the last surviving member of the band which rang the first peal of London Surprise Minor in Sussex.

The bells were rung half-muffled by ringers from Brighton and Aldrington for the funeral service. The local band rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on the Sunday as a last token of respect. May he rest in peace.

S. W. B., H. W. B.

MR. HARRY THORPE

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. Harry Thorpe, of Grantham, Lincs, who died after a brief illness at his home on December 30th, at the age of 66 years.

Mr. Thorpe had been a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Wulfram's Parish Church, Grantham, for upwards of 50 years, but had to relinquish his Sunday service ringing about three years ago owing to ill-health, which prevented him from climbing the 80-odd steps to the ringing chamber.

He had taken part in about 110 peals, a few of which he conducted. He was one of the band who at one time were the expert peal ringers of the county.

The funeral service, attended by a number of ringing and other friends, took place at the Parish Church on January 4th, followed by cremation at Nottingham.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by his fellow ringers to his memory. H. R. W.

Resignation of the Vicar of Bray

The Vicar of Bray (Rev. E. S. C. Lowman) has left Bray, Berks, to live in Portsmouth, and took up his new position as cathedral chaplain on January 1st. During his 16 years at Bray he learnt to ring, and rang Bray tenor (27 cwt.) to a peal on V.E. Day. He had been chairman of East Berks and South Bucks Branch for 15 years.

Members of the Branch rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on December 28th as a farewell and were entertained to dinner afterwards at the Hind's Head Hotel, Bray. During the evening Mr. Lowman was presented with an inscribed silver tankard by the local ringers, who rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on Sunday after Evensong. J. N.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Saturday, January 18th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1659

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, at St. Nicholas', Warwick. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in cafe opposite church. Names for tea would be appreciated. — J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 1641

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan 18th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 6 p.m. in belfry.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1618

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells: Godmanchester (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.: All Saints (6), 3.45 to 4.30 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at All Saints' Hall (Ferrar's Road). All Saints' and St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1658

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) 2 to 5 p.m. and after meeting. Service 5 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting in St. Peter's Hall. St. Leonard's bells (6) also available.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Writtle (8), on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 1604

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Painswick, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea afterwards at the Cup House.—S. T. Price, Branch Hon. Sec. 1668

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting at Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea—names to A. H. Kemp, Lillesden Cottages, The Moor, Hawkhurst. 1612

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting, Central Cafe. All welcome.—J. J. Webb, Dis. Sec., 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 1628

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting at St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 18th. St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m.: Cathedral (12) after tea. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1585

LADIES' GUILD (North-Western District) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance requested.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Llandaff Cathedral, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service and tea. Names for tea as soon as possible to Miss M. Way, 80, Pencisely Road, Llandaff, Cardiff. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. King. 1645

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, Waltham Abbey, Essex (12), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., and further ringing until 8 p.m. A cordial welcome to all. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey, Essex.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 1622

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bicester, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. 1566

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Brackley, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4 p.m.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 1680

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. 1624

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Ringing: Balderton 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Newark 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting, Newark Belfry, 6 p.m.—W. L. Exton. 1586

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual District meeting at Godstone (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 1560

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1614

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Andover District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, Andover (8). Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in local cafe, followed by meeting. Bells after tea.—G. K. Dodd, Sec. 1605

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Portsea, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — A practice meeting will be held at New Alresford (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Bell Hotel. 1591

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stourbridge (St. Thomas') 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 1576

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Barnsley, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Rectory Rooms 5 p.m. Please notify not later than Jan. 22nd Mr. Eric Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, Barnsley.—J. W. Buxton. 1665

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Congresbury, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Cheddar. 1661

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting at Evercreech (10) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Badman, Evercreech. 1670

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at Stockport St. George, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, Mr. C. Bell, 22, Winifred Road, Heaviley, Stockport. — C. K. Lewis. 1690

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Thirty-eighth annual general meeting at St. George's Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, to Mr. George A. Watson, 27, Raby Road, Wheatley, Doncaster.—George A. Watson. 1529

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Darlington, Holy Trinity, 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25th. Names for tea by Jan. 23rd, please, to Mrs. W. N. Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. 1682

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District—Annual meeting at Harlow, St. Mary's (8), on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting in the Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1635

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Prestbury, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1686

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 25th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Queen of Hearts at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1656

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Jan 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, to Mr. W. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead. No names—no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Frindsbury on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, please, to R. C. Burns, 9, Murray Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1639

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Drighlington, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Sydney Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 1689

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Earl Shilton, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in High Street Schools 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Jan. 22nd to Mr. Geo. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leics. Full attendance, please.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 1657

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Annual District meeting at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, to Mr. M. Staniforth, 7, Chapel Street, Melton Mowbray, Leics.—Thomas Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1662

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting, Syston, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. in Red Cross Hall. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 1666

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Scunthorpe (8), Jan. 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Jan. 22nd, to Mr. F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe. 1615

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Talbot Cafe, 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Jan. 20th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec., Ermine Street, Ancaster, near Grantham, Lincs. 1636

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Bolingbroke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1679

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting at St. Leonard's, Heston, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, to Mr. G. W. Golding, 88, Gordon Road, West Ealing, W.13.—F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 1684

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1691

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual general meeting at Paulerspury on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 1632

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th, Ramsbury. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 1678

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Wimborne. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Jan. 22nd I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 1681

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing: St. Mary's (10), 3.30-4.25; St. Chad's (12), 2.20-4. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea at St. Chad's Parish Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting. St. Chad's bells available 7 onwards. Names for tea, by Jan. 22nd, to Mr. F. Cattell, 51, Copthorne Park, Shrewsbury. 1651

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th, St. Mary's, Nottingham, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting at 6 p.m. in the ringing chamber.—J. K. Wagstaff, Sec. 1674

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, N.15 (new 8), 3-4.15 p.m. (Trolley bus 623, 679, 629, 659 from Manor House Underground, alight at St. Ann's Road). St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (12) 4-5.15 p.m. Tea 5.15, St. Martin's Canteen, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to me, by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, please; sorry, no name, no tea.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to B. C. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. 1688

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District—Annual meeting at Lakenheath, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special business: Election of new secretary.—E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 1646

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting following at 5. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. T. Blow, 1, Florence Road, Sanderstead. St. Peter's bells after and also the new ring at Addington (6). The business meeting will include nominations for general officers.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 1640

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th, Bexhill. Tea 5 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. We shall practise Double Norwich, etc., whatever the weather. Names to C. Verdon, 14, Cranfield Road, Bexhill.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 1664

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, Saturday, Jan. 25th, University Refectory. Ringing arrangements: 9.30-10.30 a.m., St. Philip's (Old Market (8); 10.45-11.45, Lord Mayor's Chapel (6); 12 noon-1 p.m., St. Etephen's (10); 2.15-3, St. Thomas' (8); 3.15-4.15, St. Mary Redcliffe (12); 5-6, St. Michael's (6). Service 6. Dinner 7.15. Tickets 10s.—Patrick Bird, 20, St. Michael's Park, Bristol 2.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 1687

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Wootton, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, please. Tea will cost 1s. per head more for those who have not given in their name.—Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 1676

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South-West Branch. — Annual meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, Feb. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Jan. 27th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1655

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Penhow. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 1667

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Peterborough, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—plenty of cafes available. Meeting, St. John's vestry, 6 p.m. Ringing at both churches in evening—all welcome.—G. S. B. 1685

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from J. L. Morris, 25, Lancing Road, Orpington, Kent. 1465

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Basford. Bells (8) from 2.30 to 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Jan. 28th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 1668

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Details to follow. 1592

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The sixth annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at 6 p.m. at the Corporation Hotel, Derby. Afternoon ringing at Cathedral, 3.30. Tickets (11s.) from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 1669

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —The 70th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, Mar. 1st, when the chair will be occupied by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 15s. 6d. Peals on 8, 10 or 12 bells will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 1671

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, Mar. 15th. Applications for grants and any motions for insertion in the agenda for this meeting should be sent to the Hon. Gen. Sec. by Tuesday, Feb. 4th.—M. R. Cross. 1675

OXFORD SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—To celebrate the Society's 225th anniversary a dinner will be held in the Hall at Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 19th. Details and ringing arrangements later.—P. Walker. 1672

GRANDSIRE CATERS

Its Notation and Calling

BY EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 13)

It will be recollected that in dealing with Tittum callings we laid stress on the value of the 7th as a guide and observation, and it was found that the same assurance was offered in the Handstroke Home. In the Inverted Tittums the 7th will not offer us this help, for its place is now taken by the 9th. The general principle, nevertheless, remains, namely, **the call at 4 cannot be made until the three heavy bells, 7, 8 and 9, have all made thirds.**

Before leaving the Inverted Tittums two observations would seem to be worth making. The first is that whereas in the Tittums the termination 7689 (probably the finest music of all) is produced with the 6th in fifths place, in the Inverted Tittums this effect (at handstroke, of course) can only be secured if the 6th is in sixths place. The reason for this can speedily be determined by a little paper study of relative coursing order and the ringing of one or two touches in both positions. The second point to be noted is that the two opening courses given above have merely reversed 8 and 9, which makes it manifest that the same callings will restore the position 789. This fact is of some importance in the composing of short touches.

In a previous section of this essay we have remarked that in addition to the normal Tittum and Handstroke Home course ends of Grandsire Caters, the forms of which are reasonably familiar to most ringers, there are other formations of the back bells that will produce musical effects and which are well worth the composer's attention. The best of these are taken from what may perhaps be conveniently called the four-bell combinations, that is positions constructed by the transposition of 6789. Among these, of course, we shall find 7689 and 7698, which are what John Carter used to call the 'natural course ends' of Grandsire Caters. Among the other transpositions it is not unusual to find 7968, 7896, 9786 and 9876. The student will find it interesting and instructive to write out the whole of the twenty-four positions and to try to decide which are the most musical: he will probably be surprised at the musical potentiality of these figures.

In the consideration of the callings of these blocks one thing will speedily be apparent. In order to retain the four bells in their position the choice of callings is limited (using Table H as our guide) to those that leave the sixths-place bell unaffected. This gives us only eight callings, but it will be found that these provide ample scope for all ordinary purposes. The notation of the callings of these courses must, it will be remarked, be adjusted according to the position of the bells at the course end, just as we adjusted the Tittum notation to the Handstroke Home; and to the earnest student this cannot need detailed explanation. The following may provide sufficient guidance. The calling 1.2.3 is 9-3 in the 7968 position, and 8-3 in the 7896 position. Similarly the calling 2.3.4 is 8-3 in 7968 blocks, and 6-3 in 7896 courses. These callings, together with 1s and 2.3.4s, will present no great difficulty, but 1s.5 and 1s.5s will need careful watching and should therefore be studied on paper according to the musical position in which they are to be used.

It will be recognised, of course, that attractive as some of these musical positions may be, it is not possible to take advantage of them unless some callings can be found that will move the heavy bells into these places. This must be the next line of inquiry. Some of these places can be reached quite simply from rounds, but others cannot be arrived at direct by any simple calling, although most of them can be derived fairly easily from each other. Table K has been prepared in order to demonstrate what can be effected from rounds by simple opening courses. An examination of this list will show that the Tittum 6978 can be obtained but not the Tittum 7689, and that no Handstroke Home placing can be secured direct from rounds. 7968, however, is produced by two simple callings. Another notable absentee from this list is 7896, a very interesting and useful placing of the back bells. Nevertheless if we cannot get this direct from rounds we can secure it quite easily from 7698 or 7968, for it is clear that if 1.4 turns 6789 to 6978 so it will turn 7968 to 7896, and if 1.3.4 turns 6789 to 6987 so it will convert 7698 to 7896.

TABLE K

6789	
6978	1.4
6978	2s.4
6798	2.4
6798	1.2s.3
6987	1.3.4
6987	2s.3s.4
7968	1.5
7968	2s.5
9768	2.5
8967	1.3s.4
8769	2.3s.4
8769	1.2.4

The importance of Table K, it should be noted, lies not only in its indication of certain convenient opening courses, but also in its value as a general transposition table by means of which we may juggle, as it were, with 6789. The student will find it an exercise of great interest and educational value to take Table K and, starting from rounds, to transpose 6789 through a number of these positions and to return to rounds either at handstroke or at backstroke. A simple specimen of such an exercise suggests itself as follows. From rounds 1.4 gives 6978. From here 1.2.4 gives 7968. Proceeding with 1.4 we arrive at 7896, and finally 1.3.4 brings up 7698. The latter is, of course, the Handstroke Home position, and in this formation the bells may be brought into rounds by standard callings.

Upon skeleton plans like this many new compositions may yet be produced and some very entertaining results secured. In peal collections of past and present there will be found compositions in which 7689 alternates with 7698, where 6978 alternates with 7968, and where 7896 and 7698 are exploited, and more elaborate works where the bells have successive blocks in 7689, 7968, 7896, 7698, and sometimes other positions. The basis of these manifold manipulations of the four back bells can be traced in Table K, and it will be found that there is still ample scope for constructional enterprise in this fascinating field.

To illustrate the points made above, and to conclude this essay, the quarter peal given here

23456789	
63427589	1.4s
32457689	3.4.5s
4325	1.2.3
25347968	2s.4
3254	1.2.3
54237896	2s.4
2534	1.2.3
43527869	2.4
5432	1.2.3
32457986	2s.4
4325	1.2.3
25347698	2s.4
3254	1.2.3

'Grandsire' (the Jasper Snowdon Series). This book contains chapters dealing extensively with the anatomy of Grandsire Caters, and the interested student is strongly advised to pursue his investigations in this profitable field. Many ten-bell bands, whatever their ambitions in the more difficult realms of ringing, are fond of Grandsire Caters, a method so charming for Sunday service ringing, and it is earnestly hoped that this excursus will assist to shed new light in old haunts, and possibly reveal new treasures.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 14th, and former members of the Branch were welcomed from Moreton-in-Marsh and Pinner and other visitors from Aldbourne and Humberstone.

The Vicar (Canon F. W. Thomas) conducted the service in his usual thought-provoking manner and those present were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the Christ Church ringers.

Dr. H. Craig presided at the business meeting and the secretary reported a fairly successful year, with membership being maintained, despite the loss of Malmesbury to the Chippenham Branch, and an average attendance of 36 at the eleven meetings held during the year.

Although sundry warnings have appeared in divers publications from time to time concerning the re-election of officers year by year, the warnings were disregarded by the members, and all the retiring officers were re-elected.

Subject to permission being obtained, it was proposed that the next three meetings be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, Rodbourne Cheney and Stratton-St.-Margaret. The chairman expressed the good wishes of the members to Mr. W. H. Trueman on being elected Master of the Association, and to Mr. F. G. Wilton on becoming peal secretary.

Ringing was resumed after the meeting and ranged from rounds to Oxford and Cambridge Royal. W. B. K.

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers was held in the belfry on December 20th, the president, the Rev. J. H. D. Grinter, taking the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, as were the Master's, secretary's and treasurer's reports. One new member and one probationer were elected, namely, M. Brewin and T. Wylde.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—Master, Mr. J. W. Raithby; Deputy Master, Mr. W. L. Exton; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Stevenson; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; two committee members, Mr. D. N. Sellars and Mr. A. E. Chilton.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to hold the annual outing on June 21st, 1958, the final venue to be decided later.

The date of the annual Gopher Dinner was fixed as November 14th, 1958, the entertainment arrangements being left in the hands of the Deputy Master. The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the president and congratulated him on being appointed a canon of Southwell Cathedral. The Vicar, in reply, thanked the ringers for their kind wishes and for all the ringing during the past year.

A PEAL BOARD RETRIEVED

Mr. James Clarke, steeplekeeper at Stradbroke, Suffolk, has recovered a peal board from a blacksmith's shop in the nearby village of Wingfield. He has touched it up and intends to fix it in the ringing chamber at Stradbroke Church.

It reads:—

'On January 10th, 1882, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rang in this tower, containing 6,048 changes in 4 hours and ten minutes.

The Band were stationed as follows:—R. Huggins Treble, W. Motts 2nd, J. Motts 3rd, J. Pulham 4th, R. Ruth, senr. 5th, W. Riches 6th, R. Ruth, junr. 7th, W. Gobbett Tenor, and conducted.' C. R.

5,024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

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23456	B	M	W	H
35264	X			3
25463		—		
56234	X			
26435		—		
63254	X			
52436		—	—	
34625		—	—	
26543		—	—	
64235	X			
36245			—	
64352	X			
56342			—	
64523	X			3
42635		2	2	
23456		2	2	3

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CONCISE DICTIONARY OF CAMPANOLOGY

THE compiler feels that the following short list of words and phrases used by pursuers of the Exercise may fill a few long-felt wants.

After Bell.—The bell that strikes simultaneously with you when neither of you have learnt your front work in Stedman properly. (See *Course Bell.*)

Band.—A collection of people with determined expressions. Those readers who have come expecting brass instruments, not handbells, are in the wrong pub.

Bell.—If you don't know this one already, don't bother to go on reading.

Bob.—Mystic word, used for throwing a band of ringers into a state of inextricable confusion.

Composer.—Natural enemy of the Conductor.

Conductor.—A hunted creature, with every man's hand against him.

Course Bell.—The bell which is going wrong in 5-6 up, when you are hopelessly lost in 3-4.

Down.—A course of procedure that rapidly causes a bell to become unmanageable.

Erin.—Don't have anything to do with this method. If anyone asks you to loc[illegible] it up, say with quiet dignity that you prefer Stedman.

Foreman.—Nominally in charge of the belfry. Actually the scapegoat for every sin committed by local ringers, from practising after 9 o'clock to ringing the Vicar's doorbell and running away.

Grandsire.—A method generally regarded as easy for beginners and difficult for advanced ringers. Also known as 'The Conductor's Downfall.'

Home.—(*a*) A hotel for other ringers. (*b*) The lead where all the sorting out is done.

In.—See *Out*. When spelt with two 'n's this denotes a place of refreshment.

Lady Ringer.—(See earlier articles for information on this much-debated subject: The Lady Ringer—does she really exist?)

Lead.—If you don't know what this is, you are probably still ringing call-changes.

Lie.—The Conductor's excuse that two bells must have swapped, when he has called a Wrong by mistake for a Home.

Look To (Treble's going).—A warning phrase, denoting that the treble ringer has lost patience with those who are still discussing what method they shall ring. *Stand To* is a variant, indicating that it's about time Jim stopped fiddling about with the double tuck in his rope and put both hands to the sally. (See *Sally.*)

Middle.—Something every front-rank tenor man needs plenty of. (See *Tenor Man.*)

Out.—Opposite of *In.*

Peal.—Ringing that goes on far too long for comfort.

Queen's.—Don't bother about this one. No complete band ever hears the command 'Catch them in Queen's,' anyway.

Sally.—(*a*) A fluffy thing with stripes. (*b*) The tower captain's daughter, often little more than a disembodied voice calling outside the local: 'Dad, Mum says come home, the boiler's bust again.'

Single.—A command that brings a touch round half a course before the conductor expected it.

Slider.—The thing that gets broken when the stay doesn't.

Stay.—An object of almost irresistible attraction to the learner.

Stedman.—A method of ethereal beauty, sent upon earth as a consolation for the shortcomings of Grandsire.

Tenor.—The bell that follows the others with a gap of approximately two blows length in between.

Tenor Man.—Nature's noblest creation.

Treble.—The bell with the shrillest voice. Also the chief choirboy, who has been persuaded by the Vicar to take up ringing and doesn't look as if he is liking it much.

Wrong.—This speaks for itself.

D. R. C.

CHRISTMAS PEAL WEEK IN NORTH HERTS

(All peals for HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION)

BRAUGHING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

JILL MAYES	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
JACK S. DEAR	2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
PHILIP MEHEW	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells since 1886.
The conductor has now called this composition 50 times, and in 50 different towers.

HERTFORD.

On Fri., Dec. 27, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
VIVIENNE M. HORTON	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	C. MICHAEL ORME	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

HERTFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 25 lb. in D.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	DEREK P. JONES	7
†JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	‡J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	8
†IAN H. ORAM	4	C. MICHAEL ORME	9
IAN M. HOLLAND	5	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † First peal of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*KENNETH BALLINGTON (13)	*Treble*	C. MICHAEL ORME	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
JACK S. DEAR	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. Mr. J. S. Dear has now 'circled the tower.'

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sun., Dec. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

IAN M. HOLLAND	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	†PHILIP MEHEW	6
*KENNETH BALLINGTON	3	CHARLES H. BYSOUTH	7
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	†DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 100th peal together.
Rung for Evensong.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 11 cwt. 6 lb.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4
*KENNETH BALLINGTON	2	†J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
FRANCES M. WELCH	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Minor in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Mon., Dec. 30, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	*Treble*	†STELLA HUGHES	5
*KENNETH BALLINGTON	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
FRANCES M. WELCH	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
*CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER	4	JOHN WELCH	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major 'inside.' † 100th peal. First peal in the Ilkeston variation by all and on the bells.

DATCHWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN WELCH	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4
*KENNETH BALLINGTON	2	†DEREK P. JONES	5
FRANCES M. WELCH	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in seven methods. † 275th peal.
Rung to mark the close of the old year.

ARDELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KILLAMARSH TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 124, 127, 128).
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANCES M. WELCH	*Treble*	KENNETH BALLINGTON	4
*JACK S. DEAR	2	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
†ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	3	‡DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First in the method 'inside.' First in the method for the Association.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Wed., Jan. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CONWAY DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 125, 127, 128).
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

JILL MAYES	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4
PHILIP MEHEW	2	C. MICHAEL ORME	5
KENNETH BALLINGTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.3). First peal of Delight on the bells.
Rung in thanksgiving for the completion of the restoration of the tower.

ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MORPETH SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 125, 127, 128).
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JUNE GLADMAN	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	2	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. S4).

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TEN BELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	7
JACK S. DEAR	3	C. MICHAEL ORME	8
GILES C. GALLEY	4	PHILIP MEHEW	9
*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Royal in the method 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. T. R. Dennis' first peal, which was at St. Andrew-the-Great's, Cambridge.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	E. ALAN JACQUES	6
MARY C. PAYNE	2	*JOHN A. ACRES	7
E. CHARLES TURNER	3	†WILLIAM J. ROOT	8
RICHARD F. PRIME	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	9
HARRY POYNER	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* 100th peal this year (1957). † 100th peal on these bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	3	JOHN WORTH	8
ROBERT B. SMITH	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRACT SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
JOAN BERESFORD	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	8
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4	EDMUND MALIN	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Society.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

H WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	DAVID VINCENT	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	8
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	GEORGE SAYER	9
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 25th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

MERVYN FROMM	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
DENNIS MITCHELL	2	ALAN STREETER	6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	7
PETER LANGTON	4	GEORGE FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER W. MILLER	*Treble*	FRANK RUFFLES	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Cambridge.
A coming-of-age peal to Miss (Pat) Clarke, it also being a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CROSS	5
JANET EDGVEAN	2	JOSEPH E. STRETTON	6
HERBERT H. MORLEY	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
JANICE GRIMSLEY	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
A tribute to 'Bert' Morley on completing 25 years as captain of this tower.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL RUSBY	*Treble*	ARNOLD HILL	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	*ERNEST THORLEY	6
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
MRS. D. A. CHAPMAN	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam John Harry Brothwell, for 15 years a member of this company.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	ALBERT M. TYLER	5
*HERBERT T. FERRIS	2	*P. LESLIE PEARCE	6
*DON C. EXELL	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4	WILLIAM J. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung for the 101st anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	HARRY POYNER	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	*RONALD J. SHARP	6
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
PHILIP MEHEW	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* 90th peal on the bells. 150th peal as conductor. This is the 100th peal in the tower.
Arranged as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. Adams, who resigned from the living at the end of the year.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Marjorie Carpenter	*Treble*	David A. Carpenter	5
Frank W. Perrens	2	George Gardner	6
Gillian Williamson	3	L. Michael Callow	7
John W. T. Taylor	4	J. L. Garner-Hayward	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First peal.
Rung by the local band as a welcome to the new rector (Rev. G. A. Hughes).

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

William J. Button	*Treble*	*Charles W. Beecroft	5
*Muriel R. Page	2	Walter Ruffles	6
Patricia M. Clarke	3	Walter W. Miller	7
Frank Ruffles	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung for the passing of the old year.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*David French	*Treble*	John N. D. Chaddock	5
Mrs. N. Chaddock	2	Fred Fisher	6
Susan Chaddock	3	Norman Chaddock	7
Ian M. Holland	4	†Philip Walker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

James Bennett	*Treble*	Ernest G. Pearce	5
David H. Buxton	2	George V. Buxton	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Clifford R. Lovett	4	Alan Clarke	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
Rung fully-muffled for the passing of the old year.

EAST TEIGNMOUTH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

E. Maurice Atkins	*Treble*	John L. S. Glanvill	5
Heather Hood	2	Rev. John G. M. Scott	6
Norman Mallett	3	Frederick Wreford	7
Michael Hood	4	William J. Simmonds	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee in the priesthood of the Vicar (Rev. Douglas E. Hood).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three Morris' 240's and 20 extents (ten callings) Grandsire, and 12 extents (four callings) Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Terence Barton	*Treble*	Trevor A. Cross	4
*Hazel V. Dadson	2	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
George Kenward	3	Leslie B. Dobbie	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
* First peal in two Doubles methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. L. B. Dobbie, wife of the tenor ringer.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb.

A. George Orbell	*Treble*	*Christopher T. Graves	4
Roger Palmer	2	Anthony R. Mann	5
W. John Couperthwaite	3	Richard J. W. Housden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. W. Housden.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the second anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents Reverse St. Bartholomew's, ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with the method changed at every extent. Tenor 16 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

Walter G. Lane	*Treble*	D. Keith Lane	3
*Stephen J. Perry	2	Jeffrey B. Webb	4
Gordon H. Lane	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Gordon H. Lane.
* First peal. First in five methods for all.
A welcome home to Bernard R. Cummings, a local ringer, after more than two years' service abroad.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*Howard S. Taylor	*Treble*	Leslie H. Colcombe	4
†Clive Prosser	2	Charles Phillips	5
Reginald G. Powell	3	*Frederick Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Powell.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. de la Tour Davies).

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Edwin Walklate	*Treble*	Charles W. Walklate	4
Clive Walklate	2	David K. Walklate	5
Sampson Walklate	3	John F. Murfin	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
John Murfin is the first local ringer to 'circle the tower.'
Rung as a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster, of Shardlow.

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HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Ipswich Surprise and Cambridge Surprise, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN	*Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4
LUCY E. E. ALLEN	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

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

*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CRISP	4
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
DONALD F. MURFET	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* 25th peal in 1957. The first peal in the method by all the band.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

IVOR G. JONES	*Treble*	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	4
THOMAS J. GUNDY	2	CHARLES PHILLIPS	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	FREDERICK WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells. 25th peal on the bells.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240's each of Pitman's and Morris's and 30 ordinary in ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*J. WILLIAM DAY	*Treble*	ROLAND H. COOK	3
†MRS. DOROTHY DAY	2	†JOHN L. DAY	4
J. HARRY COOK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung by two families.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 PEMBROKE DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
B. CLARE WEBSTER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	*ROGER J. FOX	4
WALTER H. POOLE	2	SIDNEY W. WHITE	5
JAMES B. MORLEY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal in three methods.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*RODNEY J. MUSSON	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	WALTER WESTON	5
G. LEONARD THOMPSON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, consisting of ten extents of Stedman, ten of St. Martin's Bob, five of St. Simon's Bob, five of Plain Bob, ten of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	3
*JOAN K. BROWN	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	4
JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of five bells and first in five methods.

A farewell to Joan K. Brown, who left for Northern Ireland on December 30th. Also for the Festival of the Holy Innocents, MM. Rung by South Wigston band.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

*NELIA M. LEAHY	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	4
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	*J. HENRY GILBERT	5
*R. ROGER SAVORY	3	*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal in six Minor methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

SHERBORNE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of April Day (three callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 14 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID PITTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	4
JOHN DOWDESWELL	2	A. C. MERVYN DAY	5
PETER W. BARTLETT	3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Joyce Morse and Mr. A. W. Tucker, which took place at Fairford on December 26th.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

LEONARD J. MINNS	*Treble*	*MERYL J. ALDEN	4
*ANTHONY H. ROBERTS	2	†ERNEST WHITING	5
†CECIL A. THOMPSON	3	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal on the bells for about 25 years.
Rung within the octave of Christmas as a birthday compliment to Norman C. Baker (Barsham).

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYRIAC,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	*Treble*	*ALBERT G. FULLER	4
CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES	2	ANTHONY R. MANN	5
A. GEORGE ORBELL	3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal of Minor.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise; each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	4
JOHN R. COOPER	2	WILFRED W. RING	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

Rung as a welcome to Mrs. K. A. Hillis, who has recently taken up residence in the vicinity of the church.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of a 720 each of (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

William Button	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	4
Kathleen M. Yeo	2	William A. Kitchenside	5
Frederick J. Lambert ..	3	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Joan E. Baker	*Treble*	Raymond Idle	4
Alan J. Frost	2	Geoffrey E. Watson ..	5
David W. James	3	Ronald C. Noon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross, Woodchurch,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*M. Juliet R. Eastwood	*Treble*	*J. Stuart Anderson ..	4
*Judith Sutcliffe	2	Alexander J. Martin ..	5
†R. Eric Britton	3	Ernest T. Carvell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest T. Carvell.
* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mann, of Birkenhead, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

HANDBELL PEALS

EXNING, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. Reginald Heath ..	1—2	†John A. Acres	5—6
*Anthony R. Mann ..	3—4	Richard J. W. Housden	7—8

Adapted from E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.
* First peal on an 'inside' pair. † 50th peal for the Association.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Mrs. P. J. Staniforth ..	1—2	*John A. Acres	5—6
Peter J. Staniforth ..	3—4	Alfred Ballard	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.
* 25th peal together.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
Tenor size 15 in C.
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth ..	1—2	Walter P. Whitehead ..	5—6
Peter J. Staniforth ..	3—4	*Alfred Ballard	7—8
		*John A. Acres	9—10

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* 25th peal together.
A compliment to Jean Kirkman and Peter Minchen on their engagement.

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LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, G. Shellard 5.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Gough 1, M. Rosemary Patching 2, I. C. Forrest 3, E. Eade 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. A farewell to Maurice W. Stephenson, member of the local band, who is leaving the district. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Pamela R. Gough 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. First in the method for all the band. Rung at the twelfth attempt for Evensong.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Farmer (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Grenham 2, Miss O. Couchman 3, R. E. Lambert 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, J. Pocock 6. For Evensong, with bells half-muffled, to the memory of members of the parish who lost their lives in the Lewisham rail crash.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Fuller 1, R. J. W. Housden 2, W. J. Couperthwaite (first as cond.) 3, A. G. Orbell 4, A. G. Fuller 5, S. Faircliffe 6.

CARLTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,296 Minimus (648 New Little Bob, 648 Plain Bob): Mrs. S. Smith 1, S. Smith (first quarter) 2, A. Franklin 3, P. Wakeman (cond.) 4. For midnight service.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sparks 1, W. Webb 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, R. Netherway 4, H. Netherway 5, L. Dore 6.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Mawer 1, Mrs. L. Busby (first as cond.) 2, W. Holloway 3, J. Sutton 4, L. Busby 5, D. Norris 6. For the first Evensong of the Epiphany.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On Dec. 19th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. H. Brown 1, H. W. Jones 2, R. I. George 3, W. H. Wilson 4, R. Tait 5, D. Vokes 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, J. A. Atkinson 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the treble. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. H. Brown 1, C. J. Reade 2, W. H. Wilson 3, E. G. Buchanan 4, H. W. Jones 5, D. Vokes 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, R. I. George 8, J. A. Atkinson 9, J. M. Magill 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Very Rev. D. F. R. Wilson, late Dean of the Cathedral, whose funeral took place on November 27th.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On Dec. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Hatcher (first quarter) 1, R. Rayfield 2, Miss O. Couchman 3, L. Maynard 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, J. Pocock 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, A. H. Webb 2, Miss G. Bishop 3, H. L. Bishop 4, A. Sayers 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, J. C. Napper 8.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. S. Griffiths 1, Miss J. E. Gladman 2, D. Knox 3, J. G. Newman 4, W. G. Sear 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Ivings 1, L. Sharpe 2, E. Bishop (cond.) 3, H. Ivings 4, M. Sharpe 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Major F. Mason Green.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 19th, 1,400 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal: S. A. Read 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, T. Sanger 3, R. Crago 4, L. Hitchens 5, G. Salmon 6, G. Hawkins 7, H. J. Sanger 8, T. Jones 9, D. Hoare 10. First touch in the method by all the band. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, Miss B. Sanger 2, H. J. Sanger 3, R. G. Crago 4, R. March 5, A. J. Sanger 6, J. R. Badman (cond.) 7, P. March 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Nicholls on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Candy (first in method) 1, H. E. Good 2, G. Pullinger 3, J. E. Beams 4, A. S. Besant 5, C. W. Munday (cond.) 6, D. Spittle 7, G. Hill 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Heath, members of the church for nearly 50 years.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Gentleman 1, A. Benstead 2, S. Brown 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (first as cond. on tower bells) 5. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob): F. Bishop 1, J. Green 2, B. Hunt 3, T. Cummins 4, J. Kemp (cond.) 5, R. Bamber 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Young.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Yates (cond.) 1, G. Atkins 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, C. Hall 4, G. Shellard 5.

HARTHILL, YORKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. Fraser 1, Mrs. E. D. Kelly 2, P. Walker 3, I. Tilling 4, Mrs. N. Chaddock 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, N. D. Chaddock 1, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob Major by 1, 3 and 4. Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet C. Aldous 1, S. H. Waterfield 2, Frieda A. M. Frost 3, H. J. Larwood 4, P. J. Woodcock 5, A. E. Dixon (first as cond.) 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Smee 1, A. H. Smith 2, H. V. Young 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, B. Hawkins 5, A. S. Harris 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, T. Cross 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lake (first quarter) 1, L. Batley 2, Miss V. Hester (first in method) 3, J. Crampin 4, R. Smith (first in method) 5, H. Neill 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, C. Hughes 8. For Evensong.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Mackay 1, Dorothy Stafford 2, B. Groves (cond.) 3, W. H. Dowse 4, F. Osbaldiston 5, R. B. Smith 6. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Owen (first quarter) 1, Margaret Mackay (first 'inside') 2, Dorothy Stafford 3, F. Osbaldiston 4, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 5, A. Osbaldiston 6.

MONKTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, T. Travers 2, C. Manley 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, S. Bright 6. For morning service.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 660 Grandsire): Jennifer Ann Ellison 1, K. Edwards 2, D. Aspden 3, G. Lloyd (first in three methods) 4, D. Burgess (cond.) 5, M. G. Goff 6. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. A. Halls 1, D. Aspden 2, E. A. Flint 3, D. Burgess 4, K. Edwards 5, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 6. For morning service.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Diana M. Gough 1, Diana J. Perrins 2, I. M. Holland 3, Stella Hughes 4, J. A. Anderson 5, P. Mehew 6, Vivienne M. Horton 7, S. Ivin 8. First Bristol for 1, 3 and 5. A 20th birthday compliment to Stephen Ivin.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Nov 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Alexander 1, Cynthia Smewin (13) 2, R. Raven 3, Sonia Allen (14, first as cond.) 4, J. Cox 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. First quarter 2 and 5. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse Canterbury, 660 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Pearl Goodwin (12) 1, Daphne Pollard 2, M. R. Cross 3, Susan Alexander 4, J. Cox (first as cond.) 5, Sonia Allen 6. First in three methods by 1 and 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Marjorie Wilson (of Radley) and Mr. Alan Whiting (of Edington, Wilts).

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Small 1, Maisie Vantom 2, D. Hodgson 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, D. Jackson 5, A. J. Hicks 6, R. Swift 7, S. Skinner (first of Triples) 8. Ringers of 'inside' bells each conducted one part. For the Feast of Christmas.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pond 1, F. Welch (cond.) 2, H. Bungay 3, R. Dean 4, J. Cornelious 5, G. Monckton 6, K. Welch 7, I. Best 8. First in method by 1, 4 and 5. For Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Monckton on the occasion of their silver wedding.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Carless (first of Major) 1, Miss D. Ward 2, Miss M. Carnoghan (first of Treble Bob) 3, Miss M. Wilcockson 4, W. Wenban (cond.) 5, R. Stoddard 6, L. North 7, E. J. Leversuch 8. For evening service.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. G. Rose 1, P. Berrett (first quarter) 2, A. G. Moore 3, H. A. Gummer (cond.) 4, G. Twiney 5, G. Poole (first quarter) 6.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hodges 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, José Bassett 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, J. Gascoigne 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Barrett, a loyal Sunday service ringer.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Maple 1, Miss G. Smith 2, J. Young 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, G. Mercer 6. Rung in memoriam Canon S. E. Longland.

STOWFORD, DEVON.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Whitford (first quarter) 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. H. Benoy 4, W. J. Harvey (cond.) 5, T. K. Fice (first quarter) 6.

STRATTON-ST.-MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Howlett (first quarter) 1, E. Sutton (cond.) 2, Miss M. Wright (first of Doubles) 3, K. Page (first 'inside') 4, R. C. Westney 5, Dr. C. G. Roworth 6. For Sunday service.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Dec. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, G. Parsons 2, G. Goodman 3, J. Cook 4, R. Hinde 5, W. Wilson 6, E. Talbot 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. Also at St. Leonard's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. Sanders 2, J. Rea 3, J. Chapman 4, R. Sanders 5, A. Lewry (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, G. Miles 8. In memoriam Cyril Nichols, a ringer at Streatham during the past 20 years.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. James 1, Miss B. Fisher 2, Miss J. Porter 3, T. Thirkell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung for Matins.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with 6 and 8 covering): G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. A. Reeve 4, H. Fuller 5, N. Watson 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. Stagg, a ringer at this tower for 50 years.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Christmaas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Cook 1, R. J. Scott 2, L. S. Griffiths 3, D. Knox (cond.) 4, W. G. Sear 5, J. G. Newman 6. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Robert Gutteridge, grandson of the third ringer. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sinfield 1, Miss J. E. Gladman 2, L. S. Griffiths 3, R. J. Scott 4, F. J. Cook 5, D. Knox 6, J. G. Newman (cond.) 1, W. G. Sear 8.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Louis 1, E. G. Carpenter 2, L. V. Davis 3, C. H. Smart 4, F. Virgin (cond.) 5, W. Tizard 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Stewart-Smith and Miss Beryl Virgin on their engagement; both are regular ringers and members of the choir.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: R. Lucas 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, G. Challans 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First in method on the bells and by all the band. Rung for carol service.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hughes 1, P. J. Bird 2, F. W. Slocombe (cond.) 3, D. T. North 4, G. Salter 5, G. Walford 6, G. J. Gammon 7, C. Baker 8.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Robbins 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, E. Prout 3, H. Powell 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5. A farewell to Preb. W. N. Potter, who has retired after 50 years in the ministry, 12 years in the above parish.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett (cond.) 3, Susan Jacobs 4, M. P. Moteron 5, A. Bagworth 6, A. Bishop 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): L. K. Dawe 1, H. Burton 2, J. H. Glanvill 3, H. Miller 4, A. G. Betts 5, I. Gooding 6, J. H. Briggs 7, J. Sellick 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. J. F. Glanvill, for many years captain of this tower, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Stradbroke on January 4th was specially arranged so that Mrs. C. E. Archer could hear for the first time the bell she gave to the church over five years ago. For Mrs. Archer is 'The Bor Daivud's' sister, and arrived in this country with her husband in November from Perth, Western Australia. Owing to illness, Mrs. Archer had unfortunately been unable before to make the first visit to her native village since 1911. The ringers, equally divided between Norfolk and Suffolk, were heartily congratulated on the peal, and then went on to Fressingfield, where at Willow House they were bountifully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Etheridge.

Ringing is suspended at Chester-le-Street for the time being. A gale shifted the top of the recently-repaired steeple.

The Rev. John Scott has been appointed to a living near Holsworthy. It embraces the parishes of Clawton, Tetcott and Luffincott. He will be moving from Newton Abbot in March.

The hon. secretary and treasurer of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild is now Mr. J. T. Barrett, of 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster.

Swynnerton, Staffs, bells, which have been to the Loughborough foundry for reconditioning, are now ringing again.

The quarter peal rung at Burgate, Suffolk, on January 4th was illuminated by candlelight and was a novel experience by all the band. It was the first quarter peal on the bells for about 30 years and the ropes passed through about three feet of twigs.

From Swindon we hear that a former member sent to the staff a box of mince pies as a New Year gift, with the following instructions:

If Uncle Bert was belfry bound
And giving bells the clout
Around the midnight hour—then Jack
Exclude the —— out.

The photograph advertising a certain brand of margarine was taken at St. Mary's Parish Church, Hendon, where ringing is from the ground floor immediately inside the west door. The ringers photographed are members of the local band, writes Mr. T. J. Lock.

The quarter peal at Rye was rung to mark the rehanging of the bells on ball bearings after a peal attempt had failed.

The band which was privileged to ring a peal at Ebbw Vale on January 4th would like to thank the Ebbw Vale ringers for the kind hospitality extended to them after the attempt.

Mr. W. H. Clarke, veteran ringer of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, has undergone an operation in the Leicester Royal Infirmary. His many friends will wish him a very speedy recovery to health and strength.

The ring of eight at Milborne Port, Somerset (tenor 28 cwt.) will be heard on the West Home Service on Sunday, February 2nd, at 9.45 a.m. The captain of the ringers is Mr. A. W. Barter.

Mr. Roger Leigh, of Hindley, Wigan, has produced an attractive booklet as a hand-out to possible recruits. The text, written by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, is one that will fire the imagination of youth. There is space at the back for local details.

There will be no ringing at St. Peter's, Twineham, Sussex, for some time, owing to the tower being badly cracked. Mr. E. H. Wickens, captain and churchwarden, writes: 'We are already having the Horsham stone roof seen to and this is costing £1,000, which we are struggling to raise.' He thanks all ringers who sent in donations in response to his letter for the roof.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1957

Mr. J. R. Acres Scores a Century

MR. JOHN R. ACRES, of Leicester, heads our list of peal ringers for 1957 with a total of 100 peals. This brings his grand total of peals to 436, of which 371 have been rung in the last 4½ years since he moved to Leicester from Newmarket, Suffolk.

Second on the list is Mr. Derek P. Jones with 91 peals, produced by a fine Christmas spurt of 12 peals, mainly in Hertfordshire.

Mr. Ernest J. Jelley, of St. Thomas', South Wigston, Leicestershire, claims third place with 81, closely followed by Mr. Ernest Morris, who has more peals to his credit than any other ringer, with 79.

The leading lady ringer is Mrs. Phyllis Poole, of Leicester, who rang in 75 peals, followed by Miss Joan M. Wilcockson with 45.

The honour of being the most successful conductor of the year goes to the Leicester Guild secretary, Mr. Brian G. Warwick, he conducting 66 out of his 73 peals Mr. John R. Mayne, of Harrow, conducted 60 and had the highest number for tower-bell peals.

Youngest ringer in our list is Frank Osbaldiston, aged 13, with 32 peals; but 14-year-old Bernard Groves had the big total of 54.

Peals conducted are shown in brackets.

	Tower	Hand	Total
John R. Acres	72 (3)	28 (5)	100
Derek P. Jones	91 (51)		91
Ernest J. Jelley	81		81
Ernest Morris	67 (9)	12	79
George E. Fearn	76		76
Phyllis Poole	75		75
John R. Mayne	71 (59)	3 (1)	74
Brian G. Warwick	58 (53)	15 (13)	73
Philip Mehew	71 (3)		71
A. Patrick Cannon	68 (31)		68
Stephen Ivin	62 (33)	2	64
Joseph W. Cotton	59		59
Peter J. Staniforth	43 (21)	14 (7)	57
Edwin T. Chapman	55 (6)	2	57
Brian J. Woodruffe	49 (30)	7 (4)	56
Bernard Groves	48 (2)	6	54
John M. Jelley	43 (5)	10 (1)	53
Robert B. Smith	50 (1)	3 (1)	53
Brian S. Chapman	44	5	49
Donald H. Niblett	38 (11)	10 (4)	48
Joan M. Wilcockson	45		45
John R. Cooper	44 (5)		44
K. R. Dunstan	44		44
Peter Border	42 (23)	1	43
John W. Blythe	42 (29)		42
Nolan Golden	41 (38)	1 (1)	42
T. J. Lock	37 (5)	5 (1)	42
John R. Smith	36 (19)	6 (2)	42
Thomas Cullingworth	41 (9)		41
Geoffrey Pearson	41		41
C. Jack Gibson	40		40
William B. Catchpole	36 (16)		36
Stella Hughes	36 (5)		36
John Pinfold	36		36
Leslie Boumphrey	32	4	36
Howard W. Egglestone	35 (5)		35
James H. Musson	34 (26)		34
Basil Jones	33 (4)		33
Alan McFall	31 (6)	2	33
Derek Ogden	28 (12)	5	33
William Wenban	33		33
John Worth	33 (16)		33
Terry Earle	32 (12)		32
Patricia A. M. Forster	32		32
Vivienne M. Horton	32		32
Frank Osbaldiston	31	1	32
W. J. Ridgman	30 (17)	2 (2)	32
George Kenward	30		30
Frank B. Lufkin	31 (23)		31
Harold S. Peacock	31 (5)		31
J. E. G. Roast	31 (25)		31
Ivan H. Oram	30 (3)		30
Alan R. Syder	30		30
Norman J. Goodman	29		29
William Rogers	29 (20)		29
D. E. R. Knights	29 (7)		29
T. Barton	28		28
David Hoare	27 (11)	1 (1)	28
Crawford T. Hillis	28		28
Cyril A. Wratten	21 (6)	7 (2)	28
Ralph G. Edwards	27		27
Leslie N. Melton	27 (6)		27
Diana J. Perrins	27		27
Alan R. Pink	27 (24)		27
Cecil W. Pipe	27 (6)		27
Percy D. Baldock	26		26
H. D. Holland	26		26
Peter G. B.-Knights	26		26
Roger Leigh	26 (5)		26
Ronald Russell	26		26
Hilda G. Snowden	26 (3)		26
T. E. Sone	26 (3)		26
L. Stilwell	26 (1)		26
Dennis A. S. Symonds	26		26
Geoffrey A. Lucas	25 (3)		25
Peter S. Bedford	25 (1)		25
Mary Dowsett	25		25
Brian J. Howard	25		25
William H. Dowse	25		25
S. G. Ponting	25		25
Trevor Taylor	23 (9)	3 (3)	26
Derek Taylor	23	3	26

THREE PEALS IN 60 YEARS

The bells of St. Michael's, Teignmouth, in South Devon, well known to many summer holidaymakers, were installed for Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1897, but the third peal on them has only just been rung.

The first peal—Superlative Surprise—was rung on September 4th, 1912, during a tour by the Cambridge University Guild. It was conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, and in addition to the present tower captain the only other survivor is the former president of the Central Council, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis. Both the other peal towers of this tour, viz.: Charles Church, Plymouth, and St. Sidwell's, Exeter, were blitzed during the war.

The second peal—Yorkshire Surprise, on August 20th, 1934—was one of ten rung during a week's holiday tour in Devon. It was conducted by Frank Bennett, and the party included such names as George and Alfred Pye, Gabriel Lindoff, G. R. Newton, Harry Wingrove and William Henley.

Now that change-ringing is practised in the tower, it was thought that the Vicar's jubilee of 25 years as a priest was a fitting occasion for another attempt to be made.

Six officers of the Devon Guild met the Vicar's wife and son, who have learned to ring here, and a peal of Bob Major was rung on January 4th. After the peal the band were very kindly entertained to tea at the Vicarage by the Vicar and Mrs. Hood.

Previously on December 22nd, the actual day of the anniversary, the bells were rung before the 8 a.m. service, at which a chalice and paten, presented to the Vicar by the congregation, were used for the first time.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The prospect of ringing at a tower rarely seen in the Society's fixture list did not seem to provide as big a 'draw' as anticipated, and the attendance at All Saints', Sheffield, for the January meeting was below average. However, ringing to suit most tastes took place on this pleasant ring of eight, which unfortunately had to be rung muffled due to the proximity of the dense local population.

In the evening, headquarters were transferred down town to the cathedral, where further ringing, including rounds on 12, Cambridge Royal and Little Bob Maximus, was enjoyed.

RESTORATION

Exhall, Coventry

There are two parishes in Warwickshire named Exhall. Both have a church dedicated to St. Giles. Exhall, near Alcester, has only one bell hung in an open turret, but the history of the bells of the scattered parish adjoining Coventry might be worth recording.

The tower originally contained three bells, cast by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston, in 1706. These were recast by Messrs. Barwells in 1900 and hung in a frame for six with wood beams top and bottom, joined together by cast steel cross-sections.

In 1920 two trebles and a tenor were added as a memorial to the men of the parish who fell in the first world war. Owing to the awkward conditions of handling—21 feet of rope without guides—very little regular ringing was done on them until 1951, when a set of rope guides was installed and a band of service ringers recruited from members of the choir and congregation. The bearings of the three old bells have since given trouble and it was only the regular attention by the captain and tower keeper, David Harrison, that kept them going over the years.

In October, 1957, the six bells were removed from the frame and the fittings taken to Whitechapel Foundry for restoration and adaptation for roller bearings. While the bells were out the local ringers painted the frame and also bricked up the louvres to the turn of the window arches, to reduce the noise in the immediate vicinity and throw the sound further into the distance.

On Thursday, December 19th, the bells were tried out after rehanging by the local ringers, together with a few invited friends from the neighbouring tower of Keresley, who expressed their admiration for both the excellent 'go' of the bells and the effect outside achieved by bricking-up the louvre windows.

The bells were rededicated at Evensong on December 22nd by the Vicar (Rev. Leonard Bruce) in time for Christmas ringing. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on a first-class rehanging job. W. A. S.

4 A.M. START FOR RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor an attempt will be made to ring 40,320 Plain Bob Major at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, on Saturday, February 8th, 1958. The attempt is planned to begin at 4 a.m., and the composition is as follows:—

40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

23456	W	V	M	H
42635	—	3	—	
65234		3	S	—
26534		3		—
52634		3		—
62435		3	—	
36425	—	3		
45362	—	3	S	—
34562		3		—
53462		3		—
42365		3	S	—

Eleven times repeated, calling bob for first single M in all other parts except the seventh, and calling single for bob at every third part-end. Arranged by Dennis Knox.—Yours truly,

PHILIP MEHEW.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Fuller 1, G. Waghorn (first in method) 2, A. W. Durham 3, E. Bromley 4, F. Bromley 5, R. E. Lambert 6, A. Bromley 7, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 8. For morning service.

A CHRISTMAS PEAL TOUR IN HERTFORDSHIRE

IT was not quite like the ordinary peal tours. In the first place it was in the dead of winter. Then again, it was a kind of non-resident affair, people joining for odd days here and there, the organiser himself combining Christmas at home with a little bit of ringing (only 12 peals in just over a week, for a start). Moreover it was exceptional in that all eleven attempts were successful.

The visitors came from far afield—a young lady from Rye, another from Duffield, a little lad from Derby, a well-known tenor man from Dorking and a friend from Kent and, not least, several from Miss Stella Hughes' cycle tour reunion the same week-end at nearby Whitwell Youth Hostel. Local ringers from Hitchin, Baldock, Stotfold, Barkway, Benington, Clifton and Hertford completed the party. Three of these on Boxing Day nearly rendered themselves incapable of completing the week by scoring Cambridge Royal at Cambridge and ringing the three heaviest bells.

The needle-spiked tower at Braughing, with a nice old Miles Graye octave, famous in earlier days, was first. A well-struck peal of Double Norwich was rung, the notoriously odd-struck seventh not proving as difficult as anticipated. One moment of the customary A. P. C. hilarity, however, nearly jeopardised his chance of scoring Sir A. P. Heywood's well-tried composition for the 50th time. It transpired it was 71 years since the last peal of Double Norwich was rung on the bells.

On the way to Hertford our transport gave up the ghost. Moreover the towers were exchanged at the last minute owing to a funeral, but despite the difficulties, the first peal of Cambridge Major on the bells in St. Andrew's Church was well and truly rung.

Some reached the imposing sandstone tower of All Saints', Hertford, next morning in the luxury of a beautiful ivory Consul car, and the sonorous Mears ten were soon tapping along to the music of Bob Royal in the tittums, the best peal of the tour being scored.

Three bus journeys made us a little late at Baldock. These heavy bells, with Hertfordshire's largest tenor (dated 1711) sound grand outside but are very exacting to the ringer within. Everybody tried hard, however, and the first peal of Yorkshire in the tower was scored with a good beat, and again pleasure was given to several critical listeners. Farewells were said to Pat and Ian and the fresher ones hastened to join Stella's reunion social at Whitwell.

The visitors assisted with the service ringing on the lovely old eight at Hitchin next morning before embarking by train and taxi into the wilds of the East Anglian heights to ring the pleasant Bryant eight at distant Barkway, where Mr. Charles Bysouth had everything in readiness. A fast peal of Bob Major was brought round in ample time for service.

Even more lonely Great Munden caused some trepidation next morning about transport and about the 'go' of the bells, which had not been pealed since December, 1934. The first fear was removed by bus and taxi, and Mr. Jack Welch, of Holmes Farm, Walkern, and his daughter, Frances, had done all they could to alleviate the latter fear. They are both very capable ringers and all thanks are due to them for not only standing in several peals to the detriment of the farm welfare, but in taking great trouble to make all the arrangements for the three days of the tour in their district. As a result the notorious Great Munden tenor went very well. Some of the small bells proved difficult, however, owing to frame movement, and it was with some relief that the first peal of Surprise on the bells (Cambridge) was completed at a very steady pace.

A three-mile walk to Puckeridge in the fresh breeze and bright winter sunshine (just like the peal excursions the veterans describe!) made us ready for a late lunch, then a taxi was hired to take us into Benington by a roundabout route, visiting the seldom-heard and very ancient ring of five (once a ring of eight) in the picture-book village of Westmill, where the fourth is one of Hertfordshire's oldest bells (14th century) and to the good-going, pleasant six at Little Munden, where Mr. Phillipps patiently waited in readiness in the tidy ringing chamber.

SQUIRE PROCTOR'S CHURCH

At Benington Mrs. Robinson was justifiably recommended as a source of tea, and she 'did us proud,' so that the peal on the famous little eight at St. Peter's, where Squire Leonard Proctor and his men rang the first true peal of Cambridge Major in 1873, was entered upon with zest. Jack Welch had rung the tenor here to the Bob Major record (over 18,000!) 25 years ago, so we could do no other than press him to ring it again. I am sure it goes far better now than then, thanks to Messrs. Mears' recent overhaul. Ilkeston Variation of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was tapped out, and it proved a most musical peal, the two youngsters certainly earning their 'stars,' and Stella scoring her 100th.

Through a mistake, we met short at Datchworth the next morning, the last day of the year, but fortunately Philip and Jack were able to shelve work and so we postponed till the afternoon the first attempt for a quarter of a century on these bells cast by Chandler. Mr. Milton, though not enjoying the best of health, has managed to keep the old six at Watton ringable, though it is over a century since they saw the bellhanger, and they take quite a bit of ringing. Datchworth, in an unusual (for the county) shingled spire, are also hung in the old style, but are a pleasant six to ring, especially since rope guides were fitted recently. A good peal in seven methods was scored, the Rev. H. Tross, the Vicar, meeting us at the end to compliment the team. The six at Aston, rung on a flight of steps in a gallery, were visited for a short while, but the good tenor does not blend well with a very odd-struck front end, and ringing seemed to suffer as a result. The remnants joined the keen youngsters at Offley later that evening as the year drew to a close, and young Kenneth went so far as to ring for midnight at Hitchin.

The year 1958 began well, with two peals of Minor on nice bells in unusual methods. Ardeley was the morning tower, a very pretty six with a fine pre-Reformation tenor, another mediæval and an Elizabethan (John Dier) bell, set in a needle-spike flint tower in a picture-book thatched village in the chalky upland wilds.

The rain descended in torrents as the now much-diminished party proceeded to Walkern, but the Welch family turned out in force, transport, too, to make it possible to ring on the very light six at Walkern and the even lighter five at Rushden (six with the second missing).

Poor Kenneth's hands were by now in ribbons, as six peals in five days on old-style bells is a tall order for a lad of 13, and he seemed very disconsolate about his chances of making a good job of the evening attempt. But a little act of thoughtful kindness now seemed to give him new heart. The intricacies of Conway Delight were quickly mastered and a first-rate 'first in the method' was brought round, the flickering light casting strange shadows as the ropes danced. Kenneth, far from giving up, rang his 'inside bell like a veteran, and has done well to ring 19 peals in his first year of ringing.

There still remained one attempt, almost as an afterthought but by no means the least task—Morpeth Surprise Minor at Ashwell—a hard method on Hertfordshire's heaviest six. With distant visitors from Watford and Dunstable a good peal was scored, Philip making a good job of the tenor, and another elusive 'first in the method' achieved, a very satisfactory conclusion. There can be few tours, faced with such difficulties of organisation, to achieve 100 per cent. success in such a variety of towers and methods. D. P. J.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

The third annual reunion of the Society took place on December 14th at Northampton. During the afternoon ringing took place at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, St. Edmund's, St. Peter's and St. Giles'. Ringing ranged from rounds to Yorkshire Royal, including a good touch of Spliced Surprise Major.

In the morning six members attempted a peal of Cambridge Minor, but unfortunately this came to grief in the early stages.

At 6.30 the party adjourned to the Grand Hotel for an excellent meal, after which the annual meeting was held. During the evening the entertainment was home-made, and included a rendering of 'Figaro' by a well-known member.

At the annual meeting Mr. P. I. Chapman was elected president, Mr. J. E. Cook Ringing Master, Mr. D. Mottershead deputy Ringing Master and Mr. A. E. Hartley secretary and treasurer. Miss A. Thackeray, of Bedford, was elected a member.

A long discussion took place as to why the report of the tour had not appeared in 'The Ringing World,' although this had been sent up. The secretary was left to deal with the matter and to write to 'The Ringing World' Committee if no satisfaction was forthcoming from the Editor.

Members and friends attended from Leeds, Birmingham, Burton Latimer, Branston, Bedford, Daventry, Grantham, Heywood (Lancs), Kettering, Leicester, Lichfield, Nottingham, Northampton, Retford, Todmorden, Swindon, Stoney Stanton and Wales.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A LINK IN ANGLO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be interested to know about the dedication of the bells in Eriswell Church on April 17th at 7 p.m. It is over 200 years since any fresh bells were added to the belfry, and as the two new bells have been donated by members of the United States Air Force living in the parish, the service on April 17th may be quite an important link in Anglo-American friendship. The American Ambassador is sending his special assistant to represent him, and the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich is coming to dedicate the bells.

At present we have three bells that have now been taken to the Loughborough Foundry—two for retuning and one for recasting. After April 17th we shall have a ring of five bells, and any visiting teams of ringers will be welcome to ring *after* the service.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM DONNAN.
Rector of Eriswell.

MUSIC OF CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir,—As a ringer and chorister for well over 70 years, I am naturally interested in both and fascinated by the music of the changes produced in bellringing.

Your leading article by Mr. H. Chant on the different variations of dominant notes to end cadences is admirable.

Enclosed is a single chant I have arranged from the third change of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, starting without a bob, viz:—3, 2, 4, 1, 6, 5, 8, 7, 9, 10, this being the treble air to the chant. In the key of D major is D. E C sharp, F sharp: A, D F sharp, G E, D.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

6-5 AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest the article by Mr. H. Chant on 6-5's at backstroke and as a closed lead ringer I find it difficult to discover any objection.

During the many years I spent ringing the 5th with a fastidious tenor ringer beside me, I found it was a distinct advantage to give the tenor 'plenty of room' at both hand- and backstrokes, a point which is well known to all 5th ringers in successful contest teams.

When ringing the tenor at meetings I find it easy to identify an open lead ringer on the 5th as he tends to ring too close to the tenor. It therefore is feasible that a backstroke change being completed with the 5th too close to the tenor followed by a pause must be objectionable, but if the two bells concerned were separated by a proper interval some sense of music would be produced and, we trust, appreciated.

Many ringers are today anxious to complete their peal or touch in some fantastic time, an instance being quoted in the 'R.W.' of a peal at Merstham on December 11th with a tenor of 14 cwt. being rung in 2 hours and 33 minutes! At 33 changes per minute, allowing for 16 open leads per minute, it would appear that seven bells struck every two seconds!

At this speed, with a 14 cwt. tenor, the effect of a backstroke change ending with the 5th coming down on the tenor would be indescribable and suggests a reason why 6-5 backstrokes are shunned.

I apologise to Mr. Cannon for selecting his peal as an example, but it happened to be the first which caught my eye. However, it would be interesting to know what is the pendulic swing of the Merstham tenor and how far it rose above frame height during the peal.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Yorks.



PEALS WITHOUT OUTSIDE NOISE

Dear Sir, — When our Vicar came to our village, over three years ago, it soon became obvious that, as ringers, we should no longer have all our own way!

He had never had a church before where there was more than one bell and to come and live within 30 yards of six of John Warner's rough'uns—well, it made him sit up, to say the least.

He allowed us to have a peal fairly early in his ministry here, not quite knowing what he was letting himself in for. After that, things became more difficult; he had complaints from two or three people who came to live near the church; one man threatened to shoot the ringers—I believe he would have done if there had been an 'R' in the month!

I tried various methods of quietening the bells. I fitted shutters to the bell openings, gunmetal tips to the clappers, boxwood clapper ends—but all to no avail. One man suggested cutting the ropes but I thought that was rather drastic!

I made friends with a local instrument maker and with his brains and my brawn we devised a system whereby when we ring the tower bells (with clapper stays on) this rings six handbells in the ringing chamber. There used to be a similar system at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, and I believe there still is one in use at St. Mary's, Ely, and I dare say lots of other towers, but they differ from ours inasmuch that one is mechanical and one is electrical. Ours will operate either from the mains or by batteries. We can now have as many peal attempts as we like without disturbing anyone except our loving wives when we creep into bed!—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD MUNCEY.

Histon, Cambs.

CALNE RINGERS' GUILD

Dear Sir,—No doubt in company with all former members of the R.A.F. who spent any time at Compton Bassett or Yatesbury, I was very interested to read W. A. H.'s account of the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Calne Ringers' Guild. During 1945 I had the pleasure of calling several quarter peals there, and the displeasure of miscalling a peal of Grandsire Triples two days before my 'release,' which fortunately was put right six months later. I'm afraid that ringing at Calne and other towers in the district, such as the fine eight at Bishops Cannings, provided most of the scant enjoyment I was able to extract from my 12 months in that pleasant part of the country.

May I offer my best wishes for the future to Mr. Burry and all other friends in and around Calne.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

TWO PEALS QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—I have been looking through recent 'R.W.'s' during the holiday, and must draw attention to two peals which, I feel, do not conform to the requirements for a peal.

Erin Doubles rung at Shepperton on November 23rd. The 360's of which this peal is made up do not conform to the second paragraph of the Council's decision of 1951, i.e., that a peal may consist of 'Round blocks consisting of two or more six-scores, provided that each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.'

This means that each of the six-scores in a 360 must contain all the 120 rows but need not start from nor end with rounds. Thus in a 360 you have three six-scores, each one complete in itself, joined together to make the block. (In the same way as in the Bankes-James arrangement for Cambridge Minor, in which each extent is complete in itself but does not end in rounds.)

In the 360's used in the peal (I am assuming they are those published in 1951) each row appears three times but each six-score does not contain the 120 rows.

Saturn Treble Bob Doubles rung at Ockham on November 30th. The method is false. The rows with the treble in third's place of the first lead of the plain course repeat with those of the third lead and similarly with the second and fourth leads.

I feel that there is a connection between the two peals due to a misunderstanding of what the Council's decision was. It may stem from the fact that in 1951 a leading article publicised as being the Council's decision a proposition that 'A peal of Doubles shall consist of either 42 extents of 120 changes rung without interval or any arrangement of changes in which each change occurs as many times at 120 is divisible into the total length, or any combination of these.' This proposition was rejected by the Council and the present decision (made originally in 1937) was adopted. Although the mistake was corrected immediately, I fear the correction has never really caught up with the original misstatement.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

ST. JOHN'S, HONG KONG

Dear Sir,—Re your inquiry about the bells of St. John's in Hong Kong, I have a son in Malaya doing his National Service, who spent a month's leave in Hong Kong last February. After reading the item in 'The Ringing World' I wrote and asked him if he could tell me anything about the bells, and this is his reply:—

'I do not know much about the bells except that they are a ring of eight. The ringers, numbering three or four, are very enthusiastic and they do hold a practice Monday evenings. They chime changes and hymn tunes from cards, and while I was there they invited me to join them in their chiming on Mondays and Sundays, which I did.'—Yours sincerely,

P. LEWINGTON (MRS.).

Reading, Berks.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

The East Devon Branch held their quarterly meeting at Awliscombe on January 11th. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hillier (of Awliscombe) and the bells were rung by members from Sidbury, Honiton, Luppitt, Cotleigh, Hemyock and Awliscombe before and after the service. Methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire. Tea, followed by a business meeting, was held in the Village Hall.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES ARTHUR MILNER

We regret to record the passing of Mr. James A. Milner, of Disley, Cheshire, at the age of 60 years. He was buried in the churchyard of his village church on January 11th, when ringers from many churches in the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild were present. Many of those present had been taught the elements of change ringing by him and had taken part in peals with him.

He joined the Chester Guild in 1912 as a boy and he used to relate how, on his first visit to Norbury, he had to stand on a chair to ring the treble. In 1914 his family moved from Disley to Hyde, and he attached himself to the tower there until he joined the Forces. During the 1914-18 war he served with the Sherwood Foresters and had many harrowing experiences. On demobilisation he returned to Disley to settle down, and resided there for the rest of his life, being a tower of strength to the local band.

He rang his first peal in 1921 (the treble to a seven-method peal) at Disley and his second peal later the same year was in 17 methods 'inside.' This was the precursor of many peals of Spliced in which he took part in up to 84 methods. In all he rang 333 peals for the Chester Guild and several for neighbouring Associations, such as Lancashire and North Staffordshire, but as he kept no detailed record, his peal total is not known. He took part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Chester Guild and in many others 'firsts' for the Guild in the years immediately prior to the Second World War.

But it is not for his ability as a peal ringer that he is best remembered. It is for his uncanny knack of teaching beginners the art of change ringing. In the 1930's many young ringers used to meet for practice at Disley and no matter how large the crowd he would see to it that each was enabled to make some progress, and it is to his unbounded patience and skill that the writer learnt how to ring. When his learners advanced further he was ever ready to guide them with good advice proffered in such a way that it seemed like the learner's own idea. His work was not confined to his own tower and when Fairfield (Buxton) appealed to him for help in raising the standard of ringing about the year 1930 he willingly went once a week for several years and had the pleasure of conducting the first peal on the bells there, in which three of the band rang their first peal and the other two had had their peal conducted by him earlier that year (1933).

His quiet, unassuming disposition endeared him to all and his unruffled manner in the most trying circumstances often had a tranquillising effect on the band. In all the years the writer rang with him he can only remember him once appearing to be angry, and then he had more than ample cause. He did not regard himself as a conductor but there is no doubt he was very able in the field of Spliced Minor and he called the first peals of many in the district.

From 1950 to 1952 he was Ringing Master of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild and only retired because his health was beginning to fail. He got steadily worse and for the last two years had been unable to ring. At its last annual meeting, in January, 1957, the Branch decided to bestow upon him the highest honour in its power, and made him a vice-president.

The Exercise is poorer for his passing, and to his widow and daughter and son-in-law heartfelt sympathy is extended. C. K. L.

James Arthur Miller passed to his rest on January 8th. So ends an era in the bellringing life of the Cheshire village of Disley.

When I was still a schoolboy I joined the band of ringers at Taxal Church, where change ringing was little in excess of a plain course of Bob Minor. The then leader of Taxal band took me to Disley one Friday evening and introduced me to Jim Milner, and thus began a period of instruction and friendship which continued for many years.

Amongst the towers of the Cheshire-Derbyshire borders, Jim was regarded as the instructor, and apart from his own practice night he spent many evenings and Saturday afternoons visiting surrounding towers to give of his time and instructional ability to struggling bands who looked to this humble, genial plumber to impart to them his knowledge and ability to ring Spliced Minor.

Such was Jim's ability to attract enthusiastic learners to his nursery that I, and many others through the years, accepted his summons 'You are in a peal at such and such a place' with the feeling that our presence was absolutely essential to ensure our continued progress in the world of change ringing.

Never was he ruffled and never did he point a finger at anyone when things went wrong or a peal was lost and it was this characteristic which endeared him to all who came to him for advice and instruction.

As was said in his funeral address, there is no doubt that the sound of bells, which he loved, would welcome him on his passing over. A. H.

MR. ARTHUR YOUNG

With deep regret we record the sudden passing of Mr. Arthur Young, of Frampton, Lincs. Going home on the night of December 26th he collapsed on the roadside and was later found to be dead.

A ringer at Frampton for about 40 years, he will be sadly missed. He held the office of sexton, a duty he carried out faithfully despite the fact that he had an artificial leg, having lost a leg during the first world war.

Mr. Young was a regular Sunday service ringer and a sound peal ringer, having taken part in 110 peals, which included several of Surprise Minor.

The funeral was at Frampton on December 30th. The service was fully choral, and was attended by ringers from Algarkirk, Boston, Sutterton, Sibsey, Swineshead, Wigtoft, Kirton and Tattershall. Four of his fellow ringers acted as bearers..

MR. DAVID McINROY

On January 6th a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at Farnborough Parish Church in memory of David J. McInroy, whose tragic death was reported in 'The Ringing World' on December 6th.

David rang at Farnborough during his National Service and also took part in other church activities. We are sure he enjoyed his time in Farnborough, during which he made much progress with his ringing and gained many friends. M. A. F.

MR. JOHN H. MASTERS

Mr. John H. Masters, who died on December 6th at the age of 67, had been a ringer at Houghton-le-Spring for over 30 years. He joined the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1918 and was a very regular service ringer until illness compelled him to give up ringing in 1949. He had acted as secretary of the belfry for many years. His father and three of his brothers had also been ringers at Houghton-le-Spring.

The bells of Houghton-le-Spring were rung half-muffled for the funeral and the Sunday Evensong the night before.

MR. LEWIS NEWMAN

A member of the Kent County Association for the past 40 years, Mr. Lewis Newman died in Pembury Hospital after a short illness, and his funeral service was held at St. Michael's Church, East Peckham, on January 11th.

Among the ringers attending were Messrs. T. Saunders, L. J. Honess (East Peckham), W. R. Manser (Barming), T. E. Sone (Paddock Wood), Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie and Messrs. J. T. Medhurst and G. Fry (Tonbridge) and P. Carter (West Malling).

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mrs. W. Dobbie 1-2, T. E. Sone 3-4, W. Dobbie 5-6, G. Fry 7-8. Afterwards 720 Plain Bob Minor, with the bells half muffled, was rung in the tower by J. T. Medhurst 1, T. Saunders 2, T. E. Sone (conductor) 3, W. R. Manser 4, L. J. Honess 5, G. Fry 6.

Mr. Newman started ringing at the early age of 11, and at the age of 20 went to America. Returning to England in 1918, he restarted ringing the day after he arrived back. Lewis was very keen and made many friends. He was always willing to help the learner and also to fill a gap for a peal at the last minute. T. S.

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OBITUARY (continued)

MR. J. H. BROTHWELL

A last tribute to the memory of John Harry Brothwell was paid by members of the Yorkshire Association and Sheffield District Society on December 28th with a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, his favourite method, at Handsworth, his last tower as a regular Sunday service ringer and where he enjoyed some of his best peals. The bells were not muffled for the peal as muffled ringing was one of his pet aversions. Mr. Brothwell was one of the oldest members of the Yorkshire Association, both in age and his continuous membership of 64 years.

Born in the little village of Silk Willoughby, Lincolnshire, in 1874, after leaving school at an early age, he worked for a few years as farm hand, and at the age of 18 ventured to the colliery village of Treeton, near Rotherham, and lived there for the remaining 65 years of his life. He became head horseman to the Rothervale Collieries, and a few years later, when motoring was in its infancy, taught himself to drive, on the quiet, whilst supposedly washing the chief's Rolls-Royce. His chief, Sir Walter Benton Jones, heard of this and appointed him his personal chauffeur. He was with the same firm until he retired in 1939, and ended his career as transport manager to the collieries. He held a driving licence from the year 1904, and was driving regularly until the week before he died at the age of 83.

He learned to ring at Treeton a year after his arrival there and it was on this ring of six that he rang his first peal in 1893. He rang 11 peals of Minor up to 1910, when he scored his first peal of Major, Plain Bob at Eastwood, and joined this company about the same time. A little later he joined the Rotherham Parish Church company. All his peals from 1910 to 1920 were conducted by the late Clement Glenn, and from then until the second world war he rang most of his peals, including many Surprise methods, with the late John Flint, of Bolsover. He never kept any peal records and always said he indulged in peal ringing for the pure enjoyment of it rather than for statistical purposes. There are, however, 229 peals to his credit in the Yorkshire Association's records, and he rang many for the old Midland Counties Association in the Chesterfield area, besides many others in all parts of the country. He was an excellent striker and right up to the last rarely made a trip, even in the most difficult Surprise method. He once rang two peals of London in a day with the late William Pye, and the latter afterwards congratulated him on not making a single trip. He rang his last peal, one of Cambridge Major at Handsworth in 1953, at the age of 79.

Being mechanically minded he was always a useful man to have around a belfry. Not only was he willing and able but the job had to be done right, and his new stays and rope-splices were works of art.

Probably his greatest assets were his punctuality and regularity at Sunday service ringing. Except for holidays and his very rare illnesses, he never missed, except once, it is recalled, when he apologetically announced one Sunday morning that he wouldn't be at the tower in the evening because his family insisted he stay at home for his golden wedding celebrations.

Mrs. Brothwell predeceased him by two years and he leaves two sons and three daughters, the two sons also being accomplished ringers.

J. J. L. G.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Bailey 1, D. A. Frith (cond.) 2, W. R. Read 3, J. M. Simpson 4, K. Kettering-ham 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6, J. E. Cook 7, B. Hunt 8, H. R. Woods 9, T. Relf 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Thorpe.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting at Chester-le-Street

A Western District meeting had been suggested for Chester-le-Street on January 18th, and the idea of running that partly as a social evening had been favourably received. That date proved inconvenient at Chester-le-Street and the meeting was rearranged as a joint Northern and Western District meeting on January 4th. That brought the date within the 'twelve days of Christmas' as was foreseen, but also enabled the bells to be rung before a gale shifted the top of the recently-repaired spire, as was not foreseen! Ringing is suspended at the time of writing.

Ringing before tea was concluded with a contest by three teams, drawn from the hat, ringing a course of Grandsire Triples. The judges (male) were posted outside in the usual fashion, where they were immune from any female charms. This was a wise precaution as it turned out, or one of them might have had a sticky time trying to explain to his wife why the band with five females had been declared the winners while her own band had been placed last! Tape recordings were played back during tea before the verdict was given.

Tea was served buffet fashion to lessen the formality of the proceedings. In place of the usual service the Rector said a few prayers by way of introduction to some Christmas carols. 'The First Noël' was rung on handbells, and 'Ding, Dong, Merrily on High' was rendered by a hastily-gathered quartet, in addition to the 'massed choral' items.

Music for a barn dance proved rather elusive but was eventually found, and then several party games kept things moving until just after 8 p.m. All present joined in with enthusiasm to provide a rather different composition, 'conducted by D. A. Bayles.'

More tea was made and a second attack launched on the food. The tower was revisited for a few short touches before the bells were lowered in peal to complete the programme.

The experiment seems to have been successful and it is hoped that it may be repeated and made even better another year. D. A. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District Annual Meeting

Once again the majestic bells of Hitchin rang out for the North Herts and District meeting. Together with many friends from Bedfordshire we rang, then attended the service, conducted by the Rev. G. N. O. Walsh, with Mr. P. Wells at the organ.

The meeting was held after tea in the Church House, with Mr. F. Plummer in the chair. Mr. E. Buck, who is also president of the Association, was re-elected as District secretary and treasurer, with acclamation. In his report he emphasised that although progress has been made, there is still room for improvement, and meetings should be better supported.

Messrs. J. Dear and F. Plummer were elected to the general committee, after the chairman had given some account of the duties of the District when electing their representatives. The District committee members are: Messrs. S. Ashton (Pirton), W. Brown (Stevenage), G. Critchley (Knebworth), A. Harris (Walkern) and H. Werrett (Norton). Miss J. Sanderson remains 'R.W.' representative.

Mr. K. Timbury has moved from the county and has become a non-resident life member; Miss D. Childs (Knebworth) is now a ringing member.

Ringing continued with Spliced Surprise and other methods to suit all the ringers there.

J. S.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Banbury District at Work and Play

The winter quarterly meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Tadmarton on January 4th, about 25 members and friends being present, with more turning up after tea. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector, and there was a strong choir to lead the singing in church and afterwards to sing carols, unaccompanied, during tea—a charming touch.

The Branch chairman (Rev. C. O. Moreton) presided at the business meeting, at which it was agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Oxford City Branch at Adderbury on March 8th. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Shenington for April 12th and a practice at Bodicote on February 8th.

It was reported that the bells at Mollington are to be made ringable and the tower to come into union with the Guild; so far as is known the bells have been chimed but never rung since they were rehung in 1875.

Working on a suggestion first put forward by Mr. George Burton, an ad-hoc committee organised a dinner and social evening which, judging by its popularity and success, is likely to be the first of a long succession of annual affairs.

There was some ringing at St. Mary's Church, Banbury, on the afternoon of January 11th, but the festivities really started at 7.30 p.m. when dinner was served at a local hotel to a full house.

Afterwards there was some friendly rivalry between teams of handbell tune ringers from various towers in the Branch, Adderbury being judged the best by volume of applause. Mr. Cliff Wightman and Miss Janice Grimsley then put the company through its paces with seasonable fun and games, and ringers of rounds and ringers of Surprise methods were reduced to a common level.

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LANGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Hoy (first quarter) 1, R. C. Brewin 2, R. J. Hill 3, R. F. Hubbard (first quarter) 4, J. F. Hubbard 5, R. J. Hubbard 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Angela Meller 1, T. Smith 2, M. Hallett 3, J. Cruickshank 4, D. Bowen (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, R Brown 6. A compliment to Miss Angela Meller and Robin Trebilcock on their engagement.

TREDINGTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. E. Sprackling 1, Miss P. F. Sprackling 2, A. Halling (first 'inside') 3, M. T. Sprackling 4, A. J. Smith (cond.) 5.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at Stockport St. George, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. C. Bell, 22, Winifred Road, Heaviley, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 1690

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Alvaston. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis Sec. 1709

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow, St. Mary's (8), on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting in the Queen's Head. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1635

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 25th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Queen of Hearts at 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1656

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Bolingbroke, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 1679

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting at St. Leonard's, Heston, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 1684

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1691

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing: St. Mary's (10), 3.30-4.25; St. Chad's (12), 2.20-4. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea at St. Chad's Parish Hall 5.15, followed by business meeting. St. Chad's bells available 7 onwards. 1651

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, N.15 (new 8), 3-4.15 p.m. (Trolley bus 623, 679, 629, 659 from Manor House Underground, alight at St. Ann's Road). St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (12) 4-5.15 p.m. Tea 5.15, St. Martin's Canteen, followed by business meeting. Sorry, no name, no tea.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 1523

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 25th, Bexhill. Tea 5 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. We shall practise Double Norwich, etc., whatever the weather. Names to C. Verdon, 14, Cranfield Road, Bexhill.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 1664

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 1687

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Wootton, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, please. Tea will cost Is. per head more for those who have not given in their name.—Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 1676

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. — Annual general meeting, Chester Cathedral, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Reservations for tea required by first post Jan. 29th.—Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole. 1708

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Macclesfield, St. Michael's (12). Bells 3. Tea 4.45. Service 5.30, followed immediately by the business meeting. Make own arrangements for tea (as usual).—B. C., Hon. Sec. 1716

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton (6), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1707

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South-West Branch. — Annual meeting, Plymouth St. Andrew's, Feb. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Jan. 27th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1655

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Bridgnorth, St. Leonard's, afterwards St. Mary's. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop. 1695

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LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Annual meeting. A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, with the LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea **must** be sent, by Thursday, Jan. 30th, to Mrs. B. Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, near Narborough, Leics. 1710

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Clitheroe, Feb. 1st. Tower open for ringing 3 to 7.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7.30. Those requiring tea please notify, not later than Wednesday, Miss Parkinson, 20, St. Mary Street, Clitheroe.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1722

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. — John F. Turner. 1711

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Lower Bentham, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Ringing 2.30-7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to E. Coates, 8, Cheapside, Lower Bentham, Yorks.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 1713

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Poolstock, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Jan. 29th, Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 1721

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester (10 bells), on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Names for tea, by Jan. 29th, to Mrs. B. Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, near Narborough, Leics. —J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec. 1697

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Hathern, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Rectory 5 p.m. Names, by Jan. 29th, to T. Harris, Esq., 21, Green Hill, Hathern. 1706

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Penhow. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 1667

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hanley, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 1720

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at the Cadena at 7.45 p.m. Tickets, 15s. 6d., from R. A. Jackson, Balliol College, Oxford. Ringing programme: Christ Church 2-3, Merton 2.30-3.30, New College 3-4, St. Mary Magdalen 3.30-4.30, St. Ebbe's 4-5, Magdalen College 4.45-5.45, St. Mary-the-Virgin's 5.15-6.15. Service at St. Mary-the-Virgin's 6.15. 1552

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at West Haddon, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 1725

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Peterborough, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—plenty of cafés available. Meeting, St. John's vestry, 6 p.m. Ringing at both churches in evening—all welcome.—G. S. B. 1685

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Holt (6), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 1700

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. 9d. each). Names, on or before Jan. 30th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1698

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Next meeting, Treeton, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church School. Names, by 30th, to Mr. F. Hanson, 50, Wood Lane, Treeton, Rotherham.—J. S. Seager. 1701

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, City (8), 3-4 p.m.; St. Leonard, Shoreditch (12), 3.45-5.15 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1524

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Basford. Bells (8) from 2.30 to 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Jan. 28th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 1668

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. D. Mitchell, 1, Pondtail Road, Horsham.—I. Butcher. 1715

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Hordle (6) 2.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Milford-on-Sea. Ringing, Milford-on-Sea (8) after tea. Names, by previous Tuesday, to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, in St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, at 2.15, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15, after which the Cathedral bells will be available for one hour, 6.15-7.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, please, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 1719

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Isle of Wight District. — Annual meeting, Newport, Feb. 1st, Carisbrooke. Bells also available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mrs. Guy, 16, Cypress Road, Newport. 1727

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Feb. 3rd, 7.30 p.m., and first Monday in each month, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 8th, annual general meeting, St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2–3.30, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3–4.30; own tea arrangements; service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m.; ringing 5.45–7.30: business and handbell competition 8 p.m. in Chapter House. Dinner, April 19th, The Victoria, tickets 15s. 6d. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1728

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Bells (12) available 6.30-8 p.m. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1718

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 8th. Bells 3–8.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicolas' Hall 5, with business meeting to follow. Notifications for tea by Feb. 5th, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 1729

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 1699

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Nettlestead (5) 2.30-4.15, followed by service. Tea at Wateringbury, and bells (6) during evening.—P. R. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1712

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Loughborough, Feb. 8th. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (10) 2.30-4.30; Quorn (8) 7-8. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, Fearon Hall, 5. Names, by Feb. 5th, to L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. (Foundry bells not available.) General committee meeting, Feb. 3rd, in Cathedral belfry 7.30.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1703

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — South Norfolk Branch.—Annual general meeting at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 4th, to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Sec. 1724

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Kislingbury, Feb. 8th. Important: Tea only for those who forward their names, by previous Saturday, to R. Clarke, Treetops, Weedon Road, Kislingbury.—F. W. Hancock. 1705

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Annual meeting, Northampton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available: St. Edmund's 2-3 p.m.; All Saints' 2.45-3.45 p.m.; St. Giles' 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Giles' 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Angel Hotel, Bridge Street, 5.30 p.m., followed by a social evening. Tickets for tea (2s, 6d.) and for social (2s. 6d.) are obtainable from Mr. A. C. Cozens, 6, Grafton Road, Roade, Northampton, or from the secretary. Requests for tickets, together with remittance, please, by Feb. 8th.—G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 1696

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —The 70th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, Mar. 1st, when the chair will be occupied by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 15s. 6d. Peals on 8, 10 or 12 bells will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 1671

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in Oxford on Saturday, Mar. 15th. Applications for grants and any motions for insertion in the agenda for this meeting should be sent to the Hon. Gen. Sec. by Tuesday, Feb. 4th.—M. R. Cross. 1675

OXFORD SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—To celebrate the Society's 225th anniversary a dinner will be held in the Hall at Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 19th. Details and ringing arrangements later.—P. Walker. 1672

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel on January 4th, with the Master (Mr. Frank E. Haynes) in the chair.

The membership of the following ringers, who were elected prior to peal attempts, was duly ratified: Miss Shirley M. Parsons (Cheltenham), Miss Nadine Price and David Beacham (Tewkesbury), Ian M. Holland (Sheffield), John E. Neale and Michael Lawrence, both members of Boldmere Parish Church.

The balance sheet disclosed a loss sustained during the year, due to a deficit on the Johnson dinner account, and also to the cost of recording peals.

No changes were made in the list of officers for the ensuing year, the following being re-elected: Master, Frank E. Haynes; Ringing Master, John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith and Edgar C. Shepherd; auditors, Henry H. Fearn and Sidney O'C. Holloway; librarian, Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, George E. Fearn.

A proposition to invite Mr. J. Frank Smallwood to occupy the chair at the forthcoming Henry Johnson dinner was enthusiastically received and carried unanimously. The date of this function will be March 1st.

For the next meeting King's Norton was chosen by the majority. Instead of the usual first Saturday in the month, the date of this meeting will be April 12th, subject to the Vicar's consent.

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A-HUNTING WE WILL GO

THE lot of the expert, it has often been remarked by the humble commoner and doubtless deeply felt at all times by the expert himself, is not unreservedly happy. What views he puts before the public are more open to criticism than those of lesser lights; what work of investigation or compilation he is asked to undertake will, in its finished and published form, be scrutinised keenly by friend and foe, and woe to him, despite his long and weary labours, if he fails to justify what he postulates.

This has always been so, and indeed in past days, criticism was more fierce than it is today; and it was often more crude and relentless. Among the more cultured, nevertheless, it has always been considered good form to disagree in a gentlemanly fashion, to smite the adversary, even if relentlessly, at least with soft weapons: in short, to quarrel in a very agreeable manner. The following little controversial comedy, although leading to no neat climax or portentous conclusion, has a happy humour of its own.

At the end of the year 1903 the Central Council issued its first Collection of Peals, a comprehensive (if not consistently accurate) book of compositions in what were called 'Odd-Bell Treble-Dominated Methods.' It was 'Treble-Dominated' that started the fun, and the columns of 'The Bell News,' from the rising of the sun on January 4th, 1904, to the going down of the same on April 23rd, recorded a long, rather pedantic, but by no means uninteresting discussion.

First, Mr. Herbert Drake, writing to congratulate the Central Council, objected very strongly to 'Treble-Dominated' on the grounds that the treble did not dominate the method but was dominated by the places. This view was supported in the following week by that excellent but rather verbose scholar Mr. R. A. Daniell, who pointed out that 'Treble-Dominated' was ambiguous and might mean that the treble was dominated or that the treble did the dominating. Moreover, he said: 'The notion that the hunt is the dominating influence in a method is FLATLY CONTRARY TO THE TRUTH. . . . Wherefore, let us spew out of our mouths this false term.'

As may be imagined, this stirred the committee responsible for the book, and J. A. Trollope, bowing to the storm with mock humility, requested some suggestions for a better term, so that he might, as he said, be able to be critic in his turn. Mr. Daniell now began to hedge. He was only too conscious that his technical equipment was inadequate in any tussle with Trollope over methods, and he evasively asked for a definition of the issue between them. But now Mr. Herbert Drake had got himself prepared to be helpful. 'Treble-Dominated' he could not and would not accept, but as some term had to be found to distinguish between methods with a hunt and methods without a hunt, he suggested that perhaps the Exercise would take kindly to one of the following: uniform, iterated, monod, monomorphous, monometric, symmetric, rhythmic, sequential, and a few more simple, easily-comprehended expressions.

Mr. Daniell and Mr. Trollope tactfully ignored this scholarly exposition and returned to the simple problem of hunting for a name for the Hunt. Daniell held strongly to the view that places dominated the treble, and not the other way about. He brushed aside Mr. Trollope's reference to correspondence with Law James, deeming this a palpable red herring; and to his support he called Mr. Dains, who both as the author of Alliance and a building expert should, he considered, know something of foundations. So he wrote:

> 'If Mr. Trollope instructs Mr. Dains to build him a private dwelling house, and Mr. Dains does so, will he send in his bill in this form: To building you a foundation-dominated house . . . 2s. 6d., or whatever the price may be?'

At this stage the issue was somewhat clouded by an unfortunate remark by Mr. Drake, giving the impression that Grandsire should be called Compound and Stedman Simple. This wasted a certain amount of time, but eventually both sides began to be hopeful over the use of some such term as Huntful or Huntless. But now, at this point, Mr. Dains came down heavily. Mr. Trollope withdrew from the arena. Mr. Drake made an unobtrusive exit, and Mr. Dains and Mr. Daniell started to fight it out. They began with technicalities on the function and limitations of foundations in buildings, with reference to Gothic and Classic designs, and here the building expert showed authority. Mr. Daniell was undaunted, and he raised the question of the beginning of the construction of an opera house, a project abandoned at the foundation stage to result in the building of a new Metropolitan Police headquarters. Mr. Dains knew all about this, but spoilt the fun by insisting on getting back to method building.

The editor of 'The Bell News' now suggested that the matter was closed, but Mr. Daniell had one more last word. On April 23rd he wrote: 'I agree with Mr. Dains that there is no necessity to make any statement about the dominating factor at all'; which will be seen to be both magnanimous and a worthy termination to a grand intellectual contest.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

R. F. B. Speed (Caius) ..	*Treble*	A. R. Heppenstall (Sel.)	6
P. M. Freeman (Jesus)..	2	F. B. Cookson (St. John's)	7
Mrs. G. A. Williamson (Newn.)	3	†B. D. Price (Emmanuel)	8
*Miss M. S. Jackson (Girton)	4	C. M. P. Johnson (Sel.)	9
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	5	J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare)	10
		P. K. Williamson (Trin.)	11
		J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by F. E. Haynes.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman Cinques 'inside.'

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

*Michael J. Austin	*Treble*	‡Arthur T. Dutton	6
†Ernest Stitch	2	Paul J. Rigby	7
*Brian J. Woodruffe	3	P. George Golder	8
Stella Hughes	4	George W. Hughes	9
John A. Anderson	5	Derek Parker	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by George W. Hughes.
* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal on the bells. ‡ 100th peal.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas, and a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Wallater, of Willenhall.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Alphege,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 1. Tenor 21 cwt.

Frank W. Perrens	*Treble*	Edgar C. Shepherd	6
Ralph G. Edwards	2	*David A. Carpenter	7
Bryan D. Woolley	3	Edwards T. Lloyd	8
John S. Mason	4	George E. Fearn	9
John Pinfold	5	J. L. Garner-Hayward	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung to mark the conductor's 60th birthday and his 50 years' association with the choir and belfry of Solihull Church.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Mabel Prockson	*Treble*	John G. Nash	6
William Hewett	2	James Wallman	7
J. Frank Smallwood	3	Wilfrid Wilson	8
Albert W. Coles	4	Reuben Sanders	9
Maxwell Oakshett	5	John Euston	*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by William Hewett.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Cyril Wright	*Treble*	John J. L. Gilbert	5
*Cyril Rusby	2	John E. Turley	6
Wilfred L. Robinson	3	*Joseph Saxton	7
*Ian M. Holland	4	David Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Wilfred L. Robinson.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Richard Clifton	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
John A. Acres	2	Brian G. Warwick	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
Phyllis Poole	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
200th tower-bell peal as conductor.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Albert G. Richards	*Treble*	Francis Brotherton	5
Albert D. Collins	2	Frederick G. Handley	6
Ernest Stitch	3	Arthur S. Williams	7
Christopher Wallater	4	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert D. Collins.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. G. Richards and Miss F. E. Sharvill, and a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Collins; also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

Russell G. Parker	*Treble*	Harold Leather	5
Patricia M. Clarke	2	Charles W. Beecroft	6
Frank Ruffles	3	Walter Ruffles	7
Leslie G. Brett	4	Walter W. Miller	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
Rung half-muffled by the local band as a last tribute to Mr. C. V. Peake (P.C.C. treasurer), interred this day.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Frank H. Hicks	*Treble*	E. Winifred Keys	5
*James H. Lilley	2	William T. Beeson	6
Raymond Overy	3	William Rogers	7
Thomas E. Sone	4	†W. Arthur Riddington	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by William Rogers.
* First peal of Surprise. † 200th peal.
A seventh birthday compliment to Carole Sone, grand-daughter of Thomas E. Sone.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Dorothy T. Gardiner	*Treble*	†Colin J. B. Taylor	5
*Anthony J. Sanger	2	David Hoare	6
Gwilym G. Salmon	3	Eric Naylor	7
*Victor G. Roberts	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Wightman. Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

HENBURY, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*J. Anthony Bennett	*Treble*	*George Locke	5
*John D. Culley	2	*Cecil H. Abbott	6
Joan Gray	3	Philip M. J. Gray	7
†Nigel J. Maggs	4	*Charles C. Rugman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' 50th peal together by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray.

LONDON, E.C.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*MARGUERITE HARTE	*Treble*	HUGH NEILL	5
JOHN ARMSTRONG	2	DENNIS R. RANDALL	6
RENEE L. ARMSTRONG	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
ALAN F. THIRST	4	R. JAMES COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*NOEL E. SPRACKLING	*Treble*	MARTYN HAWKES	5
†PAULINE F. SPRACKLING	2	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	6
IVOR GOULTER	3	ALAN J. SMITH	7
FRED HAWKES	4	*ERNEST LEACH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. SMITH.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' and of Triples. First in the method as conductor.

THORNE. YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey, with 124 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
ALEXANDER E. MARSH	2	GORDON BENFIELD	6
J. HENRY FIELDEN	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

DIANA J. PERRINS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	PAUL J. RIGBY	7
PETER BORDER	4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	JOHN HUGHES	5
*JANET M. P. RABAN	2	‡DESMOND F. CLAYS	6
JOHN DEAN	3	HENRY O. BAKER	7
†GEOFFREY PARTING	4	JACK TILSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First peal. † First 'inside' in the method. ‡ First on eight bells.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

STANLEY E. DARMON	*Treble*	†REGINALD ROWLEY	5
*NEVILLE JENKINS	2	‡ROGER CADAMY	6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 1,950, P.24 No. 1).
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal in the method on a working bell. † 50th peal. ‡ First in the method.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Thurs., Jan. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*PHILIP WALKER	*Treble*	GEORGE S. LEE	5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	FRED FISHER	6
†IAN TILLING	3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
SUSAN CHADDOCK	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.
Rung by members of Rotherham Parish Church company in memoriam John K. Brothwell.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,472 Superlative, 1,408 each of Bristol and Cambridge, and 768 London, with 127 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
*ARTHUR G. MASON	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of 4-Spliced as conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
JESSE HARRISON	2	ANTHONY E. COX	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	3	ALBERT BRIDGES	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
Rung to mark the occasion of the opening of a new Church of England primary school at Beaconsfield by H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent, on January 8th, and its dedication by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, the Rt. Rev. H. J. Carpenter.
Rung on the conductor's wedding anniversary.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	2	*ALAN STREETER	6
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
*BRIAN A. CRACKNELL	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BUCKLEY. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. The conductor's 50th tower for a peal of Kent T.B. Major. The first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

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BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN	*Treble*	†CECIL BARKER	5
TERRY EARLE	2	HERBERT C. REASON	6
JOHN A. WARNER	3	ALBERT WIFFEN	7
*ALAN R. SYDER	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 28 cwt.

DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	J. HENRY GILBERT	6
ALBERT M. TYLER	3	FRANK D. MACK	7
ALAN F. LEE	4	FRANK HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JANET L. ADAMSON	*Treble*	†RICHARD E. DEAN	5
†HOWARD OGLESBY	2	GORDON W. LIMMER	6
‡KENNETH BUCKINGHAM	3	†GEORGE COUSSINS	7
§MARY R. JAYCOCK	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in Oxford variation. ‡ First T.B. 'inside.' § 50th peal.
A farewell peal to the O.D.G. Branch chairman (Rev. E. C. Lowman), who was dearly loved.

ESHER, SURREY
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

*ANNE C. GARNETT	*Treble*	ROGER KEELEY	5
*WILLIAM S. DEASON	2	ALAN J. FROST	6
*DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Major.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (fourth observation). Tenor 25 cwt.

*WALTER H. POOLE	*Treble*	ROGER J. FOX	5
HERBERT W. PEARCE	2	ALBERT W. DYER	6
WILLIAM E. TURNER	3	WILLIAM G. TURK	7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	4	SIDNEY W. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. SELWAY.
* 150th peal.
Rung in memoriam Mr. F. Farrant.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*A. JAMES POYNOR	*Treble*	J. HAROLD SPENCER	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*GEORGE A. HURD	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	ROGER K. STRETTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten different callings).
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

*MICHAEL A. BREWIN	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	HAROLD STEVENSON	5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	3	ALBERT FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, 1911–1935, who was responsible for restoring and augmenting these bells into six and who died November 20th, 1957, aged 91; also Mrs. Brewin, mother of the treble ringer, who died December 5th, 1957.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 25 methods: (1) and (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (4) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate and Marple Delight: (5) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood and Braintree Delight; (6) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star Treble Bob; 98 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Treble*	‡BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	4
†FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
‡BERNARD GROVES	3	ALAN MCFALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* 25th peal. † First peal in 25 methods 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal together. Rung on St. Thomas' Day.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten different callings).
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES J. COPP	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	WILLIAM L. EXTON	5
MARK W. LEWIS	3	MICHAEL A. BREWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Treble*	ROY OWEN	4
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	2	JOHN E. COUZENS	5
ROBERT ALLCOCK	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
A 95th birthday compliment to A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester, who took part in the first peal on these bells in April, 1914. Mr. E. V. Ebberson has now 'circled the tower,' and was also in the 1914 peal.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HERBERT G. SMITHSON	*Treble*	DERICK W. PARDON	4
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER	2	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
HANBURY F. CARTER	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.
50th peal on the bells. Rung for the passing of the old year.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Annable's London, Norfolk, Rossendale, Stamford, Berwick, Hexham and Primrose. Tenor 7 cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER	*Treble*	LAURENCE H. TURNER	4
BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER	4
BARBARA E. SPICER	2	ALBERT J. DAVEY	5
DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON	3	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower' three times.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Ginn, of Over.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	4
MARY DOWSETT..	2	MICHAEL J. EDWARDS ..	5
EDWARD W. ROAST	3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Barlow.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent T.B., and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

TOM GREENACRE	*Treble*	LESLIE HOUGHTON	4
FREDA P. GREAVES	2	JOHN WILSON	5
MICHAEL GATHERCOLE ..	3	NORMAN V. HARDING ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung on the top six of the ten, half-muffled for the passing of 1957.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

CECIL BARKER	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	4
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	TERRY EARLE	5
FRANK CLAYDON	3	WALTER ARNOLD..	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Two with 4th as hunt bell, two 3rd hunt bell, two 2nd hunt bell, and one with the treble as hunt bell. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*NANCY WILCOX	*Treble*	FREDA ROBINSON	4
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
†JAMES T. ROOKE	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Plain Bob. Believed to be the first peal rung with different hunt bells.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	*Treble*	*ROBIN V. BAKER	4
*MICHAEL E. BENNETT ..	2	KILBY R. HOLTOM	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method. First peal of Minor in more than one method on the bells.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 13 methods: (1) Willesden and Old Oxford; (2) Newdigate and College Bob IV; (3) and (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (5) Sandal and Kingston; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston; and (7) Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

NEIL D. LOMAS	*Treble*	TREVOR TAYLOR	4
*ERNEST PIMLOTT	2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ..	5
NEIL BENNETT	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 13 methods.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 22 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV and Old Oxford Delight; (3) Wragby, St. Albans, Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (4) Norbury; College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (5) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob; 75 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*BRIAN R. MANNING.. ..	*Treble*	TREVOR TAYLOR	4
*NEIL BENNETT	2	DEREK TAYLOR	5
*DAVID K. WALKLATE ..	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in 22 methods.

BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*KENNETH COOKE	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	4
GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD ..	2	ARNOLD MOSS	5
DAVID YOUNG	3	*ROY BRYAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARNOLD MOSS.

* First peal. First in the method by all except the fourth ringer. First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	*Treble*	ALLEN W. CANSDALE ..	4
*PETER MAYLE	2	ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK ..	5
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	3	THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

* First peal 'inside.' The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
A birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn R. M. Cansdale.

CHISELDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Marlborough Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ROBERT J. COURT	*Treble*	*ANTHONY R. POCOCK ..	4
*RONALD J. JOHNSTON ..	2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ..	5
FREDERICK G. COOK ..	3	*ALBERT W. G. SHONE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

* First peal. First peal on the restored bells.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to W. E. Farmer, father of the conductor and an active member of the band.

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GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

PAT GRADY .. .. .. *Treble*	MARGARET ROSS 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	GEORGE CHALLANS 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.
In memoriam John H. Brothwell, of Treeton, a respected non-resident life member of the Guild.

GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

ROBIN V. BAKER .. .. *Treble*	MICHAEL E. BENNETT .. 4
ERIC NOBLES 2	KILBY R. HOLTOM 5
*WILLIAM F. EYDEN 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in more than one method. First peal in six methods on the bells. The conductor's 150th tower for a peal of Minor.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 960 each Reverse Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and 1,200 Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. *Treble*	ALFRED E. HINMAN 3
HAROLD T. BONSHOR 2	*ROWENA TYLER 4
CHARLES E. COOPER .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALFRED E. HINMAN.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

J DEREK SMITH .. .. *Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 4
JOHN WHEADON 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5
IVOR JENKINS 3	NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NEIL D. LOMAS.
Rung to celebrate the 86th birthday (this day) of Mr. John Wheadon, ringer of the second.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Norfolk, April Day, Kennington, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA F. CURTIS (15) *Treble*	HARRY E. CURTIS 3
†PATRICIA A. NEESHAM .. 2	KENNETH D. PERKINS .. 4
ALAN C. COZENS .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung for Epiphany.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by R. FRANK BAKER.
* First peal of Stedman. First as conductor in the method. First of Stedman on the bells. Rung by the Brampton service ringers.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,268 Plain Bob Major: Diana Prynn (first of Major) 1, E. A. Lewis 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, J. T. Symonds 4, J. Hayns 5, B. Piper (first 'inside' Major) 6, P. Jackson 7, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 8. A farewell to the conductor on his return to Swansea University.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, on January 18th, 1,296 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Mrs. D. Evans 1, A. Sanger 2, E. Naylor (cond.) 3, R. Crago 4, G. Hawkins 5, T. Jones 6, R. Stubbs 7, D. Hoare 8. First of Spliced Major in these two methods by all the band.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, C. D. Lynch 3, A. W. Skinner 4, N. O. Abel 5, P. D. Wells 6, J. P. Kesterton (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. For Evensong.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Judge 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, G. E. Green 3, G. W. Holland 4, F. Barrett 5, W. A. Yates 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, E. J. Smith 8. Rung non-conducted.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): J. T. Rolt 1, T. F. Garford 2, A. E. Chilton 3, S. R. Wilson 4, L. P. Wilson 5, B. H. Dalton (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Dalton.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, Mrs. A. E. Cox 2, R. Biggs 3, J. C. Birt 4, W. Butler 5, A. E. Cox 6, W. Lee 7, A. D. Barker (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 29th, after Evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1, 2 leading): T. Mitchell 1, A. Rolls 2, Mrs. G. Rolls 3, R. Purchase (cond.) 4, Mrs. R. Purchase 5, Miss D. Hague 6, B. McCleary 7, J. Worsworthy 8. Both rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Lowman, Vicar of Bray, 1945–57, and chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, O.D.G.

BURGATE, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 1, Miss M. J. Alden 2, A. H. Roberts (first quarter) 3, C. A. Thompson 4, C. Alden (first quarter) 5. First quarter on the bells for 30 years. Rung within the octave of Epiphany.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. J. Marshall 1, W. Dyer 2, D. J. Marshall 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, I. Goulter 5, P. Baker 6, W. A. Farmer 7, W. Newman 8.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Angela Wells (first quarter) 1, P. Lawson 2, Sallie Buchanan 3, Mrs. N. Huson (first quarter) 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, Anne Daborn (first quarter) 6, G. Talbot 7, Veryan Acworth 8. For Midnight Mass.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob): H. Hardwidge 1, Monica Fray 2, Marjorie Legg 3, J. Brain 4, M. Horseman 5, L. Derrick 6. The 5th and 6th ringers conducted one 720 each.

DUMBLETON, GLOS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. G. Nurden 1, Miss B. Wells (first quarter) 2, Miss J. Newbury 3, A. G. Pulley 4, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 5, H. Lyes (first quarter) 6.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss B. C. Webster 1, H. N. Tembey 2, J. R. Mayne 3, R. G. Ouston (cond.) 4, K. Goddard 5, H. E. Clayton 6. First of Stedman Doubles for 1, 2 and 5.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mr. Round-Turner 1, L. Nice 2, J. Sharpe 3, R. Rose 4, E. Nice 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 17, W. Bowers 8.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Boundy 1, E. Ellison 2, S. Ellison 3, K. Ellison 4, W. A. Smith 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6, A. Richardson (cover). For midnight service. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Birkin (first quarter) 1, R. B. Wherry 2, S. Ellison 3, J. R. Kennett 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5, K. Ellison 6.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Barnes (first quarter) 1, N. Tompkins 2, C. Rothwell 3, D. Young 4, O. Davies 5, B. Rothwell 6, A. Moss (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8. For the Feast of the Epiphany.

QUARTER PEALS

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: L. J. Cobb 7, H. H. Abrahams 2, M. J. Best 3, J. Hartless 4, W. E. Cheater 5, M. J. Butler 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, R. N. Marlow 8.

GREAT LIVERMERE, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Parish 1, D. Rowland 2, W. Rickwood 3, K. Brand 4, A. Ballam (cond.) 5. Rung for the completion of the restoration of the chancel.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1957.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Brown 1, Miss F. Cannon 2, D. James 3, J. Rooke 4, J. Dafters (cond.) 5, K. Bullard 6. First quarter by all except the conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Stephen Nason).

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Crump 1, I. D. Thompson 2, C. T. Blundell 3, Miss E. M. Yardley 4, M. F. Hall 5, R. H. C. Johnson 6, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 7, R. L. Bond 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 1, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: I. M. Holland 1, C. Rusby 2, W. H. Taylor 3, Mrs. E. D. Kelly 4, A. Hill 5, F. Cardwell 6, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. E. Turley 8. A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Cardwell, married at this church December 24th, 1917.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. F. Murfet 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor and 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, A. Gentle 3, Mrs. J. Measures 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywaters 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1957. The new year was rung in with 180 Plain Bob Minor.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Smith 1, Mrs. F. Mager 2, W. F. Todd 3, F. J. Plummer 4, C. M. Orme (cond.) 5, F. Mager 6. Rung half-muffled to mark the passing of the old year.

HOLMER, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, T. J. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell 3, L. H. Colcombe (cond.) 4, J. G. Jones 5, F. Williams 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Brenda Meek.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Grainger 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, A. Gargrave 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, R. Hoskins 8. Rung for the husbands and wives service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes (first of Minor) 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled during the last hour of 1957. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. T. Howes 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

ILCHESTER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Sweet 1, A. Callow 2, P. Cox 3, H. Pope 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. Arranged to enable the ringer of the 4th, captain of the local band, to ring his first quarter. Believed to be the first on the bells.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: P. Kirk 1, Jean Kirkman 2, J. Adams 3, T. H. Bent 4, J. Moss (first of Caters) 5, W. Tanser 6, P. Minchin 7, C. P. Walker (cond.) 8, E. Morris (comp.) 9, G. Olliffe 10. For evening service, also a welcome to Mr. Moss, of Dundee, and to celebrate the engagement of ringers of 2 and 7.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Hurst 1, A. Thorogood 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Pares Wilson, the Rector's churchwarden, who was interred that afternoon.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 240 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury, 60 Plain Bob): Mary Powell 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortright 3, J. Brain 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Birch 1, Miss V. J. Hubbard (first quarter) 2, R. J. Hill 3, R. F. Hubbard 4, J. F. Hubbard (cond.) 5, R. J. Hubbard 6. A token of respect to Mr. Owen H. Smith, Vicar's warden for over 40 years.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Palmer 1, J. W. Wallace 2, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 3, A. M. Coombs 4, A. F. R. Hartley (first 'inside') 5, D. Hoare 6. For Evensong, and also to congratulate A. M. Coombs on his recent examination successes.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Jan. 5th at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Royal: A. York-Bramble 1, Miss S. K. M. Knight 2, M. J. Parker 3, R. Tysoe 4, R. H. R. Parker 5, A. Page 6, Miss E. W. Keys 7, E. K. Jordan 8, R. Baldwin 9, F. W. Burnett 10. First of Cambridge Surprise Royal by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9. First quarter of Royal on the bells.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Jean Croft 1, A. Harris 2, G. Cherry 3, L. Runnacles 4, S. H. Ashton 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1957.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Robinson (first of Minor) 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, L. Tuffrey 3, Miss M. Lewis 4, J. T. Gwilt 5, R. G. Tallis 6. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 31st, 2,160 Minor (720 each of Cambridge, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob): A. Poyner 1, R. K. Stretton 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, R. H. Cook 4, G. H. Bray 5, E. J. Jelley 6. First in three methods by 1, 2 and 5.

STAFFORD.—On Jan. 19th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. R. Wiggin 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, D. Harman 3, F. Eley 4, Miss S. K. Seery 5, R. J. Warrilow (jun.) 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. Malin 9, C. J. Evans 10. First of Caters for 3, 5, 6 and 10. Rung for morning service and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Howson 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, E. J. Rowe 5, M. Cubitt 6, M. J. Rowe 7, B. Bladon (cond.) 8.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Knight 1, W. J. Whitmore 2, E. Whitmore 3, A. Wilson 4, A. Gibbs 5, J. E. Skerritt (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. J. F. L. Eagle, M.A.), who was inducted the previous evening.

TERRINGTON-ST.-JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 1st, 720 London Surprise, 360 Cambridge, 180 Plain Bob: M. R. Reed 1, S. G. Elsey 2, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 3, W. W. Cousins 4, J. E. Fox 5, C. Cousins 6.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 900 Plain Bob: M. R. Reed 1, R. G. Russell 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, H. Follen 4, G. Mason 5, T. Bush 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. A. Ginns 1, B. Ward (first quarter) 2, B. Shaw 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Webster 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, M. P. Moreton 4, A. Bagworth (first of Stedman) 5, Susan Jacobs 6, M. Sinden (first as cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, C. Bellew 2, F. Eggleton 3, C. Greedy 4, G. Sparkes (cond.) 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, A. Turner 7, F. Salter 8. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths re-elected Mr. F. J. Cullum as Master for 1958 at their annual meeting last Saturday. Mr. A. W. J. Butler succeeds Mr. Peter N. Bond as hon. secretary and Mr. Bond becomes assistant secretary in lieu of Mr. J. L. Morris.

The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch was a 'profitable' day, with the election of 21 members and two juniors.

The bells of Belton, Isle of Axholme, Lincs, are shortly to be augmented from four to six. Eight ringers from the village have joined the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Mr. C. Wallater, tower Master of St. Giles' Parish Church, Willenhall, received congratulations on his 75th birthday when the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford visited his tower.

The Central Council have electrical switchgear warning cards available. They will be sent free on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope to Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester.

Whilst attending the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch, Mr. Frederick Precey collapsed and died. He had been a member of the Central Council since 1948. The funeral was at Wool on January 22nd.

Members of the newly-formed King's School, Grantham, Society, lost their peal attempt at Harmston on January 11th. Afterwards the band, composed of past and present members of the school, rang a quarter of Plain Bob Major.

We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Charles J. Camms, of Upton-on-Severn, after an illness of two days. He had been Ringing Master of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association since 1929. He rang his 600th peal in March, 1955. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

'The Ringers' Magazine' has completed its first year of publication, and Mr. W. Butler has produced another interesting number. The issue contains a supplement dealing with the Oxford Diocesan Guild. 'John Bunyan—Bellringer,' by Mr. Ernest Morris, is most interesting. 'The Ringers' Magazine' has embarked on a sales campaign to increase its present circulation of 500.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has completed 50 years in the choir of St. Alfrege's, Solihull. A peal was rung on Solihull bells to mak the happy occasion, which was also Mr. Shepherd's 60th birthday.

We regret to learn that Mr. J. T. Dyke, owing to his continued ill-health, has resigned the chairmanship of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Kent School Bell Ringers' Guild (Conn.) attempted a quarter peal of Doubles to mark 1958. Unfortunately the band only managed 240 changes but they realised that since they had got so far it would only be a matter of time before they could go the whole way!

The quarter peal from St. Alfrege's, Greenwich, recorded this week, was the first for all the band except Mr. Jack Dafters, the conductor. It was rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. Stephen Nason, who will always be remembered by Greenwich ringers for the tremendous efforts he made to get the bells restored.

Leicester Cathedral Society have elected the following officers for 1958: President, the Provost, the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong; chairman, Harold G. Jenney; Ringing Master, Herrick B. Bowley; Deputy Ringing Master, John A. Acres; treasurer, S. Anthony Jesson; tower keeper, Richard Grant; secretary, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Twelfth Annual Meeting at Repton

FOR the beginning of Repton's history one must go back to very early times, when the Saxons became converts to the Christian faith. It was for a time the ancient capital of the Saxon kingdom of Mercia. Most of the Repton Church, dedicated to St. Wystan, an early Christian martyr, was rebuilt about 1340, but the chancel of the old building was retained. Beneath this is a unique Saxon crypt that was discovered in the 18th century; a remarkable example of ancient Saxon work.

Just as Repton's ancient history is connected with its church, so its modern history centres on the school, where the present Archbishop of Canterbury and his predecessor, Dr. Temple, were at one time headmasters. The Archway, Pears Hall and the School Chapel are very fine buildings of a more recent period.

It was at the beautiful Church of St. Wystan that the Guild held its 12th annual meeting, when upwards of 50 ringers and friends were present from a wide area during the afternoon or evening. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Harcombe) conducted Evensong and gave an inspiring address on the history of Repton bells.

An excellent tea followed in the Court Room, prepared by the lady ringers. Following tea, the annual business meeting was held at which the chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson (in the unavoidable absence of the president, the Ven H. E. FitzHerbert), presided.

One new ringing member from Winshill and one honorary member were elected, before the treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) presented the balance sheet, which again showed the Guild in the happy position of having made a small credit balance for 1957.

In presenting the yearly report, the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) spoke of the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Messrs. H. C. Lewis, J. W. Shorthose and J. W. Hovey; the members stood as a mark of respect. Seven meetings—including three joint meetings with neighbouring Guilds—were held, with an average attendance of 24. One honorary, eight resident and 13 non-resident members were elected during the year, giving a total membership of 23 honorary and 106 ringing members. Thirty-two peals were rung at 16 towers in four counties. Mr. D. P. Jones headed the list of conductors with a total of nine peals, followed by Messrs. P. J. Staniforth (four), G. H. Lane (four), B. G. Warwick (three), R. Beniston (three), B. G. Key (two), J. M. Jelley (two), A. Foster, A. E. Rowley, A. V. Pearson, J. Millhouse and J. W. Cotton one each. Spliced Surprise Major and Rutland Surprise Major were recorded by the Guild for the first time.

The election of officers was as follows:—President, the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. A. Foster; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee, Messrs. S. H. Jones, W. J. Leach, W. F. Woodward and W. G. Soar.

Meetings cards were available for distribution and it is hoped that the necessary arrangements will be made to carry out the list as follows:—March 1st, Ashby; April 19th, Winshill; June 7th, Seales; July 26th, Hoar Cross; August 23rd, Melbourne; September 13th, Rolleston or Measham; November 1st, Burton.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist and local ladies for preparing tea.

Amongst towers represented were Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Winshill, Lullington, Overseale, Netherseale, Kingsbury, Coleshill, Measham, Derby, King's Bromley, Hoar Cross, Newchurch, Yoxall, Uttoxeter, Duffield, Melton Mowbray and the local company.

FIRST PEAL FOR 45 YEARS AND FIFTH ON THE BELLS

There has been some discussion in Bristol as to which ring of eight is the roughest. Extensive comparison was made of a light eight on the outskirts of the city with another weightier ring more centrally positioned. The outcome of this argument was not resolved, but the whole question was raised prior to a proposed peal attempt at St. Thomas', Bristol.

The bells here have a tenor of 29 cwt., with a melodic note of D, and cast by Llewellin and James in 1894. The other bells are older and include some Bilbie products. All were hung in 1894 on a wooden frame and have had no attention from bellhangers since, with the exception of very necessary renewal of headstock bolts on the tenor bell in recent years.

At least two of the peal band were prepared to lay wagers that the peal would not be successful. In spite of the fact that these bells are not 'ladies' bells' by any means, and also that some doubts had been cast about necessary stamina involved, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. This was the first for 45 years, and the first with only one tenor finger.

The secret of success was a mixture of two unpleasant substances. The products of boiled sheepskins and squashed seeds were not eaten, but made into a sticky glue better known as tallow and castor oil, and applied to the bearings. OIL CAN.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

The College of Campanology has issued its report for the year of foundation (ended August 31st). It states:—

During the first year of its existence it was not expected that the College would be able to do much more than come into being and shape its organisation and publish the first part of the 'Training Manual' in provisional draft form. It has become established with a working constitution and with its complement of officers and governors, many of whom are eminent in the Exercise. It has survived a declared attempt to put an end to its activities and is gathering strength. It is represented in England, Wales, Ireland and overseas. It has a country-wide panel of examiners and tutors and a steadily mounting membership. It has published Part I. of its 'Training Manual' in completely revised form and has the remaining Parts in course of preparation by appropriate experts.

In addition, the provision made by the College in its constitution for affiliation of schools of ringing has already been implemented in so far as although there are only a few known schools of ringing, one—the Portsmouth Cathedral School of Ringing—became affiliated towards the close of the year. Two other schools of ringing, also other college centres of instruction, have this question under consideration.

As to evidence of progress, the following facts may be cited:—

Areas in which the College is represented:—Bucks, Cornwall, Devon, Glam, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, Oxford, Somerset, Suffolk, Sussex, Warwickshire, Yorkshire, County Meath and Tanganyika Territory.

Members.—Some 50 registrations up to the close of the founding year.

Panels.—Examiners 12, tutors 17.

Correspondents.—11.

Courses.—Completed or under way, eight.

Towers.—Instruction being given in over 30.

Learners.—About 150 have received and are receiving instruction.

Particulars of membership can be obtained from the Registrar, 32, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea.

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH SAYS FAREWELL TO ITS RECTOR

When the Rev. Robert Nelson became Rector of Liverpool, in 1949, the foundation stone of the new Parish Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas had been laid and there was a small but devoted congregation, but that was all. The old ring of 12 bells was still at the Loughborough foundry and there were no definite plans for its future. Last Saturday Father Nelson was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Middleton (in the diocese of Manchester) in York Minster.

During the past eight years Father Nelson has seen a new church completed and consecrated, and has built up a large and flourishing congregation. Also, as most ringers will know, the old bells have been recast into a magnificent ring of 12. Much of Father Nelson's incumbency has been overshadowed by financial worries over the rebuilding; indeed, at one time the parish was in debt to the tune of nearly £20,000. If, therefore, the financial position had not happened to look relatively hopeful in 1951, the order to recast the bells might not then have been given. In this case the bells certainly would have been one of the luxury items which were cut out a year later when things looked black, and all unnecessary expenditure was being eliminated. However, by then the bells were safely in the tower. Through all this anxious period of the rebuilding, Father Nelson was most sympathetic to the idea of having bells, and this was at a time when he knew nothing about ringing or ringers. His elder son, John, has become a valued member of the band and has about a dozen peals to his credit.

During 1957 Liverpool Parish Church has been celebrating its 700th anniversary, and it is a matter for deep thanksgiving that it has been possible to clear the debt completely. Ringers may like to know that the 13 cwt. bell (kindly lent by Taylors of Loughborough), which stands in the church gardens, has made its small contribution to this end, over £70 having been put into it during the two years it has been there. On Sunday, December 29th, the Bishop of Liverpool preached at both services. After the Parish Communion the people's warden handed him a cheque for £16,000, this being the church's debt to the diocese, and its last remaining debt. Before Evensong a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by: T. S. Lee 1, Miss G. I. Howlett 2, E. C. Birkett 3, J. Nelson 4, J. N. Brown 5, R. M. Edwards 6, J. E. Spice (conductor) 7, E. F. Bennett 8.

On January 16th, in the course of a social evening, parting gifts were presented to the Rector and his family from the congregation. Among the tributes to the Rector which were also made came one from Dr. J. E. Spice on behalf of the ringers. On January 19th, Father Nelson's last Sunday as Rector of Liverpool, a quarter peal of 1,311 Stedman Cinques was rung before Evensong by: L. L. Gray 1, T. S. Lee 2, A. P. Sandford 3, J. Nelson 4, H. Poyner 5, F. S. Almond 6, J. Grove 7, J. Ridyard 8, E. F. Bennett 9, E. C. Birkett 10, J. E. Spice (conductor) 11, J. N. Brown 12.

The ringer of the fourth, the elder son of the Bishop, has been a valued member of the band, with about 12 peals to his credit. The band are very sorry to see John go.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1957

	Tower	Hand	Total
J. Frederick Milner ..	37 (1)		37
Ronald J. Sharp	29		29

100 PEALS AT ST. MARY'S, MAULDEN

The peal of London Surprise at Maulden on December 30th was the 100th peal on the bells, and thus this tower becomes the first in Bedfordshire to achieve that total.

The first peal on the bells was one of Minor in seven methods, on September 28th, 1912, and then follows a long silence until 1936, when, as the outcome of a chance visit Eddie Jeffries paid to the tower, the local band were persuaded to try their hand at method ringing (call change ringing having hitherto been the order of the day) and a peal of Bob Minor was their first success, on April 22nd of that year.

From then until the war, activity was vigorous, 14 peals being rung before the ban, all multi-method Minor peals, one in 12 methods being a record for the county. After the war enthusiasm was still undamped, and 28 peals were rung on the six bells prior to their augmentation to eight in 1950. Once again, these comprised almost entirely multi-method peals, and several records for the county, including one in 21 methods, and one in 14 Surprise methods. All the highlights of these 44 peals on the six were conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.

After a brief silence the tower was re-opened with its eight bells, and then follows a spate of remarkable activity, no less than 54 peals on the eight and two on the six having been rung since November, 1950. This tower was clearly marked out for the headquarters of the Surprise Major band, built up over the last three years to London Surprise standard through the unflagging efforts and ability of Eddie Jeffries, and having two of the most constant performers, Andrew Sinfield and Ron Sharp, living on the spot, besides holding an almost central position in the county. Four new Surprise methods have been rung here for the first time in the county. In all, 20 different Surprise Major methods have been rung to peals in the tower.

Among the conducters, Eddie Jeffries holds pride of place, with a total of no less than 46 peals. Others connected with the tower in that capacity include Lewis H. Bywaters, and, of course, C. Henry Harding, a much-loved figure whose early pioneer efforts contributed so much to the prosperous state of peal ringing in Bedfordshire at the present day. Conductors of the younger generation include Dennis Knox, also the writer, who is very proud of his association with Maulden tower, and fully realises the debt of younger ringers in Bedfordshire to those who laid such firm foundations. Perhaps he may here be allowed to register his gratitude to Eddie, Ron and Andrew, in particular, for the opportunities he has been given, and to make mention of Maurice Lockey and the rest of the Sunday service band, the most gratifying feature of the tower, and of memories of pleasant social occasions with them. The peal of London was a fitting landmark, and we shall all remember the immaculate beauty of the closing courses for a long time. Long may Maulden tower enjoy prosperity.

STEPHEN IVIN.

ANALYSIS

Doubles.—Three methods 1.
Minor.—Plain Bob 4, Cambridge Surprise 3, seven methods 20, seven Surprise methods 8, 8-21 methods 10; total 45.
Triples.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 1; total 6:
Major.—Plain Bob 3, Double Norwich 2.
Surprise Major.—Yorkshire 9, London 4, Cambridge 4, Superlative 3, Rutland 3, Pudsey 2, 3-spliced 3, one each 6-spliced, Aldenham, Ashtead, Bedfordshire, Bristol, Ealing, Hitchin, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Maulden, New Cambridge, Northill, Leominster, Staffordshire and Watford.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT NORWICH

Eighty ringers and guests attended the annual dinner of St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild at the Bell Hotel, Norwich, on New Year's Eve and were regaled with a menu which included turkey.

The Rev. H. G. Lillingston, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, in a speech, said: 'Ringing is not just something which concerns church people. It is something which concerns the life of Norwich. People would soon notice if the bells were not being rung.'

The Guild also did duty in other towns and was handing on its knowledge, experience and art of ringing to others, particularly young people.

Canon J. A. H. Waddington, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, thanked the Guild members for the 'loyal and energetic way in which you discharge your duties so regularly throughout the year.'

Other speakers were Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master, and Mr. Nolan Golden, Deputy Ringing Master, who appealed to members to make 1958 a very fine ringing year.

As the Old Year drew to a close, members left the dinner to go to St. Peter Mancroft and St. George Colegate to ring in the New Year.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The annual meeting of the Southampton District was held at Romsey on January 11th and attended by some 50 members, who were very kindly entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the Romsey ringers. Ringing ranging from rounds to Surprise Major took place on the Abbey bells during the afternoon and evening.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Mr. M. Butler, the District secretary, tendered his resignation because of business commitments. This was accepted with regret and Mr. Butler was thanked for his valued services during the eight years he had been secretary. The new secretary is Mr. John Hartless, 17, Testwood Crescent, Totton, Southampton. Mr. C. H. Kippin was elected auditor, and Mr. D. Forder representative, otherwise the District officers were re-elected.

District meetings were provisionally arranged at: Bishopstoke, March 15th: Eling, June 21st: Bitterne Park, September 20th: with the annual meeting at Southampton on January 10th. All will be duly advertised in due course.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Members and friends were the guests to tea of the local band for the first quarterly meeting of the year of the Ashford District, held at Hythe on January 11th.

In his address of welcome the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Newman) spoke highly of the work of all ringers, with a special word of praise for those oft-maligned members of the Exercise—the peal ringers. Mr. J. R. Cooper combined the duties of organist and Ringing Master. Mr. Alan Berry read the lesson.

After tea the Vicar presided over a business meeting, at which Mr. R. Birch, captain of the Hythe ringers, reported that the combined practices which he organised in his own and neighbouring towers had been well supported. Two new members were elected to the Association.

Mr. T. Cullingworth, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Vicar for taking the service and permitting the use of the bells; Mr. Cooper for playing the organ; the Hythe ringers for their hospitality; and Mr. W. J. Bidwell for making all the arrangements.

Ringing on this fine eight ranged from rounds to Grandsire and Yorkshire Surprise. An all-ladies course of Grandsire Triples was creditably brought round. The gentlemen's touch of Bob Major was less happy, the ringer of the third not having sufficiently recovered from the sight of so much loveliness proving useful as well as ornamental!

An enjoyable meeting concluded at 9 p.m.

C. T. H.

Canterbury District

The first meeting of the year for the Canterbury District was held at Wingham on January 18th. Always a popular venue, this was no exception, some 82 members being present, these representing 20 towers from within the District, with visitors from Egerton and a carload from Frindsbury.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. D. Brockman), who also gave an address. At the organ was Mr. R. Cook, and the Rev. Stanley Evans, who many remembered as one of the strong young band at Minster, Sheppey, just after the war, read the lesson. Mr. Evans has lost none of his ringing skill and will no doubt prove a great help at St. Laurence, Thanet, to which church he has recently been appointed curate.

Tea was taken in the Village Hall and Mrs. J. L. Kemp, of Wingham, had worked wonders, preparing nearly all the food on her own, but being helped at the tea by her family and the ringers at Wingham. They were all very warmly thanked.

Mr. J. A. Russell took the chair for the meeting, during which two new honorary members were elected, also 12 new practising members. A report of the Central Committee's meeting held at Maidstone in November was given by Mr. E. T. Eades. He was warmly thanked by the chairman. All Saints', Birchington, was selected from three towers for the next quarterly, and Great Mongeham as the tower for the by-meeting. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar. Further ringing took place until about 8 p.m., methods up to Cambridge being practised.

B. J. L.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PIPE'S PILGRIMS

Dear Sir,—From the correspondence I am receiving it appears many people are under the impression the week's tour in Ireland during Whitsun in connection with the Central Council and Pipe's Pilgrims' tour are one and the same thing.

This, however, is not the case. I am only organising the 'Dawn Flight' from London Airport, 7.55 a.m., May 24th, to Ireland, so as to obtain a cheaper rate for a party of 15 or over. It is hoped a ringing tour (peals or otherwise) may be arranged when it is known which towers are available. I am not arranging accommodation in Ireland. Pipe's Pilgrims hope to tour South Wales from Chepstow to St. David's during the week August 3rd to 9th inclusive, and those who wish to join the party are asked to advise me as soon as possible. Stamped addressed envelopes, please.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

PEAL PUBLICITY

Dear Sir,—Your excellent article in 'The Ringing World' on the relation between peal and Sunday service ringing prompts me to follow it up with two pertinent thoughts about peal ringing generally.

Is it the policy in any of our Associations, or do individuals for that matter, when fixing up a peal attempt, ask the Vicar if he will announce the fact in church prior to the attempt? As ringers we have a duty to the public, and if the facts are faced, few people living near the tower enjoy the prospect of a three-hour peal, however good the striking. Even a crack band who ring, shall we say, a peal of Spliced Surprise on an unmusical eight will never convince nearby residents that their achievement renders complaints unjustified. When no warning of a peal is given, people who might have made some other arrangements endure it with an ill grace, and their attitude towards ringers generally becomes soured. These people are bad ambassadors, who can do us much harm, because they carry this attitude with them into their own circles for which they can hardly be blamed.

However, if an attempt is publicised, those who dislike bells can go out anyway, but those who can't, instead of complaining to the Vicar about the selfishness of people ringing for their own gratification, might thank him for his thought in advertising the attempt, and tolerate it without ill will.

Secondly, how often do tower captains ask the Vicar to publish details of peals and quarter peals in the parish magazine in detail? How many lay people know of the existence of a Central Council or of the Diocesan Associations? I am convinced that this sort of publicity would not only open the eyes of lay churchmen to the part played by ringers in the church, but it would show how we are united as a network of Associations under a Central Council whose declared aim is the promotion of Sunday service ringing, and not just a race apart from other church workers.

Finally, if our achievements are put in print for all to see, isn't it possible that some readers would be curious enough to inquire further into the art, and thus present the tower with a potential recruit? The tower captain today is often heard to blame the lack of recruits as a reason for many silent towers. These suggestions might help a little in finding a solution.

I wonder if your readers have any ideas about these suggestions?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I am afraid I cannot agree with the front page statement on January 10th, which says 'Spliced ringing is not service ringing.' Up till a few months ago we were ringing Spliced Surprise Major regularly twice on Sundays until we tired of it, so have now given it a rest.

As we have a young band, only two of us ring our 20 cwt. tenor, but apart from that we take any bell, and we have four conductors, and I give a nod to one of these whilst rounds are being rung so no one knows the method beforehand. It may be anything from Bob Triples to London. By this practice one must know the starts of every method in our repertoire, and knowing your place bell at the lead-end is all that is required to ring spliced, and to further assist every lead-end is based on Bob Major.

All our ringers live within walking distance of the tower and six of our best team were taught here, so we are a real local band.

I suppose someone will say, 'What about their striking?' To this I can only answer that we treat this as of foremost importance, but teenagers and, in fact, some of the older ones suffer with nerves when critics, etc., are in the tower.

To say that not half a dozen towers in the country ring Spliced Surprise for service is, to my mind, a conflicting statement, and the purpose behind this letter is to find out the real state of the Exercise because, I suspect, many more than half a dozen.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

Note.—I cannot recall an occasion when public appreciation has been expressed to me of Surprise ringing for Sunday services, but there have been a number of times when members of the congregation have said how much they enjoyed the bells when we have been ringing Stedman Triples. Perhaps Surrey ears are untutored to those of Suffolk.—Ed.

GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Arthur Pearson's query which appeared on page 27 of 'The Ringing World' of January 10th regarding the composition of the peal of Gainsborough Surprise Major, which I conducted at Sherfield English last December, I can assure him that it was Arthur Craven's 3-part 5,088 frequently called to Yorkshire, and less frequently to Pudsey.

My initial information on Gainsborough, which I obtained from one of our leading young composers, led me to believe that any Yorkshire composition was suitable for this method, i.e., that only one false course-end applied (24365) and I pursued the point no further until reading Mr. Pearson's letter. However, since this cast some doubt on the validity of my initial information on Gainsborough, I requested a member of the Methods Committee to work out the false course-ends, after giving him the method's places, viz., x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 58 x 1236 x 7. The reply to my inquiry was that the only false course-end is 24365, thus confirming the fact that any Yorkshire composition is suitable.

Since the figures for Gainsborough were not published in 'The Ringing World' when the method was first rung, would someone please idenify the above method, which was that rung at Sherfield English? If it is, in fact, Gainsborough, I fancy Mr. Pearson is 'barking up the wrong tree.' If it is not Gainsborough the band concerned will have another method to add to their collection.—Yours faithfully,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Southampton.

SYSTEMATIC COMPOSITION

Sir,—The letter by D. R. Carlisle on November 29th last should have been answered by someone in an official capacity. A definite charge is made that information is being withheld, and then the suggestion is made that 'The Ringing World' should supply this information in the form of articles. A few years ago the Editor laid it down that 'The Ringing World' is not a text book, but is primarily a ringer's newspaper. This does not exclude technical articles occasionally, but text books have nearly always been efforts by private individuals. I am afraid D. R. C. does not know of the bitter wrangles about composition in the old 'Bell News' and in 'The Ringing World' up to about 1935. You could say that almost all of the composers of that period gained their knowledge from the study of Treble Bob (Part One). As a rule this knowledge was not shared with anyone else, any system which these composers discovered they kept to themselves.

The late Mr. G. Lindoff invented a cardboard cylinder for producing 5,056 of London on the In and 5ths plan. It was in the possession of Mr. E. Jennings, who now lives in Essex. A fair question to D. R. C. would be, 'Who is going to write the articles he suggests?' He mentions two successful composers, but they are not in any way compelled to give away the knowledge they have gained by their own efforts. So, in conclusion, I think Mr. Carlisle is on the wrong track by demanding that the Central Council should publish highly technical articles in 'The Ringing World.' The stringing of courses together, as he puts it, is, therefore, an individual matter. I hope he will be successful in producing peals, though I am afraid that methods like Superlative have been almost worked out. I have in my possession a 5,952 by A. Knights that is capable of 21 variations.—Yours truly,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

FINE PEAL ON ROUGH-GOING BELLS

Dear Sir,—Having listened to the peal rung at St. Thomas' Church, Bristol, on January 11th, I feel that tribute should be paid to those who took part.

Many of your readers will have tried their skill on this heavy octave of rough-going bells, which has not appeared in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' for many years, and I am sure that they will join me in congratulating the band on ringing a peal in which the striking was uniformly good from start to finish. This was, I believe, the first occasion on which a peal has been rung there by eight men only, the tenor having been rung double-handed previously.—Yours sincerely,

ROGER O. FRY.

Bath, Somerset.

CRAVEN'S THREE-PART?

Dear Sir.—It seems most probable that the 5,088 Gainsborough rung at Sherfield English was Craven's three-part ('Ringing World,' page 27). Although the falseness is not in the same place, Gainsborough and Yorkshire have the same false course-end (24365) and the bells in 5-6 may be reversed provided that the bells in 3-4 are not reversed also. Thus a peal of Yorkshire such as this is suitable for Gainsborough.—Yours sincerely,

P. G. K. DAVIES.

Burton Latimer, Northants.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Collins 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulker 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. N. Smith (first quarter) 1, T. R. Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 5, I. J. M. Saunders 6.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association, attended by more than 70 ringers and friends, was held at Stoke-upon-Trent on December 7th. Ringing preceded the service taken by the Rector (the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman), and was resumed in the evening after the business meeting.

The president (the Ven. George Youell), opening the annual meeting, expressed the pleasure of those present at the transformation which had taken place at Stoke both in the church, which is undergoing considerable restoration and improvement, and in the belfry, where great progress was to the credit of all concerned.

The meeting stood in silent prayer to the memory of those members whose deaths had occurred during the year—Charles H. Page (Stoke), Samuel Pointon (Brown Edge) and the Rev. W. D. Morgan, Vicar and ringer at Broughton.

The following appointments were made for 1958:—Chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; vice-chairman, Mr. A. W. Hall; secretary, Mr. E. H. Edge; assistant secretary, Mr. G. W. Biddulph; auditor, Mr. G. Burton; Ringing Masters: 8- and 10-bell towers, Mr. W. P. Deane; 6-bell towers, Mr. W. Hazeldine.

Mr. Anderson, chairman since 1945, gave notice that pressure of ringing and other commitments would oblige him to retire at the end of the current year, and a sub-committee was appointed to make a recommendation for nomination to this office.

In the annual report, adopted at the meeting, the secretary stated that during the Association year ended October 31st, 11 peals had been rung comprising Major (8), Triples and Minor (2), compared with 12 in the previous year. It was notable that the peals included London (3), Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. The first two peals on the bells were recorded at Eccleshall, one on the six and the second after augmentation. Congratulations were extended to the Sunday service band at Norton-le-Moors on their peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major and Yorkshire Surprise Major, and to Mr. F. E. Wilshaw on ringing his 200th peal for the Association.

Eleven meetings had been held during the year and attendances had been well maintained. There had been a marked increase in the number of young people learning to ring in the District, which augured well for the future of the Association. Nineteen ringing members were elected during the year and five non-resident life members.

The statement of accounts, which showed the Association to be in an extremely healthy financial position, was adopted.

Monthly meetings were fixed as follows:—January, Longton; February, Hanley; March, Tunstall; April, Brown Edge; May, Leek; June, Stone; July, Swynnerton; September, Uttoxeter; October, Wolstantan; November, Bucknall; December, Stoke (annual general meeting).

A sub-committee was established to consider certain matters relating to the Central Council and its constitution.

Five ringing and two non-resident life members were elected at the meeting.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Royal: A. P. Cannon (cond.) 1, Patricia Smee 2, T. A. Cross 3, G. Marriner 4, G. K. Dodd 5, B. H. Hawkins 6, Rev. C. Marshall (first of Royal) 7, A. H. Harris 8, A. H. Smith 9, H. V. Young 10.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Whiting 1, Maureen Allen 2, J. W. Allen 3, R. Chapman 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

South Oxon Branch

The Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) and the secretary (Miss M. R. Cross) attended a meeting of the South Oxon Branch at Benson on January 11th, when about 30 members and visitors were present. At the business meeting, with Mr. T. Bowles (vice-chairman) presiding, four new members were elected from Great Milton. The annual meeting will be held at Great Milton on April 19th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Palmer) for conducting the service, and to Mr. P. Wilson, of Warborough, for acting as organist.

Bicester and District Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Bicester on January 18th when there were 39 members and friends present. The bells were rung to rounds, Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, Minor and Plain Bob Major.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Trebble); the Branch president (the Rev. J. H. B. Elkerton) gave the address; the president of the Central Council (Mr. F. Sharpe) read the lesson; Mr. C. Smith was the organist. A ringers' tea was provided by Mrs. Palmer and her helpers.

At the business meeting which followed the following were elected members of the Guild: The Misses Margaret Smith and Valerie G. Crowther (Bicester) and Mr. M. Hawes (Bletchington). The next meeting was arranged for Kirtlington on April 26th, and the outing for July 12th. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting and ringing was enjoyed until 7.45 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chippenham Branch was held at Malmesbury on Dec. 14th, when the secretary reported the membership of the Branch had doubled itself during the year; he was also pleased to see several younger members had joined their ranks, particularly at Corsham, Shipton Moyne and Tetbury.

The Rev. A. Beaghen conducted a service especially for members in the Abbey, and later joined them for refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Officers appointed were chairman, Mr. H. Blacker (Malmesbury); Ringing Master, Mr. V. Hemus (Malmesbury); representative on management committee, Mr. R. Tigwell (Chippenham); secretary-treasurer, Mr. H. Heath (Chippenham). Ringing took place in a variety of methods before and after the meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. John's, Devizes, the 70 ringers present including visitors from Chippenham, Uphill, Salisbury, Frome, Backwell, Nailsea, Clutton, Twerton, Shiplake, Blunsdon, Swindon and Sussex.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Mr. Dabbs) and the business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. A. Week) supported by Mr. W. C. West (general secretary).

Mr. G. Harding, of Trowbridge, was congratulated on completing 50 years as a member of the Devizes Branch, with Mr. J. Harding, of Urchfont, a close second. All the Branch officers were re-elected. The next three meetings were fixed for Holt, Potterne and Urchfont. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing tea. Methods were rung at all three towers to suit all ringers.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Crewe the Most Progressive Branch

More than 80 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Crewe Branch held at Christ Church on January 18th.

Ringing was under the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Ivor Nichols, supported by the towerkeeper, Mr. George Packer, who had the bells in good-going condition, and ringing ranged from rounds, standard and Surprise methods. Unfortunately, one of the B.Y.P.'s qualified for his degree 'N.S.B.'; a new stay on the next bell had been renewed only that morning. Still, it did not prevent the 10 going merrily, only it meant getting the bell 'up' and holding it each time.

The Guild Office was said by the Vicar (the Rev. Francis G. Gentry) and those present included the Rev George and Mrs. Needham, Mrs. Gentry, the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. W. Clark) and Mrs. Clark, the two churchwardens and Mr. 'Bill' Pritchard (Tarporley).

A very substantial tea was followed by the business meeting with the Vicar in the chair. Mr. Wilf. Kerr (hon. secretary), in his report, said monthly meetings had been well attended although there were still too many black spots in the Guild, with three in the Branch. He was pleased to welcome back St. Helen's, Tarporley. Sunday service ringing was being well maintained.

Mr. F. Stenson (hon. treasurer) said that despite outstanding subscriptions (although over £3 had come in that day) the funds were ample for the Branch's needs. The statement was adopted.

The officers re-elected were: The Rev. F. G. Gentry, chairman; Mr. Wilfred Kerr, hon. secretary; Mr. Frank Stenson, hon. treasurer and representative of 'The Ringing World'; Mr. Bernard Ongly rejoins the general committee along with Mr. Jack Brough and Mr. Fred Sutton; Branch Ringing Masters (8-bell towers), Mr. Ivor R. Nichols; (6-bell towers), Mr. Herbert Sutton, vice Mr. Derek Smith, on leaving the town; auditors, Mr. Herbert Sutton and Mr. Alec Merrill..

Meetings for 1958 were arranged as follows; February 15th, Holmes Chapel; March 15th, Wybunbury; April 19th, Acton; May 3rd, annual general meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild at York Minster; 10th annual Chester Guild Festival at Stockport and the 31st Goostrey; June 21st, Church Lawton; July (open date); August 30th, Tarporley; September 20th, Wrenbury; October 18th, Nantwich; November 15th, Alsager; December 13th, Sandbach.

Mr. R. D. Langford moved the vote of thanks and extended a special welcome to the Master of the Guild. Mr. J. W. Clark, in reply, said it was a pleasure to him and his wife to attend the Crewe Branch, as it was certainly the most progressive—and friendliest—in the Guild.

OBITUARY

MR. L. CHARLESWORTH

Mr. Leonard Charlesworth, of Sheffield, passed away on January 6th at the age of 82. Failing eyesight compelled him to give up ringing four years ago. He had been a keen member of the Sheffield Cathedral company for 45 years, before which he rang at Ranmoor.

He rang 28 peals for the Yorkshire Association, but service ringing at the Cathedral he regarded as the most important side ringing. In his youth he was exceedingly strong and a fine heavy-bell ringer, but always an immaculate striker. He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

A quarter peal to his memory was rung at the Cathedral by the Cathedral company.

H. O. C.



'DING, DONG MERRILY ON HIGH.'—Rotherham ringers pictured giving their public performance of carols at Christmas before over 1,000 onlookers. Their effort produced over £31 for All Saints' Parish Church, Rotherham. Left to right: Susan Chaddock, Norman Chaddock, Rosamund Barclay, Mary Atkinson, Pat Walker, Diane Harrison, Elizabeth A. Wardill, Christine Rodgers.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Diamond Jubilee Dinner

The Bishop of Truro was present at the diamond jubilee dinner of the Guild held at the Brookdale Hotel, Truro, on January 18th, at which nearly 60 members attended. Others present included the president (Mr. A. Carveth), the Ringing Master (Mr. D. Burnett), the secretary (Rev. H. Trewhella), the treasurer (Mr. S. Robinson), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (a former ringing Master, who represents the Guild on the Diocesan Advisory Board), Miss Symons (former president), Mr. H. J. Clark (Assistant Ringing Master), the Rev. A. S. Roberts (secretary of the Penzance Branch), the Rev. E. M. Thomas and the Rev. H. H. Dixon, who are ringers. Members were present from various parts of the Diocese as far east as the Tamar, and Gulval in the west. Mr. Southeard (Master of the Cathedral Tower and for many years Ringing Master of the Guild) was unable to be present, but the Vice-Master of the Cathedral (Mr. B. Parkin) attended.

Toasts were proposed to 'The Queen' and 'The Church and the Diocesan Guild of Ringers,' and the speakers were the Lord Bishop, the Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mr. Carveth and Mr. Burnett. The Lord Bishop said that although he knew nothing about bells or ringing he greatly valued the services rendered by the ringers of the Diocese and that he never realised before he came to Cornwall how closely they were linked to the Church: many of them were not only ringers but held other offices.

Mr. Roberts told how the Guild was founded in 1897 with the object of raising the standard of ringing, which was very low in those days, and most of the bells in poor condition. During that time there had been four Ringing Masters and four secretaries and numbers in the Guild had steadily increased and ringing improved.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four members and then two ladies played tunes, each holding four handbells. The evening concluded most appropriately with 120 Grandsire Doubles on handbells, for it was with this method that change ringing was introduced to Cornish ringers, and a silver medal used to be given to those who could ring in turn each of the four inside bells to any calling.

We are very grateful to Mr. Burnett and the Rev. A. S. Roberts for arranging the dinner, and to Mr. A. Carveth for his generosity.

H. T.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Waltham Abbey, Essex, was visited by the Northern District for their annual meeting on January 18th. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Kent Maximus.

Tea was partaken in the Church Hall, where 35 ringers and friends sat down.

The business meeting followed with Mr. C. A. Hughes in the chair.. In his report he stated that this would be his last year in office, as he had been Master since 1937 and thought it was about time for a change. The District had had a very successful year and the balance in hand was good. Mr. H. W. Rogers thanked Mr. Hughes for all the work he had done for the Association.

Officer elected for the coming year were:—Master, Mr. L. W. Bullock; secretary, Mr. S. Nelson; treasurer, Mr. D. Hewitt; steward, Mr. L. Prior.

Thanks are due to Canon A. V. G. Cleall, Mrs. C. W. Roberts and Mr. Michael Austin for a very successful meeting. L. W. B.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

Wellingborough Branch

The Branch annual meeting was held at Rushden on January 18th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. I. E. Douglas Jones), who gave an interesting address. The collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 15s. The company of approximately 60 adjourned to the Church Institute, where a fine tea was prepared by the ladies of the catering committee supervised by Mrs. L. Priestley.

Before commencing the business proceedings the president called for a minute of silence in remembrance of Mr. J. Labutt, whose funeral took place that morning at Easton Maudit. The report and balance sheet for 1957 were accepted and showed a balance in hand, but the average attendance was lower than the previous year.

After 23 years as secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley, of Irthlingborough, retired, and was presented with a travelling clock by the Branch president (the Rev. C. W. Knight) on behalf of the Branch. The new secretary elected was Mr. J. Skerritt, of Irthlingborough. Mr. H. Wooding, of Yardley Hastings, was elected on the central committee, all the other officers being re-elected.

It was decided to visit Mears Ashby, if possible, during April, for the next quarterly meeting. Two new ringing members were elected from Irthlingborough and two from Ecton.

BEACONSFIELD'S NEW SCHOOL

A new Church of England Primary School was opened at Beaconsfield, Bucks, on January 8th by H.R.H. Princess Alexandra of Kent, and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford. It is believed to be the largest of its kind in the country, and is the first Church school to be built in Buckinghamshire for some years.

This school replaces the old Church Primary School, built in 1872, and on the Wednesday evening eight ex-pupils of the old school rang the bells of the Parish Church in honour of the Princess' visit. They were Harry Wingrove, Sheila Hare, Gordon Wingrove, Richard Broadley, Ann Shiels, Audrey Green, David Lamb and Stanley Hatfield.

Afterwards 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by four ex-pupils, one parent, one ex-parent and two members of staff: Harry Wingrove (conductor) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Ann Shiels 4, Albert Bridges 5, John Meads 6, David Lamb 7, Stanley Hatfield 8.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

BROADHURST.—On January 20th, 1958, to Anne (née Clarke) and Peter Broadhurst, a daughter (Eleanor Anne), 28, Anerley Hill, London, S.E.19. 1769

ENGAGEMENT

HONE—GUMBRELL.—The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mrs. Hone, of Ashhurst, Sussex, and the late Mr. A. Hone, and Jocelyn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gumbrell, of Thakeham, Sussex. 1738

DEATH

MOSS.—On Wednesday, January 22nd, 1958, at his home, 63, High Street, Manningtree, George W. Moss, aged 77 years. 1734

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of C. T. Coles, died February 2nd, 1946, and his beloved son Freddy, killed in Tunisia, April, 1943. 1774

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The permanent address of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey is now 16, Devizes Road, Swindon, Wilts. 1773

The address of Fred Hodgson, formerly of Liversedge and Slaithwaite, is now 160, West Auckland Road, Darlington, Co. Durham.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

CORNISH RIVIERA.—Williams, Copperhill House, Redruth, Cornwall.—Good farmhouse accommodation. Excellent food; every comfort; overlooking north coast. Easy reach all beauty spots. Highly recommended for any time of year. Terms moderate. 1667

Homely accommodation: recommended: own garden produce. Moderate terms. No vacancies for July 19th to August 2nd.—Mrs. L. Walters, 1, Stattens Cottage, Castle Street, Combe Martin, N. Devon. 1757

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED URGENTLY for youth club, a set of 12 (second-hand) handbells, on loan, or would purchase at reasonable cost. Funds low—new club.—Marks, Marlands, 75, Highdale Avenue, Clevedon. 1741

WANTED.—For the further education of the older children in a Sunshine Home for Blind Babies, set of eight handbells. We are prepared to pay a reasonable price from the small funds available. Please write giving full details to E. Howard, Room 141, 71, Lombard Street, London, E.C.3. 1768

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED—SET OF EIGHT HANDBELLS.—Details and price to: G. Wallman, 60, Bickersteth Road, London, S.W.17. 1663

MISCELLANEOUS

HALLMARK OF A RINGER.—The bellringer's tie, obtainable in blue, green or brown, price 11s. 4d. including postage, from the Aldershot Stores, 35, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot. Also neck squares in same material and colour range, 28s. Bellringers' blazer badges, 10s. 1753

MISCELLANEOUS

EDINBURGH.—Change of practice night, St. Cuthbert's Parish Church. The main practice will generally be held on Tuesdays from 7.30 and not on Wednesdays as formerly. Visitors should enter the churchyard by the small gate in King's Stables Road.—A. I. Whitson, tower secretary, 82, Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh. 1764

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Affiliation fees.—Association secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees (ten shillings per representative) are now due.—E. A. Barnett, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

PUBLICATIONS

'Electrical Switchgear Warning Cards.'—Issued free, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope, size at least 5¾in. by 3¼in., to Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester.

BELFRY VISITORS' BOOKS.—The 'Delight' series of loose-leaf ringers' record sheets includes one specially ruled and printed for visitors. Books of 50 leaves with name of tower blocked in gold on cover, 28s. 9d., from W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 1752

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S HANDBOOK.—A valuable guide to every secretary and tower captain. Contents include: Aims, History and Procedure of the Council; Rules and Decisions of the Council; Active Committees of the Council and their work; Law affecting Church Bells; past and present officers and members since 1956; past and present affiliated societies. Price 2s. 6d. from Mrs. J. G. Steeples, Hall View, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Macclesfield, St. Michael's (12). Bells 3. Tea 4.45. Service 5.30, followed immediately by the business meeting. Make own arrangements for tea (as usual).—B. C., Hon. Sec. 1716

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Ilmington on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea available 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 1750

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton (6), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1707

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Feb. 1st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Special method: Oxford Bob Triples.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1694

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10) on Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 1717

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Annual meeting. A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, with the LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 1710

LANCS ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — Amended notice. Meeting at Clitheroe, Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow tea. The bells of Downham Parish Church will be at our disposal from 8 to 9 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1763

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Treeton, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church School.—J. S. Seager. 1701

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, City (8), 3-4 p.m.; St. Leonard, Shoreditch (12), 3.45-5.15 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1524

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. —I. Butcher. 1715

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, in St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, at 2.15, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15, after which the Cathedral bells will be available for one hour, 6.15 to 7.15 p.m. 1719

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Feb. 3rd, 7.30 p.m., and first Monday in each month, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 8th, annual general meeting, St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2–3.30, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3–4.30; own tea arrangements; service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m.; ringing 5.45–7.30: business and handbell competition 8 p.m. in Chapter House. Dinner, April 19th, The Victoria, tickets 15s. 6d. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1728

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Feb. 3rd, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1739

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Feb. 5th. Bells (12) available 6.30-8 p.m. All very welcome.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1718

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, 3.30 p.m. (nearest station, Manor House).—J. Chilcott. 1693

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Ossett, Wakefield, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Teas, please notify not later than Feb. 5th Mr. Fred Bennett, Harlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, near Wakefield.—J. W. Buxton. 1735

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Clifton on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 1761

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Beverley on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Minster (10) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. St. Mary's (10) available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 1767

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Duffield.—C. Raddon. 1733

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Feb. 8th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross. Good attendance specially requested. 1766

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (St. Aidan), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 5th, to Mr. H. W. Nunn, 63, Wolviston Road, West Hartlepool. 1749

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Colemans Hatch (8), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tea difficult. Names *must* be sent to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Colemans Hatch, Hartfield. Method for practice, Single Norwich.—C. A. Bassett. 1754

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1751

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 1743

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Feb. 5th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1758

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 8th. Bells 3–8.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicolas' Hall 5, with business meeting to follow. Notifications for tea by Feb. 5th, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 1729

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Cathedral (10). St. Nicholas' (6) 3 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 4th to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 1770

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Nettlestead (5) 2.30-4.15, followed by service. Tea at Wateringbury, and bells (6) during evening.—P. R. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1712

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Flookburgh, on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names to A. Edgar Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 1771

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m., meeting following. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 5th, to Mr. E. Bennett, 97, Marybank Road, Trammere, Birkenhead.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 1744

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 5th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston.—L. Walmsley. 1731

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at Shore (8) (Littleborough), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Meeting 6 p.m.—Hudson, Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Loughborough, Feb. 8th. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (10) 2.30-4.30; Quorn (8) 7-8. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, Fearon Hall, 5. Names, by Feb. 5th, to L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. (Foundry bells not available.) General committee meeting, Feb. 3rd, in Cathedral belfry 7.30.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1703

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Ringing, St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Pimlico, and St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 4 p.m. St. Giles' in evening.—T. J. Lock. 1740

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual general meeting at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 4th, to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Sec. 1724

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, in Reading. Ringing, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m.; St. Laurence's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Laurence's, 4 pm.. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, at 5 p.m. for those who notify by Feb. 5th Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. Meeting and ringing after.—R. G. Burton. 1759

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Edwinstowe (6) on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Cafes close to church.—H. Denman. 1760

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral, on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Evensong 5.15. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Hasham.—W. L. Weller.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Petersfield, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea by Feb. 4th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 1742

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Shalford, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 5.15 p.m. Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' in the evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 12th, to Miss Monica Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham. 1762

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Greyhound Hotel. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to M. Bennett, 171, Bourne Road, Spalding. 1747

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Stow on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1756

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Sully, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 1746

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 12th certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Annual meeting, Northampton, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available: St. Edmund's 2-3 p.m.; All Saints' 2.45-3.45 p.m.; St. Giles' 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service at St. Giles' 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Angel Hotel, Bridge Street, 5.30 p.m., followed by a social evening. Tickets for tea (2s. 6d.) and for social (2s. 6d.) are obtainable from Mr. A. C. Cozens, 6, Grafton Road, Roade, Northampton, or from the secretary. Requests for tickets, together with remittance, please, by Feb. 8th.—G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 1696

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Westerham on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 10th, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 1732

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 15th, at the Mitre Tavern, Chancery Lane, 6.30 p.m. Ringing: St. Mary's, Putney, 2 to 3 p.m.: St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 3.30 to 4.30: St. Lawrence Jewry, 5 to 6 p.m. 1737

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The sixth annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6 p.m., at the Corporation Hotel, Derby. Afternoon ringing at St. Andrew's and Cathedral 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (11s.) from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 1669

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —The 70th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, Mar. 1st, when the chair will be occupied by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 15s. 6d. Peals on 8, 10 or 12 bells will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 1671

THE LADIES' GUILD

Sussex Branch

The annual general meeting of the Sussex District was held on January 11th at Seaford, and at the appointed time quite a large number of ringers assembled, only to learn the very sad news of the verger's death in the church the previous day. At the Vicar's suggestion, the bells were rung half-muffled for an hour during the afternoon, the curtailing of the ringing being in itself, as we were reminded during the service following, a tribute to one who served the church faithfully for so many years.

After the service 23 people sat down to a most enjoyable tea at 'Granny's,' and then the ladies held their meeting in the choir vestry at church. The business of the day was disposed of in record time, the officers and committee all being re-elected: Mrs. Betty Percy as vice-president; Miss Daphne Lester as secretary; and Mrs. C. A. Levett, Miss A. Eldridge, Miss E. Everest and Miss K. W. Apps to the committee. Three new members were elected:—Miss Jeannette Plumer (Wivelsfield), Miss Katherine Stisted and Miss Celia Whitfeld (Battle)—bringing the total membership of the District to 42. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, tower captain and organist.

Several members afterwards travelled to Southover, Lewes, to ring, and here touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and a course of Double Norwich were brought round. Again a bereavement caused the bells to be half-muffled, the Vicar having recently lost his mother-in-law. D. F. L.

QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1, J. Day 2, R. H. Cook (cond.) 3, A. E. Hinman 4, R. Looker 5, J. H. Cook 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. S. A. Jackson), who is leaving the parish for Quorn.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. V. Chilcott 1, Miss K. Weller 2, Mrs. R. I. F. Parsons 3, R. I. F. Parsons 4, F. E. Darby (cond.) 5, E. G. Talbot 6, D. Parsons 7, J. Chilcott 8.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Cotton 1, K. Ballington (first in method) 2, D. P. Jones 3, J. W. Cotton 4, W. H. Curson 5, H. C. Adams 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. In memoriam Harold Southerd, ringer at this church, 1920–1945.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Jan. 5th, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Renn 1, Monica M. Blagrove 3, K. Buckingham 4, A. J. Glass 5, E. S. T. Farr 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8. A farewell to the retiring Vicar (Canon R. Creed-Meredith).

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MADELEY, SALOP.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1-2 leading): T. Dodd 1, D. Lees 2, Miss D. Lewis 3, T. Pritchard 4, Miss E. Jones 5, M. Bowyer 6, F. Jones (first as cond.) 7, J. Stanier 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to Miss D. Lewis.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: B. Groves (first as cond.) 1, Christine MacNair (first in method) 2, W. H. Dowse 3, F. Osbaldiston 4, A. McFall 5, R. B. Smith 6. For Evensong.

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NEW RECRUITS

By ALAN A. J. BUSWELL

IT was about nine weeks ago that Fred Snowball was called up for National Service in the Army. He was rather disappointed, as he was getting on so well at learning to conduct Doubles at his home tower, and then having to leave knowing full well that he would be unable to do much ringing during the next few months. There was one consolation that maintained his interest; he loved to prick out changes on paper and invent new methods without worrying whether they were false or not, and this could be done anywhere.

He did it sitting on his bed in the Barrack Room during the evenings and there were about twenty of his comrades milling around all the time. They all seemed interested in what he was doing, but that was about all and went away thinking that he was a bit of a 'crank.' He did not say, however, that it was anything to do with bell ringing, but just said that he was playing around with figures and seeing how many combinations he could get out of a certain number of figures. There was one person who seemed more interested in it than the rest. He was Claude Dumas.

Claude asked him to explain what he was doing, so that evening Fred showed him how one got all the combinations of four numbers and then went on to explain the variations. The inevitable question had to be asked some time: How did you learn all this and what has it got to do with?

Fred had to start his explaining all over again, but this time on the art of campanology and the connection which it had with permutations. Claude became more interested in the subject and he even asked if he could take up the art, but it was explained to him that he had better leave it until he was demobbed as he would be shifted from one place to another and so pass through too many instructors to be of any use.

This put the damper on him a bit as he did not like the thought of having to wait nearly two years before being let into a belfry. An opportune moment was when Fred received his new set of handbells from the founders. Claude could be taught to ring them without having to worry about bell management and bell control. There was one drawback, however. Would they be posted together at the end of their training and so continue in the good work? This they could do nothing about, but, nevertheless, they started ringing Minimus and soon were able to ring all the methods that were printed in a past issue of 'The Ringing World.'

The time came all too soon when their training was at an end and they were to be posted. All their company were paraded and the postings were read out. Claude, being near the beginning in the alphabet, was read out first and was told that he was going to Hong Kong. His heart sank. All the other names were read out and practically every place in the world was mentioned, and then it came. Claude could not believe his ears at first, but yes — Fred Snowball had been given the same posting.

The next few days passed very quickly and they soon found themselves in Hong Kong with, of course, their beloved handbells. They realised that they would have to find a third person before they could do any serious ringing, and as luck would have it they found John Peters, who had done a little change ringing, but knew no methods at all, as he came from Devon.

John was asked if he would like to take up handbell ringing and of course he accepted with glee. The three of them quickly got down to some serious practising and were soon able to ring plain courses of Bob Doubles. Now that Fred had taught the other two to ring the plain courses from scratch he now had to teach himself to conduct, and with the little experience he had before he was called up he soon had the other two ringing the full extent. To get them ringing Minor was quite easy and they found no real difficulty except for Fred, who had to learn the new callings and the different ways to get the various extents.

One day Claude had nothing much to do so he started pricking the changes of Bob Minor and, experimenting with them, found that he could reverse the method. Also he found that he could put the two methods together and still come out at rounds after the five leads. He showed his discovery to Fred, who was extremely pleased with what he had done and pointed out to him that these were recognised methods.

At the next practice night they had a go at these two new methods. They found it difficult at first, but they were soon ringing short touches. At the end of one of these practices Fred brought up the subject of ringing a peal in the methods. They were a bit taken aback at the idea of it at first, but they thought that they would be able to do it if they could get used to ringing for long periods at a time.

A few months later there appeared in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' a peal of Minor 'in hand' in three methods and it had the following footnotes:—

First peal 'in hand' for all the band;
First peal as conductor.
The ringer of 1–2 (i.e., Claude) has never rung a tower bell and the ringer of 2–3 (John) has never rung methods on tower bells.
Believed to be the first peal in Hong Kong, China.

Their next peal was in the middle of the Indian Ocean during their voyage home and this had the peculiar footnote as being rung while travelling between Longtitude 70° and 80° East along the Equator.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND
THE ASHTON-UNDER LYNE SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*Bernard Groves	*Treble*	John Worth	7
Fred Dunkerley	2	Neil D. Lomas	8
Basil Jones	3	Peter Laflin	9
*Robert Smith	4	Leslie Boumphrey	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	11
John E. Bibby	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal on 12 bells, and have both now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.
Rung in memory of James Carter of the above Society, who died on January 12th.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Tower,
A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*Rev. Albert Webb	*Treble*	†Allen Morgan	7
Reginald Woodyatt	2	Gerald G. Hemming	8
†R. George Morris	3	Geoffrey J. Hemming	9
Thomas W. Lewis	4	†George E. Evenden	10
Sidney T. Holt	5	†David Beacham	11
*John G. Slater	6	*John J. Stanier	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by Reginald Woodyatt.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal on 12 bells as conductor.
In memoriam Charles J. Camm, Western Branch Ringing Master.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St Paul,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 62 cwt.

Brooke K. Lunn	*Treble*	James Phillips	7
J. Frank Smallwood	2	Jack A. Waugh	8
Frank W. Perrens	3	*John H. Crampion	9
Frank E. Haynes	4	John Phillips	10
John Chilcott	5	Philip A. F. Chalk	11
George W. Cecil	6	Thomas J. Setter / William J. Rawlings	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by J. Frank Smallwood.
* 300th peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Michael V. Chilcott	*Treble*	John E. Chilcott	6
John Phillips	2	David E. Parsons	7
Frank E. Darby	3	John H. Crampion	8
James G. A. Prior	4	Michael P. Moreton	9
William A. Theobald	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
This composition contains the '978 and '879 positions rung alternately.
Michael V. Chilcott has now 'circled the tower.'

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5021 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

*Rosemary Parkinson	*Treble*	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
G. Alec Dimmock	2	Ronald Kenrick	7
*†Stanley Walmsley	3	John E. Spice	8
*Philip Dunderdale	4	*Victor J. C. Wood	9
E. Roger Martin	5	Frederick Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Double Norwich Caters. † 25th peal.
Rung to mark the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Sawle, B.D.).

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Derek P. Jones	*Treble*	Phyllis Poole	6
Joseph Wm. Cotton	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
Ernest Morris	3	G. Ronald Edwards	8
Francis R. Lowe	4	Ernest J. Jelley	9
Patricia A. M. Forster	5	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Arranged by Stephen Ivin Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
The ringers of the treble and second have now 'circled' the campanile to peals.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

A. York-Bramble	*Treble*	†Russell H. R. Parker	6
*S. Kathleen M. Knight	2	E. Winifred Keys	7
†Robert Wake	3	E. Keith Jordan	8
†Marion J. Parker	4	Frederick W. Burnett	9
‡Ernest Treagus	5	Arthur E. Hoodless	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Frederick W. Burnett.
* 100th peal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Caters. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 28, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Deanery Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

Mrs. H. W. Moore	*Treble*	Alan R. Syder	5
Henry A. Pratt	2	John Brown	6
Lewis W. Wiffen	3	Ronald Suckling	7
Harold W. Moore	4	Frank B. Lufkin	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*John Ball	*Treble*	Russell H. R. Parker	5
Marion J. Parker	2	Keith Jordan	6
Alexander Page	3	Fredk. W. Burnett	7
S. Kathleen M. Knight	4	Roger Baldwin	*Tenor*

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Surprise.

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STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ann,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Ernest J. Rowe	*Treble*	†Harold Howson	5
*Pat Rowe (13)	2	Martin Cubitt	6
*Lesley Hawes	3	Michael Rowe	7
†Frances Secker	4	Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert Tyler. Conducted by Brian Bladon.
Witnessed by W. Theobald.
* First peal. † First of Major. First peal on the augmented eight. Rung by the local band.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Harry Bray	*Treble*	Peter J. Staniforth	5
Phyllis Poole	2	Ernest J. Jelley	6
Ernest W. Rawson	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
John Acres	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,560 London, 960 Bristol, 800 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 100 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Andrew C. Sinfield	*Treble*	Alfred E. Rushton	5
Philip Mehew	2	Dennis Knox	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	C. Edward Jeffries	7
Bryan Pattison	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
A birthday peal for Mrs. C. E. Jeffries.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Vera M. Nelson	*Treble*	*June E. Nelson	5
George P. Adams	2	H. William Barrett	6
Edward Howes	3	Bert Gogle	7
George Sayer	4	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Major, and by members of the local band.
Composition contains at course-ends all the 7568's, 3527468, 2537468 and 6th extent in 5-6 without 2nd or 3rd in 6ths.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Nolan Golder	*Treble*	Charles H. Moore	5
Raymond G. Lofty	2	H. William Barrett	6
George Sayer	3	Michael Day	7
*Peter Adcock	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Mr. Charles H. Moore, local captain, on the birth of a grandson.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Robert T. Lambert	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Ernest J. Ladd	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
Reginald E. Lambert	3	Edwin Bromley	7
*Frederick J. Lambert	4	Colin A. Tester	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Robert T. Lambert.
* 350th peal.
A birthday compliment to Miss V. I. Lambert.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E flat.

Michael T. Sprackling	*Treble*	*Alan J. Smith	5
*Patrick J. Bird	2	David Heighton	6
*Maurice E. Downs	3	†Frank D. Mack	7
Brian J. Wylde	4	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Heighton.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise for the Society.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	*John Young	5
*Bernard Matthews	2	‡Denis Mitchell	6
†Charles Skinner	3	Raymond P. Wood	7
June M. Clements	4	Raymond Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal on eight. ‡ First of Grandsire Triples.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Being 1,920 of Kent and 3,168 of Oxford, with 30 changes of method.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Walter Allman	*Treble*	Fred Jackson	5
Eric Hornby	2	William E. Allman	6
Harry Parker	3	Harry W. Howard	7
Victor Neale	4	Cecil Raddon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Walter Allman.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung for the birthday of C. Raddon and first birthday of Charles E. J. Allman.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Robert A. Reeves	*Treble*	George W. Holland	5
*Robin A. Hodgson	2	George F. Burton	6
*Charles Coles	3	*J. Howard Freeborn	7
*†Francis G. Wilton	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major. † 25th peal.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5040 UNION TRIPLES
John Carter's Three-part. Peal No. 65 C.C.C.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

George Kenward	*Treble*	Stanley B. Dobbie	5
Hazel V. Dadson	2	Edward C. Barton	6
Kathleen M. Walsh	3	George A. Naylor	7
Lawrence Mitchell	4	John Clark	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
First peal in the method by all the band.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Elizabeth M. Yardley	*Treble*	Joan Beresford	5
Ann Barr	2	Jeffrey B. Webb	6
Diana J. Perrins	3	Clive M. Smith	7
Shirley M. Parsons	4	Cyril A. Wratten	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First touch of Surprise Major as conductor.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt.

M. S. Jackson (Girton)	*Treble*	M. D. S. Hood (Trin. Hall)	5
H. Neill (St. Cath.'s)	2	D. J. Kirby (Selwyn)	6
M. J. Harbord (Trin. Hall)	3	F. B. Cookson (St. John's)	7
P. H. Langton (Trinity)	4	*P. F. Windley (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by P. F. Windley.
* 25th peal and first as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Wm. Geoffrey Hair	*Treble*	Joseph Wm. Cotton	5
Patricia A. M. Forster	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Francis R. Lowe	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. H. Jones, of Repton.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

Percival W. J. Harding	*Treble*	Eric J. Hitchin	5
Sidney Grant	2	Jack Lucas	6
Archibald Knight	3	†Frederick S. Slatford	7
*David Knight	4	‡James Case	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † 100th peal. ‡ First peal on eight.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Penn on the occasion of their silver wedding.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Four-part variation. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

William J. Paice	*Treble*	Noel J. Diserens	5
*Jean Dawson	2	*Walter Newton	6
Helen M. Brant	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Frank W. Lewis	4	Jesse Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

*Ivor Best	*Treble*	Frederick Welch	5
*George E. Monckton	2	Albert W. Dyer	6
Jack W. Drew	3	William E. Turner	7
Raymond P. Selway	4	Reginald Hebditch	*Tenor*

Conducted by William E. Turner.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Jelly.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

G. Barbara Cooke	*Treble*	Allan Sharples	5
Alexander Richardson	2	Trevor Taylor	6
Ivor Jenkins	3	Derek Taylor	7
Norman Tompkins	4	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Trevor Taylor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Fri., Jan. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Michael Blore	*Treble*	Peter Bellamy-Knights	4
†Michael Knight	2	David K. Walklate	5
Edwin Walklate	3	*Mark Rowland	*Tenor*

Conducted jointly by Peter B.-Knights (ten extents), Edwin Walklate (ten extents) and David K. Walklate (22 extents).
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

HARLAXTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Margaret E. Bailey	*Treble*	Denis A. Frith	4
Brian Hunt	2	J. Michael Simpson	5
John E. Cook, jun.	3	W. Russell Read	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Russell Read.
* First peal. The first peal of Minor as conductor.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cynfarch,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 16 extents of Grandsire, 16 extents Bob Doubles and five Morris's 240 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Roger King	*Treble*	Henry O. Baker	4
Wilfred H. Lewis	2	†J. William Clarke	5
*Henry A. Price	3	*Thomas C. Millington	*Tenor*

Conducted by Henry O. Baker.
* First peal in two methods. † First of Doubles.

QUAINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 19½ cwt.

Anne C. Garnett	*Treble*	Robin G. Leale	3
William S. Deason	2	Frederick R. Scott	4
Michael P. Moreton	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
The first peal on the bells.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of Colin Michael Stephenson, of Ossett.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and one of Double Court. Tenor 13 cwt., approx.

*Ivy E. Lindsey	*Treble*	Albert E. Scott	4
Cuthbert T. H. Bradley	2	Charles Wilkinson	5
Cecil Wade	3	Leonard C. Blanchard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
* First peal, first attempt.
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. T. W. Stanton, aunt of the ringer of the second.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's College Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Maureen Haynes	*Treble*	†Kenneth Rutland	4
†James T. Rooke	2	Douglas H. Rooke	5
‡Freda Robinson	3	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas H. Rooke.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal in four methods. ‡ First peal in four methods 'inside.'

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Anne C. Garnett	*Treble*	William S. Deason	4
Frederick R. Scott	2	Robin G. Leale	5
Roger Woodcock	3	John Hill	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

COLWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Jan. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

Eric Edginton	*Treble*	John H. Joyner	4
George W. Hughes	2	John R. Joyner	5
Arthur R. Wright	3	Richard J. Warrilow	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.

OADBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) and (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Roger K. Stretton	*Treble*	Ernest J. Jelley	4
Phyllis Poole	2	Ernest Morris	5
John A. Acres	3	*Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* 400th peal on tower bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 12 methods, with 54 changes of method, viz.: (1) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) Single Oxford. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

J. Howard Freeborn	*Treble*	*Ruth S. Hodoson	4
Douglas O. Wilks	2	Donald H. Niblett	5
*Christine M. Woodward	3	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in 12 Minor methods.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 2,160 and four extents each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb.

Charles Brown	*Treble*	L. Edward Etheridge	4
George Filby, sen.	2	Robert Plummer	5
Ernest Whiting	3	George Filby, jun.	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Whiting.

A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with tenors never reversed. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat

Joseph Wm. Cotton	*Treble*	William F. Woodward	4
*Richard J. Clifton	2	Derek P. Jones	5
*Arthur J. Marriott	3	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' Mr. J. W. Cotton has now 'circled the tower,' and is the first person to do so.

ACTON BY NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*Rhodri W. Williams	*Treble*	*Derek A. Holland	4
John D. Nixon	2	O. Michael Slaney	5
Anthony R. Trickett	3	Frank R. Morton	*Tenor*

Conducted by O. Michael Slaney.

* First peal.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

*George W. Heyhoe	*Treble*	John E. Couzens	4
Samuel H. Waterfield	2	William Rose	5
Tony Owen	3	Cecil V. Ebberson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil V. Ebberson.

* First peal.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 26 methods in seven extents: (1) Abbeyville, Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (2) Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight; (3) Braintree, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (4) Disley Delight, Morning Star and Norbury Treble Bob; (5) Ockley, College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (6) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Capel and Oxford Treble Bob; 59 changes of method. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Brian Harris	*Treble*	John Worth	4
Bernard F. L. Groves	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Basil Jones	3	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

In memoriam James Arthur Milner, for many years ringer at this church, who was interred immediately before the peal.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

Reginald Wilmer	*Treble*	Oliver G. Norman	4
*David Papworth	2	E. Jack Parish	5
*Peter W. Rose	3	Walter Papworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Jack Parish.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by the local Sunday service band.

HOSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Winchendon Place Bob, All Saints', St. Simon's Bob, Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

J. Harry Cook	*Treble*	Roland H. Cook	3
Alfred E. Hinman	2	Charles E. Cooper	4
Geoffrey A. Bowcutt	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. Harry Cook.

First peal on the bells, recast by John Taylor and Co., 1938.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wm. Sharpe (81), captain of Hose ringers for 53 years, and also a tribute to Mr. E. Tinsley, who has completed 50 years as captain at Long Clawson.

MERTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MERTON SLOW COURSE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B.

Robin G. Leale	*Treble*	David A. S. Hawkins ..	3
Anne C. Garnett	2	William S. Deason	4
Alan J. Frost	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
The first peal in the method.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: (1) and (2) Plain Bob, (3) and (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

*Dorothy M. Heap ..	*Treble*	Brian A. Tomlinson ..	4
*Carol Eustace	2	Trevor Taylor	5
*Geoffrey Hopkinson ..	3	Barrie Hendry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.
* First peal in four methods.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, viz.: Two Pitman's 240's and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings), 12 of Plain Bob (four callings) and six of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*Marie Blakesley	*Treble*	*George V. Harrald ..	4
†Jack Handford	2	Royston Wilmore	5
‡Robert Handford	3	*Jack Cunnington	*Tenor*

Conducted by Royston Wilmore.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. First peal rung by a local Sunday service band for over 50 years.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

William L. Exton	*Treble*	F. William Midwinter ..	4
Margaret E. Hill	2	Harold Stevenson	5
Sydney Adams	3	Frederick G. Hooper ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. H. P. Arnold-Crafts), who is leaving Orston for the parish of St. George, Bolton.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 29, 1957, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
In St. Margaret's Select Vestry,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

John M. Jelley	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	John R. Smith	7—8

Adapted from E. M. Atkins. Composed by John A. Acres.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At No. 29,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Thomas	1—2	John Thomas	5—6
Joseph D. Johnson	3—4	David J. Marshall	7—8
Vivien Barnes	9—10		

Composed by J. E. Graves. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
Witness: Mrs. D. J. Marshall.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. J. Marshall.

John Taylor & Co.
LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (552 Kent, 720 Oxford): J. J. Prentice 1, H. A. Mitson (first Treble Bob 'inside') 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, G. R. Goodship 4, J. B. Morley 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Masters 1, H. Ballard 2, A. D. V. Hunt 3, J. F. Whitfield 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, G. Prodger 6. With best birthday wishes to the ringer of the second.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Jarvis 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Violet Relf 3, Elizabeth Marshall 4, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 5, W. W. Ring 6.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Chilton 1, F. W. Midwinter 2, E. Brown 3, F. Derry 4, W. L. Exton (cond.) 5, G. C. Jackson 6. First quarter 3, 4 and 6, who become the first local ringers to ring a quarter on these bells.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Miller 1, E. Chapman 2, W. Stevens 3, F. Sweet 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, K. Prime 6, J. Walton 7, G. Burge 8. A Bridgwater branch quarter.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, C. F. Guy 2, S. Moody 3, W. Upton 4, A. G. Smallwood (Penn) 5, R. G. Chambers (first quarter) 6, C. A. Drake (cond.) 7, W. G. Scott 8.

CRANFORD, MIDLX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Parker 1, Hilary Speke 2, P. Woodgyer 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Spurgeon (first quarter) 1, T. R. Roast 2, P. W. Saltmarsh 3, P. J. Came 4, M. Edwards 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (240 Grandsire and 1,080 Plain Bob): B. Lewis 1, Hilary Johnson 2, S. Webb 3, H. Johnson 4. P. I. Chapman (cond.) 5, D. Billingham (first quarter) 6.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire, Oxford, Court, Double Grandsire and St. Clement's Triples: Jean Robertson (first of Triples) 1, Winnie Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, Mrs. D. Metcalfe (first in five methods) 4, H. Webb 5, H. Denman 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, W. Coates 8. Composed by J. Segar.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Stephens (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Evans 2, Miss A. Evans 3, R. Stephens 4, T. Stephens 5, D. Bruten 6, J. Alsop (cond.) 7, I. Jeynes 8. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Vicar (the Rev. O. Davies) as a Canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 12th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, R. Clarke 2, E. J. Goode 3, K. Small 4, Brenda Slark 5, B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong.

ENFIELD, MIDLX.—On January 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, I. Attwater 2, J. Towers 3, J. Roberts 4, D. Towers 5, I. Hawkins (first quarter) 6, J. Duggan (cond.) 7, P. Nash 8.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKS.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Morton 1, V. Morris (first 'inside') 2, M. G. Morton (cond.) 3, P. J. Rigby 4, A. Ager 5, J. Anderson 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia Stevenson (first quarter) 1, Maureen A. Finch 2, W. W. Wright 3, Eva Taussig 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, T. J. Luce (first quarter) 6. First quarter since the rehanging of the recast second. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew's Doubles: R. H. Mills 1, Maureen A. Finch 2, R. E. Finch (cond.) 3, Eva Taussig 4, W. W. Wright 5, G. S. Joyce 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam David J. McInroy, who rang at Farnborough while stationed there on National Service.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 20th, 720 Merchants' Return Treble Bob Minor, 600 Oxford: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, H. B. Schofield 4, J. Burgess 5, A. Farrand 6. A farewell to Mr. Jack Travis, the organist at this church.

QUARTER PEALS

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Nov. 2nd, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Highley 1, T. Barton 2, F. A. Mitchell 3, H. Springate 4, R. Burns 5, G. Kenward 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, C. Curtis (first quarter) 8. For the patronal festival, also birthday compliments to Messrs. R. C. Burns and P. F. Borer.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Jan. 25th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. H. Pickett 1, H. F. Sargent 2, M. M. Peterson (first of Caters) 3, A. E. Haynes 4, Kate M. H. Barnson 5, A. W. Lloyd 6, E. Boumphrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, C. R. Raine (cond.) 9, A. W. Sears 10.

HARLINGTON, MIDLX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Grice 1, D. Shaw 2, Miss J. C. Richardson 3, M. R. Hawkins 4, M. J. Palmer (first as cond.) 5, T. S. Baber 6.

HARMSTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,008 Plain Bob Major: M. Platt (first of Major) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. E. Cook 3, A. P. Hill 4, P. E. Parry 5, B. Hunt 6, W. R. Read 7, J. M. Simpson (first of Major as cond.) 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Matthews (first away from tenor) 1, S. D. A. Price (first 'inside') 2, Judith D. Funnell 3, G. Beeney 4, F. H. Beeney (first in method as cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Vinten (first quarter) 1, Miss E. S. M. Tonkin 2, Miss J. D. Funnell 3, G. Beeney 4, F. Beeney (cond.) 5, T. Matthews 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. R. G. Spicer 1, D. F. Murfet 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HESTON, MIDLX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Harbour (first quarter) 1, J. B. Sansom 2, Miss P. Rayner 3, G. Golding 4, M. Hawkins 5, P. Bettridge 6, G. Ruck (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. For Evensong.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Coombs 1, Miss S. E. Miles 2, J. Hill 3, J. Sawyer 4, P. Arger (cond.) 5, I. Hawking 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. E. Miles.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anthea A. Baker (first quarter, 10 years) 1, H. A. Price 2, I. Dean 3, G. Parting 4, H. O. Baker (cond.) 5, T. C. Millington 6.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. A. Headland 1, G. W. Jeffs 2, B. A. Coulson 3, A. B. Clarke 4, D. Edwards 5, L. Witten (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Tom Jervis, who was interred at Islip this day.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bishop 1, F. Dewey 2, J. P. Morris 3, J. Kemp 4, D. R. White 5, H. Barshy 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, D. Flatters 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Young, a regular visitor to this tower.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Woods 1, R. Warden 2, H. Rainford (cond.) 3, R. Rainford 4, S. Jeffery 5, J. Pye 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Place Bob, Winchendon Place, Place Bob): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Collins 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Heather Scott, daughter of Mr. A. J. Scott, churchwarden.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): Jill Birch 1, J. Goodfellow 2, Margaret Way 3, Miss P. J. Welch (first 'inside') 4, B. Taylor 5, J. D. Woodman 6, N. A. James (first as cond.) 7, M. Ellis (first quarter) 8. Rung before the festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 8. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Way 1, Miss P. J. Welch 2, B. Taylor 3, G. Stickland 4, J. D. Woodman (cond.) 5, M. Bennett 6. Rung to mark the engagement of Nevil James and Jill Birch, both ringers at Llandaff Cathedral.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. T. Lake 1, E. G. Orland (cond.) 2, E. G. Gautrey 3, E. M. Thresher 4, J. H. Williams 5. To celebrate the wedding of Miss D. Ward and Mr. J. Kemp.

MICKLETON, GLOS.—On Dec. 31st and Jan 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and April Day, 540 Grandsire): D. Clark 1, J. R. Niblett 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, A. H. Wright 4, S. Loynes 5, F. G. Kinchin 6.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Judd (first quarter) 1, F. Lane (first 'inside') 2, W. Cropley 3, A. Flutter 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Jan 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove (first quarter) 1, W. C. Budd 2, Joan Cheney 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. G. Pickering 6. A birthday compliment to the first ringer.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. W. Stead (first of Minor) 1, Bridget Forder (first 'inside') 2, R. A. Reed (cond.) 3, C. Taylor 4, D. J. Forder 5, C. Murphy 6. A farewell to the tenor ringer, who is joining the R.A.F.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Mayne 1, Nancy Kempsell 2, G. Olliver 3, A. Clarke 4, A. Streeter (cond.) 5, W. Clarke 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Sexton, who died on January 1st, aged 92, the oldest male inhabitant of the village and one-time bell ringer at this church.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Price 1, J. Ayres (first 'inside') 2, J. G. Hine 3, E. J. Manley 4, E. H. Marks 5, C. J. Turner (cond.) 6, C. Deem 7, R. T. Wood 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Price, father of the Vicar of Ottery St. Mary.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): J. Mackey 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, Ann Culpin 3, T. P. Harris 4, P. J. Lawton 5, B. A. Martin 6. First in five methods for 1, 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frances Baigent and Margaret K. Oakeshott (widow of the previous Vicar).

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Aldridge 1, J. Wallman 2, M. Stanyon 3, J. Petter 4, S. G. Peck 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung for the Parish Communion. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Ann Aldridge 1, Mary Piper 2, Pam Miller 3, J. Perrett 4, M. Stanyon 5, S. G. Peck 6, J. Wallman 7, C. Aldridge (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Jan 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cann (first of Triples) 1, A. E. Bissett 2, H. Stacey (first of Triples 'inside') 3, H. Trewin (first of Triples) 4, R. G. Pearce 5, C. Sangwin 6, J. W. Sangwin (first as cond.) 7, H. Heard 8. All local service ringers. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Celia de Jong (first quarter) 1, B. Bissatt 2, H. Trewin 3, J. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, S. G. de Jong 6, C. Sangwin (cond.) 7, R. Cann 8.

THARSTON, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: L. Hindle 1, P. M. Adcock (cond.) 2, T. N. J. Bailey 3, P. D. T. Cattermole 4, L. N. Melton 5. Rung on the Feast of St. Wulfstan, Bishop.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kenward 1, L. Mitchell 2, J. Grensted 3, A. Dunk 4, E. Barton 5, R. Burns 6, C. Jarrett (cond.) 7, H. Springate 8. A compliment to Miss M. Evans and Mr. T. Barton on the occasion of their engagement; both are ringers at this church.

WALMER, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Woodcock 1, Miss M. Hawkins 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, F. R. Hawkins 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, F. A. Rye (cond.) 6, A. C. Woodcock 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Herbert Maynard (Vicar), who was cremated this day.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 12th, at the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Waterfield 1, Janice Cowdrey (first quarter) 2, T. Randall 3, M. Kemp 4, D. McNeil 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For morning service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. T. E. Sone returned to Marden, Kent, where he rang his first peal on January 19th, 1911, for his 600th peal. Unfortunately Mr. F. S. Macey, the only other survivor of the first peal, was unable to stand in. After the peal the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Eagling) congratulated the band and Mr. Sone on his fine record.

Mr. Peter J. Staniforth has been appointed official umpire on behalf of the Central Council in the attempt at 40,320 Plain Bob Major at Loughborough to-morrow. The best of luck to all the band.

The local band at Weldon, Northants, rang their first peal on January 17th and this is the reward of many hours of patient instruction by Mr. F. A. Ginns. This is the first peal on the bells by a service band since the installation of the bells in 1710.

After conducting a confirmation service at Winlaton, Durham, the Bishop of Jarrow (the Rt. Rev. J. A. Ramsbotham) went up to the belfry and thanked the ringers. He had a word with each and was most interested when the Rector told him that among his ringers were three fathers and three sons.

After an hour's ringing of very good Plain Bob Caters at North Stoneham on January 24th a peal attempt was lost by ringers from North Stoneham, Bourneham, Portsmouth, Newbury, Thatcham and Highclere. It was a farewell to Cedric Murphy, who is joining the R.A.F.

The band that rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Erith on January 24th would like to thank Mr. A. G. Hill for kindly standing in at a minute's notice, so as to enable Mr. T. J. Lock to complete the circle. It was his first Surprise peal since before the war. Congratulations!

Some 46 ringers attended an informal dinner and social evening at Lovell's Restaurant, Newport, on January 25th, arranged by the Monmouth Branch. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Jack Jarves for arranging the dinner, to Mrs. Ron Lucus, the M.C., and Miss Delwyn Evans, accordioniste, but the best compliment of members' enjoyment was the wish that it would be an annual event.

The peal at St. Andrew's, Pershore, was the first peal on the bells since 1927 and Mr. Albert Grinnall's first peal since 1936.

'The Irish Bell News' maintains its reputation for brightness with No. 1 of Vol. III. An article on the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, is appropriate in view of Whitsun. 1958.

In 1903 Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, of Braintree, rang his first peal of London Surprise Major. At Halstead, recently, 55 years later, he rang his 86th in the method. Not bad going for an 'old 'un.'—C. J. S.

Writes A. H. P.: 'What pleasure to see the names of Billy Hewitt, Albert Coles and Reuben Sanders in a peal together, and what memories they recall! As one ringer remarked years ago, "No need to wonder what sort of a peal. Look at the names!" How thankful Reuben must be that his health is so good.' (See Page 70.)

Previous to the peal at Hose, Leics, on January 11th there had been only one peal in the tower—in 1927, conducted by Mr. William Sharpe. The peal was the first on the bells, as the bells were recast in 1938. Mr. William Sharpe, now 80, completed 53 years as captain of Hose ringers but retired two years ago. He is still able to take an active part in local ringing.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Mr. J. T. Dyke's Retirement

Announcing his retirement as chairman through continued ill-health, at the meeting of the Frome Branch, Mr. J. T. Dyke, referred to a recent leading article in 'The Ringing World'—'A Dedicated Sport.' He said:—

'During the 44 years in which I have been connected with the Branch I have always kept the right uses of church bells to the fore, viz., regular and punctual ringing for service and the necessary practice, which includes peal ringing. At the same time I have always set by face against birthday peals and things of that sort. It can hardly be right to use church bells to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of one of the ringers. The national Press a few months ago recorded an even more weird use of church bells. In a small Devonshire town, it was recorded, the church bells were rung late at night to celebrate the victory in London of one of their young boxers. I am confident that this could not occur here, not even if Yeovil won the football cup.'

Of the Branch Corporate Communion, which received such a welcome at Radstock, he said: 'In a Branch the size of ours, attendance on these occasions demands considerable sacrifice. So it should do. May we never fail to make these efforts.'

The secretary, Mr. E. J. Chivers, reported steady progress during the year. Membership topped the 200 mark with 23 towers affiliated, Marston Bigot being the newest. Young peal ringers have done particularly well this year, with Miss Frances Massey ringing her first at the age of ten, R. Abbott conducting Cambridge Minor at 15, and E. Bray now conducting Triples, while D. Hoare, with numerous peals to his credit, continues to organise his Wednesday band for Surprise ringing.

Before the meeting, members stood in silence in memory of Mr. William Flower and Mr. Frank Veasey. Apologies for absence were received from the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Beck), whose daughter was being married that day, from Frome tower captain (Mr. D. Flower), because of illness, and from Messrs. H. Baker and M. Rose. Eleven new performing members and two associates were elected. They were: Beckington, Miss J. Phillips, R. Smith: Chewton Mendip, T. Whitfield: Doulting, F. Warren: Hinton Blewitt, Misses D. Lyons and V. Russell, B. Smith and D. Uphill; Shepton Mallet, J. Mitchell and P. J. Newman: Whatley, Miss V. Bailey. Associates: Buckland Dinham, the Rev. S. Max Benjamin; Radstock, the Rev. N. Mitchell.

All last year's officers, with the exception of the retiring chairman, were re-elected. The new chairman is Rev. Norman Mitchell, of Radstock.

Mr. E. Bray suggested that monthly practice meetings might be held, at least in the summer. It was agreed to consider this and make any arrangements at the next quarterly meeting.

Mr. F. Carter, of Radstock, proposed the vote of thanks and mentioned Mrs. Hilda Massey and helpers for the tea, and Frome ringers for their welcome.

Nearly 60 members and friends representing 22 towers attended the meeting and were joined by others for an enjoyable evening's ringing of many methods, from rounds to Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise.

E. D. O.

NORTH HERTS' PEAL WEEK

Dear Sir,—My reaction on perusing your peal columns in the issue of January 24th is that anybody who encourages a lad of 13 years of age to ring six peals in five days on 'old style' bells, must be devoid of any sense of proportion or responsibility.—Yours faithfully. C. W. HANCOCK.

Tonbridge, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The collapse and sudden death of Mr. Frederick Precey while attending the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Dorchester on January 18th resulted in the evening's ringing concluding at 7 p.m. Mr. Precey was Branch Ringing Master for 11 years until last year, when he retired owing to ill-health.

Tea followed the Guild service at St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. F. Heaton), who also gave the address.

The Rev. P. F. Heaton (vice-chairman) presided at the business meeting. Mr. J. H. Hayne (retiring hon. secretary) reported an increased membership of 161, of whom 148 are ringing members. Eleven quarters and two peals were rung. The financial statement showed a credit balance of £27.

Officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft; vice-chairman, the Rev. P. J. Heaton; Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Ford (Abbotsbury); Deputy Ringing Masters, Messrs. J. W. Rose (Wyke Regis) and Mr. J. Slade (Preston). Mr. R. H. Duke, of St. Peter's, Dorchester, was elected hon. secretary and treasurer on the resignation of Mr. J. H. Hayne after holding the office for 11 years. A vote of thanks to Mr. Hayne was carried with acclamation. Mr. Hayne returned thanks and wished Mr. Duke every success in his new post. He also thanked him for his invaluable help as assistant secretary for the past nine years. Twelve new members were elected.

Places suggested for meetings in 1958 were: Abbotsbury, Cattistock, Wyke Regis and possibly Bradford Peverelle and Stratton. It was stated that Messrs. Taylor were soon coming to hang the bells at Piddlethrentide.

The address of the present secretary is: Mr. R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Duke for the arrangements for tea and ringing and to the Rector for the service and taking the chair at the meeting R. H. D.

Another Peal at St. Paul's

The peal recorded this week of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, rung on January 25th and conducted by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, is the 17th on the bells. The last peal was rung for the Queen's coronation on June 20th, 1953.

Of the peals rung, 13 have been Stedman Cinques, three Kent T.B. Maximus and one Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The first peal was rung on December 10th, 1881.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The annual meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Llandaff Cathedral on January 18th. The service was conducted by the Dean of Llandaff (the Very Rev. Eryl Thomas). Tea was afterwards served in the Hall, given and prepared by the Llandaff ringers. Mr. R. E. Coles thanked them on behalf of the visitors.

At the business meeting a favourable report of the past year was given by the secretary. District officers elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. Whitworth; secretary, Mrs. D. J. King; committee, Mrs. J. James, Mrs. F. Bailey, Mrs. D. Bruton, Miss Margaret Way; Central Committee, Mrs. R. E. Coles, Miss Dilys Hulbert.

Two new members were elected—Miss Carol Eustace, of Cheltenham, and Miss R. Dunning, of Ebbw Vale. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sketty, Swansea.

REUBEN SANDERS

On Sunday, January 12th, some of us were having coffee after ringing when Reuben remarked that he was enjoying his birthday! To my own knowledge he had rung the tenor at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for a wedding on the previous Wednesday, and on the Friday for a broadcast rehearsal. On Saturday he rang the ninth at Southgate to Stedman Caters in 3 hours and 18 minutes (see peal columns) and rang it faultlessly at a really good pace. That very Sunday morning he had been at Westminster at 9 a.m. for the broadcast ringing and afterwards had rung at Streatham for morning service. And Reuben's age is not 64, but 84 years young!

Mr. Sanders was in his thirties before his first peal, but his total to date is 648, including 127 on 12 bells. Among notable feats may be mentioned: The tenor to the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Ireland; the 11th to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus at Exeter Cathedral; the only man to ring two Surprise peals (Bristol and London) at Westminster Abbey; took part in the long peal (15,264 changes) of Bristol Surprise Major; also in the well-known four peals in different Surprise methods in one day; 7,000 Cambridge Maximus at Bow, Cheapside; and 56 peals at Southwark Cathedral.

Whether or not there is any significant connection between his good health, his outstanding ability with a heavy bell and his never-failing good humour, and the fact that he does not conduct peals, I cannot say. Perhaps it is only his modesty that lets him leave bob calling to others. But I know of no one I would rather stand beside when ringing a heavy bell. His many friends in the Exercise wish him many more birthday peals, with continued good health, happiness and vigour. W. G. W.

B.B.C. AT EAST HARLING 'MARDLE'

The fifth annual dinner 'mardle' of the East Harling bellringers was held on Saturday, January 25th—the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul—in the Nag's Head, Harling. Thirty-two ringers and friends attended, including ringers from Costessy, Wymondham, Diss, Bunwell, Garboldisham, Blo-Norton and New Buckenham.

Short touches of Treble Bob and various Minor methods were rung on the tower bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church beforehand in order to shake the icicles off the boots of some of the more distant travellers!

After the dinner (which included pheasant) the company got to grips with handbells. Interesting comparisons were made between Mr. Goodman's 150-year-old handbells and a relatively new set of Mr. Leonard Last.

David Brigson and Jonah Barrington, of the B.B.C. East Anglian Region (Norwich) were present, and recordings were made of touches of various methods of Triples, Minor and Major as well as some excellent ones of Mr. Charles Goodman's company ringing 'Ding Dong Merrily on High.' Local jargon, idiom and some real campanological discussions were also recorded. We hope that this get-together between ringers and the B.B.C. in this part of the country will help both ringers and broadcasters. P. J.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

The Society of Sherwood Youth at their annual meeting on January 25th at St Mary's, Nottingham, elected the following officers:—Master, Mr. F. A. Salter: hon. secretary, Mrs. P. C. Clarke: treasurer, Mr. W. Nichols.

The ten bells of St. Mary's were rung during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Surprise Major. P. C. C.

NEWS FROM ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-West Division Healthy

The South-Western Division of the Essex Association held its annual general meeting at St. Andrew's, Hornchurch on January 11th. Ringing preceded the service, conducted by the chaplain of Hornchurch, who also joined us at tea.

About 90 members and friends were present at tea to welcome Mr. Reeve after his motor-cycle accident. Later, in the tower, Mr. Reeve was to be seen ringing Yorkshire with a precision which belied his 83 years.

Opening the meeting, Mr. Crampion welcomed Mr. Heazel and Mr. Ludkin, always honoured visitors at South-Western meetings. He asked the meeting to remember absent friends, especially Maurice Baker and Dick Stannard, the latter having had to give up active ringing. He congratulated Mr. Oliver, of Downham, on his 50 years of service ringing, which had recently been honoured at Shenfield. Silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. Richman, an honorary member.

Mr. Wilmington, in his report, said that he had approached 1957 with some trepidation after such a successful year as 1956, but they had managed to maintain an even keel, with membership well up to standard. There had been restorations at Epping and Chigwell Row, and they hoped that Orsett would soon be ringing again. During the year they had lost three old ringers, Roland Fenn, A. C. Hardy and Bob Chambers, who had been called to higher service. There had been five marriages within the Division. It was hoped to repeat last year's successful coach outing to the Saffron Walden Great Ringing Day, and this looked like being an annual event.

Mr. Willmington appealed to members not to make the Association meetings an occasion for tower grabbing, and said they should take their place at the service and business meeting as well as paying a fleeting visit to the tower. Mr. Heazel added that the Association had given a ringers' welcome to the Queen when she visited Brentford in the autumn.

All the officers of the Division were re-elected, and a healthy number of new members were elected (two from Shenfield, four from Hornchurch, five from Waltham Abbey, one from Barking, two from Rayleigh, one from North Weald and one honorary member from this tower, one from Woodford, one from Havering, one from Prittlewell, two honorary members from Wanstead, two non-resident members following a peal at Writtle, two from Leytonstone and one from Bentley South Weald). The last named was Mr. George Sewell, who was re-elected so that he could later be proposed for life membership. A most welcome new member was Mr. Attwater, from Barkingside, vigorous and smiling 80 years young. Mr. Attwater had been to the U.S.A. and had helped to teach ringing at Kent School, Connecticut.

Mr. Willmington asked for a nomination to fill the vacancy on the Central Council. A young member, Mr. Lionel Woods, of Dagenham, was proposed, and although Lionel demurred on the grounds that he lacked technical knowledge, he was persuaded to accept nomination. Two Walthamstow ringers, Mr. Maynard and Mr. Rumens, were proposed for life membership, and also Mr. Oliver, of Downham. Mr. Sewell, of Bentley South Weald, was first re-elected a member and then put forward for life membrship.

The programme for 1958 was accepted and it was pleasing to note that Orsett appeared for the first time since pre-war days. Mr. Chalk congratulated Mr. Gant on the excellent arrangements that had been made for the visit to Chelmsford of the Central Council. He also announced that Waltham Abbey was offering several of their part-worn ropes to any tower where ropes were needed and funds were low. To conclude the meeting, Mr. Turner moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Gant and all those who had helped to make the visit to Hornchurch such a pleasant one. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 2s. 4d. J. E. M. H.

Northern District

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at Bocking on January 4th, when some 67 members assembled at the Deanery Church of St. Mary and kept the bells going until 4.30, when the Dean of Bocking (the Very Rev. H. D. S. Bowen) conducted Evensong and gave an inspiring address. Tea was prepared in the Workman's Hall by the Bocking ringers; this was greatly appreciated.

Miss Snowden, the District Master, opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors, and the Dean then presided over the business.

The Master and secretary reported that a most successful year had just concluded; more peals had been rung and there were larger attendances at the five meetings held. The bells at Halstead had been rehung and dedicated, and the record peal of Minor was rung at Stisted. Sunday service ringing had been maintained.

Four new members were elected, as were all the District officers. All the retiring officers of the Association were re-nominated and Mr. O. Broyd, of Sible Hedingham, was nominated for life membership. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Felsted in March. Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had worked and made the meeting a great success. A return to the tower and handbells concluded the proceedings

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

About 50 members were present at the annual meeting of the Gainsborough District held at All Saints', Gainsborough, on January 18th. Ten new members were elected and a special welcome was extended to eight new members from Bilton, Isle of Axholme, where the four bells are shortly to be augmented to six.

The officers for 1958 are:—President, Canon J. E. Roberts; Ringing Master, Mr. G. E. Feirn; hon. secretary, Mr. L. A. Lunn; representative on Branch Committee, Mr. J. Blaikie.

The following places and dates were chosen for this year's meetings: Stow, February 15th; Corringham, May 15th; Bilton, July 19th; Broughton, September 20th; Upton and Willingham, November 15th. The outing to Knaresborough, June 28th.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

For the 11th annual meeting of the Newark District, ringing was divided between the bells of St. Giles', Balderton, and Newark Parish Church in the evening.

The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber of Newark Parish Church and commenced with a moment's silence in respect of two departed friends—the Rev. C. J. Sturton and Mr. J. Brothwell.

The report and statement of accounts was adopted, and the officers re-elected, viz.:—Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; hon. secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton; Ringing Master, Mr. T. D. Clarke; committee, Messrs. G. E. Foster and C. J. Copp. New members elected were: G. Davis (Newark), J. Pratchett (Southwell) and W. Rushby (Sutton-on-Trent).

A joint meeting with the North Notts District at Tuxford on March 8th was approved, and Winthorpe was chosen for the May meeting. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund was 18s.

A letter from the Vicar of Averham, which had recently appeared in the local Press, concerning the condition of his bells and the possibility of some restoration being done, was discussed. It was finally decided to ask the general secretary to contact the Vicar, pledging the Guild's support as far as possible.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts District Annual

January 18th was the day of the annual meeting of the Hunts District, which was held in Huntingdon. Godmanchester's delightful eight were available at 2.30 and good use was made of these until four o'clock. All Saints' was open from 3.45 until the service, which was conducted by the District president (the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley).

Tea followed, prepared by local ladies, and then came the meeting. The secretary reported a record year in membership, etc. All the officers were re-elected with the exception of the Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Dyer was voted to this vacant position. After tea good use was made of All Saints' and St. Mary's bells by a very good attendance of members and friends from over a wide area.

H. S. P.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise at the annual meeting of the North Norfolk Branch held on January 11th at Wroxham and attended by 36 ringers and friends. The Rev. A. Cole conducted the service, Mr. Cowell was organist and Mr. Nolan Golden read the lesson.

Following an excellent tea, Mr. A. Bason presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. H. G. Lillingston (president). Officers re-elected were Mr. A. Bason, chairman; Mr. C. Bird, Branch secretary; Mr. G. Sayer, Branch Ringing Master; Mr. J. R. Smith and Mr. W. Clover were elected to the standing committee and Messrs. W. R. Catchpole, H. F. Carter, J. G. Dowe, F. C. Goodman and C. H. Moore to the Branch Committee. Mr. W. G. Spence (Norwich) was elected a probationary member.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SERVICE RINGING IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to comment on a statement from the front page of the 'R.W.' by M. R. P., of December 6th, who writes: 'I do not know if all bells in Leicester are rung Sunday by Sunday, but one church can manage Surprise Maximus for service.'

The answer to the first part is, of course, none, and I wonder how many captains could write to you, sir, and claim to have kept *all* their bells ringing for every Sunday service over a period of years? I do know that for four years after the war, the eight bells at Barwell were rung twice every Sunday and for practice. It was to the credit of the local band that not once were there insufficient ringers to ring the full peal.

What a church can manage to ring and what in fact it does ring regularly is very much a question of attendance in a great many cases, and it is true that a good number of towers suffer the handicap of 'hangers on' who attend when it is convenient to themselves, and feel that they are performing a great favour when the spirit moves them so to do.

How many times have I been to churches for a ring to be told that 'if they all came we could ring a touch of so and so,' and usually end up by ringing half the bells or none at all. That is why Guild reports are always misleading. The number of ringers shown as attached to towers very rarely gives a true state of the ringing actually accomplished. Several weeks ago I went to one church in the hope of having a ring before the service. There was, in the tower, a ring of eight. There were on paper 14 Guild members. We chimed six, and there were three other ringers, all choristers. It is all very distressing to hear Grandsire Doubles being rung from a 12-bell tower on Christmas Day for Mattins. I do not wish to imply that the method was less worthy for the occasion than Maximus—it was very well struck—but what I do suggest is that Leicester ringers would be the last to claim that they were on top of the world as far as Sunday service ringing is concerned. To believe so would create a further sense of apathy to a problem which is the concern of all conscientious tower captains and regular ringers, not only in this county but in every Guild and Association throughout the land.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leics.

SPEED OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. N. F. Moxon's comment on the recent peal at Merstham in 2 hours and 33 minutes, I would mention that I rang another peal there in May, 1954, in 2 hours and 34 minutes. The tenor measures 43½ inches in diameter, so is probably very close to 14 cwt. In each case I had the same 5th ringer, Mr. Ralph Bird. Several times I have rung this weight of tenor in under 2 hours and 35 minutes, and the main qualifications are fitness and a liking for hard work.

In fact, I find it difficult to ring anything under 16 cwt. in over 2 hours and 45 minutes, and when ringing at various six-bell towers am usually surprised that a peal by another band has taken longer than 2 hours and 50 minutes. In all cases we keep an open lead, but the faster six bells are rung the better they sound: 32-33 changes per minute is the speed of the Devon call-change competition ringing. Most of the fast peals of mine have been rung on bells hung in the 'old style' in wooden frames. With modern bells, hung in metal frames, and with the tenor well 'tucked up,' a fast peal is not so easy.—Yours faithfully,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

6-5 AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir,—I doubt whether either Mr. Chant or Mr. Moxon have expressed an unbiased opinion on 6-5's at backstroke in Minor ringing. The latter seems to be concerned mainly or only with closed-lead ringing in his letter (page 63), where the objection to 6-5's at backstroke obviously does not arise. I cannot understand his argument in the second paragraph of that letter, that the 5th should give plenty of room to the tenor. If there is to be a 6-5, whether at hand or at back, then the tenor strikes in 5ths and the 5th in 6th's place. The phrase 'plenty of room' implies striking the 5th in 6¼ or 6½'s place. Is that what Mr. Moxon wants? If so, then he is bringing another factor into the argument, that of the interval between bells in 5th's and 6th's place, whereas Mr. Chant and other exponents of the 6-5's at backstroke theory argue only from the point of view of order of notes.

The argument put forward by Mr. Chant, that some hymn tunes and chants finish the half-verse with a 6-5 cadence, is hardly valid when applied to ringing. It would be all right if we rang changes in groups of eight, say, and had our 6-5 at the end of the fourth change. But since most of us ring changes in twos, and then have a pause, the only place for the 6-5, using his analogy, is at the end of the first change, that is, at handstroke. Let him listen to some really well-struck Minor (open leads, of course) rung at a brisk rate, and then say whether he honestly likes a 5-6 at handstroke followed by a 6-5 at backstroke.

Further, would anyone care to say what the incidence of 6-5's at backstroke in 720's of irregular (pace Chant) Minor methods is compared with regular ones.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Hereford.

P.S.—To come to Mr. Cannon's aid. Mr. Moxon's argument that to ring seven blows every two seconds would sound awful is hardly acceptable. It would mean that to ring a peal of Major on a 14 cwt. tenor in 3 hours and 20 minutes is too fast. Most ringers would say that a suitable time for a peal on that weight is 2 hours and 50 minutes to 3 hours, and at that speed there would be approximately eight bells struck every two seconds (but there would be no 8-7's at backstroke). Speed of ringing depends partly on the sound of the bells (inside and outside the tower) and partly on the ability of the ringers to put the bells where they want to (and this depends on skill. 'go' of the bells, draught of rope and, no doubt, pendulic swing) and partly on the whim of the conductor. I think that in some peals a lot of time is wasted through waiting or 'hanging up' for someone else who is slow.

W. F. M.

CARTER'S ODD-BOB PEAL

Dear Sir,—In view of the recent correspondence about Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Stedman Triples, it seems appropriate to recall the undermentioned peal, which must rank as one of the outstanding performances of all time:—

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Tuesday, July 10th, 1917, in 2 hours and 24 minutes
at 32, Edgeley Road, S.W.4
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES
5,040 CHANGES
Carter's Odd-Bob One-Part

Herbert Langdon	1-2
Harry R. Pasmore	3-4
Challis F. Winney	5-6
William T. Cockerill	7-8

Non-Conducted

Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF HEAVITREE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest the account of the above, for it recalled the early days of the Heavitree Society when my father and I used to ascend the 52 steps four times weekly to help the newly-formed band into the art of method ringing. My dad worked hard to maintain good ringing on a lovely octave from 1898 to 1904, and it may be of interest to the Devon Guild if I quote from a framed testimonial which hangs in my sitting room: 'This testimonial, together with a marble clock, was presented by members of the above Society to Mr. Ferris Shepherd in grateful recognition of his services as Instructor, in remembrance of good fellowship and friendship over the whole period of the Society's existence from February, 1898, until his severance from it upon leaving England in January, 1904, and with every good wish for his future welfare.'

There are 24 names on the testimonial, and the oval-shape photograph of the tower is still in good condition. The marble clock still keeps good time in its position just under the testimonial, and its gong reminds me of the days when ringing and good fellowship produced a local Society of which the Devon Guild can always be proud.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

SATURN TREBLE BOB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—This method, published in the December 13th issue of 'The Ringing World,' and referred to in the leader by E. C. S. in the issue of January 17th, is false. When the treble makes thirds, on the way either up or down, the two changes repeat, at opposite strokes (hand or back) with the corresponding changes two treble leads further on, in the plain course.

The method was produced by a Rugby ringer some years ago, but was dropped when its falseness was discovered.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

COMPOSITION AND AUTHORSHIP

Dear Sir,—How can originality have been claimed and sustained so long for Pitstow's 5,088 of Superlative? Every change in this peal is found in the earlier peal of Cox's (or Reeves'). A shortening of the original peal has been achieved merely by the use of three bobs Before. The following comparison shows the Q sets paired off, and all complete except for the abbreviated one.:—

M	W	H	23456		B	W	H	23456	
	—	3	52436	a		—	3	52436	a
	—	3	35426	b	—	—	3	34625	h
x		2	23564	c		—	3	23645	f
	—	3	62534	d		—	3	42635	g
	—	3	36524	e	—	—	3	36524	e
x		2	23645	f		—	3	23564	c
	—	3	42635	g		—	3	62534	d
	—	3	34625	h	—	—	3	35426	b
x		2	23456	j		—	3	23456	j
	Pitstow					Cox			

Absolute originality would seem to be almost impossible to attain. If this is very important, instead of attaching a sponsor's name to a peal, it might be better to give it a code number referring to the fundamental basic plan or composition from which it is derived. After all, 'composed by John Brown' tells us nothing at all about the peal.—Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND OVERY.

Haywards Heath, Sussex.

PRESENTATION TO DARTFORD'S RETIRING SECRETARY

For the past 30 years Mr. R. A. Jenkins, better known as 'Dick,' has held the post of secretary to the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Dartford, Kent. The band of ringers felt that this length of unfailing service could not be passed over lightly, and on January 23rd, in spite of a very heavy snowstorm, almost all the band turned up to show their appreciation, and the Vicar (Canon E. C. Mitchell) presented Mr. Jenkins with an inscribed hip pocket flask.

In making the presentation the Vicar paid tribute to the work he had done, remarking that during his (the Vicar's) living at Dartford (26 years), 'Dick' had never let him down in any way connected with the tower and bells. He wondered if 'Dick' was getting tired, but on hearing that he was not thinking of leaving the tower he agreed that at the age of 72 he could safely hand over his job and still feel proud of his achievements.

After Mr. Jenkins had recovered from his surprise he suitably thanked the Vicar for presenting him with a splendid souvenir, and the ringers for their appreciation of his services, stating that he hoped to spend many more years with them so that he could enjoy the use of their gift, and wishing success to the new captain and secretary in taking up office together. R. G. R.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY OUTING

On December 28th Tewkesbury Abbey ringers, together with a few friends, held an outing around Bredon Hill. The party travelled in cars belonging to obliging members. Ringing started on the light six at Bredon's Norton, and from there it was just a short ride to Eckington, where the best ringing of the day was had on the heavy six.

The recently rehung six at Great Comberton came next on the list. The 'go' of the bells was good, but the ringing chamber left much to be desired. Little Comberton was a complete contrast—the 'go' of the six bells was not very good and the bells were not all in the same key. The last tower before tea was the six at Elmley Castle.

Tea was taken in Elmley Castle and the party then moved on to Ashton-under-Hill. After driving out the resident robins, the bells were rung for a short time before moving on to the very fine six at Overbury. The last tower of the day was Kemerton, where good use was made of the six bells. A tired but happy party then returned to Tewkesbury.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Cambridge.

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OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. Barrett 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, Ruth S. Hodgson 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, C. Coles 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, J. Wilks 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The District annual meeting was held at Godstone on January 18th. Although the weather was cold and damp it did not stop 50 ringers attending, of whom 27 were District members. Ringing took place in the afternoon until 4.30 on the musical ring of eight.

A service was conducted by the Rev. K. G. Hoare and a very enjoyable tea followed.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector. One new member was elected and also three new non-resident life members.

The committee's report stated that 33 quarter peals and five peals were rung in the District in 1957. A number of members gained their first quarters, also first as conductors. Although the subscription was raised the membership was still strong.

The treasurer's statement showed that the balance at the bank was a little higher than last year.

There were two ballots for officers, as there were two nominations for Ringing Master and eight nominations for the committee. The officers elected for 1958 were:—Ringing Master, Mr. B. A. Cracknell; hon. secretary, Mr. A. Streeter; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Gear; hon. auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover; committee, Messrs. T. H. Bird, G. Olliver and A. R. C. Clarke.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. A. P. Cannon, who had done very good work in his five years as Ringing Master, and it was hoped that Mr. B. A. Cracknell would carry on the good work which had been established by him.

Ringing was again resumed after tea until 9 p.m. with methods from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major. A. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch

The annual meeting was held in Salisbury on January 18th. Although the attendance was smaller than usual visitors were present from as far away as Southampton and Keynsham. The Branch officers were re-elected with the exception of the vice-chairman (Mr. Chalk feeling obliged to resign, after seven years in office; Mr. Audley Trimby, of Wilton, was elected in his place) and Mr. Cecil Haines as a Ringing Master in place of Mr. Jim Maidment, resigned. A number of new members were elected, including Mr. R. Davis (Britford), Mr. G. Beckley (Martin), Mr. Rayner (unattached) and Mr. H. Collins (life ringing member).

The following dates and places were approved for meetings, subject to the necessary consents:—March 8th (practice), Netheravon and Amesbury: April 26th (quarterly), Durnford and Woodford: May 31st (practice), Winterslow and St. Thomas': July 19th (quarterly), Chilmark and Barford: September 13th (practice), Semley and Tisbury: October 18th (quarterly), Downton and Britford: November 29th (practice), S. Newton and Wilton; January 24th (annual), St. Paul's, Salisbury.

The company then adjourned from the Assembly Rooms to St. Thomas' Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. P. J. Hayes) conducted Evensong, with ringers' hymns and prayers, and gave an address from Micah vi., 8, on sincerity in our service and devotion to God. The ringers wish to express their thanks to him and also to the Rectors of St. Martin's, St. Paul's and Wilton, who allowed the use of their bells during the afternoon and evening. Ringing was available to all according to their skill, from Grandsire Doubles to Double Norwich and various Surprise Major methods.



"CHEERS CHAPS... TREBLE'S GONE!"

THE FAILURE

By H. Allen, Leamington Spa

A man you meet in many a tower
He talks bellringing by the hour.
He picks out touches by lead-ends
And what spare time he has he spends
Travelling by land or water
To ring somewhere a peal or quarter.
He grips his sally close and tight,
The rope-end firmly in his right.
He moves his hands both low and high,
Always 'down' below his thigh;
And if his bell just doesn't quite,
In its swing, maintain its height,
He simply flexes at the knees
And up it goes with greatest ease.
He's very good at ringing 'Rises,'
Kent T.B. and all Surprises.
From Royal, Caters, down to Double
Methods, none give him any trouble.
He'll call a peal in tower or 'hand.'
Or join in any wedding band.
He comes to ring on Christmas Day.
On New Year's Eve up late he'll stay
Simply so that he can ring
The Old Year out, the New Year in.
And yet with all these virtues blest
He fails to pass the crucial test.
He rings on Tuesday, Friday, Monday,
But doesn't come to ring on Sunday.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES J. CANNS

By the death of Mr. Charles J. Canns at his home at Upton-on-Severn on January 21st, the Worcestershire Association has lost one of its stalwarts and one of its most esteemed officers. More particularly is this loss applicable to his home tower; for nearly half a century the name of Canns has been synonymous with that of Upton. Aged 67, his ringing activities had been somewhat restricted since an illness two years ago, but he was in the tower on Christmas morning, although having to give up and rest after two very short touches. The news of his death came as a shock, his last illness only lasting two days.

By trade a blacksmith and agricultural engineer, he had served the district—first with his father—for over 55 years. He was well known for his great skill and was of that type of country craftsman now, alas, becoming increasingly rare; the type who loved the craftsmanship and workmanship first, with the commercial angle a secondary consideration.

Of fine physique, he was never afraid to use his strength, and until later years was never happier than when on the tenor box; there were very few bells that he would not tackle. He rang his first peal some 47 years ago, and his 600th—and last—in March, 1955, both at his home tower. His peals run through the whole range, from Grandsire Doubles, numerous Minor methods, Spliced Surprise Major to Cinques and Maximus; 560 of these had been rung for the Worcestershire Association, of which he had conducted 187.

But it will not be for his peals that Charlie will best be remembered. Since 1929 he had been Ringing Master of the Western Branch, and it had been his ambition to complete 30 years in this office—unhappily not fulfilled. In that time no one could attempt to estimate the time he gave and miles travelled in teaching and helping struggling and isolated bands. Indeed a large proportion of his peals were Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Plain Bob arranged for the same object. And at Branch meetings, too, his first duties were to the learners, while at his own tower he held and maintained a band by virtue of his own inimitable personality. He leaves a legacy which should be an inspiration to those who follow.

As a committee man, he never aspired to debate, but he had a shrewd assessment of any problems, and his remarks were always forthright and very much to the point.

A large congregation, representative of all walks of life in Upton and the district, were present at the funeral on January 24th. Over 40 ringers from the district lined the entrance to the church. Handbells were rung over the open grave and the tower bells rung muffled after the service. He is survived by one sister, with whom he lived, and to her goes our sympathy

Now he has reached the end of the road, we shall remember him. J. D. J.

MR. CYRIL NICHOLS

Cyril's death was caused by bronchial pneumonia on December 14th, 1957. Strange to say, after his last quarter at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, on Remembrance Sunday. he remarked that he was then at the same age (48) as was his father (David Nichols) when he died. Those who knew the difficulties he had to contend with during these later years admired his courage. Our sympathy is extended to his invalid widow.

I first met him with George Goodman, his boyhood friend from Kettering, at St. Luke's, Chelsea, during 1933, and George was able to participate in one of the 'In Memoriam' quarters. We shall miss him because he was the 'right type' and always ready to assist with Sunday service ringing. J. E.

MR. GEORGE W. MOSS

We are sorry to report the death of Mr. George Moss, at the age of 77. He was a life member of the Essex Association, and with his warm and genial nature he must have made scores of friends in all parts of Suffolk and Essex.

He learned to ring at Thornham Magna, in Suffolk, where his first peal, in seven Doubles methods, was rung in 1898, the band being self-taught. In 1900 he went to live at Harwich, where he married the sister of a local ringer, Arthur Morris. In 1904 he removed to Bolsover, where he remained until 1912. During this period he rang 94 peals, mostly for the Midland Counties Association. He rang the tenor in the first peal of London Surprise Major in the county of Nottingham, at Mansfield, in 1909. Other highlights in his ringing career were a peal of Forward Royal at Chesterfield, in 1909, when his two brothers, Jesse and Harry, also took part, and a 7,238 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at North Wingfield, in 1906, when Arthur Knights, the composer and conductor, gave no forewarning that the peal was to be of an abnormal length. On November 22nd, 1905, George rang the ninth to a peal of 5,003 Grandsire Caters, to which he appended the following footnote: 'This peal was rung for the silver wedding of Mr. A. Knights, and will long remain in my memory, having to walk home from Chesterfield after ten o'clock at night, a distance of eight miles, in a drenching rainstorm.'

After the 1914 war he returned to Essex. to live at Manningtree, where he was employed at the Waterworks. For 35 years he was a member of the Mistley band, where he rang many peals of Minor, some of them being conducted by his son, Stanley. His last peal was at Ardleigh, in 1954, rung in memory of a previous peal he had rung there exactly 50 years before, in 1904.

In all he rang 175 peals, of which eight were on handbells, 52 were in Surprise methods, and he conducted 13. He used to say he was steeped in London, and if ever he needed a cure for insomnia he would say a course of London to himself and after a couple of leads he would be asleep.

In his retirement he took every opportunity to visit any tower in Essex or Suffolk where there happened to be a meeting, and he must have made many new friends in this way. He appreciated the social side and he often referred to the brotherhood of ringers. Once when en route to a meeting we passed a crowd coming out from a football match, he said: 'Look at all those poor fellows, most probably every one is a non-ringer!'

When in 1948 a new band was learning at Great Bromley he regularly cycled over once a week to instruct them, and he was a consistent attendant at practice nights at St. Peter's, Colchester, and at Ardleigh. At all these places he will be sadly missed.

At the funeral many local ringers were present, and handbells were rung over the grave by A. Honeywood, E. P. Duffield and N. Foakes. After the service the Mistley bells were rung half-muffled, and on the previous Saturday a quarter peal was rung at Great Bromley, conducted by H. J. Millatt, Master of the N.E. Division of the Essex Association. A quarter peal of Bob Major was also rung half-muffled at Ardleigh on the day following the funeral. F. H. E.

MR. BEN FULLWOOD

Mr. Ben Fullwood, a ringer at Sedgley Parish Church for the last 60 years and a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford for 55 years, died on January 31st, aged 85 years.

MR. FREDERICK PRECEY

It is with great regret that we learn of the sudden collapse and death of Mr. Frederick Precey whilst attending the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers on January 18th. He was well known as a ringer throughout the Salisbury Diocese. In his younger days he was a very active ringer in the Salisbury District. Later he moved to Dorset, on appointment as clerk of works, Bovington Camp.

It was while he was at Bovington that he became Branch Ringing Master of the Dorchester Branch, a post he held for 11 years until last year. when he retired owing to ill health. He was deeply respected and was always very kind and helpful and a good one to take advice from. He was particularly interested in helping learners or less experienced ringers and will be greatly missed by all. He died in harness, as he would have wished. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

The funeral took place at the Church of the Holy Rood, Wool, on January 22nd. The Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Whitter) officiated, assisted by the Rev. R. P. Farrow (East Lulworth). Besides the family mourners the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was represented by the Dorchester Branch. Mr. E. Amey (Charminster), Mr. F. B. Stedman (Wyke Regis), J. H. Hayne, H. J. Ford (Branch Ringing Master, Abbotsbury), L. G. N. Williams, A. Dorey, H. Runyard (Wool), Mrs. D. P. Duke, Mr. R. H. Duke (Branch hon. secretary, St. Peter's, Dorchester, also representing the Rev. Canon C. C. Cox, Master of the Guild), the Rev. Canon A. W. Markby and Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary, Salisbury Guild).

The bells of St Peter's, Dorchester, were rung half-muffled in the afternoon of January 25th as a token of respect to the late Frederick Precey. The ringers were: J. H. Hayne, H. J. Ford, Miss B. Marsh, J. Slade, F. B. Stedman J. Rose, E. Amey, R. H. Duke.

R. H. D.

MR. E. H. OXENHAM

Mr. Ernest H. Oxenham, Bampton, Devon, died at the Tidcombe Hospital, Tiverton, on Jan. 25th, aged 78. He had lived for many years in the Crayford area, but for the rest of his life he had resided with his sisters at Bampton.

A faithful churchman, his great interest was ringing. He had rung 89 peals, his first being in 1900 and the last in 1950. Local men and learners owe much of their instruction to his unselfish help and ability. He had rung at 190 different towers around Kent and Devonshire. Such stalwarts are difficult to replace in a belfry. V. N. B.

MR. ARTHUR YOUNG

An Appreciation

Arthur Young was a truly great six-bell ringer who not only took part in record peals of Surprise on the bells of his own beautiful church but also, before World War II., participated in many record peals of Minor in those great days of battle betwixt the rival bands of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and Cheshire some 20 years ago.

Moreover it was therein that Arthur Young showed his capacity as a ringer, and his courage and tenacity as a man. since not only was he seldom at fault when disaster befell peal attempts, but also, as a result of grievous injuries received in World War I., he had one entirely artificial leg, which none the less did not prevent his cycling 10 or 15 miles each way for a peal attempt, foul weather or fine. Furthermore, he often suffered, uncomplainingly, too, bouts of ill-health, yet seldom did he miss his Sunday service, practice or peal ringing, all of which he undoubtedly loved. Quiet and retiring by nature, he was the friend of all and we who knew him well will always treasure his memory and think of him with affection. VERNON TAYLOR.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

A winter afternoon in January does not tend to show off the Black Country town of Willenhall to its best advantage, but the welcome received from the Vicar of St. Giles' (the Rev. A. G. Bond) and his tower master (Mr. C. Wallater) more than made up for the bleak outlook from the church door. These two gentlemen had gone to considerable trouble with their arrangements for the winter meeting of the Society on January 18th. The result of their efforts was a bright, fully choral service followed by a bountiful tea.

The attendance of 91 was evidence of the high regard members of the Society have for the bells of St. Giles', Willenhall, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Wallater. There was plenty of ringing during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. G. Hughes). After tea, thanks were expressed by the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary), to the Rev. A. G. and Mrs. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Wallater, the lady helpers and the organist and members of the choir for their respective parts towards the success of the meeting. Mr. Barker also congratulated Mr. Wallater on reaching his 75th birthday.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Tamworth on March 2nd. L. C. A. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Manchester Town Hall was once again chosen by the North-Western District for its annual meeting, which was held on January 18th, jointly with the annual meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association. In spite of bad weather 23 members attended, and varied ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting the following District Officers were elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. M. Lawton; secretary, Miss S. P. Wain; Central Committee representatives, Miss D. Edwards and Mrs. M. Lewis; District Committee representatives, Miss A. Brown and Miss M. Ridyard. Two new members were also elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had contributed towards the success of the meeting, particularly to the Town Hall Superintendent for so kindly allowing the use of the bells, and to the secretary of the Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association, for inviting the ladies to hold a joint meeting on this occasion.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the District at Macclesfield on April 12th.
S. P. W.

DORKING'S NEW YEAR'S EVE SUPPER

For the last seven years, it has been the custom for the Dorking, Surrey, ringers to be entertained to a grand supper on New Year's Eve. 1957 was no exception, and Miss Bessie Dowling and Miss Ethel Clear, assisted by other ladies, again provided a splendid feast. The Vicar (Rev. K. D. Evans) and Mrs. Evans were present, also Mr. Pickford (vicar's warden). Since the union of St. Barnabas', Ranmore Common, parish with St. Martin's, Dorking, the new band at Ranmore, which are being instructed by the Rev. C. Munt, were invited to join in.

After supper, games were organised by Harry Arminson and at 11.45 the ringers returned to the tower, accompanied by the Vicar, to ring out the old year and welcome in the new. The captain of the ringers is now Mr. E. G. L. Coward, and Mr. B. Read is vice-captain, and the beginners are making good progress in method ringing The band hope to have a successful year, and score their first peal with a local band.

NOTICES

New Scale of Charges

Meetings: 3/6 (minimum) for 30 words, afterwards 1½d. a word. Each additional insertion half charge.

Other Notices: 4/- (minimum) for 36 words, afterwards 1½d. a word.

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BIRTH

WARWICK.—On Feb. 2nd, 1958, to Winifred (nee Burton) and Brian, at Stoneygate Nursing Home, Leicester, a son (David Andrew), a brother for Audrey. 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 1797

DEATH

HOUGH.—On Feb. 1st at 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford, Cheshire, Maggie Jane, aged 82 years, beloved wife of Sidney Hough and mother of Sidney, Norman and Ronald. 1808

RETURN THANKS

MRS. E. PRECEY and family extend grateful thanks for the very kind letters of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. 1796

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. C. Ernest Smith is now Rockham, Busbridge Lane, Godalming Surrey. Telephone: Godalming 125. 1788

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of eight handbells, tenor, size 12 in G. Details and price to M. Rogers, Densome Corner, Woodgreen, Fordingbridge, Hants. 1793

APPEALS

A scheme to augment the three bells at Chellaston, Derbyshire, into a ring of six has been approved by the Parochial Church Council and an appeal launched for £650. A number of keen learners have been recruited. Please help. Donations (which will be acknowledged) to E. H. Willows, 17, Sinfin Avenue, All Enton, Derby. 1790

PUBLICATIONS

'Electrical Switchgear Warning Cards.'—Issued free, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope, size at least 5¾in. by 3¼in., to Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester.

'BELL HANDLING AND CONTROL in the Elements of Change Ringing.' For Instructors and Beginners—'The best yet.' Revised with diagrams, exercises, faults, questions, etc. At cost, 3s. only. Publishers, College of Campanology, 32, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea. 1779

CAMPANALOGIA. — Collection of Little and Alliance Methods with Compositions, 6d. each. Also collection of 99 Plain Triples Methods in Place Notation, 3d. each. Obtainable, postage 3d. extra, from F. T. Blagrove, Redlea, Orchard Avenue, Windsor, Berks. 1798

GREAT OPPORTUNITY.—The Yorkshire Association offer for sale back numbers of its Annual Reports. These reports, which are renowned, contain amongst other details all compositions rung for the Association since it was founded in 1875. All years available excepting 1881-2, 1904-5, 1916-20. Write to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, for your copies, at the give-away price of 1s. each, plus postage. 1775

LEAFLET FOR ISSUE TO POSSIBLE RECRUITS.—Attractively written by Rev. A. C. G. Thurlow; with spaces for giving local details; 10 for Is., post free, from Mr. R. Leigh, c/o Hindley Grammar School, Hindley, Wigan, Lancs. 1726

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

CORNISH RIVIERA.—Williams, Copperhill House, Redruth, Cornwall.—Good farmhouse accommodation. Excellent food; every comfort; overlooking north coast. Easy reach all beauty spots. Highly recommended for any time of year. Terms moderate. 1667

CORNWALL. — Comfortable accommodation. Homely atmosphere. Good food. Children are welcome. Special terms for ringers—Mrs. H. Stacey, Phillips House, Church Street, Stratton, near Bude, Cornwall. 1777

MISCELLANEOUS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday. A coach is being booked to take members of the Huntingdon, Cambridge and Ely Districts to the A.G.M. at Wisbech. Towers open for ringing will be visited. Names of those wishing to go, to me by Feb. 28th.—D. E. R. Knights, 106, High Street, Sutton. 1803

HOLY TRINITY, DARTFORD.—Practice Thursdays, 8-9.30 p.m. (correction). Visitors always welcome. 1776

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The secretary is now Mr. A. W. J. Butler, 24, Roderick Road, London, N.W.3. 1783

WANTED.—'Ringing Worlds' in complete volumes for years previous to 1947. Details to F. T. Blagrove, Redlea, Orchard Avenue, Windsor, Berks. 1799

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, 3.30 p.m. (nearest station, Manor House).—J. Chilcott. 1693

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Feb. 8th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross. Good attendance specially requested. 1766

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Colemans Hatch (8), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tea difficult. Names *must* be sent to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Colemans Hatch, Hartfield. Method for practice, Single Norwich.—C. A. Bassett. 1754

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1751

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 8th. Bells 3–8.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Nicolas' Hall 5, with business meeting to follow. 1729

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, Cathedral (10). St. Nicholas' (6) 3 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6. Service, St. Nicholas', 4.30 p.m. 1770

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Nettlestead (5) 2.30-4.15, followed by service. Tea at Wateringbury, and bells (6) during evening.—P. R. Sills, Dis. Sec. 1712

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Ringing, St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Pimlico, and St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 4 p.m. St. Giles' in evening.—T. J. Lock. 1740

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — 7.30 p.m. and first Monday in each month, Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 8th, annual general meeting, St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2–3.30, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3–4.30; own tea arrangements; service, Southwark Cathedral, 5 p.m.; ringing 5.45–7.30; business and handbell competition 8 p.m. in Chapter House. Dinner, April 19th, The Victoria, tickets 15s. 6d. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1728

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, in Reading. Ringing, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m.; St. Laurence's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Laurence's, 4 p.m. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, at 5 p.m. Meeting and ringing after. — R. G. Burton. 1759

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral, on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Evensong 5.15. Tea 6 p.m.—W. L. Weller.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Blechingley on Wednesday, Feb. 12th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 1786

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Tickenham (6) on Saturday, February 15th, at 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1804

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 12th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1787

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — Annual meeting, Feb. 15th, St. Bridget's, West Kirby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1812

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Guisborough, Saturday, Feb. 15th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1809

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—Meeting at Newbold-on-Avon, Rugby, Saturday, Feb. 15th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church Hall. Names to me, please. Everybody welcome. Frequent buses, No. 583 or 585 from Rugby (by St. Andrew's).—D. A. Carpenter, 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. 1805

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — St. Michael's, Teignmouth, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 1792

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Christ Church, Consett, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Names for tea to R. Oliver, Aldington Park Terrace, Castleside. 1778

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 15th, at Swanwick. Usual times. Names for tea to Mr. Brighouse, Mostyn House, Derby Road, Swanwick.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 1810

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Harston (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1795

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1794

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Lacock (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 1802

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Shalford, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 5.15 p.m. Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' in the evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 12th, to Miss Monica Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham. 1762

HAWKHURST GUILD. — Meeting at Bexhill, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Look up St. Clement's. Names to C. Verdon, 14, Granfield Road, Bexhill.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 1780

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Annual meeting at Ledbury (8), Feb. 15th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 1801

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — Meeting at Christ Church, Bacup, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Tower open 3. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 1782

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Ringing meeting at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, Feb. 15th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—R. Benson. 1806

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Pudsey, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and Meeting 5 p.m. Names must be sent, by Wednesday, to William Barton, 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey. (Tel. 2589.)—J. F. Hodson. 1807

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting, Thurnby, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Vicarage 5 p.m. Names, by the previous Wednesday, to Mr. H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby. 1784

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Greyhound Hotel. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to M. Bennett, 171, Bourne Road, Spalding. 1747

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Stow on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1756

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Sully, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 1746

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 12th certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice meeting at Boyne Hill, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 6 to 8.30 p.m. Look up Ashtead. Learners very welcome.—E. E. Gosling. 1789

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Sat., Feb. 15th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Rooms 5 p.m. Ringing from 3 p.m. Notify for tea by Feb. 11th.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 1781

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Whitchurch Canonicorum, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 1785

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Westerham on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 10th, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 1732

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Southover (8), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea for those who advise by Feb. 11th.—George North. 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1772

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Hemsworth, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Bring your own tea, and cups of tea will be provided.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1791

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Village Hall, Sapcote, Feb. 22nd. Bells 5-6 p.m. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 8s. Names, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, to F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone: Burbage 516. 1800

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, Feb 22nd. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting. Numbers for tea, by Feb. 20th, to N. V. Harding, Wyncroft, Roydon, King's Lynn.—C. T. Tovell, Branch Sec. 1811

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —The 70th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, Mar. 1st, when the chair will be occupied by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 15s. 6d. Peals on 8, 10 or 12 bells will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 1671

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THOSE WICKED PEAL-RINGERS!

IN his editorial of January 10th the Editor very ably replied to the criticisms levelled against peal-ringers by an anonymous correspondent who was shocked by the large numbers of peals and the excuses for ringing them suggested by their footnotes. There is little argument against peal-ringing being a sport, but has our correspondent ever seriously considered whether it has anything to commend it?

The writer knows only too well from bitter experience how the peal-ringer is howled down at almost any ringing meeting immediately he attempts to justify this apparently diabolical practice he pursues. The statement that the peal-ringer is the backbone of the ringing Exercise is greeted with jeers and catcalls. Why is there such a vociferous antipathy towards peal-ringing?

Are the critics jealous because they have not been invited in peals? Are they sore because others can enjoy ringing peals on Saturday afternoons when they can't afford the time, or are indulging in some other sport? Have they an inferiority complex because of the greater proficiency of their peal-ringing colleagues? Do they feel pious and superior because, perhaps, they think they are more regular in their attendance at church services? Could there be a 'dog in the manger' attitude in that, because they are not interested in peal-ringing, or feel that church bells should not be used for that purpose, they should do their utmost to obstruct their colleagues who hold other views? Whatever may be the cause of their attitude there is one criticism they cannot honestly advance, and that is that the peal-ringer does not do his fair share of Sunday ringing. In all the belfries known to the writer where one or more members of the band are peal-ringers they are not only the most regular attenders, but take the lead in ensuring that the bells will not become silent.

As the Editor pointed out, 'The art of change ringing must have a standard of proficiency, and the peal or quarter peal has been the recognised medium.' The writer has participated in a number of peal attempts where the conductor has stood the bells because the standard of ringing was unsatisfactory. This is as it should be. There may be special reasons very occasionally for relaxation, but the general standard of peals should be very high. It is for this reason that every instructor should endeavour, as soon as mastery of a method is achieved by his pupils, to arrange a peal (or quarter peal) in which they can ring with people who have acquired that finesse which peal-ringing gives. If they have the aptitude to become good ringers (and that does not mean to ring advanced methods!) they will soon acquire peal standard which they can thenceforth apply to their Sunday ringing and raise the general standard of their tower. This is the prime justification for the peal.

Peal-ringers undoubtedly derive great personal satisfaction from a well-struck peal successfully brought round. And why shouldn't they? We all enjoy success in our hobbies and pastimes, be they solving crossword puzzles, climbing to the top of mountains, winning the cup at the local horticultural show or being on the winning side in a football match. What is wrong with making change ringing one's sport? For a football fan to see his team at the top of their league gives him the same satisfaction as it would 'A' to ring his 100th peal — which answers our correspondent's question. Peal-ringing must not be confused with Sunday ringing. The two are complementary, but generally separate. The former is a bellringer's pastime; the latter is his duty. But there is no doubt whatever that the skill acquired in pursuit of his sport makes all the difference to what the peal-ringer can contribute to his service to God on Sundays, and to his belfry on practice night.

One of the most noticeable things the layman sees in bellringers is their wonderful camaraderie, and every effort should be made to maintain this fellowship. The non-peal-ringers who 'get hot under the collar' about their peal-ringing colleagues should remember this. We have a fraternity second to none, and should be profoundly thankful for it and do nothing to sow disharmony in our ranks. If a ringer prefers not to ring peals on Saturday afternoon, but to dig his garden, or watch his favourite football team, his peal-ringing colleagues do not criticise him publicly at the local ringers' A.G.M. Why should he so vehemently condemn others for enjoying the pastime they get most pleasure from? Ringers must learn to be tolerant and to appreciate the other fellow's point of view.

Peal-ringers are criticised for the wear of ropes and the cost of printing the results of their activities in Annual Reports, but these accusations are easily disposed of by levying a peal fee, as is already done in many towers. This would be a gross injustice to those who do most for ringing, but they would probably pay up quite willingly.

It is a pity that custom has decreed that a peal shall run to 5,000 changes and one cannot see any hope of this being diminished. Many ringers have admitted that the last hour is rather trying, and many are only too pleased to participate in a 'quarter' who would reject the invitation to stand in a peal. The shortening of the standard peal would be a blessing to the public and appreciated by not a few ringers.

A black sheep is an uncommon animal; so is a 'black sheep' among ringers. One does hear of talented ringers who have no allegiance to any tower, but they are very rare. Most good ringers are always on duty in their own belfry on Sunday, not only because of their love of their art, but because they have the proper sense of vocation towards their ringing. Everyone who derives pleasure from his sport of peal-ringing owes it to the Church, which provides him with the instruments, to repay that enjoyment in faithful and regular service ringing. If he does not, then he is utterly selfish and deserves to lose the respect of his colleagues. Such a person is responsible for this unwarranted castigation of peal-ringers by the ordinary ringers, who are only too eager to find someone to quote as an example of those wicked peal-ringers.

No one must under-estimate the invaluable contribution the ordinary ringer makes. It is his presence Sunday after Sunday which keeps the bells ringing, and without his aid service ringing would immediately cease. Peal-ringing is not the be-all and end-all of our art, and every sincere peal-ringer recognises this. But the peal-ringer is the backbone of the Exercise.

Sooner or later he finds himself, because of his wider experience and of his knowledge of conducting, elected to the office of Belfry Captain. This is the penalty he pays for the time he has spent ringing. Until now he has helped to inculcate the standard of ringing acquired in peals into his own tower, but on taking office he assumes the onerous task of keeping the bells going, which involves recruiting and training new ringers. No one can lead anyone further than he has gone himself, so the ordinary ringer is at a serious disadvantage in this task. It is the peal-ringer who is called into service. Everyone knows of towers that have become silent on the death of the captain, where no capable successor has been left behind, and of the resurrection of silent bells in a village when some enthusiastic peal-ringer has moved in. The writer began that way.

When this yoke falls upon our peal-ringing colleague, he does not try to be rid of it. He has had his fun. Now he ungrudgingly repays it in creating the next generation of ringers. He is the backbone. Those round him are vital—they are the flesh and blood of ringing, essential also to its survival. If more ringers became peal-ringers instead of standing aside and hurling brickbats at their peal-ringing brethren, they would become more proficient ringers and better strikers and their Sunday ringing standards would be much higher. (Think of some of the 'stuff' broadcast only too often.) Besides this, they would be better qualified to teach youngsters, and towers would not become silent for lack of capable instructors. Yes, the ordinary ringer is the flesh and blood of the Exercise, but the peal-ringer is the backbone.

'PALUDIAN.'

TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	FRED C. LYNE	6
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	2	H. JAMES TURNER	7
ALBERT WALKER	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
JOHN L. FINDON	5	FREDERICK G. KINCHIN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.
Rung in connection with the jubilee celebration of the formation of the Guild, of which Guild the conductor is a founder member.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA.
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT A. COCHRANE	*Treble*	J. MARTIN PAGE	6
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	*GERALD PENNEY	7
CHARLES F. SAYER	3	†STANLEY HUCKLE	8
FREDERICK W. ELLIS	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	9
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5	‡JOHN G. CULL	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Grandsire. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal on ten.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to William T. Holmes, past president of the Association.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

GEORGE NORTH	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
*ARTHUR J. HART	2	FREDERICK PAGE	7
RUTH M. K. HOW	3	HENRY STALHAM (85)	8
ALBERT W. BOND	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	9
JAMES H. LILLEY	5	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal of Bob Royal.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT CHRISTCHURCH WITH ST. EWEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	ALAN J. SMITH	6
DAVID HEIGHTON	2	*BRIAN J. WYLDE	7
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	3	MAURICE E. DOWNS	8
PATRICK J. BIRD	4	DAVID J. MARSHALL	9
PATRICIA M. BOURN	5	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Arranged by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal for the Society.
Rung on the day of the Society's tenth annual dinner.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	7
FRANK E. DARBY	3	DEREK P. JONES	8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	9
BRIAN BLADON	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal in London by the Society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	5
*ALAN R. SYDER	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	7
JOHN A. WARNER	4	ALBERT WIFFEN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal of London Major. First of London Major as conductor.
An 80th birthday compliment to the treble ringer's mother, Mrs. A. Snowden, of Halstead.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULIETTA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES SANGWIN	*Treble*	CHARLES E. TAYLOR	5
GEORGE SKINNER	2	NORMAN MALLETT	6
REGINALD G. PEARCE	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
GEORGE S. LUXTON	4	HARRY STACEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lavers, church workers at Newton St. Cyres.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ALBERT E. BENNETT	*Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT	5
*MISS F. OLDERSHAW	2	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON	6
*JOHN E. ALLEN	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
GEORGE FRY	3	BERNARD V. COLLISON	7
*THOMAS E. SONE	4	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 600th peal.
Specially arranged to commemorate Mr. T. E. Sone's first peal on January 19th, 1911, when the same method was rung at this tower, conducted by his father.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*RUTH S. HODGSON	*Treble*	STEPHEN IVIN	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	*FRANK A. BARRETT	6
*CHARLES COLES	3	*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	7
*ROBIN A. HODGSON	4	DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
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On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 HORNSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Ernest H. Kilby	*Treble*	Alfred J. House	5
Claudia A. Critchley	2	G. William Critchley	6
Brian Bladon	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum	*Treble*	John L. Morris	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Arthur S. Richards	6
Alfred G. Hill	3	Ralph Bird	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Herbert E. Audsley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Harry J. Wheatley	*Treble*	John Thomas	5
Joseph D. Johnson	2	*Harry Plumb	6
*Anthony J. Brazier	3	Patrick Harris	7
Mrs. J. Thomas	4	Joseph E. Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal of Double Norwich.
Rung after the induction to the living of Badsey of the Rev. Peter Braby.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

George Challans	*Treble*	Arthur B. Cooper	5
Sam Scattergood	2	Dennis Cooper	6
Mrs. Bessie Holmes	3	Douglas H. Rooke	7
*Kenneth Rutland	4	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal in the method.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold Hamer	*Treble*	Fred Pritchard	5
Allan Smith, sen.	2	Philip J. H. Hudson	6
Selwyn H. Dearden	3	Geoffrey S. Mills	7
Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson	4	Ivan Kay	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip J. H. Hudson.
Rung for the Conversion of St. Paul; consecration of the Rt. Rev. Robert Nelson (Bishop of Middleton) this day at York; and as a welcome to the Rev. J. H. Finch as Vicar of East Crompton.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Frederick R. Wiggin	*Treble*	*Robert J. Warrilow	5
Frank H. Eley	2	Roy K. Mowforth	6
*David Harman	3	Richard J. Warrilow	7
*R. Ian Vaughan	4	*Colin Evans	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.
* First peal on eight bells

HORNSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
38—58, 16—12—36—14—58, 36—56, 18.
2nds place lead-end, 4ths place bob. Tipler's A30/9.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Jill Mayes	*Treble*	*Colin A. S. Harwood	5
Claudia A. Critchley	2	*Jack S. Dear	6
J. Desmond Painter	3	*Richard J. Castledine	7
G. William Critchley	4	C. Michael Orme	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.
Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Geoffrey Paul	*Treble*	John G. Ames	5
John Walden	2	†Thomas G. Charlton	6
*Mary C. Payne	3	‡Jack L. Millhouse	7
†Freda Oldershaw	4	Stanley E. Bennett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ 100th peal of Stedman.
A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. V. I. Dalby, B.A.), upon his appointment as rural dean.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Sylvia Castle	*Treble*	Harold Smith	5
*†Mrs. B. C. Castle	2	*Bernard C. Castle	6
*Arthur J. Rance	3	Walter Hunt	7
*William J. Paice	4	Edward J. Burrows	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Harold Smith.
* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples. † 25th peal.
Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Norman Tompkins	*Treble*	James L. Wright	5
*Gillian Bridgeford	2	†Cecil Raddon	6
†Henry Parker	3	Joseph Thornley	7
*David Young	4	†Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Little Bob. † 100th peal together.
Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. R. W. Nelson to the diocese of Manchester; he was consecrated Lord Bishop of Middleton in York Minster on this day.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Lindoff's Six-part (No. 16) Tenor 14½ cwt.

Arthur Tomlinson	*Treble*	Laurence J. Williams	5
*Rosemary Parkinson	2	Charlie Clegg	6
*Raymond H. Idle	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Victor J. C. Wood	4	Frederick Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method.
Arranged for the ringer of the third, prior to his return to New Zealand.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Jan. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey of SS. Thomas and Edmund of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Ann R. Barr	*Treble*	Joan Beresford	5
*John A. Anderson	2	Edmund Malin	6
George W. Hughes	3	Anthony Ager	7
†Diana J. Perrins	4	Peter Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Joan Beresford.
* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' † 50th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.
On Tues., Jan. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

On the front six. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*BRIDGET A. FORDER .. *Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER 4
TOM CHAPMAN 2	*CEDRIC MURPHY 5
*DAVID J. FORDER 3	REGINALD A. REED .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

* First peal of Minor.

Birthday compliments to Bridget Forder, Tom Chapman and Mrs. Chapman.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

MARGERY A. BIRCH .. .. *Treble*	HARRY HARPER 4
P. RUTH HOSKEN 2	DAVID N. PENROSE 5
ARTHUR F. BURLEY 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

ERIC T. LEE .. .. .. *Treble*	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 4
*FREDERICK BARBER 2	HAROLD F. RAXTER 5
ARTHUR A. JOPP 3	ALBERT GRINNALL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC T. LEE.

* First peal. A compliment to Arthur and Doreen Jopp on the birth of Paul.

STOKE-BY-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in B flat.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. *Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS 4
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS.. .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 1,200 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

ARNOLD WORTH .. .. .. *Treble*	ROBERT BARRATT 4
GEORGE FORRESTER 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3	DEREK BRISCALL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 KELSO SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD .. .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
B. CLARE WEBSTER 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth, and also to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

COPLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (88 singles, 68 bobs). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*HELEN NEVIN .. .. .. *Treble*	†KEITH WAKEFIELD 4
ANNE E. AMOR 2	BRYAN PATTISON 5
PHYLLIS M. GRAY 3	ROBERT L. PIRON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

GREAT-WITH-LITTLE-WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

*KEITH BRADSHAW .. .. *Treble*	*DAVID URQUHART 4
FRED A. GINNS 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
*ROBERT W. SHAW 3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a service band.

LYNG, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

*FRIEDA A. FROST .. .. *Treble*	*PETER J. WOODCOCK .. 3
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD 2	ALBERT E. DIXON 4
H. JOHN LARWOOD .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALBERT E. DIXON.

* First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

BUCKMINSTER, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. HARRY COOK .. .. .. *Treble*	MICHAEL SIMPSON 4
JOHN E. COOK 2	ROY STEPHENSON 5
ROLAND H. COOK 3	DENIS A. FRITH .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

Rung for the 90th birthday of Mrs. Lucy Rayson.

FORDHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

A GEORGE ORBELL .. .. *Treble*	ROLAND MORLEY 4
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE 2	ROGER PALMER 5
ANTHONY R. MANN 3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) Spliced Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (2) Spliced Beverley, Surfleet and Durham; (3) Spliced Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Spliced Chester and Munden; (5) Spliced Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) Spliced London and Wells; (7) York Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARY I. DOWSETT .. .. *Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE *Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

First peal in 18 Surprise methods by all the band and on the bells.

MOLD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 840 St. Simon's, 840 St. Martin's, 2,160 Plain Bob and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROGER KING .. .. .. *Treble*	GEOFFREY PARTING 4
HENRY A. PRICE.. 2	HENRY O. BAKER 5
JOHN DEAN 3	THOMAS C. MILLINGTON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

First peal of Doubles in four methods by all the band.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Sam Jones, of Chester.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being five 240's and 32 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FRANCIS C. TAYLOR .. .. *Treble*	W. DONALD SALTER 4
CHARLES H. WEBBER.. .. 2	GORDON WALFORD 5
ALAN G. COOKE 3	W. RONALD TRICKEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

NORTON CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*JAMES T. ROOKE (14) .. *Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS 4
†MARGARET JOHNSON .. 2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH .. .. *Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	*LOUIS WILLDERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3	†JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* 150th peal. † 150th peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of the gift of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. Jessop, of Rippingale (a sister for Julia).

STARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*MERYL J. ALDEN (15) .. *Treble*	*PETER M. ADCOCK (16) .. 4
PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE (16) 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY (16) 5
†TERENCE G PAGE (17) .. 3	LESLIE N. MELTON (16).. *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor. This is the youngest team (average age 16¼ years) to ring a peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*JEREMY A. M. SALTER .. *Treble*	DAPHNE R. CLOKE 4
JAMES H. PAILING 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN 5
†JOHN G. PUSEY 3	DERMOT J. ROAF .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DERMOT J. ROAF.
* First peal. † First peal of four methods 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Dr. Donald H. Niblett (vice-president of the Society) on his engagement to Miss Ruth S. Hodgson.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. *Treble*	SYDNEY J. MERRY 4
A. WILLIAM BIRD 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5
ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE .. 3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
A birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the second.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 20 methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich, Cambridge, Norfolk, Primrose, Bourne and Hull; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Chester and Munden; (5) London and Wells; (6) York and Durham; (7) Beverley and Surfleet; 114 changes of method. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT.. .. .. *Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
First peal in 20 Spliced Surprise by all the band.
Rung for the 45th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods, comprising two extents each of (1) Stedman, (2) Shipway's Place Bob, (3) Westminster II Bob, (4) Blackburn Place Bob, (5) St. Hilary's Bob, (6) New Bob, (7) Huntspill Bob, (8) St. Vedast's Bob, (9) St. Nicholas' Bob, (10) Winchendon Place Bob, (11) St. Remigius' Bob, (12) St. Simon's Bob, (13) St. Martin's Bob, (14) St. Osmund's Bob, (15) All Saints' Place Bob, (16) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (17) Plain Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (18) Plain Bob, (19) Reverse Plain Bob, (20) Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob, (21) Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

COLIN PAYNE .. .. .. *Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP 3
JOHN B. LONG 2	PETER J. SHIPTON 4
BRYAN PATTISON.. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First peal of Doubles in 21 methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.
Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four extents, each called differently. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. *Treble*	*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4
*KATHLEEN M. YEO 2	IAN H. ORAM 5
*GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal of Minor in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of St. Clement's Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*RICHARD T. TOVELL .. *Treble*	JOHN P. PARTINGTON.. .. 4
MADELEINE CHAPPLE .. 2	ALAN CATTELL 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOHN E. COOK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
* First peal of Minor. First peal for the Society, rung by its officers.
Rung for the granting of full University status to the former University College in March, 1957.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb.

PHILLIP D. HOWITT .. *Treble*	*AUBREY G. EVELEIGH .. 4
*JOAN M. CHENEY 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. 5
*JOHN R. HAYCOCK 3	ALFRED G. GRANT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.
* First peal.
A farewell to the ringer of the fourth who is joining H.M. Forces.

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RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

James Davies	*Treble*	Charles Haylings	4
Arthur Bennett	2	Frank Lawrence	5
Bernard Spiers	3	*Cecil Hadley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bernard Spiers.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Quarterly peal, rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect for Charles J. Camm, Branch Ringing Master.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of St. Editha,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*John Stretton	*Treble*	Leonard Trevor	4
Patricia M. Harper	2	Harry Harper	5
†Henry E. Harper	3	*George Harper	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Trevor.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Harper.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

David A. S. Hawkins	*Treble*	William Deason	4
Monica M. Blagrove	2	Frederick R. Scott	5
Malcolm S. Cloke	3	Frank T. Blagrove	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung as a compliment to Donald H. Niblett and Ruth S. Hodgson upon their engagement.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 15, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
At 19, Royal Parade,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.
Shirley M. Parsons 1—2 | David J. Marshall 3—4
Cyril A. Wratten 5—6
Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
At North Sweemings Farm,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grandsire.
Tenor size 15 in C.
Mrs. J. R. Render 1—2 | A. Sheppard 3—4
John Potts 5—6
Conducted by John Potts.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At 17, Queen Street.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.
Stanley Huckle 1—2 | *Geoffrey Dodds 5—6
Gerald Penney 3—4 | *Joyce Dodds 7—8
Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* 25th peal together.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 21, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of All Saints' Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's.
Mrs. J. R. Render 1—2 | A. Sheppard 3—4
John Potts 5—6
Conducted by John Potts.

John Taylor & Co.
LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Henderson (first quarter) 1, Jean Howells 2, Betty Waters 3, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 4, R. Blick 5, W. Davies 6. A farewell to A. J. Pitman, who has removed to Leamington Spa after many years at this tower.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Hailstone (first quarter) 1, T. G. Phillips (first as cond.) 2, M. Horseman 3, C. Kortright 4, D. Smith 5, J. Brain 6, J. Lott 7, M. Ogbourne 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. V. Hunt 1, J. F. Whitfeld 2, Miss K. Stisted (cond:) 3, H. Ballard 4, G. A. Masters 5, G. Prodger 6. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. E. Sone (cond.) 1, Kathleen Yeo 2, Violet Relf 3, W. Tickner 4, R. Lambert 5, A. H. Kemp 6, J. Brown 7, L. Jarvis 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Daphne Brown, daughter of the 7th ringer.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Wood 1, A. Sewart 2, A. Elson 3, T. Bratby 4, W. J. Stokes 5, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 6, D. Young cover. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Stokes 1, D. Young 2, T. Bratby 3, A. Elson 4, W. Tyson 5, J. Kay 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, A. Sewart 8. For Matins.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Preece 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, D. W. Davies 5, D. L. Hughes 6. Rung in memoriam the Rev. A. Sturdy, Vicar of All Saints, Penyfai.

BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 15th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Hines (first quarter) 1, E. A. Head 2, E. A. Chilver 3, L. J. Minns (first quarter) 4, P. D. T. Cattermole 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6. Rung as a 26th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the conductor.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Brown 1, G. M. Rouse 2, A. T. M. Perry 3, K. Everett 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—Quarter Peal of London Surprise Major: B. Austin 1, P. G. K. Davis 2, A. Frost 3, D. W. James 4, G. E. Watson 5, R. H. Idle 6, B. S. Cope 7, R. K. Roe (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June M. Key (first quarter) 1, E. Marion Key 2, G. Harrison 3, W. J. Leach 4, A. G. Foster 5, E. J. White 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, B. Dawson 8. For the patronal festival.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Vernon 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, Miss D. J. Clarke 3, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 4, H. Harris 5, G. A. Bell 6, J. Draycott 7, A. Wood 8. Rung after Evensong on the 50th anniversary fo the dedication of the octave.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Butler (79) 1, Miss D. Fairhead (12, first 'inside') 2, F. G. Oliver 3, D. Whent 4, Miss E. Appleby 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Olumide 1, A. Miles 2, M. Jennings 3, J. Jefferies 4, R. Elliott (first of Triples as cond.) 5, S. Arnold 6, G. Jennings 7, W. Slaughter 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Mrs. Olumide, a service ringer, who is leaving for Nigeria.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Sykes (first of Triples) 1, C. C. Clarke 2, W. E. Honour 3, R. A. Reeves 4, W. H. Minear 5, W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. H. Gregory 8. First of Triples 'inside' for 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. W. L. Smith, Vicar of North Aston and Duns Tew, interred this day.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (all different callings): Miss C. Coleman 1, R. Line 2, N. Line 3, E. Smart 4, H. Wooding (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John E. Labutt, for 52 years a ringer at this tower.

QUARTER PEALS

FINCHLEY, MIDLX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, B. Willis 3, A. Warren 4, Miss G. Icke 5, M. Carter 6, A. Goodall (first as cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. For Evensong, and a farewell to the conductor, who leaves to take up permanent duties with the R.A.F.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 26th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Page 1, B. Lunn 2, H. Belcher 3, W. Cooke 4, W. Langdon 5, D. Randall 6, F. Blewer 7, J. Phillips 8, T. Setter (cond.) 9, J. Bell 10.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, P. A. Hill 2, J. E. Cook 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, B. Hunt 5, P. E. Parry 6, J. Watson 7, W. R. Read 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. M. Simpson 10. First of Kent Treble Bob Royal for 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 10. A farewell to the Rev. P. H. Rye.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. E. Hirst 1, Mrs. Levett 2, Mrs. Roberts 3, S. F. Buckland 4, E. P. F. Bryant 5, R. G. Roberts 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, W. Levett 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Morrish 1, F. Hilliar 2, Ben Ridout (cond.) 3, C. Wills 4, A. E. Woods 5, W. Trevett 6. For the wedding of Miss Margaret Joyce, a local ringer.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, B. Mills 2, D. Armstrong 3, J. Meredith 4, M. Harrison 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 5 (local ringers). First quarter of Minor on the bells.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,280 Treble Bob Major (Ilkeston Variation): Miss J. Peacock 1, M. Bland 2, J. Carrott 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, Dr. C. E. Wright 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HOSE, LEICS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each Winchendon, All Saints', St. Simon's, Reverse Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Canterbury, 540 Grandsire): Miss C. Wheeler 1, R. H. Cook 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, A. E. Hinman 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Moulds.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ivings (first of Minor) 1, H. Ivings 2, H. Mitson 3, M. Sharpe 4, L. Sharples 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Ivings 1, H. Ivings 2, M. Sharpe 3, L. Sharpe (cond.) 4, K. G. Brown 5.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Jan. 12th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: J. Whibley 1, J. Mannering (cond.) 2, M. Howe (first 'inside') 3, L. Mannering 4, G. Pearson 5, P. Hayward 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Murphy (first on eight) 1, Sylvia Jones (first 'inside' and on eight) 2, G. Kirby (first 'inside' on eight) 3, M. J. Lockey 4, R. Harrison (first in method) 5, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 6, C. Mann 7, A. Murphy 8.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Nipper 1, F. Simmonds 2, T. Price 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, P. Ponting 5, E. Cribley 6. Rung half-muffled immediately following the interment of H. Newman, aged 85, who had been a ringer here for over 50 years.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire, 4, 6, 8 covering): D. A. Lindsay 1, R. Handford 2, Miss M. Blakesley 3, G. V. Harrald 4, J. Handford 5, R. Burton 6, R. Wilmore (cond.) 7, J. Connington 8. A farewell to the Vicar and his son, the treble ringer, who are moving to Nailstone.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Hancock 1, G. Freeman 2, W. Davis (cond.) 3, F. Robey 4, A. Turner 5, J. Brewster 6.

PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Jan 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Gates 1, R. W. Ferris 2, J. J. Cummins 3, T. W. Goodyer 4, F. Oakshott (cond.) 5, T. Howell 6. For Evensong and Australia Day. Conductor on holiday from England.

READING, BERKS.—On Jan. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, Helen M. Brant (first in method) 2, R. W. Rex 3, J. N. Diserens 4, R. H. Begrie 5, F. W. Lewis 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Dickens 1, M. Hill 2, G. Fisher (first 'inside') 3, J. Butler 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, R. Bartlam 6.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Hunt 1, S. Osborne 2, A. Barlow 3, C. Underwood 4, P. Fisher 5, R. Pocklington 6, W. Vann (cond.) 7, P. Howitt 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. T. Hudson, first Freeman of Rugby.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 19th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: R. Wildgoose 1, F. Ward 2, B. Holland 3, G. K. Chaddock 4, S. L. Philbrick 5, R. S. Long 6, D. Armstrong 7, J. Seaker 8, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 9, R. Birch 10. Rung as a tribute to Leonard Charlesworth, a late member of the company, who passed away on January 6th, aged 82.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 21st, 480 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mills 1, D. Armstrong 2, B. Mills 3, F. Bradley (cond.) 4, A. Larkin 5. First quarter 1 and 5. A farewell to Bishop T. R. Weller, who is retiring to live at Malvern.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Miller (first of Triples) 1, Mary Piper 2, Pam Miller 3, Ann Aldridge 4, S. G. Peck 5, M. Stanyon 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, F. Gilbert 8. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pam Miller 1, Mary Piper 2, Ann Aldridge 3, J. Perrett 4, M. Stanyon 5, S. G. Peck 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Norman (first on eight) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, E. J. Jelley 3, R. K. Stretton 4, B. S. Chapman 5, G. H. Bray 6, J. M. Jelley 7, P. Norman 8. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 2nd, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. Welbourne 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. W. Euston 3, J. W. Chapman 4, J. W. Rea 5, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, J. A. Simmons 8. Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. F. V. Sinkins, still an active ringer at this church. Also on Feb. 2nd, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, H. M. Williamson (first as cond.) 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, A. Lewry 4, J. Euston 5, G. Parsons 6, W. Wilson 7, E. Talbot 8. For morning service.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gartside 1, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 2, Joan Simpson 3, G. Foster 4, W. Exton 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, A. Simpson 7, H. Denman 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Anne Read, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. May 1, G. W. Hollis 2, P. J. Mayne 3, G. Court 4, J. Upton 5, J. Kelland 6, W. H. Ware (first as cond.) 7, P. Cork 8. Rung by St. Peter's Society as a wedding compliment to R. J. Bowden and Miss Elizabeth Grimes, married at All Saints', Breadsall, Derby, on this day.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (120 Grandsire and 1,140 Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 behind): Miss C. Allsebrook (first quarter) 1, M. J. Mossendevy 2, F. Fidler (first quarter) 3, H. Naylor 4, R. Morant (cond.) 5, J. Palmer 6, M. Springett (first quarter) 7, A. Woodcock (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to W. Smith, verger.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, D. E. R. Knights 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Matins.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, J. Tomsett 2, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, P. Devenish 6, A. Bishop 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 18th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Pearl 1, Miss B. Filby 2, C. Brown 3, J. G. Filby 4, W. Cracknell 5, G. Filby (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. James Barber.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frank Oakshott, who has just called a quarter of Doubles at Parramatta, N.S.W., writes: 'I am enjoying my stay here very much. All the local ringers I have met so far have been real pals, their hospitality has been grand, and I can assure all who contemplate a trip out here a right royal welcome.'

The peal of Minor in four methods credited with having been rung at Warsop, Notts (see Page 89) was rung at Norton Cuckney, Notts. The conductor regrets the mistake.

Mr. Victor Sheppard, of Capetown, is sailing early in March for a holiday in Britain. His London address will be c/o Mrs. Watts, 34, Canberra Road, Charlton, S.E.7.

According to the 'Liverpool Echo' of January 31st, Messrs. H. W. Howard, H. Parker and C. Raddon have 'each of them rung over 250 peals since the beginning of the year!' Pity our peal pages! What does the Leicester Guild say to this!!

Harpenden Parish Church bellringers, at their annual meeting on February 1st, presented Mr. Arthur Day with a copy of 'Towers and Bells of Britain' in recognition of his 25 years' service as hon. secretary of the band. Mr. W. Hill, in making the presentation, thanked Mr. Day for his work. Thanking the members, Mr. Day said he had spent many happy hours in the tower.

Although the peal at Starston, Norfolk, on January 18th, was rung by the youngest team ever to ring a peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association, there was a peal rung in Norfolk by a younger team at Winfarthing in 1912, but this was rung for the Norwich and Ipswich Association. This peal was conducted by Mr. Leonard Last, who is now residing in Hoxne, Suffolk.

Readers will join with us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harris, of Woburn, on their diamond wedding anniversary on February 1st. A peal of Bristol was rung on Mr. Harris' 'own' bells, St. Mary's, Woburn, to mark the event.

Congratulations to Stanley Ashton, stalwart of the Pirton, Herts, belfry, on his engagement to Miss June Butcher, of Stotfold, Beds.

Three generations rang in Grandfather Henry E. Harper's 65th birthday peal at Polesworth, Warwickshire. This was his second peal—his first was rung 48 years ago.

Guildford Diocesan Guild is to have a new team of officers. Nominations so far received are: Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. S. Russell (Ash); assistant secretary, Miss R. Hide (Farnham).

The band which rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at High Halden on January 25th had to battle through antarctic conditions to meet at this ancient all-wooden tower. They also survived an invasion of choir members who blithely wheeled their cycles in and out of the ropes and the four doors halfway through the peal. They were dispersed by the conductor calling one of his most stentorian 'Bobs.'

After climbing the 35 steps to the belfry of St. Leonard's, Streatham, on February 2nd, Mr. F. V. Sinkins took part in a touch of Grandsire Triples. He celebrated his 93rd birthday the previous Thursday. He was down for a quarter peal attempt in the evening in honour of the event, but just felt he could not manage such a long touch. Another ringer stepped into the breach and the quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a birthday compliment. He received many letters and birthday cards from his ringing friends.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL VISIT TO DUBLIN

The information given below has been supplied by the Irish Association for the benefit of members and friends attending the Council's meeting in Dublin. Those concerned are asked particularly to take note of the request for information, by February 28th, if they wish to take part in any of the suggested tours.

Association secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees became due on January 1st.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

The Irish Association has the following suggestions to offer to visitors who wish to ring at as many towers as possible during their stay in Ireland:—

Arrive via Heysham and Belfast (8 a.m.), which will enable a number of towers around Belfast area to be taken in. Depart to Dublin later in the day or on subsequent days. Last train 6 p.m., or

Depart via Belfast (9 p.m.) to Heysham after arriving from Dublin by various trains between 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Visitors arriving on Saturday, May 24th, at Belfast, could be facilitated by local ringers in getting a number of towers in. Whit Monday is not a holiday in Northern Ireland.

There is also a day excursion from Dublin to Belfast on Whit Monday for £1, giving about six hours in Belfast. Some towers would be available.

Arrive via Fishguard and Cork (Friday and Sunday 9 a.m.) to ring at Cork Cathedral and, with the help of locals, at two six-bell towers. Some may wish to call into Limerick en route (fare extra) to ring at both towers there. Last train to Dublin 6 p.m., or

Depart from Cork 6 p.m. to Fishguard, having arrived earlier in the day or on previous days.

There is also a day excursion, Dublin to Cork, on Whit Monday, fare 27s. 6d. Dublin dep. 8.45 a.m.; Cork arr. 11.45 a.m.; dep 6 p.m.; Dublin arr. 9 p.m. Local ringers can assist in getting in the three Co. Cork towers, also possibly a visit to Shandon bells.

A day excursion to Limerick for 20s. 9d.; Dublin dep. 10 a.m.; Limerick arr. 1.15 p.m.; dep. 6.20 p.m.; Dublin arr. 9 p.m. Will give two towers—a 'ten' or an 'eight,' or

A combined day excursion to Cork returning from Limerick, fare 26s. 6d. Journey Cork to Limerick by road; charge, if any, depends upon numbers available for this trip; four towers possible.

Arrive from Fishguard via Rosslare (Thursday and Saturday, 5.30 a.m.), Wexford and Arklow en route to Dublin probable, or

Depart to Fishguard from Rosslare (Tuesday, Thursday, 11.15 p.m.).

It is not intended to organise a coach tour for Whit Monday in view of the distances necessary to travel to take in even a few towers.

CIRCULAR RAIL TOURS

The following table gives fares quoted by British Railways for various circular tours:—

Ports of Entry and Exit and Starting and Finishing Points:—

Heysham, Belfast, Dublin, Holyhead:
Manchester 127/-, Bristol 165/6, Leeds 135/-, Birmingham 141/-, London 170/6.

Heysham, Belfast, Cork, Fishguard:
Manchester 184/6, Bristol 201/6, Leeds 196/-. Birmingham 189/6, London 212/-.

Holyhead, Dublin, Cork, Fishguard:
Manchester 164/-, Bristol 175/-, Leeds 183/-, Birmingham 163/-, London 186/-.

Holyhead, Dublin, Rosslare and Fishguard:
Manchester 146/6, Bristol 150/-, Leeds 166/6, Birmingham 142/6, London 162/6.

Heysham, Belfast, Rosslare and Fishguard:
Manchester 163/-, Bristol 177/-.
Leeds 174/-, Birmingham 169/-, London 189/-.

These fares are for Second Class and Saloon.

Fares direct to Dublin are: London 158/2, Birmingham 125/4, Manchester 112/8, Leeds 125/10.

The Irish Committee would like to know not later than February 28th how many of the visitors would be taking advantage of any of the above suggestions in order that local arrangements can be prepared.

HOTELS

The Headquarters hotel, as previously reported, is the Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, Dublin. Special tariff is 23s. per day for bed and breakfast. There are still some vacancies and bookings will not be taken after May 1st.

Other hotels accepting bookings are:

Ivanhoe Hotel (unlicensed), Harcourt Street, Dublin. Special rate not more than 24s. per day for bed and breakfast.

In both of these cases the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' meeting should be mentioned.

The Four Courts Hotel, Dublin, will accept bookings at their standard tariff, viz., 27s. 6d. per day for bed and breakfast.

CAR HIRAGE

There are a number of car-hire firms. Prices have been obtained from Murray's Car Rentals, Baggot Street Bridge, Dublin, and the following is a typical charge: Austin A.40, all-in per week, 19 guineas; petrol and oil extra. Limited mileage, per week 15 guineas up to 500 free miles (excess miles 4d. per mile) plus £1 10s. Full collision insurance.

Other firms offering slightly lower charges are John Purcell Car Hire, Smithfield, Dublin, and Shelbourne Motor Co., Ltd., 20, Kildare Street, Dublin. Visitors should contact these firms direct to confirm prices and to make bookings.

AIR TRAVEL

Aer Lingus, as has already been mentioned in 'The Ringing World' by correspondents, offers discount rates of five per cent. for parties of 10 to 14 and 10 per cent. for parties of 15 or more all travelling together. Seventeen-day excursion return fares quoted are: Dublin to and from London £12 18s.; Bristol £9 4s.; Manchester £6 19s.; Birmingham £8 14s.

RINGING IN DUBLIN

Permission has been obtained for ringing during the Whitsun week-end for the four Dublin towers and also at Bray and Drogheda. Times will be announced later when the programme of meeting arrangements is published.

Cead Mile Failte (hundred thousand welcomes) to all prospective visitors.

LEICESTER'S G.O.M.

The 93rd birthday of Mr. John O. Lancashire was marked by the ringing of a handbell peal specially composed for the occasion, viz., 5,093 changes. Mr. Lancashire is the only surviving member of the Leicester handbell band who rang the famous silent peal of Stedman Cinques. Another contribution to the ringing Exercise is his composition of Stedman Triples, which is regarded as a 'model' by many well-known composers. He is still fairly active, making a regular weekly visit to town. When last seen, a few days ago, he remarked that he had just decided to retire from business—that of an architect.

Extent of Plain Bob Major Failed

The gallant attempt last Saturday to ring the extent of Plain Bob Major, 40,320 changes, at the Bellfoundry Campanile, Loughborough, failed after 10 hours 15 minutes' ringing.

The attempt started at 4.16 a.m. and ringing was of a high standard. About 2.30 p.m. it was observed that there had been a shift course and the fourth and fifth bells had changed over. Immediately it was spotted the conductor (Dennis Knox) called a halt.

About 20,500 changes had been rung —more than half the peal—and all the band were quite fresh.

The band consisted of Brian Bladon 1, Philip Mehew 2, Stephen Ivin 3, Patrick I. Chapman 4, C. Michael Orme 5, Ralph Bird 6, A. Patrick Cannon 7, Dennis Knox (conductor) 8.

At the conclusion of the attempt the band were definitely of the opinion that the ringing of the extent of Plain Bob Major is a possibility. The greatest troubles to be combated are stiffness through standing and monotony. There is every intention of making another attempt in five or six weeks' time.

The hospitality and arrangements for the attempt made by Mr. Paul L. Taylor were most admirable.

We hope to publish a full story in our next issue.

HONITON CLYST BELLS REHUNG

Many ringers and parishioners attended a service for the blessing of the bells of St. Michaels and All Angels' Crurch, Honiton Clyst, Devon, on February 1st. The ring of eight have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. V. Christie) assisted by the Rev. C. J. Poulton (chairman of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers) and Mr. Wheeler (lay reader).

During the service the clergy proceeded to the belfry, where Mr. F. A. Tavender (Vicar's warden) presented the ropes to Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers) for the blessing of the bells, after which Preb. Cox returned the ropes to the Vicar for his safe keeping. Rounds were then rung on the bells by Mr. J. Salway, Mr. W. D. Ashdown, Mrs. G. E. Retter, Mr. D. Callard, Mr. E. E. Retter, Mr. A. Holway, Mr. G. E. Retter and Mr. E. Morgan.

In his address, Preb. Cox explained the difference between 'call change' and 'method' ringing for the benefit of the non-ringers present, taking as his text 'Whatsoever thy hand finds to do, do with all thy might.' He closed his address with the words of the inscription on the seventh bell, 'Draw near to God.' This inscription dates back to the year 1608.

The collection amounted to £5 10s., which will be given to the bells' fund.

After the service over 80 sat down to tea in the Church Hall, which was served by Mrs. S. Bridle, Miss A. Christie, Mrs. I. Mace, Mrs. J. Salway, Mrs. E. Morgan, Mrs. A. Holway and Mrs. G. E. Retter. The Vicar announced that about £60 was still needed to pay off the bill of £400. He thanked all helpers and all who had given donations, also the local ringers who had painted the bell frame and cleaned the tower.

On February 2nd the first quarter after rehanging was rung, being Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original. G. E. R.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Kettering Branch

By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. T. R. Bonsey) the annual Branch meeting was held at Desborough on January 18th.

As a result of some hard work by the local band, there has been a considerable improvement in the bells; in particular, they can now be heard much more clearly in the ringing chamber. Methods rung during the afternoon included rounds for the less experienced, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob and the now inevitable Little Bob Major.

The Guild Office was conducted in church by the Vicar and the lesson was read by Canon G. F. Turner (Guild president). In his address Fr. Bonsey made an interesting comparison of the progress made in ringing with the progress made in the spiritual life. He pointed out that, in both, in order to improve one's standard of attainment it is first of all necessary to mix with people who are better at it than oneself; and, secondly, one must study the Book at home in order to learn the method; then followed a lifetime of continuous practice.

After the service, tea was served in the Church Hall to about 60 members and friends by the lady members of the Desborough band, assisted by other local ladies under the direction of Mrs. A. Loake. This was an excellent meal, much appreciated by all.

The Vicar, the organist and the ladies were warmly thanked by Mr. B. Austin, Branch Ringing Master.

The business meeting was necessarily long, though the officers were elected unopposed, They remain: President, Canon G. F. Turner; Master, Mr. B. Austin; secretary and treasurer, Miss S. R. Collins; and auditor, Mr. S. J. Loasby. The delegates to the Guild Committee are now Mr. B. Austin and Mr. G. E. Watson, and the Branch Committee members are Mrs. B. Austin, Mr. R. G. Black and Mr. G. Clarke.

Five new ringing members were elected, including Fr. Bonsey and two others from Desborough, also two honorary members, and the belfry election, prior to a peal, of Mr. R. G. Leale, of Surbiton, was ratified. Mr. J. Richards, of Pytchley, was elected a free life member.

Mr. Murray Coleman was presented with a certificate to mark his first peal on a working bell, and the Weldon band were congratulated on ringing a peal of Plain Bob Minor on the previous evening. Three certificates will be needed at the next meeting as a result of this peal.

Mr. Watson expressed the good wishes of the Branch to Mr. Ray Idle, whose short holiday in England ends in March. He added that he hoped it would not be another seven years before he paid another visit, unless, of course, there was more than one passage to pay for by then. Mr. Idle, replying, said that New Zealand was a fine country. Christchurch Cathedral has ten lovely bells but a shortage of ringers. Any would-be emigrants can be assured of a welcome.

It was announced that the Bell Restoration Fund would benefit to the extent of £1 6s. 1d. as a result of the meeting, and that the next meeting would be at Pytchley (five bells) on April 12th. S. R. C.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Stockport, Bowdon and Mottram Branch was held at Stockport St. George on January 25th, when some 60 members and friends were present. The bells were busy from early in the afternoon and at 4.30 the usual form of Guild Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick), who also gave a very interesting address basing his remarks on the word 'Skill.'

After tea in the Parish Hall the annual meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar, supported by the Deputy Master of the Guild (Mr. Elkins) and the chairman of the Branch (Mr. A. J. Brown). Before proceeding to the business of the meeting the chairman referred to the losses which the Branch had sustained since its last meeting and the members stood in silent tribute to the memory of James Fernley, James Arthur Milner, Harold Jackson and Alfred Barnes. Mr. T. Wilde, one of the oldest members present, spoke feelingly of the departed members and the contribution they had each made to the life of the Branch.

The statement of accounts and the annual report were adopted and Mr. Wilde supported the secretary's remarks, 'We would remind all that it is not the complexity nor the multiplicity of methods which really matters; it is the standard of striking.' The report found that the life of the Branch was vigorous and progressive and had rung more than half the peals scored by the whole Guild in 1957 and noted the pleasing progress being made by the young members.

In passing, it was worthy of note that at least half of the members present were under the age of 25.

The officers were re-elected with Mr. M. J. Pryor to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by the elevation of Mr. Elkins to the Deputy Mastership of the Guild. The following new members were elected: Michael Freeman, David Potts, Barry Ward (Bowdon), James Fuller (Cheadle), Timothy Allen, Michael Gardiner, Roger Steer, Graham Stott (Poynton), William Gibbon, Albert Edwards, Raymond Tasker (Rostherne), Maureen Barker, Margaret Fairlie, Paul Beech, John Bell (Stockport St. George). Congratulations were extended to Mr. John Wheadon on ringing a peal of Minor for his 86th birthday.

The meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, organist, local ringers and the ladies for their efforts to make the meeting a success.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham Nominate Mr. C. W. Denyer as Master

Despite the wintry weather there was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Farnham District at Farnham on January 25th. Most of the towers in the district were represented and ringers from the Leatherhead and Chertsey Districts were also welcomed.

Afternoon ringing was under the guidance of Mr. R. Corke, the retiring Ringing Master, and the service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. R. Wilds) with the District choir leading the singing and Miss A. Heath the organist.

An excellent tea was served at the Queen of Hearts Restaurant, followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. A. Harman, Master of the Guild, acted as chairman. Mrs. M. Welton thanked the Rector for his inspiring service, and also Miss Heath for playing the organ.

The District reports and financial statement were read and adopted. The report showed that on the whole ringing had deteriorated during the past year and there was a drop in ringing members. A great effort was called for to keep the Farnham District in the strong position it has always held in the Guild.

By unanimous acclaim Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham) was elected as District Ringing Master, with Mr. W. H. Viggers (Aldershot) as his assistant. Mr. C. J. Beadle (Farnham) was re-elected secretary with Mr. R. H. Mills (Farnborough) assistant secretary and treasurer. Miss M. A. Cass (Seale) was elected correspondent to 'The Ringing World' and Mr. W. Wright (Farnborough) as representative on the Executive Committee and also hon. auditor.

On behalf of the District, Mr. C. W. Denyer thanked the retiring Ringing Masters, Mr. R. Corke and Mr. T. Page for their work during the past year.

Nominations were received in favour of the following as Guild officers: Mr. C. W. Denyer, Master; Mr. S. Russell (Ash) with Miss R. Hide (Farnham) as secretary and assistant secretary. Mr. S. Joyce expressed the ringers' appreciation to Mr. Harman for his work as Master of the Guild during the past 16 years.

The new year started off well, with the election of four new junior members and two honorary members. M. A. L.

NORTON SUBCOURSE RINGER'S WEDDING

In the presence of a number of ringers the wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Norton Subcourse, on February 1st, of Mr. James William Forder and Miss Sarah Louisa Tranter, both of Thurlton. Mr. Forder has been a regular member of both the Norton Subcourse and the Beccles companies and is a well-known figure in local ringing circles. The Rev. Mr. Crawshaw, Rector of Chedgrave with Langley and Hardley, officiated.

After the service the bells were rung and 'fired' as the happy couple left the church, and shortly afterwards a peal of Minor in three methods was accomplished in 2 hours and 36 minutes. The peal band were royally entertained by the newlyweds, thus ending a very happy day.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ERIN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I have noted Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis's recent remarks in your columns on the subject of the peal of Erin Doubles which I called at Shepperton, and am interested to learn that, in the eyes of the Central Council and (presumably) all right-thinking ringers, our peal is not a peal.

I do not, however, intend to make any show of 'withdrawing' the performance in question as, so far as I could ascertain at the time, the fact that the 360's used did not consist of true and complete round blocks failed to lead to any noticeable irregularities in the ringing or to draw forth any protests from even the more æsthetically minded of the local inhabitants.

Moreover, I have little respect for any rules which, for the same reasons as they exclude Erin, disallow the finest Doubles method yet rung to a peal (Saturn Treble Bob), and yet at the same time give their approval to such ghastly concoctions as, for example, Merton Slow Course.

I therefore leave it to some officially appointed Central Council member to expunge our peal from the records, whilst hoping that our efforts may at least have served to draw the attention of one or two of your readers to yet another example of the somewhat ludicrous effects of the rules which are supposed to guide us.—Yours very sincerely,

Surbiton. ROBIN G. LEALE.

SUPERLATIVE AND YORKSHIRE COURT MINOR

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. C. K. Lewis' letter in the January 17th issue of 'The Ringing World' on Superlative and Yorkshire Court Minor.

The method he gives is definitely not Superlative Minor. It is, presumably, 'Rev. Law James' Superlative.' I think we can be certain that wherever Superlative Minor has been rung in a peal the method rung was as Reverse Cambridge. This method first appeared in Shipway's 'Campanologia' of 1813. It subsequently appeared in 'Hubbard,' 1868, and 'Banister,' 1879, all long before Law James introduced his method, which is, of course, useless.

Perhaps we should point out here that Superlative Surprise Minor (in place rotation, —36—, 14, —56—, 36, —14—, 56, 12 L.E.) is a regular method that can be spliced in courses with Cambridge Surprise Minor. In fact adjacent places in 56 by two working bells does not in itself make a method irregular. Will the new Minor Collection consist of all regular methods? I doubt it!

The title Yorkshire Court is incorrect. Firstly, the method has 'Bob' places (seconds) at the lead-end. Hence it cannot be a Court method. Also, far more important, the Major of the method was first rung in the 1740's, under the title of Eastern Bob. Peals of Eastern Bob Major, Double Eastern Bob Major and Eastern Bob Royal were rung at this time. One hundred and thirty years after, the method was published in 'Church Bells' as Yorkshire Court Major. A peal under this title was rung at Cargrave in 1882, and of the Double version in 1913 at Selly Oak. These peals are recorded in 'History and Art' as first performances, and are, of course, 140 and 170 years too late.

Who will ring the first peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Minor? I hope that in future reference will be made to Eastern Bob Minor, etc. The Minor can be spliced with Oxford Bob Minor by ringing the standard 720, WRW, and ringing the first lead of each part as Eastern Bob, all other leads as Oxford Bob.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. F. T. BLAGROVE.

SATURN TREBLE BOB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Apathy is the disease with which British life and the Ringing Exercise are suffering.

People do not seem to care enough about ringing to question the rules and conclusions of their ancestors.

The story goes that, since the war, some members of an Association decided to raise their subscription from 2s. 6d. to 3s. a year to cover increased costs. After a little discussion, someone, for a joke, proposed it should be put up to 4s., and although this was unnecessary at the time, no one was interested enough to say so, and the 4s. proposal was carried. This is but one example!

It was, therefore, with some relief that I saw letters from Messrs. Shepherd, Blagrove and Lewis in connection with a recent 5,040 of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles.

In reply to Mr. Shepherd as to the origin of the method, it must have occured to me first, sometime before August, 1947, for on the 28th of that month seven members of the Oxford University Society and myself rang a plain course of (Saturn) Treble Bob Triples at Chipping Campden. In this Triples the treble still makes 3rds and dodges in 1-2, 4-5 and 6-7.

I had been told that Treble Bob on odd numbers had only been rung by each bell lying for four blows at the back (and 8 at a bob!).

This must have been unbearable, and would account for it not being rung at all nowadays.

I think this type of Treble Bob Triples bears the same sort of relationship to Treble Bob Minor as Bob Triples bears to Bob Minor; and just as Grandsire Triples (which may be described as Bob Minor with two bells in the hunt) is a better method than Bob Triples, so (Saturn) Treble Bob Triples is better than the Treble Bob Triples rung in the past.

I believe no extent of Treble Bob Doubles is possible.

Mr. Lewis thought there might have been some misunderstanding of the Central Council Decisions. There was none. The problem is now apparent.

One assumes that rules are formed for a purpose, and in reading the Central Council Handbook—Decisions—Peal Ringing—para 2. Peals of Doubles (Page 20), we see that peals shall be in (i) six-scores; (ii) Round blocks of two or more six-scores, provided that the six-scores which make the round block shall be true in themselves; (iii) 240's known as Morris's and Pitman's; (iv) Combinations of (i), (ii), (iii) or any two of them

Now if the object of Rule (i) was to prevent monotony by ringing a change too frequently, it immediately fails when it allows (ii), (iii) and (iv). If its object is to prevent peals being rung in blocks that are not made of 120's, then it fails in allowing Morris's 240's.

In view of this, I feel that while ringing peals of Doubles in 240's does not meet the letter of the Central Council Decisions, there is no other objection on ethical or artistic grounds.

We now turn to the question of falseness. The Plain Course is false. Peals do not consist of Plain Courses, and the 240's which made up this peal each contained each change twice, just as Morris's 240's of Grandsire Doubles do.

One is tempted to meet objections before they are raised, and one must point out that because a person is prepared to ring Doubles methods which have a false Plain Course (but run true in 240's), it does not mean that he would do the same on higher numbers, where interesting material is already available without this defect. There are a number of very poor Doubles methods and they are only rung because the field is so limited.

The fact that the Central Council allows Doubles methods with such horrible things as bells staying four blows in the same place, and methods where the treble does one thing, three others do another and the last bell has some special work all of its own, bears witness to the fact that they are aware of the dangers of stifling the enthusiasm of the keen Doubles ringers through limiting the methods available.

Saturn has neither of the objectionable faults mentioned above.

While being pleased to see that one of our leading method construction experts, Mr. Blagrove, finds this Treble Hunt Plan interesting enough to produce and publish two further methods ('Ringing World' No. 2,441, January 10th, 1958, page 26), I hope that those who contemplate ringing Treble Bob Doubles will start on Saturn (it being the simplest), or, better still, try them all.

Saturn has only 12 'single-changes' in a 240, compared with 18 in Morris's Grandsire and 44 in St. Mary's Treble Bob!

Mr. Blagrove has suggested calling his other method Ockham. No doubt we would have called Saturn by that name, but as there is already a Doubles method called Ockham, it was thought that it would be very confusing when ringing Spliced or multi-method peals.

On the practical side, Saturn, which is easy to learn, can be used in a six-bell tower where 'Old Jasper' always rings the tenor behind, and a learner needs practice at Treble Bob dodging, before going to ring Treble Bob Minor at some nearby tower.

A rose by any other name might smell as sweet, but, apart from the fact that it runs rings round most other Doubles methods, it's heavenly to ring, is great fun and was rung on a Satur(n)day, so why not . . . . Saturn Treble Bob Doubles.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL P. MORETON.

P.S.—In view of the fact that man has succeeded in making a rocket to travel beyond the earth's gravitational pull, will all those who would like to be in the first peal of Saturn on the planet please send in their names in the Interplanetary Ringing Association. We shall leave on the rocket we get from the Methods Committee. M. P. M.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—On February 21st, 1908, at St. Mary's, Gateshead, Co. Durham, the late William H. Barber conducted Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples while taking part in the peal blindfold. I have been reminded of this by a recent inquiry from the Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox, who took part in that peal and who, I have ascertained, is the sole survivor.

There is no doubt that this ranks as one of the outstanding feats of conducting and I feel that the 50th anniversary should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. This feat required not only the usual ringing ability but also an extremely acute ear, which Bill Barber was recognised as possessing.

It might be appropriate to recall some of the other feats that have been performed with Stedman Triples, such as the Swinfields of Burton-on-Trent, for I feel that with to-day's emphasis on Spliced Surprise and multi-method peals there is a danger that the present generation may overlook or underrate some of these outstanding feats performed in other generations.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Davis (first quarter) 1, H. S. Wickens 2, Margaret Jones 3, C. T. Hillis 4, G. Pearson 5, T. Cullingworth 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8. For Matins.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jillian Outhwaite 1, Jennifer George 2, J. Parker 3, N. Martin 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6.

CUMBERLANDS WANT TO MEET COLLEGE YOUTHS

MR. F. J. CULLUM, the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, at the Society's annual dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on February 1st, made an appeal to the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Dr. P. A. F. Chalk) for a joint meeting between the two Societies during the coming year. Dr. Chalk, in reply, felt that it was important that both Societies should maintain their rules and traditions. He would, however, do what he could to arrange for a social gathering for members of the two Societies.

Supporting the Master and Mrs. F. J. Cullum on the top table were the Rev. and Mrs. Meredith Davies, Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. P. N. Bond and Mr. T. White.

Others present were the Rev. G. Blacktop, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. Foord, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Prockson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. J. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Baker.

Messrs. E. K. Jordan, A. York-Bramble, F. W. Burnett, T. J. Clark, E. Haddon, E. J. Ladd, E. J. Brunger, R. Caporn, W. D. N. Foote, D. Bladon, A. D. Barker, B. Collison, G. Fry, C. A. Tester, D. R. Bartholomew, A. G. Hill and party, G. J. Butcher and party, D. L. Hall and party, A. G. Mason, M. Brewin, W. Nichols, J. L. Millhouse, A. R. Leirg, R. Brockington, A. J. House, A. Cutler, P. F. Borer, D. Beresford, P. P. Brown, B. Chapman, P. Mehew, J. L. Morris, J. R. Cooper, E. V. Williams, N. J. Steere.

Mrs. W. M. Steere.

The Misses J. Garner, V. Horton, M. Carnochan, O. Couchman, L. Hawes, M. Ladd, E. W. Keyes, Nolan, B. Millhouse, M. Prockson, D. M. Ward, B. Thompson and H. Talbot.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said that to-day ringers thought more of the Church than in the earlier days. They would find that where the incumbent took an interest in ringers and ringing, invariably the tower captain was able to keep together a decent band and enjoy the ringing. The more they allied themselves to the Church the more they would find their ringing go forward by leaps and bounds.

The Rev. Meredith Davies, Vicar of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, who replied, said whenever he went round talking to ringers he looked round with a great deal of anticipation and trepidation, for he started at Borstal and finished up at Dartmouth during the 26 years he was a prison chaplain, and he looked round to see if there were any 'old boys' present.

WORK AT SHOREDITCH

Mr. Meredith Davies expressed his sincere indebtedness to Mr. Tom Francis. After the war they were in dire straits at Shoreditch. The belfry was in a shocking state and Mr. Francis and those with him scraped, cleaned and painted it, provided new ropes and oiled and greased the bells. Sunday by Sunday they travelled up from Orpington. Now Mr. Francis was training a team of ringers from his own parish and he thought it was marvellous. (Applause.) They had not been very successful and there were frequent cases of broken stays.

He was very grateful to the ringers—they did call the people to church and at Shoreditch they had built up their congregation. He was delighted to see so many young people among the ringers and he hoped they would carry on the tradition of their fathers. 'Remember, boys and girls, you have something to catch on to. In America they had a sneaking regard for their traditions. In London you have these famous churches and famous bells. Hold on to them for, after all, we are the leaders of the world spiritually, and, he believed, traditionally.

BEST OF LUCK!

A performance of magic was then given by Mr. Philip Mehew and at the conclusion the Master, in thanking him, wished him and his band the best of luck in their attempt for a peal of 40,320 changes at Loughborough. (Applause.) He was wondering whether Philip, with a few of the rope tricks he had been performing, would be missing a few dodges or putting in a few next Saturday.

Mr. A. W. J. Butler, the new secretary of the Society, proposed the toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.' He was pleased to see so many there—a larger number than last year. That day happened to be the birthday of their friend, Mrs. Bevan, and also nearly the anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge—a peal they said Middleton would never get. They could look back on such stalwarts as John Cox, Henry Dains and Henry Newnham—but they had great ringers to-day; they had not gone backwards.

It was said at the annual meeting that there was some apathy. He would not believe it. A Society had its ups and downs. St. Martin's had gone down a little but it would go back shortly and be ringing 12 bells again on Sundays and at practices.

The Master, in reply, said the Society had done quite a lot of spade work in the past year. They had held three successful meetings. Their peal ringing had not been up to standard but they had rung five good peals and had made a number of friends.

APPEAL TO COLLEGE YOUTHS

They did endeavour to get a meeting with their friends, the Ancient Society of College Youths. They were unsuccessful and were informed that owing to the number of meetings they had during the year it could not be arranged. The year was early and he appealed to them again to see if a meeting was possible, as he thought the time had come when they and the College Youths should meet together at least once a year.

Mr. N. J. Steere, the junior steward, submitted the toast of 'The Visitors,' mentioning in his welcome the Master of the College Youths (Dr. Chalk), Messrs. R. F. Deal, F. E. Collins and A. York-Bramble, who were also members of the Ancient Society. It was also a great pleasure for them to meet again Mr. Raithby and his friends from Newark, who had been coming since the days when the Rt. Rev. Charles-Edwardes was Vicar, the Millhouses and Browns from Lincoln and visitors from Portsmouth, Chichester and Tunbridge Wells.

Dr. P. A. F. Chalk congratulated Mr. Steere on his maiden speech. The Master, he said, had mentioned the possibility of a meeting between the two Societies. For many years their two Societies had been quite distinct and he, personally, felt that as these two Societies had their own rules they should retain them and also their old customs, but there was no reason why they should not meet together socially. 'I think that is a very good thing and I shall see what we can do.'

Mr. T. W. White also replied.

In addition to Mr. Philip Mehew the entertainment was provided by Betty and Bunny Chapman, Peter Brown and Mrs. S. Brown (at the piano). The artists were thanked by the Master and the evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

About 50 members attended the annual meeting of the Society held in the Fellowship Hall, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on January 25th. The Master, Mr. F. J. Cullum, presided and welcomed the members.

Mr. P. N. Bond, in his report as secretary, stated that 37 new members had been elected during the year; seven peals had been rung (Plain Bob Major, Cambridge, Ealing and Bristol Surprise Major, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques); quarterly meetings had been held at Erith, Loughton and St. John's, Croydon; two very successful joint meetings had been held, one with the London Counties Association at Isleworth and one with the Middlesex Counties Association at St. Martin's and St. Giles-in-the-Fields. The monthly practices at St. Martin's had been poorly attended during recent months and members were urged to give them stronger support.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne pointed out that, as in other activities, members could only expect to get out of the Society what they put in, and if they turned up at practices they would not only be supporting St. Martin's but helping themselves also.

The accounts, presented by the treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorn, showed a balance of £123 8s. 8d.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The meeting stood in silent memory to the following members who had been called to higher service: Messrs. F. Bennett (Brighton), H. Hoverd (Dartford), F. Hayes (High Wycombe), C. Smith (Boyne Hill), S. Wade (Southgate), W. Shimmans (Sidcup) and A. Talbot (Bridgend). Particular reference was made to Mr. Frank Bennett, who had been a member for over 60 years and had done a lot for the Society, especially during the early years of this century.

The following new members were elected: Miss P. Collins (Sutton), Mr. A. Boyd (Cuffley) and Mr. E. Jordan (Wickham). Ratifications of the elections of the following members were made: Messrs. M. Orme (Hitchin), C. Tester (Brenchley), S. Ponting (Ticehurst), H. G. Hart (Stanmore), F. J. Spicer (St. Albans), B. E. Jeffrey (Edenbridge), R. W. Leavett (Tollesbury) and H. S. Bonnett (Letchworth), the Misses V. Horton (Duffield), J. Mayes (Clifton), O. Couchman (Maidstone) and Mrs. E. K. Hart (Stanmore).

The Master intimated that he wished to retire but the meeting felt that he should preside at the annual dinner to be held the following week. He was unanimously re-elected and thanked members for their support during the past year.

The secretary, Mr. P. N. Bond, stated that owing to pressure of work he did not feel that he could carry out his duties satisfactorily and therefore did not seek re-election. Mr. A. W. J. Butler was elected secretary and Mr. P. N. Bond assistant secretary. Other officers elected were: Hon. treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne: senior steward, Mr. A. R. Ling: junior steward, Mr. N. Steere: trustees, Messrs. A. W. J. Butler and T. H. Francis: auditors, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mrs. T. H. Francis.

The Society had been invited by the South West District of the Essex Association to hold a joint meeting with them at Prittlewell on June 7th and it was unanimously agreed to accept this invitation. A joint meeting with the Middlesex Association will be held on December 6th.

The votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. A. G. Mann to the Vicars of St. Martin's and St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, for the use of their bells. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. T. H. Francis for his work at St. Martin's and to the retiring secretary for his past efforts.

OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED BARNES

We regret to record the passing of Alfred Barnes on January 18th, in his 90th year. A native of Hertfordshire, he had lived on the border of Lancashire and Cheshire for about 60 years and was well known to ringers in and around Lancashire and Cheshire.

His ringing career began in October, 1886, when he was elected a member of the Cathedral Society of St. Albans, and he rang his first peal, Bob Triples, on April 11th, 1887, at the age of 19, at the Cathedral and was elected a member of the College Youths the same day. In many of his early peals he was associated with the late W. H. L. Buckingham and a few years ago he renewed his acquaintance when, just before his death, Mr. Buckingham came north to reside with his son. From St. Albans he went to the Birmingham area and rang some peals there before he moved to Bournemouth. In 1898 he came to Reddish from Matlock and became conductor of the local band until the mid-1920's. He joined the Lancashire Association and for many years acted as auditor.

His first association with the Chester Guild was as a non-resident life member but in 1907 he became a resident member and one of the band, which under the inspiration of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, was venturing into the field of method ringing away from the then accepted standard methods. In 1916 he was appointed by the Stockport Branch to represent them on the Guild Committee and held that office for 28 years and only then retired, as he himself said, to make way for a younger man. He did yeoman service on the committee and his point of view, quietly and thoughtfully put, was always appreciated. When the Chester Guild changed its rules to permit the appointment of lay members as vice-presidents of local branches his was one of the first names to be proposed. He was always present at branch meetings unless something quite unforeseen prevented him. The last meeting he attended was at Dunham Massey in September when, in spite of very inclement weather and wrong directions resulting in a long walk, he finally arrived at the church, and after tea took part in a course of Bob Major 'in hand.' He was present at the funeral of Mr. J. Fernley on November 30th, this being the last time most of his ringing friends saw him.

In November, 1887, he rang his first peal on handbells (Grandsire Triples) at the Abbey National Schools, St. Albans, and from then on he became more and more enthusiastic about this form of ringing. When he came to the Manchester district he associated himself with the band which comprised the late J. W. Washbrook, Harry Chapman, Fred Page, Allen Bailey and others. In the 1920's and early 1930"s this band, under the conductorship of Allen Bailey, rang many handbell first peals for both the Lancashire Association and the Chester Guild, including Stedman Cinques, Oxford Treble Bob Royal and Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Mr. Barnes usually rang 1-2 to these peals but his name may be found on other pairs, and his handbell peals, which numbered over 100, ranged from Triples to Maximus. His last peal was rung on the front eight at Manchester Town Hall on November 20th, 1947, for the wedding of the Queen to Prince Philip and in honour of the Lord Mayor, Miss Mary Kingsmill Jones.

Of a quiet disposition, perhaps one of his greatest qualities was his loyalty to his associates. He would join in any touch he was asked to and was equally happy whether it was rounds or some more advanced method. Young ringers, a little awed by his age, though he did not look his years, were often surprised by his kindly manner and the help which he gave them. To the officers of his branch he was a tower of strength, for they could turn to him for advice and know that what they would receive would be sound and born of a long experience of ringers. His presence will be greatly missed and one might sum up his character in the subscription with which he invariably ended his letters, for he really carried it out—'Fraternally yours.'

It is hoped at a later date to furnish an analysis of the peals he rang. C. K. L.

MR. J. E. LABUTT

John Edward Labutt, who died on January 14th, aged 72 years, was a faithful member of his village Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Easton Maudit, in the Diocese of Peterborough. For 52 years he had been a bellringer at this church and rang until a few months of his death.

He dearly loved the bells of his parish church, and was never happier than when ringing them or talking about them, and he watched over their welfare with a zealous eye. For 16 years he was Vicar's warden, for 45 years a chorister and for a few years sexton.

The funeral service was held in the church on January 18th, and many friends and members of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild were present.

John Labutt was the last surviving male descendant in the village of his family, originally a Huguenot refugee family named La Brett, which found sanctuary in the village in the 17th century. A muffled quarter peal was rung by members of the Bozeat and Easton Maudit belfries on January 20th to his memory.

EX-SUPT. F. R. WILLIAMS

With deep regret we record the sudden passing of Mr. Frederick Ralph Williams, aged 69 years, at his home in Higher Crumpsall, Manchester, on January 11th.

A native of Oxfordshire, where he learned to ring, he joined Manchester City Police in 1909 and became a regular ringer at the Town Hall, which at that time had the heaviest ring of ten bells in the country. He retired from the police in 1939 after being Superintendent in charge of 'A' Division for eight years.

He was a life member of the Lancashire Association, a member of the College Youths and a founder and ex-president of the National Guild of Police Ringers. On his retirement he accepted the office of treasurer of the Lancashire Association and Ringing Master and chairman of the Manchester Branch, for which he worked untiringly with the then general secretary, the late W. H. Shuker.

Some years ago he underwent a serious operation and was reluctantly, on medical advice, forced to relinquish his tower ringing activities. He continued for some time handbell ringing with a band of local ringers with whom he was always eager at all times to attend hospitals and functions to add some cheer to the lives of the sick and elderly, whose welfare was always dear to his heart.

The service at Manchester Crematorium was conducted by Canon T. F. Ethell, of St. Margaret's, Whalley Range, where a large number of ringers, former police colleagues and friends were present. During the committal a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by ex-P.C. G. Pye, P.C. R. Benson, ex-P.C. W. Pye and ex-P.C. W. Robinson, of the Town Hall.

He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss, and to them all ringers with whom he was acquainted, and his former colleagues, will extend their sincerest sympathy. R. B.

MR. BEN FULLWOOD

Mr. Ben Fullwood, a ringer at Sedgley Parish Church for the past 60 years, died on January 31st, aged 85. His contribution to ringing consisted of lifelong service as tower master and ringer at All Saints', Sedgley. The eight bells in the tower were his pride and joy and he never spared himself time or trouble in his maintenance of them. As recently as January, 1957, when the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held a meeting at Sedgley he had, at the age of 84, gone up amongst the bells and greased them in readiness for the meeting.

Mr. Fullwood did not take part in many peals and his total was only about 25, all rung on the tenor. He had been a member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford for 55 years and was also a member of the Dudley and District Guild.

At his funeral the Society was represented by Messrs. F. Bennett (lay secretary), E. E. Speake and J. D. Holden. There was a large congregation at the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Lloyd). Before and after the service the bells were rung fully muffled by members of the local band. There was further half-muffled ringing the same evening. Mr. Fullwood is survived by his widow, to whom the sympathy of his many ringing friends is extended. F. B.

MR. H. E. SIMPSON

On January 24th the Kent County Association lost one of its oldest members by the death of Mr. Herbert Edward Simpson—'Simmy,' as he was familiarly known by his many bellringing and bowling friends of the Sittingbourne district.

He came to Sittingbourne from Aylesford when in his early twenties, and before very long had established for himself a successful grocery business, from which he retired some 30 years before his death at the advanced age of 85. For well nigh 60 years of Mr. Simpson's long and useful life he was a member of St. Michael's band of ringers, of which he was captain for close upon 50 years. He resigned a few weeks before Christmas because of ill-health.

During his long association with St. Michael's he took part in a good number of peals and was always ready to do all he could to make bells available to others more keen on peal ringing than himself. He was a regular Sunday service ringer, a staunch churchman and a generous supporter of good works connected with the Church of St. Michael, Sittingbourne.

Besides his love of bellringing Mr. Simpson was a founder-member of Sittingbourne Bowling Club, in which he took a keen interest.

The funeral took place at Sittingbourne Cemetery on January 27th following a well-attended service in St. Michael's Church. Before and after the service the bells were rung half-muffled and in the evening a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local ringers and friends. G. H. S.

MR. THOMAS WILLIAM STAGG

The death occurred in December at Bury St. Edmunds of Mr. Thomas William Stagg, a ringer at Thetford, Norfolk, for over 50 years. Mr. Stagg was aged 65 and had been working until the short illness which preceded his death. He was for many years a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, for which he had taken part in five peals.

At the funeral at Thetford Cemetery on December 23rd Mr. H. Fuller represented the South Branch of the Norwich Association and the Diss company, Mr. G. Peck the Thetford and Elveden companies, and Mr. S. Nunn, Miss J. Nunn and Mrs. Foreman the Garboldisham and Blo-Norton company. Later in the day a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at St. Peter's, Thetford, by his former fellow ringers.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held in St. Albans on January 18th. At St. Peter's, where ringing commenced at 3 p.m., the bells were rung to the standard methods until the service, which was taken by the Rev. Mr. Salisbury. Tea followed at St. Peter's Institute.

The business meeting had an able chairman in the president of the Association, Mr. E. Buck (Baldock). The secretary, in his report, said that on the whole the year had been one of progress, and that Sunday service ringing was being maintained in most churches in the District. Mr. S. Huckle (Hatfield) was re-elected District secretary, and Mr. G. Dodds (St. Albans) re-elected District Ringing Master. Votes of thanks concluded the business.

The meeting was exceptionally well attended, 43 members being present at tea, even more arriving in time for evening ringing at the Cathedral. M. A. C.

Northern District

One of the most popular meeting places of the Northern District is Baldock, with the heaviest octave in Hertfordshire. Some previous meetings have been held in very bad weather, but this year it was fine on Feb. 1st.

An enormous tea was enjoyed in the Rectory, followed by handbell ringing until the service, conducted by Canon F. C. Brenchley.

At the meeting held in the bell chamber the election of the following non-resident life members was confirmed: Messrs. K. Ballington (Chaddesden), I. Holland (Sheffield), J. Holland (Erdington) and the Misses V. Horton (Duffield) and P. Forster (Derby); also elected were Mr. A. Shepherd (Cambridge) and two ringing members, Mrs. W. Wade (Stevenage) and Mr. J. Mynott (Knebworth).

The next meeting will be at Offley, with London Surprise Minor as the special method.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Twelve towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Barnsley District Society at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 25th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. until the service, which was conducted by Canon A. P. Morley. An excellent tea was served in the Rectory.

Canon A. P. Morley, who is hon. president of the Society, was in the chair for the business meeting. The treasurer's andsecreta ry's reports were adopted. Officers elected were: Mr. Noel F. Moxon, president: Mr. Harold Chant, treasurer; Mr. James W. Buxton, secretary; Mr. Herman Rusby and Mr. William Womack, auditors. It was decided to go to Derbyshire for the annual outing. New members elected were: Mrs. Bennett (Barnsley), Billy and Sydney Cooper (Brampton), Chris Moxon (Cawthorne), Chris Mayhard (Sandal), Anthony Dale (Ecclesfield).

Appreciation was paid by Mr. Harold Chant to Mr. Dan Smith for the good work he had done for the Barnsley District Society as secretary and regret expressed that illness had caused his resignation.

OBITUARY (continued)

MR. JAMES BARBER

By the death of Mr. James Barber, at the age of 82 years, Wingfield, Suffolk, has lost one of its oldest and most respected ringers.

For many years he was Ringing Master and also Branch secretary for the Fressingfield Branch. He rang several peals of Minor, the last one being to celebrate his 80th birthday.

The funeral service at Wingfield Church on January 16th was attended by several local ringers. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton Mowbray District

On January 25th the annual District meeting was held at Melton Mowbray. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. on the bells of the Parish Church and continued until 4.15, when a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. S. Clark). Some 30 ringers and friends were entertained to tea, which was provided by the ladies of the Mothers' Union in the Colles Hall.

At the business meeting the Vicar took the chair and Messrs. J. H. Cooke and T. Templeton were respectively re-elected to the offices of chairman and secretary for the coming year. The usual business followed with six new members being elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and the ladies of the Mothers' Union.

Afterwards there was further ringing, which, together with the afternoon efforts, ranged from rounds on ten to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major. M. D. S.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A short period of silence preceded the January business meeting at Drighlington for Michael Stephenson, a young member of the Ossett band, who died at the beginning of December as the result of a motor-cycle accident. The business included the election of three new members and thanks to those responsible for local arrangements.

The bells were raised in peal just after 3 p.m., and one of the ringers was the Vicar, who assists the local company when his duties permit. The next meeting will be at Pudsey on February 15th.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Peak District at Fairfield, Buxton, on January 11th, coincided with the first snow of the year. Despite this a good number of ringers braved the very cold day and enjoyed the ringing on this handy ring of eight.

The local company provided the very welcome 'cuppa' in the Church Hall, Brian's mother and Mrs. Eric Ellison doing the necessary to the accompaniment of a concert in the Main Hall given for Girl Guides and Brownies.

Mr. Alex Richardson presided at the business meeting, when the only change in the officers was Mr. Arthur Hibbert being elected vice-chairman in place of Mr. W. A. Smith, who has left the district.

The sad news of the passing of Mr. Jim Milner, of Disley, was announced, and on the suggestion of the chairman those present stood in silence as a mark of respect to the one who had done so much for ringing in the Buxton district. Other names of those recently passed on remembered were Mrs. J. Smith (Fairfield) and Mr. John H. Brothwell (Treeton).

Meeting places in 1958 are Great Longstone, Hope, Bakewell, Darley Dale, Wormhill and Chapel-en-le-Frith. H. E. T.

Wiverton Bells To Ring Again

The six bells at Wiverton, Norfolk, are being rehung and will shortly be in use again after 20 years' silence. Nearly all the old team of ringers are eager to get started again and are rejoining the Norwich Diocesan Association. These bells will be the only ring in the Holt Deanery suitable for change ringing. An attractive booklet in aid of the restoration of this church—over £1,000 is still required—can be obtained from the Rector (the Rev. C. L. S. Linnell), Letheringsett, Norfolk, who will also be pleased to acknowledge donations towards the Restoration Fund.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

ROBINSON—BROWN.—The engagement is announced between Wilfred Ludlum, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Robinson, of 45, Storforth Lane, Hasland, Chesterfield, and Anne Patricia, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown, of 30, Priory Road, Bowdon, Cheshire. 1817

IN MEMORIAM

WOLSTENCROFT (Walter W.), died February 9th, 1957. R.I.P. 1818

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BOURNEMOUTH.—Mrs. R. Vacher, Rew, Hampreston, Wimborne, Dorset. — Bed and breakfast, 9s. a night. Own parking space. Ringers welcome. 1831

CORNISH RIVIERA.—Williams, Copperhill House, Redruth, Cornwall.—Good farmhouse accommodation. Excellent food; every comfort; overlooking north coast. Easy reach all beauty spots. Highly recommended for any time of year. Terms moderate. 1667

CORNWALL. — Comfortable accommodation. Homely atmosphere. Good food. Children are welcome. Special terms for ringers—Mrs. H. Stacey, Phillips House, Church Street, Stratton, near Bude, Cornwall. 1777

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED—Set of handbells (secondhand). Please write with details and price.—Legge, 37, The Square, Lytham St. Annes, Lancs. 1820

MISCELLANEOUS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday. A coach is being booked to take members of the Huntingdon, Cambridge and Ely Districts to the A.G.M. at Wisbech. Towers open for ringing will be visited. Names of those wishing to go, to me by Feb. 28th.—D. E. R. Knights, 106, High Street, Sutton. 1803

KINGS LANGLEY. — Intending visitors please note. Our bells are at present being recast and are expected to be returned September. 1813

RESPONSIBLE woman ringer wanted to assist with leading boys and girls on six-day cycling ringing tour, staying at Youth Hostels. Devon, Somerset area. School summer holidays. Dates not yet fixed. 1814

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A committee meeting will be held in St. Mary-le-Tower belfry, Saturday, March 1st, at 2.30 p.m. This is the only notification.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 1825

ST. MARY'S, BULWELL, Nottingham.—Practice night is now on Tuesdays, 7.15 to 8.30. All visitors welcome. Ringing Master D. R. Boden, 93, Rock Street, Bulwell, Nottingham. 1819

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Harston (6), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1795

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1794

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Shalford, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. Nicolas' Hall, 5.15 p.m. Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' in the evening. 1672

HAWKHURST GUILD. — Meeting at Bexhill, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Look up St. Clement's. Names to C. Verdon, 14, Granfield Road, Bexhill.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 1780

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting at Monken Hadley, Saturday, Feb. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 1849

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Meeting at Hampton on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. to 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Short business meeting in belfry 5.45 Further ringing. 1834

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice meeting at Boyne Hill, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 6 to 8.30 p.m. Look up Ashtead. Learners very welcome.—E. E. Gosling. 1789

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Whitchurch Canonicorum, Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 1785

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Westerham on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 1732

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Southover (8), Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1772

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Hemsworth, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Bring your own tea, and cups of tea will be provided.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 1791

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Westoning, Saturday, Feb. 22nd (note date). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. B. Deacon, 10, Flitwick Road, Westoning.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1822

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Annual general meeting at Davenham (6), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, Feb. 18th, to hon. sec. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 29, West Avenue, Rudheath, Northwich. 1848

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The sixth annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6 p.m., at the Corporation Hotel, Derby. Afternoon ringing at St. Andrew's and Cathedral 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (11s.) from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 1842

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Feb. 22nd, at 3.15 p.m., Darlington, St. John's. Names for tea, by Feb. 20th, please, to Mrs. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington. 1845

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural. — Saturday, Feb. 22nd, Warmley (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Will all members please attend.—F. Hussey. 1826

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Toddington (6), Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Feb. 18th, to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1841

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting, Lydney (8), Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford. 1850

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Chertsey District and LADIES' GUILD, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Both meetings Walton-on-Thames (8). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meetings following. Bells from 3 p.m. and after meetings. Also Oatlands Park (8) bells available 3 to 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton. 1821

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, soon as possible, please. 1853

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Business follows tea, 5 (cups of tea only).—Thorney, Hon. Sec. 1816

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Village Hall, Sapcote, Feb. 22nd. Bells 5-6 p.m. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 8s. Names, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, to F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone: Burbage 516. 1800

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Pinhoe will now be held Feb. 22nd. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King. 1832

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, Feb 22nd. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting. Numbers for tea, by Feb. 20th, to N. V. Harding, Wyncroft, Roydon, King's Lynn.—C. T. Tovell, Branch Sec. 1811

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Monthly practice, Slough (10), Feb. 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 19th.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1837

SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Carlton-Juxta-Snaith, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please provide own food: cups of tea available.—L. M. Woodhead. Hon. Sec. 1829

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting at West Bridgford (8), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea available at nearby cafes. Please look up Superlative.—P. C. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 1823

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Feb. 22nd. Your chance to throw out the writer of these notices. Names early to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. — H. Reynolds. Sec. 1827

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—West and North.—Advanced practice, Crawley, Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Get own tea. Special method: Lincolnshire.—A. Miles. 1835

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Saturday, March 1st. Names for tea, by Feb. 26th, to Mr. E. E. Retter, Waldrons, Honiton Clyst, near Exeter. 1828

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Roydon (6) on Saturday, March 1st at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1833

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Ingatestone (6), Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1815

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Sellinge, Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, to Mr. P. Small, Church Lane, Aldington. Good attendance specially requested.—C. T. H. 1839

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —The 70th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, Mar. 1st, when the chair will be occupied by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 15s. 6d. Peals on 8, 10 or 12 bells will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 1671

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Nuthall, March 1st. Bells (6). Names for tea, not later than Feb. 26th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. Buses from Mount Street, Nottingham. 1830

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Annual meeting at Kelsale (8) on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea, by Thursday, Feb. 27th, to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 1843

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District. — Annual general meeting at Cavendish, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 1840

WIVETON.—Rededication of the bells after rehanging, by the patron of the Association, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich, at the 11 a.m. service, Sunday, March 2nd. 1846

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual dinner to be held in Selwyn College at 8.30 p.m. on March 8th. 16s. 6d. per person. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Bene'ts 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; R.C. Church 4.30 to 6 p.m.; Great St. Mary's 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Names, with remittance, before March 1st, to A. R. Heppenstall, Selwyn College. 1824

OXFORD SOCIETY. — The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names, with remittance, before April 1st, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing details later. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1844

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TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Meyell 1, Violet Relf 2, Kathleen M. Yeo 3, W. P. Tickner 4, P. V. H. Relf 5, W. H. Prior 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, A. Goram 8. For Evensong.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Wickenden 1, W. F. Butler (cond.) 2, F. R. Scott 3, K. Buckingham 4, W. Birmingham 5, A. H. Cross 6, A. J. Glass 7, D. K. Walters 8. For the 20th birthday of Miss Janet Adamson (Slough), who was prevented from ringing by flu. Nevertheless, at her own request the quarter went on.

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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

THIS article will cover the peals rung in the last quarter of 1957. The first milestone to be recorded is the 700th peal at the Loughborough Bell Foundry! Peals come so frequently from there that such events are past before we realise they are imminent! The tower had easily the most peals in 1957—47 in all. This number is not quite the most ever rung there in a year for it has twice had more than 50, the most being 53 in 1954 I will try to give due notice of the 750th peal—it should take place later this year at the present rate.

Debenham probably passed its 300 mark during the year. I say probably because I don't know how many peals were rung prior to 'Bell News' in 1881. I have 299 since 1881 and five peals rung before that date (eight peals were rung at the tower in 1957). But if there were more earlier peals than that five, it is quite likely the 300th peal was rung in 1956 or before. But at least we have a record of more than 300 peals now, so congratulations to Debenham. The peal rung at Ashtead on December 14th was the 300th I have recorded at *that* tower—293 since 1881 and seven earlier ones. So that is another tower we have to congratulate this time. This means that there are now 16 towers which have had 300 peals or more.

I am pleased that my records agree with Ashtead on this, according to the footnote to the peal, as I fear they do not do so about the claim for the 250th peal at Hazel Grove! I had noted that this was rung on November 2nd and made the peal claimed as the 250th on December 7th the 252nd. Perhaps there are a couple of false ones which I did not know about. I would like to compare notes with those concerned. But congratulations to the tower. Unlike the previous two towers, all have been rung this century.

Walsall had its 200th peal since 1882, but there were earlier ones here. This came up a year or two ago, and I am sorry that the matter was not pursued further at the time so that a more accurate total could be ascertained. A footnote to a peal rung at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on August 4th, 1895, said it was the 100th peal on the bells (it must, therefore, have been one of the earliest centenarians). It was one of the most flourishing towers in the country in those days, for all these had been rung since 1871 when the present bells were put in, I believe. That peal was my 97th for the tower, but in those early days (especially prior to 'Bell News') it is not easy to discover all the peals that were rung. If it was the 100th peal, it means that the peal on December 28th was the 175th there. The second 100 is taking a lot longer than the first!

Manchester Cathedral had its 150th peal since 1882. This tower, too, was more popular at the end of the last century, for more than half this number came in those 20 years. Earlier ones make the probable total nearer 160 now. Next we come to towers which have reached the 100 mark. Maulden's century has already been announced in a special article. The other two passed by unknowingly—Dorchester (Oxon) and Birchington, Quex Park. Although the first peal was in the 1880's and (I believe) the record length of Oxford Treble Bob Major (17,824 changes) was rung there in 1927, Heptonstall has only just reached its 50th peal with the one last October. Another 50th peal was at St. John's, Worcester, as claimed in the footnote. Thus there were an unusual large number of 'milestones' this time.

Then we come to first peal on the bells. This took place at Erlestoke, Hemyock, Welcombe, Theberton and Sherborne (Glos). Some of these were claimed and some were not. I fear the claim for the first peal at Euston, Suffolk, can not be substantiated. A previous peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung there in 1910.

As for infrequent visitors to the peal columns, there are several of these. The footnote was correct for the recent peal at Clifton, Notts. This *was* the first time a peal had been rung there this century, the only previous one being scored in 1898. The only previous peal at Balderton (Notts) was almost 50 years ago—in 1911, so that is another long silence. Warwick, St. Nicholas', has had three peals: Stedman Triples in 1888, Grandsire Triples in 1922 and now Bob Major in 1957, so the tower seems to appear once every 35 years or so. Starston, Norfolk, likewise has had three peals—in 1924, 1927 and 1957.

I confirm the claim for the first peal of Bob Minor at Brightwalton. Since there had only been one peal before—Grandsire Doubles in 1928—the claim was hard to disprove! Bradden and Kimpton both last were mentioned in 1931. The former had one earlier peal in 1911 and the latter two in 1923 and 1929. Although Sawbridgeworth had 16 peals from 1881 to 1914, there have only been four since—three were in 1930 to 1933 and the fourth last October. So again, we have almost a 25 years' silence. Datchworth likewise was last heard in 1933—it has recorded four peals altogether. Four towers last had a peal in 1934. They are Great Munden (where 13 peals were rung from 1902 to 1913, and 18 from 1919 to 1934); Weybread (only previous peal 1934); Theale (six peals) and East Teignmouth (three peals: Superlative Major in 1912, Yorkshire Major in 1934 and now Plain Bob Major). Ford End's last peal was in 1936 (four peals), whilst Rampisham's one and only previous one was in 1937. Freshford has logged three peals, the last in 1938, and Tawstock only two—both Grandsire Triples, the first in 1939.

Rare visitors since the last war include Haslemere. Although so popular between the wars (56 peals were rung from 1919 to 1939), it has only had one peal since up to the one in November—Stedman Caters in 1943. We hope for a more frequent appearance again now. The first peal on the augmented bells of Huish Episcopi was rung in December. Recording this showed that there had only been three previous peals in this tower—Grandsire Doubles in 1903 and 1911 and Bob Minor in 1944. Ashill and Moorlinch both last appeared in 1947. The latter has a peal every ten years it seems—1937, 1947 and 1957. The former also has only had three in all, but the first was in 1911. Llanover appears for the third time in the peal lists—1908, 1949 and 1957, and the only previous peal at Heddington was in 1948. Aspenden, Herts, is another infrequent visitor, especially for an 8-bell tower. There have only been three peals there—in 1928, 1952 and 1957.

I omitted to mention above how nice it was to see a peal at Bromley, Kent, again. Of course, the church suffered grievously in the blitz, but now that it has been restored and the bells put back, we hope as many peals will be rung there as before the war. It passed the 100 mark in 1936. Entering the peal at Tibenham on my card index revealed an unusual state of affairs there. The first peal was rung in 1901. Then came five more from 1905 to 1909. After that 33 peals in the next four years! Since then there have only been three more—one in 1930 and two in 1955 and 1957. Certainly there are some ups and downs here!

Finally, some general points. The Wiltshire tour last September did very well for first in the methods on the bells. Without going into details, only Hilperton and Warminster didn't have something 'new' for the tower rung at them. I confirm that the peals at Portishead and Leigh, Lancs, were the first of Surprise on the bells. Also that the peal at St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, was the first of Cambridge Royal there. The peal at Wellington, Somerset, was the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells (Surprise ringers please note!). There have been 13 peals in all there now, commencing in 1896. Then, we must congratulate the ringers of Long Buckby on causing their 5-bell tower to enter the select few which have reached double figures for peals.

K. W. H. F.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	ALBERT M. TYLER	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	2	JOHN HARTLESS	8
JAMES E. DANIELS	3	†JOHN H. GILBERT	9
CYRIL WRATTEN	4	DAVID HOARE	10
*ERIC NAYLOR	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	11
FRANK L. HARRIS	6	FRANK E. HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 21, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5504 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

HAROLD F. WHITE	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	IVOR R. NICHOLS	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*PETER GARDNER	5
JACK GARTSIDE	2	STANLEY WALMSLEY	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	7
LAURENCE WALMSLEY	4	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK STEAD.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. J. Blackburn, of Anderton (Ringing Master of the Preston Branch), and Mrs. Blackburn.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*IAN B. McKEE (13)	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
†RONALD H. BULLEN	2	FRANK OSBALDISTON	6
DAVID A. MELLOR	3	GEORGE H. PAULSON	7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	4	‡BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal. † First peal of Little Bob Major. ‡ 25th peal together.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Wed., Jan 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY	*Treble*	†CYRIL RUSBY	5
*MARGARET JOHNSON	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
ARNOLD HILL	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
†JOHN S. SEAGER	4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal of Surprise Major and first of Major 'inside.' † First in the method.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

LAURENCE MITCHELL	*Treble*	*GEORGE KENWARD	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	6
KATHLEEN M WALSH	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
EDWARD C. BARTON	4	LESLIE D. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* 400th peal.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Herbert E. Simpson, former captain of St. Michael's ringers, who was interred this day.

BATTERSEA, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

WILLIAM T. COOK	*Treble*	*ALAN J. FROST	5
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	2	IAN H. GRAM	6
*ROY D. TOMLIN	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
*WILLIAM S. DEACON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOAN COTTON	*Treble*	PERCY W. GRICE	5
W. GEOFFREY HAIR	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
F. GEORGE BAILEY	4	GEORGE W. RIDGWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal of Bob Triples by all except the sixth ringer. 125th peal as conductor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	J. BARRY PICKUP	5
*GARY WIGNALL	2	NORMAN SMITH	6
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	3	*THOMAS WILKINSON	7
M. JOHN HALLIWELL	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY STONE	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	*RAYMOND WINTER	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	DAVID A. CARPENTER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Bristol. The first peal of Bristol by a Sunday service band of All Saints' and the first in the method on the bells.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*CLIVE WALKLATE	*Treble*	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	5
*JOHN S. HARRISON	2	ALAN F. LEE	6
MAURICE BAILEY	3	BENJAMIN BARKER	7
ALFRED MOULD	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Double Norwich C B. Major.
Rung in honour of the wedding, at Breadsall on this day, of Elisabeth A. G. Grime and Richard J. Bowden.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

ERIC WADMAN	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	5
*MICHAEL ROSE	2	HENRY J. SANGER	6
ANTHONY J. SANGER	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	7
ERIC NAYLOR	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam Henry W. Brown, an honorary life member of the Association and past member of the Central Council.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*FRANK H. PYKE	*Treble*	*PERCY W. MILLS	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	*FELIX H. ERITH	6
GEORGE N. ORMAN	3	ROY K. DUESBURY	7
*GEORGE A. BUTTON	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam G. W. Moss (life member), who died at Manningtree on January 22nd, 1958.

GREAT MILTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS S. BOWLES	*Treble*	*DENNIS C. BOWEN	5
†HARRY P. FLOYD	2	ALAN R. PINK	6
CHARLES COLES	3	CYRIL H. KINCH	7
*JAMES ADAMS	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung for the Feast of the Purification.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

*BRIAN AUSTIN	*Treble*	*STANLEY E. BENNETT	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	2	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON	6
*PHILLIP DAVIES	3	*RAYMOND H. IDLE	7
*RICHARD F. ROE	4	*RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*FREDA M. HANKEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. SMITH	5
GEORGE OLLIVER	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	6
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	3	F. ERIC ROBERTS	7
†ALAN STREETER	4	‡A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ 50th peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALSDEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*JOYCE HALLIDAY	*Treble*	*J. COLIN ASHWORTH	5
*MARGARET ROSS	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6
*JOHN H. FIELDEN	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
GEOFFREY S. MILLS	4	PETER SCHOLFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells for 20 years.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davenport.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

KITTY WILLERS	*Treble*	†RUTH M. JACKSON	5
PETER BORDER	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
*ALLAN L. M. SHEPHERD	3	†EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	7
*JILL I. MARTIN	4	DAVID P. STUBBINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal on the recast eight.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWARD MAUND	*Treble*	HAROLD WILLETT	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	FREDERICK HAWKES	7
DENIS R. MORRIS	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles J. Camm, who was a ringer at this church for 50 years.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN D. KAPE	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
*ARTHUR FOXALL	2	WALTER LEE	6
MRS. A. E. COX	3	†SYDNEY M. BAILEY	7
DAVID CORNWALL	4	ANTHONY E. COX	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Yorkshire. First of Major as conductor.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5
BRYAN PATTISON	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harris.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	*ARTHUR CROWDER	6
RONALD CHAFER	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
*JOHN HALL	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., Jan. 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*Peter G. Richards	*Treble*	George W. Pipe	4
†Brenda L. Sheppard	2	†Arthur H. Fisher	5
†Gerald Weston	3	†Graeme W. Heyes	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's.

*Brian Dawson	*Treble*	*E. Marion Key	4
George L. Roobottom	2	Barnabas G. Key	5
William J. Leach	3	Alan G. Foster	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Carantoc,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

Alan Carveth	*Treble*	*Clarence H. Stephens	4
Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella	2	†V. Mary Matthews	5
John Roberts	3	Donald Docking	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Doubles.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: two of Single Oxford, one of Single Court and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*Rodney J. Musson	*Treble*	William R. Parker	4
G. Leonard Thompson	2	James H. Musson	5
Amos Ingall	3	Louis Willders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Willders.
* First peal in three Minor methods. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' and the fifth ringer four times.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Hilary Kirkham	*Treble*	John Worth	4
Kathleen Shaw	2	Mrs. C. W. Lawton	5
Anthony W. Lawton	3	Basil Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal.
Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davenport, of Walsden, Lancs, who were married at St. George's, Macclesfield, on January 12th, 1908.

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Terry M. Haines	*Treble*	Allan R. Jones	4
George F. Roome	2	Michael R. Bennett	5
Jim C. Rainbow	3	Robin V. Baker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin V. Baker.
* First peal of Minor at first attempt.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Jennifer M. Davies	*Treble*	Keith Wakefield	4
Anne E. Amor	2	Robert L. Piron	5
John B. Long	3	Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian Pattison.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*Marguerite Battram	*Treble*	David Cubitt	4
Kathleen Mallender	2	Harold Wagstaff	5
W. Eric Critchley	3	Frederick J. Jackson	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

Elsie K. Hart	*Treble*	H. George Hart	4
Phyllis M. Mayne	2	Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
William Wenban	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the diocese, and for the Guild.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's, viz.: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

George Scott	*Treble*	William R. Parker	4
G. Leonard Thompson	2	Louis Willders	5
John R. Ketteringham	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Purification. Also as an 80th birthday compliment to George Scott, who has now 'circled the tower' and completed 65 years as a ringer at the above church.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven standard callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Katharine Burchnall	*Treble*	Alec Wilson	4
†Janice Cawdrey	2	Harold Denman	5
*Grace Burchnall	3	Richard Hobbs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard Hobbs.
* 50th peal on the bells. † First peal at first attempt.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of All Saints', Reverse Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, 240 Southrepps and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*Jean Hoy	*Treble*	Alfred E. Hinman	3
J. Harry Cook	2	Geoffrey A. Bowcutt	4
Charles E. Cooper	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. Harry Cook.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Frisby-on-the-Wreake and Kirby Bellars, who is leaving to go to Osgarthorpe, near Loughborough. Also a compliment to Mrs. Annie Wheeler (verger at Kirby for 46 years) on her 82nd birthday.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*THOMAS J. MATTHEWS ..	*Treble*	GEORGE BEENEY	4
E. SYBIL M. TONKIN ..	2	FRANK H. BEENEY	5
†S. DEREK A. PRICE (14)..	3	ALBERT ELLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BEENEY.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung by Hellingly Sunday service band for Dr. Bell (president of the Sussex Association), who retired the previous day from his office as Bishop of Chichester.

NORTON SUBCOUSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*TERENCE G. PAGE	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
MICHAEL J. STOKES.. ..	2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ..	5
ERNEST A. LONG	3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GODFREY G. WALPOLE.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. W. Forder, of the local company, to Miss S. L. Tranter.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and 240 Pitman's. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*DENISE HESBROOK (14)	*Treble*	HARRY BUTLER	4
MICHAEL MULLARD (15)	2	JOHN ALLEN (17)	5
†LILIAN BUTLER (14) ..	3	HARRY BUTLER, SEN. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ALLEN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells by a local Sunday service band. The ringers of the third, fourth and tenor represent three generations.

Rung as a 69th birthday compliment to Harry Butler, sen., and to mark his completion of 50 years as a ringer at this tower.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

TERRY EARLE	*Treble*	*TERRY L. STOCK	4
ALAN R. SYDER..	2	WALTER ARNOLD	5
*BARRY W. RICE	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

WOODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. D. WOOD..	*Treble*	VESTA A. HEADLAND ..	4
DIANE GIBSON (16)	2	BRIAN A. COULSON	5
ANN COULSON (16)	3	JOHN GROOM (13)	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN A. COULSON.

First peal by all the band and first by an all-Woodford Sunday service band for over 65 years.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Hiram A. Houghton, who has completed 33 years as organist, choirmaster and ringer at this church.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, C.C.C. Nos. 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JAMES M. BAILEY	*Treble*	JACK PILGRIM	4
*ALAN R. BRIDGES	2	*ALAN S. PIPE	5
RAY PECK	3	PETER S. BEDFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER S. BEDFORD.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the ascension to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

DENNIS G. S. HOOKER, SEN.	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ..	4
LAWRENCE T. POPE	2	LESLIE C. SMITH	5
G. KEITH FINN	3	RAYMOND J. CARLTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND J. CARLTON.

Rung as a peal of thanksgiving for the restoration of this church.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

GEORGE SCOTT	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
PERCY BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Joseph North, over 55 years a ringer at Leadenham, who is leaving the village.

HANDBELL PEALS

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Jan. 19, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT 22, EGERTON STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1), (2) and (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Plain, Double and Fulbeck Bob, (5) Reverse and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14½ in D flat.

ALLAN SHARPLES	1—2	DEREK TAYLOR	3—4
		TREVOR TAYLOR	5—6

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

First peal in six methods for all.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 30, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT 17, QUEEN STREET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

GERALD PENNEY	1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS	3—4
		JOYCE DODDS	5—6

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Miss Helen Dodds.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 2, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN ST. CATHARINE'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	1—2	*M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	3—4
H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..		5—6	

Conducted by H. NEILL.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

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ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Brownlow 1, T. Barker 2, A. Tomlinson 3, P. Dunderdale 4, J. Pilkington 5, F. Stead 6, J. Blackburn 7, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the patronal festival.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. A. Andrews 1, F. Southgate 2, H. Bacon 3, F. H. Erith 4, M. Bantick 5, T. Cole 6, G. W. Barnes 7, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George W. Moss.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Piper (first quarter) 1, A. W. Beard 2, S. Penfold 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 18th, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: G. Pearson 1, J. R. Cooper 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (first in method) 3, I. H. Oram 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, J. L. Morris 6, A. J. Lancefield 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Jarmy (first quarter) 1, A. Campden (first 'inside') 2, J. Nicholls 3, L. Whewall 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 25th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: D. Blackwell (first of Triples) 1, K. Jorden 2, Margaret E. L. Beamish 3, D. C. Exell 4, R. W. Rex 5, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 6, J. L. Queen 7, D. Forder 8. First quarter on the bells.

BRECON, BRECONSHIRE.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): W. Chick 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, W. G. Smith 3, A. Matthews 4, S. V. Edwards 5, G. P. Davies 6, V. H. Clark 7, D. Stokes 8. In honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. J. J. A. Thomas, D.D., as Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon on February 1st.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Leaker 1, J. M. Stallard 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, G. Bursiem 4, Diane M. Stepney 5, N. Purnell 6, G. G. Salmon 7, W. Cocks 8. Rung for the consecration of the restored church by the Lord Bishop of Bristol on that day.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,296 Minor (192 Beverley, 192 Cambridge, 72 Plain Bob, 120 London, 720 Kent): G. M. Rouse 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Jan. 25th, at the Church of St. Andrew the Great, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. G. Gipson 1, E. W. Bullman (first of Stedman Triples) 2, R. W. J. Housden 3, H. S. Peacock 4, R. F. Baker 5, T. R. Dennis 6, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 7, M. J. Dyer 8. Rung after a failure for a peal of Cambridge Major.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire Doubles): B. Care (first quarter) 1, R. Henman 2, R. Roberts 3, J. Rainbow 4, T. Haines (cond.) 5.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): J. Hooper 1, A. Peters 2, Miss A. White 3, A. Hooper 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, J. Loxton 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, J. Sims 2, K. Small 3, E. J. Coode 4, T. Easterby 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, R. Clarke 8. For Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Cockman 1, J. Davidge (first 'inside') 2, W. Parrott (cond.) 3, E. Goldsmith 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, D. Oakshott 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Spittle 1, H. E. Good 2, Margaret Howard (first in method) 3, J. Hill (cond.) 4, R. Spittle 5, J. E. Beams 6, C. W. Munday 7, G. Hill 8. For Confirmation service.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. R. J. Ransom 1, A. W. Cole 2, T. Cole 3, J. Gould 4, F. H. Erith 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Moss.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. W. Croft 1, Jean Croft (first in method) 2, G. Cherry 3, S. H. Ashton 4, L. Runnacles 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (in nine methods): Jill Henderson 1, Vivien Copping 2, Sheila Taylor 3, R. Moulds 4, D. Hollas 5, H. Fielden 6, M. Fielden 7, V. Bottomley (cond.) 8. By the local band for Confirmation service.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on February 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Cook (first quarter) 1, Miss D. J. Perrins 2, D. Harrabin (first 'inside') 3, M. F. Hall 4, C. T. Blundell (cond.) 5, R. L. Bond 6. For Evensong.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Bullard (first quarter) 1, J. E. Lawrence 2, F. Lawrence 3, L. Dovey 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, R. G. Morris 6.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. White 1, P. Walker 2, J. Hazelby 3, J. Parsons 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5, F. Rumming 6. For Evensong, which included the ceremony of blessing the plough.

HELLINGLEY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. D. A. Price 1, Miss J. D. Funnell 2, Miss E. S. M. Tonkin 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 3. For Evensong.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (480 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): W. C. Ward 1, J. H. Cook (cond.) 2, R. Looker 3, A. E. Hinman 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. A welcome to the Ven. I. P. Edwards (Archdeacon of Leicester), who dedicated the newly-restored chancel roof and also preached.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hazell 1, A. Free 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. For morning service, with the best wishes of the band to the ringer of the second on joining the Merchant Navy.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, 1,259 Doubles, being (1) Spliced St. Remigius' Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and Winchendon Place Bob; (2) Spliced St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and St. Osmund's Bob; (3) Old Bob; (4) Spliced Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and Winchendon Place Bob; (5) Spliced Plain Bob, St. Martin's Bob and St. Simon's Bob; (6) St. Simon's Bob; (7) St. Peter's Bob; (8) Kennington Bob; (9) Norfolk Doubles; (10) St. Martin's Bob and 59 of Grandsire: L. H. Minns 1, T. N. S. Bailey 2, P. M. Adcock 3, P. D. T. Cattermole 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5. First of Spliced and in 13 Doubles methods by all.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, Miss M. Harte (first in method 'inside') 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, J. Rigg 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, G. Parsons 6, W. Wilson 7, H. Barnard 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 2nd, at St. Michael and All Angels Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Hayward 1, J. T. Mannering (cond.) 2, C. M. Dring 3, M. L. Howe 4, G. Pearson 5, M. J. Hedges 6. For the visit of the Bishop of Dover.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 2nd, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Gearing 1, P. Walker 2, Margaret Wynn (first in method) 3, D. J. Roaf 4, S. J. Ivin 5, F. A. Barrett 6, J. R. Chaundy (cond.) 7, M. J. Hallett 8. For Evensong.

PENSELWOOD, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,296 Minimus (144 each of St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Court Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Bob Minimus, Reverse Bob Minimus, Double Bob Minimus): B. Jean Stevens (cond.) 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, D. G. Miller 3, F. A. K. Prime 4. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

RANMORE, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Munt 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Rev. C. Munt 4, G. Alliner 5, B. A. Cracknell 6, A. Streeter (first as cond.) 7, B. Coward 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 covering): Miss F. Illman 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, Miss F. Hankey 3, F. E. Roberts 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, A. Streeter (first as cond.) 6, H. Comber 7. First of Bob Minor for 1 and 3. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church, 1,200 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: D. French 1, Miss M. Mills 2, Miss S. Chaddock 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Miss E. A. Wardill 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, F. Fisher 7, N. Chaddock 8. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (cover 7, 6, 8): Linda M. Southerden (first quarter) 1, A. J. Hicks 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, C. H. Knowles 4, J. Small 5, Noreen Winter 6, Judith S. Walker 7, T. W. Longley 8. Conducted between the ringers of the four 'inside' bells. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 12th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: B. A. Cornell 1, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 2, M. D. Frost 3, P. Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, G. Blake 6, J. E. Ewer 7, W. Little 8, G. Penney 9, J. Pemble (first on 10 bells) 10.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Puttman (first quarter) 1, W. Brown 2, G. Wykes 3, J. Griffin 4, S. Brown (cond.) 5. For Evensong, and the christening of the treble ringer's brother.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Jan. 26th, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. J. Mead 1, C. W. Ottley 2, J. A. Hales 3, F. P. Mead 4, F. A. Ranson 5, M. Hawkes 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, R. Sheppard 8.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: T. W. Thirkell 1, Miss B. Fisher 2, Miss B. Clarkson 3, Miss J. Porter 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Evensong and the birth of a second daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. Ducker.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. S. Shepherd 1, A. L. M. Shepherd 2, H. Neill (cond.) 3, Miss J. Martin 4, Miss S. Jackson 5, T. R. Dennis 6, E. W. Bullman 7, F. B. Cookson 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Coles, parents of the treble ringer.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, D. E. Cobb 2, T. J. Milsom 3, B. Davis 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, R. O. Fry (cond.) 6, A. F. Lee 7, R. S. N. Brown 8. Rung before Evensong on the 72nd anniversary of the consecration of the church.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Macbeth (first quarter) 1, F. M. Maynard 2, B. R. Downes 3, F. W. Sykes 4, E. E. Holman 5, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 6, M. Austin 7, A. Boyack 8. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Chapman 1, F. M. Maynard 2, A. Boyack 3, W. Dowler 4, B. R. Downes (cond.) 5, E. Holman 6, D. Hewitt 7, M. Hayes 8. For Evensong.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. C. J. Kay 1, Miss J. M. Price 2, F. Lawrence 3, L. Dovey 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, A. Davies 6. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Spencer-Smith 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Bishop 3, Susan Jacobs 4, M. Sinden (cond.) 5, P. Devenish 6, M. P. Moreton 7, A. Bagworth 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Robin Garnett, father of Anne, who died tragically on February 1st.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 480 St. Martin's, 300 Plain): G. Sharpe 1, Mrs. J. Parker 2, L. Harvey 3, J. Bird 4, M. Parker (cond.) 5, E. Shippey 6. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Ely for Confirmation.

NEWS FROM NORFOLK

Mancroft Guild of Ringers

On February 4th the Mancroft Guild of Ringers held their annual general meeting, the chairman (Canon J. A. Waddington) presiding.

The existing officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master; Mr. F. N. Golden, deputy R.M.; Mr. C. Bird, hon. secretary; and Messrs. R. W. Barber and W. G. Mayers, steeple-keepers.

It was decided to attempt to complete the records for the Guild library, and the Guild would be glad to accept any 'Ringing Worlds' from 1911 to the end of 1956, also Norwich Association reports for the years 1913/20/1, 1923/5/6/7/9, 1931/2/3/4/8, 1945/7, 1950/1.

The chairman, on behalf of the P.C.C. and himself, expressed thanks to all members of the Guild for their services during the past year.

Hope of Restoration at Attleborough

Provided that sufficient money can be raised, it is hoped that restoration may be carried out at St. Mary's, Attleborough, in the near future. The amount of work done will depend upon the amount raised. It is estimated that a partial overhaul, which will include new bearings and all other necessary repairs, will cost £365, whilst a complete overhaul, which will include retuning, quarter turning, new fittings and some new headstocks, will cost £714. Ringing has had to be suspended until the work is completed.

This small town has already raised £2.000 for its ancient church, seen by all travellers on the A11 road, and the money required will not be easy to find. Contributions, however small, will be welcomed and acknowledged by Mr. L. Lawrence at 1, Gladstone Terrace, Chapel Road, Attleborough.

Wood Dalling

The five bells of St. Andrew's, Wood Dalling, have been unringable for some years now, and a recent inspection showed that the dilapidated state of the frame and fittings placed them in danger of falling and consequently they have been taken down for safe keeping. An article describing the lowering of the bells appeared in the 'Eastern Daily Press' on the last day of 1957, and this has produced a considerable amount of correspondence about bells and ringing, all of it good publicity for our art.

At Wood Dalling, when repairs have been carried out, one of the lightest bells will be left in the tower, but alas! the remaining four will stand on the church floor to await better days.

Increase in Number of Youngsters Learning

The past few months has seen a great increase in the number of youngsters learning to ring. At Dereham, following restoration, 12 are under tuition, while at Saham Toney, one of the best rings of six in the county, there are nine. Gressenhall, with its most enthusiastic rector (Rev. R. G. E. Dodson) has three beginners in the very early stages. Without doubt the most praiseworthy effort is at Swanton Morley, where Royal Air Force personnel trained eight girls and one boy to handle their bells. The instructors were posted in December, but these young people who are all under 15 manage to ring rounds on the rough-going five for Sunday services.

A special practice for all these beginners was held at Yaxham on Monday, January 6th, when the afternoon was devoted almost entirely to rounds and call-changes in order to give them experience in ringing bells other than their own.

RICKMANSWORTH'S SPECIAL PEAL BOARD

A pleasing ceremony took place on Monday, January 27th, in the belfry of St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, the occasion being the unveiling and dedication of a peal board by the Vicar (Rev. Kendrick H. Hart) in the presence of the churchwardens, assistant curate, the Rickmansworth ringers and friends from other towers in Hertfordshire. The board is no ordinary one for it has eight peals inscribed thereon and is the gift of the tower foreman (Mr. Frederick W. Elliott), the whole work having been admirably executed by Mr. Albert W. Coles.

The peals recorded are: Plain Bob Major, conducted by J. H. R. Freeborn; Double Norwich C.B.M., E. M. Atkins; Cambridge S. Major, G. H. Cross; Superlative S. Major, G. H. Cross; Stedman Triples, C. C. Mayne; Bristol S. Major, C. C. Mayne; Grandsire Caters, H. G. Cashmore; Grandsire Caters, G. W. Seaman. Mr. Elliott took part in each, on eight different bells.

After an excellent dinner, the annual tower meeting which, as always, had the atmosphere of a social gathering, was held. The officers were all re-elected, namely, tower foreman, Mr. F. W. Elliott; steeple-keeper, Mr. D. R. Bartholomew; hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Bradbury; after which, other local matters were deliberated. The concluding business was a 'few words' from Fred, who really 'went to town' and surpassed himself. Among other things, he said it was his very great pleasure to present the board as a permanent record of many of the ringers he had been proud to be associated with. Many, he said (some no longer with us), were well-known ringers and conductors, and many were his personal friends. He would always look at that board and recall a happy lifetime of ringing and service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In Cambridge the five bells of Holy Trinity have been sold for scrap, whilst the six at St. Edward the King are hung dead. Organisers of outings should therefore not write for permission to ring at these two towers, as recently did one organiser! All owners of 'Dove' please note!

The footnote to the peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal (see page 102) should read: 'First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal in London and by the Society (College Youths).

The peal of Bristol by a local band at Allesley, Coventry, was rung to celebrate the arrival of a first grandchild to Charles Aylett, a member of the band for nearly 50 years.

In honour of the centenary of St. Bernadette, Miss Jennie Armstrong was asked to play the Lourdes Hymn on the bells of Murpeth Watchtower on February 11th.

At Woodford, Northants, a very creditable performance took place on February 1st, when the whole of the band rang their first peal. It was the first peal in this tower by a Sunday service band for over 65 years.

After two and a half hours' perfect striking during a recent peal rung in Cornwall, the conductor was heard to shout across the belfry: 'Charlie! If you don't keep that bell in place I'll kick 'ee from yer to Lan'son.'

The Guildford District of the Guildford Guild has a new team of officers. Mr. Donald Kirk, of Cranleigh, has succeeded the Misses Monica Collins and Ann Cox as hon. secretary, and Mr. T. Mark White is the new Ringing Master. Mr. F. A. Munday, the Master, is leaving Guildford, probably in June, on promotion in the Post Office Telephone Service. It is possible that Mr. Munday's next post will be in Yorkshire.

Every member who took part in the quarter peal in nine Surprise Major methods at All Souls' Church, Halifax, on January 29th, learned to handle a bell in this tower. It was a genuine local company quarter. There was only one three-lead course in the quarter.

Willoughby-on-the-Wolds was the 25th tower in Nottinghamshire in which Mr. W. T. Exton has rung a peal.

Appreciation was expressed at the meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association of the 19 years' service of Mr. T. J. Lock as hon. secretary. The responsibility of Association secretary has now devolved upon him. His successor is Mr. C. E. Slade.

We regret to learn of the sudden death on February 8th of Mr. Harold S. G. Pike, captain of the St. Bartholomew's tower, Crewkerne, Somerset, for the past four years. On the day of his funeral a quarter peal was rung to his memory by the local band.

The Stoney Stanton handbell ringers will be broadcasting in the Home Service on Wednesday, February 26th, at 6.30 p.m. in a programme entitled 'The Dancing English.' Two of the numbers are 'Soldier's Joy' and 'Grandfather's Clock.' This talented band was heard at the social that followed the Central Council meeting at Leicester in 1956.

The mainstay of ringing at Stepney has been Mr. Thomas G. Fox, who has been associated with the tower since 1928 and has been responsible for much of the training. When the Stepney Guild of Ringers was re-formed, in 1937, he was elected captain, a position he has held until now. Tom was presented with a fountain pen from the members at the Guild dinner on February 8th. His resignation is due to his removal to Romford.

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LESSONS FROM THE LOUGHBOROUGH RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT

By RALPH LOWINGS

AFTER the columns that were written about the venture in a dozen different national newspapers, not to mention the generous airing given on B.B.C. television, what remains to be said that has not already been said of the recent attempt to ring the extent of Major at John Taylor and Co.'s Bell Foundry at Loughborough?

The simple facts of the endeavour are now history; the attempt broke down after ten hours and ten minutes, and 20,500 of the 40,320 changes mathematically possible, after an argument that developed between two of the ringers caused a shift to occur.

It was an ignominious ending, an unfortunate (to say the least) climax to an effort that had seemed to have every chance of succeeding. There was an ugly scene, reports of which, let us make no mistake about it, brought no glory to the ringers involved or to the Exercise in general.

But it would be a mistake to dwell upon the purely negative aspect of the attempt when so much of positive value also arose from it.

LESSONS FROM THE ATTEMPT

Lesson number one is that, in future, an extent band must not be chosen merely on account of its members' ability to endure the strain of 20 hours of Plain Bob. It is equally important that they should be so matching in temperament as to be able to stand the sight (and the foibles and mannerisms) of each other for 20 hours in the confinement of a tiny bell chamber.

Lesson number two is that the conductor should be able and feel prepared to exercise strict control over the band if the need should arise; a few stern words from Dennis Knox at Loughborough might well have prevented that fateful argument from developing—if they had been uttered at the right moment.

Lesson number three: Three hours' sleep is inadequate before an extent attempt. A good night's rest away from the sight and sound of bells is an essential preliminary to such a great physical ordeal.

And lesson number four: There should be no Press ballyhoo. The fact that a dozen national paper journalists are waiting outside to pounce upon the story the moment the ringing breaks down is not calculated to induce mental calm. The flashlight photographs, the endless interviews, the quest for individual angles, the searing television lamps, all added up to a mental tension that lessened the chance of success.

This was, of course, the second attempt to ring the extent at the Taylor campanile (Eric Critchley's gallant but abortive venture in 1954 will be recalled by many ringers) and, if these points are borne in mind, it may well be the forerunner of a third and successful attempt in the not very distant future.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT PLANNED

Philip Mehew, who, as prime mover with Stephen Ivin in the effort earned nothing but praise for his organising ability, is already laying plans for another assault on what has been termed 'the bellringers' own Everest.' But he should not leave it too long, for a rival band is now known to be interested in the possibility of beating him to 'the topmost peak' . . . . if only to show him how it's done!

Philip's team arrived at Loughborough in a blizzard during the late Friday evening before the ringing was to start at 4 a.m.

A hurried meal at the nearby Great Central Hotel preceded a visit to the Foundry, where the bells were tried out, and ropes adjusted for length, and a Press conference was held. Various members of the team were photographed in various attitudes while going through the motions of one-handed eating and drinking (and ringing a touch of Cambridge Minor at the same time!), and the B.B.C. took pictures, shown in the late TV news the following night, of the peal actually starting!

Mr. Paul Taylor, principal of the Foundry, again excelled over arrangements at the Loughborough end. Beds for the band had been booked at the Great Central, where the new manager, Mr. M. T. Mozo, from Hungary—he had taken over that day—proved to be kindness itself. It later transpired that Mr. Mozo was, in fact, a fellow spirit, having helped with another young lad years ago to toll the 4½ ton bell of a cathedral near Budapest.

After all too little sleep, the party was up again for a 3 a.m. breakfast and a start was made on the real business at precisely 4.16 a.m.

The Press And The Attempt

If the two Loughborough long peal attempts have served no other purpose, they have certainly helped to educate the national press reporters in what bellringing is all about.

Several have already stopped talking about 'that fluffy bit' but refer quite knowledgeably to sallies! One London journalist even got quite enthusiastic about the Exercise and wanted to know where he could learn.

As far as the reporters were concerned, the sensational ending couldn't have been better.

Prize headline was probably that of 'The Observer,' which headed its story: 'Eight bells and all was not well.' 'The News Chronicle' ran a good second with 'Eight ringers at sixes and sevens.' Typical of the others was 'The Loughborough Monitor's' 'Peal to end all peals finished in an argument.'

And the best picture: again 'The 'Observer.' It covered some 64 square inches on the top of the front page and was a death watch beetle's eye view of the team at their ropes. It was taken by the photographer's lying on his back at the ringers' feet, with his wide-angle lens camera pointing to the ceiling.

Peter Staniforth, who had volunteered to act as leading umpire for the Central Council, embarked stoically on his vigil with his pad of course-ends resting on his knee.

For the record, Peter reports that the standard of ringing was quite good and, in parts, very good though on the slow side for the quick-running campanile of eight. If the speed at which the 20,500 changes were rung had been maintained, he estimates that the extent would have been accomplished in a little under the 20 hours. Peter was relieved for six or eight courses by John Smith, who, he comments, did a really grand job.

LIGHTHEARTED ATMOSPHERE

As time went by, Stephen Ivin smoked a number of cigarettes and called for a bottle of beer, which duly disappeared. As for the first extent attempt, Mr. Taylor had had wooden shelves fixed to the walls of the ringing chamber. The shelves were laden with an assortment of sustaining items, ranging from ham sandwiches to chocolate-coated raisins and Ovaltine tablets, and the ringers experienced no difficulty in pulling one-handed while they helped themselves. Stephen had earlier pinned a box of matches to his food shelf, rough side uppermost, and by this simple artifice managed to light his own cigarettes.

In this lighthearted atmosphere (was it too lighthearted?) the ringing went smoothly on during the morning, and optimism continued to run high about the success of the outcome—justifiably so as things seemed then.

Then, soon after 2 p.m., IT happened. One ringer missed catching his sally a couple of times and another took it upon himself to rebuke him for the general manner of his ringing—pointedly hinting that it might be better if he started using both hands.

THE CLIMAX

Resentment, putting it mildly, was expressed by the first ringer at this suggestion and, during the sharp exchange of words that followed, the 'Everest' party fell, as it were, into a crevasse. In the ensuing argument a shift occurred among two other bells and 'Stand' was called. The halfway mark had been passed a few moments earlier, at 2.14 p.m.

So the bellringing stopped and the handwringing started!

It so happened that, at the time, a reporter from the world's largest-selling Sunday newspaper was in the belfry, and his verbatim account of what happened was emblazoned across the front page of the following day's edition.

Thus ended a venture that had brought together eight of the ringing world's foremost figures and had excited the interest of ringers, and even non-ringers, throughout the country.

Even the 'Baltimore Sun' sent a representative along to see what all the fuss was about!

Though the actual ringing had ended on a discordant note, harmony prevailed in the end. Back at the ringers' hotel a short 'inquest' was held on the proceedings: it ended with handshakes all round, a general burying of hatchets—and no hard feelings.

After ten solid hours of ringing it was obviously time for a little relaxation, so the party piled into Mr. Taylor's estate car and set out for the eight-bell tower of nearby Prestwold for—more ringing.

Later in the day the party also joined in a Leicester Diocesan Guild meeting in progress at Loughborough, with more ringing on the Parish Church ten.

'Most unfortunate' was how Philip Mehew afterwards summed up the failure.

TELEVISION INTERVIEW

By the following Monday general interest in the attempt was still running so high that the B.B.C. television featured Philip in an interview on its topicality programme, 'Tonight.'

His appearance served to show that he is as unassuming and charming a personality on the 'little screen' as he is in the ringing chamber. The Exercise could not have had a better ambassador than he proved to be as he explained what peal ringing was all about and how attempting the extent of Major was a challenge to ringers comparable with

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the challenge of Everest to mountaineers or the four-minute mile to athletes.

The strain of ten hours' ringing was, he said, the root cause of the breakdown, and the much publicised flare-up was only the manifestation of pent-up emotion—and the sort of risk that accompanied any other kind of exacting and physically exhausting endeavour.

On one point all the ringers were agreed—that the extent on eight is possible and will sooner or later be accomplished, and all but possibly one considered that the Loughborough foundry bells are ideal for the purpose.

As the peal had proceeded ringers visiting the Leicester Guild meeting had made pilgrimages down to the foundry to hear how the ringing was going on. So effective are the sound-proofing measures that have been taken at the tower that, outside, the bells can only be heard if there is no passing traffic, and a really good impression of the 'music' can only be had by pressing one's ear to the brick wall.

Which explains why little knots of people could have been seen adopting odd postures outside the foundry that morning. It only served to confirm the common belief that 'those bellringing folks are quite mad.'

GOODWILL MESSAGES

Before the start of the peal, goodwill messages reached the party from ringers all over the country. Mr. Fred Sharpe, president of the Central Council, wired his good wishes, and also Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The Mayor of Loughborough, who had intended to visit the ringing chamber—wearing gold chain—at the end of the peal if it had succeeded, sent similar words of encouragement.

In conclusion, a question that should be asked and answered: Was the attempt worth while? Assuredly it was, for it provided further valuable lessons that ought to guide the next 'Everest' party past the snags and high up to the summit.

But—and this is not to discount the 50-odd letters that Philip Mehew wrote and the countless telephone calls he made in getting his team organised—any new venture will need to be planned and timed to a nicety. Nothing, certainly not the possibility of a temperamental clash, must be left to chance.

And if the next attempt should be crowned with success, none will be better pleased than those who were robbed of it on this occasion.

Treble: Brian Bladon (24), accountant, Tottenham.
2: Philip Mehew (27), electronics research engineer, Stotfold, Beds.
3: Stephen Ivin (20), Oxford classics student, Houghton Conquest.
4: Pat Chapman (26), works study engineer, Daventry.
5: Michael Orme (20), electrical engineer, Hitchin.
6: Ralph Bird (30), light engineer, Croydon.
7: Pat Cannon (45), schoolteacher, Dorking.
Tenor: Dennis Knox (29), assistant Post Office engineer, Willesden.

Dennis Knox conducted the peal and arranged the composition.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Between 80 and 90 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the South-West Branch at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on February 1st. The meeting was particularly noteworthy for the number of ringers present from 'call-change' towers, many of whom had never rung on ten bells before, and there were several periods of rounds so that all who could joined in.

The Bishop of Plymouth (Dr. Norman H. Clarke) not only attended the service but joined the ringers at tea. Mr. H. H. Thomas (the chairman) thanked him and mentioned that it was in 1928 that a bishop last attended a Branch meeting. Dr. Clarke, in reply, thanked the ringers for their efforts Sunday after Sunday, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young ringers present.

In his report the hon. secretary (Mr. T. G. Myers) said during the year there had been broadcasts from both St. Andrew's and Emmanuel Churches. The Branch was in a strong position financially.

The officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. H. H. Thomas, chairman and press officer; Mr. T. G. Myers, hon. secretary, treasurer and ringing master; Mr. O. Thomas, auditor. Messrs. F. Day, H. Milford and J. P. Sims were elected to the general council, and seven new members were admitted. The secretary was asked to convey best wishes to Mr. Harvey, of the Lifton area, for a speedy recovery from illness.

A request was made to the secretary to send the Branch's congratulations to Mr. Richard Bowden and Miss Elizabeth Grimes on their wedding that day at Breadsall, Derbyshire, to which the chairman added that he had sent a telegram of good wishes from the Emmanuel band.

After discussion, the Branch by a large majority favoured the Guild annual meeting being held on a Saturday not in a holiday weekend. The votes of thanks included a special one to Mrs. Chappe and her helpers for the excellent tea.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Good use was made of the bells at Huddersfield during the annual meeting of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild. Reporting on the past year, the secretary said six meetings had been held in widely scattered towers with a fair amount of success. Paid-up membership was up to the average and the balance sheet showed a net gain of 15s. 3d. on the year. All the officers were re-elected. A vote of thanks was passed to the local company.

Although the weather probably affected the attendance, ringing to suit everyone present was arranged from Plain Bob Minor to Cambridge Major.

A. M. B.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Chivers 1, E. Brown 2, H. Smith 3, V. Roberts 4, D. Hoare 5, D. Lee 6, M. Rose (cond.) 7, G. Salmon 8.

STORRINGTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anita Middleton (first quarter) 1, Miss G. M. Smith 2, J. Young 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Maple 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE winter general meeting of the Association was held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on January 18th, when in spite of the inclement weather, the attendance was most satisfactory. Good use was made of the fine ring at St. Chad's during the afternoon and evening, and in addition, members were able to enjoy ringing on the equally good bells at St. Michael's following the meeting.

The general committee met during the afternoon, followed by a service at St. Chad's, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Wylie), assisted by the president of the Association (the Ven. C. O. Ellison).

An excellent tea was served in St. Chad's schools, following which the business meeting was held, at which the chair was taken by the president. Apologies for absence were received from the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield), and Messrs. H. Chant, B. Sutton, T. W. Strangeway, E. Hudson, I. Slack and P. J. Johnson.

A vote of thanks to the vicars and churchwardens of St. Chad's and St. Michael's for the use of the bells was very ably moved by Mrs. C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. F. A. Staveley.

In acknowledgment, the Rev. J. Wylie said how glad he was to once again welcome the Association. He loved to hear the bells ringing, and was glad to see so many young people taking up the art. It was a matter for real regret that many towers were short-handed, but he felt sure that members were not unmindful and were doing all possible to remedy this.

A similar vote of thanks to the local companies of St. Chad's and St. Michael's, with special reference to Mr. A. Johnson, Mr. R. Bettley-Cooke and the ladies who officiated at the tea tables was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. J. Gibson.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the committee's recommendation to try and arrange the next meeting (the annual meeting) at Pontefract on May 10th. Mr. G. Benfield, the retiring hon. treasurer, was nominated for re-election at the annual meeting on the motion of Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

Mr. N. Chaddock gave a report on the Snowdon Dinner held at Rotherham, which attracted a record attendance of 172, and had resulted financially in a net profit of £6 16s. 4d., which would be handed to Association funds. The president congratulated Mr. Chaddock and his organisers on this most excellent result. With regard to the dinner this year, he had made enquiries in Leeds, and had provisionally booked a room at the Griffin Hotel on October 11th. If members approved, he would be pleased to proceed with arrangements. Without passing a formal motion, this course was unanimously agreed to.

The following new members were elected: I. Fraser, D. Fraser, H. Bishop, of Harthill; Mary Atkinson, Christine Rodgers, P. Haselden, of Rotherham; H. Lawn, of Pudsey; Shirley A. Mudd, Arline A. Rouse, Angela M. Skidmore, Christine M. Tattersall and Brenda Wood, of Batley; Miss M. J. Roper, of Wakefield, and as an out-county member, Mr. Max P. Page, of Ipswich. This concluded the business, and further ringing was then enjoyed.

L. W. C. M.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CRAVEN'S THREE-PART PEAL

Dear Sir,—It appears evident that a great deal of confused thinking has gone into the production of the recent letters on the truth of Craven's well-known three-part peal of Yorkshire when rung to Gainsborough.

In the first place may I assure Mr. Savory that the method he rang was indeed Gainsborough and that the composition that he used was true.

Assuming that the tenors are kept together, both Gainsborough and Yorkshire have the one false course head, viz., 24365, but this does not of itself justify the statement that any peal of Yorkshire is true to Gainsborough or vice-versa.

On examination of Yorkshire it is found that falseness occurs between the courses 23456 and 24365 in the following places:—

(a) Treble in 1-2, between the leads 13527486 and 17865432; 15738264 and 18573624.

(b) Treble in 5-6, between the leads 12345678 and 15382746.

Falseness also occurs at the same places in the corresponding leads of other pairs of courses similarly related.

Now, Gainsborough also exhibits falseness in exactly the same way as Yorkshire when the treble is in 1-2, for the good reason that at these sections both methods produce the same rows. However, there is no falseness when the treble is elsewhere.

It therefore follows that Yorkshire is 'more false' than Gainsborough and that any true peal of Yorkshire will run true to Gainsborough. It is obvious that the converse is not necessarily true.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

TREBLE BOB DOUBLES

Dear Sir, — With reference to the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' about Treble Bob Doubles, I have worked out what seems a logical adaptation of the Treble Bob Principle to five bells. I do not know if my 'method' is original or not. It resembles Kent or Oxford in that it has a slow, and no places at the lead-end. I enclose the figures and would suggest it be named Barsham Treble Bob if accepted as a method. — Yours faithfully,

PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

Dickleburgh, Norfolk.

BARSHAM TREBLE BOB

12345
21354
12534
21543
25134
52143
52413
25431
24513
42531
42351
24315
23451
32415
32145
23154
21345
12354
21534
12543
15234

Bob: 12543
15243

240's may be obtained by calling any bell in and out of the 'slow' three times.

MISS SNOWDON SAYS 'GOODBYE'

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, beg for a small space in which to say 'goodbye.' Though our dear ringing friends will still see the advertisement of the Jasper Snowdon series of change ringing books, my name will no longer be at its foot. This is just as it should be.

For years I have enjoyed the job of handling them, but it is with profound satisfaction that I now give them to Mrs. Ernest Turner. She is the one on whom so much depends and you will not fail her.

A grand future is before the series, in which their present usefulness will not only be maintained but extended.

In conclusion, may I thank your paper most heartily for the help it always gives.—Yours sincerely.

MARGARET E. SNOWDON.

Grange-over-Sands.

GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The above method, as given to me, is a variation of Lincolnshire, with the bells coming down from fourths and sevenths at each lead head and dodging and making places alternately with each other instead of what is, in Lincolnshire, the five-pull dodge in 1-2. This variation eliminates the three false course ends 26543, 36245 and 42563, leaving only 24365 false against the plain course.

Mr. P. G. K. Davies tells us that the falseness in Gainsborough is not in the same place in the course as that in Yorkshire. I would like to point out one place in both methods where the same false row occurs. If we write out a course of any method from 24365 having pure Cambridge above the treble, we get 17856342 when the treble is dodging with seventh prior to leading its whole pull. That is, three rows before the said row would normally appear as a plain course lead head! The other two 6-5s would be false against the corresponding 5-6's in the same way.

I feel that composers of methods in the Treble Bob and Surprise Major class would be doing the Exercise a service if, when their methods appear in 'The Ringing World' together with F.C.E.'s, they would give some indication where the falseness is to be found! Yours, etc.,

WILIAM A. STOTE.

Coventry.

Sir.—Gainsborough has one F.C.E., 24365 in 2356 leads, so any composition of Superlative without reverse in 5-6 will go. I got this when 'playing about' with Lincolnshire in 1952 and handed it to Mr. Leo Brett with the request that if he rang it he should call it Gainsborough, to show its derivation from Lincolnshire and in honour of one of Suffolk's most famous sons. This he did at Helmingham on July 14th, 1954. I did not like publishing it because of its three contiguous places, but as it cuts out three of its parent's F.C.E.'s, considered it justifiable, moreover it had a precedent in New Cambridge. There is yet another variation which I give—x38x14x58x16x14x12 36 12 7. It has the same F.C.E. as Gainsborough.

As a rule variations of methods are not very successful and are hardly worth while unless they achieve a definite object, a case in point is Wye, which is simply Yorkshire spoiled.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES F. SEDGELEY.

Ipswich.

Look After Your Belfry!

In his newsletter to the Witney and Woodstock Branch Mr. David Smith writes:

'One thing that has struck me as I go round is the matter of comfort in the belfry. Three of our towers have howling draughts, two bare electric bulbs staring you in the eye, and in some you would think twice before sitting down because of the dust.

'It doesn't take much thought to make a belfry really attractive. What about finding a little table for the middle of the floor? Then there is the question of a spot of heat. In Witney we asked the P.C.C. if we could have an electric fire. This was approved and installed and is now the focal point for our junior gossip group.'

WILLIAM H. BARBER'S WONDERFUL FEAT

Dear Sir,—Fifty years ago, on Friday, February 21st, 1908, William H. Barber conducted Carter's Odd Bob One-part peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Gateshead, blindfold, from a non-observation bell, not only making the calls correctly but also picking up one or two slight trips—just momentary hesitations which a word from him smoothed over.

Few can hope to surpass or even equal that achievement, and this peal has always lived in my memory as one exciting the admiration of all who took part in it, not least my own. It was accomplished at the third attempt, the two previous attempts each lasting something over two hours. I have forgotten the cause of the failures, but the remarkable feature of each attempt was that so far as the peal had progressed just that far had the conductor turned in a circle around his rope. When at the final attempt the peal ran into rounds he was again facing as at the start.

Of this rotary movement he was apparently unconscious and expressed his own surprise afterwards. He had wondered why his voice sounded different half way through the peal, when he was calling towards the tower wall!

It would be interesting to know if the exercise of the brain under such circumstances causes the body to rotate, and it must certainly remain a phenomenon that, as in this case, the distance of the movement should be relative to the progress of the composition. Perhaps there is some physiological explanation of this. Have any others who have called a tower peal blindfolded had a similar experience?

The band stood as follows: Joseph Rowell 1, Joseph E. R. Keen 2, Alfred F. Hillier 3, C. Carew Cox 4, William H. Barber 5, William Story 6, Robert Richards 7, John Stuart, 8; and I understand I am now the only survivor of the performance.—Yours faithfully,

C. CAREW COX.

Bridport, Dorset.

PEAL AT WHITTLESEY WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I am very sorry to report that the peal of Bob Major I conducted at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, on Saturday, April 6th, 1957, has proved to be false. I apologise to all and hope they will withdraw it from their records.

The composition is quite true in the full which is 5,376, but rendered false by shortening in the wrong block to 5,040.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN H. BLUFF.

Stamford.

Melbourne Ringers Make Golden Journey To Adelaide

ADELAIDE; clean, spacious and restful—a beautiful city indeed. After our very successful weekend in Sydney last July we decided to push on westward to South Australia, and having Monday a public holiday (A.N.A. Day) our social secretary (Kenneth Minchinton) soon got down to business arranging the trip.

So, on Friday, January 24th, 18 of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society travelled on the luxurious 'Overland,' the inter-state train, for the 470-mile trek to Adelaide. After a very eventful journey, with little or no sleep (!), we first saw the city at about 8 a.m. from the National Park in the Lofty Ranges, some 1,000 feet up on the east side.

With introductions and handshakes all round at the station we soon had a quick shower and lemonade (a delightful brew) at the Metropolitan Hotel and were 'rarin' to go' to St. Peter's Cathedral. Due to very good organisation we were allowed two hours on this noble ring (a Taylor eight, tenor 41 cwt. in C) and enjoyed every minute of it, ringing from rounds to Kent Treble Bob and Stedman. The belfry and bell chamber reflect great credit on the local company and are well in keeping with the remainder of the church.

By mid-day it was 100°, and strange as it may seem to our friends in the Manchester or London districts, a very comfortable heat. A good lunch followed; then to the north-east of Adelaide, along King William Road, Pennington Gardens to Walkerville, a really picturesque suburban village. Here is St. Andrew's Church, Adelaide's only other ringing tower, a very musical six by Mears (tenor 13 cwt.). How we enjoyed ourselves here! The local companies turned up in full force, amongst whom were Hervey Bagot, Des O'Brien, Harry Cox, Dick Lamphee and many others. We all look forward to seeing Philip Cooper one of these days, one who did so much for ringing in this part. The Rev. Eggleton greeted us with 'The tower is yours,' and after two or three touches presented us with a huge basket of peaches, fresh from the rectory garden. Very soon ringing from rounds to Cambridge Surprise sounded out over the very 'English' scene at Walkerville—green, cricket square and a little down the road the 'Sussex Arms,' a well-appointed tavern.

Our evening was free: some swam at Glenely at about 9 p.m., when the water was still very warm; others indulged in varying degrees of horseplay and generally had fun.

Sunday was another century day, and what with ringing and attending Eucharist at St. Peter's Cathedral, and ringing and singing at Walkerville for Evensong, much honest sweat was lost. In the afternoon the Adelaide ringers made a very fine gesture by hiring a 30-seater bus and taking us on a breathtaking tour of the Ranges. Even colour-slides couldn't do justice to the panorama of Adelaide and the plains, the vineyards and the olive groves from these heights—2,000 ft. or more above sea-level.

Two great and most pleasant surprises in the evening climaxed a thrilling day. Enid Lloyd-Roberts had made the 200-odd-mile trip from Mount Gambia to meet us, and then we were all chauffeured up to the summit of Mount Lofty in the evening to see the city by night. The myriads of amber, green, white and red lights created an indescribable vista. At supper in the evening John Roper, the Melbourne captain, thanked Harry Cox, of St. Peter's Cathedral, and all his merry men for their unlimited hospitality, to which H. C. charmingly replied. Bed (for some) came round at about 3 a.m.

Monday was our last day, and the radio feature 'Monitor' requested a recording of the Cathedral bells and an interview with one of the ringers. All this went off very well and was rounded up by Grandsire Triples on handbells by Brenda Sheppard 1-2, Graeme Heyes 3-4, George Pipe 5-6 and John Roper 7-8. By kind invitation of the Walkerville ringers, as a permanent record of our visit, a good quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob and Plain was rung in 46 minutes. The temperature was still hovering around the 100° mark: needless to say, the Sussex Arms was loyally patronised.

It was soon to be time to pack and have our last meal, but a pleasant hour was spent on the beach when, in traditional Hyde Park style, Ken Minchinton was presented with a small gift in appreciation of all his work in arranging the tour.

So, at 7 p.m., it was 'goodbye Adelaide,' with memories of fine people, fine bells, good food and wine—a delightful visit.

GEORGE W. PIPE,
ERNEST H. HUGHES.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Irish Carillon Festival, Cobh, May, 1958

Members and friends attending the Dublin meeting may like to know that Dr. Staf Gebreurs, carillonneur of St. Colman's Cathedral, Cobh, Co. Cork, will be host to American and continental carillonneurs at the carillon festival to be held in Cobh during Whitsuntide, 1958.

Dr. Gebreurs has invited the Irish Association of Change Ringers and any of the members of the Council who would like to be present to a recital to be given on the Cathedral carillon on Wednesday evening, May 28th, followed by a gathering in the local hall, and he has offered to arrange hotel accommodation locally should any Council member wish to attend the festival after the Council meeting. Will anyone interested please write to Mr. F. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath, who will forward the correspondence to Dr. Gebreurs. E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

THE SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' ANNUAL REUNION

SIX months had sped by since the Roving Ringers went their various ways home from Southampton at the end of their summer tour, and on February 1st they gathered again at Bristol for the 11th reunion. The shorts and open necks of the summer had given place to more elegant attire, so that one had to look twice in some cases to recognise the wearer. One member put all to shame by cycling from London and looking perfectly fresh on arrival.

Ringing commenced at Long Ashton, and continued in the afternoon at St. James', St. Thomas' and St. Stephen's, in Bristol. The eight at St. Thomas' lived up to their reputation of being a pretty tough old lot. The three leads of Bristol which ended the ringing here was thought, by a local ringer, to be the first on the bells.

The floodlit tower of St. Stephen's, with its delicate pinnacles, looked very graceful and lovely when we arrived in the twilight. Our Caters and Surprise Royal caused it to move very vigorously, and one or two glanced aloft as they left to see if those pinnacles were still intact.

The dining room of the George and Railway Hotel was almost filled by our party of 46 for dinner. We enjoyed an excellent meal, more than adequate for even the largest appetites.

In opening an informal meeting in the lounge, the president (Mark White) welcomed two honorary members, Herbert Knight and William Farmer, whom we were very pleased to have with us. Apologies for absence were received from other honorary members, and Cyril Lewington, shortly due for 'demob.', sent greetings from Malaya.

The secretaries reported a successful summer tour, and gave a brief survey of matrimonial activities in the Society during the past 12 months. With seven weddings in as many months, 1958 will clearly break all records.

Thanks were expressed to Albert Tyler, who was present with Mrs. Tyler, for his work in arranging the reunion, and he was elected an honorary member in appreciation of his help.

Ronald Diserens was elected Master for 1958, and promptly gave a good account of himself with an authoritative blast on the Master's trumpet. All other officers were re-elected with acclamation, and the president thanked them and the retiring Master for their work in the past year. Having toured practically all suitable parts of the country in previous years, it was decided to revisit East Anglia for the summer tour, with Norwich as the Bank Holiday centre.

With the business completed, a buzz of conversation ensued, indicating the happy atmosphere of the evening. Handbells could be heard occasionally, and later advantage was taken of the notice which said 'Licensed for Music and Singing.' All too soon it was time for guests and visitors to leave, and so ended an evening which showed that young ringers of today do know how to enjoy themselves.

Considering the early hour, a surprisingly large number arrived at St. Mary Redcliffe for Sunday morning ringing. The local ringers kindly gave us full use of the bells, so that all had a chance to ring on this fine 12. Those who failed to get up early were able to ring there later in the morning, while others visited Emmanuel, Clifton.

By lunch time most people had said their goodbyes and another successful reunion was over. We thank the incumbents for the use of their bells and the Bristol ringers for their help and hospitality, which added much to the enjoyment of the weekend. M. V. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Despite the very cold and snowy weather about 60 ringers and friends attended the quarterly meeting at Frindsbury on January 25th. At the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Prentis) we were very fortunate in having the church choir to assist with the singing. The Vicar gave a very interesting address on the subject of different types of bells.

Tea was taken in the Village Hall, where we were the guests of the local ringers. On the proposition of Mr. Knight the Vicar was voted to the chair for the business meeting.

During the meeting 15 new members were elected. 'The Ringing World' representative, Mr. Cheal, said that with all these new young ringers in the District every effort should be made to introduce them to 'The Ringing World.' Mr. E. Barton gave a very full and detailed report of the November committee meeting held at Maidstone. He was congratulated by everyone present.

Mr. T. Beaumont thanked the Vicar, the organist, the choir, and the ladies for preparing such a good tea.

Methods rung ranged from rounds to Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major. T. B.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY RINGING DAY

THIS year's ringing day and dinner—the tenth —on January 25th, started at 9 a.m., when past and present members assembled at Christ Church to attempt a peal of Plain Bob Royal. A well-struck peal was rung in 2 hours 56 minutes, conducted by the Master (David Heighton). Other members of the Society spent the morning ringing at SS. Phillip and Jacob's Church, the Lord Mayor's Chapel and St. Stephen's. After lunch the party reassembled at St. Thomas', and later came the climax of the day's ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe.

After tea, members were on home ground, ringing at St. Michael's Church, and it was here that Dr. Hudson conducted the service and the Master played the organ.

The dinner, served in the senior common room, with the president (Professor Brocklehurst) in the chair, was a most enjoyable meal. The toasts of 'The Queen' and 'The Church' were proposed from the chair, and this was followed by the secretary (Mr. Patrick Bird) proposing 'The Visitors.' He had a special word of welcome for Mr. Roger Fry (secretary of the Bath and Wells Association), Mr. Walter Trueman (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. Roger Keighley (Master of the London University Society) and Mr. Robin Pittman (Master of the Oxford University Society).

Thanks for the welcome and hospitality was expressed on behalf of the visitors by Mr. Roger Fry, who said that on leaving the District in the near future he would take with him many happy memories of his association with the Society. An aspect of the Society which encouraged him was the active part its members played in the Church, and he wished them every success in the future.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. Roger Keighley, who commended it as 'an alert and vigorous force.' This was achieved in that the Master and more experienced members helped and encouraged learners, so that besides its own activities it was able to give help to the City Branch of the G. and B. Association.

In his acknowledgment of the toast, the Master gave a review of the Society's activities in the past year. Sunday ringing, he said, had been kept up throughout the year, including most of the vacations, with help from some city ringers. Also during the term help had been given at St. Mary Redcliffe and at St. Stephen's, and a quarter peal had been rung at St. Thomas' by Society members for the industrial thanksgiving service. Two or three ringers had been instructed from scratch, but most progress had been made by members who had been in the early stages of change-ringing when they came up.

During the year six outings had been held; in all, 42 towers being visited. The latter was a lower number than in previous years, but the emphasis had changed from 'tower-grabbing' and visits had been more carefully selected; three cathedrals, including the heaviest ring of ten at Wells, were visited. The summer ringing tour had been in West Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire, taking in some 20 towers, which included the heaviest ring of six at Queen Camel.

Mr. Heighton made special note of last term's outing to Gloucester, in which Angela Grainger had overturned a bell. He said that this was an unusual event, so interrupted his report to present her with an inscribed half of the stay as a souvenir, whilst members gave a rendering of 'Eight good ringers.'

He continued on a more serious note, in that, although tower ringing had been plentiful there had been less enthusiasm for handbell ringing, which originally had been the main activity of the Society, and he appealed to members to give greater support to handbell practices.

In the field of peal ringing, the Society had been more successful: six peals and two quarter peals had been rung in the past year, these including the first peal of Treble Bob, of Royal and of Surprise for the Society. Four members of the Society had also taken part in the achievement of ringing three peals in a day.

He also announced that, after long years of arbitration, the Society tie was now available and could be seen adorning several members.

The president thanked the speakers for their eloquence. He was encouraged to hear of the progress the Society had made, and wished it every success for the future. He then suggested that a move to the more comfortable chairs of the next room be made, where an enjoyable evening was spent, handbells being rung well until about 11 p.m.

The day proved a great success from every aspect, and warm thanks are due to everybody who helped to organise it. B. J. W.

THE 'LONDON APPRENTICE,' ISLEWORTH

The 'London Apprentice,' at Isleworth, is an inn standing on the bank of the River Thames. It is reputed to be 500 years old and has a very interesting history. In the cellar can be seen the entrance to a tunnel which it is said was used by smugglers in bygone days.

But it is the living room which will attract the interest of ringers, for there on the wall is a plaque which reads as follows:—

'On February 10th, 1848, was rung in this room a true and complete peal of 5,093 changes of Grandsire Caters in 3 hours 20 minutes by the following persons:

Charles Buckland ..	1—2
William Nowell ..	3—4
Thomas Winkworth ..	5—6
William Hamblen ..	7—8
John Carter	9—10

Conducted by W. Nowell.'

It will be noted that there is no mention of the name of the composer, and one wonders whether the peal is recorded in the annals of any society or association.

On Monday, February 10th, 1958, at the invitation of the licensee (Mr. R. Aldington), a few ringers and friends forgathered at the 'London Apprentice,' and to mark the 110th anniversary of the peal a course of Grandsire Caters was rung in the same room. Afterwards Mr. Aldington entertained his guests very hospitably, and provided a very enjoyable evening.

The B.B.C. recorded the proceedings and put them on the air the following morning.

H. N. P.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S DINNER DAY

FRIENDS from all over the country came to Oxford on February 1st for the Society's dinner day. Ringing began at Christ Church (12) at 2 p.m. and parties also went to see Great Tom, led by Mr. D. J. Roaf, and equally interesting, although in a less campanological way, to peer down upon Oxford from this exalted position, and see Pembroke College, 'the coal scuttle of Christ Church,' immediately opposite through a haze of dust and cobwebs.

At 2.30 ringing began at Merton (8) also, but people who preferred a ringing chamber with a floor rather than a gaping void in the centre remained at Christ Church until they were able to move on to New College (10), St. Mary Magdalen (6), St. Ebbe (8), Magdalen (10) and finally St. Mary-the-Virgin (6), where the service was afterwards held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. R. S. Lee). In his sermon he observed how much the sound of a bell may help a man in his religion, and stressed that ringing should always be remembered as a service to the Church and to God.

The dinner which followed was well attended, as the president (Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) presided over a company of 62. Mr. C. J. B. Taylor, in proposing 'The Exercise,' spoke of the many reasons why ringing is enjoyed, and of personal preferences and dislikes among different methods. In considering the more adventurous and experimental side of ringing, he likened the treble ringer to Christopher Columbus, saying that 'when he pulled off, he didn't know where he was going; when he got there, he didn't know where he was, and when he came back, he didn't know where he'd been.' Although delighted to find a technical ringing joke which even they could understand, the less advanced members of the Society who were present were nevertheless glad to proceed to further speeches, where the laughter, even if incomprehensible, seemed to be at the expense of their more expert fellows.

Mr. D. J. Roaf, in proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' welcomed the Society's guests, who included Mr. E. H. Lewis, Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Dr. L. E. Sutton (the senior member), the Masters of the Cambridge University Guild and the Bristol and London University Societies, and Mr. Philip Walker (secretary of the Oxford Society).

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who replied, spoke very interestingly and entertainingly about the early days of undergraduate ringing in Oxford and Cambridge at the beginning of the century, remembering the time when four undergraduate ringers from Cambridge combined with the only four at Oxford for a peal attempt at Drayton which, if they had got it, would have been the first peal rung by an entirely undergraduate band. He spoke, too, of the very valuable work which he has done, and the advice which he has been able to give about the hanging of bells and their placing in the tower.

Mr. Brian Cookson (Master of the Cambridge University Guild) proposed 'The Oxford University Society,' and was thanked by the Master (Mr. R. N. Pittman). In his speech, Mr. Pittman added his welcome to that of Mr. Roaf, and expressed the Society's appreciation of the co-operation it receives from the clergy of Oxford. In summing up the events and achievements of the past year, he reported that 21 peals, of which nine were on handbells, and 15 quarter peals had been rung by the Society, and that at the beginning of the academic year the treasurer had received subscriptions from nearly 50 resident members. He concluded with the wish that at the next annual dinner his successor should be able to report on a year 'even if not so full of technical achievements, at least as full of satisfaction from service rendered and the companionship gained from membership of the Society.' R. R. C.

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST H. OXENHAM

The news of the death of Mr. Ernest H. Oxenham, of Bampton, Devon, will have been received with great regret by all who remember him in North Kent. He came to London at the beginning of the century as a harness maker, but preferred outdoor life, and when a new tram route from Shepherds Bush to Hampton Court was opened he became a tram driver. In 1903 he transferred to another new route between Bexleyheath and Woolwich, which later joined up with one run by the Dartford authorities and remained with that undertaking until the advent of trolleybuses about 1936, when he retired.

In his early years in London he had done a lot of ringing with the then very active Waterloo Society, and in the report of one peal at Camberwell in December, 1900, he was described as 'Ernest H. Oxygen,' which led to the following rebuke from the Editor of 'The Bell News' to the sender in the next issue: 'In forwarding a report of a peal last week, a correspondent perpetrated what no doubt he thought was a joke. Others are of a different opinion. Peal records are important matters, and should be quite free from every kind of buffoonery. The writer is cautioned against a repetition of his stupid conduct.'

About this time he took part in a peal by eight Devonshire men resident in London, but owing to his occupation his peal ringing virtually ceased for more than 30 years, though he attended practices and Sunday ringing at Crayford, where he became a member of the band, whenever possible. Afterwards he became active again as a peal ringer, and of the 89 which V. N. B. says he rang, 44 were on Crayford bells. A bachelor, he returned to Devon with some reluctance on the death of his landlady in 1946, and apart from a return visit for a few months in 1948 he was not seen in the district again. An occasional contributor to the columns of 'The Ringing World,' he usually injected a touch of humour typical of his nature into his letters, as, for instance, in a reference to William Corder having been a ringer at Challis Winney's native village, which he concluded with: 'I have always thought it fitting that Corder should have finished his inglorious life at the end of a rope.'

E. B. and E. A. B.

MR. FRANK E. PERVIN

With regret we record the death of Mr. Frank Ensor Pervin, of Coventry, in Keresley Hospital, Coventry, on February 9th. He had been in failing health due to a seizure two years ago which affected his right side. Unfortunately he had another seizure on February 1st, from which he died. The deep sympathy of many friends is extended to his widow and relatives.

The funeral service took place at Stoke St. Michael's Parish Church, the Rector conducting the service, and in his address he paid a fitting tribute to Frank's long and devoted service as a ringer at Stoke for over 50 years.

In addition to the widow and relatives the Coventry Guild was represented by Mr. Frank W. Perrens (president), Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish (Nuneaton), and the St. Martin's Guild by Messrs. F. E. Haynes (Master) and A. Walker. Local ringers also attended and rang the bells half-muffled before and after the service. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the end of the service by E. Sibley, A. Walker, F. W. Perrens and A. H. Beamish.

Cremation took place at Canley. A list of his peals follows in a later issue of 'The Ringing World.'

A. W.

MR. HENRY W. BROWN

The death occurred on January 25th of Mr. Henry W. Brown, 36, Triangle, Bath, at the age of 95. He was a ringer at Bath Abbey for 70 years, his last appearance in the tower being the occasion of the visit to Bath of the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth. A founder member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, he represented that body on the Central Council from 1927 to 1938.

He had rung about 200 peals, the most notable being the first peal of Grandsire Caters on Bath Abbey bells, which he conducted in the year 1906, and the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the famous bells at Wells, Somerset, in 1900. He also conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples in Bath, and rang in the first peal of Cambridge Major in Bath, together with other Surprise peals.

Mr. Brown was a good musician in his younger days; he and his three brothers were bass singers in the choir of St. John's, Bathwick. Afterwards he joined the choir of St. Michael's, Twerton, and later held the post of organist at the Church of the Ascension.

Despite failing health during the last few years he retained a lively interest in ringing, and whenever one paid him a visit he always had figures of quarter peals and date touches to show.

The funeral took place at the Church of the Ascension on January 31st. Before the cortege left the church a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by T. Jones 1-2, W. J. Prescott 3-4, G. Hawkins 5-6, A. S. Read 7-8. The whole pull and stand and Grandsire Caters was rung at Bath Abbey during the evening as a tribute to a valued friend and ringer.

W. J. P.

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DEATHS

BIBBY.—On February 16th, 1958, at Glengarrif, Dunholme Road, Scothern, Lincoln, Elizabeth, aged 82 years, widow of the late William Bibby, of Frodsham, Cheshire. 1888

BROWN.—On January 25th, 1958, Henry W. Brown, 36, Triangle, Bath, aged 95 years. 1867

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MISCELLANEOUS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday. A coach is being booked to take members of the Huntingdon, Cambridge and Ely Districts to the A.G.M. at Wisbech. Towers open for ringing will be visited. Names of those wishing to go, to me by Feb. 28th.—D. E. R. Knights, 106, High Street, Sutton. 1803

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—Sunday service ringing on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month, 6 to 6.30 p.m.; on second and fourth Sundays, 9 to 9.30 a.m. Practice Wednesday, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—Miss C. M. Jupp, 14, Martyns Close, Henfield. 1859

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Bleadon, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 1866

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Chertsey District and LADIES' GUILD, Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Both meetings Walton-on-Thames (8). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meetings following. Bells from 3 p.m. and after meetings. Also Oatlands Park (8) bells available 3 to 4.15 p.m. 1821

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, soon as possible, please. 1853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Monthly practice, Slough (10), Feb. 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windson. 1837

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting at West Bridgford (8), Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea available at nearby cafes. Please look up Superlative.—P. C. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 1823

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Feb. 22nd. Your chance to throw out the writer of these notices. Names early to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. — H. Revnolds, Sec. 1827

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—West and North.—Advanced practice, Crawley, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 5 p.m.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice at Buckland (6) on Thursday, Feb. 27th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 1855

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Shambrook, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 1857

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Tredington on Saturday, Mar. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by February 26th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 1881

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Cockermouth on Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to R. W. Daniels, Shatton Lodge, Cockermouth. 1863

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Saturday, March 1st. Names for tea, by Feb. 26th, to Mr. E. E. Retter, Waldrons, Honiton Clyst, near Exeter. 1828

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton (6) on Saturday, Mar. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1877

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Roydon (6) on Saturday, March 1st at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1833

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Ingatestone (6), Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1815

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Mar. 1st, Holy Nativity (8) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Method for practice Bristol.—A. Bennett. 1889

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Brockworth (6), Saturday, Mar. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names not later than Feb. 25th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 1860

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), Saturday, Mar. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Feb. 26th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 1878

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Saturday, Mar. 1st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cock Inn. Special method, London Surprise Minor.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1872

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Sellinge, Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, to Mr. P. Small, Church Lane, Aldington. Good attendance specially requested.—C. T. H. 1839

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Southport, Saturday, Mar. 1st, will be held in the Lower School at Christ Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Christ Church School. Names, not later than Feb. 26th, to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. No name, no tea. Bells available: Emmanuel from 2 to 4.30 p.m., Christ Church after tea. Buses to Emmanuel leave the Monument every few minutes: No. 2 or No. 10. 1868

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1875

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Southport, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Emmanuel, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Christ Church after tea. Names by Feb. 26th to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. No names, no tea. 1890

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Belgrave, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 26th, please, to J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec., 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 1854

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Loughborough District.—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Feb. 27th. —T. Beadsmoore, Range Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. 1847

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Twyford, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Feb. 24th. —R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 1884

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tunstall, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—B. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 1887

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Names by Tuesday previous to me, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 1880

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —The 70th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held in the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 6 o'clock on Saturday, Mar. 1st, when the chair will be occupied by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Tickets 15s. 6d. Peals on 8, 10 or 12 bells will be arranged for visitors upon request.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 1671

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements in connection with the Henry Johnson Dinner, Saturday, Mar. 1st: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 1 to 2 p.m.; Aston Parish Church (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. 1869

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Yatesbury (5), Saturday, Mar. 1st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 1871

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Mar. 1st, at 2.30 p.m., St. James' Church, Underwood Road, Paisley. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to Mrs. Caldwell, The Cottage, Castlehead, Paisley.—Rognvald Wilson.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, 3 p.m., on Saturday, Mar. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield. 11.—J. Seager, Sec. 1893

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Nuthall, March 1st. Bells (6). Names for tea, not later than Feb. 26th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. Buses from Mount Street, Nottingham. 1830

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Annual meeting at Kelsale (8) on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea, by Thursday, Feb. 27th, to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 1843

SUFFOLK GUILD—Sudbury District. — Annual general meeting at Cavendish, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 1840

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Lower Beeding (8), Saturday, Mar. 1st. Tea 4.30 p.m. sharp at the Plough Inn. Names by previous Tuesday to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 1852

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Mar. 1st, Lyndhurst. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Robert's Corner Café. Names for tea by Feb. 26th to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 1873

WIVETON.—Rededication of the bells after rehanging, by the patron of the Association, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich, at the 11 a.m. service, Sunday, March 2nd. 1846

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual dinner to be held in Selwyn College at 8.30 p.m. on March 8th. 16s. 6d. per person. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's 2 to 3 p.m.: St. Bene'ts 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.: R.C. Church 4.30 to 6 p.m.: Great St. Mary's 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Names, with remittance, before March 1st, to A. R. Heppenstall, Selwyn College. 1824

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Mar. 5th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street.—J. Good. 1883

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Great Mongeham, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Mar. 5th, with cash, please, to Mrs. C. E. Court, Owen Sound, Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham, Deal.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Combined meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Headcorn on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Wednesday, Mar. 5th, Miss R. J. Vidler, Ferndale House, Headcorn. 1862

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Memorial Hall. Numbers for tea by Monday, Mar. 3rd, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1885

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Dunholme, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace. 1891

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury District and Oxford City Branch joint meeting, Saturday, Mar. 8th, Adderbury (8). Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 4th, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 1865

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Mar. 5th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1879

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. P. Box, Newnham, Daventry. —F. W. Hancock. 1882

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Uppingham on Saturday, Mar. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Mar. 4th, please, to Miss Jean Kay, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 1870

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Saturday, Mar. 8th, Netheravon. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service and tea. Amesbury bells 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Mar. 4th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1874

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Tamworth, on Saturday, Mar 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Mar. 5th to Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., 7, Edward Street, Tamworth. 1864

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Association dinner will be held on Friday, Mar. 14th, at the Dujon Restaurant, Bedford, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston; Mr. L. Bywaters, 2, Langford Road, Henlow, and Mr. K. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn; price 15s. each. 1856

OXFORD SOCIETY. — The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names, with remittance, before April 1st, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing details later. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1844

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WILLIAM H. BARBER

SPLICED Surprise has reached such dizzy heights that the younger generations of ringers may be unaware of some of the great performances in the past with the humble Stedman Triples.

In Stedman Triples one encounters about the maximum number of working bells (seven), for there is no treble performing a regular work as in the vast majority of other methods. In Stedman on higher numbers the additional bells are fixed bells, and peals of Caters and Cinques have usually only four working bells for most of the peal. In Surprise Major there is, after all, a regular treble and the tenors are usually together so that there the number of working bells is usually five.

The standard compositions can hardly be regarded as elementary conducting, but there are several other compositions which present even greater problems in the mere memorising of the calling. One of these is Carter's 'odd bob' peal, which recent correspondence shows to be still quite a rarity in the peal columns, even when the conductor rings the seventh and has his eyes wide open. How much greater a feat, therefore, was the performance of William H. Barber at St. Mary's, Gateshead, on February 21st, 1908, when he conducted the 'odd bob' peal from a non-observation bell while blindfold! The 50th anniversary can hardly be allowed to pass without recalling what must surely rank as one of the greatest individual feats in ringing, especially on tower bells.

The years have taken their toll of the ringers, and the Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox is the sole survivor of that band. He it was who reminded me of the anniversary, and I am pleased to note that he has contributed some personal memories of that occasion, for here on Tyneside we now have no direct link with that band.

St. Mary's, Gateshead, bells have been rehung twice since 1908, but on neither occasion has recasting been allowed—a matter for regret rather than congratulation—for the bells cannot be described as a musical ring or in any way ideally suited to such a task.

A feat such as this requires an extremely acute musical ear, that I suppose one possesses or does not. Bill Barber certainly had that, as one small incident will testify. With two others I was ringing handbells in the belfry of St. John's, Newcastle, and we had reached a hiatus with the bells temporarily stopped, waiting for a missing bell, when Bill's voice came up the stairs, calling: 'Two, two.' He had entered the church, recognised the method, and was able to put things right. My acquaintance with him began when he was well into his sixties and partially deaf. I can only wonder what he was like at the height of his powers.

The acuteness of his hearing is also illustrated by the information given to me by a much closer acquaintance of Bill's, Mr. W. J. Davidson, that Bill himself did not regard this particular performance as his greatest in Stedman Triples. He assigned pride of place to the Law James seven-part. At a Johnson dinner early in the century Sir Arthur Heywood had suggested that there was still scope for originality in Stedman Triples by the composition of a peal in seven equal parts. Bill Barber said that if such a composition were produced he would tackle it. Law James produced a composition and Bill Barber called it. Evidently, therefore, the inability to see the ropes did not present the same problem to Bill Barber that it does to others of us.

In paying a humble tribute to a genius of bellringing I cannot help but muse on the desirability of having such an acute ear, for surely, when the striking deteriorates the suffering must be even more intense. Perhaps like the little girl with the curl in the middle of her forehead: 'When it is good it is very, very good; but when it is bad it is horrid!'

D. A. B.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	DAVID A. CARPENTER	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
STELLA HUGHES	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
*ALBERT WALKER	4	†JOHN PINFOLD	10
JOAN BERESFORD	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* 850th peal. † 700th peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	7
MRS. PAT LEWINGTON	2	FRANK A. PENN	8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	HENRY J. SANGER	9
J FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	GILBERT H. HARDING	10
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	5	WILLIAM HIBBERT	11
REGINALD G. HOOPER	6	FRANK HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.
* First peal on 12 bells.
In memoriam Samuel J. Hector (February 14th, 1952), Ernest Parker (March 29th, 1953), Frank E. Pervin (February 9th, 1958).

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 49½ cwt. in B.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	8
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	9
DOREEN D. DUTTON	4	DAVID BEACHAM	10
S. ANTHONY JESSON	5	NOEL J. DISERENS	11
MICHAEL P. MORETON	6	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	BRIAN HARRIS	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	EDWARD E. DAVEY	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	JAMES BENNETT	8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	9
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	5	*CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.
* 400th peal. The conductor has now called his first bobs in a Surprise Royal method and has rung each bell in this tower to peals of Surprise Royal.
Rung on the conductor's 71st birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	PAUL J. RIGBY	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Feb. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN F. BUTLER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
JOHN ANDERSON	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	†ALAN J. FROST	5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	2	REGINALD ROWLEY	6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	†NEVILLE JENKINS	7
*RAYMOND G. SMITH	4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	*Treble*	GEORGE W. BISHOP	5
MRS. MARJORIE C. HIBBERT	2	CYRIL J. HIBBERT	6
*EILEEN M. WILSON	3	‡ARTHUR W. G. SAYERS	7
†JAMES W. WILSON	4	*HARRY R. WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL J. HIBBERT.
* First peal. † First of Triples 'inside.' ‡First of Triples.
A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Garlick, of Cholsey.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

RONALD C. NOON	*Treble*	A. ROY WITHYMAN	5
JOHN G. AMES	2	FRANK TAYLOR	6
*BRIAN M. BENTLEY	3	STANLEY E. BENNETT	7
PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by STANLEY E. BENNETT.
* First peal.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

C. ALFRED LEVETT	*Treble*	RONALD W. PANKHURST	5
MRS. BETTY PERCY	2	R. GEORGE ROBERTS	6
GEORGE BEENEY	3	LESLIE J. BALDOCK	7
*STANLEY F. BUCKLAND	4	*MICHAEL SWIFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.
* First peal.
A welcome to the new Rector, Rev. C. Champneys Burnham.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	PETER KINDRED	5
JOHN W. G. KINDRED	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	6
HORACE W. EASEY	3	†SYDNEY J. MERRY	7
†BEN S. THOMPSON	4	A. WILLIAM BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples in the method.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

LANLIVERY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BREVITA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*HARRY STACEY	*Treble*	CHARLES SANGWIN	5
†WILFRED C. BOUCHER	2	ARTHUR F. BURLEY	6
ALAN CARVETH	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
V. MARY MATTHEWS	4	DAVID N. PENROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* First 8-bell peal on a working bell. † First 8-bell peal.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 18½ cwt.

P. H. LANGTON (Trinity)	*Treble*	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	5
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	2	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	6
*M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Scl.)	7
F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Scl.)	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Surprise.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
*LAURENCE MITCHELL	2	ALBERT J. DUNK	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	RONALD C. BURNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Stedman.

An in memoriam peal for F. J. Jones, churchwarden at the above church for the last 17 years.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*PAMELA JENKS	*Treble*	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5
MICHAEL V. WHITE	2	†J. LAURENCE QUEEN	6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	DAVID J. FORDER	7
MAURICE J. BUTLER	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. CHANT. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as birthday compliments to R. Roger Savory and Peter C. Hill.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's One-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

GEORGE HINER	*Treble*	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	2	FRED FISHER	6
SUSAN CHADDOCK	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
IAN M. HOLLAND	4	H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower,' and is the first of the local band to do so.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D.

*PAM MILLER	*Treble*	*MICHAEL STANYON	5
*MARY PIPER	2	GEORGE PECK	6
*ANNE ALDRIDGE	3	JAMES WALLMAN	7
*JOHN PERRETT	4	‡CHRISTOPHER ALDRIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES WALLMAN.

* First peal.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band for Evensong, and a farewell compliment to the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Plummer), who is leaving to become Vicar of Hemel Hempstead.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	PAUL J. RIGBY	6
JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	JOHN R. JOYNER	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 10, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.

MAURICE BENNETT	*Treble*	*JOHN G. AMES	5
*JOHN E. ALLEN	2	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON	6
*MISS F. OLDERSHAW	3	STANLEY E. BENNETT	7
†A. ROY WITHYMAN	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells since augmentation.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., Feb. 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

*PHILIP WALKER	*Treble*	GEORGE S. LEE	5
*MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	*FRED FISHER	6
*SUSAN CHADDOCK	3	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Little Bob Major.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 HIGHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
The first peal in the method.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
COLIN A. TESTER	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
*THOMAS E. SONE	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 100th peal of Double Norwich Major. The first peal in the method on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. G. Ponting.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 2,208 Yorkshire, 1,472 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 115 changes of method. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	2	TREVOR TAYLOR	6
J. BARRY PICKUP	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
JOHN JORDAN	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise by all the band and on the bells. The first peal of three-spliced for the Association.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5024 WESSEX SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN	*Treble*	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
RUTH S. HODGSON	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	6
GEORGE W. HOLLAND	3	FREDERICK VICKERS	7
DENNIS C. BOWEN	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in the method (Tipler's 13 14/3).

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE MARRINER	*Treble*	CHARLES W. MUNDAY	5
JOHN HILL	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH	7
GORDON P. T. PETERS	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN HILL.
First peal in the method by all the band, for the Association and on the bells.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*JOHN G. PUSEY	*Treble*	ROBIN A. HODGSON	5
DAPHNE R. CLOKE	2	‡COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
†D. ROY STODDARD	3	PETER R. SANDERS	7
†JAMES H. PAILING	4	§DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Rutland. ‡ First peal of Rutland 'inside.' § 50th peal for the Society.

HIGHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—16—58—36. 14—14. 38. 16—16. 38.
2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bobs.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MERITA V. BRADDOCK	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4
*JOHN R. KENNETT	2	FRANK OSBALDISTON	5
ALEC OSBALDISTON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. N. Wain, B.A., after three years as assistant curate at this church.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 23 methods: (1) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate and Marple Delight; (2) Wragby, St. Albans, Charlwood, Neasden and Braintree Delight; (3) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Killamarsh Treble Bob; 116 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	FRANK OSBALDISTON	4
†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
BERNARD GROVES	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in 23 methods. † First peal in 23 methods 'inside.'

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTERSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*KENNETH E. NEEDHAM	*Treble*	†MRS. J. B. BENNETT	4
ERNEST J. JELLEY	2	‡JOHN A. ACRES	5
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor on tower bells.
A farewell peal to the Rev. E. L. Fuller, who is leaving the parish to take over the living of Grimston, Norfolk.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Lightfoot, Nethersale, York, Bourne, London, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
PAMELA A. LATCHFORD	2	EDWIN J. UPTON	5
WALTER AYRE	3	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Rung during the consecration of the Church of St. Benedict, a daughter church of the above, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

ASH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

RAYMOND P. SELWAY	*Treble*	†ROGER J. FOX	4
*MICHAEL E. TURNER	2	SIDNEY W. WHITE	5
WILLIAM E. TURNER	3	WILLIAM DELAMONT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First attempt for a peal (aged 12). † First peal of Doubles.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents of St. Martin's (four callings), 12 extents each of Plain Bob and St. Simon's (four callings), and one Morris' 240 and 12 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*NEALE J. MULLER	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
†GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

BOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, All Saints' and Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt., approx.

JIM C. RAINBOW	*Treble*	DELIA M. MILLER	3
ALAN C. COZENS	2	ALLAN R. JONES	4
GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal on the bells since being recast by John Taylor and Co. Dedicated on December 1st, 1957.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of Stedman and St. Martin's, six of Grandsire, eight each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and St. Simon's and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*MARY POWELL..	*Treble*	†MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN ..	4
MONICA E. FRAY	2	CECIL T. CLARKE	5
BEVAN W. WILGRESS ..	3	‡JOHN BRAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN.

* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First on six bells.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE A. COOKE	*Treble*	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD ..	4
GEORGE GREAVES	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
ROBERT ALLCOCK	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 24 methods, viz.: (1) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Netherseale and Annable's London; (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham and Berwick; (6) London and Wells; (7) York and Durham. Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	5
BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Believed to be the most Surprise methods rung to a peal for the Association.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*DAPHNE J. PANKHURST	*Treble*	‡DAPHNE F. LESTER	4
††CELIA F. WHITFELD ..	2	‡ERIC A. FELLOWS	5
LESLIE W. JARVIS.. ..	3	‡EDWARD F. P. BRYANT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal in three methods. A birthday compliment to Daphne F. Lester.

TENDRING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, K. AND M.,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR BRAZIER	*Treble*	IVAN COOPER	4
*ANN COLLIER	2	RONALD G. BUGG	5
ANN PRYKE	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

UPHOLLAND, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER ASHCROFT	*Treble*	JACK ASHCROFT	4
*MARGARET FORREST ..	2	CYRIL LOW	5
RONALD KENRICK	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.
Rung to celebrate the 650th anniversary of the church.

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four methods: Ten extents St. Martin's Bob, ten extents St. Simon's Bob, ten extents Plain Bob and 12 extents Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb. in B flat.

*†FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	3
‡MARGARET E. HILL ..	2	‡SYDNEY ADAMS	4
†WILLIAM L. EXTON ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* 150th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in four Doubles methods. First as conductor in four Doubles methods. First peal on the bells by the Guild.

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON.. ..	4
FRED E. DUKES	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS ..	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

In memoriam Rawdon Greene, a life and original founder member of the Irish Association.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	LEONARD P. WILSON.. ..	4
CECIL WADE	2	BERNARD DALTON	5
ROY WILSON	3	LEONARD BLANCHARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. J. Wand, who was in the choir for 70 years, also clerk for 38 years, and never missed a Sunday service in 38 years.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MORPETH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	*Treble*	*WILLIAM WENBAN	4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ..	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	3	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 300th peal. First peal in the method in the county, for the Association, and by all the band, except the treble ringer.

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HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent in each of the following methods: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Reverse Bob, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..	*Treble*	†M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	4
*SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	2	†P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) ..	5
†P. H. LANGTON (Trin.) ..	3	†A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' † First in seven methods.

DUNKERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 15 different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

MRS. DORA EVANS	*Treble*	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ..	4
*TERENCE T. JONES	2	ROGER O. FRY	5
ALAN F. LEE	3	ALBERT F. BUTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles.
A 36th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Butt, of Dunkerton.

HANDLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Oxford Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ..	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
*JOHN S. DEAN	2	F. HECTOR BENNETT ..	5
HENRY O. BAKER	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of seven Minor methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5093 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	5—6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	3—4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	7—8
		ALFRED BALLARD	9—10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman Caters on an 'inside' pair.
Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. John O. Lancashire, the oldest member of the Leicester Cathedral band.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 17½ in G sharp.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3—4
		†WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal on handbells away from tenors. † First peal on handbells. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles on handbells by all.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, rung alternately, with 41 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3—4
		*WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in two methods on handbells.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Diana M. Gough 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 2, 3 and 4. A compliment to Mr. David Fagg, of Keymer, and Miss Ann Harfield, of Wivelsfield, on the occasion of their marriage on February 1st.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Spearman (first quarter) 1, F. Southgate 2, H. Bacon 3, C. Andrews 4, A. Honeywood 5, F. Erith (cond.) 6.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 each April Day and Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire): C. Norton 1, I. Hilburn 2, Pamela Stevens 3, E. Skinner 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5; F. Cave 6. First in four methods by 1, 2, 4 and 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Wardle 1, J. Poynor 2, Rev. P. Blackman 3, Miss C. Wakefield 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, G. Bray 8. For morning service.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Gould 1, H. W. Toze 2, A. Cooke 3, H. Hancock 4, R. A. Toze (cond.) 5, A. Collard 6. For Matins as a tribute for the long service to the tower by the late Mr. E. H. Oxenham.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bathwick, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan M. Silcox 1, Vivien E. Cott 2, Margaret Greedy 3, R. S. M. Stubbs 4, T. T. Jones (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. For evening service.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Septuagesima, 1,259 Caters: B. Harris 1, R. A. Lennard 2, Anne E. Amor 3, B. Pattison (cond.) 4, G. Amor 5, Vivienne Horton 6, R. L. Piron 7, C. E. Jeffries 8, P. I. Chapman 9, D. Thompson 10.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Plain Bob): Roselyn Corby 1, L. Duffield 2, J. H. L. Blick 3, J. H. Edwards 4, E. White 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

BISHOP HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Huckle 1, E. G. Bennett 2, E. Edmondson (cond.) 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, L. C. Shepherd 5, F. Southwood 6, A. F. Cull 7, L. F. Cull 8. A farewell to Frank Southwood, who is leaving the district for Watford.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Atkinson 1, F. Wignall 2, A. Tomlinson 3, J. Skeats 4, T. Wilkinson 5, M. J. Haliwell 6, F. Hayes 7, J. R. Jordan (cond.) 8.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. H. Simpson (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Miss G. Schofield (first in method) 3, Mrs. H. Evans 4, M. J. Thurmott 5, F. Rayment 6, A. Ashton 7, H. B. Schofield 8, T. Pedder tenor (covering). For evening service, and as an 88th birthday greeting to Mr. Joe Hardcastle, a member of the company for 63 years and the oldest member of the Yorkshire Association.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): E. Turner 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 2, D. L. Hughes 4, T. E. Hiddins 5, D. Bryant 6, D. W. Davies 7, H. Preece 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Moss (aged 90), a friend and benefactor of this tower.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and Plain Bob and 60 Grandsire): W. Fulker 1, R. Tuckwell 2, F. E. Godden 3, K. C. Timbury 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, C. Gammon 6.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Lyddiard 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, D. Martin 4, B. Threlfall 5, P. Spice 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, B. Holland 8. For morning service.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 2nd, at the Cathedral, on the middle five, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. A. Palmer 1, Miss J. Hodgson 2, Miss A. Callum (first in method) 3, S. Hodgson 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, J. Boustead 7. To celebrate the birth of twin boys to Mr. and Mrs. R. Briggs.

QUARTER PEALS

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): K. E. Pinney 1, W. H. Poole (cond.) 2, Dr. L. E. Wear 3, J. S. Hacking 4, M. W. Gilbert 5, Miss S. Eason 6, W. S. Wills 7, R. G. Miller 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harold S. G. Pike, captain of this tower for four years, who died suddenly on February 5th, and was cremated this day.

HESTON, MIDLX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. V. Chillcott 1, W. W. Webb 2, Miss K. Weller 3, G. Ruck 4, M. R. Mawkins 5, P. A. Ruch 6, J. B. Sansom 7, P. Bettridge (first in method as cond.) 8. For Evensong, and to mark the 81st birthday of Mr. E. R. Gladman, member of the band for over 50 years.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, A. Hodge 2, C. Manley 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Harris 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, A. Hodge 2, D. Summers 3, W. Baker 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. D. Ashdown 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. Morgan 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Priestley 1, Miss S. Buchanan 2, G. Oliver (cond.) 3, E. R. Warner 4, R. Collins 5. For the patronal festival.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Fecring Surprise Major: Mrs. A. E. Cox 1, J. D. Kape 2, A. Foxall 3, A. E. Cox 4, D. Cornwall 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8. First in method by all (Sunday service band).

IDLE, YORKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Donson 1, J. Rhodes 2, K. Williamson 3, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 4, P. M. Dawson 5, D. Thorp 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. G. Westlake 1, P. Cox 2, M. T. Rothwell 3, F. T. Lock 4, H. C. Clark 5, L. M. Clark (cond.) 6. First quarter of Cambridge on the bells. Rung by the local band.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Rev. C. Marshall 1, G. Marriner 2, Patricia Smee 3, B. Hawkins 4, A. S. Harris 5, T. A. Cross 6, A. H. Smith (first in method as cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. First in method for 1 and 3. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Saviour, on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Haslum 1, J. P. Partington 2, A. Cattell (cond.) 3, W. J. Tanser 4, P. Minchin 5, A. E. Hartley 6. First time the bells have been rung for approximately three years.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 26th, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. S. Whibley (first of Minor) 1, J. T. Mannering 2, M. L. Howe (first of Minor) 3, G. Pearson 4, H. S. Wickens 5, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 6. For morning service.

MALVERN, WORCS.—At the Priory Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Lawrence 1, R. G. Morris 2, W. Sidwell 3, J. C. Slater 4, J. J. Stanier 5, D. Beacham 6, G. E. Evenden (cond.) 7, T. W. Lewis 8. First in method 4 and 5. In memory of Charles J. Camm.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): H. King 1, D. Mitchell 2, Wendy Bonar 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to John Lodge and Doreen Peacock on their engagement.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Kemp (first quarter) 1, C. J. Turner 2, B. Pidgeon 3, J. Ayres 4, J. Manley 5, C. C. Turner 6, C. Deem (cond.) 7, R. Wood 8. Rung on the conductor's birthday, and in honour of the christening of his daughter (Joy Ellen).

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Hamilton 1, M. H. Keen 2, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 3, B. D. Threlfall 4, J. G. Pusey 5, J. A. Steadman 6. Rung by Old Wykehamists.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss B. Crossman 1, G. S. Sandwell 2, P. J. Coward 3, F. C. May 4, R. D. Tomlin 5, G. J. Blower 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,170 Grandsire Caters: D. French 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Miss A. E. Wardill 3, Miss M. Mills 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, F. Fisher 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. A. Cornell 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, M. D. Frost 3, G. Blake 4, J. E. Ewer 5, R. F. Ewer 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, W. J. Arnold 8. For Evensong.

SEAL, KENT.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. J. Acott 1, B. Russell (first quarter) 2, J. A. Pannell 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, E. Drawbridge (first quarter) 5, L. W. Russell (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Mr. Miller, and for Evensong.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 2nd, 1,320 Bob Maximus: Miss M. Archer 1, R. S. Long 2, J. S. Seager 3, F. Ward 4, J. Philbrick 5, B. Holland (cond.) 6, B. Balderson 7, R. Wildgoose 8, D. Armstrong 9, R. Birch 10, H. O. Chaddock 11, G. K. Chaddock 12. First of Bob Maximus for 5 and 8. Rung on the completion of National Service by G. K. Chaddock.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Harriet Trevelyan (18) 1, Miss C. C. Roberts (first as cond.) 2, C. M. Press (14) 3, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 4, R. A. Routh 5, C. E. Wakefield (13) 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. Rung as a compliment to Caroline Dunlop, a member of Steep tower, confirmed on January 31st, who was unable to take part owing to indisposition.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Poole 1, R. Cottle (first quarter) 2, H. A. Gummer (cond.) 3, V. G. Rose 4, G. Twiney 5, G. Burbidge 6.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Griffiths 1, Miss J. Jackson 2, F. James 3, W. Jackson 4, J. W. Perkins (first as (cond.) 5, H. Crook (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Perkins, ringing master, and also first on the new ring of six and the first ever to be rung at Studley.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles: M. T. James 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, Wm. G. Smith 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Parry 6. A welcome to the Rev. T. Ll. E. James on induction as Vicar of Talgarth, and to Mrs. James.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Winifred R. Millen (first quarter) 1, Mary Meynell (first 'inside') 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, Violet I. Relf (first in method) 4, W. P. Tickner 5, P. H. Barnes (longest length) 6, F. J. Burchett (first quarter) 7, A. E. Gorham 8. First quarter by the local band for 10 years. For Evensong.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Mills (cond.) 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Miss H. Stewart 3, W. Downs 4, I. Cooper 5, P. Mills 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss M. Cant, a devoted church worker and lover of bells.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Feb. 9th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): B. V. Collison 1, Miss M. Ladd 2, E. J. Ladd 3, R. D. Divall 4, E. J. Brunger 5, G. Fry (cond.) 6. For evening service.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): G. W. Heyes 1, Barbara J. Beeson 2, B. Enid Lloyd-Roberts 3, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, A. H. Fisher 5, J. J. F. Roper 6. Rung by visiting Melbourne ringers and joined by Miss Enid Lloyd-Roberts from Mt. Gambier, S. Australia.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, A. Bagworth 5, Susan Jacobs 6, M. Sinden (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8. In celebration for the birth of Thomas Furstenheim.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of St. Alphege's, Canterbury, are rung exclusively for Sunday services by scholars of King's School. Since their ringing has started, states our correspondent, the church congregations have doubled. This is a fine achievement considering that the church is virtually in the shadow of the Cathedral. Two scholars of the school rang their first peal on the bells on February 8th.

We thank the West Dorset Branch for their generosity. They have decided to donate 10s. to 'The Ringing World' with each account of quarterly meetings.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. W. H. Webb, who for 25 years has been Ringing Master at Halesowen. A course of his favourite method, Kent Treble Bob Major, and a quarter of Stedman Triples, was rung at his funeral with the bells half-muffled.

Last week the six bells at Wonersh, Surrey, were removed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for recasting. Hopes are entertained of a ring of eight similar to St. Olave's, Hart Street. The parish has not yet issued an appeal but Wonersh ringers have started the fund by raising £50.

Next Sunday, the B.B.C. Television Service will broadcast at 9.45 a.m. the Sung Communion Service from St. John-the-Baptist's, Hillingdon, Middlesex. The fine ring of ten bells will play its part and will be heard at the beginning of the broadcast. The service touch will be Grandsire Caters, rung, with one exception, by the local band. Encouraged by the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Tyler), who takes a great interest and is keen on good striking, St. John's band are making steady progress. Three or four keen youngsters are a great help, and the band are beginning to emulate the enthusiasm of their forefathers who rang three peals of Grandsire Triples at St. John's in 1733.

Mr. Donald H. Niblett, by his peal at East Hagbourne, became the sixth member to ring 50 peals for the Oxford University Society. Other members with this distinction are John E. Spice (96), Mrs. P. T. Robbins (87), Peter Border (65), Wilfrid F. Moreton (61) and Robin G. Turner (51).

The peal at Walsall, recorded this week, was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Stella Hughes.

Less than eight members attended the monthly meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association at Hampton on February 15th. The secretary urges members to make a great effort to attend the meeting at Uxbridge on March 15th.

An old gardener, who, when his boss said to him, 'Don't those bells sound lovely?' replied with a wry affirmative and then added: 'But I likes them, say, three fields away.' His master was not long left in doubt, for the old man continued: 'Chesterfield, Sheffield and Huddersfield.'—Told by the Vicar of Holmes Chapel to the Crewe Branch.

The peal of Rutland Surprise at Loughborough Bellfoundry on February 19th completed 200 peals on these bells by Ernest Morris, of Leicester, he being the first to reach this total. Included are peals of Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters and Royal, and long lengths of 13,440 (conducted), 10,976, 9,760 (400 singles c.), 9,600, 9,120 (c.), twice 7,008 (c.)

Mr. Ernest Morris has resigned his post as verger of St. Margaret's, Leicester, after an association of nearly 20 years with Canon E. N. Ducker. He is continuing his services with St. Margaret's as registrar. Mr. Morris has handed over his extensive library and lantern slides to the P.C.C. We hope to publish tributes to his work in our next issue.

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MUSIC IN BELL-RINGING

By DESMOND PAINTER

MR. CHANT'S front page article in 'The Ringing World' of January 3rd, 1958, propounds an interesting thesis which seeks to justify 6-5's at backstroke in Minor on the grounds that the equivalent sound is a recognised progression in music and that in any case 6-5's sound no worse than, for instance, 6-2's, their avoidance being a matter merely of long-standing prejudice. Mr. Chant's challenge to the many abhorrers of the 6-5's at backstroke to justify their views raises again the old question of what constitutes good and bad music in bell-ringing.

Many of the great figures of the Exercise have held decided views on this subject, and Mr. Nolan Golden touched on some of them in his article on 'Composition Qualities' in 'The Ringing World' of August 9th, 1957. He did not go very deeply into the matter, however, since his object was rather to explain the meanings of the phrases attached by composers to their peals in order to describe their qualities than to offer an opinion on those qualities themselves.

WHAT IS A 'MUSICAL' CHANGE?

A change can be said to be 'musical' in three senses which may overlap but are distinct:—

(a) In that it is a succession of musical notes.

(b) In that it reproduces the phenomena of what Mr. Chant calls 'ordinary music.'

(c) In that the listener finds its sound pleasant.

Used in the sense (a) the word 'musical' is, though accurate, of no value to us since all changes must by definition be musical.

Taken in its wider and most literal, sense (b) is, of course, equivalent to sense (a), since any change could in theory be a reproduction of a succession of notes in a piece of music. We can most usefully limit this use of the word 'musical' by considering first, what 'ordinary' music the bells are **capable** of reproducing, and second, whether all music so reproduced is in fact 'musical' in any real sense.

The capacity of the bells to reproduce 'ordinary' music is severely limited by their nature, and by the nature of change ringing. Our bells (with a few eccentric exceptions, such as the ring of five at Manudin, in Essex, where the tenor is a semi-tone sharp) are tuned in the diatonic major scale.* This means that we can at once ignore all chromatic and most modal music, which the bells cannot reproduce at all. Further limitations are imposed by the fact that a ring of bells is fixed in pitch and in key, which means that it is impossible to modulate as in music from one key to another, and by the fact that each of the eight notes of the scale can be sounded once only in each change.

It is apparent from this that the number of musical phenomena which can be reproduced in ringing is small. Furthermore, not all of these phenomena will in fact be 'musical' because although technically reproducible on the bells they will be divorced from the context which explains them. Disregard of this fact has, with respect, led Mr. Chant astray. He seeks to justify 8-7's at backstroke by reference to examples of the same thing from music. (He might have added 'The Bells of St. Mary's,' a favourite with handbell tune ringers.) In fact, however, none of his examples is a correct analogy.

DO 8-7's OCCUR IN MUSIC?

The progressions which Mr. Chant quotes are not tonic-supertonic progressions at all. In 'Stephanos' (A. & M. 254), which is in the key of G major, the progression is a tonic-dominant one, in which the note A (equivalent to the 7th bell) appears not in its capacity as the root of the supertonic chord but in its capacity as the fifth† of the dominant chord. In both 'Ewing' (A. & M. 228), which is in the key of D major, and in the slow movement of Schubert's 'Unfinished' Symphony, which is in the key of E major, the progression is from the submediant (the relative minor key) to the dominant, and the notes D and E in the hymn tune and E and F sharp in the Schubert Symphony are respectively the third of the submediant chord and the fifth of the dominant chord. It is quite wrong to regard any of these (or the hundreds of similar progressions which are as common as blackberries in music) as tonic-supertonic progressions. They are nothing more than examples of one of the most universal characteristics of a diatonic tune—the halfway modulation to the dominant key. A glance at the bass part, or the 'cello part in the Schubert Symphony (itself one of Schubert's loveliest tunes) will show that this is so.

A further point of distinction between Mr. Chant's examples and the 8-7's at backstroke in change-ringing is the rhythmical one. Each of the progressions that Mr. Chant calls in aid in an anacrusis—that is, a weak beat followed by a strong one—coming to rest on the dominant chord in a half close. In ringing, however, the rhythmical effect is to emphasise the bells striking in the odd places at the expense of those striking in the even places (except for the 678's and 748's, where the cadential effect is too strong for the natural rhythm—though not, curiously enough, in the Tittums change itself). An 8-7 is therefore a strong beat followed by a weak one, not only not suggesting a cadence, but emphasising the 'left in the air' feeling which helps to make the 8-7's so unpopular.

The fact is that tunes, or even any recognisable part of them except the final full close, cannot be reproduced in ringing. I shall go on to consider in my next article what musical phenomena **can** be reproduced by the bells.

*Only a ring of eight bells, of course, forms a true diatonic scale, but smaller and larger numbers are merely reductions or extensions of the scale. The examples in these articles are given in terms of a ring of eight unless otherwise stated and must be adjusted for other numbers of bells.

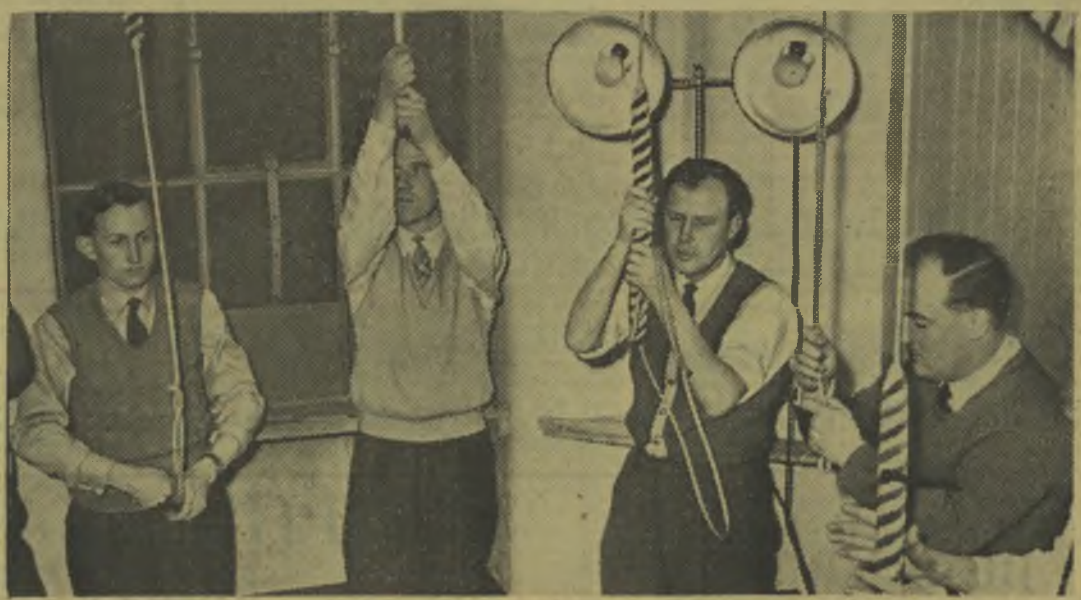
†It may be as well to explain that the notes of a chord are described by their distance upwards from the root or bottom note. Thus in the major third C-E-G, C (the tonic note) is the root, E (the mediant note) is an interval of a third above the root and the third of the chord, G, is the fifth.

(To be continued)

A NEWCASTLE SILVER JUBILEE

A company of 35 attended a dinner to mark the silver jubilee of SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, Society on February 7th. The Rev. J. R. H. Prophet presided and speeches were given by the Rev. W. Forsyth, Messrs. N. H. Hewett, R. W. A. McDonald, Kenneth Arthur (who was hon. secretary of the Guild from 1933 to 1957), J. A. Ainsworth and J. Anderson (who rang in the first touch and first peal on the bells).

A course of Stedman Triples was rung by John Anderson 1-2, Kenneth Arthur 3-4, Denis A. Bayles 5-6, J. Alan Ainsworth 7-8. Songs were sung by Mr. Jack Wilson, accompanied by Mr. John Healy.



In the ringing chamber of the Bell Foundry Campanile at Loughborough before the start of the record length attempt. The conductor, Mr. Dennis Knox, is the third from the left. Notice is given in this issue of another possible attempt on March 8th. **(See page 147.)** [Picture by permission of 'Loughborough Monitor.'

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District Report a Good Year

Sixty members were present at the service, tea and business during the annual meeting of the North and East District of the Association, which was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on February 8th. Several more ringers joined the proceedings during day, when the bells of St. James', Clerkenwell, St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, and St. Giles' were available.

The service in St. Giles' was conducted by the Association's president, the Rev. G. C. Taylor, who gave a thought-inspiring address on the acceptance of, and belief in, the miracles of Our Lord.

At the business meeting the hon. secretary submitted a report, which was well received.

Thirty-two ringing and ten non-resident life members had been elected. Acknowledgment of many years of loyal and devoted service to St. Andrew's, Enfield, by Mr. I. J. Attwater, was recorded, and although he now resides in Ilford he is still rendering assistance to his old tower. Through the splendid efforts of Messrs. E. J. Rowe, B. Bladon and W. A. Theobald, St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, now possessed a pleasant light ring of eight, made by the addition of two treble bells. Structural defects in the tower were temporarily preventing any ringing at Harrow-on-the-Hill. A very encouraging total of 138 quarter peals had been returned from 16 towers, thus directly reflecting the expansion of ringing for church services. Stamford Hill received congratulations for again heading the list with a total of 38, these being in a large variety of methods and all rung by members of the local band.

All officers were re-elected except Mr. T. J. Lock, the retiring hon. secretary. He did not seek re-election because he had been elected the Association's general secretary. Although temporarily indisposed and unable to be present, Mr. C. E. Slade was unanimously elected District secretary.

Mr. Cutler said that the opportunity could not pass without Mr. Lock being thanked for his work as District secretary over a period of 19 years, and this was endorsed by prolonged handclapping.

Mr. Lock replied by saying that he had enjoyed his period as an officer, which had extended over a period of 23 years because from 1935 to 1939 he was District Ringing Master. He thanked the District officers for the work and team spirit and paid tribute to his wife for her support and sympathetic contribution.

The following new members were elected: Miss L. Fletcher, Miss M. Hawkins, M. I. Hawkins (Enfield), Miss E. Bevis, R. Bevis (Kingsbury), Miss M. Harte (St. Olave's, Hart Street), Miss P. Rowe, Miss L. Hawes (Stamford Hill), H. Miller, W. C. G. Wainwright (Southgate), G. Howells (Stanmore), J. M. Steele (Upper Clapton), W. G. Wilson (Ealing) unattached, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong (Ilford) non-resident life member.

Thanks were accorded to clergy and all others connected with the day's proceedings, whereupon Mr. H. G. Hart, vice-president, declared the business of the meeting closed and thus permitted a further hour's ringing.

A. R. C.

Vancouver Bells Ring Again

Last June, Mr. Anthony J. M. Collins, who used to ring at Merstham, Redhill, Kingwood and Reigate, arrived at Vancouver. His first act was to find a job as an estimator for a contracting company; his second to set the bells in the tower of Holy Rosary Cathedral ringing again after a silence of nearly five years.

His appeal for volunteers last August was answered by 24 persons, but before anyone so much as placed a hand on a sally Tony put the group to work scrubbing the dirt and grime from the bells and brick walls of the belfry. There were also repairs to be made, bearings to be greased, broken stays mended and the ringing chamber whitewashed.

Mr. Collins, who has been elected president of the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers, writes that the Society was formed in September and they have a group of nine ringers from the old country (only six regular attenders) and over 20 learners, some of whom in less than four months were able to ring fairly good rounds for the traditional radio broadcast of ringing in the New Year, which had lapsed for over five years.

The Society rang for the visit of the Queen Mother on January 28th, and has a big programme ahead as this is the centennial year of British Columbia. Included in these days is the arrival of Princess Margaret in Vancouver next July.

The bells of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary will always be associated with the name of Alfred C. Limpus. It was he who not only got the bells hung for ringing and had five recast in England, but in 1906 trained a local band. The first peal on the bells and in Canada was rung on July 1st, 1911. Since his death in 1952 until last year, the bells have been mute.

Now a new chapter is being written, and all readers will wish president Tony Collins and his band many years of happy ringing in the service of Church and State.

YOUNG RINGER AND PEAL WEEK

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent's letter ('The Ringing World,' February 7th, 1958), concerning a young ringer ringing an 'excessive' number of peals in just over a week, may I be allowed to say, 'What utter nonsense!'

This letter is typical of ringers of the old school, whose voice of jealousy is saying, 'I know I have had my day, and I am going to do my best to see that you do not have yours.'

I am sure the young lad concerned was not forced to ring in peals in which he did not wish to participate.

It is to be hoped that your correspondent will concern himself solely with his own personal affairs, and cease his wilful interference into the affairs of ringers who obviously have more drive and enthusiasm than he has or ever will have.—Yours sincerely,

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

Beccles, Suffolk.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The music of the delightful though odd-struck eight at Whitechurch Canonicorum was heard to good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major at the quarterly meeting of the Branch.

Canon Havelock-Davidson conducted the service and gave the address, and Canon C. Carew Cox read the lesson. Tea followed in the reading room. Twenty-three sat down, including visitors from North Dorset and Wimborne Branches.

Prior to the business meeting, Canon Cox said a few words about the late Frederick Precey, who had often attended the meetings, and was one who had done much for ringing. The meeting stood in silence. Other points from the meeting were: April meeting at Burton Bradstock on 19th; Guild Festival at Dorchester on May 17th; that 10s. be donated to 'The Ringing World' with each account of quarterly meetings.

Canon Cox had the congratulations of the meeting on the 50th anniversary of the peal of Stedman Triples, Carter's odd bob, conducted by the late W. H. Barber, blindfolded. Canon Cox is now the sole survivor of this band. He gave a few of his memories of the peal and the two attempts before it was scored.

The meeting also expressed its pleasure at the news that Mr. Roger Keeley was now the Master of the University of London Society.

J. T. B.

STEPNEY GUILD OF RINGERS

As briefly announced last week, Stepney Guild of Ringers, at their annual dinner on February 8th, made a presentation to Mr. T. G. Fox, in recognition of his long service to the Guild, of a fountain pen.

Mr. H. G. Weedon recalled Mr. Fox's work and mentioned he became a ringer in 1928, and in 1937, when a new Guild was formed, he was elected captain, a position he had held until now. Since his removal to Romford he had found it increasingly difficult to make the journey and, therefore, he had reluctantly resigned.

His brother, Len, has been elected captain, and Mr. H. G. Weedon [illegible], Toronto House, Ocean Estate, Stepney, E.1, is the new secretary. Tom leaves a good band, a wonderful example and a belfry with a happy atmosphere.

Another presentation is to be made to Tom on behalf of the congregation at the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual meeting of the Midland District was held, together with a Leicester Diocesan Guild meeting, on February 1st, at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

After ringing in the afternoon the Vicar held a most helpful service.

The two Guilds split up for their meetings after tea. All the Ladies' Guild officers were re elected and the vice-president (Miss Thompson) thanked everybody for the work they had done. Five new members were elected and it is felt this is a good start for 1958. The next meeting will be at Ruddington on April 19th.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

6-5 AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir,—It was interesting to read the letters connected with 6-5's at backstroke. Mr. Moreton's is critical and demands an answer.

The main purpose behind the writing of my letter to the 'R.W.' on this subject was to encourage ringers to listen to what they ring; to examine 6-5's at backstroke and discover for themselves, without being influenced by the opinions of other people, whether the devil is ever so black as he is painted, or indeed in this case if he is at all black.

Too often we hear glib expressions such as: 'There are (or are not) 6-5's at backstroke'; 'Cambridge Major is not a very musical method'; 'Double Norwich (or Yorkshire, etc.) is a musical method'; or, 'It is, unfortunately, an irregular method.' So long as these are expressions based on personal experience I have no objection to them, but the speaker is frequently repeating a cliché that has been handed down from one generation of ringers to another.

'Some scarce advance a reason of their own,
But catch the spreading notion of the town.'
(If I may quote—or misquote Pope.)

Mr. Moreton and I have had many friendly arguments on the subject of 6-5's, and although I think the reasons he advances against them, like the ones in his letter, are feeble to say the least, nevertheless I respect his opinions on 6-5's because he has heard and examined them. Not in every case willingly!

On some occasions when he has been ringing and I have been calling (open-lead) Minor, I have reversed the tenors to bring out the beauty of the 6-5's! I must admit, however, that if he is on the leading bell at the time the 6-5's are due to appear, he (intentionally) turns the open into temporarily closed leads—a stratagem that merely avoids the issue. Although I have tried hard to follow the reasoning in his letter to the 'R.W.', I still fail to see the connection he tries to establish between 6-5's in hymn tunes at half-cadences and 6-5's at handstroke in ringing.

But perhaps, as Mr. Moreton observes, I am biased.

It is the pause that emphasises the change-endings and whatever the preceding sound pattern may be, it is the final note that lingers most in the musical memory until the next pause-ending.

This is a musical axiom quite apart from its importance in ringing.

With regard to the 'Speed of Ringing,' mentioned on the same page (95), I was amazed to learn from Mr. A. P. Cannon that 'the faster six bells are rung the better they sound.'

Well, well! We live and learn!

It is a pity that there is no means of assessing striking with the same accuracy as assessing speed or we may possibly be reading footnotes of: 'The best struck peal on the bells.' instead of 'the fastest.' I very much doubt whether these two terms would be synonymous!

—Yours sincerely, H. CHANT.

Wakefield, Yorks.

NAMESAKES

Dear Sir,—Some of your readers can claim to have been members of unusual bands or to have rung in unusual peals, e.g., 'John' or 'William.' 'Teacher,' 'Clerical,' 'Verger,' 'All Lady' bands, and so on.

I have been wondering if many readers can claim to have rung six or more peals in the counties or cities of the peals' namesakes—say a peal of 'Cambridge' in Cambridge, 'Oxford' in Oxford, 'London' in London, 'Bristol' in Bristol, 'Double Norwich' in Norwich, 'Lincolnshire' in Lincolnshire, 'Yorkshire' in Yorkshire, 'Kent' in Kent, etc.—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Hereford.

OTHER 'FAILURES'

Dear Sir,—May I say how much I enjoyed Mr. H. Allen's little poem entitled 'The Failure.' It expresses the sentiments of every loyal bellringer, and ought to be recited before every peal attempt.

If Mr. Allen is the gentleman better known in another sphere as 'Harry,' then, like the creatures among which he works, the sting is in the tail, viz.:

'He rings on Tuesday, Friday, Monday,
But doesn't come to ring on Sunday.'

There is another category of ringers not included in the above who are equally deserving of castigation, yet who do ring on Sunday. I refer to those who gad about continuing their 'tower-snatching' habit, and are usually welcomed wherever they drop in as they sometimes complete the band or strengthen the ringing. They are not really of assistance, as help given on one isolated occasion is worthless. Such people are deluding themselves if they think they are Sunday service ringers. The only help on Sundays worthy of the name is that which can be relied upon because it is regular. No tower leader can build up and maintain a Sunday service band on the unexpected and rare visits of talented itinerant bellringers.

Many of us would like to be freelances and enjoy other people's company and bells on Sundays, but a sense of duty prevents this. With the traditional 'freedom of the belfry' which allows these visits and welcome genuine visitors temporarily resident in an area, little, unfortunately, can be done to give these nomadic ringers a sense of responsibility.

As you, sir, recently described it, ringing is a 'dedicated sport,' and it is on Sunday that the first word should have precedence over the second.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough, Bucks.

P.S.—Is not Mr. J. T. Dyke, whose views are much respected generally, rather too damning of birthday ringing? If a loyal member of a band, at his own request, would prefer to celebrate his birthday ringing with his friends and colleagues to 'throwing a party,' or drinking at 'the local,' or going to a show, surely it is very difficult to say him nay. When the mention of an impending birthday is eagerly seized upon as an *excuse* for a 'quarter' or a peal, then, I believe, Mr. Dyke is justified in his remarks.—W. B.

PEAL RINGERS' PRACTICAL HELP

Dear Sir,—I read with interest 'Paludian's' article on those wicked peal ringers ('Ringing World,' February 14th). I rang my first peal on February 8th and since then I have received nothing but congratulations for myself and the other boy who rang it with me. Many of these good wishes have come from my own band of ringers in the school (I am the captain of the recently-formed King's School band), none of whom can ring a peal as yet.

I heartily agree with 'Paludian' concerning the backbone of English ringing. At the beginning of the term I wrote to the District secretary of the Kent County Association asking for help in teaching my band method ringing. The response has been really wonderful and all the help that has come has been in the form of peal ringers who want to help us. Because of the new field opened up to the learners and those who can ring simple call changes a renewed interest is clearly visible.

I feel justified in agreeing with 'Paludian' about those wicked peal ringers. — Yours sincerely,

NEALE J. MULLER.

Canterbury.

GIVING THE TENOR 'PLENTY OF ROOM'

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. F. Moreton wishes me to explain my term 'giving the tenor plenty of room.' This is difficult but it is obvious that the frequency of sounds should be brought into the matter. The vibrations emitted from the tenor and 5th will be slower than the treble and 2nd, so that to give a slightly wider interval between the tenor and 5th is desirable.

To measure such an interval, which I am expected to do by Mr. Moreton, is well-nigh impossible but if he is a musician he may appreciate a musical analogy. When playing a woodwind instrument amongst a crowd of strings I find that their D sharp is a different note from E flat, and unless the orchestra is balanced by bass and woodwind the strings move into a key of their own.

The difference in pitch is apparently immeasurable, as is the extended interval between the tenor and 5th, but a ringer who listens to the music produced by the bells as distinct from the sound of the bells can make the minute adjustment.

The music on closed leads is quite different from what is produced on open leads; a phrase on the latter lasts merely two changes but on closed leads the phrase extends for many changes, and when the harmonics are superimposed the music is unique.

Mr. Moreton states that I said 'to ring seven blows in two seconds would sound awful' This is not correct; my letter stated that 'the effect of the 5th coming down on the tenor at that speed would be indescribable.'

The speed at which a ring of bells should be rung depends on the intelligence of the tenor ringer and the co-operation of the other ringers who **must** ring to him.

I regret the views of Mr. A. P. Cannon on the speed of ringing leave me stunned: I can offer no answer. I am too overwhelmed!

Well, you ringers, jump on the **6-5 Special** —there's plenty of room.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sir,—After conversing with ringers in many parts of the country I have not been able to find out why many of our most prolific peal ringers seldom, if ever, seem to appear in the column 'Gratefully Acknowledged.' I wonder if some ringer could supply the answer?—Yours faithfully, JOSEPH T. BARRETT.

Beaminster.

'PALUDIAN'

Dear Sir,—For the information of your readers, the term 'Paludian' is only applicable to past scholars, according to sex, of either a certain High or Grammar School. Your leader-writer is not so qualified, having been educated in another county. Were he to return to his own particular 'bed of nettles,' his 'backbone' would probably find more exercise than in his present tower.—Yours faithfully,

NOAH BITTE.

VISITORS WOULD BE WELCOME

Dear Sir,—With the lengthening days and the better weather, we expect a lot of ringers are planning their summer outing. May I make a suggestion that here at this somewhat out-of-the-way village in Kent we have a band of young ringers who would really welcome visitors, though we should ask to be coached in method ringing. We practise on Fridays and can manage simple dodging but we would like to get on so that at least we can ring service touches on special occasions.

If there are ringers passing through on a Sunday we manage to ring on first and third Sunday mornings regularly.—Yours truly,

Ash, Kent. JOHN V. MULLEN.

LETTERS—Continued

'THE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT'

Dear Sir,—On Feb. 9th yet one more representative of the Press has outraged ringers by his presentation of the story of the attempt on the 40,320; this time the special correspondent of 'The News of the World.'

I write without knowledge of any 'publishing rights' this 'special correspondent' may have obtained, and he may be entitled to present the 'story' in a way he imagines will best suit his readers, but surely it is the duty of ringers to reserve their own rights.

To imply that umpires were counting each change, to say they were 'tugging, tugging, tugging' and slanging each other, with sweat on their brow (6 cwt. tenor) is offensive in the view of most ringers.

If these attempts on records result only in stupid articles which debase our art in the celebrated 'Sunday Press,' it were better for ringing if 'freedom' for this type of 'special correspondent' were confined to a desert island.—Yours faithfully,

FRED PRICE.

Bournemouth.

'THOSE WICKED PEAL RINGERS'

Dear Sir,—The writer of the front page article in the issue of February 14th mentions hobbies and pastimes in solving crossword puzzles, winning cups at a horticultural show, climbing mountains and being on the winning side in a football match, but he must understand that these things are not consecrated to the glory of God.

I am not against peal ringing, as I have rung a few myself, good and bad, but what I am most interested in is why the writer is ashamed to put his name to what he has written.

I think it would make our paper more interesting if we could have the names of these writers. Not so very long ago you would not accept an article under a nom de plume. What is the difference?—Yours, etc.,

W. H. HOWE.

Exeter.

SATURN TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Saturn Treble Bob peal band I was glad to see at last Mr. Moreton's anti-missile missile, which has so successfully exploded the missiles launched at the method.

Saturn is simple and elegant in construction and very musical in effect. It is easy to ring, yet has plenty of interest to last a peal: and, in fact, on November 30th it was thoroughly enjoyable throughout.

In these matters we should remember that rules are made to serve us and not we to serve them. If they are bad or have outgrown their usefulness they should be changed.

With Messrs. Moreton and Leale I suggest that the Council Decisions in this field are bad, and therefore should be changed.—Yours sincerely,

F. ERIC ROBERTS.

Reigate, Surrey.

Herts County Association

Hadley was chosen for the February meeting of the St. Albans District. Ringing began soon after 3 p.m. and continued until the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Preb. H. C. Harland).

Tea was taken in a nearby cafe. 18 members being present. The business meeting was conducted by the Ringing Master, Mr. G. Dodds, as the secretary was unavoidably absent.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge. It is hoped to arrange the next meeting at Sandridge. M. A. C.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A new secretary was elected at the annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch held at St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on February 15th. Mr. J. E. Lilley, who presided, was unanimously re-elected chairman, but Mr. A. L. Bennett did not seek re-election as secretary and treasurer. He agreed, however, to act as assistant secretary and 'Ringing World' representative. Mr. D. Roberts, of Babbacombe, is his successor. Appointed to serve on the General Committee were Mrs. D. E. Hood, Messrs. A. Goss and A. Radcliff. Two new members were elected from Babbacombe and two also from St. Michael's. The president (Preb. Cox) presented certificates to Miss Blake (Townstal) and Mr. Radcliff (Coffinswell).

The holding of the Guild annual meeting on Whit Monday was discussed and it was resolved to support a suggestion that this should be held on the Saturday after Whit Monday.

The Rev. J. C. M. Scott, who gave the address at the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. E. Hood), bade farewell to the Branch: he has been appointed to a living near Holsworthy.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members returned to the tower where a peal board recording a peal of Plain Bob Major rung at the beginning of the year was dedicated by the president, and a move was afterwards made to Bishopsteignton for further ringing.

Subject to permission, the next meeting will be held at Paignton on April 19th.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The good work done by Mr. Dan Smith, who, owing to illness, recently resigned from the post of secretary, is to be recognised by a presentation. This was decided at a meeting of the Society held at Ossett on February 8th, when 13 towers were represented.

The business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, had the president (Mr. N. F. Moxon) in the chair. A silent tribute was paid to L.A.C. Colin Michael Stephenson (20), of Ossett, who was fatally injured whilst riding pillion on a motor-cycle.

The next meeting will be at Penistone on March 8th and the annual outing will be in Derbyshire in July.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton with special thanks to Mr. Fred Bennett and the local company for making the arrangements and to the ladies for the tea. Mr. Moreton spoke of the great welcome he had received from all ringers whilst he had been in the area during the past four and a half years.

Two plain courses of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung, but there was also a big variety of six- and eight-bell methods during the afternoon and evening.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery

About 70 members attended the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch at Wokingham on February 15th, at which the Branch chairman, the Ven. Thorndike Shaw, welcomed the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) and the general secretary (Miss Cross) of the Guild.

The Branch secretary reported that a good, steady membership had remained about the same for the past few years. He spoke of well-attended meetings and of the untiring efforts of the Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. J. Parkes and M. Smith, in ensuring that all got the practice they needed.

The officers were re-elected and the sum of £25 was voted towards the cost of re-hanging the bells of All Saints' Church, Wokingham.

Much concern was expressed over the curtailment of ringing at Wargrave following complaints by local residents, and Miss Cross offered to interview the Vicar on the subject.

The Rev. M. C. Clarke, Rector of Easthampstead, preached at the service, and tea was followed by a selection on handbells by young ringers of St. Michael's, Sandhurst.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

The Leatherhead District at its annual meeting on February 8th, presided over by Mr. H. V. Young, decided to submit to the Guild annual general meeting that the Mastership shall not be held by any one person for more than three consecutive years. Nominations for Guild officers were: Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer and Mr. H. N. Pitstow; Mr. S. Russell and Miss R. Hide general secretary and treasurer and assistant; Mr. W. Parrott (Epsom), auditor.

A good start of the year was the election of 18 new members. District officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. H. V. Young; hon. secretary, Mr. A. H. Smith, with Miss Catherine Powell as his assistant; hon. auditor, Mr. A. H. Winch; general executive committee, Messrs. C. W. Munday and A. S. Harris.

It was decided to arrange a combined practice at Merrow and West Clandon. Cobham are holding an advanced practice on the first Wednesday in each mo[illegible].

Mr. H. N. Pitstow proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Canon F. A. Page) for conducting the service, the Rev. C. Marshall (a welcome addition to the local band) for giving the address, the ladies for a jolly good tea, and to Mr. George Marriner for making the arrangements.

JOINT MEETING AT WOOLWICH

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, in co-operation with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild. A total attendance of 70 kept the Ringing Master (Mr. A. S. Richards) busy.

Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice-president) presided at the Kent County Association meeting, when 12 members were elected. The passing of Mr. F. W. Richardson and Mr. H. Hoverd was marked in the traditional way and tributes to their memory were paid by Mr. J. Dafters and Mr. R. A. Jenkins.

It was unanimously agreed that all tower secretaries be asked to ensure that the Association is adequately represented at the funeral of any member of their band.

Mr. A. S. Richards proposed a vote of thanks to the Ven. D. Brown, Archdeacon of Lewisham, for taking the service and for his address, to Miss Richards and her helpers for an attractive tea and to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

CHESTERFIELD RINGERS RESTORE THEIR HANDBELLS

A pleasant surprse awaited the Vicar, the Ven. T. Dilworth-Harrison, Archdeacon of Chesterfield, when he paid his customary visit to the ringing room at Chesterfield Parish Church on practice night, January 31st, and was shown a set of 26 apparently new handbells hanging in the handbell cabinet.

Actually these handbells were discovered when the tower was reopened ten years ago, and were in very poor condition owing to long disuse during the 25 years' period of inactivity in the belfry. The leather handles and the clapper pads were perished and the bells themselves were dull, both in tone and colour.

In due course they were despatched to the Whitechapel Bellfoundry for a complete overhaul and were received back in Chesterfield shortly before Christmas, 1957, just 70 years after the handbell cabinet was made, according to an inscription which is painted on the doors of the cabinet.

The ringers have borne the whole cost of the restoration between themselves, thus making the scheme a real 'belfry effort,' as the church authorities are under considerable expense in repairs to the crooked spire and the organ.

After congratulating the ringers on their achievement, the Vicar, at the request of the captain of the ringers, Mr. Sam Scattergood, offered a prayer of rededication and accepted the handbells once again into the service of the church. They will be a most valuable asset in the belfry for many years to come.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD, TO LOSE ITS CONDUCTOR

The prospect of losing their conductor, Mr. F. A. Munday, who will probably be going to Yorkshire on promotion, was announced to Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, at their annual supper. A company of 22 members and wives was present with the Provost in the chair.

The hon. secretary, Mr. T. W. White, reported a membership of 12 and three probationers. Four peals had been rung in the tower but none by the Society. Two honorary members—Mr. A. H. Hutton, who had retired after 60 years of active service in the tower, and Supt. R. J. C. Hagley, of Godalming—were welcomed.

Officers elected were: Conductor, Mr. F. A. Munday (until he leaves Guildford); sub-conductor, Mr. T. Mark White; steeplekeepers, Messrs. A. W. G. Oliver and Colin A. Hopper; hon. secretary, Mr. T. W. White.

Regret was expressed at the absence, through indisposition, of Mr. A. H. Pulling, and the good wishes of the company are to be conveyed to him.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Nottingham District

A ten minutes' bus ride from the centre of Nottingham brings one to the suburb of Basford, where its old church is dedicated to the little-known St. Leodegarius, and the church has still its Norman masonry in the walls. 13th century work in the chancel, the nave arcades, the font and south doorway, and 15th century work in the south aisle and south porch.

In the tower hangs a grand ring of eight bells dedicated on July 4th, 1921, and this is where on February 1st the Nottingham District held their monthly meeting. The bells were rung up in peal at 2.45, just as some happy couple left the church. Mr. R. W. Carlisle was acting Ringing Master in place of Mr. Nicholls, and the bells were rung from rounds to various methods during the afternoon and early evening. A short business meeting was held and Nuthall selected for the meeting on March 1st. S. A.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a very cordial welcome at the happy Crewe Branch meeting at Holmes Chapel on February 15th to Mr. John Wheadon, who last month celebrated his 86th birthday and diamond wedding by ringing in a peal of Minor at Poynton—no mean feat for a lad of 86.

Others present included the Master of the Guild and Mrs. Clarke, the Deputy Master, Mr. A. R. Elkins and the hon. secretary of the Guild, Mr. K. M. Kingdom.

Ringing preceded the singing of the Guild Office and a sumptuous tea was provided by local ringers and served by their wives under the direction of the tower captain (Mr. L. Copnall). At the business Mr. Frank Stenson extended a welcome to all and regretted the absence of Mr. Jack Baston, through illness. The sympathy of the meeting, with wishes for a speedy recovery, is to be conveyed to him.

To an omnibus vote of thanks, ably moved by Mr. Derek Smith, short acknowledgments were made by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Culey), the Master, Deputy Master, Guild hon. secretary and the tower captain. Another hour's ringing was afterwards enjoyed.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Branch

At the 24th annual meeting of the Branch held at Diss on February 8th and attended by 60 members and friends from 32 parishes, Dr. P. Jonason, who presided, presented Mr. A. G. Harrison with a book, 'Norfolk Churches,' by Munro Cautley, and a handsome writing set in appreciation of his 20 years of loyal and faithful service as Branch secretary until his retirement last year. The chairman feelingly spoke of Mr. Harrison's work, and this was endorsed by a former chairman, Mr. W. L. Duffield. Mr. Harrison suitably replied.

Officers re-elected were Dr. P. Jonason (chairman) and Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo (hon. secretary). Mr. W. G. Saunders was elected Ringing Master and Mr. L. Last and Mr. F. C. Arnold to the Standing Committee. Miss B. Syrett, Messrs. F. Whiting, H. Moss, F. C. Roper and W. Holt were elected to the Branch Committee.

The Rev. L. O. Kevnon (Rector) conducted the service and gave the address.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM CLARKE

The death of Mr. William Clarke, following an operation in Newark General Hospital on January 28th at the age of 88, has removed one of the last links with the famous band which rang with Sir Arthur Heywood at Duffield at the end of the last century.

Learning to ring at Duffield, his first peal was of Bob Triples on September 13th, 1888. In the next ten years he rang 35 peals; 34 were at Duffield, and 28 of these were conducted by Sir Arthur Heywood. These included 15 peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, along with Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Oxford, Duffield, London and Superlative Surprise Major.

From Duffield he moved to Lincoln, where he rang peals at all the towers in the city. He was in the band which rang the first peal on the Cathedral bells after their restoration.

Retiring to Winthorpe, he rang with the local band until his recent illness overtook him. He was laid to rest in Newark Cemetery on January 31st, and among the floral tributes was one from his ringing friends in the Newark District. W. L. E.

MR. FRED DENCH

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Fred Dench on Saturday at the Addenbrooke Hospital, Cambridge. Fred had been ill for one week with a cold, but on the Friday afternoon passed into a diabetic coma and was taken to Cambridge Hospital that night.

The funeral service will take place at Saffron Walden Parish Church, tomorrow (Saturday), at 2.30 p.m.

MR. JOHN HALL

The death occurred on January 6th of Mr. John Hall, of Keighley, Yorks, who had been a ringer at St. Andrew's Parish Church for over 50 years. His long service was recognised by the presentation of a gold watch suitably inscribed.

Mr. Hall joined the Yorkshire Association in 1905 and had rung 12 peals for the Association. Over his long period of service he was a most regular and consistent Sunday service ringer and he will be greatly missed by his colleagues in the belfry.

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CARE.—On Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 1958, to Margery and George, of Brafield, Northampton, twin sons (Julian and Vaughan). 1942

HAYNES.—On February 14th, 1958, to Jane (née Thorpe) and Frank, at St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham, a daughter (Frances Elizabeth).—102, Vicarage Road, Smethwick, 41, Staffs. 1927

STEPHENS.—On February 18th, 1958, to Mary (nee Fuller) and Richard Stephens, a daughter (Elizabeth).—126, Westhall Road, Warlingham, Surrey. 1910

ENGAGEMENTS

BARTHOLOMEW—CARNOCHAN. — The engagement is announced between Donald Roy, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bartholomew, of 14, Southgate Cottages, Royal Masonic Schools, Rickmansworth, Herts, and Mary Gwendy, only daughter of the late Mr. M. G. Carnochan and of Mrs G. D. Carnochan, of Wolston, 49, Wickham Hill, Hassocks, Sussex. 1935

VAN ASSELT—MITCHELL.—The engagement is announced between Barbara A. Mitchell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Minchin, of London, S.W.6, and Hendrik O. van Asselt, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. van Asselt, of Rotterdam, Holland. Present address, c/o Bapco, Awali, Bahrain, Persian Gulf. 1898

IN MEMORIAM

HARDING.—In memory of C. Henry Harding, died February 23rd, 1957, from his many ringing friends in Bedfordshire. 1913

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On and after March 1st the address of Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, will be 38, Strensall Road, Eyres Monsall, Leicester. 1905

PERSONAL

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FOR SALE.—Set of 40 handbells, chromatic scale; largest bell 8in. diameter in G, smallest bell 2¼in. diameter in C; fair condition. Offers to secretary, Walton-le-Dale W.M. Institute, Walton-le-Dale, near Preston, Lancs. 1937

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. NICOLAS', GUILDFORD. — Practice Night changed to Mondays during Lent, 7.30 p.m.—Miss M. Collins, Tower Sec. 1904

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MEETINGS

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Cockermouth on Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m. 1863

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton (6) on Saturday, Mar. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1877

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Roydon (6) on Saturday, March 1st at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1833

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Ingatestone (6), Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 1815

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Saturday, Mar. 1st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cock Inn. Special method, London Surprise Minor.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 1872

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Sellinge, Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. Good attendance specially requested.—C. T. H. 1839

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Southport, Saturday, Mar. 1st, will be held in the Lower School at Christ Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Christ Church School. Bells available: Emmanuel from 2 to 4.30 p.m., Christ Church after tea. Buses to Emmanuel leave the Monument every few minutes: No. 2 or No. 10. 1868

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Loughborough District.—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Saturday, Mar. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Beadsmoore, Rangé Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. 1847

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements in connection with the Henry Johnson Dinner, Saturday, Mar. 1st: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 1 to 2 p.m.; Aston Parish Church (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. 1869

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting, Warminster, Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 1920

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Ranmoor, 3 p.m., on Saturday, Mar. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield. 11.—J. Seager, Sec. 1893

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District. — Annual general meeting at Cavendish, Saturday, March 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 1840

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Lower Beeding (8), Saturday, Mar. 1st. Tea 4.30 p.m. sharp at the Plough Inn. 1852

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 3rd, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1899

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, March 5th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Visitors welcome. Good attendance, please. 1917

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting on Saturday, March 8th, at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3.30 p.m.—J. Chilcott. 1915

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting at Penistone, Sheffield, on March 8th. Teas, Please notify, not later than March 5th, Mr. Arthur Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone.—J. W. Buxton. 1903

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at West Monkton (6), Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 1929

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly, Hardington Mandeville (6), Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Kindly notify for tea.—T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 1902

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 1895

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hedon on March 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (price 3s. 6d.) at the Temperance Hall. Those wanting tea notify before March 5th Mr. C. H. Hunter, 69, Westlands Drive, Hedon.—J. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 1943

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, Saturday, March 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Turner, 29, Highfields, North Wingfield, Chesterfield. 1916

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual meeting at East Grinstead, Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by 6th to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road. Please try to attend this important meeting.—C. A. Bassett. 1933

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford (6) on Saturday, March 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Whittlesford (6) bells also after tea.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1919

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chaceley (6), Saturday, March 8th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.—G. H. Burrows, Branch Sec., 24, Lansdown Place, Cheltenham. 1897

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Saturday, March 8th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 1901

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, March 8th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 1906

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Mar. 5th, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street.—J. Good. 1883

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Ash-by-Wrotham, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 5th, please, to Mr. J. V. Muller, School House, Ash, near Sevenoaks.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1934

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Great Mongeham, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Mar. 5th, with cash, please, to Mrs. C. E. Court, Owen Sound, Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham, Deal.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Combined meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Headcorn on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Wednesday, Mar. 5th, Miss R. J. Vidler, Ferndale House, Headcorn. 1862

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual meeting will be held at Beckington on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting after. Names for tea to Mrs. Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Vallis Road, Frome.—M. J. de Jong, Hon. Sec. 1925

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, March 8th, at Claines, Worcester. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 3rd, please, to Diana Perrins, 153, Plank Lane, Water Orton, near Birmingham. 1928

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Parish Church, St. Helens, Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 5th, to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 1938

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Browncdge Road, Bamber Bridge, Saturday, March 8th. Bring own food. Preston-Chorley A6 road—alight Withy Trees.—L. Walmsley. 1935

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at Oldham Parish (12), Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cafés nearby.—Hudson, Hon. Sec. 1914

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Half-yearly meeting at Lancaster, Saturday, March 8th. Ringing, St. Peter's 2.30–5, Priory 6.30–8.30. Tea at St. Peter's Social Centre 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—Eccles, Sec. 1940

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Rothley, Saturday, March 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday to Mr. P. Plowright, 33, Hallfields Lane, Rothley. 1912

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Memorial Hall. Numbers for tea by Monday, Mar. 3rd, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 1885

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Dunholme, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace. 1891

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 8th, St. Mary's Clapham Common, 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.15, St. Mary's Hall. Further ringing, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Powell, 45, Tremadoc Road, S.W.4. 1918

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Lawrence Jewry, City, on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1900

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury District and Oxford City Branch joint meeting, Saturday, Mar. 8th, Adderbury (8). Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 4th, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 1865

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Mar. 5th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1879

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cuddington, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by March 5th, please.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks. 1926

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Uppingham on Saturday, Mar. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Mar. 4th, please, to Miss Jean Kay, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 1870

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pembroke, Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 1896

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 8th, Childe Okeford. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 1936

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Saturday, Mar. 8th, Netheravon. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service and tea. Amesbury bells 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Mar. 4th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 1874

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District and North Notts District.—Joint meeting at Tuxford (8), Saturday, March 8th. It is important that names for tea should be sent by March 5th to Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark.—W. Exton and H. Denman. 1932

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Tamworth, on Saturday, Mar 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Mar. 5th to Mr. G. H. Peers, jun., 7, Edward Street, Tamworth. 1864

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Fittleworth (6) on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—E. W. Keys, Div. Sec. 1907

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Association dinner will be held on Friday, Mar. 14th, at the Dujon Restaurant, Bedford, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston; Mr. L. Bywaters, 2, Langford Road, Henlow, and Mr. K. Spavins, 8, London Road, Woburn; price, 15s. each. 1856

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Ardleigh, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 12th, please, to Mr. F. Erith, Vince's Farm, Ardleigh. 1921

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Harby (5 bells), Saturday, March 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 12th, to Mr. Butcher, Pinfold Lane, Harby, nr. Melton Mowbray. 1939

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at the Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 15th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 12th, to Mr. P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 1908

ANOTHER ATTEMPT FOR RECORD LENGTH

Mr. Philip Mehew informs us that another attempt will be made to ring 40,320 Plain Bob Major at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, by kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor, on Saturday, March 8th, starting between 6 and 7 a.m.

Six of the original band who made the attempt on February 8th are included. Unfortunately, the conductor (Mr. Dennis Knox) will be unable to ring. Because of the conductor's absence there might be a postponement of the attempt.

The composition, which is the same as for the previous attempt, is as follows:—

40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

23456	W	V	M	H
42635	—	3	—	
65234		3	S	—
26534		3		—
52634		3		—
62435		3	—	
36425	—	3		
45362	—	3	S	—
34562		3		—
53462		3		—
42365		3	S	—

Eleven times repeated, calling bob for first single M in all other parts except the seventh, and calling single for bob at every third part-end. Arranged by Dennis Knox.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Reigate on Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall. Buckland bells 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. Names for tea by March 12th, please, to B. A. Cracknell, Glen View, Reigate Road, Reigate. 1909

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bishopstoke, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Names by March 12th to G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.—J. Hartless. 1931

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 15th, at Keighley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Co-operative Restaurant, Brunswick Street. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, March 11th, to Mr. R. Bottomley, 50, Eelholme View, Beechcliffe, Keighley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1924

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Beccles, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 19th, to Mr. E. R. Goate, 51, Grove Road, Beccles. Norfolk ringers welcome. —J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 1911

OXFORD SOCIETY. — The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names, with remittance, before April 1st, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing details later. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1844

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The festival and annual general meeting will be held at Dorchester, Dorset, on Saturday, May 17th, 1958.—W. C. West, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1922

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Whitlock 1, Miss P. F. Curtis (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. A. Needham 3, R. V. Baker (cond.) 4, H. E. Curtis 5.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, G. Thoday 2, A. Payne 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6.

5,056 HASELBECH SURPRISE MAJOR

BY P. G. K. DAVIES

23456	B	M	W
54632		—	—
43265		—	2
36524		—	2
62453		—	2
25346		—	2
43652		—	—
35426	—		
24653		—	—
53246		2	—
23645		—	3
46532		—	—
32465		2	—
65324		2	—
23456		—	—

Rung at Haselbech, Northants, by the Peterborough Guild, on December 27th, 1957, conducted by R. G. Leale.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Howard 1, G. Rogers 2, H. Wright 3, F. Abrey 4, P. Willsher 5, H. Egglestone (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Rogers.

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OLD TED AND YOUNG BILL

IT was in 1901 that Ted and Bill first met; and what a contrast they made, for Ted was a famous personality in the ringing world and a regular ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, while Bill was a lad of 17 whose knowledge of London amounted to a few months in various 8- and 10-bell towers.

Ted took a kindly interest in young Bill, and before long he took the lad under his roof so that he could enjoy home comforts and also progress in ringing. Ted was mostly a 12-bell ringer, and Bill would often watch the College Youths at work with Cinques and Maximus, often wondering how long it would be before such ringing came his way.

It came sooner than he expected, for one Sunday morning Old Ted did not feel well, and Bill was asked to deliver a letter addressed 'Mr. James Pettit, St. Paul's Cathedral Belfry.'

Young Bill hastened to the station, and by means of train and bus he reached St. Paul's, where he found two vergers in conversation at the entrance to the tower. In his haste to deliver the letter he found his progress barred by one of the vergers, who demanded to know his business, and after being told by Bill that the letter was to be delivered personally the verger replied that he would deliver it, because 'College Youths only were allowed up there'! 'But I am a College Youth,' exclaimed Bill; and after asking him the names of a few ringers the verger raised no further objections.

On arriving in the ringing chamber another Bill spotted the letter in young Bill's hand, and the pair went to Mr. Pettit, who opened the letter, read it and said: 'One short this morning.' Young Bill sat down, but not for long, and when he saw the famous conductor approaching him he wondered what sort of message he would be requested to take back to Old Ted; but his surprise was great when he was asked: 'Do you ring Stedman Cinques?', and the reply was 'No, Sir.' After this came: 'Can you ring Stedman Caters?', which was followed by another 'No, Sir.' 'Can you ring Stedman Triples?' came next, and the reply was 'Yes, Sir, and Grandsire Caters as well.' The conductor smiled and told Bill that as he came from a good ringing family he would take a chance and let him stand in for Stedman Cinques in place of Ted, with the proviso that he must do his best and not let the band down.

Those three courses came quite naturally to most of the band, which included J. Pettit, J. R. Haworth, M. A. Wood, C. F. Winney, W. T. Cockerill, W. Prime and H. R. Newton; but to young Bill, who had come through the ordeal without any 'nervy' signs, the final change sent a great thrill of pride within, and when he was requested to be present for the afternoon ringing he received yet another surprise and thrill.

Old Ted listened carefully to young Bill's account of the morning ringing at St. Paul's, and then suggested plenty of 10- and 12-bell practice in addition to steady progress on eight bells. Bill found many towers where local bands did not exist and the bells were rarely heard regularly, and it was surprising what could be done by co-operation to keep change-ringing alive in many London towers.

Ted's work sometimes took him away for short periods, and this enabled Bill to act as deputy for Sunday ringing even though no peal of Stedman had come his way. The renowned James Pettit often asked if one had been scored, and he must have tired at receiving the same answer every time for he invited Bill in a peal of Stedman Caters on his 18th birthday, a peal in which, unfortunately, Ted could not take a part. Strange to relate, Ted and Bill never rang a peal together—a matter of deep regret to young Bill, whose admiration and respect for Ted was very great.

And now it is time to enlighten readers as to the identity of Old Ted and his youthful companion in 1901. Ted's full name was Edwin Horrex and he was born in 1838, so in 1901 his age was 63, not a great age judging by present day standards. He died in 1925 at the age of 87, a grand veteran of genteel character, and a staunch College Youth whose name is still remembered by many ringers. Bill was born in 1883 and became a College Youth in 1900. His ringing career really started in 1893, and as he is still with us it does not need much calculation to get his age at the present time. Time, yes time, marches on; and though some readers may have guessed Bill's name, here it is in full—

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TEN BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH.
THE GUILD OF RINGERS OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
(Portsmouth Cathedral.)
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

*S. Kathleen M. Knight	*Treble*	E. Keith Jordan	6
A. York-Bramble	2	Frederick W. Burnett	7
*Marion J. Parker	3	William T. Beeson	8
†Alexander Page	4	Frederick J. Munday	9
*Russell H. R. Parker	5	Arthur E. Hoodless	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick W. Burnett.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. First peal for the newly-formed Guild.
Rung for the anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II.

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On Wed., Feb. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Brian S. Chapman	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Brian G. Warwick	2	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Phyllis Poole	3	John A. Acres	8
Harold Marcon	4	Ernest J. Jelley	9
Colin Harrison	5	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
Composed by George T. Daltry. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt.

*Crawford T. Hillis	*Treble*	*Colin A. Tester	6
*Kathleen M. Yeo	2	Dennis A. Chapman	7
Wilfred W. Ring	3	Geoffrey Pearson	8
†John R. Cooper	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
Thomas E. Sone	5	Philip J. Westwood	*Tenor*

Composed by Louis Head. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson	6
Mary C. Payne	2	George H. Randles	7
Harry Poyner	3	John Walden	8
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Herbert Lowman	5	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by John Freeman.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Cross and St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 38½ cwt.

Brian J. Howard	*Treble*	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Lionel S. Woods	2	Terry Earle	7
Frank V. Gant	3	Thomas J. Lock	8
Howard W. Egglestone	4	Alfred J. House	9
Harry Turner	5	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by G. E. Symonds. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

Albert W. Bond	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	6
Edgar R. Rapley	2	*Raymond P. Wood	7
Raymond Overy	3	William Rogers	8
*E. Winifred Keys	4	W. Arthur Riddington	9
Frank H. Hicks	5	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by William Rogers.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. This composition is now rung for the first time.
Rung for the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*June Creak	*Treble*	Eric Dodds	6
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	2	Geoffrey Dodds	7
Wilfrid G. Wilson	3	‡C. Montagu Meyer	8
*Patricia Doorn	4	Harold W. Rogers	9
†Mrs. Joyce Dodds	5	Reginald T. Goodman	*Tenor*

Composed by William T. Elson. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First of Caters. ‡ First on ten bells.
A sixth wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of 5 and 7.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
Ernest Morris	2	John A. Acres	6
Brian S. Chapman	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
Phyllis Poole	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
Rung to welcome David Andrew Warwick, son of the conductor, grandson of the ringer of the fifth, born February 2nd, 1958.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Samuel H. Waterfield	*Treble*	H. William Barrett	5
George Sayer	2	John S. Barnes	6
George P. Adams	3	Bert Gogle	7
George Love	4	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal of Triples on the bells.

COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

Arthur H. Beamish	*Treble*	*Neville Haile	5
Frank W. Perrens	2	John W. T. Taylor	6
Hubert E. Ashley	3	James F. Clarke	7
Dorothy E. Beamish	4	Frank E. Haynes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First peal of Cambridge.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank E. Pervin, a founder member of the above Guild and a ringer at this church for over 50 years, many of them as Ringing Master.

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FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Christopher Jones	*Treble*	*Douglas Lowe	5
Eric Hornby	2	Victor Neale	6
Mrs. D. Lowe	3	Henry Parker	7
Harry W. Howard	4	Cecil Raddon	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Hopgood. Conducted by Henry Parker.
* First peal on eight.
Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. Lowe, and birthday compliments to Mr. H. Howard, Mrs. H. Howard and Mr. K. Parker.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Treble*	George S. Wiggins	5
*Frank Lewis	2	Harold P. Reed	6
Henry Lawrence	3	*Reginald W. Rex	7
James P. Blond	4	†Robert B. Blond	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* 25th peal together. † First in the method 'inside.' The ringers of the treble and seventh have now 'circled the tower.'

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	Frederick J. Plummer	5
*Jill Mayes	2	*A. Rex Agg	6
G. William Critchley	3	Colin A. S. Harwood	7
C. Anne Agg	4	C. Michael Orme	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C. Michael Orme.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.
A compliment to Stanley H. Ashton, of Pirton, on his engagement to Miss June Butcher, of Stotfold.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

Hanbury F. Carter	*Treble*	Herbert Laskey	5
Mrs. Hanbury F. Carter	2	William Clover	6
John R. Smith	3	Derick W. Pardon	7
Walter C. Medler	4	William R. Catchpole	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard Conducted by William R. Catchpole.
First peal of Major as conductor.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

Richard J. Castledine	*Treble*	*Albert W. A. Leggitt	5
Allan L. M. Shepherd	2	T. Reginald Dennis	6
*Jean Sanderson	3	Jack S. Dear	7
Frances M. Welch	4	Lewis H. Bywaters	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Lewis H. Bywaters.
* First peal of Major.
A.M.D.G. also rung for the coming-of-age of the ringer of the third.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davis' Five-part. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*Gary Wignall	*Treble*	Stanley Anderton	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	James W. Metcalfe	6
Gillian Bridgeford	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
David Young	4	Richard P. Davis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. P. Hollinrake), who was inducted this day.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

G. Fred Terry	*Treble*	A. Harry Hawcroft	5
Walter Hick	2	Alan Sheppard	6
Mrs. J. Render	3	Leslie M. Woodhead	7
John J. Taylor	4	John Potts	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
In memoriam Mr. James Bradley, Sherburn-in-Elmet.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Sylvia E. Atkins	*Treble*	Arthur D. Barker	5
†Margaret Thompson	2	Wilfrid G. Wilson	6
‡David Wight	3	*Peter Maskrey	7
Mrs. Arthur D. Barker	4	§Thomas G. Hawkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major. § First of Kent Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment and welcome return from National Service to the ringer of the third.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

Dr. C. Guy Roworth	*Treble*	Walter H. Trueman	5
Charles Coles	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
*Thomas R. Collins	3	Francis G. Wilton	7
Raymond C. Westney	4	Eric Sutton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin (C.C.C. 117). Conducted by Eric Sutton.
* First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal of Major in the method on the bells since recasting and augmenting to ten.
A compliment to Dr. and Mrs. H. Craig on the birth of a son (Jonathan), and to Mr. A. G. Wells, on his 50th birthday this day.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Royal Foundation Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Victor A. Perry	*Treble*	Michael F. Amos	5
Malcolm J. V. Chown	2	John Kinchin	6
Dawn V. Elson	3	Ernest G. Orland	7
Robin Wilson	4	Sydney G. Osborne	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Sydney G. Osborne.
First peal in these two methods spliced by all the band and for the Guild.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

S. Haw	*Treble*	W. Storey	5
*Miss M. Haw (15)	2	F. S. Parsons	6
F. Wigmore	3	T. A. Bevis	7
*Miss A. Cook (15)	4	T. Bush	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by T. A. Bevis.
* First peal. First as conductor of Major.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Frederick R. Scott	*Treble*	*David A. S. Hawkins	5
Frederick W. Burnett	2	Robin G. Leale	6
Philip G. K. Davies	3	Ann M. Cox	7
*William S. Deason	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First of Yorkshire on the bells. The conductor's 325th peal in that capacity.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Tues., Feb. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*Susan Chaddock	*Treble*	†J. Frederick Milner ..	5
John J. L. Gilbert ..	2	*John N. D. Chaddock ..	6
*Ian M. Holland	3	John E. Turley	7
W. Eric Critchley ..	4	Norman Chaddock ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal in the method. † 650th peal.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Francis A. White ..	*Treble*	‡J. Henry Gardner	5
*Ruth S. Hodgson	2	Charles Coles	6
†Brian R. White	3	Ann M. Cox	7
Donald H. Niblett ..	4	Daphne R. Cloke	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First of Major. ‡ First of Major 'inside.' The conductor has now 'circled the tower' three times.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 CHISWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Freda Clayton	*Treble*	H. George Hart	5
Phyllis M. Mayne	2	William Wenban	6
Elsie K. Hart	3	John R. Mayne	7
Alick Cutler	4	*Thomas J. Lock ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 500th peal. The first peal in the method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

Frederick J. Lambert	*Treble*	*‡Ernest J. Ladd	5
Reginald E. Lambert..	2	‡Thomas E. Sone	6
*†Bernard V. Collison..	3	Robert T. Lambert ..	7
†Stanley G. Ponting ..	4	Colin A. Tester	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* 100th peal together. † 25th peal together. ‡ 75th peal together.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Helen and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

M. Susan Jackson	*Treble*	*Donald E. R. Knights..	5
John G. Gipson	2	*Geoffrey A. Lucas ..	6
Peter F. Windley	3	Hugh Neill	7
George E. Crisp	4	William J. Ridgman ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

Bryan S. Cope	*Treble*	Ralph G. Edwards ..	5
Shelagh R. Collins ..	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
William J. Chester ..	3	Philip Mehew	7
Kilby R. Holtom	4	A. Patrick Cannon ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Amy G. Morton, wife of the Vicar.

CHISWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—14—56—16—34—38—36—18
2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PITSFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Thurs., Jan. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Kennington, Plain Bob, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*Terry M. Haines	*Treble*	*Jim C. Rainbow	3
*Robert S. Roberts ..	2	George F. Roome	4
Allan R. Jones..			*Tenor*

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cyriac,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. John Couperthwaite	*Treble*	Albert G. Fuller	4
A. George Orbell	2	Roger Palmer	5
Christopher T. Graves..	3	Richard J. W. Housden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. W. Housden.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. W. F. Hicks), whose induction took place the previous day.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 21 cwt.

Christopher T. Graves..	*Treble*	Richard J. W. Housden	4
A. George Orbell	2	Geoffrey Pratt	5
Alan Shepherd	3	Anthony R. Mann	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Mann.
First peal as conductor.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Francis C. Taylor	*Treble*	W. Ronald Trickey ..	4
W. Donald Salter	2	Gordon Walford	5
Charles H. Webber.. ..	3	Leslie V. Morrell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon Walford.
Rung to welcome the birth of a son to the ringer of the fourth.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

Jill Creasy	*Treble*	Bertram G. Trinkley ..	4
Tom R. Roast	2	Ivan J. M. Saunders ..	5
Richard J. Harrison ..	3	Michael J. Edwards ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ivan J. M. Saunders.
A birthday compliment to Miss P. Harrison.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Mon., Feb. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford Bob and two extents each of St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

Mrs. C. B. Pemberton ..	*Treble*	†Sheila M. Thomas ..	4
*Roland A. Dutton ..	2	*G. Martin Roscamp ..	5
A. Raymond M. Watkin	3	Charles B. Pemberton..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.
* First peal away from the treble. † First peal, first attempt.
In memoriam Mr. John Cooke, Branch president.

BECKFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	4
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven Minor methods as conductor.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Newbury on the occasion of their silver wedding; and to Miss J. Newbury and Sgt. L. Alexander, R.A.S.C., who were married at Beckford on February 8th.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	4
JOHN S. DEAN	2	GEORGE CASE	5
*DESMOND CLAYS	3	JOHN F. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN F. HUGHES.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. George Case has now 'completed the circle.' A 16th birthday peal for John S. Dean.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Stedman, eight of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in D.

PATRICIA SMEE	*Treble*	*CATHERINE POWELL (14)	3
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	4
ARTHUR H. SMITH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ARTHUR H. SMITH.

* First peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

Rung on the 33rd wedding anniversary of the parents of the treble ringer, and a 21st birthday compliment to her brother, Peter B. Smee.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*SIDNEY BRIDGE	*Treble*	JOHN HILDER	4
†EDITH STRIDE	2	ERNEST CALCUTT	5
‡WILLIAM HOLLIS	3	RALPH PARTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST CALCUTT.

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

Rung as a farewell peal to William Davis, ringer and verger here for many years.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in four variations of calling.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	*Treble*	*BETTY SYRETT	3
†LEONARD J. MINNS	2	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	4
‡CECIL ALDEN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. † First 5-bell peal. ‡ First peal at first attempt.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Valentine, Bishop and Martyr.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (121 bobs, 22 singles).
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*IAN B. MCKEE	*Treble*	FRANK OSBALDISTON	4
†R. BRENT WHERRY	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
JOHN R. KENNETT	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Average age, 14 years 10 months.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank Osbaldiston.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 27 methods: (1) St. Werburg, Vale Royal, Combermere, Crowland and Abbeyville Delight; (2) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (3) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood and Braintree Delight; (5) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate and Marple Delight; (6) Oswald Delight; (7) Kirkstall Delight; 76 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR HIBBERT	*Treble*	BERNARD GROVES	4
†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
†FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in 27 methods. † First peal in 27 methods 'inside.' The conductor's 100th peal on tower bells.

FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MICHAEL LAWRENCE	*Treble*	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	3
A. GEORGE ORBELL	2	ROGER PALMER	4
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Roger Palmer.

LEWKNOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Grandsire, five each of Plain Bob and St. Martin's, and four each of St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury and Place Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. FULKER	*Treble*	†REGINALD TUCKWELL	4
KENNETH C. TIMBURY	2	*FRANK ABSOLOM	5
†FRANK E. GODDEN	3	‡WILLIAM COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK ABSOLOM.

* First peal in eight methods. † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal. Believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	EDWIN J. UPTON	4
*A. RONALD ASHBY	2	JOE HOBBS	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	BRIAN M. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. The ringers of the treble and fifth have 'circled the tower.'

A welcome to the Vicar (Rev. E. W. J. Motley), who was inducted to the living on February 4th.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Lightfoot, Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Durham and York. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

MRS. JAMES W. HAW	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
CECIL WADE	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
ALBERT E. SCOTT	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. HAW.

A fourth birthday compliment to Desmond Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Musson. The conductor is Desmond's godfather.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MARTIN MAJOR (13)	*Treble*	MRS. F. MAGER	4
†MRS. A. CRAVEN	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	5
†JOHN HULME	3	PERCY W. TOMPKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY W. TOMPKINS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At 29, Hinton-on-the-Green,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

Mrs. J. Thomas .. .. 1—2 | John Thomas .. .. .. 5—6
Joseph D. Johnson .. .. 3—4 | Vivien Barnes .. .. .. 7—8

Conducted by John Thomas.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 9, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
At 7, Welbeck Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13.

*Don C. Exell .. .. 1—2 | Margaret E. L. Beamish 3—4
Robert C. Kippin .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First handbell peal. First peal of Minor ' in hand ' by all the band. First handbell peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Hilary Kippin.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 11, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of All Saints' Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. R. Render .. 1—2 | A. Sheppard .. .. .. 3—4
John Potts .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by John Potts.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres .. .. .. 1—2 | Walter P. Whitehead .. 5—6
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. 3—4 | Alfred Ballard .. .. 7—8
Peter J. Staniforth .. 9—10

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

Rung with the compliments of the band to Kathleen and Michael Brown, of Sapcote (Leics), on the birth of a son, David Michael.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At The Limes, Station Road,
A PEAL OF 5160 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES
Tenor size 16 in B.

Frank Osbaldiston .. .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4
William H. Dowse .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in the method by all. First peal in method on handbells.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At 4, Rushton Drive,
A PEAL OF 5640 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being 840 Shipway's Place Bob, 720 Winchendon Place Bob, 840 St. Nicholas' Bob, 840 St. Simon's Bob, 960 St. Martin's Bob, 720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 720 Plain Bob.
Tenor size 17 in A.

*Frank Osbaldiston .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4
*William H. Dowse .. 5—6

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in seven methods on handbells.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Crimmins (first of Triples) 1, T. Templeman (cond.) 2, W. Harford 3, Desmond Kerley 4, B. Gladwyn 5, G. Kerley 6, David Kerley 7, R. Morgan (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Shaw (first quarter) 1, S. W. Brown 2, Valerie Mepham 3, I. C. Forrest 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Cadle 1, S. Butcher 2, E. Phillips 3, J. Phillips 4, S. Carter (cond.) 5, A. White 6. For evening service, and to commemorate the 70th birthday of Mr. S. Cadle.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Blanchard 1, R. Stretton 2, B. Colson 3, B. Cope 4, Miss J. Giles (first as cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Stretton.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Feb. 11th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, C. Gardiner 2, J. Crump 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Smith 5, R. Stickley (cond.) 6, O. Lamb 7, J. Ernstzen 8. To mark the retirement of Bishop Lavis, and with best wishes for a speedy recovery to J. Wood, in hospital.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: L. J. Clark (cond.) 1, Miss M. Panton 2, I. Panton 3, W. Glover 4, B. Hines 5, M. Edwards 6, R. Harrison 7, J. Saunders 8, E. Furbank 9, J. Crawley 10. Rung for the Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral Winter Festival.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Dimbleby 1, H. Tailby 2, G. Wright 3, D. Loake 4, Miss S. Feakin 5, B. Haycock 6, R. Idle (cond.) 7, Mrs. A. Loake 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Kilborn on the occasion of their golden wedding.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, S. Fisher 2, A. Beckwith 3, H. Langstone 4, G. Everett 5, H. Nichols 6, J. Papworth 7, C. Burton (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. John Newman, captain of the local band and a ringer for 60 years, and Mrs. Newman, by his former pupils.

GREAT MALVERN, WORCS.—On Feb. 8th, at the Priory Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Bullard (first of Triples) 1, G. Evenden 2, J. J. Stanier 3, R. G. Morris (cond.) 4, S. T. Holt 5, R. Woodyatt 6, D. Beacham 7, T. W. Lewis 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Lawrence 1, R. Lawrence (first quarter) 2, D. Price 3, R. G. Morris (cond.) 4, F. Lawrence 5, J. Clements 6, P. Farrent 7, L. Dovey 8.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, D. Wyatt (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. Scrutton 4, R. Newman 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, W. G. Wilson 7, H. W. Barnard 8. For Girl Guides' service.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Popplewell (first quarter) 1, F. Popplewell 2, H. Armitage 3, W. Dransfield 4, W. Hargreaves 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Newton 8. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,958 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Popplewell 1, F. Richards 2, H. Armitage 3, W. Dransfield 4, E. Pickles 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Newton 8. For evening service.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. C. Taylor 1, W. D. Salter 2, P. Moore 3, W. R. Trickey 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, C. H. Webber 6. For the wedding of Mr. L. S. Pike (a local ringer) to Miss E. M. Dinham.

QUARTER PEALS

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb. 9th, 1,188 Grandsire Cinques (composed by E. Morris): J. Bramley 1, P. Kirk 2, Jean A. Kirkman 3, Beryl Ayres 4, J. Adams 5, T. Bent 6, F. P. Harwood 7, W. Tanser 8, C. Walker 9, J. Moss 10, G. Olliffe (first of Cinques as cond.) 11, P. Minchin 12. First of Cinques by 3, 4, 5, 7, 10 and 12.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: J. H. Conquest 1, Miss J. Gladman 2, A. G. Hawkins 3, H. B. Whitney 4, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 5, V. Conquest 6, A. E. Rushton 7, J. W. Sinfield 8. On the back eight.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. C. Colson (first of Minor) 1, Vesta Headland 2, R. Edwards 3, R. Chapman 4, B. Colson 5, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 6.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Wadman 1, W. J. Prescott 2, S. A. Read 3, D. Hoare (cond.) 4, G. Salmon 5, V. Roberts 6, E. J. Chivers 7, E. Naylor 8. The band would like to associate with this quarter the name of the late H. W. Brown, of Bath, who was born in this village and conducted the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells in April, 1900.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. R. Quint (first as Treble Bob hunt) 1, T. G. Phillips (first of Surprise) 2, D. E. Cobb 3, L. Derrick 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Newstead (first quarter) 1, A. Flutter 2, D. Griffin 3, W. Cropley 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5. A farewell to Miss R. Newstead, who is shortly leaving the district.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Jan. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. Haines (first of Major) 1, J. Rainbow 2, R. Baker (first in method) 3, E. Billings (first of Major) 4, Miss D. Miller 5, G. F. Roome 6, W. Hammons 7, A. C. Cozens (first of Major as cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. G. Williams 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, A. R. Jones 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, B. E. Jeffery 6, R. V. Baker 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. For morning service and a 21st birthday compliment to Brian E. Jeffery, of Edenbridge, Kent. Also at the Church of St. Giles, on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. G. Chater 1, R. S. Roberts 2, E. Billings 3, Miss D. M. Miller 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, M. R. Bennett 7, J. C. Rainbow 8, R. V. Baker 9, G. F. Roome (cond.) 10. First of Royal for all the band. For evening service.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. George-in-Colegate, on Feb. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. D. T. Cattermole 1, A. S. Brothers 2, W. R. Catchpole 3, A. F. Ellis 4, T. N. J. Bailey 5, P. M. Adcock (cond.) 6. Rung after a peal failure on the first anniversary of the first peal by ringers of 4 and 6.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Oldfield 1, J. G. Hall 2, Mrs. L. Warrior 3, E. P. Wishart 4, W. Ellerington 5, T. M. Cox 6, R. Jackson 7, P. W. B. Semmens (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. Ralph Jackson after 16 years as verger at this church, an office which he and his father held continuously for 43 years.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalen Church, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rachel Corner 1, R. Hodgson 2, R. Jackson 3, J. Salter 4, P. Sanders 5, J. Pailing (cond.) 6. Also at New College, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Freeborn 1, Daphne Cloke 2, R. Pittman 3, N. Maggs 4, J. Pusey 5, P. Sanders 6, J. Pailing 7, F. Barrett 8, M. Cloke 9, R. Hodgson (cond.) 10.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ivonne Jeffery (first quarter) 1, Marlene Ladner 2, Mary Llewellyn (first 'inside') 3, Rev. D. H. P. Davey (Vicar) 4, R. Curtis (cond.) 5, J. Ladner 6. A farewell to Mary Llewellyn, who left for Australia on February 18th.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 480 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire): A. F. R. Hartley 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, J. W. Wallace 3, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 4, B. Taylor 5, M. K. Jones (first quarter) 6. First quarter in five methods by all the band. Rung for the first Confirmation service to be conducted in the church by the new Bishop of Llandaff.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAM.—On Feb. 1st, 1,800 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. R. Hartley 1, A. M. Coombs 2, J. W. Wallace 3, E. J. R. Hartley 4, G. Harding 5, Miss P. U. Llewellyn (first quarter) 6.

RUMNEY, CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Owen (first quarter) 1, T. P. Edwards 2, M. Peterson 3, G. Marchant 4, R. C. Lucas 5, A. K. G. Jones (cond.) 6.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Prockson 1, C. A. Hughes 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, B. J. Luff 4, W. Prockson 5, Miss H. Talbot 6, R. F. Deal 7, N. G. T. Steere (first as cond.) 8, F. J. Matthews 9, T. H. Francis 10.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Minor (600 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): Miss M. J. Alden 1, L. T. Minns 2, A. F. Ellis 3, C. A. Thompson 4, P. M. Adcock 5, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Sharp (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. S. Sharp (first 'inside') 2, F. R. Addison 3, R. E. Cox 4, E. P. Rock (cond.) 5, Mrs. E. Brennan (first quarter) 6.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Meyer (first quarter) 1, G. Fry 2, S. M. Dobbie 3, C. W. Hancock 4, L. E. Everest 5, S. A. White 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, J. T. Medhurst 8. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. A. White 1, G. Fry 2, S. M. Dobbie 3, A. F. Richards (first 'inside') 4, L. E. Everest 5, J. T. Medhurst 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, C. W. Hancock 8.

UXBRIDGE, MIDLX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ing 1, P. Phillips (first of Minor) 2, E. R. Gotham 3, F. Bedford 4, H. W. Impey 5, F. H. Corke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. E. Godden 1, A. R. T. Greenhough, 2, J. E. Godman 3, K. C. Timbury 4, J. O. Berry 5, F. Absolom 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, R. Tuckwell 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Devenish 1, J. Euston 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, Anne Garnett 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6, A. Bishop 7, E. Jacobs 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Cox, wife of Bert Cox, a member of this tower, who died on February 11th, aged 81.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Nurcombe 1, Mary Hall 2, F. Eggleton 3, A. Turner 4, G. Sparks 5, C. Bellew 6, F. Casey (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. First of Stedman by all except 4, 5 and 6. First of Stedman since the war by the local band. Rung for evening service.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Woodruff (14) 1, Ann Collier (14) 2, Ann Pryke (17) 3, Gillian R. Brown (16) 4, J. Felgate (16) 5, Marian Mills (17, cond.) 6. Witness Urban Wildney. A birthday quarter for the treble ringer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The reference to Pembroke College as 'the coal scuttle of Christ Church,' contained in the report of the Oxford University Society's dinner day (see page 129), has resulted in a protest 'from a gentleman from Pembroke College, Cambridge, protesting at this slight on the noble name.' Mr. Dermot Roaf assures us that the words complained of were not used by him.

The bells of Woolton, Liverpool, are at present under repair. There are about a dozen or more keen schoolboys in the band.

Mr. T. Blagrove asks us to point out that Barsham T.B., published on February 21st, is not a method as it is false in the plain course.

The Bedfordshire Association have invited the Hertford County Association to join them in a summer festival on June 14th, centred on Woburn.

The peal of Kent T.B. Major at Stoke Poges was rung by seven of the regular Sunday service band. They were grateful to Mr. W. G. Wilson for standing in.

Mr. S. Cadle, who first rang at Bengeo, Herts, in 1924, and scored his first peal on the old bells, rang in a quarter peal in honour of his 70th birthday on February 16th.

Miss Jean Roberts, formerly of St. Peter's, Syston, Leicestershire, who is residing at Wellington, N.Z., is the first woman ringer to ring the 32 cwt. tenor of Christchurch Cathedral. The Christchurch Bellringers' Society has been in being for 76 years.—'Ringing Towers.'

Mr. C. E. Verdon, of Bexhill-on-Sea, has converted the ship's bell of H.M.S. Banbury into a working model of a ringing bell, with a frame and headstock of English oak, and the wheel, stay and slider of ash. It was greatly admired at a recent meeting of the Hawkhurst and District Guild.

The grand old man of Market Weighton, Yorks, is Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, who has a record of 60 years' service to the tower, and his devotion to the belfry is obvious to any visitor. His and Mrs. Kneeshaw's golden wedding was fittingly observed by a peal on the bells, which was followed by generous hospitality from them to the peal band.

In regard to the obituary report of Mr. Henry W. Brown (see page 130), he rang in the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the renowned bells of Mells, Somerset, a village famous for its natural charm, and not Wells, as printed.

Mr. John Welch has been nominated by the Eastern District of the Hertford County Association for election as president at the annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead on April 12th.

Messrs. B. V. Collison and E. J. Ladd scored their 100th peal together on February 20th. It was rung at the same tower as they started their peal ringing partnership—St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells—over 20 years ago.

Miss Pat Stevenson, of Farnborough, Hants, who learned to ring while working in South Africa, rang in a farewell quarter at Farnborough before flying to Jerusalem, where she is to be governess to the children of the British Consul.

The band who rang the peal at Dunkerton on February 15th wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Butt for their most generous hospitality after the peal, which was specially rung as a 36th wedding anniversary compliment to them. Mr. Butt has been tower Master at Dunkerton for many years, and following the restoration of the bells in 1953 has raised a very keen local band in a very small community.

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BISHOP OFFICIATES AT RINGERS' WEDDING

THE fog, which had hung like a shroud over the village of Breadsall, Derbyshire, for most of the week, lifted on February 1st for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth A. G. Grime, of Breadsall, to Mr. Richard J. Bowden, of Tiverton, Devon.

The service was conducted by the Bishop of Derby, assisted by the Provost Emeritus the Very Rev. H. Ham. Most of the villagers attended, showing the esteem in which the bride was held in the village.

The bride wore a dress of white nylon, full length, full-skirted, shirt-waisted style with a stand-away neckline and a white satin cummerbund and headdress. She carried a bouquet of white narcissi and lilies-of-the-valley. The two bridesmaids wore dresses of similar style, in blue with short skirts.

The bride was given away by her father, the Rev. A. Grime (Rector of Breadsall). The best man was Mr. R. O. Fry, of Bath, a friend of long standing of both bride and bridegroom.

The six bells were pealing merrily as the couple emerged from the church, and although the weather was still slightly overcast, a motion film of the proceedings was made.

The reception was held in the Church Hall nearby and was attended by the Bishop and the Provost. Mr. Tony Brown proposed 'The bride and bridegroom,' to which the bridegroom made a suitable reply.

The large number of telegrams of best wishes from friends and ringers all over the country were then read out by the best man, who also wished the couple all best wishes for their future. The honeymoon was spent in London and Bournemouth.

A quarter peal at Breadsall immediately after the service was unfortunately lost, but a good peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's, Derby, in the evening, conducted by the best man. Two attempts for peals of Stedman Caters the following week—one at St. Stephen's, Bristol, the other at Cardiff—were lost, the former after 2¼ hours' good ringing.

Elizabeth has been at Bristol University for the past four years and is now working at Avonmouth. Richard, who was at Plymouth, is returning to Bristol where they hope to settle. One can definitely say that Bristol ringing will be helped greatly by the permanent presence of them both. Known all over the country as good ringers, and even more so, as two extremely nice and pleasant people, Elizabeth and Richard have the good wishes of everyone who has had the pleasure of meeting them for their future married life.



The Bishop of Derby (the Right Rev. A. E. J. Rawlinson) congratulating the bride and bridegroom. The best man, Mr. Roger O. Fry, is on the left.

The Stranger

'Who's the stranger, mother dear?'
Look, he knows us, ain't that queer.'
'Hush, my own, don't talk so wild,
He's your father, dearest child.'
'He's my father? No such thing;
Father passed away last spring.'
'Father didn't die, you dub,
Father joined a ringing club!'

'Ringing Towers'
and other magazines.

MR. E. MORRIS' RETIREMENT GIFT TO HIS CHURCH

Briefly announced in our last issue was the retirement of Mr. Ernest Morris from the post of verger at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

Writing in the March issue of the parish magazine, the Vicar (Canon E. N. Ducker) states:—

'Personally I shall miss Ernest more than words can say, for our partnership in all things belonging to St. Margaret's has been so long and intimate. We have been together for a few months short of 20 years, during which time Ernest has shown the greatest kindness and courtesy . . . . As we all know, he has been much more than a verger, and we shall always be delighted to have him round about St. Margaret's, and he has offered his services as registrar, which we are delighted to accept.

'It is most difficult to speak of Mr. Morris' work because it has been of exceptional breadth and interest. Chiefly he will be known as the historian of campanology, and as such he has an international reputation; his various books are standard works on this subject. In fact, amongst bellringers he has become legendary.

'Mr. Morris has bequeathed to St. Margaret's his books and other items of considerable value and interest; these he has now presented to us and they will be housed in a glass case. They will be known as the Morris collection. We thank him greatly for this, which will add to the importance of our tower as a centre for bellringers.'

THE MORRIS COLLECTION

The Morris collection consists of over 60 books, which include all printed works on the history (general) of bells, every county history, and works on the theory and mathematics of change-ringing.

Also some 400 or more lantern slides of Bells of all Nations, every Cathedral in England, and 100 of St. Margaret's Church.

They are at the moment in the clock room of the church, but the ringers hope to erect a suitable bookcase in the ringing chamber as soon as funds can be raised. They have recently spent over £60 to decorate the chamber and provided lino for the floor, so have exhausted their funds.

Mr. Morris has recently given to the Diocesan Advisory Committee five volumes of photos (which took him 40 years to collect), and include every church exterior in Leicestershire, also every village, wayside and churchyard cross in the county; and books to the muniment department of the Museum, county records office and city reference library.

His collection of horse, cow, goat, sheep, camel, sleigh and other various types of bells will shortly be on exhibition at the City Museum

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court and 540 Double Bob)): L. Duffield 1, J. H. Edwards 2, D. Barr 3, E. White 4, J. H. L. Blick 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. A farewell to David Barr, who is leaving Bedford on completion of his National Service.

THE RAMBLING RINGERS' TOUR, 1957

TO give an exact account of a tour six months after it has happened is an impossibility, particularly if the memory is the sole guide. Thus this account will be a brief outline of a tour which took three weeks to complete and involved some 113 towers.

The weather can easily be dealt with: the first week was glorious and the second two nothing but rain with thunder and lightning thrown in.

The tour began with ringing for Evensong at Leeds Parish Church; and what a well-balanced 12 they turned out to be. Our thanks here to the local company for standing down for us.

The week that followed was mainly centred on Derbyshire area; and to say that this necessitated hill-climbing would be putting it mildly. Of the outstanding towers of the week, Mirfield springs to mind as a grand eight and at the same time as one of the poorest tens in the country, those two trebles hardly a semitone between them. Holmfirth, with its grand welcome from clergy, press and the youth hostel warden, will always be remembered. The refreshments received from the Church authorities were very welcome and very much appreciated.

Wingather Youth Hostel was rather badly situated at the foot of a mile-long hill, far too steep to cycle and almost impossible to walk up. Unfortunately the local was situated at the top of this hill, but the finding of cider there compensated for this. Our expert in bovine language had an enlightened conversation with one of the local inhabitants, a conversation which could be heard a mile away!

Thursday was mainly spent in Sheffield, and the Cathedral, with its practically non-existent tenor, and that glorious eight at the R.C. Church will be remembered.

LITTLE JOHN'S STRENGTH WANTED

What a ring we found at Hathersage—probably the worst-going six of their weight in the country; the bearings must have contained glue, and added to this were the guide bosses, which had a tendency to seek the vertical. Little John's grave is reputed to be here, and it would certainly need people of his size and strength to ring the bells.

Friday saw us among some of the shield ringing towers, and we hope that our open lead style of ringing did not insult the locals too much. It was back to Leeds again on the Saturday and to meet our reinforcements. The rendezvous was Hunslet, and it was pleasant to stand down for a while and let the new blood monopolise the ringing.

Sunday was a day of three grand rings—Leeds Parish again, Ossett and Wakefield Cathedral. The amplification system at the last named was thought to be a grand innovation —what an improvement it would make to York Minster. Bradford Cathedral must be one of the finest rings of ten in the country: our stay here was all too short. What a grand tower for a peal! The rest of the towers of the day required a great deal of effort to be reached: we had to cycle along a valley floor and climb out up very steep hills to every tower, and then back down again—on our poor, aching legs! The Unitarian Church at Todmorden rounded off the day.

IN LANCASHIRE

The 12 at Oldham were much admired for their tone if not for their 'go'; unfortunately a broken rope put paid to our 12-bell efforts here. At Ashton the worst ringing of the tour was experienced; the locals must have thought us a band of novices. However, we improved on this at Manchester Cathedral.

Wigan's are another grand ten, and a course of Bristol, especially asked for by the locals, did full justice to them. Thursday was a Liverpool day, and after a rather frustrating two hours' wait we managed to ring at Liverpool Parish Church; but as nearly the whole of the party had vanished, we had to satisfy ourselves with Caters and a course of Bristol on the back eight: what a pity it was that we could not have heard the 12. Our thanks to Dr. Spice for letting us in.

The rain and thunder of Friday almost put an end to the day's ringing: some towers we missed and only a small section rang at Blackburn Cathedral, the others being scattered far and wide.

Saturday was a day of eights—seven in all; the finding of one of them, St. James' Church, caused some amusement. After a great deal of cross-purpose talk with a local, we finally impressed him that we wanted St. James' Church. '*Church*, why didn't you say that at first?' was the reply!

Sunday was a day of cycling mainly, there being only two towers on the list, although a five was grabbed for good measure.

Ripon Cathedral was the outstanding tower on Monday, a day noted for the standard of ringing. A touch of Spliced Six on the back eight though misfired in the last lead.

EXPLANATIONS TO POLICE

The only outstanding event of the next day was a power dive into the road by one of the ringers, and the long statement our two Cheshire friends had to give to a police constable!

On Thursday we visited York Minster and we were very grateful for permission to be granted for us to ring here. They are a grand 12, and it is a pity that they are not more audible in the ringing chamber.

Huntington bells were only just rung: a few touches sufficed, for the state of the frame here was very much in question.

Friday saw us ringing in two grand towers—Selby Abbey and Howden. What a grand church the latter must have been in its day before the chancel was destroyed.

The two plums of Saturday were that fine ten at Beverley Minster, where we met ringers on outing from Nottinghamshire, and the last official tower of the tour, Holy Trinity, Hull. Some of the party had a galling experience here, for entry to the church is by a door which opens from the inside, and as the door was shut they just had to stand and listen.

A brief analysis of the towers visited: Two five-bells, 28 sixes, 60 eights, 16 tens and seven 12's.

METHODS RUNG

Maximus.—Kent, Plain and Cambridge.

Cinques.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Royal.—Cambridge, Kent, Plain and Little.

Caters.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Major.—London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Rutland, Ealing, Watford, Lincolnshire, New Cambridge, Braunston, Bushey, Spliced 4 and Spliced 6, Plain, Little, Kent and Double Norwich.

Triples.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Minor.—Cambridge, Primrose, Bourne, Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars', College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Kent, Oxford, Plain, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Single Court and Double Court.

Doubles.—Grandsire and Stedman

At a short meeting held in Leeds, the place of the reunion was voted for and Northampton was decided upon.

Our thanks go out to all the ringers and incumbents for their kindness and great welcome given to us. Especially to Mr. and Mrs. Hartley, of Thorner, for putting so many of us up during our stay in Leeds. J. E. C.

Emmanuel Church, Plymouth

Taking different parts of the Church as his theme for Lenten sermons, Preb. J. D. Wakeling, of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, told his congregation how lucky they were to have such a fine ring of bells and such an enthusiastic band of ringers to ring them at each service Sunday by Sunday.

It is estimated the ringers travel between them some 60 miles to ring each Sunday. Two, the captain and hon. secretary, are sidesmen; another is the verger; a young lady is a Sunday School teacher, and one lad is in the choir.

The band keep in contact with the congregation by a paragraph in the parish magazine each month about the ringers and their activities.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at Croydon on January 25th. Ringing at St. Peter's, under the direction of Mr. G. Peters, was followed by a service taken by the Vicar. An excellent tea, prepared by the local ringers, preceded the business meeting in the Church Hall.

The chairman opened the meeting by announcing the death of Mr. C. D. Nichols, of Streatham, and asked the members to stand for a minute in silence as a last token of respect to him. The committee's report mentioned that membership had been held, an increased number of quarter peals had been rung and one more peal than in the previous year. For 1958 the following suggestions were made. That more peals be rung, to which end the committee was prepared to organise attempts; that handbell ringing be given more attention, and that unattached members who rang regularly at towers within the county boundaries could assist in reducing costs by allowing their correspondence to be sent to those towers.

The treasurer's accounts were passed after it had been noted with satisfaction that despite the increase in subscription a record number of subscriptions had been paid in the year. Fourteen new members were elected and all the officers were re-elected with the exception of committee member Mr. J. Hill, who is leaving the county. He was replaced by Mr. C. Champion, of Streatham.

The 1958 programme as recommended by the committee was adopted. It includes provision for another striking competition at Ashtead on October 25th.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DR. ARMSTRONG GIBBS PRAISES DANBURY RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I myself am not a ringer, and I doubt whether anybody could ever make me one, as my brain is quite allergic to mathematics and would be incapable of mastering the permutations and combinations of change-ringing. But, thanks to a long-standing friendship with two brothers, Dick and Ernest Roast, who have been chiefly responsible for the enrolment and training of the present band of young ringers in Danbury, I have been brought into contact with most of the ringing fraternity in Essex, and I am sometimes privileged to act as organist for their special services.

Perhaps just because I do not ring myself I am a suitable person to draw the attention of your readers to some of the feats standing to the credit of this young band. Dick and Ernest inspired these boys and girls eight years ago when they were still at school. At that time Dick's younger son was so small that he had to stand on an upturned packing case to reach his rope. Thanks to good teaching and enthusiasm, it was not long before the group developed great keenness both for change- and handbell ringing, and attained a remarkable standard of proficiency. We who live in Danbury are proud of them, and I feel that your readers will like to hear what hard work and enthusiasm can accomplish. I hope, too, it may encourage others to set out on the same path.

Ringing has become the main pastime of the band. Besides a weekly practice and ringing for service twice every Sunday, they often spend their free time ranging over the surrounding countryside to ring in other towers. Several times in recent years they have joined forces with other local enthusiasts to spend their annual holiday in the same pursuit. An area far afield is chosen, a coach is hired and off they go, staying at some convenient centre and making daily expeditions. Thanks to the sense of brotherhood which is so delightful a characteristic of the craft, they have only to contact some prominent local ringer for him to ensure that all the towers they wish to visit are open to welcome them.

As regards change-ringing, here are three points that seem to me worthy of mention. (1) The band have between them already rung upwards of 400 peals, ranging from Land's End to Norwich. (2) Recently a new member rang his first quarter peal here, and he is the 13th member to reach this stage in the past eight years. (3) One member of Danbury tower in November, 1957, rang in the record Minor peal at Stisted in Essex of 18,000 changes. This feat took 9 hours 38 minutes.

The band is equally keen on handbells, and I confess this side of their work has a special appeal for me. Handbells have a pure silvery tone which is unique, and among my earliest memories is that of the Great Baddow band playing in the big hall of my home over 60 years ago. This custom has been revived in Danbury, and for a fortnight before Christmas the band devotes every evening to going round to all the public houses and many private ones, collecting funds for Church charities to such good purpose that during the past eight years they have raised some £350.

Are only nice people attracted to bell-ringing, or is there something in the art that brings out the best in people? I do not know. What I do know is that I have yet to meet a ringer I did not like, and certainly the young people who are the subject of this letter are as nice a crowd of girls and boys as anyone could wish to meet.

I am, Sir, yours,

C. ARMSTRONG GIBBS,
B.A., Mus.D (Cantab.), Hon. A.R.C.M.
Danbury, Essex.

SERVICE RINGING IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In reference to the letter on page 95, February 7th, I am certain that Mr. Belton is a sincere man, but his comment is unfair as he introduces two other subjects, viz.: Hangers on and Inaccuracy of Reports. To refer back to December 6th, 1957, the paragraph about Leicester was itself a commentary about a speech at the annual dinner.

Perhaps Mr. Belton thinks I was romancing—well, we shall see. Last November at Liverpool I saw and heard the Leicester Cathedral company ring Yorkshire Maximus. I was informed that this was the regular Sunday band; perhaps a few 'hangers on' crept in or perhaps I was wrongly informed. However, I am sure that they would have no difficulty in ringing Maximus for service when they rang it so well before a huge audience. Also these performances which we see from time to time at Leicester—do they mean nothing? To my way of thinking they mean a high state of proficiency only attained by constant practice and the will to learn. The county area was never mentioned and I was assured months ago by a friend who now lives in Leicester that the Cathedral company rang the 12 bells on Sundays.

Now these 'hangers on'; are not these people sometimes made by ringers who will not take the trouble to progress? The type is well known and has always the same excuse. They haven't had time to look up a new method, which means to say they don't want to be troubled.

As for inaccuracy of annual reports, this is entirely a matter for the members of the Guild. If a member goes on paying his subscription, who can say his name shall not appear? I am prepared to admit that service ringing is in a bad way in a lot of places. If anything can be done to improve matters then it is time we started doing it. I can assure Mr. Belton that I am a service ringer, but I also believe in progress, as we are told that variety is the spice of life. Well, I have attacked nobody, so will sign myself M. R. P.

TOWER DISCIPLINE

Dear Sir,—On reading the Sunday national papers on the long peal attempt and your correspondent's account in our paper, I wonder what the present day ringer would think of the tower discipline of 50 years ago? At that time not a sound was allowed while ringing was on, except the bells and the conductor's voice, and anyone trying to speak was soon told to shut up; the only thing that mattered was the ringing not the ringer.—Yours, etc.,

Guildford. A. H. PULLING.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL RINGERS' GUILD

Dear Sir,—On behalf of my committee, may a sincere welcome be extended, through your columns, to ringers generally to meet our 'Guild of Ringers of St. Thomas of Canterbury,' for ringing at the Cathedral on our recently rehung and augmented bells?

Membership of the Guild is also open to those resident outside the diocese, as 'country' members. Even non-ringers who are interested in our reorganised activities are joining us as 'associate' members, and are thus helping us to raise the still outstanding balance of over £400 that we have undertaken to endeavour to raise.

Sunday service ringing is from 10.20 to 11 a.m., and from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., with practice on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. (Entry for practice is by the north door of the Cathedral.)—Yours faithfully,

S. K. M. KNIGHT,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

A PLEA FOR RECOGNITION

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. C. K. Lewis' letter re peals of Saturn and Erin Doubles.

Since Saturn T.B. is not a method, there being repeats in the plain course, the discussion of peals in this method is of no importance. However, when we consider the peal of Erin Doubles we have an example of the 'consisting only in its inconsistency' of the Central Council decisions.

In his definition of a round block, Mr. Lewis did not point out that the Central Council make an exception of Morris' and Pitman's 240's of Grandsire Doubles, which do not conform to this definition. Why make an exception of only these? Why not also the 240's of B. D. Price, which are far better that Morris'! Surely all that is necessary is that each of the 120 changes should occur the same number of times.

If we are to stick to this definition of the truth of each round block of 120 in the 360, then we must say goodbye to peals of Erin Doubles, for I see no way of getting a conforming 240 or 360, and the extents given in the Doubles Collection contain no plain leads and are produced by the use of four different singles which is, I think, not permissible in a recognised peal, be it a regular method or not.

The reason why the truth of each 120 in the 360 was made necessary was that someone pointed out that a peal of Plain Bob Doubles could be rung with only three bobs. It is extremely unlikely that anyone would ring such a peal, and such a peal would surely be regarded as a freak.

The removal of this restriction on round blocks would not only allow us to ring and have recognised Mr. Topp's 360's of Erin. We could also ring peals of Spliced London and Cambridge Surprise Minor (adding the original Superlative as well).

This case of round blocks is an example of too much tidying up of peals. For example, only one length of Triples, 5,040, is allowed. A peal of 10,080 Triples would not be recognised. Peals of Doubles, Minor and Triples may not be extended by one true touch of less than 120, 720 or 5,040 respectively. Why, if we can ring and have recognised peals of 6,000 Doubles, Major, Caters, etc., can we not ring and have recognised peals of 6,000 Minor or Triples? It is true that such peals can be rung, but they would not be recognised.

Perhaps at some future Central Council meeting the definition of a recognised peal will be extended to include such blocks and also the odd touch at the end of a peal of Doubles, Minor or Triples. Indeed, I still fail to see why a peal of Caters at Basingstoke should not be recognised.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

STICK TO THE C.C. COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Cattermole's suggested T.B. Doubles, he may be interested to know that this method was rung at Northaw about two years ago, and although no name was given to it at that time, I would suggest that it be called Kent T.B. as it is the logical adaptation of this method to five bells.

Although it is a very good thing to find ringers taking an interest in something unusual, I feel that there are many of the methods in the C.C. collection which are rarely rung that an energetic Doubles band could turn their attention to, rather than to methods which are false in the plain course (as, I believe, any Doubles method on the T.B. principle will be), even if true blocks of 240 changes are obtainable. Many of the Plain Doubles methods are easily learnt as variations of others and should be interesting to any energetic ringer (e.g., New Grandsire, where the hunt bell is in front of the treble instead of behind it).

We have now turned attention to ringing lesser rung methods from the Collection instead of oddities like T.B. Doubles.—Yours faithfully, W. D. N. FOOTE.

Northaw, Herts.

MUSIC IN BELL-RINGING – II.

By DESMOND PAINTER

IN my first article I discussed the main limitations on the capacity of bells to reproduce music, and showed that the '8-7's' which seem to occur in music are not really '8-7's' at all and cannot be adequately reproduced on bells. There are other less basic limitations than the ones I have mentioned; for instance, there is no possibility of varying the dynamics or the tone-colour of bell-music and, *pace* John Morris, almost no possibility of rhythmic variation (if, that is, mere bad striking and 'the inevitable missed dodges' are discounted). All these are sufficiently obvious, and the point need not be laboured. Let us now consider what genuinely musical effects bells can reproduce.

As we have already seen, a ring of bells is a fixed scale in one particular key. No rearrangement of the order of the notes can alter this fact (the case of 8-5's, or 6-3's in Minor is slightly different, although not so much as Mr. Chant claims. We shall consider this point later). All sense of music in ringing must therefore be related to this scale and to its tonic note, the note of the tenor. The most musical changes will be those which make use of this fact and emphasise the primacy of the tonic note as the foundation of the scale. This can be done in two ways —either by reproducing some or all of the notes of those chords which have the tonic as their root, or by reproducing a succession of notes which suggest a cadence on to the tonic. Let us deal with the chords first.

CHORDS ON THE BELLS

The bells will (we hope) sound consecutively, and will not therefore produce a chord in the strict sense, but a broken chord or arpeggio. On bells the downward form of arpeggio is the most satisfactory because it gives an air of finality and completeness by coming to rest on the tonic. In music, of course, upward arpeggios are as common as downward ones two well-known examples being the opening bars of Handel's anthem 'Zadok the Priest' and the first movement of Beethoven's 'Moonlight' Sonata. These cases are however not strictly analogous to a change in bell-ringing for three reasons: First, the arpeggio in the musical examples referred to does not exist by itself but is always leading on to something else—usually another arpeggio, either on the same or on a new chord. Second, the rhythm of the music emphasises the root note of the chord (tenor on the bells) by the strong beat at the beginning of each bar, which is impossible on the bells. Third, the remaining notes of the scale are omitted: this, too, is impossible in ringing and to counteract the effect of the extraneous notes insistence on the tonic at the end is necessary.

The chords (other than meaningless discords and inversion of chords in keys other than the tonic) which the bells can reproduce in arpeggio form are three: The tone triad 4-6-8, the major seventh 2-4-6-8, and the added sixth 3-4-6-8.

In the case of the tonic triad, the fifth (No. 4 bell) is inessential and is frequently omitted. It may equally be omitted in ringing (although it makes the sound of the chord more complete), and any change ending in 6-8 will give sufficient sense of the tonic chord to be musical. The same is true to a lesser extent of the chord of the major seventh, but this definitely sounds better if the fifth is included. In the chord of the added sixth all the notes are essential. All this means that in practice changes ending in 6-8 are musical, those ending in 4-6-8 more so, and those ending in 1-4-6-8, 2-4-6-8 and 3-4-6-8 the most musical.

CADENCES ON THE BELLS

The second way in which a change can produce a musical effect is by suggesting a cadence on to the tonic. This can be done by a descent down the last few notes of the scale, so that 7-8 will be musical, 6-7-8 more so and 5-6-7-8 still more so. Passing notes can be introduced into these progressions to add melodic interest, and 6-5-7-8, 7-5-6-8, 7-4-6-8 and 5-7-6-8 will all sound musical (the last three are really a cross between the cadence-form and the chord-form).

A cadence may also be suggested by its harmonic foundation—the root of the dominant chord (4th bell) being followed by the root of the tonic chord (tenor). All 4-8's are to some extent musical, but the most effective are those which emphasise the drop on to the tonic by first **rising** on to the dominant—the 5-4-8's, 6-4-8's and 7-4-8's. The last are the most effective of all: a 7-8 cadence hammered home by the intervening jump to the dominant with such finality as to be the most musically satisfying of all change-endings.

Mr. Chant maintains that a final 8-5 (6-3 in Minor) is equally a cadential progression producing a modulation to the subdominant. This is not entirely true. For one thing the progression does not stand by itself—all the other notes of the scale are also sounded and detract from its effect by asserting the tonic key (this is true even in Minor where the top two notes of the scale are omitted. I do not accept Mr. Chant's contention that a flat seventh is 'implied'). Another point is that when rung on handbells (as in 'Rattler,' 'The Scalded Cat,' 'Hot Tom,' or whichever name is preferred), the man on 6-3 can vary the rhythm to accentuate the subdominant note and thus help foster the illusion of a cadence. This cannot be done on tower bells.

TUNES ON BELLS

An examination of Mr. Chant's musical examples showed us that tunes cannot be easily reproduced in bell-ringing. It is possible, however, for a change to be analogous to a tune not directly, but by sounding a balanced arrangement of rising and/or falling intervals in the same way that a tune will have balanced phrases. Such an arrangement will enhance the musical value of any change, and especially one which already has some of the qualities of which we have already spoken. A typical change of this sort is Whittington's 12753468. Another example is what Sir Arthur Heywood called 'that most beautiful of changes on ten bells, 1286349750.' The musical quality of this last is very elusive, depending mainly on the Minor triad 9-7-5, and less on the tonic note than most 'musical' changes. Not all will find it as satisfying as Sir Arthur Heywood: it certainly has a distinct 'left in the air' feeling about it. We are in fact here beginning to move into the province of personal taste and of our third meaning of the word 'musical,' which I will consider in my next and final article.

(To be continued)

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Northampton Branch Healthy

Preceding the annual meeting of the Northampton Branch on February 15th, the bells of St. Edmund's, All Saints' and St. Giles' were rung by the many members attending this function at Northampton.

The Guild service, held in the Church of St. Giles, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. T. Hughes), who, in his address of welcome, thanked all bellringers on behalf of the non-ringing public, who loved to hear the sound of the bells, also for the service they did for the church.

Tea was served in the Angel Hotel to a record number of ringers yet seen at a Branch meeting. Nineteen churches in the Northampton District were represented.

At the business meeting the Branch president (Mr. S. F. Earl) welcomed the Vicar of St. Giles' and Messrs. B. E. Jeffery, of Edenbridge, Kent, and K. D. Perkins, from Manchester University, who had specially made a journey to attend the meeting.

The secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. F. Roome, presented the report and balance sheet, which showed the Branch funds to be in a healthy state. In his report, the secretary stated that there were now over 200 members in the Northampton Branch and that ten meetings had been held in the year, which were well supported.

The election of officers resulted: Mr. S. F. Earl, president; Mr. G. F. Roome, secretary and treasurer; Mr. B. E. Frost, Ringing Master; Messrs. K. Rogers, P. Jones A. C. Cozens, J. G. Chapman and Miss J. A. Downing, committee; Mr. W. A. Gamage, auditor. New members elected were: Miss S. Hatherley (Wootton), Messrs. D. Ryan (St. Edmund's, Northampton), G. Smith (Duston), J. Chapman (Bugbrooke), C. Roberts and Miss P. Grummitt (Hardingstone).

A first peal certificate was presented to Miss P. F. Curtis, of Roade.

Mr. E. Billings proposed a vote of thanks to all connected with the arrangements for the meeting and Mr. R. A. Eldridge thanked the officers of the Branch for the work they had done during the past year.

Notice was given that the Peterborough Diocesan Guild would be holding their annual meeting in Northampton in May this year.

Following the annual meeting a social evening was held, when 150 members and friends joined in what proved to be a very successful evening. Entertainment was given by the Dominoes Skiffle Group (Duston), whose performance was the highlight of the evening. Handbells were rung by a visiting party from the Guilsborough Branch, and other entertainment was provided by Mrs. M. Coxhill and Mr. A. C. Cozens. The M.C. was Mr. B. E. Frost.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty-eight members attended the February meeting at Beverley, when there was ringing at the Minster in the afternoon, which was followed by a service in St. Mary's Church, conducted by Canon N. A. Vesey. Tea was served at the Church House and was followed by the annual business meeting, with the vice-president (Mr. G. Braithwaite) in the chair.

Mr. A. E. Sellers was re-elected president, Mr. G. Braithwaite vice-president and Mr. L. Rodmell Ringing Master. New officers are Mr. M. Parker, assistant Ringing Master; Miss J. Wilson, hon. secretary and treasurer; Miss A. Cook, assistant secretary. Other members were re-elected.

Ringing in the evening was at St Mary's Church until 9 p.m.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN COOKE

It is with regret that we record the death in hospital on January 27th of Mr. John Cooke, president of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. The funeral service took place on January 30th at Rock Ferry St. Peter's, followed by interment at Bebington Cemetery. Handbells were rung at the graveside by Wirral ringers.

'Jack' Cooke was a native of Herefordshire, where he learned to handle a bell. Coming to live in Wirral just prior to World War I, in 1915 he joined the band at Rock Ferry. He rapidly became an able ringer, conductor and a first-class instructor. Helped by such stalwarts as Herbert Ludkin and Messrs. J. Martin, T. Gilmour and J. Wilkinson, of Liverpool, he built up a Sunday service band at Rock Ferry that would bear comparison with any 'minor' band in the country. The band's ability could be judged from its 1938 performance when, mainly for Sunday services, 102 extents were rung in 54 different methods (including the 46 Surprise Minor methods).

The church was blitzed in 1940, but undeterred, after World War II Mr. Cooke started afresh at St. Andrew's, Bebington, and with some of the remaining Rock Ferry ringers built up a Sunday service band which scored a peal of Surprise Major in 1948.

He was a faithful member of the Chester Diocesan Guild and served the Wirral Branch as instructor and Ringing Master and, in later years, chairman and finally president. He also had represented the Guild on the Central Council.

Devoting so much of his spare time to instructing it is not surprising that he did not amass a huge total of peals, ringing 108 in all from Doubles to Maximus. His most noteworthy peal was rung at Rock Ferry in 1939, when he conducted a peal of 14 Spliced Surprise Minor methods by the Sunday service band, all of whom he had taught.

However, it is not as a peal ringer that he is remembered, nor would he have had it so. It is as an instructor of the 'old school'—stern, stentorian, sober (but not T.T.), intolerant of sloppy, careless ringers but infinitely patient with determined triers—that one thinks of him. Those fortunate enough to have passed through his hands have been set standards which it is a duty to maintain, and the great loss suffered by the Wirral Branch will be mitigated a little if that is done.

MR. T. F. EARNSHAW

The death occurred at Birmingham on February 13th of Mr. Thomas Frederick Earnshaw in his 90th year.

Mr. Earnshaw learned to ring on the six bells of his native village of Easingwold, North Yorkshire, and as a young man moved to York where he was elected a member of the Minster Society in 1888. Election to the Yorkshire Association followed in 1890, and at the time of his death he was the second oldest member of the Association. In 1912 he was elected president of the Minster Society and remained in office until 1950, when his retirement from office and his 62 years as a bellringer in York Minster was celebrated by a presentation to him, by the Dean of York, of a case of pipes.

By 1951 the six bells at his native village had been increased to eight, and Fred expressed a desire to ring a peal at Easingwold before age compelled him to give up ringing entirely. A peal of Grandsire Triples was arranged and rung with Fred on the treble, to celebrate his 83rd birthday. This was the first peal on the bells and an oak tablet records the peal, and also that Mr. Earnshaw learned to ring in that tower and was for 62 years a bellringer in York Minster.

The death of Fred Earnshaw severs the last link with the band which rang the last peal at York Minster—Grandsire Caters on November 9th, 1892. He was not a great peal ringer, his total for the Yorkshire Association being 19, but he was never missing from service ringing at the Minster.

After the death of his wife Mr. Earnshaw moved to Birmingham to live with his daughter Mrs. Perry. Occasionally he rang at St. Martin's. The death of his daughter last Christmastime was a blow to him from which he never recovered.

The funeral was at Yardley Crematorium on February 18th. H. W.

MR. FRANK E. PERVIN

The Coventry Diocesan Guild, late the Warwickshire Guild, has lost one of its few remaining founder members in Frank E. Pervin, in his 73rd year. He had served the Guild most faithfully during the whole of its existence, having been a District secretary, Ringing Master and for the past ten years the Guild's hon. auditor.

A native of Loughborough, he came to Coventry a short time before the formation of the Warwickshire Guild in 1907. For many years prior to being taken ill two years ago he was Ringing Master of the band at St. Michael's Church, Stoke-in-Coventry. The previous Ringing Master at St. Michael's—Adolphus Roberts—is now the only surviving member of the efficient band they had there in the 1920's.

Frank was an excellent ringer and conductor on any number of bells and in any method, and he was equally good whether ringing at the heavy or light end. In addition to his wide experience on tower bells, he also rang many handbell peals, ranging from Triples to Maximus, his first being Stedman Caters in March, 1922, this being the first peal of Caters 'in hand' for the Warwickshire Guild and the first handbell peal rung in the city of Coventry. Many will no doubt have admired the way he handled a pair in Stedman Cinques on many occasions at the Johnson dinners in Birmingham.

Unfortunately, Frank did not keep a record of his peals, for it would be a most interesting list, but the writer estimates that he must have rung well over 500, for in addition to ringing 262 for the Coventry Diocesan Guild, he had rung a large number for the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, as well as others in many parts of the country.

Among his peals were the first peal of Cambridge Maximus for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, rung at Reading in 1930, the first peal rung at Buckfast Abbey and also the first peal on the new 12 at Buckfast Abbey, when the ringers concerned travelled a total distance of approximately 4,750 miles; the first peals of Cambridge Maximus rung at Painswick and Exeter Cathedral; the first peal of Cambridge Maximus rung for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at Walsall; and the first peal on the Winchester Cathedral 12 after they had been recast in 1937.

Frank Pervin always set a high standard of ringing, which was invaluable to the learners in and around Coventry, both on tower bells and handbells. Many must have benefited greatly from his example and tuition.

The Exercise, the Coventry Diocesan Guild in particular, is the poorer for his passing, and he will be long remembered by the many ringers who had the pleasure of knowing him and ringing with him. F. W. P.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: U. W. Wildney 1, Evelyn R. Cansdale 2, B. W. Rairhead 3, E. P. Duffield 4, Cansdale 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, E. P. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method by 2, 6 and 7. Rung as a token of respect for the late G. W. Moss, of Mistley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District

The affairs of the Guildford District will be in the hands of a new team of officers as the result of the annual meeting held at Guildford on February 15th. Mr. T. Mark White replaces Mr. F. A. Munday as Ringing Master owing to the latter's removal from the district, and Mr. Donald Kirk, of Cranleigh, is the new secretary in place of Miss M. Collins and Miss Ann Cox. Miss Cox has, however, accepted the post of deputy Ringing Master.

Reporting on the general position, Miss Collins said that Wonersh bells were being removed; Mr. Arthur was teaching a new band at Albury; Bramley had elected eight new members; Hascombe and Puttenham bells were silent. The strength of the District was 92 ringing and 2 junior members, but there were also subscriptions due from two towers.

Nominations for Guild officers were the same as from the Leatherhead District. Four new members—Gillian Enticknap (Cranleigh), Janet Cleeve (St. Mary's, Guildford), Mr. Fred Stacey (Stoke) and Doreen Harfleet (St. Nicolas', Guildford)—were elected. Invitations to hold meetings at Cranleigh and Ewhurst were accepted, and the arranging of others was left in the hands of the officers.

Mr. T. M. White expressed the thanks of the meeting to Mr. F. A. Munday for his services as Ringing Master during the past five years. A company of about 60 sat down to tea, including the Kippin entourage from Southampton. The ladies who had prepared the splendid meal were thanked, and also the Rev. Neville Morton, who conducted the service and gave an address on bells. Good use was made of the bells of the four towers open—St. Mary's and Shalford in the afternoon, and Holy Trinity Cathedral and St. Nicolas' in the evening.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Elloe Deaneries Branch held their annual meeting at Spalding on February 15th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and prior to the service the clergy entered the belfry and the Vicar (Canon M. H. R. Synge) dedicated a peal board recording a peal rung to commemorate the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. The service was conducted by the Rev. M. J. Apps, the lesson read by the Rev. R. W. H. Nind and the sermon preached by the Vicar on the theme 'Holiness to the Lord.'

Tea was taken at the Greyhound Hotel, with 63 members and friends present. The business meeting followed immediately after, with Canon Synge in the chair. The secretary (Mr. M. E. Bennett) reported a successful year, and the funds were still in a very healthy state.

All officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, with the exception of the chairman, Mr. A. Richardson having left the area; Mr. R. C. Noon was elected to this office. A collection for the belfry repairs fund amounted to £1 17s. 6d. Mr. J. G. Ames proposed a vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting so successful, and welcomed many visitors. Ringing then continued until 9 p.m., ranging from rounds to Surprise.

SOHAM YOUTHS

The Society of Soham Youths held their first annual dinner at the White Hart Hotel, Newmarket, on February 15th. An attractive toast list was arranged. 'The Ringers' was proposed by Mr. J. P. Clark and responded to by Mr. F. Talbot; 'The Guests' by Mr. G. Watts and replied to by Mr. R. J. W. Housden; 'Jasper Snowden' proposed by Mr. R. O. Fyson; 'Bob Singles' by Mr. D. Pollard; 'Francis Genius Delight' by Mr. C. R. Waller. It seems evident that there was ample scope with such a list for wit and originality.

A RAINHAM ROMANCE

A romance which started in the belfry of St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, Kent, had a happy sequel on Saturday, February 22nd, when the marriage took place between Francis John, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cheal, and Emily, third daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walker.

Frank has been captain and Emily has been secretary of St. Margaret's ringers for many years, so it was only to be expected that the ringers of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association would turn up in force to witness the wedding of this very popular pair.

The Vicar (Rev. James Clifford) officiated, and the church was packed with ringers and friends for the ceremony. The bride, attired in blue, was given away by her brother-in-law (Mr. G. Ellis), and the best man was Mr. G. A. Naylor, brother-in-law of the bridegroom. Miss Cynthia E. Naylor, niece of the bridegroom, attended the bride.

The happy couple left the church under an archway of handbells in the church porch, whilst the tower bells pealed out their notes of joy from above. The reception was held in the Olde White Horse, where over 70 ringers and friends sat down to the wedding breakfast. Mr. A. J. Dunk very ably proposed the toast to the bride and bridegroom, and in responding, the bridegroom thanked everyone for being there, and also for all the numerous presents that he and his wife had received, including one from St. Margaret's ringers.

Messages of congratulation and telegrams of good wishes were read out, whilst in the tower eight members of the Rochester District rang a peal of Plain Bob Major to celebrate the event. During the festivities of the evening ringing, dancing and games were led by Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunk, with the handbells playing a prominent part with some very excellent tune ringing by Eileen and Wilf, of Faversham.

It is the sincere wish of all ringers that the work that Emily and Frank have done for ringers and ringing in the past will be doubly happy for them both in the future. As one greetings telegram said:

'Now both your ropes are spliced,
Go, Marriage Surprise.'

May they both be very happy.

JOINT MEETING AT WESTERHAM

The Surrey Association (Southern District) and the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) held a successful joint meeting at Westerham on February 15th. Ringing ranged from Cambridge and attempts at London, to rounds and call changes for beginners.

The service, at 4.30, was conducted by the Vicar of Westerham (the Rev. Pat Kirwin). He gave a very thought-provoking address from I. Corinthians, 9, 26-27. The ringer's job, he said, was to bring people to church, and the parson's job was to preach the Gospel to the congregation whom the ringers had called. He urged bellringers to think very carefully about the words 'lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.' It was very important for both the ringer and the parson to remember that, having called people to church, they themselves should be there.

Members and friends did justice to an excellent tea and then followed a brief spell of the inevitable handbell ringing. Back in the tower ringing continued until about 8.30 p.m. Bristol, Yorkshire, London, Cambridge, Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire, rounds and call changes were the methods either brought round or attempted.

The members of the Surrey Association would like to say here how much they enjoyed this joint meeting with the Kent Association, and how much they appreciated the efforts of Miss D. Colgate in making the arrangements.

NOTICES

New Scale of Charges

Meetings: 3/6 (minimum) for 30 words, afterwards 1½d. a word. Each additional insertion half charge.

Other Notices: 4/- (minimum) for 36 words, afterwards 1½d. a word.

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BIRTHS

SANDERSON. — On Thursday, Feb. 27th, 1958, to Doreen (née Smythe) and Ronald, at Hamilton Lodge, Doncaster, a daughter (Christine Barbara). — 109, Woodhouse Road, Wheatley, Doncaster, Yorks. 1978

THRELFALL.—On March 3rd, 1958, to Frances and Brian Threlfall, at 26, Valley Road, Shortlands, Bromley, Kent, a second daughter (Nancy Rachael). 1969

TRUEMAN.—Changes now being rung at the home of Heather and Ivor Trueman, who were augmented on February 21st by the arrival of a new treble—Caroline Bridget. 1958

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On and after March 1st the address of Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, will be 38, Strensall Road, Eyres Monsall, Leicester. 1905

PERSONAL

153, Plank Lane, Water Orton, will be 'open house' to all ringing friends from about 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 5th. An indication of numbers will be welcomed. 1946

MARRIAGE THRO' SOCIAL INTRODUCTIONS.—The only social service of its kind enjoying the warm approval of both Clergy and Press. It is completely confidential and operates throughout Great Britain. Interesting free brochure under plain sealed cover from The Bournemouth Bureau, 176, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. 1886

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of handbells (8, 10 or 12); must be in good condition. Details to J. Reed, 16, Headland Avenue, Seaford, Sussex. 1965

MISCELLANEOUS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Notice is hereby given that at the annual general meeting on Easter Monday, 1958, the following amendment to Rule 5 will be proposed: By inserting between 'Annually' and 'Mem-' in line 6 the words ', except that members of sixteen years of age and under shall contribute one shilling and threepence annually, and'.—W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 1941

WE DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY
We just want the shirt off your back! Jumble Sale on March 29th in aid of Wareham Bell Restoration Fund.
Pack up a parcel of old clothes today and send it to Dr. Brown, Wareham, Dorset. Thank you. 1959

DISTRAUGHT ringing wife of curate with small dual-purpose church in housing estate wants bellrope to pull. Anyone know of suitable bell going cheaply?—Rev. A. Beck, 12, Crawford Gardens, Greenford, Middx. 1960

ST. MARY'S, HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Will our many ringing friends please note that in future practice will be held on Monday, 7.30 to 9 p.m., and not on Wednesday. 1947

EASTER BONNETS are on the way. Men! Why not a bellringer's tie? Obtainable in blue, brown or green at 11s. 4d. post free from the Aldershot Stores, 35, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot. Also neck squares 28s., blazer badges 10s. 1954

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

TORQUAY.—Homely accommodation. Bed and breakfast, or bed and breakfast and evening meal. Reasonable terms. Children welcome. Mid-week bookings accepted (for rail concession) except period July 26th-Aug. 9th, which is fully booked.—Mrs. W. Simmonds, 100, Hartop Road, Torquay. 1980

PUBLICATIONS

DELIGHT RINGERS' RECORD BOOKS. —For as little as 10s. 3d., you can own one of these loose-leaf books for recording your quarter peals, peals or towers visited. Contact W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, for free samples and prices. 1953

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting on Saturday, March 8th, at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3.30 p.m.—J. Chilcott. 1915

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at West Monkton (6), Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m, Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa. George Street, Taunton. 1929

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, Saturday, March 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Turner, 29, Highfields, North Wingfield, Chesterfield. 1916

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Saturday, March 8th, 3 p.m., meeting at Great Longstone (6). Railway station ½ mile; bus service good to Bakewell. Cups of tea at café. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 1949

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual meeting at East Grinstead, Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Please try to attend this important meeting.—C. A. Bassett. 1933

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford (6) on Saturday, March 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Whittlesford (6) bells also after tea.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 1919

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, March 8th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 1906

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Ash-by-Wrotham, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1934

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Great Mongeham, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Combined meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Headcorn on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. 1862

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 8th, St. Mary's Clapham Common, 3 p.m. Tea and business 4.15, St. Mary's Hall. Further ringing, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Powell, 45, Tremadoc Road, S.W.4. 1918

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Lawrence Jewry, City, on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1900

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Tilehurst (8), Saturday, March 8th. Bells 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—R. F. Diserens. 1945

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at High Ercall on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 1973

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Fittleworth (6) on Saturday, March 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—E. W. Keys, Div, Sec. 1907

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Chew Stoke (6), Saturday, March 15th, 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1963

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Puckington, Saturday, March 15th. Usual arrangements. Notify by March 11th for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport, Som. 1950

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Eaton Bray on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Edlesborough (6) 6 to 8 p.m. Names essential to Rev. P. B. Graham, The Vicarage, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, Beds.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1966

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wybunbury (6), Saturday, March 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea *must* be received by March 12th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1971

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — St. Hilary's, Wallasey, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea *free* for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1977

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Allesley, Saturday, March 15th, at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please send names to me for tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory.—D. A. Carpenter, 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. 1967

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker commemoration meeting, Saturday, March 15th, at St. Ignatius', Sunderland. Bells 2.30 p.m. Committee 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 13th to Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland. 1972

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Yaxley (6), Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1961

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1955

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Ardleigh, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 12th, please, to Mr. F. Erith, Vince's Farm, Ardleigh. 1921

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Grittleton (6), Saturday, March 15th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 1962

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Saturday, March 15th, Coln Denis, 2.30 p.m. Bibury: tea, business, 5; service, bells, 6 p.m. Names by March 12th.—Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 1948

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Staplehurst, Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names to E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 1944

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting, Ambleside, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to A. Capstick, Kirkwood, Millans Park, Ambleside.—N. M. Newby. 1976

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Wilfrid's, Northenden, Saturday, March 15th, at 3 p.m. Café nearby. All welcome.—R. Benson. 1975

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 1970

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Village Hall.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1957

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 12th, please, to H. W. Impey, 73, Parkfield Avenue, Hillingdon.—W. T. Cook, Dis. Sec. 1952

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at the Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 15th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 12th, to Mr. P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 1908

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Howden, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Church Hall. Names by March 13th to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole. 1951

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Reigate on Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall. Buckland bells 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. Names for tea by March 12th, please, to B. A. Cracknell, Glen View, Reigate Road, Reigate. 1909

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bishopstoke, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Names by March 12th to G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.—J. Hartless. 1931

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 15th, at Keighley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Co-operative Restaurant, Brunswick Street. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, March 11th, to Mr. R. Bottomley, 50, Eelholme View, Beechcliffe, Keighley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1924

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Beccles, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 19th, to Mr. E. R. Goate, 51, Grove Road, Beccles. Norfolk ringers welcome.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 1911

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, March 22nd, 3 p.m. Service, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey. 1974

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Minehead, Easter Monday, April 7th. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. Admission tickets sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Details of ringing later.—Roger O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. 1968

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be at Ashford on Easter Monday. Service at noon, followed by luncheon and business. Several towers available. Details later.—E. S. John Hatcher. 1964

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting and service, Chippenham, Saturday, April 12th. Full details later.—W. F. Scudamore, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD SOCIETY. — The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names, with remittance, before April 1st, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing details later. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1844

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The shocking weather, which the locals prefer not to publicise, accounted for the lowest attendance for ten years at the annual meeting of the Eastern Division held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 22nd. The tone of the meeting was one of generous bonhomie, which extended from the Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson), after his uncomfortable 30-mile drive, to the youngest rounds ringer. Also welcomed were Mr. Harry Stalham, the Brighton veteran, and Mr. Giles, Divisional Ringing Master.

The service touch, Stedman Triples, was conducted by Mr. F. H. Dallaway, and the Vicar of Eastbourne (Rev. W. W. S. March) took the service. Afterwards a large tea revealed appetites which, to some extent, made up for the disappointment felt by those who arranged it, due to the poor attendance of 34.

The Master took the chair at the business meeting, and the secretary in his report expressed the opinion that the standard of Sunday ringing was improving. He welcomed the members of the Dallington tower who had joined the Association. Dallington brought the number of affiliated towers in the Division to 25.

The meeting re-elected all its officers and a number of new members. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist, and those who had provided the tea. After several courses on handbells—Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Minor—the members trooped up the worn staircase once more and continued ringing under the direction of the Ringing Master, later deputised for by the local captain, Mr. R. W. Pankhouse.

ST. CLEMENT DANES'

The Exercise will be pleased with the ten at St. Clement Danes', with a tenor of 21¼ cwt. in E. Recently the bells were tested and the first touch of Stedman Caters was called by Mr. Bert Langdon, who was previously associated with the church, and the second by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. Mr. E. A. Barnett is in charge of this tower. This is the R.A.F. church and it is expected that the dedication of the bells will be in June.

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FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire, Plain Bob Doubles and Reverse St. Bartholomew: Miss P. Stevenson 1, Mrs. J. L. Joyce 2, G. S. Joyce 3, P. Murgatroyd 4, W. W. Wright (first as cond.) 5, O. Clothier (first quarter) 6. First in three methods for all except 3. A farewell to Miss Stevenson, leaving the following day for Jerusalem.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Jan. 19th, at Wilton Road, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Simpson 1–2, R. Baldwin 3–4, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 5–6, A. Simpson 7–8. First quarter of Grandsire in hand by all the band.

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FALLEN BY THE WAYSIDE

MR. FRANK E. HAYNES, the Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, made an earnest appeal at the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner for a concerted drive to get the many experienced ringers who had deserted the tower back into ringing again to fill the gaps in local towers. The idea has much to commend it. In many a village today there are enough trained ringers outside the tower to ensure that the bells are manned on Sundays.

What are the causes of men and women leaving the belfry, especially in regard to Sunday ringing? One cause is the young family at home and the wife naturally turning to the husband to expect him to help on his free day. The responsibilities of a family have to be borne equally by husband and wife. 'I can't leave the wife to struggle with two young babies under three,' a ringer once remarked to the writer when questioned about his Sunday attendance. And frankly, there is no satisfactory answer. The wife has a right to help and companionship on such occasions. The only answer that can be given is 'Come when you can. You know we miss you.' The occasional attendance becomes eventually complete absence, the Guild subscription is not paid and another ringer falls by the wayside. These casualties include good, sound ringers whose names have frequently been in our peal columns—men whom most bands would rejoice to have with them.

How can they be recovered when it is known that their family ties are less pressing? Throughout the period of their absence they should not be lost sight of. A friendly word in the street when passing, telling them occasional items of belfry gossip; for a man when he is proficient in an art and has attained that proficiency probably by years of practice has still a personal interest, unless his leaving is due to one of those unpleasant circumstances that are apt to occur in all walks of life. The time comes when it is appropriate to make an approach. 'We are one short for some special ringing,' or 'Will you spend an evening to help with learners as so-and-so cannot come?' The direct appeal to his ability to be of use often succeeds. The occasional ringing gradually becomes more frequent, until the enthusiasm of old is rekindled.

Another cause of loss, particularly on Sundays, is the first motor car and the enthusiasm for the new toy. The rush 'to go places' and the Sunday by the seaside at times plays havoc with a band. These cases often arise when the wife is a non-ringer. The only hope for the tower captain is that the keenness for the new toy will rapidly pass. But here again, contact should not be lost; sometimes the suggestion of a lift to a distant ringing meeting is helpful. The great thing is to maintain the contact and, if possible, the friendship. Those in charge of towers have to be born diplomats.

The hardest breach of all to surmount is the quarrel. At times this arises from outside the ringing chamber, an aside by the parson or a church official that disturbs the individual's personal vanity. More frequently, however, these disturbances originate from inside the belfry—youth and aged do not always see eye to eye. A sarcastic young conductor has caused many a gap in the belfry. Elderly men, perhaps not in the front rank of ringers, have left with sad hearts, feeling they are not wanted. Within a year or two the young conductor has left for another town or village. Even then it is difficult to entice the ringers back; these wounds with those getting on in years are deep. These are occasions when the parson's aid might justly be sought.

There are many towers in this country, especially in towns, where the individual ringers are not known to the clergy. The head ringer and tower secretary are known but the individuals constituting the band are not. We are very largely the unseen workers of the Church, and it is only in small communities where each individual is known. Knowing something of the duties of a rector in a busy town church, with the many calls upon his time and a constantly changing staff, we cannot see how it can be otherwise. The problem of recruitment is one in which we can expect the clergy and other church workers to help, but that of wastage and winning back is the ringers' special responsibility. Fortunately for the Exercise we have a solid backbone of men and women dedicated to our art; but there are towers where leadership is not in the hands of a burning enthusiast who is also a born diplomat. The solution to the wastage problem cannot be found by committees or national direction. Its answer is in the town, village and ringing district. The finest servants of the Exercise are those 'revivalists' who by personal enthusiasm can come to a tower and provide that leadership—often by the recruitment of a new band. There are many examples. But even if the reader is just one of the rank and file he can make his contribution by regular attendance, the willingness to give his friendship to young and old, and that quiet influence, often without a spoken word, that is a characteristic of a true Christian character.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	*RICHARD F. PRIME	6
DEREK P. JONES	2	ALFRED BALLARD	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	9
PHYLLIS POOLE	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung as a welcome to David Michael Brown, son of Michael and Kathleen Brown, of Sapcote, Leicester.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt

RONALD F. DISERENS ..	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	6
MRS. P. LEWINGTON ..	2	JOHN N. DISERENS	7
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	FRANK W. LEWIS	8
REGINALD W. REX	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ..	9
GEOFFREY K. DODD	5	DAVID BEACHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Noel J. Diserens and Helen M. Brant.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON ..	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
PHYLLIS POOLE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Mr. D. Staniforth, father of the fourth ringer.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Feb. 17, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*PAMELA M. GILL	*Treble*	†ROGER BARKER	5
GEORGE W. HUGHES ..	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
†M. JILL FISHER	3	ERNEST STITCH	7
P. GEORGE GOLDER	4	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.
Rung for the second anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, and the birthday of James S. Eastwood.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 25 cwt.

M. JOHN HALLIWELL ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON ..	2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ..	6
NORMAN SMITH	3	IVAN KAY	7
HAROLD HAMER	4	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN KAY.
Birthday compliments to Audrey Hamer, daughter of the fourth ringer, on her coming-of-age, and to Selwyn H. Dearden.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

COLIN CONWAY	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. BEST	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	LEWIS F. COBB	6
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ..	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* 100th peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method for all.
In memoriam Frederick Precey.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SIDNEY H. BARRON	*Treble*	ALBERT W. BOND	5
HAROLD BARRON	2	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY	6
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
W. GEORGE TURNER	4	MAURICE BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
A compliment to S. H. Barron on completing 50 years as captain and towerkeeper at the above church.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
*PATRICK J. BIRD	2	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER	6
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS ..	3	J. HENRY GILBERT	7
*FRANK D. MACK	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

EATON-SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	*Treble*	*†M. SUSAN JACKSON ..	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
†GEORGE E. CRISP	3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	7
†HUGH NEILL	4	†F. BRIAN COOKSON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of London Major.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

ERIC J. BRUNGER	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING ..	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ..	6
EDWARD J. JENNER	3	STANLEY JENNER	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* 300th peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the fourth and tenor.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN ..	*Treble*	PETER KINDRED	5
*GEORGE W. HOWLETT ..	2	A. WILLIAM BIRD	6
HORACE W. EASEY	3	†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	7
MICHAEL SOLLEY	4	‡JEFFREY B. GORROD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † 100th peal. ‡ First peal. First of Triples as conductor.
A welcome to Christopher Michael Solley.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 16 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire; with 144 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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

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

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

THOMAS ROGERS	*Treble*	*FRANK T. PARRY	5
DAPHNE M. WAIN	2	*STANLEY D. SUTTON	6
TERRY OWEN	3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	7
*VIVIAN T. O. BOASE	4	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Cooke, Branch president, and Mr. E. A. Webster, of St. Hilary's, Wallasey.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN L. QUEEN	*Treble*	†E. KEITH JORDAN	5
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	6
†S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	†DON C. EXELL	7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent Treble Bob Major.
First in the method as conductor.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	*Treble*	A. L. M. SHEPHERD (Fitz. H.)	5
M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	2	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	6
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity)	3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	7
M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall)	4	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SUSAN JACKSON.
First peal of Major as conductor.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

H. MICHAEL GARTSIDE	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
MISS G. BURCHNALL	2	HAROLD STEVENSON	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
MISS K. BURCHNALL	4	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
50th peal on the bells.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Ernest A. Midwinter, a ringer at this church for over 60 years, for many years a churchwarden, and whose name is inscribed on the sixth bell.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	ROBERT WAKE	5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	HAROLD A. NOBES	6
ALEXANDER PAGE	3	†E. KEITH JORDAN	7
*JOHN BALL	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev T. G. Strangeways, now to become Vicar of Holy Trinity, Farcham.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
*BETTY A. TESTER	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First attempt for a peal in the method.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,720 Rutland, 1,472 Yorkshire and 896 New Cambridge, with 80 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*RICHARD A. JACKSON	*Treble*	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	5
DERMOT J. ROAF	2	†JAMES H. PAILING	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	ROBIN A. HODGSON	7
D. ROY STODDARD	4	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal of Major. † First of Spliced Surprise Major 'inside.'
First of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	5
MURIEL REAY	2	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
JOHN S. MASON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

PETER KINDRED	*Treble*	JOHN W. G. KINDRED	5
MICHAEL SOLLEY	2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	6
HORACE W. EASEY	3	MICHAEL J. STOKES	7
SYDNEY J. MERRY	4	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
First peal of Major as conductor.
Ar ddydd gwyl dewi sant.

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SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SANDIACRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

ARTHUR B. SHEPPARD ..	*Treble*	ALBERT W. HARTLAND ..	4
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER ..	2	GORDON A. HALLS	5
DENIS R. CARLISLE	3	DEREK P. JONES..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. S.11).

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four methods: 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), ten each of Reverse Canterbury (eight callings), St. Simon's (eight callings) and Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

PERCY WESTON	*Treble*	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY ..	3
*KENNETH BALLINGTON ..	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	4
DEREK P. JONES..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Doubles.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

KENNETH BALLINGTON (13)	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	4
PAMELA J. PEARSON	2	ARTHUR WRIGHT	5
PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	3	DEREK P. JONES..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN M. ROFFE	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	4
*ALFRED E. HINMAN ..	2	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT ..	5
ROLAND H. COOK	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Slaughter, of Stamford, who is in Stamford Infirmary.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT LEVETT	*Treble*	RICHARD J. HARRISON ..	4
BERTRAM G. BRINKLEY ..	2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	5
TOM R. ROAST	3	MICHAEL J. EDWARDS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

A birthday compliment to Mr. E. W. Roast.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL ..	*Treble*	†BERNARD MATTHEWS ..	4
CECIL LONGHURST	2	BRIAN LUFF	5
*DAVID BARBER	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal. † First of Minor. The ringer of the second has now 'completed the circle.'

Rung as a tribute to Bishop Bell, of Chichester, on his retirement.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 22 extents and five each of Pitman's and Morris's 240's. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

*TERESA JONES	*Treble*	LESLIE A. FEAR	4
GRAHAM C. GRANT	2	†ERNEST E. BRAY	5
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	HUGH VENNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Joye Galvayne and Mr. Michael Saunders, whose wedding took place at Beckington on Saturday, February 22nd.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*DAVID CROSBY	*Treble*	ROBERT W. PARKER.. ..	4
*JOHN M. BLAIKIE	2	*ALLEN GILBERT	5
*JOHN B. NICHOLSON ..	3	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN.

* First peal in five methods.

OFFLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 COLDSTREAM SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 64, 68, 73, 65, 67, 59, 58). Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JUNE GLADMAN	*Treble*	J RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	4
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	PHILIP MEHEW	5
JACK S. DEAR	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. S.12).

Rung in thanksgiving for the achievement of raising £2,000 towards this church's restoration fund.

WADDINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents (six standard callings) and six 240's (Morris). Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

WALTER BLACK..	*Treble*	RAYMOND F. SMITH	3
*DENNIS SUTTON	2	G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	4
LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by RAYMOND F. SMITH.

* First peal, first attempt. First of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. First in the method on the bells.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

LEONARD RODMELL.. ..	*Treble*	CLEMENT R. ROBINSON ..	4
HENRY RODMELL	2	FRED OSGERBY	5
*THOMAS W. THIRKELL ..	3	RONALD DUCKER..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, over 60 years a ringer at the above church, and Mrs. Kneeshaw. Also to mark 50 years' ringing at Beverley Minster by F. Osgerby.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (6) Childwall and Thelwall, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

WINSTER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being 720 each of St. Simon's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire, and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*IAN B. MCKEE	*Treble*	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	3
JOHN R. KENNETT	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in seven Doubles methods on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ROGER O. FRY	*Treble*	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ..	4
WALTER H. TRUEMAN ..	2	ALAN F. LEE	5
ERIC SUTTON	3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

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

Rung as a welcome to Caroline Bridget, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Trueman, born February 21st, 1958.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

BRIAN HUNT	*Treble*	JOHN E. COOK	4
*PAT HOLMES	2	DENIS A. FRITH	5
PETER A. HILL	3	J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the engagement of Miss Pat Holmes and Michael Simpson.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 26 methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (2) Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester and Munden; (3) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Netherseale and Annable's London; (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (5) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (6) Westminster and Allendale; (7) London and Wells. Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	5
BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

The most Surprise methods rung to a peal for the Association.

Rung at the request of the Parochial Church Council to mark the raising of the first £500 for the tower and spire restoration fund.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ANTHONY LANGFORD ..	*Treble*	DONALD F. MURFET	4
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN ..	5
CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES	3	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

Rung by past and present pupils of Soham Grammar School as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Robinson, of Huntingdon.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN L. MORRIS	*Treble*	†COLIN F. MCGILL	4
*BRENDA M. FOSTER ..	2	‡RALPH BIRD	5
SUSAN P. NICHOLSON ..	3	‡IAN H. ORAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ 25th peal together.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

JACK S. DEAR	*Treble*	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT ..	4
FRANCES M. WELCH ..	2	EDWIN G. BUCK	5
*LEONARD B. SCOOT	3	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE, ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor.

A 28th birthday compliment to John G. Castledine.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.
On Mon., Feb. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*EILEEN MEADOWS	*Treble*	†ANTONY V. QUEEN	4
†EVE PEARSON	2	†JOHN P. MCDERMOTT ..	5
*ANGELA MARTIN	3	*ALAN EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN P. MCDERMOTT.

* First peal. † First in the method. First as conductor. Average age of band, 17 years.

Rung by an all-grammar school band, five of whom go to Godalming.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Reverse Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Fulbeck and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JEREMY A. M. SALTER ..	*Treble*	†RICHARD A. JACKSON ..	4
DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	5
*JOHN G. PUSEY	3	DERMOT J. ROAF	*Tenor*

Conducted by DERMOT J. ROAF.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.' First in seven methods as conductor. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

HANDBELL PEAL

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Feb. 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

ALFRED BALLARD	1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	5—6
*JOHN VERNON	3—4	*†MICHAEL VERNON	7—8

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.' † 50th peal.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Brown, of Sapcote, Leicestershire, on the birth of their son, David Michael.

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ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, Betty J. Marsh 2, J. W. Hayne 3, G. J. W. Abbott 4, J. W. Rose 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. Rung to the respected memory of Frederick Precey (former branch ringing master).

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. N. Bristow 1, J. Smith 2, D. T. North (cond.) 3, Miss P. Norman 4, H. Bristow 5, P. Podbury 6. Rung for the induction and institution of the Rev. Eric C. G. Weeks as Rector.

AWLISCOMBE, DEVON.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, C. Summers 2, D. Dymond 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.—On Feb. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Goddard 1, R. Harrison (first quarter) 2, S. Bromfield 3, M. Crowder 4, J. Chapman 5, S. Neave 6, E. Broughton 7, A. W. Hoodless (cond.) 8.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Fulker 1, F. E. Godden 2, K. C. Timbury 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5. For Confirmation service. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob and St. Simon's Bob Doubles: W. Fulker 1, F. E. Godden 2, F. Absolom 3, R. Tuckwell 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. For Shrove Tuesday.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Marshall (first quarter) 1, F. Derry (first as cond.) 2, J. Edward Brown 3, P. C. Pitchford (first quarter) 4, C. T. Rodgers (first quarter) 5, G. C. Jackson 6. First quarter by an all-local band, and rung on the first anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, T. Froley 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, D. W. Davies 8. First quarter for 1 and 6. For Evensong.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. T. Wingate 1, R. Poston 2, A. Davis 3, C. Jones 4, J. J. Webb 5, H. Powell 6, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, T. Wood 8. For Children's Church, and as a farewell to the Vicar (Preb. A. L. Moir) on his retirement.

BURGATE, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 1, Miss M. J. Alden 2, A. H. Roberts 3, L. N. Melton 4, C. Alden 5. For Evensong on the occasion of the dedication of a processional cross by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The cross is in memory of Ernest Wells, a native of Burgate.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Couperthwaite (first quarter) 1, A. G. Orbell 2, W. J. Couperthwaite 3, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 4, A. G. Fuller 5, S. Faircliffe 6. For Evensong.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, on Feb. 16th, 1,280 Spliced Major (Wellington Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob): P. H. Langton 1, H. Neill 2, M. J. Harbord 3, J. Schofield 4, Susan Jackson 5, P. F. Windley 6, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 7, F. B. Cookson 8. For Evensong.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Greenhorn (first in method) 1, Mrs. Wm. Graves 2, C. Reeves (14) 3, Miss M. E. Wilkinson 4, Wm. Graves 5, J. Woolford (first in method as cond.) 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Jefferies (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Mallender 2, F. A. Stavcley 3, G. Graham 4, H. Wagstaff 5, J. McCluskey 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, P. N. Bond 8. For Evensong.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Page 1, Jean Powell 2, Ann Bacon 3, J. Sutton (first in the method) 4, H. H. Abrahams 5, M. J. Butler 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Chalk, for many years an active member of the Salisbury branch.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Candy 1, H. E. Good 2, Marjorie Hill 3, Margaret Howard 4, A. S. Besant 5, C. W. Munday (cond.) 6, J. Hill 7, G. W. Hill 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

QUARTER PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, J. Sims 2, E. J. Coode 3, K. Small 4, Brenda Slark 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jean Croft 1, A. Harris 2, L. Runnacles 3, F. W. Croft 4, S. H. Ashton (first as cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Stepney 2, Miss C. Burley 3, E. Breed (cond.) 4, H. Goldsmith 5, A. N. Robinson 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, A. Timmins 2, T. Greenhall 3, J. H. Cox (cond.) 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, B. E. Woodall 6, H. Shilvock 7, L. Cissett 8. Rung for the funeral of Mr. W. H. Webb, for 25 years ringing master, who was buried this day.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. K. Saunders 1, E. R. Rapley 2, M. Fromm 3, R. J. Wood 4, L. Stilwell 5, B. W. M. Cowper 6, J. R. Wilson (first of Major as cond.) 7, H. C. Weaver 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, D. F. Murfet 3, D. E. R. Knights 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, H. S. Peacock 2, M. J. Dyer 3, D. F. Murfet 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, Miss D. Robinson 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. E. R. Knights 4, M. J. Dyer (cond.) 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For morning service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Davey (first of Surprise) 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Cole 1, B. Cole (first 'inside') 2, J. Drewitt 3, R. Goodwin 4, W. Holloway (cond.) 5, W. Fern 6. First quarter for 1 and 3.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,324 Plain Bob Major: O. Fyson 1, G. E. Crisp 2, R. J. Palmer 3, J. Couperthwaite 4, T. R. Dennis 5, W. J. Ridgman 6, G. A. Lucas 7, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 8.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. G. Pepper 1, Hazel V. Dadson 2, L. Mitchell (cond.) 3, E. A. Gilbert 4, L. Gilbert 5, J. A. Rose (first quarter) 6. Rung for Mr. E. Gilbert (father of the ringers of the 4th and 5th, and at one time captain of the local band), who was interred the day previous; also for Evensong.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, E. Billings 8. For evening service and a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Jennings.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. H. Niblett 1, C. R. C. Coussmaker (first of Triples 'inside') 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, Ruth Hodgson 5, R. A. Jackson 6, D. J. Roaf (first Triples as cond.) 7, S. Zvegintzov (first of Triples) 8. For Matins.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roger Payne (first quarter) 1, P. W. Foster 2, J. Linnell 3, R. Hinton 4, K. Sheldon (cond.) 5, J. Elliott 6.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and 540 Plain Bob): Monica Collins 1, Joan Beezley (first of Minor in two methods) 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, Eileen Turner 4, Ann Cox 5, T. A. Cross 6. An engagement compliment to Eileen Turner.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Ward 1, A. Reeve 2, A. H. Warboys 3, G. J. Blower 4, E. J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin 6, G. S. Sandwell 7, A. J. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on February 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bailey 1, S. Bailey 2, G. Ridd 3, J. Ridd 4, S. C. Driver 5, G. S. Piper 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, G. F. Piper 8. Rung for the wedding the day before at Sheffield of A. A. Price, a local ringer.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 23rd, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: J. Rae 1, A. Lewry 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, J. Cook 4, G. Parsons 5, M. Oakshett 6, E. Talbot 7, J. Smith 8, J. Euston (cond.) 9, J. Prior 10. For Evensong.

STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Dolby (first quarter) 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, Miss S. K. Seery 3, D. Harman 4, D. Friend 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (jun.) 7, C. Sherwood 8. For evening service, and as a farewell compliment to K. Dolby, who is leaving Stafford on completing his National Service.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Hill 1, Miss E. Brocklehurst 2, R. Brocklehurst 3, W. Naylor 4, J. Laver 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for all except 6. For Evensong.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. W. Simpson 1, Miss D. Elson 2, H. E. Sibley (cond.) 3, J. R. Robinson 4, W. A. Stote 5, H. Folwell 6, D. H. Ellender 7, J. L. Garner Hayward 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank E. Pervin.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Scrutton 1, Miss D. Crowe (first 'inside') 2, A. Ranson 3, A. Lewry 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, W. Wilson 6, M. Williamson 7, L. Reece 8.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mary J. Morriss (first 'inside') 2, J. A. Bailey 3, P. H. Reynolds 4, R. Stephenson (first of Minor) 5, J. P. Morriss (cond.) 6.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford and 540 St. Clement's): D. Hart 1, Marian Mills (cond.) 2, Heather Stewart 3, I. Cooper 4, M. Mills 5, P. Mills 6. For Matins, and also a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Stuteley, member of the local band.

THURMASTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Haddelsey (first quarter) 1, H. M. Payne 2, Mrs. H. M. Payne (first 'inside') 3, D. Lowe 4, E. F. Payne (cond.) 5, C. Lowe 6. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Martin, father of the third ringer.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Hawkes 1, F. Hawkes 2, D. Beacham 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, W. Williams 5, D. Williams 6.

UPPER CAM, GLOS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. McLung 1, O. Mills 2, C. Legg 3, G. Chamberlain 4, R. Cox (cond.) 5, T. Trotman 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Ald. F. Thomas.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Blond 1, F. Absolom 2, R. Tuckwell 3, J. E. Godman 4, F. E. Godden 5, K. C. Timbury 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, W. E. Fulker 8. For Quinquagesima.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 13th, 1,288 Grandsire Triples: Shirley Stroud (first quarter) 1, W. S. Oakley 2, W. Collett 3, H. Huxley 4, A. J. Pitman 5, J. Price 6, W. H. Male (cond.) 7, E. H. Bosworth 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. E. Pervin, past-master of Coventry Diocesan Guild.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,272 Bob Minor: A. B. Skinner (first quarter) 1, D. Randall 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, A. S. Richards 4, L. W. G. Skinner (cond.) 5, M. F. Oakshett 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, E. Jacobs (first of Stedman) 6, M. Sinden (cond.) 7, J. Brickell 8.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Bishop (first of Caters) 1, R. Moore 2, L. Parris 3, T. E. Marks 4, J. Looker 5, T. Look 6, H. D. W. Bishop (first of Caters) 7, H. J. Gaylard 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, G. Gaylard 10.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Great Yarmouth To Have 13 Bells

Details were given by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the annual meeting of the Eastern Branch, at Loddon on February 15th, of the progress of the restoration of St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Great Yarmouth. Members were pleased to learn that the work completed to date included the strengthening of the tower with a steel and concrete band. (Nine tons of cement were poured in in one day to construct this.) On this band a teak bell frame is to be set. It is also expected that a start will be made on the casting of the 13 bells at the Whitechapel Foundry.

The Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate) was in the chair, and he was re-elected for another term of office as also were Mr. P. G. W. Newstead (Branch secretary) and Mrs. D. E. Lidbetter and Mr. S. Copling (standing committee). Mr. E. T. Chapman was elected Branch Ringing Master, as were also Messrs. Gorrod and Willgress to fill vacancies on the Branch committee (Messrs. Bird, Bailey and Forder were re-elected).

Subject to satisfactory arrangements, the next meeting will be held at Ditchingham on May 17th. The Vicar (Rev. C. R. Ninham) invited ringing support to a Church Army mission to be held at Loddon next October.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service, to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow for giving the address, to the organist and to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barrett and lady helpers for the excellent tea.

Language Of Bells

Bells have many voices, some are grave and some are gay. They speak a language of their own their message to convey. They call the scholar to his books. They tell the hours at sea—and ring for great occasions in the nation's history.

Bells express our feelings: human joy and civic pride. Bells toll softly for the dead and peal out for a bride. And every day wherever God is worshipped and adored—They ring to call the faithful to the Table of the Lord.

PATIENCE STRONG.
From her book 'By Quiet Waters.'

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Many ringers attended the Society's meeting held at Pudsey on February 15th. This was the first meeting to be held at this tower since the bells were recast just over a year ago, and it was generally agreed that a good job had been done.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the tower was full, and ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise. At 4.30 p.m. some 45 members made their way to the nearby Church Hall, where tea was provided by the missionary society of the parish.

The business meeting followed, at which four new members were elected, and thanks were expressed to all who had helped with the arrangements. Not everyone returned to the tower immediately: handbells were brought out and touches of Grandsire Caters, Kent and Plain Bob rung.

The nomination meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on March 29th.

RECORD ATTEMPT FAILS AGAIN

There were three changes in the band that made the second attempt this year on the extent of Plain Bob Major at the Bell Foundry Campanile last Saturday. Robin Leale, of Surbiton, who conducted, John A. Smith, of Liccester, and Norman V. Harding, of King's Lynn, who was in the attempt three years ago.

A start was made at 6.53 a.m. and the bells were rung at a much faster pace than on February 8th. The atmosphere was much happier and although at times one or two of the band looked a little green, they quickly recovered.

Later, however, the conductor became indisposed, and he was in the process of calling the bells round with the object of completing a peal of 22,228 changes, which would have constituted a record length, when he was sick and the attempt was consequently halted.

Some 21,800 changes had been rung in ten hours, the end coming at 4.53 p.m.

The band consisted of Robin G. Leale (conductor) 1, Brian Bladon 2, John A. Smith 3, Patrick I. Chapman 4, Michael Orme 5, Norman V. Harding 6, Patrick A. Cannon 7, Philip Mehew 8.

Umpires: Peter J. Staniforth and Wilfred Robinson.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to the Brant Broughton band, who on the first anniversary of their bells being rehung rang a quarter peal, not only unaided but the first by all the local band. To teach a band from scratch in just a year is no mean feat, but when the teachers are learners then the achievement speaks for itself. Three of the band rang their first peal at Norton Disney a week later.

Mr. James Parker, of White House, Caister-on-Sea, is 92 on March 17th. A happy birthday!

The peal at Holbeck, Leeds, rung on March 1st, is believed to be the first peal in the tower for over 40 years.

In submitting new compositions for publication, it is an advantage not only to give the type of bob but false course ends.

Mr. Charles McGuiness is leaving Newcastle upon Tyne at the end of the month for Boston, Lincs.

The peal of Yorkshire, at Dursley, Glos, is associated by the band with the birth of a daughter (Caroline Bridget) to Heather and Ivor Trueman the previous day.

There are two villages with the name Ash in Kent. The one referred to in our issue of February 28th, at which visitors would be specially welcome, is Ash, near Sevenoaks. Letters to John V. Muller, School House, Ash, near Sevenoaks.

The order for a new bell to replace the cracked pre-Reformation fourth (St. Michael) in the ring of six at Cromhall, Glos, has been placed. It is hoped that it will be installed this year, and will be named A. D. H. Allan. Mr. Allan was a former rector who worked hard to get six bells. St. Michael will go in the church below. A large sum of money is still required, as the tower has to be reroofed as well as being pointed.

Because of Lent, there was a pre-nuptial peal at Beckington, Somerset, on February 17th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Michael Saunders, a ringer at this tower, and Miss Joye Galvayne, which took place on February 22nd.

The band who rang a peal of Stedman Triples on March 1st at Chiddingstone, Kent, wish to thank Miss Betty Tester, who stood in at very short notice, and rang her first peal in the method excellently.

Owing to an electricity failure at Berrick Salome, Oxon, the quarter peal for the Confirmation service on February 18th had to be rung by torch-light. One of the ringers' wives held the torch in this real test of ropesight!

While doing his National Service at Stafford Mr. K. Dolby, of Peterborough, has learnt to ring. He rang in a farewell quarter on February 23rd. 'We regret losing him on his return to civilian life as a reporter on a Peterborough newspaper,' writes the tower secretary.

Some years ago a peal was rung on eight bicycle bells—the owner had to collect 63 to get an octave. Has a peal ever been rung upon criers' bells? A writer informs us that he has four such bells all in tune, and if a fifth can be found such a peal will be attempted. Auctions, market stalls and shops are being scanned for the one bell required.

In Pakefield, one of the most easterly ringing towers, St. David's Day was celebrated by a peal rung by an East Anglian band, although the treble ringer has quite often a discernible Welsh accent. The peal also carried the band's compliments to Mr. J. Kindred, whose birthday falls on March 1st, and enabled his brother, Peter, the tower captain, the 'complete the circle' at Pakefield. He recently achieved this at Lowestoft's other tower, St. Margaret's, and has now 'conquered' all the ringable bells in the town.

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HIS 50th HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

MR. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD HONOURED

THIS year's Henry Johnson dinner, the 70th, held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on March 1st, was the 50th that Mr. J. Frank Smallwood had attended. He was the chairman on this occasion, and in taking the chair he told the company of 76—the lowest since before the war—he had fulfilled an ambition of many years.

Despite the drop in numbers it was a happy evening, the chairman and Mrs. Smallwood being supported by the Master of the St. Martin's Guild (Mr. F. E. Haynes), Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, Ald. A. Paddon Smith and Lt.-Col. Donald and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. John Pinfold (Ringing Master), Canon Guy Warman, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shepherd.

Among the visitors were Wing-Comdr. and Mrs. John Mason and Mrs. Mason, sen., Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Edge, Messrs. Paul L. Taylor, A. A. Hughes, W. Williams, R. G. Leale, M. G. Moreton, T. Southam, A. Frost, Morris J. Morris, D. G. Clift, A. H. Houghton, J. L. Millhouse, Miss B. Millhouse, Messrs. Rodney B. Meadows, J. R. Sharman, F. B. Cookson, Miss B. Hill and Mr. A. P. Cannon.

Apologies were received from the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the Bishop of Birmingham, the Provost (Rev. Bryan S. W. Green) and Mr. H. George Williams, an old member now living at Exeter.

Ald. A. Paddon Smith submitted the toast of 'Church and State,' and said he thought they were extremely lucky in this country in having Church and State so closely connected. They had a very good representation of the Church in the House of Lords with the bench of Bishops, and they voiced the opinion of the Church in no uncertain manner. From their recent discussion he would wish them a happy issue.

BIRMINGHAM'S FINEST CHURCH

Coupling Canon Warman's name with the toast, the alderman said he was a lucky man in being Vicar of Aston because architecturally he thought that Aston was the finest church in Birmingham, and in his parish was Aston Hall, the most historic building in the city.

Replying, Canon Warman said he felt that the Exercise they pursued with so much technique and skill was one of the main links between Church and State because the bells of the Church summoned the people to church. People no longer answered that summons as in the old days, when one had to get early to Aston Church to secure one of the 950 seats. It was now not easy to keep their church in repair.

He expressed regret that Aston bells were not available that afternoon as he had eight weddings and he could marry people with Stedman Cinques coming from the tower at the same time.

BELLS AND THE PEOPLE

That time last year the people of Aston were looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to a certain event at Wembley Stadium. They did ring a quarter peal to mark the occasion. He did not know what sort of a peal they would ring this year, whether it would be muffled or half-muffled. That sort of thing was part of the ancient village life of England when the Church and State marched hand in hand and brought together the whole community.

The toast of 'The memory of the late Henry Johnson' was drunk silently on the request of the chairman.

'This was his hobby, and 'tis mine
Good man, he was our better.'

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, in proposing 'Continued prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild,' said the fortunes of Guilds, as with all worldly enterprises, waxed and waned, and their Guild was no exception.

In the early 19th century it was clear that the reputation of their Guild was on its 12-bell ringers as exemplified by the many peals in 1820, with the long peals of Stedman Cinques and Kent Maximus. But fortunes changed, and after 1820 to 1830 the Guild had to struggle for its existence. The Guild was saved by a cantankerous old man, Cattall, who started to teach beginners and saved it from extinction.

They knew that about 1840 the reputation of the Guild was not so much on its ringing as its composers. It was people like Day, Thurstans and Johnson himself who were keeping the name of the Society to the fore, and their ringing whilst good was not at its highest peak. Later in the century they saw the building up of those wonderful 12-bell bands with some remarkable performances.

A BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE

Side by side with these performances was the handbell ringing, which culminated with a peal of Stedman Cinques rung silently, in which each man walked into the room, picked two bells from a bag and rang the peal.

There were men in that room who had taken part in those brilliant performances, and one of those experts he had in mind was their old friend Frank Pervin. He always admired the rock-like way he could ring a tower bell or a handbell. He was a gallant old warrior and he felt certain that those who knew him were grateful to his memory.

During the last 12 years there had been no lack of Stedman Cinques, and it had been very interesting to see the younger generation coming forward—starting with Grandsire Triples and now ringing Surprise methods better than they could ring them. They saw some of them asserting themselves at the annual meeting and it was a very joyful thing to see. The future was in their hands and whatever the ultimate trend one thing was quite clear, that at St. Martin's Guild there was opportunity for everyone to progress at any stage of ringing.

It was a sad thought that they had quite a number of young ringers round about the city who were not availing themselves of these opportunities—young men and women who had gone through the drudgery and were now content to stand still. He appealed to them to take advantage of the opportunities for their own sakes and also to improve their service to the Church.

The Guild was fortunate in its leaders. In their Master they had a man of culture and catholic tastes; their secretary was a man of infinite resource and sagacity; their Ringing Master, John Pinfold, showed consideration and patience with all sorts and conditions of ringers. With those leaders and young people coming along there was a future for the Guild.

MOVE WITH THE TIMES

The Master in his reply said he was beginning more and more to realise that there were other aspects of bell-ringing, besides ringing Stedman Cinques, although that would always come first. He realised, however, that any Guild if it was to maintain its prosperity must move with the times and adapt itself to the wishes of the younger ringers.

'I have wondered recently whether or not we in the St. Martin's Guild do not tend to confine our activities a little too much to the city. I know the diocese of Birmingham is quite a small one: there are not more than about 30 towers where there are bands of ringers of any kind, and among these 30 the number of bands that may be classed as really proficient is quite small. I know that remark can be applied to most of the ringing guilds throughout the country, and it is a challenge to the ringing Exercise to increase the proportion of towers in 5, 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells where there is a really proficient band.'

How was it to be done? There had been an effort in recent years to give instruction on a wider basis in the sending out of instructors. There had been a college founded which had very laudable aims although its methods had not appealed to the majority. Indeed, the prospectus published in 'The Ringing World' reminded him of the chapter of a book he had been reading, entitled 'The bewildered man's guide to an inextricable tangle.' Whether they could get good ringers by those means was, to him, extremely doubtful. Ringing was something very difficult to teach. He thought it was something a person took to and found he could do with a little guidance, and then they could instruct him and bring him along as they did at St. Martin's.

The prosperity of any society depended on its enthusiasts. They in the St. Martin's Guild had had burning enthusiasts for 30 or 40 years, notable among them being his old friend, Albert Walker.

GET THE OLD RINGERS BACK

He thought they would be doing a very good job if for a period of six months instead of teaching any young people to ring they tried to persuade those who had learnt to ring to ring. He could think of many capable ringers who had given up the hobby. Recently he returned to his native village of Trumpingham, Cambridge. He knew of four or five good ringers there who now never rang.

'Why do people give up ringing? I have been on the verge of giving it up on certain occasions since I started 30 years ago, but I have never given it up. One of the reasons is the fact that since I have been in Birmingham I have been closely connected with St. Martin's and St. Martin's Guild . . . . I think it is a fact that St. Martin's will continue to enjoy a measure of popularity that is very important to ringing, and I am proud to hold the position of Master in such a Guild.'

The chairman gave a special welcome to three old stalwarts—Mr. Morris J. Morris, who will be 90 in August, Mr. J. R. Sharman and Mr. Albert Walker, who had recently been 'through the hoop' with sciatica.

Replying to the toast of 'The Chairman,' proposed by Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood said in taking the chair he had fulfilled an ambition of many years, and that was also his 50th Henry Johnson dinner.

In a general commentary he said certain recent performances had not impressed him—but perhaps he was an old fogey. 'I always thought it was a fine thing while ringing a good peal to have pleasurable thoughts of the social hour afterwards, but now that was old-fashioned—we should have learnt to do the two things together by taking our refreshment at the same time . . . . I do not think the recent exploits have done the ringing Exercise any good. I think we have been held up to ridicule.' He wished the further attempt at the 40,000 good luck—if people went to such lengths, he added, they deserved to get it.

During the evening there was some good singing by Mr. Geoffrey Dale, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Owen, and the usual Stedman Cinques, by W. Williams, F. W. Perrens, Albert Walker, J. F. Smallwood, F. E. Haynes and Geo. E. Fearn.

STORY OF SOME SOMERSET BELLS

Will They Ring Again?

THE bells were everywhere ringing their joyful shout for the New Year, but at Buckland Dinham the sound was only a ghostly echo. The 300-year-old bell frame, weakened by the work of generations of beetles, had sunk until this year it was impossible to swing the bells full-circle, instead the clappers were pulled up to their sides by a makeshift arrangement of ropes.

Buckland, three miles from Frome on the Bristol road has plans to remedy this in 1958. The wooden frame must be replaced by a modern steel one and another bell added to bring the present seven to a full octave.

THE MISSING BELL

There is a curious story concerning this missing bell. Many parishes have a tradition that some of their property has gone astray—Frome lays claim to Mells bells though without foundation at least for any of the present eight. Binegar thinks that neighbouring Emborough had two of its old five, since the 1-3-5 of its present six are modern, and a 3-5 to match its old 2-4-6 were in Emborough tower. Conversely Priston (just south of Bath) says its immense weathercock was delivered there by mistake, instead of to the Lancashire Preston. Buckland's claim, though more modern, is equally difficult to substantiate.

EARLY HISTORY

Before 1638 there were four bells, and the oldest part of the frame has pits for these, the tenor swinging E-W and the other three N-S. An extra beam was added then to support the new bell between it and the side of the old frame, and when the present treble was added in 1859 they were both fitted into this gap. The end beams of the tenor pit have been hollowed out to allow for the swing of a much larger bell than either the original or the present ones, but this was probably the same note, E, as now, as bells cast at that time were customarily higher in proportion to their diameter than modern bells.

TENOR CRASHES

It is said that when the tenor was lowered down the outside of the tower for recasting it fell and was smashed — the flagstones it cracked in its fall can still be seen. This was probably in 1856, the date of the present tenor. This and the little clock bell on the roof sounding an octave higher are Warner stock bells, with the founder's name and date in raised lettering. The inscriptions 'Peace' and 'Glory to God, on Earth Peace' (chipped out to the customer's requirements) commemorate the end of the Crimean War.

THE OTHER BELLS

In 1858 the third was recast, again by Warner's, and the fourth in 1896. The present second is the 1638 treble cast by John Lott, of Warminster, and the fifth came from the Bristol foundry in the early 16th century. The present treble was added in 1859 and cost £7 7s. out of the church rate. At that time the Rev. (after Prebendary) Henry Clutterbuck was Vicar, and Mrs. Clutterbuck, sen., had paid for the new clock and clock bell.

The story runs that another bell was cast by Warner's, probably at the same time as the present treble, to be the second of the full ring of eight, and this too was probably paid for by the Clutterbucks, with part of the cost of the new treble, as the £7 7s. quoted seems altogether too small a sum. The frame would not hold another two bells, nor probably would it even at that date safely support them in an upper tier. For some reason the bells could not then be rehung in a new frame and the unused second (so the story goes) was taken over to Orchardleigh to be the clock bell over the newly-completed stables. The Vicar's daughter, Miss Jeanette Clutterbuck, married Mr. Russell Duckworth, great-uncle of the present owner of Orchardleigh, in 1863 and it could well have happened that the Vicar, finding after all that the purpose for which he bought the bell was impossible to complete, sent it to Orchardleigh for another use.



BUCKLAND DINHAM TOWER
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UNSOLVED MYSTERY

When someone who remembered this story saw the bell between the wars they noticed it was the right date and founder and that the note was exactly right for its place in the octave. About five years ago the bell-tower was found to be dangerous owing to decayed timber, and to save the great expense of reconstruction the whole thing was taken down and the bell sold to help pay for the making good of the roof, so the mystery of how it came to be at Orchardleigh, or if, indeed, it was ever intended for Buckland in the first place, must remain unsolved.

SERIOUS DECAY

Before Buckland bells can ring again the frame supporting them must be renewed, for some of the lower timbers have been almost eaten away by woodworm and their fragments hang down from the very beams they are meant to be holding up. Since what might have been the second has gone for good a new one must be bought and about £1,300 will be needed to complete the job—an ambitious sum for a village of less than 400 inhabitants.

A NEW EFFORT

Within the last few years money has been raised to renew the church lighting and heating and to repair the roof, and now a new fund must be started.

Friends of Buckland Church, from its visitors to those who only rely on its tower for a glimpse of the time at the bend of the hill, those who ring bells and those who enjoy hearing them, can take this opportunity of helping to set them ringing again. The Vicar, the Rev. S. Max Benjamin, M.A., will be very glad to receive any sum, however small, towards the cost of putting the bells in order. As soon as a sufficient sum has accumulated work can start on the frame, the new bell being added later. With luck, the help of friends and the usual hard work in the parish, Buckland Dinham will be able to welcome Christmas and ring in 1959 in its traditional way.

E. D. O.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

After a lapse of 35 years the Llandaff Branch held a meeting at Sully on February 15th, which attracted a surprisingly good attendance, and the five bells were in full use from early in the afternoon with the Association's Master in charge.

The Rector (Rev. Basil Jones) conducted the service and gave a warm welcome to the Branch in his address. A most delightful tea, arranged by wives and mothers of local ringers, followed, and those responsible were thanked by Mr. L. Malings.

Before the business meeting commenced, the Rector asked members to stand in silent prayer to the memory of Mr. F. J. Bailey, of St. Mary's Church, Whitchurch.

Mr. R. E. Coles was re-elected as secretary/treasurer, and Mr. Gwyn Lewis, of Cadoxton, Neath, was chosen as the new Branch Ringing Master. Fourteen new members were elected, which included seven of the local band. Subject to permission, the next meeting will be held at Peterston-super-Ely.

Further ringing followed to wind up a very pleasant afternoon and evening.

R. E. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LAPPING FAVOURED IN 19th CENTURY

Dear Sir,—The 5,093 of Grandsire Caters referred to by H. N. P. as having been accomplished at the London Apprentice, Isleworth, on February 10th, 1848, was probably 'lapped' and not, to quote the phrase always used in 'Bell News' in peal reports, rung 'on handbells retained in hand.' The time taken (3 hours 20 minutes) and the fact that the names of the performers are not recognisable as those of ringers of the day, tend to confirm this.

'Lapping' must have been a favourite pastime years ago. In 'The Bell News' of November–December, 1900, quite a lot of correspondence took place on the subject, including the following letter from Frederick W. Thornton, who may be remembered by some as a prominent member of the band at Greenwich for many years:—

'It is evident that half a century ago "lapping" was much thought of at St. Alfege, Greenwich . . . for stowed away in a loft above our ringing chamber are several boards recording "true and complete" peals of Grandsire Caters by the Society of Eastern Scholars. Until recently, a similar tablet was to be seen exhibited in the bar of a tavern midway between Greenwich and Lewisham, rung on the premises about 1848. Twenty-two years ago, before I knew anything of half-pull ringing, I assisted in "lapping" a peal of Caters, conducted (?) . . . . from a blackboard upon which the bob leads had been carefully figured in chalk. At that period, two of us regarded it as a great achievement—five years later our opinions materially altered.'

The year quoted by Mr. Thornton, 1848, is the same as that of the Isleworth 'peal,' and one wonders if it might have been by the same performers, or indeed, if it was the same performance, with the band perhaps taken from one public house to the other on a change of landlord. But it is clear that quite a number of such peals were accomplished, for in a leading article (December 1st, 1900) the editor had commented:—

'The elders among the Exercise will not have forgotten the publication of records of such displays of *skill* in the sporting papers. Many of them will remember these impudent persons who put the word "Professor" before their names when sending these worthless accounts of "peal-lapping." And we have our doubts whether all the peals said in these early days to have been rung in hand were so rung.'

Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

YOUNG PEAL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—A recent letter on this subject can achieve no good purpose. Some still only think the youngsters should be allowed the condescending and much-hampered opportunities of earlier days—a sure formula today for an empty tower. They are also slow to recognise achievement and to give credit where due. In these days of spoon-fed amusements it should be a source of satisfaction that there are still some young people in our midst who are prepared to show a bit of ambition and determination, and we should encourage them within their limits. I should not have thought participation in a peal tour was more damaging physically than some types of out-of-door sport at school which are accepted without comment, but it does require an exacting standard of mental discipline.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Burton-on-Trent.

THE RINGER'S EVEREST

Dear Sir,—Ringing the extent of Major with one set of men has been likened to the ascent of Everest. While I would not disagree with this comparison of the tasks themselves, I would suggest that in the planning of the assault on these objectives very little comparison can be seen.

I remember attending a lecture in Newcastle by two members of the Everest expedition and marvelling at the meticulous care with which the whole operation had been planned. I cannot express the same admiration for the 1954 and 1958 attempts on the 'ringer's Everest.' Surely the 1954 attempt with its sick man and the 1958 attempt preceded by only three hours' sleep did not deserve success. The inadequacy of three hours' sleep is surely obvious and does not require to be learned in such a hard way.

In these attempts the record length of 21,600 has not been exceeded, and I do not see that any great advance has been made to give reliable grounds for any belief that the extent will be achieved in the near future.

Meticulous attention to details will not detract from the merit of the performance if and when it is accomplished, but without much more careful preparation I think the second 20,000—which after all will be worse than the first—will still be a long way off. Remember that while one cannot command success one can do more—deserve it.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

A LEARNER'S GRATITUDE

Dear Sir,—If knighthoods were conferred on those who brought happiness to others, I would not hesitate to bestow one on Tom Greasley, of Whatton, Notts (Newark District). He *first* taught me to handle a bell, and the happiness I have since derived from learning to ring could only compensate him for his patience, even though I am not yet advanced.

I hope other learners are as grateful as I.—Yours, etc.,

A. HENSON.

LITTLE MUNDEN

Dear Sir,—May I make a correction with regard to notes printed by K. W. H. F. regarding the ringing of 13 peals from 1902 to 1913. It should be Little Munden. I should know as I was one of the ringers, and took part in most of them.

Great Munden did not at that time have a band of ringers; they used to come to learn from us at Little Munden.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES GALE.

Wyke Regis.

REUBEN SANDERS

Dear Sir,—It was a pleasure indeed to read W. G. W.'s remarks about my old friend Reuben Sanders. We here remember him very well—certainly for his good humour and his outstanding ability in and out of the belfry. Reuben was with us during the early part of the last war for some considerable time, and he rang with us until the ban came, which stopped all ringing.

However, I saw him many times still with the rope-end in his left hand, but it wasn't 'Sally' in the right—it may have been 'Blossom' or 'Turpin,' as he was on his way to the village blacksmith's with a shire horse.

Good health, good luck and many happy returns.—Yours, etc.,

C. W. DIXON.

Maidwell, Northants.

TEN SECONDS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Having read your note in some recent Belfry Gossip concerning the service to be televised by the B.B.C. from Hillingdon I, as no doubt did many other ringers, made a point of watching and listening at that time. Once again the B.B.C. have, I feel, let us down. A picture of Hillingdon Church appeared on the screen at exactly 9.45 a.m. and we had the pleasure of listening to about six whole pulls of perfectly-struck rounds before the bells were set up and the introduction to the service began. It really makes one wonder if the B.B.C. do realise the immense amount of arrangements which must have been necessary to arrange for a near-perfect service touch to be rung, and yet all that is broadcast is about ten seconds or less of the final rounds. Congratulations, Hillingdon, your striking was as perfect as it could have been: I consider it disgraceful that the B.B.C. only allowed about ten seconds of it to be broadcast.

In contrast, the Independent Television Authority televised a civic service from St. Mary's, Warwick, on March 2nd. A picture of the church appeared on the screen, with the bells in the background being rung to rounds—no commentator broke in at all. We continued to hear the bells for several minutes while we watched the civic procession moving up the street to the church. This took several minutes, and all the time the bells were heard—in fact they were still ringing when the service began! After the service, as the Mayor's procession moved out of the church, the ringing began again, and the broadcast finished as it had begun, with a picture of this beautiful church on the screen, and the sound of its equally fine bells in the background.

Yes, the I.T.A. gave the bells a far greater place in their organisation than did the B.B.C. at Hillingdon, and the I.T.A. are to be congratulated on this. On the B.B.C. channel, the interval signal appeared for several minutes before the picture of the church and views of Hillingdon itself appeared. Surely during this time it would have been perfectly easy for the sound of the beautiful ring of ten to have been sent out on sound only at least.

One really wonders just when the B.B.C. will begin to realise that the ringers have a part to play in a church service equally with the organist, choristers and other Church workers. Once again, thank you, Hillingdon and Warwick, for the sound of your fine bells—to me, the bells made a perfect introduction to both services.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Hildenborough, Kent.

STRIKING IN ODD PLACES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Desmond Painter says in ringing the rhythmical effect is to emphasise the bells striking in odd places. I agree this might be so when ringing rounds with a powerful treble and a nondescript tenor, but this isn't usual. A few changes taken on their own emphasise odd places such as 75312468, but the popular Queens will sing that too: it is hard work putting emphasis on the odd places. . . .

I would appreciate guidance on the following points:—

When ringing with an open handstroke lead and tenor covering, is it desirable to hold off the tenor a fraction at back stroke?

When ringing down in peal, at the stage where the tenor is striking only at hand, must the treble's back stroke be kept behind the tenor until such time as the treble is low enough to strike only once?

With thanks in advance to any who reply.—Yours, etc.,

H. Y. PRICE.

Kimpton, near Hitchin.

MUSIC IN BELL-RINGING – III.

By DESMOND PAINTER

WE have now seen what music can and cannot be reproduced on bells. A consideration of this problem brought me in my first article into disagreement with the first of Mr. Chant's points—that '8-7's' occur in 'ordinary' music. What of his second contention that in any case 8-7's are no worse than, say, 8-4's? (Mr. Chant spoke in terms of Minor, of course, but I am sure he will not quarrel with this translation of his point into terms of eight bells.)

If his theories on the first point were suspect, it is difficult to quarrel with Mr. Chant's second point. Can it seriously be contended that 8-7 is a less musical combination than 8-anything else? It is certainly more musical than 8-2. The fact is that here we are beginning to use the word 'musical' in our third sense—to express a personal liking for a particular combination of notes. Such a use of the word is common, especially in imaginative literature, and frequently describes a sound that has nothing to do with music at all—the sound of a rushing stream, for instance, or of laughter. It is equally so in ringing, and many changes which ringers may describe as musical are only so in the very wide sense which we dismissed at an early stage as being too all-embracing to be of any use.

There are of course degrees of musicality which vary as a change approximates more or less closely to those qualities we have already discussed—for instance, changes with the tenor last are far more musical than those with the tenor turned in; hence the famous story about Stainer and the bells of St. Paul's. But the extent of variation between these degrees is so much one of personal preference that it serves only to confuse the issue if combinations other than the few we have already singled out are described as 'musical.' Thus some ringers will find 4-5-8's 'musical'; others will see nothing in them. Some will think the 8-7 at backstroke the worst that can happen to a ringer, while others (like Mr. Chant and myself) will find the 8-4 just as bad.

I do not wish to be misunderstood on this point. I hold no brief for 8-7's. My plea is merely that we should reserve the description 'musical' for those changes in respect of which it has some recognisable meaning, and treat the rest as a matter of taste. After all, there is nothing to stop anyone liking an unmusical change or disliking a musical one; but it will make his point clearer if he says so, instead of treating 'musical' as identical with 'what I happen to like,' an error easily and understandably made because the two so often coincide.

MUSICAL METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS

We have so far dealt only with the musical qualities of particular changes, and not of methods or compositions. The two aspects of ringing are closely connected, of course, and in general the most musical method or composition will be that which contains the greatest number of musical changes. Whether this is always so depends on the way in which the musical changes are grouped together, for as the late J. A. Trollope said, when even a musical pair of bells dodges over and over again the result is 'not music but monotony.' Music and monotony are not perhaps necessarily inconsistent, but no one would quarrel with the general sense of Trollope's view—one can have too much of a good thing. It is on this that the protagonists of even-bell methods often base their claims, and there is much to be said for the view that the musical changes sound all the better for coming after a number of unmusical ones, or that the way the musical combinations coalesce and disperse in an intricate pattern of forward and backward hunting in Bristol is better than anything the odd-bell methods have to offer. On the other hand, can it really be said that the regular striking of the tenor at the end of each change in the odd-bell methods, at least on higher numbers, is monotonous? Keeping the tenor behind gives the ringing a general musical sense which the even-bell methods cannot equal, while the changing pattern of the bells below the tenor is quite fluid enough to avoid monotony.

A strong point in favour of the odd-bell methods is that they can make use of the tittum position, which depends for its effect on the fact that the tenor is behind. The great merit of the 'harmonious tittums' is of course not merely that it produces a number of musical changes—the handstroke home probably produces more—but that the **coursing order** of the bells is itself musical, so that the effect of a roll-up is maintained for anything up to twelve changes at a time, but without becoming monotonous, since the little bells coursing in the opposite direction to the big ones break the rigid pattern up.

In the last resort the merits of different methods must be at least partly a matter of taste, although it is easier to measure the qualities of a **composition** against the criteria elaborated in the second of these articles.

Perhaps I may conclude by summing up the contents of these articles.

We began by distinguishing between three possible senses of the word 'musical' in connection with ringing:—

(a) A succession of musical notes.
(b) A reproduction of 'ordinary' music.
(c) A pleasant sound.

We rejected the first as too wide to be meaningful, and investigated the second. This led to the conclusion that the only music readily reproducible on bells was a small number of chords and cadences, and that the only genuine musical changes were the 6-7-8's, 4-6-8's and 7-4-8's, together with a few other closely related ones. Anything else was 'musical' only in the third sense, which was also rejected as too subjective to have a generally accepted meaning.

It may be said that this is not news; but my object was not to evolve some startling new

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Famous Handbells Sold At Parish Sale

Handbells of the once famous Horbury Handbell Ringers, who won the National Handbell Ringing Championship and made two successful North American tours at the turn of the century, were recently found in a basket in the parish church tower.

The bells, nearly 70 in number, ranging from a few ounces to 8 lb., were cleaned and offered at a handbell stall at the parish church sale on February 22nd.

About 48 of them had been ordered beforehand and the remainder sold quickly. The bells fetched a total of more than £30.

Two of the largest were bought by a woman from Grimethorpe to use on her farm for calling the workers in to meals.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society was held at St. John's Church, Ranmoor, on March 1st. Apart from the break for tea and meeting, the Ringing Master (Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert) was fully occupied in catering for a large number of ringers, from 3 to 9 p.m., when the local tower captain (Mr. F. B. Ditcher) regretfully had to bring the meeting to a close.

As is usual at Ranmoor, the belfry was spotlessly clean and well heated, and it was noted that a large proportion of the members present were teenagers. A wide range of methods from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Royal, London Major and Stedman Caters was rung, whilst an unusual feature was a three-course touch of Double Norwich Caters.

After an excellent tea the Vicar (Rev. G. Payne) presided over the business meeting. The principal officers were re-elected, the only new appointments being Mr. S. Scattergood, a vice-president; Mr. I. M. Holland, deputy Ringing Master; and Miss S. Chaddock, 'The Ringing World' correspondent.

Six new members were elected, and it was announced that the next meeting would be at Rotherham Parish Church on Easter Monday.

S. C.

MR. T. E. SONE'S 600 PEALS

With a peal at Marden, Kent, after 47 years Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, rang his 600th peal. These have been rung with 549 ringers in 153 towers for 25 Associations. He has conducted 226 different compositions by 68 composers. His peals are as follows:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (cond. 2).

Minor.—In two, three, four methods 6 (1), in seven methods 2 (1), Cambridge 3 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 65 (45 Holt's Original, five times round 'circle' and on non-conducted), Stedman 18 (2), Oxford Bob 1, Spliced Grandsire and Bob Major 1 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 26 (10), Canterbury Pleasure 1 (1), Spliced Canterbury and Plain Bob Every Lead 1 (1), St. Clement's College 1, Double Norwich 99 (66), Dartford Little Bob 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 98 (85), Oxford Treble Bob 11 (11), Spliced Oxford and Kent 1 (1), Ilkeston Treble Bob 1, Worcester Treble Bob 1 (1), Liversedge Treble Bob 1 (1), Cambridge Treble Bob 1, Double Oxford 1.

Major Surprise.—Superlative 50 (24), Cambridge 44 (18), New Cambridge 3 (1), Pudsey 3, Ashtead 11 (6), Yorkshire 44 (17), Rotherfield 1, Rutland 4 (1), Lincolnshire 6 (2), Aldenham 1, Ipswich 1, Apsley 2 (1), Warwickshire 1 (1), Bristol 2, London 1, Staffordshire 1, Southwell 2, Whitwick 1, Lyme 1, Belgrave 1, Hockley 1, Jedburgh 1, Gainsborough 2, Painswick 4, two spliced 4, three spliced 1, four spliced 1

Caters.—Grandsire 11 (11), Erin 1 (1), Stedman 7 (1), Double Norwich 1 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 8 (5), Canterbury Pleasure 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 19 (17).

Royal Surprise.—Cambridge 9 (1), Yorkshire 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 3 (2), Plain Bob 1 (1).

Total.—600; conducted 344.

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theory about what changes are musical or unmusical. Rather was I attempting to analyse why the musical changes are musical, and to introduce some definition into the present vague use of the word 'musical' in relation to ringing. I hope I have in some measure succeeded, if only to the extent of prompting someone better qualified than I to make a better job of it.

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OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK DENCH

The death of Frederick Dench, of Saffron Walden, came as a great surprise to his many ringing friends. He had been in remarkably good health until a week before his death, when he developed a chill. A sudden turn for the worse turned to a diabetic coma from which he never recovered.

Fred Dench was born in the village of Worth, near Crawley, Sussex, in 1875, and commenced bell-ringing at the age of 13 with James Parker's band at Crawley. He soon showed great promise and was in the band which rang all the Surprise peals.

In 1897 he moved to London and joined the Rochester Row band for Sunday ringing. Later he became a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band. One of his great peals in London was the non-conducted Stedman Cinques at Cornhill.

In 1911 he moved to the village of Ditton, near Cambridge, and rang with the Cambridge Youths. In 1914 he moved to Saffron Walden and opened up a business on his own as a coach painter. He became a member of the Saffron Walden Society, and composed and conducted many peals. He retired from business about ten years ago.

He will chiefly be remembered as a composer. He was the first to discover that IN and 5ths runs true to London Surprise and to break away from Middleton's peal of Cambridge Major by parting the tenors. His method, Bedford Surprise, extends from Minor to Maximus, and his Dench's Principle from Doubles to Cinques. He was one of the few to compose and conduct peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus. His record of peals is not available at present, but it is hoped to publish this later.

He was a very modest man and a most genial companion and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The funeral service took place in the Parish Church and was conducted by the Vicar (Canon M. R. Sinker). Among those present were L. E. Pitstow (College Youths), A. E. Pitstow, J. Negus, L. Mumford, H. Cranwell (Saffron Walden Society), T. R. Dennis E. Hibbins, J. Quinney, J. G. Gipson, S. F. Brown (Cambridge), J. W. Ward (Melbourn), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Austin (Newmarket).

As the cortège left the church some well-struck Stedman Triples was rung on the half-muffled ring by the following: J. Quinney 1, S. F. Brown 2, J. G. Gipson 3, E. Hibbins (conductor) 4, T. R. Dennis 5, J. Negus 6, J. W. Ward 7, A. E. Austin 8.

AN APPRECIATION

The death of Fred Dench, which occurred on February 22nd, is a great loss to ringing and to the Exercise generally, for he was in the front rank as a composer and conductor.

It is 60 years ago when I first met Fred and I have esteemed his friendship ever since. He first learned to ring at Crawley, where the band, with 'Jim' Parker as conductor, was one of the few bands at that time which was practising Surprise methods and which band did hold the record length for Superlative Surprise.

Ringing was Fred's only hobby, and like all great artists he put his heart and soul into it and became the composer of peals in various methods. At one time he contributed news of much interest in 'The Bell News' and later to 'The Ringing World.'

He was outstanding as a conductor and it was very rare that he made a mistake. It was when he and 'Jim' Parker left Crawley and we all worked in London that I first met Fred, and



MR. FREDERICK DENCH

we rang several peals together. He left London and went to Cambridge, and later came to Saffron Walden. We considered it very fortunate to have such a noted ringer join us.

On the social side Fred had a fine personality and disposition, and it was a pleasure to spend an hour or two with him.

He was always ready to impart his knowledge to those who were eager to learn. I myself, and I think I can include his many friends, wish to express our regret at the passing of a friend and a great ringer.

A. E. PITSTOW.

Saffron Walden.

MR. J. B. HESSEY

Many ringers, particularly in Surrey, will deeply regret the passing of Mr. John Belchamber Hessey at his home in Chertsey on March 2nd. He was 76 years of age and was a lifelong resident of Chertsey. These last few years he had been in failing health, but maintained his interest in ringing although unable to handle a rope or visit the belfry.

John Hessey came to the tower from the choir stalls, and the writer first met him in 1902, when the Chertsey bells were a handful to manipulate, and after rehanging took place he set the good example of regular and punctual attendance. As tower captain and District Ringing Master of his Diocesan Guild, he accomplished much steady progressive work, and he will also be remembered as a loyal member of the Surrey Association.

Of quiet disposition, Mr. Hessey was not selfish when it came to conducting peals or quarter peals, yet he could call peals such as Penning's One-part or Parker's One-part. He was not a prolific peal ringer, but he loved a well-struck quarter or touch and he was regarded as a safe ringer. John won esteem and affection from ringers over a wide circle, and his steady but sure work as ringer, conductor, instructor and unassuming guide and friend will not easily be forgotten.

Cremation took place at Woking on March 6th. W. S.

MR. WILLIAM A. LEWIS

Although not so well known to members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association of today as he was to the older generation, the passing of Mr. William A. Lewis at the age of 83 on February 23rd has taken from us one who was looked up to and respected for many years.

He had been a member of the Association for 53 years and was one of the founder members of the first Branch, Wotton-under-Edge. For ten years he was Branch secretary, and after that its chairman for two years; he was the captain of Berkeley tower for 50 years and in 1955 was made a life member of the G. and B. for his faithful services. Mr. Lewis rang only one peal, the treble to Grandsire Caters.

The Wotton-under-Edge Branch was represented at the funeral at Berkeley on February 27th, and a wreath was sent. Tribute was paid to his memory at a meeting at Chipping Sodbury by the chairman (Rev. W. A. Peel), and members present stood in silence. Mr. Lewis's grandson (Mr. R. Cox) thanked the Branch on behalf of the family. C. R.

REDEDICATION

Wiveton, Norfolk

On Sunday, March 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Wiveton, at the end of an ordination service, the Bishop of Norwich rededicated the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The opening rounds were rung by Janet Harcourt 1, John Bone 2, Edward Copeman 3, W. H. Theobald 4, William West 5, R. Whisker 6—local ringers, with exception of Mr. Theobald, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, to whom credit must be given for overcoming difficulties caused by the snow and gales, and getting the bells ringable in time for the service.

Ringers from Norwich, Blakeney, Cromer, Wells and Caston were present. (This meant a 2¾-hour cycle ride for John Barnes.)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

In spite of bad weather, more than 60 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Chertsey District at Walton-on-Thames, which was held jointly with the Ladies' Guild. Before the service, conducted by the Rev. G. Greig, in Walton Parish Church, there was ringing in standard methods at Oatlands Park and Walton.

Local ladies prepared a grand tea, and at the business meeting all the retiring officers of the Chertsey District were re-elected unopposed. Mr. T. Luxford was elected to the Guild executive in place of Mr. Goldstone who had retired.

Both the District Ringing Master and secretary stressed the need for the more experienced ringers to attend meetings to assist the large number of recruits. Membership was over the hundred mark for the first time. The balance sheet showed an increase of £1 19s. 10d.

New members were elected from Hersham 4, Walton 1, Horsell 1 and Chobham 1 (junior).

No nominations were made for Guild Ringing Master or secretary. Mr. George Brown, of Aldershot, was nominated as Guild auditor.

Mr. W. Shepherd proposed a vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting a success, and welcomed visitors from Watford, King's Langley, Henfield, Hawkley, Sevenoaks and Reading.

Ringing continued at Walton till 8.30, and included a touch of Grandsire Triples by an all-ladies band. R. C.

EWELME, OXON.—On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia Reason 1, F. Godden 2, Joan Busby (first quarter) 3, R. Baker (first as cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, H. J. Winfield (sen.) 6. First quarter by an all-Ewelme band.

WAKEFIELD RINGING IN 1757

By DAVID CUBITT

THE intention behind this article was to review the activities of Wakefield ringers 200 years ago, as revealed in the churchwarden's accounts, against the background of local and national events; but, as most of the entries merely recite the payment of a sum of money to 'the Ringers' without further explanation, the reason for ringing in all instances cannot be given. The wardens of All Saints' Church, Wakefield, eight in number—six representing the town, two for each of the three streets, Northgate, Westgate and Kirkgate, and the yards and alleys leading off them, and two representing the parish, which included the outlying hamlets of Thornes, Alverthorpe and Stanley—were elected annually and levied a rate, from the proceeds of which they paid the salaries of church and parish officials and made such other payments as were necessary.

Before noting payments made to the ringers, it might be interesting to give some indication of wages about that time. In 1771, Arthur Young published his 'Six Months' Tour through the North of England.' He wrote that Wakefield was noted for the cloth dressing trade: 'The men earn from 6s. a week (in winter) to 14s.; boys till 14 or 15 years of age, 1s. 6d. to 2s. a week.' Miners in nearby pits earned 10s. or 12s. a week: a farm labourer at harvest time 1s. 4d. a day, in winter 9d. or 10d.

With regularity, in January, April, July and October of every year, the churchwardens paid the ringers their salary, for Sunday ringing, by quarterly instalments. In 1757, on the 25th of those months, they paid 'Ringers' Sallary' of £3 6s. 8d.—that is, 8s. 4d. per ringer This payment remained at £3 6s. 8d. a quarter till 1773, when it was increased to £4.

But if £13 6s. 8d. a year for the eight ringers was a flat rate, there were bonus payments to be had, for which the ringers presented the wardens with a note or bill. It was customary then for the bells to be rung on January 30th, May 29th and November 5th each year; for those days in 1757 the ringers received 4s., 10s. 6d. and 10s. 6d. respectively.

January 30th was, of course, the day of the execution of King Charles I. in 1649, and by Act of Parliament of 1660 it was enacted 'That every thirtieth day of January, unless it falls out to be upon the Lord's day, and then the day next following, shall be forever hereafter set apart to be kept and observed in all churches and chapels of these your Majesty's Kingdoms . . . . as an anniversary day of fasting and humiliation, to implore the mercy of God, that neither the guilt of that sacred blood, nor those other sins by which God was provoked to deliver up both us and our King into the hands of cruel and unreasonable men, may at any time hereafter be visited upon us or our posterity.'

May 29th, 1660, saw the restitution of Charles II. on the throne (on his birthday) and the restoration of the Government, in commemoration of which Parliament enacted 'That all and singular ministers of God's word and sacraments, in every church, chapel and usual place of divine worship and public prayer, which now are or may hereafter be within this realm of England, and the respective dominions thereof and their successors, shall in all succeeding ages annually celebrate the twenty-ninth of May by rendering their hearty public praises and thanksgivings unto Almighty God . . . . ' Branches of oak were displayed on this day, an allusion to Charles II. concealing himself in the oak at Boscobel, after the battle of Worcester.

The payment for November 5th requires no explanation. Parliament proclaimed this day to be one of public thanksgiving for the deliverance of James I. and Parliament in 1605. The special forms of service for these three days no longer appear in the Prayer Book.

Other payments, made annually, were for New Year's Day, Good Friday and Christmas Day—8s., 2s. 6d. and 8s. respectively in 1757.

Wakefield has two annual fairs, one at midsummer, dating from 1258, the other at All Saints'-tide, dating from 1204. For the fair held on Nov. 10th and 11th, 1757, the ringers received 10s. 6d. for the first day (a cattle fair) and 3s. 6d. for the second (when workmen and servants were hired). Lest anyone should query an All Saints' fair being held on November 10th and 11th, the seeming discrepancy is explained by the Act of 1751 which corrected the calendar, as a result of which the day following September 2nd, 1752, was accounted September 14th, 11 days being omitted. The Wakefield fair continued to be held on the old days.

For payments on only three other days in 1757 can reasons be ascribed with certainty. Friday, February 11th that year, was appointed a national day of fasting to deprecate God's judgment for the sins of the country, and for ringing that day 4s. was paid. On February 18th appears a payment of 10s. 'For going about the Parish and the Ringers,' and refers, no doubt, to the churchwardens' annual perambulation and survey of the parish.

In the previous year, what was to be called the Seven Years' War broke out, following a diplomatic revolution in which Britain allied herself with Prussia against France and Austria and, later, Russia. Britain's activity in this war was almost entirely directed against the French, and chiefly in India and Canada and on the high seas. On May 6th, 1757, Frederick II. of Prussia engaged and defeated the Austrians near Prague. The news of the victory was published in the London Gazette Extraordinary of Friday, May 20th, and on May 23rd 10s. 6d. was paid 'By Ringers pr. Note/ King of Prussia's Victory.'

There are five other entries when payments were made for ringing, at 10s. 6d. a time.

On Shrove Tuesday, 1757, the Wakefield ringers travelled to Leeds, where, at the Parish Church, they rang a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hours and 55 minutes. The journey and the peal must have been for the love of the art and not for financial gain, as no payment was made this day—unless the Leeds churchwardens paid them something.

Wakefield in 1757 was a prosperous wool and cloth market as well as an agricultural centre, and ripe for expansion: but an 'upper class' of merchant in the town, not wishing to have the air they breathed polluted by soot and smoke or their views spoiled by factory chimneys, succeeded in keeping industry away from the town, so that in the early years of the industrial revolution other West Riding towns outstripped it in size and commercial importance. That, however, is another story.

Benson's Bells Rehung

The service to commemorate the rehanging on ball-bearings of Benson's bells was held on February 25th, the day of the worst weather this winter. Nevertheless, Mr. Frederick Sharpe and the handbell ringers of St. Mary's, Launton, made the journey.

Besides conducting the service, Mr. Sharpe gave an illustrated talk on bells, and the handbell ringers gave a recital.

A recording of the service and of the tower ringing was played back at a reception arranged by the P.C.C. at the Vicarage. Mr. F. White, who rehung the bells, was thanked by the Church Council and ringers for a really good job.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

THE University of London Society held its annual dinner at the Mitre Tavern, Chancery Lane, on February 15th. During the afternoon ringing took place at St. Mary's, Putney, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, and St. Lawrence Jewry. The afternoon's chase across London succeeded in producing healthy appetites, and in pleasant surroundings a meal of roast beef was served to a record gathering of 52 people.

The loyal toast, followed by the president's customary blessing that 'those who must smoke may now do so,' was observed and, with that feeling of well-being so essential to the reception of after-dinner speeches, the company relaxed. The toast of 'The Church' was given by the president (Dr. Denis Layton), who dwelt briefly on the beginnings of the Society and spoke of the blessings which the Society now enjoyed at its home—St. Olave's, Hart Street.

The Rev. Stanley Evans, who replied, said as a ringing member of the Society he was able to speak from, as it were, both sides of the belfry door. He touched lightly on his experiences as a 'clerical gentleman' and on his recent tour to Russia, and then went on to advise ringers to treat other members of the congregation as though they were fellow ringers. He felt the unity of the Church would be thus strengthened.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Dr. Philip Chalk). His sense of the dramatic was highly delightful to watch and, although it is now difficult to remember what he said about the Society, it is certain that his stories will be remembered. Roger Keeley (Master of the Society) replied, and gave a summary of recent activities. He expressed his pleasure in seeing the Dawes Cup come home for another year and congratulated the members concerned in the competition.

John Armstrong, last year's Master, was called upon to propose the health of 'The Visitors, and regretted the absence of the Rev. Powell-Miller (Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street), who was convalescing after his long illness. In his reply, Mr. Frederick Cullum (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) thanked the Society for their hospitality.

The Masters of Oxford, Cambridge and Bristol Universities Guilds, who until that moment had been enjoying themselves, soon lost their soporific smiles when told by the president that the U.L.S.C.R. was not a completely charitable organisation and that they would have to sing for their suppers. Copies of a conventional Victorian melodrama were produced, and the parts of the Villain, his assistant and the Hero given to Brian Cookson, David Heighton and Robin Pittman respectively. Insults, abuse, villainous interjections and the snarls which soon ensued were all uttered with such depth of feeling that one felt here at last was the ideal medium for the expression of inter-university rivalry. The audience were highly amused and the end came far too soon. R. L. A.

First Peal of Doubles at Lewknor

With reference to the peal at Lewknor on February 15th (see page 153) which states: 'Believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells,' Mr. Alan R. Pink informs us that the first peal on the bells, on May 7th, 1947, then a ring of five, was in 19 Doubles methods, which at that time was the greatest number of Doubles methods rung to a peal by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

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ROCK.—On March 5th, 1958, at Middlesbrough, to Peter and Dorothy Rock, twin sons (David Charles and Jonathan Richard). 2005

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

HARBOTT—NORGATE.—The wedding of Martyn W. Harbott and Christine Norgate will take place (D.V.) on March 15th at 10.30 a.m. at St. Mary's, Merton. Bells (5) from 10 a.m. and after service. Future address: 20, The Street, Ashtead, Surrey. 1990

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—On and after March 11th the address of Frank B. Lufkin (peal secretary, Essex Association) will be 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea, Essex. Peal reports, compositions and peal fees to this new address, please. 1983

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Yaxley (6), Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1961

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1955

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Ardleigh, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 1921

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting. Staplehurst, Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names to E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 1944

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 15th, at Sandridge. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2003

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Rawtenstall on Saturday, March 15th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 (own food). Meeting in tower at 6 p.m.—J. Porter. 1987

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, Saturday, March 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Dis. Sec. 1952

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Reigate on Saturday, March 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall. Buckland bells 2.15 to 3.15 p.m. 1909

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, March 15th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Granny's Café.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1982

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Badgworth, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (5) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 1998

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Cheadle, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise by Tuesday, 18th, Mr. H. Cook, 24, Bilkeley Road, Cheadle.—C. K. Lewis. 2006

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 22nd, at Etwall. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, March 19th, to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper, Derbys. 1985

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting at Dudley, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names to R. A. Peakman, Les Cloches, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 2007

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Leckhampton (8), Saturday, March 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names by March 18th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1995

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Church School at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, March 19th, to Michael Vernon, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics. 1992

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Collingbourne Kingston, Saturday, March 22nd. Names essential for those requiring tea.—T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 2002

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Guild.—A quarterly meeting at Cranborne, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by March 19th I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 1999

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Beccles, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 19th, to Mr. E. R. Goate, 51, Grove Road, Beccles. Norfolk ringers welcome.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 1911

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, March 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey. 1974

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 22nd, Warbleton (6). Method, St. Clement's Minor. A country meeting you will enjoy. Country tea: names to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 1991

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Feering, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 26th, if possible, to Mr. H. Nichols, Alverstone House, Feering, Kelvedon. 2004

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Boughton, Saturday, March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. Committee meet at 6.15 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—A meeting will be held at Helmingham, Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 26th, please, to L. G. Brett, 109, St. John's Row, Framsden, Stowmarket. Framsden bells (8) from 6 to 9 p.m.—W. J. Button, Dis.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Minehead, Easter Monday, April 7th. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. Admission tickets sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Details of ringing later.—Roger O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. 1968

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Easter Monday, April 7th. Committee, 11 a.m., at Wrens Restaurant. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, 1 p.m., at Ashford School for Girls. Tickets, *before Tuesday, April 1st*, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d. Printed leaflet with full details of ringing, agenda of business, etc., sent with tickets. Towers include Ashford, Bethersden, Biddenden, Charing, Little Chart, Sellindge, Tenterden, Willesborough and Wye.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. 1996

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names with remittance, before April 1st, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing: Wolvercote, 12.30 to 1.30; St. Giles', 1.15 to 2.15; Iffley, 1.30 to 2.30; St. Mary-the-Virgin, 2.30 to 3.30; All Saints', 2.45 to 3.45; St. Ebbe's, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Magdalene, 3.30 to 4.30; Christ Church, 4 to 5; New College, 4.30 to 5.30; Magdalen, 5 to 6 p.m. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1994

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Cambridge on Saturday, May 3rd. Will those members wishing to travel at reduced fare on the 9.25 a.m. train from Kings Cross please notify the undersigned by April 25th. Ringing arrangements will be announced later.—John Chilcott, 20, Crosslands Avenue, Southall, Middlesex. 1984

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APPLETON 'FOURTH-OF-MARCH-DAY'

'May friendship and freedom this day much abound;
May mirth and good humour go jovially round:
May the young and the old, may the grave and the gay,
Remember that this is March-the-Fourth-Day.'

SO runs the song, composed by John Harding, of Appleton, and sung on the first "Fourth-of-March-Day' in 1818 when, through the generosity of Squire Southby, the whole village was entertained to feasting and dancing to celebrate the opening of the ring of six bells he had given to the parish church. We know how much they enjoyed themselves on that occasion for many of us rang with stalwarts like Richard White, who related first-hand accounts of the proceedings he had heard from his grandfather, Alfred, who rang on that never-to-be-forgotten day. So much did they enjoy themselves that they resolved to commemorate each anniversary by special ringing, and a dinner, at which the traditional songs should be sung. Except for the gloomy years during the last war, each anniversary has been commemorated, most of them by a peal and by a dinner or high tea afterwards.

Change-ringing was introduced into Appleton tower by James Newman, one of the original band in 1818. He had formerly been a member of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers. But the great personality was Alfred White, who established a few years later the bell-hanging business now carried on by his great-grandson. It was not the first connection the White family had had with either bell-founding or bell-hanging, for Alfred's half-brother, Chamberlain White, had been at one time assistant to the Berkshire bell-founder, John Hunt, and through him had some connection with the Aldbourne founders. It was not long before Alfred made himself responsible for augmenting the Appleton bells to eight. This he did by adding a second-hand tenor, formerly the fifth of a ring of eight at Wednesbury, Staffordshire, and a new treble. The hanging was done by Alfred, and he overcame the difficulties occasioned by the smallness of the tower by removing the roof and hanging two of the bells in a lantern above.

Following the successful completion of their first peal of Stedman Triples in 1861, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, founder and first Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, gave two tenors to augment the number of bells in the ring to ten. In hanging these Alfred White made a name for himself, and the masterly way in which he overcame all obstacles is a lasting memorial to his craftsmanship. He hung the tenor, eighth, seventh and fourth in the lantern above the tower walls. There they remain; and many are the record peals rung on them, including the 21,363 Stedman Caters, in 12 hours 25 minutes, on April 22nd, 1922, and the 16,271 Grandsire Caters, in 9 hours 20 minutes, rung on December 27th, 1932.

On Saturday, March 1st, we met once again to celebrate 'The Fourth.' Friendship and freedom did abound! and the day was full of mirth and good humour, to quote the words of the traditional song, which it has been the writer's privilege to sing now for a good number of years. As reported in the peal columns, a peal of Stedman Caters, conducted on this occasion by Stephen Ivin, opened the proceedings. After lunch the tower was open to visitors. They came from Berkshire, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Leicestershire, and the Plough Inn was filled to capacity when the company sat down afterwards to enjoy a high tea. The visitors were welcomed by Mr. Frank White, and it was gratifying to see how well he fulfilled the duties, done for so long and so admirably by his late father. The toast of 'The Appleton Ringers, the Whites and the non-Whites,' was proposed by the president of the Central Council—not the first holder of this office to do so, for it was done for many years by Canon G. F. Coleridge who, like the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seldom missed attending this gathering. Sir Basil Blackwell responded to the toast on behalf of the parishioners of Appleton.

Then came songs by members of the White family and visitors, and tune-ringing by the Appleton Ringers on the fine set of handbells made by Frederick White, Frank's grandfather. This gathering, as usual, was conspicuous for its informality and friendliness. But unlike all other 'Fourth-of-March-Days,' there was something different—it was a special occasion. The B.B.C. had sent down two engineers to make a record of parts of the celebrations. They recorded part of the morning's peal of Stedman Caters, a brief interview with Mr. Frank White, the Appleton handbell ringers, and some of the traditional songs. These were heard in 'Town and Country' in the Home Service on the following Monday, and so a much wider circle of friends was able to hear a little of the one-hundred-and-fortieth anniversary of that memorable day when John Harding sang:

'In this present year which we have now all seen,
The number: one thousand, eight hundred, eighteen;
The six well-tuned bells, that by Southby were given,
Rang their first merry peal, our hearts to enliven.'

F. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr 14 lb. in C sharp.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Treble*	*HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
ERNEST MORRIS	2	KENNETH A. ROE	8
JOHN BRAMLEY	3	ALAN CATTELL	9
COLIN P. WALKER	4	*T. EDWARD HARROLD	10
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	JOHN B. BENNETT	11
*WALTER H. POOLE	6	ALAN HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Cinques. First of Cinques as conductor.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

DENIS A. BAYLES	*Treble*	*GEORGE S. DEAS	7
*CHARLES N. LEA	2	*EDMUND P. CROWDY	8
DAVID PRIESTLEY	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	9
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	*KENNETH LAWSON	10
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5	ROLAND PARK	11
W. NORMAN PARK	6	*ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	FREDERICK SHARPE	6
STEPHEN IVIN	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	FRANK A. BARRETT	8
BRIAN R. WHITE	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
PHILIP WALKER	5	EDWIN DREWITT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
Rung to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

DENNIS HEWITT	*Treble*	JAMES WALLMAN	6
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	9
*ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Surprise and of Royal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
RUTH JACKSON	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	PETER BORDER	9
ALAN J. FROST	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	†‡JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
*†BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
DEREK P. JONES	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 400th peal for the Guild. † 50th peal together. ‡ First of Surprise Royal 'inside.'
Rung to mark the retirement of Ernest Morris as verger of St. Margaret's, Leicester, the previous Saturday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
G. RONALD EDWARDS	2	HENRY H. FEARN	7
*JOAN M. BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	PETER BORDER	9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 200th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	‡G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
†ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	‡BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal on the bells. ‡ 50th peal together.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*ANNE E. AMOR	*Treble*	†JOHN B. LONG	5
JUNE GLADMAN	2	JOHN W. SINFIELD	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal on eight. † First of Surprise Major.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

JOSEPH GRENSTED	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
*HAZEL DADSON	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	7
LAURENCE MITCHELL	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Emily Walker and Mr. Francis J. Cheal, who were married at the above church prior to the peal. Both are members of the local band.

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STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Charles S. Ryles	*Treble*	David Jack	5
Annette M. Gratton	2	Ewart H. Edge	6
Leslie Shenton	3	Geoffrey Burton	7
Shelagh K. Seery	4	Alban J. Jack	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Charles S. Ryles.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 1 and 6.
Rung in memory of Charles H. Page.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ambrose.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*A. Charles Baker	*Treble*	David Heighton	5
Reginald G. Hooper	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
Eric Sutton	3	Alan F. Lee	7
*Patrick J. Bird	4	Roger O. Fry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger O. Fry.
* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the R.C. Church of St. Francis,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Treble*	Douglas Thorp	5
J. Martin Thorley	2	Max P. Page	6
D. Margaret Hawley	3	James Thorley	7
Keith Williamson	4	Edward M. Bradley	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Roy Bettley-Cooke.
In memoriam Miss Margaret S. Rhodes.
First peal on the bells since being recast.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

Percy J. Spice	*Treble*	Thomas E. Sone	5
Robert Collins	2	Geoffrey Pearson	6
Doris E. Colgate	3	Benjamin F. Baker	7
William Rogers	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Thomas W. Strangeway	*Treble*	Percy Whitaker	5
Dorothy Hogg	2	Arnold Cole	6
Fred Bennett	3	Irvin Slack	7
William Dixon	4	Ronald H. Dove	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Thomas W. Strangeway.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Miss Margaret S. Rhodes, a member of the local company.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Christopher Wallater	*Treble*	Frederick G. Handley	5
F. Hector Bennett	2	George W. Hughes	6
Ernest Stitch	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
William Davies	4	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Howard Howell.
First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the present bells.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Frank W. Perrens	*Treble*	*Hubert G. Summers	5
Paul K. Williamson	2	*John W. T. Taylor	6
Ruth M. Jackson	3	L. Michael Callow	7
*Percy Stone	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Kate Tatlow, of the Rainbow Inn.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

Nolan Golden	*Treble*	*Fred Harrold	5
Sidney Marshall	2	F. Charles Goodman	6
H. William Barrett	3	Bert Gogle	7
Stanley W. Copling	4	George P. Adams	*Tenor*

Composed by Joseph J. Parker (Six-part No. 2).
Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Harrold.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAMPSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Ernest H. Kilby	*Treble*	John R. Mayne	5
Brian Bladon	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Alfred J. House	7
Alick Cutler	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
The first peal in the method (Corrigan's No. 150). The ringer of the tenor has now rung peals in 100 different Surprise Major methods.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

John L. Morris	*Treble*	*Ian H. Oram	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Frederick J. Cullum	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	Herbert E. Audsley	7
Ralph Bird	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff (C.C.C. 22). Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

G. William Critchley	*Treble*	Alan J. Frost	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Michael P. Moreton	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	John Hill	7
Gordon T. Peters	4	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter.
Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Dugald Macpherson	*Treble*	Frederick R. Scott	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Ronald F. Diserens	6
*Michael J. Palmer	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
William S. Deason	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Major.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE COUSSINS	*Treble*	MARY R. JAYCOCK	5
HOWARD OGLESBY	2	GORDON W. LIMMER.. ..	6
*JANET ADAMSON	3	RICHARD E. DEAN	7
†KENNETH BUCKINGHAM ..	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First in the Kent variation. The conductor's 100th peal on Burnham bells (79 conducted).

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

DAVID VINCENT	*Treble*	DAVID YOUNG	5
JAMES BURNS	2	FRANK REYNOLDS	6
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
RICHARD BENSON	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
A memorial tribute to W. Bro. Fredk. Ralph Williams, of Manchester, and W. Bro. James W. Grounds, of Standish—the latter was cremated the day previous.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*DENNIS F. WEST (14) ..	*Treble*	FELIX H. ERITH..	5
HELEN M. SHARP	2	IVAN COOPER	6
MARIAN H. MILLS	3	PERCY W. MILLS	7
EDWARD B. SMITH	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal. First peal on eight as conductor.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	MICHAEL HATCHETT.. ..	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON ..	2	*DOUGLAS C. BARTHOLOMEW	6
HERBERT A. BRADBURY ..	3	RICHARD G. BELL	7
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ..	4	*JOHN R. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being 864 Cambridge, 800 Lincolnshire, 768 Painswick, 736 Superlative, 672 each of Yorkshire and Pudsey, and 576 Aldenham, with 129 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEWIS F. COBB	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ..	5
RONALD N. MARLOW.. ..	2	JOHN HARTLESS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY..	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal of Spliced Surprise in seven methods for all.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 QUEENSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Treble*	ROGER BALDWIN	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER..	2	GORDON A. HALLS	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	3	HAROLD TAYLOR..	7
BURLEY P. MORRIS	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
Rung to celebrate the arrival of a son (Ashley Maxwell) to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Turner the previous day.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARGARET FORREST.. ..	*Treble*	NORMAN HEAPS	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..	6
ALEX G. DIMMOCK.. ..	3	CYRIL LOW	7
JACK ASHCROFT	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam James W. Grounds, who was cremated the day before; also E. Firclough, who died in February, and John Booth, who died in December: all members of the local band.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

STEPHEN WRIGHT	*Treble*	JOHN S. SEAGER	5
*MARGARET JOHNSON ..	2	FRANK BRUNT	6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL ..	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
*BRIAN HEPPENSTALL.. ..	4	H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Bob Major.
Rung for the wedding of Colin Ashton and Margaret Cutts (both members of the local band), which took place earlier in the afternoon.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5640 DOUBLES
Being one extent of St. Simon's, four of All Saints', 21 of Reverse Canterbury and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*STEPHEN PIERCE	*Treble*	DENNIS MITCHELL	3
*BRYAN BURROUGH	2	JUNE M. CLEMENTS	4
GEORGE FRANCIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.
* First peal.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the 29 years' work in the diocese of Dr. G. K. A. Bell, upon his retirement as Bishop of Chichester.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROBERT BARRATT	*Treble*	NEIL D. LOMAS	4
ERNEST PIMLOTT	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	5
GEORGE FORRESTER.. ..	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Minor. 25th peal on the bells.

ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

D. RUSSELL EDWARDS ..	*Treble*	JACK DEAN	4
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS ..	2	*BRUCE GRAINGER	5
L JOHN EVANS	3	JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Grandsire.
A birthday compliment to L. John Evans.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*PETER A. HILL..	*Treble*	*JOHN E. COOK, JUN. ..	4
DENIS A. FRITH	2	W. RUSSELL READ	5
PETER E. PARRY	3	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal in six Minor methods.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

A. WILLIAM BIRD	*Treble*	†BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	4
KENNETH BROWN	2	JOHN S. BARNES	5
*DORIS E. LIDBETTER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise. Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung for St. David's Day; also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

ALLAN R. JONES	*Treble*	MICHAEL R. BENNETT	4
JACQUELINE A. DOWNING	2	JIM C. RAINBOW	5
SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT	3	ALAN C. COZENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

First peal of Kent for all the band.

Rung for the feast of St. David. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Care on the birth of twin sons.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS KNOX	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4
R. JOHN SCOTT	2	*WILLIAM G. SEAR	5
IVOR PETT	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal 'inside.' The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 22 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (3) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV and Old Oxford Delight; (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (5) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 6 cwt.

*BRIAN SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	IVOR JENKINS	4
*ERNEST PIMLOTT	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	5
BERNARD GROVES	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 22 methods.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 each of Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob (methods rung alternately).

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Treble*	†MARY R. JAYCOCK	4
*JANET ADAMSON	2	HOWARD OGLESBY	5
GORDON W. LIMMER	3	†GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † Pupil and tutor's 50th peal together.

Rung for St. David's Day.

NORTON-DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in B flat.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	*FREDERICK DERRY	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	WILLIAM L. EXTON	5
*J. EDWARD BROWN	3	*G. COLIN JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal. 25th peal as conductor.

Rung for St. David's Day.

TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	BARRY W. M. COWPER	4
MERVYN FROMM	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. H. H. Dyer).

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MRS. F. J. CHEAL	*Treble*	ALBERT DUNK	4
CECIL C. BISHOP	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* 25th peal.

Arranged as a wedding compliment to the ringers of the treble and the third.

WESTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Baldock Guild.)
On Sat., March 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in eight methods: Two of Stedman, four each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire, and eight each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*PETER F. G. FLACK	*Treble*	†LEONARD B. SCOOT	3
†ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	2	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	4
		‡JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First in eight Doubles methods. First of Doubles as conductor. The most methods yet rung to a peal on the bells.

Rung on St. David's Day.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 28 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (2) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (3) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Lincoln and Coldstream; (5) Westminster and Allendale; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne; (7) London and Wells.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., March 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of York, Wells, London, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except the treble ringer.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20. Tenor 7 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4
*JEAN HORTON	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	3	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since June, 1938.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*JOSIE R. HUTCHINGS	*Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	4
F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	2	MAX P. PAGE	5
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	†J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal. † 250th peal.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughters—Penny and Katharine.

BILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob, one 240 and 20 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

*PATRICIA J. HOUSTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. BURNELL	4
†PERCY C. TAYLOR	2	‡SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	5
*JOSEPH C. NICHOLS	3	*ALLAN CAMPDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.

Rung to welcome John Mark, son of Phyllis and John Tole, both local ringers, and grandson of the ringer of the fourth. Born February 26th, 1958.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 25, 1958, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of St. Remigius', St. Osmund's, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas' and St. Martin's, and 720 each of St. Simon's, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. RENDER	1—2	A. SHEPPARD	3—4
		JOHN POTTS	5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	7—8
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	9—10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6	†MICHAEL VERNON	11—12

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' pair. † First touch on 12 bells and 50th peal for the Guild.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. F. Gough 1, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 2, Linda M. Forrest 3, I. C. Forrest 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown 6. For Evensong.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1, Miss J. Kirkman 2, J. H. Cook 3, P. Minchin 4, R. Looker 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Cavill on the birth of their grand-daughter, Clair Belinda Ann.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John's Church, Surrey Road, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Evenden 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, H. A. Mitchell 3, Miss D. Gould 4, E. J. Booth 5, M. J. Best 6, C. Conway (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. A first birthday compliment to Nigel Alastair Mitchell, grandson of Mr. H. A. Mitchell.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Brook (first quarter) 1, H. B. Schofield 2, Miss B. G. Schofield 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, F. Rayment 5, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 6, A. Ashton 7, E. H. Simpson 8, T. Pedder tenor (covering). Rung prior to Evensong in memoriam Margaret S. Rhodes, a ringer at Leeds Parish Church.

BRENTFORD, MIDLX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Westcott 1, Jill Barron 2, Meriel Holden Brown 3, C. M. Bloomer 4, Gillian Neal Smith 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 6. Rung by the Guild of St. Matthias, Richmond, for the patronal festival of the latter church in its centenary year.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Burford (first quarter) 1, C. Skidmore 2, F. Jukes (cond.) 3, A. Peakman 4, J. Lloyd 5, R. Allport 6. For Confirmation service.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Townsend 1, R. Vickers (first in method) 2, F. Vickers 3, W. A. Yates 4, G. W. Holland (cond.) 5, W. Townsend 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 London Surprise Major: U. W. Wildney 1, Evelyn R. Cansdale 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, E. P. Duffield 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, F. G. Oliver 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method by 2, 6 and 7. Rung as a token of respect for the late G. W. Moss, of Mistley.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Mar. 2nd, 1,342 Grandsire Cinques: R. Davies 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, G. Cartwright (first in method) 4, N. Brown 5, Miss H. Talbot (first 'inside') 6, Mrs. P. Humphries 7, H. G. Pratt 8, G. H. Humphries 9, N. G. Steere 10, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 11, R. Abbott 12.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Clement's Church, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Blake 1, J. Ingham 2, J. Burton 3, V. Goss 4, A. S. Watt (cond.) 5, A. C. Goss 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Clarke 1, T. Easterby 2, F. Hurrell 3, K. Small 4, T. Culver 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, R. Clarke 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. S. Joyce 1, Miss M. A. Finch 2, R. H. Mills (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Miss E. Taussig 4, P. Murgatroyd 5, W. W. Wright (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2, 5 and 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. L. Beamish (cond.) 1, D. d'A. Blackwall 2, B. Claridge 3, R. C. Kippin 4, J. L. Queen 5, D. C. Exell. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor for all the band.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. E. Cooper 1, Miss R. Tyler 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, J. H. Cook 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5.

GREAT-WITH-LITTLE WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bradshaw 1, F. A. Ginns 2, R. W. Shaw 3, D. C. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. A. Webster 6. To commemorate the visit of the Rt. Rev. Montague D'Arcy Collins, Coadjutor Bishop of Bathurst, N.S.W.

HANDSWORTH.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Harrabin 1, A. R. Crumn 2, J. Eaton 3, M. F. Hall 4, J. Lindon (cond.) 5, R. L. Bond 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (one extent each of St. Osmound, St. Vedast, Huntspill, New Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. I. Martin 1, Mrs. P. A. Latchford 2, A. L. M. Shepherd 3, D. E. Latchford 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5, W. Churchman 6.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Bowden 1, Janet Miles 2, Angela Carpenter 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, Eve Pearson 5, H. Gaunlett 6, J. McDermott 7, A. Queen (first as cond.) 8. For Matins.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Kentish 1, R. A. Cochrane 2, S. F. Cull 3, W. T. Holmes 4, H. Nobbs 5, A. F. Cull (cond.) 6, E. Edmondson 7, L. F. Cull 8. With best wishes to John T. Kentish on his 80th birthday.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. D. A. Price (first of Minor) 1, Miss J. D. Funnell (first of Minor) 2, Miss E. S. M. Tonkin (first of Minor 'inside') 3, F. H. Beeney 4, B. Stepney 5, G. Beeney (cond.) 6. Rung for the christening of Kevin William Tonkin, godson of the ringer of the 3rd.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Chester 1, W. A. Yates (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, M. Saunders 4, C. Haynes 5, G. Shellard 6. In memoriam John Dytam, 56 years a service ringer at this tower.

KILBURN, N.W.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Yvonne White (first quarter) 1, J. Clark-Maxwell 2, T. Herbert (first 'inside') 3, Jean Clark-Maxwell 4, R. B. Meadows 5, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of the ringers of 1 and 3.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob and three differently called Pitman's 240s of Grandsire): M. G. J. Elson (first quarter) 1, Miss D. J. Perrins 2, J. B. Webb 3, E. Edgington 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, J. A. Fox 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Benfield (first quarter) 1, F. Benfield 2, B. E. Frost 3, J. W. Felce 4, S. Ruddlesden 5, P. M. Giles (cond.) 6.

LEICESTER.—On Mar. 2nd, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Chilton (first quarter) 1, B. Hebborn 2, V. Pratt 3, P. Desbrow 4, D. Simpson 5, G. Hebborn 6, S. Harrison (cond.) 7, P. Simmonds (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE HADHAM, HERTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. Thomas 1, R. Walsingham 2, A. Kent 3, A. Wedgwood (cond.) 4. First quarter on bells and by all the band.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Mackey 1, Jill Cranshaw (first quarter) 2, Dorothy Stafford 3, K. Osbaldiston A. Osbaldiston 5, B. Groves (cond.) 6. Average age 16 years.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. A. Schofield 1, P. Whitehead 2, D. E. Lodge 3, S. A. Jaine 4, D. B. Cater (cond.) 5, R. Carter 6. Rung as a compliment to Janet Elizabeth Cater, daughter of the conductor, born January 14th, 1958, and christened at this church on March 2nd.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 23rd, at the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft, 1,298 Grandsire Cinques: A. S. Boar 1, A. G. Bason 2, C. Curson 3, F. N. Golden (cond.) 4, G. Sayer 5, S. W. Copling 6, C. Bird 7, F. C. Goodman 8, W. Love 9, H. W. Barrett 10, B. J. Gogle 11, T. N. J. Bailey 12. For Evensong, and as a 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. McGuiness 1, C. McGuiness 2, W. Robson 3, D. Priestley 4, G. S. Deas 5, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 6, E. P. C. Rowdy 7, R. W. Leighton 8. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. McGuiness 1, Mrs. C. N. Lea 2, C. McGuiness 3, W. Robson 4, G. S. Deas 5, C. N. Lea 6, D. A. Bayles 7, J. Hedley 8, E. P. Crowdy (cond.) 9, R. W. Laughton 10. Both for Evensong.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. M. Bates 1, C. Watson 2, D. Stone 3, J. Coombes 4, A. Cross 5, R. Wawman 6, G. Coussins (first as cond.) 7, Miss E. Foster 8. First in method for 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8. Also first by local band. For morning service.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 9th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bush (cond.) 1, S. Wright 2, H. Goakes 3, F. Boyall 4, T. Bevis 5, J. Bluff 6, J. Haw 7, D. Simmons (first quarter) 8. Rung for Evensong and the christening this day of Carol Stephanie Hamm.

POTTERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rainbow 1, H. Curtis 2, R. Roberts 3, E. Billings 3, A. Jones 5, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: I. Tilling 1, Miss E. A. Wardill 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, N. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, F. Fisher 8, J. N. D. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Miller (first of Minor) 1, Pam Miller 2, Ann Aldridge 3, M. Stanyon 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, J. Wallman 6. Also on Mar. 10th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Ann Aldridge 1, Mary Piper 2, S. G. Peck 3, M. Stanyon 4, J. Wallman (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6. First of Kent for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Both rung for Parish Communion.

STAFFORD.—On Mar. 9th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: I. Vaughan (first of Caters) 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Miss S. K. Seery 3, F. Eley 4, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 5, R. J. Warrilow (Jun.) 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. Malin 9, C. J. Evans 10. For morning service and a birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. J. Chester 1, J. Linnell 2, M. Saunders 3, L. Wootton 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. Birthday compliment to Mr. F. Carter.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Hart 1, Miss G. Brown 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss P. Gaunt 4, R. W. Rex (cond.) 5, H. Lawrenson 6, G. Wiggins 7, D. Murrum 8. Rung for the dedication service of the new war memorial screen and for the restoration of the organ and belfry repairs.

TICHBORNE, HANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Swanne 1, B. Claridge 2, M. E. L. Beamish 3, J. L. Queen 4, D. C. Exell (cond.) 5, D. d'A. Blackwall 6. For the Southampton University Guild.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Maynard 1, R. J. Chapman 2, D. Hewitt 3, F. W. Sykes (first in method) 4, B. R. Downes 5, E. E. Holman 6, A. St. J. Boyack (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): E. Footer 1, A. Ballam 2, W. Rickwood 3, R. Stannard 4, A. T. Ballam (cond.) 5, E. V. Ballam 6. Rung to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. W. Fuller).

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. A. Yates 1, L. Smith 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, G. W. Holland 4, F. C. Case 5, G. E. Green 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. Shellard 8. Birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 2 and 3, also to Patricia Green, daughter of the 6th ringer.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Jacobs (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, A. Bishop (first of Treble Bob Major) 6, M. Sinden 7, F. Corfield (first as cond.) 8. Rung to welcome back the conductor to the belfry after five months' illness. Mr. Sinden and Mr. Tomsett have both rung 100 quarter peals, with 50 of them together.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. R. Smith (first of Caters) 1, M. Horseman 2, R. Smith 3, M. Collins 4, Mrs. W. Kingcott 5, J. Brain (first of Caters) 6, H. Knight 7, W. Kingcott (cond.) 8, L. Derrick 9, M. Board (first of Caters) 10. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Newcastle Cathedral on March 8th was arranged as a farewell to Mr. C. McGuiness, who has been on the Tyneside since 1951 and is leaving for Boston, Lincolnshire. The last peal of Stedman Cinques for the Association was in November, 1946, and although a number ot attempts have been made in the last few years, success has been elusive. This was the first 12-bell peal for the Association for almost seven years.

Congratulations to Mr. T. J. Fowler, of Cookham, on his 70th birthday today.

With the peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on March 8th, Mr. W. H. Poole has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Calne, Wiltshire, will be heard prior to the family service to be televised from there on Palm Sunday, March 30th, at 10 a.m. The captain of the ringers is Mr. H. Burry.

Southampton University Society have started handbell ringing, and scored their first quarter—Plain Bob Major—on March 9th. Margaret Beamish conducted. The others—Don C. Exell, Michael V. White and John L. Queen—rang their first 'in hand.'

We regret to hear of the death following an accident on March 3rd of Mr. W. S. Bleasdale, a former ringer at St. Peter's (R.C.) Cathedral, Lancaster. As a token of respect a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells on March 9th.

Mr. Fred Harrold, who has been a regular Sunday service ringer at East Dereham, Norfolk, since 1920, rang his first peal for his 65th birthday. Prior to the recent rehanging of East Dereham bells he did all the builder's work in the tower; and a first-class job, states our correspondent.

A turning point in the progress of the band at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, was reached on March 2nd by the ringing of the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples before Evensong—the first by an all-local band for over 18 years. Mr. S. Harrison, who became Ringing Master in 1946, has had an uphill struggle to raise the band to its present standard, and is hoping that a peal by all regular Sunday service ringers will be accomplished this year. The old band, under the late William Willson, who passed away in 1941, never recovered from the wartime ban on ringing, which was eventually lifted in 1943. St. John's has now the youngest band in the city, the youngest ringer being ten years old.

The peal of Superlative at Dunstable Abbey on February 22nd was a race against the clock. It finished three minutes before Evensong was due to start.

Readers have written in complimenting Ipswich ringers on the background broadcast to children's television circus introduction last Sunday.

A programme entitled 'Bells and Belfries' will be broadcast in the B.B.C. northern Children's Hours on Easter Sunday. A B.B.C. mobile recording unit is now touring the area interviewing young enthusiasts and recording short spells of ringing. The programme is being organised by a script-writer, Miss Bertha Lonsdale, of 9, Glenaire Drive, Baildon, Shipley, Yorkshire

In recognition of his 25 years' service as secretary of the Swindon Branch of the G. and B. Association, Mr. W. B. Kynaston was presented with a brief case and a fountain pen and pencil set at the quarterly Branch meeting at Stratton St. Margaret on March 8th. The presentation, made by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Wolsey) came as a complete surprise to Mr. Kynaston, who appropriately thanked the subscribers.

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THIRD ASSAULT UPON THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

AS briefly announced in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' a further attempt to ring 40,320 changes of Plain Bob Major failed at John Taylor's Loughborough Bell Foundry on March 8th. Ringing was brought to a halt by the illness of the conductor after about 21,800 changes had been rung in a little under ten hours.

It was an unfortunate ending to an attempt which, up to the time when the half-way mark was passed, had seemed to have very fair prospects of success.

The band had stood as follows:—

Treble: Robin G. Leale (21), Surbiton (conductor).

2: Brian Blaydon (24), Stamford Hill.

3: John Smith (22), Leicester.

4: Patrick I. Chapman (26), Daventry.

5: C. Michael Orme (20), Hitchin.

6: Norman V. Harding (48), King's Lynn.

7: A. Patrick Cannon (45), Dorking.

Tenor: Philip Mehew (27), Stotfold, Bedfordshire (the organiser).

LESSONS TAKEN TO HEART

The lessons which had been so forcibly driven home four weeks previously were taken very much to heart in the preparations for the new attempt. Thus, although the start was this time to be put back three hours, 'early to bed' was the order on Friday night, and after a brief visit to the Foundry to adjust ropes and an even briefer visit to the hotel bar to pose 'in conference' for our friends from B.B.C. Television, goodnights were said soon after half past ten.

As a result of Paul Taylor's impeccable local arrangements, headquarters were once again at the Great Central, where Mr. Mozo is fast becoming accustomed to ringing habits and was quite overwhelmingly kind and helpful.

Five-thirty on the Saturday morning saw most of the band eating a hearty breakfast (whilst those new to the game were finding out exactly how the condemned man feels) and an hour later all were esconced in the pleasantly warm ringing chamber at the Foundry. Following graceful submission to further photography of last-minute preparations (including a close-up of the conductor dismembering a soon to be notorious orange) the real business of the day commenced.

It had been intended to step up the rate of striking considerably over that of the previous attempt, and, in fact, the first 5,040 was completed in only two hours and ten minutes, which augured for a time of less of 17½ hours for the extent. Although this was, of course, advantageous in some ways, it did tend to lead to a certain degree of discomfort being experienced by at least one front-ender, who found the necessary lightning hand movements, together with the unaccustomed slenderness of the rope-end, rather conducive to cramp in the hands and wrists. It is interesting to note that complaints of leg tiredness, on the other hand, are almost unknown among those who have experienced long peals, and this may well be a pointer to the desirability of making the attempt upon somewhat heavier bells (perhaps in the region of 12 cwt.) when, although the duration of the peal would, of course, be increased, it may be that the dangers of hand and wrist cramp would be substantially lessened.

SMOOTH PROGRESS

The ringing proceeded smoothly throughout the morning and early afternoon, the necessary comic relief being provided by the customary sustenance-snatching antics and the wisecracks of the tenor king, who, from his position on the seventh, was fortunate in being able to see down the stairs and thus to exchange greetings with those who were so kind as to call from time to time to inquire after progress.

After nine hours and fourteen minutes the half-way mark was passed, but very soon after this it became evident that the conductor was losing some of his poise, and he was, indeed, observed to be making somewhat alarming deviations from the vertical at ever-increasing intervals. Eventually his indisposition led, after about 21,500 changes had been rung, to his missing the first of a block of three bobs at fifths. It was immediately decided to call the peal round as soon as possible, but before this could be accomplished nausea took charge and the ringing came to a halt.

CONCLUSIONS

Thus ended the latest and longest-lived attempt to win one of ringing's most tempting prizes. It should be mentioned that, at the end, more than half of the band, and particularly the two oldest participants in Norman Harding and Pat Cannon, appeared to be perfectly capable of going on for at least another day or two. Norman, especially, impressed everybody by his rock-like stance and seemingly quite untiring demeanour; it is also notable that he ate nothing at all until past the half-way mark.

The gentlemen of the Press were not so numerous as they had been a month previously, and were generally remarkably unobtrusive, their reports being largely authentic and free from exaggeration.

It is understood that at least one other band is now making preparations for an attempt upon the extent; if the writer, who was intimately connected with the latest efforts, may be permitted to offer some general advice, it would be that the ideal band for the job might possibly be made up of eight ringers all of whom:

(a) are aged 35 or over;

(b) have turned in a tenor of at least a ton in weight to a peal of normal length;

(c) are mentally stable, of amiable disposition, and sufficiently resolute to ring for nine or ten hours and then to meet the realisation that they are still only halfway with equanimity.

Incidentally, all citrus fruits should definitely be barred. Not to mention raisins.

BEHIND ERNEST THERE WAS BEATY

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st, will certainly go down as one of the blackest days in the long history of St. Margaret's, Leicester. A day of tragedy for all connected with the church; for it was on this day that our esteemed Ringing Master moved his home from the Verger's Lodge and took up residence on the fringe of the city. After 20 years as verger of St. Margaret's, Ernest has now retired. True, he is still to be found at the principal services leading the procession with his verge at the ready. He still continues as clerk to the Select Vestry. He is still in evidence at weddings and funerals and, of course, he is still our Ringing Master. Wherein then, you may ask, lies the tragedy? For this, one must look deeper.

It is often said that behind every great man there is a greater woman. To those of us who are connected with Leicester ringing, and particularly we ringers at St. Margaret's, it has long been recognised that the driving force behind the most remarkable achievements of Ernest Morris is that commanding character, Mrs. Morris, known with affection (and fear, by not a few) as Beaty. Yes, it is in the loss of Mrs. Morris that the real tragedy lies, and the question we are asking ourselves here at St. Margaret's is, 'Who is going to keep us in order?' The writer himself already misses his weekly 'ticking-off,' and this similarly applies not only to the rest of the band, but also to members of the congregation, choir and (ssh!) the clergy!!

On the Sunday following the departing of the Morrises, did we see a trace of anxiety on the Vicar's face? Did the curate seem a little lost? Were the churchwardens rather bewildered and the choir a trifle short of wind? Was the organ in tune? These questions may be hard to answer, but one thing did bring the bitter truth home to us all, and that was, that for one of the few times in his life, 'Our Ernie' was late for ringing and (get ready for it) **he never had a ring!!**

We all have much to thank Mrs. Morris for. As a critic of ringing she was unsurpassed, and foolish was the ringer who boasted a good peal at St. Margaret's before hearing her verdict!! For many years we parked our bikes in her yard (surely the safest spot in Leicester). It would be a brave scoundrel indeed who could plunder a cycle from the Morrises' yard, and an equally brave ringer who attempted to extract his or her bike after the gate had been locked at 10 p.m. This was proved some years ago when one of our number (now fled to Canada), after taking liquid refreshment at the nearby hostelry, returned to the Verger's Lodge to remove his cycle for the journey home. Alas, the gate was securely locked. After much brooding, he swallowed hard, and with the agility that only youth can muster, launched himself on to the Morrises' wall, with the intention of unlocking the gate and removing the offending means of transport. The household, however, had not retired for the night, and the keen ears of Mrs. Morris detected the sounds of treachery without, and before one could utter the word 'bike' the door was flung open and the trespasser caught aloft the wall. A few sharp words of opinion and command from Mrs. Morris saw our petrified colleague sprawled on the floor at our feet (a goodly drop of 10 feet!) and a few moments later he was joined by his bicycle!! He has, I know, never forgotten this nightmare experience and neither has the lady concerned.

Mrs. Morris once complained to me that Ernest was continually receiving mention in 'The Ringing World' and that it was high time that she received some recognition. I trust that this has now been remedied.

In seriousness I must express on behalf of every member of the band our sincerest best wishes to Ernest, Beaty and Margaret in their new home, and we hope that they will gain a well-earned rest from the ceaseless parade of parishioners, Scouts, Cubs, Young Wives, Sunday scholars, Mothers' Unionists, clergy, courting couples, workmen, undertakers, reporters, ringers, policemen, tramps and dogs that have appeared at the Morrises' door inquiring for keys and crusts, peals and polish, marriages and money, bodies and bones.

It is, I know, a matter of no small pleasure to Ernest that his retirement has come at a time when his band is gaining in strength and that he has a sound core of ringers who are capable of conducting, as has been shown in the monthly Sunday quarter peals that have been recently rung. Also, we must indeed thank him for the generous gifts of books which he has presented to the belfry, surely a unique collection, which we and our successors must treasure. We hope, too, that he will continue for many years in sound health and long may he remain 'our gaffer.'

COLIN P. WALKER.

PEAL RINGING IN 1957

An increase of 121

A preliminary survey of peal ringing in 1957 indicates an increase for the second year in succession. The figures published are subject to revision:—

	1957	1956
Tower Bells	2,335	2,191
Handbells	152	175
Total ..	2,487	2,366

Comparative figures in recent years are: 1955, 2,237 (111 handbells); 1954, 2,412 (123); 1953, 2,567 (154); 1952, 2,915; 1951, 2,925; 1950, 2,723; 1949, 2,906.

MONTHLY TOTALS

January ..	171	(174 in 1956)
February ..	220	(160)
March ..	216	(160)
April	164	(255)
May	208	(177)
June	191	(184)
July	180	(160)
August ..	242	(195)
September ..	189	(203)
October ..	204	(205)
November ..	227	(217)
December ..	275	(276)

LEADING ASSOCIATIONS OR GUILDS

Leicester Diocesan Guild	192	(136 in 1956)
Kent County Association	154	(113)
Norwich Diocesan Assn.	142	(113)
Suffolk Guild	135	(83)
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	131	(117)
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ..	129	(105)
Essex County Association	122	(72)
Lancashire Association ..	115	(97)
Chester Diocesan Guild ..	103	(85)

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Sudbury District held at Cavendish on March 1st, the attendance was not very good. A service was conducted by the Rector, Canon J. D. Barnard, who was later elected an honorary member of the Guild.

At the business meeting Mr. Allen W. Cansdale, of Bures, was elected Ringing Master, and Miss R. J. Seabrook, of Clare, secretary and treasurer.

Peals rung in the District during the year numbered seven. There were 60 ringing members.

Subject to permission, the next meeting will be held at Assington on May 10th.

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FALSE COURSE HEADS FROM THE BLUE LINE

By JOHN SEGAR

Readers who ring Cambridge Surprise Major and know the start of every bell will see that figures in columns under 7864235 agree with the blue line of the method. Also shown are the place notation, the work of the treble and the nature of the rows. Two rows marked 3+ have the treble in the same place and are the same nature.

	1+	7864235
	2+	8753146
38	1—	8643257
	2—	7534168
14	3+	8624157
	4+	7513268
1258	3+	6514278

etc.

All systems of extracting F.C.H. from the one in Snowdon's Treble Bob to Corrigan's book of half lead systems are out of print. Some would be of little use in these days of Spliced Surprise in a large number of methods. This article introduces a new system. Some originality is claimed for it because the F.C.H. are extracted direct from the seven blue lines without any reference to the figures of a method and the blue lines are obtained direct from the place notation. Bring together

3+ 8624157
3+ 6514278 for examination

By using any system it has been found that F.C.H.s resulting from these two rows are 46253 and 32546. It may be thought that this pair of proving rows will not reveal the required F.C.H.

Lead Heads	Proving Rows
2345678	7864235
4263827	8642357
6482735	6423578
8674523	4235786
7826342	2357864
5738264	3578642
3527486	5786423

This table shows the positions which figures 7864235 occupy in each lead head. In these proving rows there is no alteration of figures in relation to each other except when the first figure becomes the last of the next row. This will be called rotation. The row 6423578 has 78 behind so the scale 45362 brings it back to the original course head 23456. This gives the two clues required. Rotate two proving rows until the duplicate pairs of figures come behind and transpose by 45362. Try this on the example above.

	Rotated	Sc.45362	F.C.H.
3+	2415786	15472	46253
	5142786	42175	
and	6241578	41256	32546
	6514278	14526	

No difficulty will be found in reading off the F.C.H. as shown. A leaflet on this system is in print. It does not include the above explanation. Instead it has a ready reckoner to give the F.C.H. without doing the work. My average time to extract the F.C.H. of a method is fifteen minutes. Readers interested should see this week's advertisement.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD MEMORIAL DINNER

THE sixth annual dinner of the Derbyshire Association, with which the name of Sir Arthur Heywood, the first president of the Central Council, is commemorated, was a most enjoyable function on February 22nd, held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby.

Three peal attempts took place in the morning, each of which failed. That at Eastwood, Notts, was due to a clapper falling out, and on investigation it was found that the bells and fittings badly needed the services of a bell-hanger. Ringing in the afternoon was at the Cathedral and St. Andrew's, Derby.

In a welcome to the company of 92 at the dinner, Mr. D. R. Carlisle said the function kept alive the name of Sir Arthur Heywood and freshened their thoughts of him and other great ringing personalities of the past. It reminded them of the debt that all ringers owed to them.

On behalf of the Derby District he welcomed members from other Districts of the Association. Chesterfield members were represented from Chesterfield, Bolsover and Staveley; Peak District by Buxton members, and the Ilkeston District by a strong band of Sandiacre ringers. He also welcomed ringers and friends from neighbouring Guilds: Mr. and Mrs. G. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. E. Malin, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turley, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Carlisle, Mrs. Mason and Miss Anne Brown, Messrs. J. M. and D. Holland, Hough, R. E. Carlisle and G. R. Edwards. These represented the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society, the Sheffield and District Society, Chester Diocesan Guild, Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor were then introduced as the principal guests.

Mr. Paul Taylor replied with a short and amusing speech mainly composed of anecdotes resulting from the recent attempted record. For example, one member of the lay public, intrigued by the mathematical nature of this feat, sent a request to Mr. Taylor for a copy of each of the 40,320 changes.

Social events, mainly consisting of games and dances, followed.

Mr. D. P. Jones, the acknowledged leading belfryman in the area, provided a lively one-man act depicting bell-ringing characters from some odd towers in Hertfordshire.

The highlight of the evening, as usual, was the presentation of the medal of the order 'Capita Magnissimus' to the belfryman of the year—in this case Mr. P. Bellamy-Knights, of Stapleford. The claim for the award was mainly for the performance he enacted during a quarter peal attempt on the bells of Ashbourne. These are notorious for their difficulty in handling due to the very long draught of rope.

A choir, selected from the gathering and unrehearsed, followed up the presentation with a most stirring rendering of the 'Song of the Medal,' written for the occasion to the tune 'Gaudeamus.'

There are now six holders of the coveted award, and it would not be surprising if a peal attempt on medal-holders was arranged before the next annual dinner.

The organising committee wish to thank all the company for their enthusiastic co-operation. They particularly wish to thank Mr. A. B. Cooper, Mr. Derek P. Jones and the Carlisle brothers for helping with the entertainment.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPEED OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—I am a little surprised at Mr. A. P. Cannon's contention that 'the faster six bells are rung the better they sound.' If for 'six bells' we substitute 'old-fashioned light eights and tens' I could agree, for where there is no great depth of tone available, rhythm is the thing, and at that a quality of sustained rhythm unknown to our young 'rock 'n' roll' experts.

I find it hard to decide on a particular rate until the peal is under way because it depends on the wishes and ability of *all* the band and not just those on the tenors. What does A. P. C. do if he finds ringers on 2 or 3 who will not be driven at 2 hours 35 minutes' pace on a medium six? Does he 'cut their tails off'?

As I have said before, re Hoar Cross, it is a great mistake to chase musical heavy sixes as they have their own special music and grandeur missed by those who never venture on smaller numbers. By way of postscript, my Leicester friends may note that I have revisited Hoar Cross recently, spending under 3¼ hours there this time (they might think I could not do it), but convincing myself afresh that 3 hours 40 minutes is a more sensible time to take for a peal there.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

Note.—We should like the opinion of our bell-foundry friends as to the speed with which the bells they tune should be rung.—*Ed.*

SERVICE RINGING IN LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—After reading the letter from M. P. P. in 'The Ringing World' I feel I must write and say how much we appreciate his kind words about our ringing at Liverpool.

Regarding service ringing at Leicester Cathedral, it is only on rare occasions that the 12 bells are not rung for Sunday service—Maximus and Cinques are rung most Sundays. Considering that we have lost during the last five or six years, through ringers leaving the District and death, upwards of 20 Surprise Maximus ringers, we can still look with pride on our ringing at the Cathedral.

It would be interesting to know where Mr. T. C. Belton does his Sunday service ringing. On looking through the 1957 report of the Leicester Guild, I fail to find his name; perhaps he has a reason for this. I am sorry Mr. Belton was so distressed to hear only Doubles being rung for Matins on Christmas morning. As at all festivals at the Cathedral, we have only ten minutes' ringing for Matins. In this time we have to lower the bells which had been rung for the 8 a.m. Communion service.

May I take this opportunity to say how proud we are to have in the Cathedral company the leading peal ringer for 1957, Mr. John A. Acres, also the leading lady peal ringer, Phyllis Poole. All honour is due to them, as both are loyal Sunday service and practice ringers. Peal ringing is the best practice, and means progress and good service ringing.—Yours truly,

HERRICK B. BOWLEY,
Ringing Master, Leicester Cathedral.

BELFRY PRAYERS

Dear Sir,—I recently selected from various Association reports nine different prayers suitable for use before ringing for services, practice and other occasions, and duplicated them on foolscap-size paper.

I shall be very pleased to supply a copy to anyone who sends me a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

OFFICIAL ANSWER TO MR. R. G. LEALE

Dear Sir,—The matter mentioned by Mr. R. G. Leale has, I think, been argued before, though when I cannot recall at the moment. The official answer, surely, is that a peal must begin and end with rounds, and if rounds does not appear at the conclusion of the ringing, no matter how many times it may have come up previously, then the performance is not a valid peal. That, at all events, is how I should look at it, although I can see something in Mr. Leale's argument.

Of course, this serves to bring up again a point which I have mentioned once before in these columns, and frequently in private, that it is really only by stretching the meaning of words that 42 or more extents of Doubles or seven or more extents of Minor can be regarded as peals, since they contravene a basic principle of ringing that there shall be no repetition of changes. In reality one cannot ring 5,040 changes of Doubles or Minor. This is not a revolutionary idea, for if one looks at 'The Bell News' for the years 1894 to 1896 one sees Doubles and Minor under the heading 'Performances on Five and Six Bells,' which to my mind is a far more accurate description.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

STRIKING IN ODD PLACES

Dear Sir,—A misprint in my letter (page 175) which appeared in a recent 'R.W.' altered the sense. It should read: '. . . but the popular Queens, well (not will), sing that too; it is hard work putting emphasis on the odd places.' This was an invitation to the reader to sing the change for himself to see where the natural emphasis falls.

My theory (that in ringing, emphasis usually falls on bells striking in even places) is supported by the old nursery song, 'Upon Paul's steeple stands a tree,' which opens thus:—

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(e.g., emphasis on bells striking in even places in a round and Queens).—Yours sincerely,

H. Y. PRICE.

Kimpton, near Hitchin.

YOUNG RINGER AND PEAL WEEK

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Trevor Bailey's letter in your issue of February 28th with some amusement, though no doubt I ought to feel suitably abashed. He appears to be one of the 'angry young men' we hear so much of, and his highly-coloured picture of me as a miserable old curmudgeon is, I hope, contrary to fact. Indeed, it is difficult to see on what he bases his somewhat wild accusations, as his knowledge of me must be precisely nil. He appears to act on the well-worn principle, 'If you have a weak ease, abuse your opponent.'

I observe that Mr. Bailey also adopts the totalitarian attitude that criticism should not be allowed, but I shall never subscribe to such a theory. Nobody suggested that the lad in question was forced to ring in peals, but a great responsibility rests on those who instruct the younger members of the Exercise, to guide their enthusiasm wisely. To push along too fast at too young an age is to invite staleness and loss of enthusiasm later.

Finally, I would mention that several ringers who lack neither ability nor enthusiasm have expressed their agreement with my remarks. I bear Mr. Bailey no ill-will for his personal attack and am sure that he will acquire a more adult approach in the fulness of time!—Yours unrepentantly,

C. W. HANCOCK.

Tonbridge, Kent.

'FEARED STARVATION'

Dear Sir,—If an old hand, now out of the running, might venture a comment on the recent long peal attempts, it would be that too much stress was laid on food and drink.

One reads, especially in the first and second attempts, of a 'self-serve cafeteria' layout in the ringing room. All sorts of refreshment, even extending to beer and cigarettes, were there we read. One might ask if these lads feared starvation or even what the striking was like while a beer was being lowered.

The old rule used to be, for a long peal, 'without food or rest.' One peal tablet, at Debenham, mentions this.

Allowing for the excessive length of the extent of Major, assuming that all had a real good breakfast before starting, surely a few pieces of chocolate, or nourishing tablets placed handy with instructions not to touch for, say, 12 hours, would be sufficient for men in the prime of life to last out.

After all, William Pye rang a 30 cwt. tenor for 12 hours, and a 25 cwt. bell for nearly 12 hours, and I have heard that he never even looked round, except at his comrades.—Yours faithfully,

PETER LAFLIN.

Heaviley, Stockport.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

A few days of arctic conditions had given way to some beautiful weather (for February!) when the U.B.S.C.R. set off on their Rag Week tour on the 26th. The cycle party, thoroughly warmed by this time, arrived ten minutes early at Easton-in-Gordano. Here is a six to be enjoyed, and although they are a little odd-struck, there was some good ringing from rounds to Cambridge.

Portbury was approached with some trepidation due to the notoriety of this hard-going six. Their reputation was found to be well deserved. The rise proved their difficulty, and the ensuing rounds and Grandsire Doubles were not of the highest standard.

The ride down the Gordano Valley was followed by tea in a pleasant cafe at Clevedon, before going on to the old church (St. Andrew's), perched on its cliff top at the southern end of the town. A reasonable eight, these, upon which Plain Bob Maior and Grandsire Triples were rung and Stedman was miscalled. We had to depart all too soon.

On the hurried ride to Nailsea our 'short cut' merchant, despite warnings, again found himself lost in the lanes of Somerset, and only arrived to hear the end of the second touch on the beautiful six. The ringing here was thoroughly enjoyed, ranging from rounds to Surprise Minor.

The usual refreshment followed, during which time the East somehow managed thoroughly to beat the West at darts. The 'short cut' home inevitably proved more uphill than the promised down, and it was a tired party that reached Bristol that night.

P. J. B.

ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON

Forty-eight members and friends attended the annual dinner of the St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild of Ringers, which was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on February 15th. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Tyler) and toasts were drunk to 'The Queen,' to 'The St. John's Guild' and to 'The Visitors.' Replying to the second toast, the captain, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, said that 1957 had been a very successful year, particularly for the learners, and the tower could now at least boast a resident 'Surprise' band. After the dinner five members rang a well-struck (and evidently much practised) touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells, and the evening continued with games and dancing until 11 o'clock.

N. D. R.

THE LEATHER JACK OF LINCOLN IS HOME AGAIN



A FEW years ago Mr. Ernest Morris wrote a series of articles on 'Ringers' Jugs and Pitchers' and commenced by saying that the most famous was the Leather Jack of Lincoln. At that time the Jack was not in Lincoln, as the then owner lived at Hove, but now it has been returned to Lincoln Cathedral and it seems to me that a few notes on it and its history may be of interest.

This leather jug is 15¾ inches in height, the base being 9½ inches in diameter, with the opening at the top 4½ by 3¾ inches, and spouted for pouring. It is said to hold 11 quarts.

On the front side of the jug is inscribed '1782 City Ringers.' It is adorned on one side with the City Arms, and on the other side with a bell. The following legend runs from side to side past the handle and fronts on the leather:—

'This Jack was the gift of Alderman Bullen to the Company of Ringers.'

Alderman Bullen, who was a brewer, was Mayor of Lincoln, 1781-2.

The jug was kept in the ringing chamber of the city church, St. Peter at Arches (now demolished).

Bellringing was a very strenuous employment, especially in hot weather, and undoubtedly when ringing was finished some liquid refreshment would be most acceptable to the ringers.

When the city ringers went to ring the Cathedral bells they took their jug with them, most likely getting it replenished at the Great Tom public house, which was situated in the Exchequer Gate Arch.

The Great Tom Inn was closed in 1822 and the Black Boy Inn across the Castle Hill became the ringers' house.

On one occasion the ringers pawned the jug with the landlord for 13s. The ringers never redeemed the jug and the landlord (Mr. John Kirk) claimed it in the inventory.

It is said there were two leather mugs with silver rims, but these were lost sight of.

When the licence was taken from the Black Boy (now the Castle Hill Club), Mr. Kirk's daughter and her husband loaned the Jack to the Lincoln Museum until 1926, when they took it away to Hove, near Brighton.

I made many inquiries during the last 30 years as to whether there was any possibility of ever getting it back to its rightful place.

In the early part of 1957 we learned that the owner had passed away and on inquiry being made by the Dean of Lincoln, the Rt. Rev. Colin Dunlop, we were informed that she had left it to the Dean and Chapter, the Dean himself bringing it home from Brighton on September 21st, 1957.

It is now housed in one of the side chapels of the Cathedral. J. A. F.

PREVIEW OF MAIDSTONE BELLS DURING LEICESTERSHIRE WEEK-END

A PARTY of 28 visitors from all over Kent made a round trip of 380 miles to spend an interesting and enjoyable week-end in Leicestershire on February 22nd and 23rd.

The party was organised by Mr. Thomas E. Sone, Mr. Frederick G. Huckstepp was at the wheel, and Mr. Peter Bond chief navigator and back-seat driver. Between them these three seemed to have first-hand knowledge of every tower on the route.

The weather deteriorated after St. Albans, where a brief halt was made for refreshment, but this was offset by the warmth of the welcome given by Mr. Brian G. Warwick, the energetic young secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, who met the party at Loughborough.

After an excellent lunch at The Three Nuns the visitors proceeded to the Bell Foundry, where they were welcomed by Mr. Paul Taylor. The new ring of ten destined shortly to be rehung at All Saints', Maidstone, was awaiting inspection. Maidstone ringers in particular were very gratified by the sight and sound of their new bells. Mallets were used to tap out a plain course of Bob Minor on the front six. Mr. Taylor and members of his staff kindly showed the visitors round. In the campanile the tourists rang rounds, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major, but the ringing here, generally, suffered from inexperience from handling bells of such lightness and short draught. Admiration was expressed at the ingenious shelves which remained as evidence of the late much-publicised attempt to ring the extent.

The visitors then rang on the beautiful ten at Loughborough Parish Church, and agreed that its claim to be one of the finest rings in the country was justified. We were fortunate to have Mr. Warwick to act as our guide to Coleorton and Copt Oak, where he had arranged for us to ring, as weather conditions made driving more than ordinarily difficult.

At The Bell Hotel, Leicester, where the visitors enjoyed bed had breakfast, the handbells proved quite a counter-attraction to some of the dancers from the nearby ballroom.

The Sunday morning, which saw us ringing at South Wigston, Aylestone and St. John-the-Divine, was bright and sunny. At Glen Parva the coach made a slight detour to enable old friends to renew, and new friends to make, the acquaintance of Mrs. B. G. Warwick.

Not the least memorable part of the whole expedition was the morning prayer at Aylestone Parish Church. Perhaps it was simply the change of environment, but the Purcell voluntary, the lovely minor chant of the penitential 51st Psalm, the simple rendering of our matchless liturgy, the familiar Lenten hymns and the clarity and relevance of the sermon, all combined to make this service one which, the visitors said afterwards, would long be remembered.

The good weather continued during the return trip. Fred Huckstepp varied the route to pass Bunyan's Tower at Elstow and reach the Parish Church of Southgate, Middlesex, by 5.30 p.m. where we joined in the ringing for Evensong.

For the remainder of the journey the party continued to be entertained by the handbell ringers, by anecdotes from Mr. Sone and by Mr. Bond's conversation. C. T. H.

OBITUARY

MISS MARGARET S. RHODES

Margaret Stansfeld Rhodes learned to ring ten years ago and was the first lady to do so at Leeds Parish Church. It was a pity she had to wait until she was on the wrong side of her 40th birthday to do so just because it had been taken for granted that these bells were too heavy for lady pupils to manage, for then not only could she have gone much further in ringing but we might have known her longer.

She rang in all a modest 17 peals, which do scant justice to her attainment, and their number is unrewarding of her effort. Her first peal, Bob Major, at Drighlington in 1950, was a near perfect peal, and she took part in the first peals on the new bells at Hemsworth and Chapel Allerton, where she also rang her last, Bob Minor, last Easter.

While willing to stand in peals when invited and delighted to visit fresh towers when the opportunity arose—and her tower record book shows that she had rung in almost 500 towers spread over 18 counties—there were to her no bells to compare with Leeds and no ringing of such importance as service ringing there.

Her record of service ringing was outstanding and it was service in its highest sense, and to Margaret service spelt sacrifice. Commencing Sunday ringing barely one month from her introduction into the belfry, until illness brought her active ringing to a close last July, she had missed only 20 out of a possible 1,000 attendances, and this in spite of living eight miles from the tower—a standard by comparison with which some of our efforts do not look so brilliant. Once, when transport was unobtainable, she even walked the eight miles, passing near to two towers where she would have been welcomed and could well have been excused had she obeyed what must have been a real temptation.

Her ringing career to all intents and purposes ended in July, when she entered hospital, although upon her leaving hospital she made several courageous attempts to ring when she could manage to climb the steps, and she rang for the last time one Sunday towards the end of October, a few days before the relapse from which she never recovered.

Long and faithful service seems to have been a feature of her life—when she died on February 20th she was within two days of completing 38 years with the firm to which she went from school, and management, staff and workpeople of Henley's Telegraph Company were all present at her funeral on February 26th to pay their tribute.

Before cremation at Lawnswood, the Precentor (Rev. T. H. Bone), who is also the belfry chaplain, conducted a service at Leeds Parish Church, and referred to Margaret's regularity as a communicant and to her example of service as a ringer.

The 12 bells she loved above all others were rung half-muffled both before and after the service, and ringers from other towers joined with us to bid her farewell, and on the following Saturday eight of her friends, among them several who took part in her first peal, rang to her memory a peal of Bob Major, the conductor thoughtfully selecting the same composition as her first peal.

During my ringing career I have enjoyed many privileges, but there is none I value more highly than to have been Margaret's instructor.

R. H. D.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Falkiner 1, Miss C. Slater 2, R. Humphries 3, E. Southwick 4, A. G. Newman (cond) 5, F. Southwick 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the seventh Earl of Dartmouth.

MR. G. BLANCHARD

By the death of Mr. George Blanchard, of Barnetby, at the age of 83, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild has lost one of the few remaining founder members. He was a regular attender at meetings and was for a number of years Ringing Master of the Grimsby District.

There are no ringable bells at Barnetby, and Mr. Blanchard used to walk to the 6-bell tower of Bigby, at which church he was tower captain and a regular service ringer, and also at one time churchwarden. He served this church faithfully and devotedly and maintained his interest to the end. As churchwarden he took part in what is believed to be the only churchwardens' peal on eight bells.

Although Mr. Blanchard had not rung a large number of peals, he did great work for the Guild and was always ready to help learners in any tower near enough for him to attend.

Canon H. Thackray (president of the Grimsby District) assisted at the funeral service, which was attended by officers and members.

Among the flowers there was a tribute from the Guild.

MR. J. W. GROUNDS

The Lancashire Association has lost one of its oldest and most esteemed members by the death on March 3rd of Mr. James William Grounds, of Standish, at the age of 70. He had attended a meeting of the local Freemasonry, and as the Lodge meeting ended he collapsed and died.

Until his retirement about five years ago, he was a maintenance engineer at a local colliery. All his life he had been associated with St. Wilfrid's Church, Standish; he was a ringer for 53 years, and for the past seven years had been people's warden. He is survived by his widow and a married son.

The funeral was at Standish on March 7th, and the large congregation was eloquent testimony to the esteem in which Mr. Grounds was held. The choral service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. E. Bramley) and the address was given by a former rector, Canon Mellor, of Rufford. The cortege left the church to the singing of the Nunc Dimittis. Cremation afterwards took place at Wigan Crematorium.

The Lancashire Association were represented by Messrs. P. Crook (treasurer), T. Marshall (Parbold), E. R. and W. K. Martin (Preston), J. Marsh (Aughton), D. Vincent (Hale) and the local band. Touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung half-muffled after the service and a peal of London was rung the following day.

AN APPRECIATION

In his address, Canon Mellor described Jimmy Grounds as a man who believed in doing things, and in all he undertook that was the keynote. He was known to ringers all over Lancashire along with his friend the late John Booth. The inseparables, or the twins, as they were jocularly called, must have rung 150 peals together, and now they have both passed on.

Jimmy Grounds was of a quiet disposition, a safe ringer and a true friend. Men like him are not easily replaced. He left the conducting to others, but he was interested in composition and liked to see the figures after a peal. He joined the Lancashire Association before World War I and had rung 250 peals. A few of these may have been for the Yorkshire Association and the Chester Guild, but it will be some time before the list is checked over. His enthusiasm for ringing and his devotion to Standish Church will remain as an example to all of us.

May he rest in peace. E. R. M.

MRS. ELIZABETH BIBBY

The news of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Bibby will have brought back many pleasant memories of the '20s and '30s, when ringers were welcome visitors at London Road, Frodsham, where with her husband, the late William Bibby, she lived.

Her pleasure in welcoming visitors made one a member of the family in no uncertain manner, and her interest in ringing was as intense as any ringer's could be. Any failure of a peal attempt had to be explained in a thorough manner, and the delinquent was subjected to motherly leg-pulling; a successful attempt was as much a source of pride to her as it was to the participants.

For the last few years she had lived with her daughter, Norah, at Lincoln, where she passed peacefully away on February 16th. One ringer will remember her as almost a mother and a very noble lady. E. J.

MR. ERNEST E. GRIMES

The death took place on March 9th at Ipswich of Mr. Ernest E. Grimes ('Ted'), who had been in failing health for some three years. A grocer by trade, he was the son of the late William Grimes, captain at Debenham tower for years, and brother of the well-known Alfred W.

He rang his first peal at Debenham in 1910, the only surviving members of that peal being James G. Rumsey, of Leiston, and the ever-young Peter Laflin. An excellent striker of any bell, he had taken part in 108 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild. He also rang peals for the London County Association, of which no information is available. He was District secretary for St. Edmundsbury District from 1919 until the formation of the Suffolk Guild in 1923. He served in the 1914-18 war and was badly wounded; although always belted up he would turn in tenors with grace and ease. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

The funeral took place at Ipswich Cemetery on March 14th. Amongst the many flowers was a wreath from the Framsden Company, and the Guild was represented by Messrs. W. J. Button, G. A. Fleming and L. G. Brett. As a last respect a well-struck peal of Cambridge was rung at Debenham, his native tower.

L. G. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Southern District

The ladies who attended the A.G.M. at Oatlands Park and Walton-on-Thames on February 22nd were very pleased to welcome Miss Colgate, the Guild secretary, who had motored from Sevenoaks in the cold and wet weather.

The afternoon was shared with members of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Guild, who held their A.G.M. (a report of which appeared in last week's 'R.W.'), and thanks are due to them for their cheerful co-operation. Mrs. Lathbury and Miss Shorter, two members of both Guilds, prepared a fine tea enjoyed by all.

Miss Colgate kindly took the chair at the business meeting. The main item was election of officers. Mrs. Hazelden had written saying she felt unable to continue as vice-president and suggested Miss W. Oliver as her successor. This idea was warmly applauded and Miss Oliver has since accepted the position. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Hazelden for the interest she has always taken, and it is hoped she will be seen at summer meetings despite her 83 years.

Other officers elected were Miss B. Mayers (secretary), Miss M. Collins, Miss M. Shorter and Mrs. M. Pridham. Two new members were elected. All will be welcome at the next meeting on May 17th, not May 3rd, at Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The severe weather, which had almost paralysed transport in East Kent a few days previously, cleared by the morning of March 1st to enable a good muster of ringers from the Ashford District to meet at Sellindge on that afternoon.

The six bells of this ancient little church were rung up promptly at 2.30. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Petty) welcomed the visitors and conducted the service. Nicholas Davies, one of a party of six ringers from King's School, Canterbury, read the lesson; Mr. Tullett, of New Romney, was the organist.

An excellent tea was prepared and served in the nearby Church Hall, as far as we could see, entirely by Mrs. Petty and two very young ladies.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, the secretary spoke on the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Association, which is to be held at Ashford on Easter Monday. Two new members joined the Association.

Mr. J. R. Cooper, the Ringing Master, thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service; Mrs. Petty and her helpers for so cheerfully and efficiently catering for the needs of some 40 guests; and Mr. Peter Small for making the local arrangements.

Afterwards ringing to suit all degrees of efficiency was enjoyed until nine o'clock.

C. T. H.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, on February 1st.

The chairman (Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) welcomed the members and friends from neighburing Districts. He referred to the loss during the year of four members who had been called to higher service.

The secretary (Mr. R. F. Brewer) in his report thanked members for their support during the year, and regretted that owing to unforeseen circumstances he had to resign the secretaryship as he was now residing in another district.

The committee members were thanked for their services, and the election of officers then took place. The committee are as follows: Chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth; secretary, Mr. P. Nash; assistant secretary, Mr. P. Dickinson; treasurer, Mr. F. C. Mouland; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Smith.

Eight new ringing members were elected from Preston Candover, Winchester Cathedral, Winchester College, Nether Wallop and Kingsworthy.

After some discussion it was proposed to hold both the outing and the dinner again this year. An ample tea followed the meeting, and members then attended Evensong in the Cathedral. After the service good use was made of the Cathedral bells, ringing consisting of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and rounds on the 12.

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QUARTER PEALS

LEIGH, LANCS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. H. Parr (first quarter) 1. G. Lloyd 2, H. Hayes 3, J. Hayes 4, D. Burgess (cond.) 5, W. Hayes 6. With congratulations to the ringer of 6 on his 73rd birthday.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 April Day and 660 Plain Bob): K. Warrington (first quarter) 1, J. B. Dincnage 2, D. W. Barr 3, A. Strathdee 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, M. J. Hill 6. First in two methods for 2 and 4. For Evensong.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Goodfellow (first in method) 1, Jill Birch 2, Margaret Way 3, Miss P. J. Welch 4, N. A. James (cond.) 5, B. Taylor 6, J. D. Woodman 7, G. Stickland 8. For Evensong and in honour of St. David.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Laney 1, F. W. Burnett 2, M. J. Parker 3, R. H. R. Parker 4, A. Page 5, S. K. M. Knight 6, E. K. Jordan (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. For Evensong.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,244 Plain Bob Major: F. Linfoot 1, S. A. Longbottom (first quarter) 2, C. Ellison 3, E. Drake 4, A. Rogers 5, P. Birkett 6, S. Blundell 7, S. Longbottom (cond.) 8. For Evensong

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READING, BERKS.—On Mar. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, Mrs. W. Allaway 2, K. Cotterell 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, W. Newton 5, B. C. Stirland 6, R. F. Diserens 7, R. H. Begrie 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Noel J. Diserens and Helen M. Brant.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Vera Bell 1, J. A. Haile 2, Mary Simpson 3, G. McKay 4, J. Tembey 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. V. A. Callow, recently inducted to the living.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. White 1, Miss S. Morey 2, Miss A. Knight (first as cond.) 3, G. Northway 4, A. Fry 5, R. Allen 6. Rung by a Romsey Abbey band.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Morris 1, F. Leggott 2, R. Stephenson (first 'inside') 3, W. E. Clarke 4, J. H. Taylor (first of Grandsire 'inside') 5, W. Dawson (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, P. H. Reynolds 8. Rung for the Feast of St. Matthias. Birthday compliments to Miss Mary Morris (14), daughter of ringer of 1, and the Rev. J. G. H. Cragg (Vicar).

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Maple 1, Miss J. Horton 2, Anita Middleton (first 'inside') 3, D. Barber 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Young 6. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Maple 1, Miss G. Smith 2, Miss J. Horton 3, J. Young 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, D. Barber 6.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Cheadle, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 2006

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Saturday, March 22nd, 3.15 p.m., at Great Kimble. 6 p.m., Monks Risborough. *No tea.*—W. Butler, Hon. Sec. 2026

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Evening meeting at Thornby, Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available 6 p.m.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 2031

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined evening practice at Merstham on Thursday, March 27th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2015

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Conisbrough, Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 27th to Mrs. Braithwaite, The Vicarage, Conisbrough. April meeting, Bawtry, joint with North Notts.—George G. Watson. 2008

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—(April) Meeting at March (6) on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2020

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Feering, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 26th, if possible, to Mr. H. Nichols, Alverstone House, Feering. Kelvedon. 2004

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, March 29th, St. Matthew's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows. Method, Bristol. —A. Bennett. 2032

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Please note: Quarterly meeting, Bitton (8), Saturday, March 29th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol, 5. 2029

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 29th, at Irthlingborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 26th, to Mr. A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.—A. E. Amor, Hon. Sec. 2021

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 29th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (nearest underground station, Tottenham Court Road). Ringing 3.45 p.m. Tea, Y.W.C.A., 4.15 sharp. Service 5 p.m., then business meeting and further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea not later than previous Wednesday to Mrs. S. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex. 2024

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Darlington, on Saturday, March 29th. Holy Trinity bells available 3 p.m., St. Cuthbert's after tea. Names for tea by Thursday, March 27th, to Mrs. W. N. Park, 20, Bracken Road, Darlington. 2014

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Tuesday Roy Bettley-Cooke, 35, Ash Road, Leeds, 6.—Elizabeth A. Wardill, J. F. Hodson, Hon. Secs. 2036

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Walkden, Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Tea 5 p.m.—cups of tea only. Excellent eight here. Visitors welcome.—P. Thornley, Sec. 2011

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Aughton, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by March 26th Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton, near Ormskirk.—M. E. Ridyard. 2037

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 29th, Wymeswold. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. W. H. Mackley, Wymeswold. 2025

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lichborough on Saturday, March 29th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 2028

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, March 29th. Ringing, St. Andrew's, 2.30 p.m. Tea at The Railwaymen's Institute 4.15 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Names for tea by March 27th to Miss Green, The Railwaymen's Institute, Derby.—S. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 2017

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Urchfont (8), on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. Please note change of date. 2012

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—A meeting will be held at Helmingham, Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 26th, please, to L. G. Brett, 109, St. John's Row, Framsden, Stowmarket. Framsden bells (8) from 6 to 9 p.m.—W. J. Button, Dis.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Willersey, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by March 26th to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 2040

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The anqual meeting will be held in St. Peter's Hall, Bedford, on Easter Monday at 2.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements as follows: Estow (6), 9 to 9.45 a.m.; Kempston, 9.45 to 10.30; Goldington, 11 to 11.55; St. Peter's, Bedford, 12 noon to 12.45 p.m.; Felmersham, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Paul's, Bedford, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. W. Sinfield, Hon. Sec. 2013

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Brampton on Easter Monday. Bells (6) 1 p.m Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. A.G.M. to follow. The bells of Carlisle Cathedral (8) will be available from 1 to 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent not later than Thursday, April 3rd, to Mr. J. Butterfield, 11, St. Nicholas Street, Carlisle.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 2038

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Sidbury on Easter Monday. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by April 2nd to Mr. K. Clarke, Lower Brook Meadow, Sidford. 2000

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Crich on Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Owing to catering difficulties, will those requiring tea please notify as soon as possible, and no later than Tuesday, April 1st, the Rev. J. W. E. Brown, The Vicarage, Crich, near Matlock.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 2023

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Easter Monday, April 7th. Committee, 11 a.m., at Wrens Restaurant. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, 1 p.m., at Ashford School for Girls. Tickets, *before Tuesday, April 1st*, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d. Printed leaflet with full details of ringing, agenda of business, etc., sent with tickets. Towers include Ashford, Bethersden, Biddenden, Charing, Little Chart, Sellindge, Tenterden, Willesborough and Wye.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. 1996

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, St. Woolos', Newport. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 2022

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 7th. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12.15 prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 and tea arranged at 5 p.m. at Andrew's Restaurant, 7, London Road, for all who notify me before Thursday, April 3rd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 6 to 7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; St. John's (8), Hallow (8) and Kempsey (6), 2.15 to 4.30 p.m. —J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 2033

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 12th. St. Mary's, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral, 2 to 3.45. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea, Palmers Restaurant, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow in Abbot Anselm Institute. Both towers available after business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 8th, please, to me. No name no tea.—J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 2016

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names with remittance, before April 1st, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing: Wolvercote, 12.30 to 1.30; St. Giles', 1,15 to 2.15; Iffley, 1.30 to 2.30; St. Mary-the-Virgin, 2.30 to 3.30; All Saints', 2.45 to 3.45; St. Ebbe's, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Magdalene, 3.30 to 4.30; Christ Church, 4 to 5; New College, 4.30 to 5.30; Magdalen, 5 to 6 p.m. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1994

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Cambridge on Saturday, May 3rd. Will those members wishing to travel at reduced fare on the 9.25 a.m. train from Kings Cross please notify the undersigned by April 25th. Ringing arrangements will be announced later.—John Chilcott, 20, Crosslands Avenue, Southall, Middlesex. 1984

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Advance notice.—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 3rd. Owing to impending resignation of the president (Rev. H. G. Lillingston), nominations can be forwarded to the general secretary, W. Love, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. 2018

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Second annual meeting, York, Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing, Minster, 2 to 3.55 p.m. Evensong 4. Tea and meeting, Railway Institute, 5. Ringing: York Institute of Architectural Study (6 bells), 6.30; St. Stephen's, Acomb (6), 8 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to the Master, Mr. Harold Walker, 1, Flavian Grove, Clifton, York.—W. F. Stenson, Hon. Sec. 2019

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THOUGHTS ON OUTINGS

THE time of outings draws near and organisers begin to plan the details of their annual visits to cathedrals and churches throughout the land. It is indeed a great joy to be able to ring upon the many rings of bells, and we gain not only pleasure but much experience from these visits. Not only are we fortunate in having such magnificent buildings to visit but we see many lesser-known parts of the country untrodden by the weekend trippers and sightseers. Many a gem can be found in the quiet of the countryside far from the crowded watering places. We are able to look back and relate many happy and interesting stories of our wanderings which in themselves make many an evening's entertainment.

However, we must realise at all times that it is only through the very kind help and co-operation of the clergy and local ringers that this is possible. We must remember that we exercise no right to ring upon any bells but that this is a privilege which is extended to us whenever possible. For this we must be most grateful, and the least that we can do is to make our request politely and to visit in a well-mannered way.

So often one hears of the company who have asked permission to ring at a parish church but, despite requests in our weekly paper, no stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. In such cases as these it is small wonder that sometimes the letter is ignored. Surely it is of much more satisfaction and creates a far better impression for the visitors to over-correspond rather than the reverse. Sometimes when arrangements are not confirmed, one arrives at the tower to find it locked and no person to meet the visitors. A short note a week or so before would have probably avoided this situation and also saved much valuable ringing time. It would have been, in fact, to the mutual benefit of both visitors and local tower captain.

Unless asked to do otherwise, we should always ascertain if it is convenient for us to start ringing either from the incumbent or tower captain, if there is no one at the tower to meet us. One illustration of this comes to mind. Some two or three years ago a party of ringers visited a country tower. The local ringer who had arranged to meet the party arrived at the tower about three minutes before the scheduled time, to be greeted by the sound of the bells being raised in peal. Needless to say, he was rather annoyed, and accordingly expressed his feelings to the ringers in question. Had he been late arriving at the tower, the incident could no doubt have been overlooked, but he certainly was justified in expressing his disapproval. These visitors did not leave a very impressive record behind. We can only hope that through their mistake they gained discretion which would be of value on future occasions.

Tower-grabbing is also frowned upon by many people. It is safe to say that nearly all ringers who have visited towers other than that of their own parish have indulged at some time or other in grabbing the odd one. However, when one stops to consider, it really is very bad manners and should be discouraged to the greatest extent. It is more of an intrusion than a visit. Surely the least that we can do is to write beforehand to ask if we may be allowed to come.

We must remember also that a visit to another tower on our annual tour is not a time for practice. It is in fact rather more in the style of an exhibition, and we must all give of our best as we always do. More important still, to ring what we are capable of performing in a competent manner. We can leave a good or bad impression behind us, and it is imperative that we leave the former. It is far nicer to hear well-struck Grandsire or call-changes than a badly-rung course of Surprise. Naturally, we like to ring as complicated a method as we are able, but let us not be over ambitious and in so doing spoil our efforts. The time for experimenting with our latest method can quite well be kept for our practice nights!

Let us also remember that we are visiting a holy place, and that the tower is as much the church as the nave. We should behave in a reverent manner at all times, and it is most desirable and pleasing before commencing to ring to join together in a short belfry prayer, asking God to help us in our efforts. We are Church workers and a Christian body, so let us be proud to acknowledge this fact.

Therefore, exercise discretion and judgment in arranging various outings and tours, and in so doing bind together closer the existing bond of fellowship between clergy and ringers. We shall then be assured of a warm welcome wherever we are able to visit, and our tour will be so much more pleasurable and successful from all aspects and so much more worthwhile. D. H.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 13, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	†RICHARD F. PRIME	7
*AVRIL THACKRAY	2	†J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	8
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	3	†JOHN A. ACRES	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	4	*JOHN A. SMITH	10
*DOREEN D. DUTTON	5	†S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First of Belgrave Surprise Maximus. First in the method as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

NELIA M. LEAHY	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ..	7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	*J. HENRY GILBERT	9
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of London Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
BRIAN HARRIS	2	PETER LAFLIN	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	8
BASIL JONES	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	*DEREK PRICE	6
REGINALD WOODYATT ..	2	ALLEN MORGAN	7
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	DENIS R. MORRIS	8
SUSAN JACKSON	4	†ARTHUR D. COOK	9
IVOR GOULTER	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Plain Bob Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BLOWEN	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY P. GREEN ..	5
*AUSTIN WIXEY	2	*CLIVE F. WIXEY	6
A. LESLIE BARRY	3	*FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER	7
LEONARD HEWITT	4	†PETER T. HURCOMBE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehung on ball-bearings in a steel frame.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.)
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	*Treble*	ANTHONY E. COX	5
MRS. ANTHONY E. COX ..	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	WALTER LEE	7
JOHN D. KAPE	4	ARTHUR D. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman (Vicar), chairman of this Branch for 11 years, who has left this parish to become senior chaplain of Portsmouth Cathedral.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*ANN COLLIER	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
ARTHUR G. BUTTON	2	H. FRANK PIKE	6
*ANN PRYKE	3	RONALD G. BUGG	7
ALAN R. ANDREWS ..	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.
* First peal on eight bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON ..	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
*PAMELA J. PEARSON	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
*ARTHUR WRIGHT	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	*IVOR J. DICKIN	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ..	2	FREDERICK C. CASE	6
GEORGE E. GREEN	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	7
*ALAN C. COZENS	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	*Tenor*

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

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD ..	*Treble*	*KENNETH D. PERKINS ..	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	DEREK OGDEN	6
CAROL EUSTACE	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
†GEOFFREY HOPKINSON ..	4	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., March 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	J. FREDK. MILNER	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOHN ACRES	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

Alfred Ballard	*Treble*	John A. Acres	5
Phyllis Poole..	2	Peter J. Staniforth ..	6
Ernest W. Rawson ..	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
*Jack P. Kesterton.. ..	4	Michael E. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal of Cambridge.
A 61st birthday compliment to Ernest J. Jelley.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Ernest E. Grimes, late of Debenham.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

George F. Sperring ..	*Treble*	F. Hector Bennett	5
*John S. Dean	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst..	6
Henry O. Baker	3	John W. Griffiths	7
*John F. Hughes	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Barnett, sen. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal in the method.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
In the Liversedge variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Frederick A. Salter ..	*Treble*	*George A. Hurd	5
Mrs. M. I. Pailing.. ..	2	James H. Pailing	6
Christine J. Stratford..	3	John G. Underwood ..	7
*William M. Mann.. ..	4	Roger Baldwin	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by James H. Pailing.
* First peal of Major. First peal in this variation by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Sydney M. Bailey	*Treble*	Arthur Foxall	5
*Sheila Wallace	2	Roland Biggs	6
†Monica Barrett	3	David A. Cornwall.. ..	7
John D. Kape	4	Percy Newton	*Tenor*

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire 'inside.' First as conductor and 25th peal. The ringers of 4 and 6 have now 'circled the tower.'

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Frederick A. Mitchell	*Treble*	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Frederick J. Cullum ..	6
*Jennifer M. Highley ..	3	Peter F. Borer	7
Herbert E. Audsley ..	4	George J. Butcher	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Butcher.
* First peal of Surprise. 100th peal on the bells. The ringer of the sixth has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung to celebrate 50 years' membership of this tower by Frederick M. Mitchell, leader of the band.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Albert Greenhalgh ..	*Treble*	*David Young	5
*Norman Tompkins	2	*James Cunliffe	6
*Gillian Bridgford ..	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
*John Rigby	4	*Joseph Thornley	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* First peal of Spliced Major.
Rung in honour of the Rector (Canon W. R. Davies), being made a canon of Manchester Cathedral.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

Grace Burchnall	*Treble*	*Mrs. A. Simpson	5
Katharine Burchnall ..	2	James W. Raithby	6
George E. Foster	3	*Allan Simpson	7
W. Neville Brown	4	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* 50th peal and together. First of Major as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Barnabas.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Edward G. L. Coward..	*Treble*	Gordon P. T. Peters ..	5
*Catherine Powell (14)..	2	†Arnold S. Harris	6
Ann M. Cox	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Ralph Bird	4	A. Patrick Cannon ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Double Norwich. The conductor's 350th peal of Major; conducted 176.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 4 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF 6720 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

E. Winifred Keys	*Treble*	Doris E. Colgate	5
Thomas E. Sone	2	W. Arthur Riddington..	6
William Rogers	3	William T. Beeson	7
Frank H. Hicks	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. Barnett (C.C.C. 11).
Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
The extent in the method with the tenors together is rung for the first time. Longest length by all except the ringer of the seventh.
A birthday peal for Yvonne Clements, grand-daughter of William Rogers, and for Miss Colgate.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 127, 128, 125).
Tenor 10 cwt.

KENNETH BALLINGTON	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	4
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
*W. ARNOLD MORLEY	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method in the county, for the Association, and by all the band.

Birthday compliments to Mr. W. A. Morley and to the treble ringer (14).

EXNING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

W. J. COUPERTHWAITE	*Treble*	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	3
CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES	2	LESLIE N. MELTON	4
ANTHONY R. MANN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

A farewell peal to the Rev. Mr. Craig, who is leaving Exning to continue his ministry in Walsham-le-Willows.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*GILLIAN M. SWANNELL	*Treble*	DONALD F. MURFET	4
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	5
HENRY C. FOSTER	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.

* First peal.

Rung with clappers tied, the bells striking on electrically-operated handbells in the belfry.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight six-scores (four callings) each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, three 12-scores (Morris's arrangement) and 12 six-scores (ten different callings) Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*A. F. R. HARTLEY (17)	*Treble*	*G. J. B. STICKLAND (15)	4
ANTHONY M. COOMBS (16)	2	*BRYNLEY TAYLOR (15)	5
JEFFERY W. WALLACE (17)	3	*DAVID N. HOARE (18)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS.

* First peal. First in four methods by all the band. The peal equals the fastest peal on the bells; average age of the band 16 years.

Rung to wish R. H. Morgan, of Penarth, luck in his forthcoming examinations; also a late birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent and Oxford T.B. combined, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

PAT HOLMES	*Treble*	J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	4
JOHN E. COOK, JUN.	2	ROY STEPHENSON	5
DENIS A. FRITH	3	H. REGINALD WOODS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

*RUTH HENDERSON	*Treble*	EDMUND J. MORRIS	4
†JEAN HOWELL	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
HARRY BOYCE	3	*DAVID STEER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court and Single Court, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*RODNEY J. MUSSON	*Treble*	HENRY P. COLLIN	4
LOUIS WILLDERS	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in four methods.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Musson.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Kentish Delight, Oswald Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

KATHLEEN M. YEO	*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
WILFRED W. RING	3	JOHN R. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

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

Rung as a farewell to Mr. C. R. Hillis, brother of the ringer of the second and an honorary member of the Association, on the eve of his departure for South America.

WORMHILL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 15 methods, being 240 each of Stedman, Reverse Plain Bob, Shipway's Place Bob, Westminster II Bob, Blackburn Place Bob, St. Hilary Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Osmund Bob and Grandsire, and 1,680 Plain Bob.
Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	3
FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	4
ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Doubles in 15 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., March 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

DAVID BRAND	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
*HUBERT A. MITSON	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	5
†JOHN L. GIRT	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

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

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In three methods, being one extent of Spliced Kent and Oxford, and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B.—on the front six.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	†DON C. EXELL	4
R. ROGER SAVORY	2	*MAURICE J. BUTLER	5
*MARGARET BEAMISH	3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* 25th peal with the conductor. † First of Minor on tower bells. The ringer of the second has now rung peals of Minor from 1-8 methods.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., March 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.			Tenor 14 cwt.
Susan Jackson (Girton) ..	*Treble*	*P. H. Langton (Trinity)	4
M. J. Harbord (Trin. Hall)	2	P. F. Windley (Jesus) ..	5
A. L. M. Shepherd (Fitz.)	3	H. Neill (St. Cath.'s) ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. Neill.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and a 720. Rung on the back six.			Tenor 10 cwt.
*Mrs. H. B. Schofield ..	*Treble*	*Joseph Burgess	4
*B. Gillian Schofield ..	2	Peter Dawson..	5
*Maurice J. Thurmott ..	3	*Harold B. Schofield ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice J. Thurmott.

* First peal of Minor in the method.

Rung in memoriam Margaret S. Rhodes.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., March 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.			Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.
*Judy Robinson	*Treble*	†Richard J. Cann	4
Vincent A. Hemming ..	2	*John K. Foot	5
†Kenneth R. Foot	3	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Vincent A. Hemming.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung in memory of Arthur Morris.

ASHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of All Saints, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old, Kennington, April Day, Norfolk and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 19 lb.

George F. Roome	*Treble*	*Eric Billings	3
*Jim C. Rainbow	2	Allan R. Jones	4
Alan C. Cozens	*Tenor*		

* First peal in 14 methods.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).			Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.
Charles J. Copp	*Treble*	Frederick G. Hooper ..	4
F. William Midwinter ..	2	Frederick Derry	5
J. Edward Brown	3	G. Colin Jackson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

The ringers of 3, 5 and tenor are the first members of a resident band to ring a peal on these bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Andrews, aged 81, churchwarden at this church for 34 years, and who followed in office from his father who was churchwarden for 60 years.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one Morris' 240.			Tenor 14¼ cwt.
David Heighton	*Treble*	*Brian J. Wylde	4
*Pauline F. Sprackling ..	2	Michael T. Sprackling	5
Alan J. Smith..	3	Patrick J. Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael T. Sprackling.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First as conductor.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 12 cwt.

H. George Hart	*Treble*	William Wenban	4
Elsie K. Hart	2	Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	5
Joan M. Wilcockson ..	3	John R. Mayne..	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

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

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.			Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in B.
*Noel R. Waite	*Treble*	Donald E. Cobb	4
Michael D. Ling	2	Howard Oglesby	5
*J. Anthony Cobb	3	Raymond E. Finch	*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond E. Finch.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Edith Ritchie and Mr. Ronald K. Russ.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
At 20, Carter Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 16 in C.

*Leslie N. Melton	1—2	†Anthony R. Mann	3—4
Richard J. W. Housden ..	5—6		

Conducted by Richard J. W. Housden.

* First attempt for a peal on handbells. † First of Minor on handbells.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At 68, Rockfield Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.			Tenor size 17 in A.
Bernard Groves	1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	3—4
*Robert B. Smith	5—6		

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Minor on handbells.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being 480 each of Blackburn Place Bob, Westminster II Bob, Shipway's Place Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Martin's Bob and St. Simon's Bob, and 1,200 Plain Bob. Tenor size 20½ in E flat.

*Frank Osbaldiston ..	1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	3—4
*William H. Dowse ..	5—6		

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in nine methods on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 11, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 variation.

Walter P. Whitehead ..	1—2	Peter J. Staniforth ..	5—6
Alfred Ballard	3—4	John A. Acres	7—8

Conducted by John A. Acres.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty E. Perry 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, R. D. Brown 4, S. W. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Henry Willett Haynes, who passed away on February 27th.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 14th, 1,440 Surprise (720 Ipswich, 720 Cambridge): G. Jeanes 1, G. Salmon 2, D. Meller (first in two Surprise methods) 3, J. Walton 4, K. Prime (first of Minor as cond.) 5, V. Roberts (first of Surprise) 6.

BASSALEG, MONS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Woodman 1, B. Kingston 2, G. Stickland 3, D. Llewellyn 4, G. Marchant 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. First of Minor for all except the 5th.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: A. J. Clayton 1, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 2, Miss J. M. Winchester 3, Mrs. M. Hill (first of Stedman Caters) 4, E. G. Talbot 5, M. Williamson 6, L. Bance 7, F. D. Jennings 8, J. Hill 9, L. A. Reece 10. For Confirmation.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Mar. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Harris 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, K. Wakefield (first of Caters 'inside') 3, P. J. Shipton 4, S. Foskett 5, C. W. Ottley 6, R. L. Piron 7, R. A. Lennard 8, D. Randall 9, R. Easson 10. For Evensong.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Minor (630 Kent Treble Bob, 360 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob): T. Bowles 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, K. Timbury 4, R. Tuckwell 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6. In memoriam Miss E. R. Weller, of St. Catherine's, Ontario, late of Berrick Salome.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's and 780 Plain Bob): Violet Relf 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, J. R. Cooper 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5. Also on Mar. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Elizabeth Marshall 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Violet Relf 3, W. C. Marshall 4, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 5, W. W. Ring 6. For Matins.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Evenden 1, H. A. Mitchell 2, Christine Boyce 3, Dorothy Gould 4, M. J. Best (cond.) 5, A. Coote 6, C. Conway 7, D. Boyce 8. Rung by the Sunday service band.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggin 1, R. J. Warrilow (sen.) 2, R. L. Hawksworth 3, R. J. Warrilow (jun., first in method) 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, J. B. Webb 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, P. Beresford 8.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—On Mar. 7th, 1,320 Doubles, in five different methods: W. Fulker 1, F. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, K. Tidbury (cond.) 5, C. Gammon 6.

CHECKENDEN, OXON.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Webb (first quarter) 1, W. A. K. Gray 2, M. L. Baughan (cond.) 3, E. L. Baughan 4, G. J. Hearns 5, C. M. Baughan 6. A wedding compliment to Ron K. Russ and Edith Ritchie.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Atkins (first of Minor) 1, Mary G. Carnochan 2, D. R. Bartholomew 3, G. Orchard 4, D. J. Goodman 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mary G. Carnochan and Donald R. Bartholomew on their engagement.

CHESTER.—On Mar. 4th, at St. Mary's Church, Handbridge, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Denise Shallcross (first quarter, aged 14) 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, J. S. Dean 3, G. Parting 4, J. F. Hughes 5, D. Clays 6, J. T. Tilston 7, P. Swindley (cond.) 8.

EALING, MIDDX.—At Christ-the-Saviour Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. C. Brown 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Mrs. M. M. Price 3, A. Lury (cond.) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, F. Ranson 6, Miss J. Scrutton 7, S. H. Price 8. For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 8 cover): J. Warner 1, E. J. Jenner 3, B. E. Jeffrey (first as cond.) 4, G. Fry 5, E. C. Leigh 6, S. Jenner 7, N. V. Greenaway 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Slack 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, Ginnie Roff 3, W. G. Parrott 4, L. D. Kingswood 5, Janet M. Besant 6, J. C. Davidge 7, R. E. Burfitt (first quarter) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day and 420 Grandsire): H. Miles (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, Miss P. E. Hale 3, H. Floyd (cond.) 4, C. Bennett 5, A. Hicks (first quarter) 6. To celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. A. Harris, a local ringer.

GLOUCESTER.—On Feb. 15th, at the Church of St. Mary de Lode, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Leighton (first of Minor) 1, R. K. Russ 2, J. Cobb 3, R. Price 4, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, M. Ling 6.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Storey (first quarter) 1, J. Witney 2, A. Davey 3, C. Goodger 4, G. Henson (first 'inside') 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6, P. Wells (first quarter) 7. For morning service.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Mrs. Pam Clarke 1, W. R. Read 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, K. Ketteringham 6, B. Buttery 7, T. Greasley 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. D. Clarke 10. First quarter of Little Bob Royal by all and on the bells.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mills (first of Minor) 1, R. Larkin (first quarter) 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, D. Armstrong (cond.) 5, F. Bradley 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Mills.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Matthews 1, Miss K. J. L. Smith (first 'inside') 2, B. Stepney 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. C. Robinson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Kathleen Smith and her twin brother Ian.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw 1, D. Armstrong 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, M. Harrison 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Smith 1, June M. Clements 2, Jane Langton 3, E. Fosbery 4, S. A. Paice 5, I. Windwood 6, D. R. Mitchell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. For Confirmation service.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. W. Butler 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, R. Newman 3, G. A. Parsons 4, C. Ottley 5, R. H. Begrie 6, A. Turner (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. Also a 70th birthday compliment to A. Turner.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, M. J. Dyer 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For evening service.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Mar 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. Harris (first quarter) 1, A. Bagworth 2, J. Tomsett 3, F. Corfield 4, A. Bishop 5, G. W. Morris (cond.) 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to C. W. R. Grimwood.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Doubles in 11 different methods: P. G. K. Davies 1, M. Hawkes 2, W. S. Deason 3, R. J. Trebilcock 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5, D. A. S. Hawkins 6.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's (R.C.) Cathedral, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crook 1, F. Hornby 2, W. Bolton 3, R. Warden 4, S. Jeffery 5, R. Rainford 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, J. Pye 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for W. S. Bleasdale, a former ringer, who met with a fatal accident on March 3rd, 1958.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. Morris 1, Jean A. Kirkman 2, G. Olliffe 3, P. Kirk 4, T. Bent 5, F. P. Harwood 6, P. Minchin 7, J. Moss 8, C. P. Walker 9, J. Bramley (cond.) 10. To mark the retirement of Ernest Morris as 'official' verger after 21 years' service.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: M. G. Selby (aged 15, first as cond.) 1, Sheila Keyte (aged 16, first quarter) 2, J. Harrison 3, W. B. Pomeroy (aged 16, first quarter) 4, A. Tombs (first quarter) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Peter Ballard, a Littleton ringer.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Simpson 1, A. R. Crump 2, Elizabeth Oakshott 3, Ann Barr 4, P. W. Webb (cond.) 5, W. W. Rich 6, G. A. Hughes 7, R. J. Gay 8. Rung by the Birmingham University Society for Evensong.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 11th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: E. Willey (first quarter) 1, Daphne Hyams 2, Wendy Bowak 3, R. Bridges 4, H. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung for E. Willey's 21st birthday.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,298 Grandsire Cinques: S. A. Boar 1, A. G. Bason 2, C. Curson 3, N. Golden (cond.) 4, G. Sayer 5, S. W. Copling 6, C. Bird 7, F. C. Goodman 8, W. Love 9, H. W. Barrett 10, B. Gogle 11, T. N. J. Bailey 12. Arranged to mark Mr. S. A. Boar's 70th birthday. For Evensong.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): Angela Mellor 1, H. W. Badger 2, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 3, J. Dart 4, T. Smith 5, H. E. Parsons 6.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Jennings (first quarter) 1, P. T. Hurcombe 2, L. Hewitt 3, A. Wixey 4, G. P. Green 5, C. F. Wixey 6, F. E. T. Tranter 7, L. Barry (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Cox 1, C. F. Wixey 2, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, A. Wixey 4, Miss J. Watts 5, C. J. Leighton 6. For evening service.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Ford 1, G. Smallwood 2, E. Stitch 3, Miss A. Frost 4, J. A. Roden 5, A. Williams 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, J. Bloore 8. For Confirmation service.

RANMORE, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Munt 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Rev. C. Munt 4, G. Olliver 5, B. A. Cracknell 6, A. Streeter (first as cond.) 7, B. Coward 8.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Felicity M. A. Rook (first quarter) 1, J. Small 2, M. Winter (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, C. H. Knowles 5, Geraldine Saunders 6, J. Moore 7, R. Chadwick 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. For Matins.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Mar. 9th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringe 2, R. Beard 3, G. Wheeller 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam A. Grove, who passed away February 26th, late captain, St. Mary's, Woolwich.

SANDAL, YORKS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Woodbine, 600 Sandal Exercise): Miss J. Wray 1, Miss J. Goodwin 2, C. P. Morris 3, G. Cutt (cond.) 4, E. G. H. Maynard 5, J. Cutt 6. A farewell to the Bishop of Wakefield.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Spliced Minor (720 Double and Plain Bob, 540 Plain and Little Bob): L. Duffield 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, E. White 3, J. H. Edwards 4, J. H. L. Blick 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. First quarter of Spliced for all.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, V. Clifton 2, M. Edney 3, A. Cantwell 4, D. Leslie (first as cond.) 5, N. Leslie 6.

STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Tester 1, B. Martin 2, Dr. P. Chalk 3, H. Weedon 4, G. Boomsma 5, R. Sumner 6, L. Fox (cond.) 7, S. Smith 8. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 16th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, B. Story 3, J. Chapman 4, J. Rea 5, J. Euston (cond.) 6, M. Williamson 7, R. Sanders 8. For Evensong.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Schofield 1, S. Sage 2, E. Pimlott 3, I. Jenkins 4, D. Mottershead (cond.) 5, N. D. Lomas 6. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheadon, of this parish.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Rawlings (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Spencer Smith (first of Doubles) 2, E. Jacobs (first of Doubles) 3, P. Devenish 4, M. Sinden (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Margaret Ward 6.

THE LADIES' GUILD
Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Beckington, Som., on Mar. 8th; in spite of the extremely wintry weather a good number of members managed to attend, and the warmth of the welcome which awaited them certainly compensated for the chilly conditions outdoors.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. T. H. Davies), after which a sumptuous tea was provided by Mrs. Massey and other local ringers, and members were very grateful to the Vicar for allowing them to have this meal at the Priory.

At the business meeting the officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Parfrey; secretary, Miss B. Johnson; committee, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. de Jong, Mrs. Massey and Miss Williams.

Five new members were elected, all from Beckington—Miss A. Fear, Miss M. Griffin, Miss J. Gillard, Miss T. Jones and Mrs. Randle.

It is intended to hold the June meeting in the Yeovil district, and the usual coach will run from the Bath/Bristol area. M. de J.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

In wintry weather, the Society held its monthly meeting at Penistone, Sheffield, on March 8th, but a warm welcome was given by the Vicar and the local company. The afternoon's ringing was followed by an excellent tea. Ten towers were represented at the business meeting, at which Mr. Noel F. Moxon (president) presided. Sandal, Wakefield, was selected for the meeting on April 12th. The president in his vote of thanks had a special word for Mr. Arthur Champion and the local company, and also the ladies responsible for tea. Good use was made of the lovely bells in the evening.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The March meeting of the Society was held at Tamworth on the 8th. It was a coincidence that the arctic weather conditions that day were exactly similar to those which prevailed when the Society last met at Tamworth in March, 1952. The adverse weather, however, did not affect the attendance, and it must have been very gratifying to Messrs. G. and G. H. Peers to see that 77 sat down to enjoy the very nice tea which they and their band of helpers had provided.

A feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers present—a third of the total attendance would be under 30. The pleasing ring of eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.) was put to good use during the afternoon and evening. The Vicar of Tamworth (Rev. A. Jones) conducted the service and gave the address. The interior of the church is particularly fine and compares favourably with any parish church in the country.

Owing to a musical festival being held in the Assembly Rooms adjoining the church, ringing had to terminate by 7.30 p.m., but by that time most of the ringers were anxious to be on their way home because of the weather. It was a most enjoyable meeting, and Messrs. G. and G. H. Peers and the Tamworth ringers are deserving of thanks and appreciation for their arrangements.

The next meeting of the Society will be at All Saints', West Bromwich, on May 10th.

F. C. A. B.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Hull 1, W. S. Butler 2, R. Dorking (first quarter) 3, J. Warner 4, B. Crook 5, B. Rice 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For morning service.

JOINT MEETING AT HEADCORN

A joint meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association and the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Headcorn, on March 8th.

In spite of threatening snow showers it was a well-attended meeting, and the bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening, the ringing including Hereward Bob Triples, the method for the day suggested by the Maidstone District.

A most enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar, and included a course of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells.

Tea was held in the Church Hall, and this was followed by the Maidstone District's short business meeting.

During the ladies' meeting, Mrs. Mitchell, on behalf of the Branch, congratulated Mrs. Cheal on her recent marriage. Hythe was suggested for the next meeting on May 24th. Miss Colgate reminded members of the annual meeting at Canterbury on July 5th. As this concluded the business, ringing was resumed.

S. M. D.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Although the previous week's snowfall was still evident, a very successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Sharnbrook on March 2nd. About 40 ringers were present from all parts of the county, together with a few members of the Peterborough Guild.

The bells were raised in peal and kept going in a variety of methods until 4.30, when the Rector of Sharnbrook conducted a short service and gave an inspiring address. Tea was then taken in the Church Hall.

Several methods up to London Surprise were rung during the evening and a successful day's ringing was brought to a close at nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

For the first time, boys from Rotherham Grammar School rang for their founders' day service at the Parish Church on March 13th. Quite well-struck touches of Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and a course of Bob Minor were rung on the front six. The ringing concluded with rounds and call-changes on the back six, the 34¼ cwt. tenor being ably rung by David French (aged 15). The other ringers taking part were Ian Tilling, Peter Hayselden, Donald Fraser and John Carson, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock.

Correction.—The ringer of the treble in the peal at Tollesbury (see page 168) was Robert W. Leavett, and not as printed.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at St. Annes-on-Sea on March 15th is believed to be the first peal of Surprise Major to be rung in the Fylde.

Miss M. Mills conducted the peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Kirby-le-Soken on March 8th (see page 184), and not Mr. U. W. Wildney as published. The peal was a birthday compliment to her.

A notable achievement comes from Middle Littleton, Worcs, where, in the absence of a tenor ringer, M. G. Selby (aged 15) called his first quarter (Grandsire Doubles). Three other members of the band also scored their first quarter.

'The election of a new member of the Guild (Oxford Diocesan) is something more than just paying 2s. 6d.', writes Mr. David Smith in the Witney and Woodstock Branch News Letter. 'Those people who propose that certain new members be elected are really taking upon themselves the responsibility of saying that certain ringers can handle a bell properly, will try and progress in the Art, and will become regular service ringers.'

Mr. V. Sheppard, of Cape Town, has lost no time in getting back to ringing since arriving in England. He arrived in London late on Friday night, and the following afternoon was ringing for a wedding at Bexley and that evening at St. Alfege's, Greenwich. Sunday's service ringing was at St. Mary's, Woolwich, and Eltham. On the journey home he spent ten hours at St. Helena, which enabled him to ring at three 'towers' and to see his first Warner bell.

Buckfastleigh Youth Club had a talk on bells and bell-ringing given by Mr. W. Simmonds, of Torquay, who is the general treasurer of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, with the assistance of Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh. The talk was illustrated by lantern slides, kindly loaned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A short demonstration of handbell ringing followed.

Miss Catherine Powell (aged 14), of Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, rang well to score her first peal on eight bells at Ranmore on March 15th. She has only been practising Double Norwich for a month and is presumed to be the youngest lady to score a peal in this method in Surrey. She has learnt her change-ringing at Leatherhead, under the tuition of Messrs. G. Marriner, H. V. Young and A. H. Smith.

The recent peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Milton-next-Gravesend was the 100th peal on the bells and commemorated Mr. F. M. Mitchell's 50 years' membership of the tower. In the 100 peals, Mr. Mitchell rang in 67 (40 on six bells) and conducted 35. Now in his 80th year, it is regretted that ill health prevents him from ringing at present. For nearly 40 years he held offices in the K.C.A., and was Master of the College Youths in 1932.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

79th Anniversary Dinner

'SNOW was falling, snow on snow,' when the Cambridge University Guild held their 79th anniversary dinner on March 8th. The writer recalls that four years ago it was decided to change the date of the dinner from February to March, 'as the weather would then be better.' Since then we have had mild Februarys and wintry Marches . . . .

It is rapidly becoming a tradition that the Guild should lose a peal of Grandsire Caters at Saffron Walden on the morning of the dinner, and the custom was again honoured this year, although it was nearly three hours before a mistake was made in the calling. An innovation was the form of transport from Cambridge to Saffron Walden. This journey has often been accomplished in the famous taxi, 'Ichabod,' but the glory is now finally departed, and Roger Morris, the unofficial chauffeur to the Guild, has acquired a hearse, which after suitable conversion carries a peal band in comparative comfort. A valuable feature of this vehicle is that there is ample room inside it to ring handbells; we trust it will not be long before the footnote, 'Believed to be the first peal rung in a hearse,' appears in this journal.

After lunch, the four Cambridge towers were open at various times, and the bells were all put to good use, the ringing during the afternoon ranging from rounds to Cambridge Maximus. We were also privileged to have the use of Trumpington bells, which have recently been restored and augmented, and have been turned from an unremarkable six into a very handy eight.

The dinner was 'partaken of' in the Hall of Selwyn College, and we were all extremely grateful to those who had made the necessary arrangements for it to be held there; it was not just that the food and the service were excellent, but however well a restaurant caters for you, it cannot provide the atmosphere of a college hall, which is so completely appropriate to such a function. It is very much hoped that similar arrangements can be made in future years. We were also very pleased that our president (Rev. A. C. Blyth) was able to preside over the dinner once again, as last year he was unfortunately not well enough to do so.

After the president had welcomed the gathering to Selwyn College, the Vicar of Great St. Andrew's (Canon Woodard) proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' Not unnaturally, some of his speech was devoted to the subject of the St. Andrew's Bell Restoration Fund, which is making steady progress. It is still, however, literally true that the Guild, which has made itself largely responsible for raising the money for the restoration of the bells on which it rings, 'owes a great deal' to St. Andrew's; and if any of you who read this would care to make a donation, sending it to Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, Selwyn College, Cambridge, it would be very gratefully received. Incidentally, it now seems certain that whatever is eventually decided about the future of Great St. Andrew's, it will *not* be demolished.

Replying to the toast, the Master (Brian Cookson) outlined the year's activities and achievements. These were sufficiently varied, ranging from peals of Spliced Surprise and of Stedman Cinques to the arrival in the world of some nine or ten future members of the Guild. What did emerge from this report was the satisfactory fact (try saying that quickly) that the standard of Sunday ringing and the level of enthusiasm among the resident members have most definitely been maintained, if not improved on.

Major J. H. R. Freeborn, in an amusing speech, proposed the health of 'The Visitors.' These included the Masters of the Oxford, London and Bristol University Societies, two members of the Cambridge Youths, Canon Woodard, and 'a host of others, too numerous to mention'—but none the less welcome because of that. This toast was replied to by Robin Pittman, the Master of the Oxford University Society. He was obviously suitably impressed by finding himself within the precincts of The Only University, but your correspondent regrets that his (Robin Pittman's) words remain for ever lost, as far as this journal is concerned. 'Full many a flower is born to blush unseen. . . .' We feel sure it was an excellent speech.

After dinner, Dr. Johnson (not the famous lexicographer, but the one who Does Things to Atoms in the Cavendish Laboratory) entertained us in his rooms to an extremely pleasant evening. The handbells rang out merrily (though not always accurately) and the ale flowed freely. All too soon the time came to depart, and members and guests left, replete and happy, in a flurry of snow and in conditions under foot all too reminiscent of a line of Tennyson's: 'I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glide. . .' At least one former Master of the Guild was seen to 'measure his length' on the ice in King's Parade. So ended a day that the writer feels sure will long remain in the memory of all who were present. W. T. C.

TRAGIC DEATH OF MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE

With deep regret we report the death of Mrs. Phyllis Poole, of 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on Thursday, March 20th. She was the widow of the late Mr. Harold J. Poole, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and was 59 years of age.

Mrs. Poole had left her home to attend a practice at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, and was crossing the main road near her home when she was knocked down by a motor shooting brake. She was found to be dead on reaching hospital.

The foremost lady ringer in the country, she had rung about 677 peals and was held in affection and esteem by a very wide circle of friends.

The sincere sympathy of the whole Exercise is extended to her only child, Jill, and Peter Staniforth, her son-in-law.

The funeral service was at Leicester Cathedray on Tuesday.

A memoir and appreciation of her work for ringing appears on page 209.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The following additional information in connection with the Dublin meeting is given:—

Saturday, May 24th.—A tour of Guinness's Brewery has been arranged to take place during the morning, and visitors have been invited to a buffet luncheon.

Sunday, May 25th.—A coach has been reserved for a tour of Glendalough, Co. Wicklow, with ringing at Arklow and Bray.

Further details of these events later.

Carillon festival at Cobh.—As already announced, Wednesday, May 28th, is a special day, to which members and friends are invited, but visitors may like to know that the festival is also taking place during Whitsuntide. The Irish Association will be represented on the special night.

Accommodation.—Mrs. Hamilton, 3, Wyndham Park, Bray, Co. Wicklow, with whom a number of ringers are staying, has several vacancies. Weekly terms: Full board, £6; or bed and breakfast and tea only, £4 18s.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

Children and Bells

The many young people to be found in teams of bellringers is one of the chief reasons for including a feature entitled 'Ring Them Merrily—Ding Dong Bells' in the Children's Hour programme from Manchester on Easter Day, April 6th (Home Service, 5 p.m.). The programme will be broadcast by all Regions, although it originates in the North. Some special points of interest will be explained, and among the recordings of bells, all in the north, to be heard in the programme will be the oldest dated bell in the country, at Claughton, near Lancaster, which bears the date 1296. The other of the two bells in this tiny church is much more recent.

Churches and towers to be mentioned include Kirkby Malzeard Church, Ripon, where in 1591 a bell was cast inside the building; Bedale, Yorks, the tower of which was once used for refuge and defence; Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland, with interviews with the team of young bellringers; Holy Trinity, Ripon, with a team of children ringing handbells; All Saints', Pavement, Yorks, a very old partly-Saxon church, where a lantern used to be hung in the tower to guide mediæval travellers through the forest; St. Mary's, Beverley, Yorks, where Lewis Carroll's original March Hare is carved over the sacristy; Cottingham, York; Cartmel Priory, Lancs, and Patrington in East Yorkshire.

Record Length of Double Norwich Court Bob Major To Be Attempted

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the rules of the Central Council, I wish to give notice of an attempt for 27,328 Double Norwich Court Bob Major to be rung at Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, on Monday, April 7th, starting at 7.30 a.m.

The composition will be as follows:—

23456	1	3	4	6
35426	—	3		
52436	—	3		
63254	—	3	—	
45362	—	3	—	
63542	—	3		—
23645		3	—	
36542		3	S	—
65342		3		—
24563	—	3	—	
34265		3	—	

Five times repeated, Single at 6 in the last course gives 24356. Then:—

24356	1	3	4	6
64253		3	—	
35462	—	3	—	
64532	—	3		—
24635		3	—	
46532		3	S	—
65432		3		—
23564	—	3	—	
43265		3	—	

Five times repeated omitting all bobs at 3 and adding a single at 6 in the last course.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
68, Rockfield Road,
Fairfield, Buxton.

NEWS FROM CANADA

Mr. A. J. M. Collins, writing from Vancouver, B.C., informs us that an oak plaque or tablet is being erected in the tower of the Church of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, to commemorate the work of Alfred C. Limpus, who died in 1952. It was solely through him and against immense difficulties that these bells were ever rung for change-ringing. The tablet is being made in Gloucestershire.

The other four experienced ringers in this tower besides Mr. Collins are:—

Edwin Lee: Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, 1920-1930; Arksey, Yorks, 1930-39; Newark, Notts, 1945-52.

Mike Causley: Buxted, Sussex, 1945-51 and 1955. (He has also rung at Durban, South Africa, and handbells in Hong Kong.)

David Mason: Llanbadarn-Fawr, Aberystwyth, Wales, 1932-39.

Mrs. Helen Lee.

Mrs. Jean Causley, who rang at Uckfield, 1946-51, is not at present able to ring as she gave birth to a son, David, on January 4th.

The bells at the Benedictine Monastery, Mission City, Westminster Abbey, were first rung together on October 13th last by members of what has since become the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers. They were asked to go and ring the bells on the day of the blessing of the seminary. This preceded the visit by the Victoria band by two weeks.

The monks are receiving regular tuition (there are 16 learners) by members of the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers, who visit the tower either individually or collectively every two weeks. At the present time five of the band can plain hunt. Mr. Collins is Ringing Master of both towers.

Vancouver is holding the first of what will be an annual arts festival this year, and the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers are taking part by ringing at suitable times and holding 'open house' to visitors. Special ringing took place for the brief visit of the Queen Mother to Vancouver and will again take place when Princess Margaret visits the city on approximately July 20th.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Although the weather was not very kind, 70 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Guild at St. Mary's, Pembroke, on March 9th. Towers represented were Llanelly, Llandilo, Carmarthen, Burry Port, Tenby, St. David's, Llanstephen and Pembroke.

The bells were available at 2.30 p.m. and the Vicar (Rev. R. C. Davies) officiated at the service, the Ringing Master (Mr. Gwyn Thomas) acted as organist and the Master (Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen) read the lesson.

A very welcome tea in the Church Hall followed. The Vicar, who presided at the business meeting, declared the meeting open by extending a very hearty welcome to the visitors to Pembroke. This was followed, as is usual, by a grand touch on handbells given by members. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 17s. 6d. The meeting accepted the invitation of the Vicar of Llanelly to hold the Guild annual meeting at Llanelly on June 14th.

The Vicar was made a vice-president and one life ringing member was elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar, to the ladies who gave and waited at tea, and to all those who helped to make the meeting such a success. C. H. H.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Adopts a Badge

FOLLOWING a most interesting service, conducted by the Vicar and Curate, 80 members and friends did justice to a fine tea at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association at Reigate on March 15th.

At the opening of the meeting the company stood in silence to the memory of the late Mr. J. B. Hessey.

The committee's report disclosed the loss of Horley due to tower weakness, but welcomed Addington, which had recently been increased from four to six and now had a method-ringing band. Putney had also returned to the ranks with a young band which was making good progress.

Membership had been further reduced by 20 to 355, primarily due to lapsing members under Rule 12. Losses by death during the year were Messrs. J. Crawford (Epsom), R. Lathbury (Walton-on-Thames), Cressey (Streatham, Emmanuel), J. Holland (Oxted) and C. Nicholls (Streatham, St. Leonard's).

From records published in 'The Ringing World,' 132 quarter peals had been rung during the year. Nearly all of these were by resident bands for Sunday services. Twenty-four peals had been rung, in which 87 ringers took part. Of these, 47 were resident members.

The treasurer reported an increase in the balance in hand at the end of the year, but pointed out this was due chiefly to the variation in the rate of the District's contributions to the general fund.

All the general officers were re-elected except the assistant secretary, Mr. P. Davis, who had resigned and was succeeded by Mr. F. E. Roberts. All the officers were sincerely thanked for their services during the past year.

Following a proposal by the younger members, the meeting decided to adopt a badge which will be on sale in the near future. It was also decided to prepare a 'form of service' to be used at meetings.

Mr. Cracknell mentioned that Messrs. F. and G. Hoad had been members for 64 years. Frank was at the meeting but George, who has been seriously ill and is now fairly well on the way to recovery, could not face the cold winds.

Ten new members were elected.

Epsom was selected for next year's annual general meeting on March 21st, 1959.

After votes of thanks to all who had helped to make an enjoyable afternoon and evening, the ringers made their way to the belfries of Reigate and Redhill for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY

On March 8th the Guild visited nine towers in the Winchester area. It was not the best weather for cycling, and all extremes of weather conditions were encountered from bright sunshine to howling blizzard. Nevertheless, some 60 miles were covered by the end of the day, and apart from minor mishaps a most enjoyable time was had. Methods rung during the day included London, Cambridge, Surfleet, Beverley Surprise, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. On the four bells at Kingsworthy, courses of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Minimus were rung.

The journey home was broken in the time-honoured way, and Southampton was eventually reached at about 11 p.m. J. L. Q.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

On the evening of March 8th the Eastern District held their monthly meeting at St. Mary's Church, Standon. This tower has a heavy ring of six, the tenor weighing 17 cwt.

About 25 members attended this meeting from eight local towers. This rather low figure was probably due to the heavy falls of snow.

The ringing consisted of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles, as the object of these evening meetings is to help local 6-bell tower ringers to improve their striking and knowledge of standard methods.

Everyone was catered for, and it was considered a very useful meeting.

St. Albans District

Sandridge was chosen for the meeting of St. Albans District on March 15th. Soon after 3 p.m. the bells were ringing to a variety of methods and continued to do so until 4.30, when a service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. P. G. Handford).

Tea was taken at a nearby café, after which a business meeting was held in the belfry, with Mr. T. J. Southam in the chair. It was decided not to hold a meeting next month as the annual general meeting at Hemel Hempstead was on April 12th. A meeting in May at Essenden was being arranged.

During the afternoon and evening some 20 ringers were present, and most towers in the District were represented. M. A. C.

Northern District

Traces of Tuesday's snow still lingered around Offley on March 1st, where the District meeting was held. Members of the local band (many of whom are young learners and have not previously tried half-pull change-ringing) were there to welcome us, and joined in the ringing until the service, conducted by the Rev. H. Senar. He told us some of the fascinating history of the ancient church.

Tea was enjoyed, then the business meeting was held in the church with the Vicar in the chair. The secretary gave a report of a recent committee meeting, and there was a prolonged discussion about differential subscriptions.

Ringing began again, the special method, London Surprise Minor, proving very popular. J. S.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S 500 PEALS

Mr. T. J. Lock rang his 500th peal at Harrow Weald, Middlesex, on February 20th, this was also his 99th different Surprise Major method rung to a peal on a working bell. His first peal was rung on December 20th, 1927.

The peals have been rung in 194 towers for 30 ringing Associations or Guilds, and comprise the following:—

Minor 6 (conducted 1): Triples 22 (2); Major 386 (43): Caters 12: Royal 45 (2): Cinques 20: Maximus 9.

Included in this total are 26 peals (conducted 1) 'in hand' and two non-conducted peals. The list of methods includes Duffield and Single Norwich Court Bob Major and Surprise Major with the initial letters ranging the alphabet. Spliced peals include those in Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise. Methods named after 11 counties and after 15 cities or cathedral towns are also listed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANOTHER SIDE TO THE PICTURE

Dear Sir,—I thoroughly enjoyed reading your leading article, and the sound suggestion it contained about 'Fallen by the Wayside,' but I should like to point out that there may be 'another side to the picture.'

There have been occasions just recently, to my own personal knowledge, where a modern peal band, having found that they are one short at the last possible moment, decided to call on 'old so-and-so' to fill the gap—*he* won't mind!

Is it going to be easy to recruit the 'old hands' back to the tower if they have the feeling that they are only wanted as stop-gaps? I say No! sir.

If they are really wanted back, something more than diplomacy and 'kind' words will be required, to make those who have 'fallen by the wayside' feel that they are really welcomed back to the fold. This is just another angle to the problem of how to entice the 'old stagers' to 'have another go.'

Surely, sir, now is the time for the various officials of the Guilds and Associations to get really cracking.—Yours sincerely,

PERCY GREEN.

Chelmsford.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—For some time I have wondered why the fees payable by non-resident members of ringing associations should be so variable. In my own Guild anyone joining us for a peal has to pay 10s. On top of an expensive journey this is rather steep, so we often have a 'whip round' to help the unfortunate victim. Such a high fee often results in a peal being rung for some other association whose fee is more reasonable.

What a non-resident member gets for his money is the privilege of ringing a peal (or peals) for a particular Association, with, occasionally, the presentation of a certificate of membership. As this appears to be applicable to any ringing association, surely it would be reasonable to suggest that these fees be standardised.

The Central Council cannot, of course, insist on its member associations demanding a standard subscription, but could it not recommend uniformity, seeing that the benefits seem to be the same? Perhaps some C.C. representative could take up this matter.

I don't propose to make any suggestion as to the fee, but I feel, with the continued rise in the cost of administration of ringers' societies, that the 5s. many of them still levy is letting non-resident members off lightly, especially when one compares it with what the resident members have to pay annually in some cases!

Would readers please give their views?—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—I believe that the C.C. rules state that peals and quarter peals must be rung on half-strokes. But when the peal or quarter is rung half-muffled, how much better it would sound to have it rung on full strokes: the listener then hears one change and a pleasing echo of that same change. I am not suggesting that peals should be rung like this so as to take twice the normal time, but what is the objection to ringing quarter peals like this? The C.C. should, in my opinion, allow half-muffled quarter peals to be rung either on full- or half-strokes, at the band's discretion.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM FISHER.

Chalfont St. Giles.

BELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—Mr. Desmond Painter is correct to observe that 'musical changes' are a matter of personal taste, but some psychologist in our midst ought to tell us why most ringers we question prefer 84 at the end of a row to 82, say: is it merely what we have been taught to believe? My own preference by the way (maybe unusual) would be 85, 84, 81, 83, 86, 82 and 87 in that order. In answer to Mrs. H. Price, if I am involved in a roll-up, I always try to accentuate (by slightly easing the spacing) the 'combination' changes, and encourage the rest of the band to do so. It is very vexing if one of the bells involved mars it by not practising this technique; yet it is a matter of opinion really, and it makes a slight break in the rhythm, accommodated by the hand-stroke gap. It can be overdone on a light, fast ring. I suppose it is the difference between workmanlike ringing and 'that bit extra' which, just as in orchestral conducting, can make or mar the performance for some.

About lowering in peal, I always try to keep the backstroke double-clappering of the treble clear of the tenor or last audible bell. This encourages the essential 'packing' of the bells necessary as a good lower progresses, and avoids the unseemly snatching of the big bells down to the chime caused by too suddenly bringing down the treble. When most of the bells are chiming the treble can then in one movement be brought low enough to strike only on the chiming side for the finish.

I do not know how the Devon call-change ringers keep their bells clappering correctly all the way down, as with some bells it seems practically impossible, and I have yet to discover the method of striking a bell properly which speaks early after the back stroke in a lower-in-peal once the sally has ceased to bob, especially as bells with this fault tend to double-clapper too long anyway.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Overseale.

FORDCOME SURPRISE MAJOR?

Dear Sir,—Appearing in the 'R.W.' dated February 21st is an article dealing with Gainsborough Surprise, by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, together with a variation of the method in notation form. Upon looking into this, there appears to be something missing. I believe this to be 5.8 at the third cross-section. If this is so both methods would read the same up to the 7.8 half section, when we get 12.36.12.7, or in full, x38x14x58x16x14x58, 12.36.12.7.

Should my guess prove to be right, then this method has been rung and named Fordcome. Is this correct?—Yours truly,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

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DISCIPLINE IN LONG LENGTHS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Pulling, in his letter ('R.W.' March 7th) implies that discipline has declined a lot in the last 50 years, and that half a century ago 'only the ringing mattered.'

The ringing must always be the first consideration, but there are various beliefs as to how ringing can best be served, and the young people of today would not respond to the strict discipline of a bygone age. What we have to do, I feel, is to keep our methods of teaching our art in line with the trends of modern education, and I heartily agree with the remarks of Mr. D. P. Jones in the 'R.W.' of March 14th.

An attempt for a record length in a secular tower is an entirely different thing from normal service ringing, and I should have thought that those who have enough energy and enthusiasm to tackle the colossal task of ringing 40,000 changes were entitled to use any reasonable means of relieving the tedium and steadying the nerves.

Whether the extent of Major will eventually be rung by one set of men or not remains to be seen, but one does not have to be a great psychologist to realise that the strain on the human system, and particularly the nerves, is infinitely greater when there are 20,000 changes achieved and still another 20,000 to go than in any past effort, laudable as some of them undoubtedly were, and especially the record length of Bristol at Over, Cheshire.

Let us, therefore, be quite fair in our criticisms and thank God that this nation still produces men with enough of the indomitable spirit of our forefathers to tackle a task that seems almost impossible. We shall all acclaim them when they do succeed, as they surely will, one day.—Yours sincerely,

A. E. RUSHTON.

Luton, Beds.

ROYAL AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mention of St. Clement Danes' in 'The Ringing World,' dated March 7th, has prompted me to inquire of the above movement. I attended the first meeting at Edmonton in 1949, but later that year I went overseas. Since my return to this country in 1952 I have been unable to find conclusive evidence of its existence.

As so many members of the Royal Air Force made contribution to the restoration of St. Clement Danes', present day ringers who are serviing in the R.A.F. have the ideal headquarters, in their own church, from which a reborn Association of Ringers could be governed —perhaps called the St. Clement Danes' Guild of R.A.F. Ringers.

When a ringer joins the service, from his own choice or otherwise, the tendency is for him to lose touch with his own tower, and perhaps ringing altogether. If a movement such as the above was recognised by the Central Council, and membership to all other Guilds, Associations, etc., be given in the honorary status, more service ringers would strive to visit the local church to the station at which they are serving, and do more ringing. The outcome would be that the tower would gain another ringer, the ringer would gain tower experience and the long-term gain would be a more competent ringer.

I am very interested in hearing from anyone who may have views on the subject.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. SANKEY.

Pay Accounts,
R.A.F. (A), Ellesbourne,
Mountford, Warks.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Easson (first of Minor) 1, B. Harris (first 'inside') 2, B. Pattison 3, K. Wakefield 4, C. W. Ottley 5, D. Randall 6.

LETTERS—Continued

FIRST IN SHIPWAY'S

Dear Sir,—Like Mr. Moreton's anti-missile missile, Mr. Roberts' letter in 'R.W.', February 28th, is a Flopnik. Saturn T.B. Doubles is not a method, for by definition, all methods and principles must be true within the plain course. Therefore, as we ring peals of different methods, the 5,040 Saturn T.B. Doubles was not a peal.

Unfortunately, Saturn T.B. has confused two entirely different issues. Firstly, that methods must be true in the plain course. Just as call-change ringing differs from method ringing, so does the ringing of a succession of rows such as Saturn Doubles. Secondly, the composition of round blocks of 240 or 360 Doubles or 1,440 or 2,160 Minor. On this issue I am in absolute agreement with Messrs. Moreton and Leale, and no doubt something will be done to remove the restrictions.

We should, however, get some of our historical facts correct. Surely Chipping Campden T.B. Triples was rung in August, 1957. This is 144 years after it was first published, by Shipway, as Cumberland T.B. Triples. He also gave the Caters.

Mr. Shepherd, in the 'R.W.', January 17th, mentioned Surfleet T.B. Caters, 'constructed' by Rev. H. Law James in 1913. This also was published by Shipway, in 1813, as College T.B. Caters.

Barsham T.B., which is obviously false in the plain course on five bells, was also published, as London T.B. Triples.

We see then that the idea of Treble Bob on odd numbers, in which the treble makes one place going out and in, was introduced by Shipway in 1813, although there is no evidence that such methods were rung until the peal of Surfleet T.B. Caters.

As these methods are of interest and are probably quite musical, I give them here for seven and nine bells. As there is no evidence that Cumberland and College were rung under these names, it is probably best to use the names Chipping Campden and Surfleet. In Chipping Campden and London the treble dodges in 1-2, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9 and makes 3rds. In Surfleet and Imperial, the treble dodges in 1-2, 3-4, 6-7 and 8-9 and makes 5ths.

Chipping Campden Treble Bob:—
3, 7, 3, 1, 3, 7, 3, 1, 3, 7, 3, 1, 3; 7; 127a.
3, 9, 3, 1, 3, 9, 3, 1, 3, 9, 3, 1, 3, 9, 3, 1, 3; 9; 127a.

Surfleet T.B.:—
5, 7, 5, 1, 5, 7, 5, 1, 5, 7, 5, 1, 5; 7; 127a.
5, 9, 5, 1, 5, 9, 5, 1, 5, 9, 5, 1, 5, 9, 5, 1, 5; 9; 129a.

London T.B.:—
3, 7, 3, 1, 3, 127, 3, 1, 3, 127, 3, 1, 3; 127; 1mx.
3, 9, 3, 1, 3, 129, 3, 1, 3, 129, 3, 1, 3, 129, 3, 1, 3; 129; 1mx.

Imperial T.B.:—
5, 7, 5, 1, 5, 127, 5, 1, 5, 127, 5, 1, 5; 127; 1mx.
5, 9, 5, 1, 5, 129, 5, 1, 5, 129, 5, 1, 5, 129, 5, 1, 5; 129; 1mx.

London and Imperial both have a slow work, like Kent T.B. A peal of London T.B. Caters or Cinques should prove interesting and musical.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

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LITTLE MUNDEN

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Gale will find he is wrong in his letter which says that the 13 peals from 1902 to 1913 were rung at Little Munden and not Great Munden. Both towers were very active at that period, and I don't think I have got mixed up between them. The first peal at Great Munden (p. 428, Vol. XXI, 'Bell News') was rung on December 6th, 1902. Mr. Gale's memory is also at fault about there not being a band of ringers at Great Munden at that time. The footnote to the second peal there on February 2nd, 1907, says: 'This is the first peal rung by a Great Munden Society.' The Rev. A. G. Langdon rang the second. The 11th of the 13 peals I mentioned in my article, on December 30th, 1911 (Minor in seven methods), was claimed to be the first non-conducted peal of Minor ever rung ('R.W.' Vol. II, p. 26). Three ringers were from Great Munden and three from Little Munden.

As a matter of fact, on looking at the 13 peals, I see Mr. Gale did not ring in any of them. The first peal at Little Munden was rung in 1897, and no less than 41 were rung before the first world war. It will be some of these which Mr. Gale has in mind, of course, but I fear his memory must have played him false as regards to peals at Great Munden. I'm sorry to have to correct him.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—I found the following extract in a service record book in Cawthorne Church:—

'Letter from Edward Conybeare, Barrington Vicarage, Cambridge, in "The Church Times," April 2nd, 1875.

"Mr. Rocket, Sussex Street, Cambridge, steeple warden to University Church, fixed up a chiming apparatus for our bells at a cost of 30s., and has worked well without repair for two years. Chiming done by one hand in any changes, tunes and cadences that can be got into their notes".'

Can any reader give information about this apparatus?—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Swindon Branch

The spring quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Stratton St. Margaret on March 8th, and the eight bells were put to good use in various methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major. The customary service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. G. Wolsey) and tea had been arranged by the local ringers.

Before commencing the business meeting the Branch chairman (Dr. H. Craig) called on the Vicar to make a presentation on behalf of the members to Mr. W. B. Kynaston, who had completed 25 years as secretary of the Branch. The gifts consisted of a brief case and a fountain pen and pencil set, and tributes were paid to Mr. Kynaston for his loyal service over a quarter of a century.

In thanking the subscribers, Mr. Kynaston said the presentation came as a complete surprise, and he would have to revise his opinions on the keeping of secrets by the opposite sex as his wife had kept him quite in the dark, although apparently aware of the proposed presentation.

As the annual meeting of the Association would take place in April, no Branch meeting was arranged for that month, and it was proposed to visit Brinkworth and Bishopstone in May and June respectively.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark and North Notts Districts

Despite the appalling weather conditions, approximately 45 ringers attended this, the second joint meeting of the two Districts, held at the Church of St. Nicholas, Tuxford, on March 8th.

Mr. H. T. Rooke took the chair for the business meeting, when three new members—B. Wild, N. Wild and R. Wild, of East Bridgford, and four non-resident life members, C. P. Pitchford, S. T. Rodgers, J. Marshall and D. Briggs, of Brant Broughton—were unanimously elected.

Winthorpe was confirmed for the place of the May meeting, and East Bridgford was chosen for July. In place of the normal bell repair fund, a collection was made on behalf of the Tuxford Church tower restoration fund: this realised £1 1s. 7d.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the ladies for the tea, Mr. Brett for all the local arrangements, and the North Notts District for inviting the Newark District to this joint meeting.

Mr. H. T. Rooke suitably replied, and ringing then continued up to 8.30 p.m. W. L. E.

Nottingham District

The Church of St. Patrick, Nuthall, where a yew tree many hundreds of years old spreads its shapely arms in a garden of flowers and evergreens, was the meeting place for February for the Nottingham District, and from 2.30 onwards some 40 ringers enjoyed themselves ringing various touches from rounds to London and Cambridge Surprise. A well-attended service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. R. Barker), and tea was provided in the Church Hall by the local company of Girl Guides. The usual business meeting was held, and Mr. J. E. Hobbs gave a report on the progress of the local band which was a great credit to both tutors and learners.

The next meeting will be at the old village church of Clifton. S. A.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Western Branch

A record attendance of 70 members and friends representing 28 towers was present at the annual meeting of the Western Branch held at St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn, on February 22nd. Among those present were the president, the general secretary, the Association Ringing Master, the Branch chairman, Ringing Master and secretary.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and various methods were rung to suit all tastes and capabilities. An excellent tea was arranged and served by relatives and friends of the local band. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Aitkin) and the lessons were read by the president, who was at one period a curate of St. Margaret's.

At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected and five new members were enrolled. Prayers were said for Mr. W. Rose, a member of the local band, who is in hospital, and also for Mrs. Ebberson (wife of the Branch Ringing Master) who has been ill. Hopes were expressed for their speedy recovery.

The president, in his remarks, congratulated the Western Branch on their great efforts during the past year, and thanked the officers for their work.

The secretary expressed his thanks to all who had co-operated with the various ringing meetings, and said how pleased he was that so many young people were taking such a great interest in learning the art and attending the meetings.

It was suggested that the next annual meeting in February, 1959, should be held at Swaffham, and that the next quarterly meeting should be at Saham Toney on May 31st. It was also agreed that an interim meeting should be held at Sculthorpe on April 12th.

OBITUARY

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE

For the fifth time within the past three years I have had the mournful task of paying tribute to the passing of a Leicester Cathedral ringer. It was a severe shock to learn of the death of Mrs. Phyllis Poole, which occurred under tragic circumstances about 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, March 20th, when she was knocked down by a motor shooting brake on the main road almost immediately after leaving her home. She was found to be dead on reaching hospital. It should have been the usual practice night at the Cathedral but this had been cancelled as the bells were not available. Mrs. Poole had decided to go to the practice at St. John-the-Divine Church to aid a young band make progress.

Mrs. Poole was a talented, keen and enthusiastic ringer and had shown great courage in carrying on after the tragic death of her late husband, Harold Poole. She was in the forefront of peal ringers and was last year easily the leading lady peal ringer. She was also regular in attendance for Sunday service ringing and practice, and always willing to give help at meetings and in other directions. She had always given ringers a cordial welcome at home.

She was held in high regard and affection in the Leicester Diocese and amongst a much wider circle of ringers and friends.

The sympathy of all will be extended to her daughter, Jill Staniforth, and her husband, Peter, who, for the second time have been called upon to face stark tragedy. H. G. J.

AN APPRECIATION

Words fail to express the emotional shock one received at the tragic news of the accidental death of Mrs. Phyllis Poole, for it was only a few short hours before when we stood in a peal together. Not only Leicester will be overwhelmed by the sudden end to a very fine career, but the whole Exercise will be stunned, for Mrs. Poole was, without doubt, the 'leading lady.' It was only recently she remarked to me after a peal that she thought —and quite rightly, I believe—that she and I were the lady and gentleman with most peals to our credit.

It does not seem nearly 36 years ago since Mrs. Poole (then Miss Phyllis Hare) made her first visit to Leicester to score her first peal of Cambridge Major. This was at Kibworth in 1922 and was the first of 'Surprise' on these bells. It was conducted by Harold J. Poole, who later became her husband, and I had the pleasure and honour to ring the tenor in that peal; and now, alas, I was in her last. Phyllis made many visits from her native Woodston, Peterborough, and we rang scores of peals in all the standard and many Surprise methods. I always admired her, not only for the graceful and skilful way she handled her bell, but for her great ability to ring any method perfectly. But most of all I respect her memory because she never refused to join in a simple peal of Plain Bob Minor or Grandsire Triples if it was to help some struggling local band. But apart from all her peal ringing activities she was of a fine disposition and a lively and pleasant companion. She will be greatly missed in Leicester and throughout the Exercise. Mere words fail to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to Jill and Peter Staniforth in their tragic loss.

ERNEST MORRIS.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Cotterill 1, E. A. Parish 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, F. Baraclough 5, F. Pickering 6, J. N. Hadley 7, W. C. Reynolds 8. For Evensong, with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Lord Dartmouth, patron of the living.

MISS MARGARET RHODES

AN APPRECIATION

The Ladies' Guild have lost a valued member through the death of Margaret Rhodes, who was for many years vice-president of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild, and gave up the post only recently.

Despite many responsibilities she was the type who form the dependable core of organisations, and the trouble and expense taken to attend Ladies' Guild meetings, even if only for a short visit, was a compliment in itself. Her presence turned any mediocre or disappointing meeting into an enjoyable event, and she possessed a delightful sense of humour which always came as a surprise because it was delivered so seriously.

Ringers paid their respects to her before and after the funeral service in Leeds Parish Church before cremation at Lawnswood, Leeds.

Members of the Guild sent floral tributes from Rotherham, Sheffield and Leeds. It is with a sad heart we say goodbye. E. D. K.

MR. JOHN WOOD

Mr. John Wood, captain of St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, died on March 5th in hospital after several weeks' illness

'Cappy,' as he was known, was born at Walsall, Staffs, at the turn of the century, and emigrated to South Africa at the age of eight. He joined St. Mary's band in the early 1920's, being taught by James Priest (Wanstead), Lewis Green (Exeter) and later by Fred May (Bristol).

His first quarter peal in 1925 was also the first ringing since the 1904 peal. For the following 25 years' work, Cape Town owes a great debt to him for keeping the bells in working order and the nucleus of a band together.

His work had its fruition in South Africa's Coronation peal, and the revival of the past five years.

After a major operation in 1954 he stubbornly refused to give up ringing, and hastened his own end in serving St. Mary's.

A floral tribute was sent from the band, and in muffled ringing they paid their last respects.

The funeral was held on March 7th, and in the evening of that day a touch of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in his memory. His ringing colleagues sent a floral tribute.—A. V. S.

MR. FREDERICK VICKERS

The death took place on March 13th in Tindal Hospital, Aylesbury, after an operation, of Mr. Frederick Vickers, of Linslade, Leighton Buzzard. He would have been 85 on March 18th, the day of his funeral.

The Rev. Wyndham Edgar (rural dean) conducted the funeral service in the presence of a large congregation, and the lesson was read by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild). Miss Evelyn Steel (president) represented the Beds Association, Mr. W. Insley and Mr. C. Vincent St. Barnabas', Linslade, and Mr. H. B. Whitney and Mr. J. H. Conquest All Saints', Leighton Buzzard.

Fred Vickers, as he was affectionately called, had a long association with St. Barnabas', Linslade. His grandfather worshipped at the church when it was first opened in 1849, and his father was parish clerk and sexton from 1886 to 1936. Fred succeeded his father as verger and sexton and held office for 18 years. His forthright character and devotion to duty won him many friends.

He commenced bellringing in 1886, became foreman at St. Barnabas' in 1895, and joined the Bedfordshire Association in 1902. He rang quite a few peals for them including five at All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, and did much hard work in teaching learners. Fred will be remembered with affection for his part in getting the rough-going five at Tilsworth augmented to six, placed in an iron frame, and made into a good circle.

On the evening of the funeral the bells of St. Barnabas' were rung half-muffled to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and rounds by ringers from Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Buckingham, Woburn and Aston Abbotts.

H. B. W.

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QUARTER PEALS

OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 6th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Gardner 1, T. A. Stretton 2, P. Stretton 3, Mrs. P. E. Clarke 4, A. C. Wills 5, A. B. Clarke (first of Minor as cond.) 6, D. Vessey 7, K. Selby 8. First of Minor by a Sunday service band. A 32nd wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. A. J. T. and Mrs. Littlewood, and a farewell on their departure to Nassington. Also on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Vessey 1, T. A. Stretton 2, B. Gardner 3, Mrs. P. E. Clarke 4, A. C. Wills 5, A. B. Clarke (cond.) 6, P. Stretton 7, R. Copson 8. For Evensong.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Little Aston, Seighford, St. Columb, Cliffords Pleasure, Southrepps, Canterbury, Kennington, Norfolk, April Day, Old and 60 Plain Bob): Miss P. F. Curtis 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, H. Curtis 3, A. Osborne 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. For evening service.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Violet I. E. Relf 1, Mary Meynell (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Kathleen M. Yeo 3, W. P. Tickner 4, P. V. H. Relf 5, W. H. Prior 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, E. Sanger 8. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Winifred R. Millen 1, Violet I. Relf 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, W. P. Tickner 4, P. Relf (first in method 'inside') 5, P. H. Barnes 6, A. E. Gorham 7, F. J. Burchett 8. For Matins by the local band.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Roper 1, G. Dale 2, F. Bennett 3, D. Banks 4, D. Cubitt 5, D. Lockwood 6, P. Woodward 7, J. Kirby 8, W. Moreton (cond.) 9, D. Barker 10. First of Caters for 2. A farewell to David Banks, who is leaving for service in Germany. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: D. Banks 1, Miss J. Roper 2, W. Moreton (cond.) 3, P. Woodward 4, H. Chant 5, F. Bennett 6, D. Cubitt 7, I. Slack 8, G. Townsend 9, J. H. Kirby 10, J. E. Kirby 11, H. Naylor 12. First of Cinques for 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 12. For the 25th anniversary of the induction of the Provost of Wakefield. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. White (first quarter) 1, D. Cubitt 2, Miss J. Roper 3, P. Woodward 4, W. Moreton (cond.) 5.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District

The first meeting of the Western District in 1958 was held on March 15th at Keighley and was favoured by a considerable improvement in the weather. It was, however, still very cold, and for this reason it was fortunate that the 50 or so members who attended were not all present at the same time, as accommodation in the small ringing room was somewhat limited.

Ringing took place from 3 until 4.30 p.m., when a pleasant short service was conducted by the curate of Keighley (Rev. Mr. Riley). The Vicar had been away on business during the afternoon, but did manage to return in time to address a few words of welcome to the visitors at tea time.

In the absence of the vice-president, the chair at the business meeting was taken by the Association's general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris). Thanks were expressed to the church authorities and local company for the excellent arrangements.

A short period of silence was observed to respect the memory of four members of the District who had recently passed away: Miss Margaret S. Rhodes, of Leeds; Mr. Walter Smith, of Mirfield; Mr. John Hall, of Keighley, and Mr. Joe Hardcastle, of Bradford.

Six new members were elected: Miss J. R. Hutchings and Messrs. R. Stephenson, S. K. Williamson, J. Kerby, J. Burgess and C. Millthorpe.

Arrangements are being made to hold the next meeting at Lindley, near Huddersfield, on June 21st, following a kind invitation from the local company.

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DEATH

POOLE, Phyllis, wife of the late Harold J., suddenly by accident on March 20th, 1958. 'In love and gratitude we will remember them'—Peter, Jill and Rosemary. 2068

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Discrens is now 9, Ryecroft Close, Woodley, near Reading. 2042

After March 31st, 1958, the address of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuiness will be 9, Linden Way, Boston, Lincs. 2047

On and after April 2nd the address of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood will be Heatherbrae, South Park Avenue, Darley Dale, Derbyshire. All communications should be sent to this address. 2050

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—(April) Meeting at March (6) on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2020

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Feering, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. 2004

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 29th, at Irthlingborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Amor, Hon. Sec. 2021

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 29th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (nearest underground station, Tottenham Court Road). Ringing 3.45 p.m. Tea, Y.W.C.A., 4.15 sharp. Service 5 p.m., then business meeting and further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. 2024

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, March 29th. Ringing, St. Andrew's, 2.30 p.m. Tea at The Railwaymen's Institute 4.15 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing.—S. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 2017

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Willersey, Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. 2040

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wonston (6) on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 2072

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., at 6 p.m. There will be no practice ringing before the meeting.—J. Chilcott. 2051

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Business in vestry (for members) 4.15. Tea in Town Hall 4.45. Short service 6 p.m. Names, please, to K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec., 8, London Road, Woburn. 2052

HUCKNALL PARISH CHURCH.—Dedication of new ring of eight, Saturday, April 5th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 2nd, to H. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, Notts. All welcome. 2069

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Accrington on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2070

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Minehead on Easter Monday, April 7th. Service at 12 noon. Lunch at the Dorrien Restaurant at 1.15 p.m. Reservation tickets sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Business meeting follows, in restaurant. Ringing: Minehead, 11 to 11.45 a.m., and after meeting; Old Cleeve, 10.30 to 11.30; 4 to 7.30 p.m.; Carhampton, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.; 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Timberscombe, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Porlock, 4.30 to 7 p.m.; Selworthy, 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Dunster, 10 to 11.30 a.m.; 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Exford, 7 to 8 p.m.—Roger O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. 2061

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held in St. Peter's Hall, Bedford, on Easter Monday at 2.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements as follows: Estow (6), 9 to 9.45 a.m.; Kempston, 9.45 to 10.30; Goldington, 11 to 11.55; St. Peter's, Bedford, 12 noon to 12.45 p.m.; Felmersham, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Paul's, Bedford, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. W. Sinfield, Hon. Sec. 2013

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Brampton on Easter Monday. Bells (6) 1 p.m Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. A.G.M. to follow. The bells of Carlisle Cathedral (8) will be available from 1 to 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent not later than Thursday, April 3rd, to Mr. J. Butterfield, 11, St. Nicholas Street, Carlisle.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Sidbury on Easter Monday. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by April 2nd to Mr. K. Clarke, Lower Brook Meadow, Sidford.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Crich on Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Owing to catering difficulties, will those requiring tea please notify as soon as possible, and no later than Tuesday, April 1st, the Rev. J. W. E. Brown, The Vicarage, Crich, near Matlock.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 2023

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday, April 7th. Service, St. Peter's, Wisbech, 4 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing arrangements: Downham Market, 10 to 10.45 a.m.; Magdalen, 11 to 11.30; Tilney, 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Terrington St. Clement, 12.40 to 1.30 p.m.; Terrington St. John, 1.45 to 2.15; Walpole St. Andrew and St. Peter, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Wisbech St. Mary, 10 to 11 a.m.; Tydd St. Giles, 11-15 a.m. to 12 noon; Tydd St. Mary, 12.15 to 1.15 p.m.; Leverington, 1.30 to 2.30; Walsoken 3 to 3.45; Walsoken, Wisbech St. Peter, Elm, 6 to 9 p.m. 2058

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Ash (6) on Easter Monday, April 7th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2067

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ashford, Easter Monday, April 7th. Committee, 11 a.m., at Wrens Restaurant. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, 1 p.m., at Ashford School for Girls. Tickets, *before Tuesday, April 1st,* from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne: members 4s. 6d., others 6s. 6d. Printed leaflet with full details of ringing, agenda of business, etc., sent with tickets. Towers include Ashford, Bethersden, Biddenden, Charing, Little Chart, Sellindge, Tenterden, Willesborough and Wye.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. 1996

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, St. Woolos', Newport. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rotherham (10), 2.30 p.m., on Easter Monday, April 7th. Special method, Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea by Thursday, 3rd, please, to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 2041

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 7th. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12.15 prompt. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15 and tea arranged at 5 p.m. at Andrew's Restaurant, 7, London Road, for all who notify me before Thursday, April 3rd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 6 to 7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; St. John's (8), Hallow (8) and Kempsey (6), 2.15 to 4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 2033

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Crowcombe, April 12th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by 7th.—A. R. Tudball, West Close, Dunster. 2075

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Quarterly meeting, Epping, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. C. Moore, 27, Chapel Road, Epping. 2060

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Chippenham, Saturday, April 12th. Business meeting 2 p.m., Co-op Hall, Foghamshire. Tea 5, St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Divine service 6.30 p.m., St. Andrew's. Notifications for tea not later than Tuesday, April 8th, to Mr. H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. (No names, no tea.) Bells available: St. Andrew's (8), 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and after service: St. Paul's (8), 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; also the following upon application to the above: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Corsham, Lacock, Marshfield, Kingston St. Michael; also 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and after service, Malmesbury, Colerne.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec., Woolaston. 2053

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business affects reserve and benevolent funds. Apsley (6) and Northchurch (8), 10.30 to 12.30; Redbourn (6), by arrangement with Mr. J. Hobbs; Berkhamsted (8), 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. Hemel Hempstead and Apsley bells in evening. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 8th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2066

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting at Speldhurst on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, April 8th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2063

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Lea, near Gainsborough, Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names must be sent not later than Tuesday, April 8th, to Miss Pat Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, near Gainsborough, Lincs.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Sec 2046

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Heathfield, Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at Vicarage, but bring your own food. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 2065

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting in Leicester, Saturday, April 12th. Bells available: All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), 2 to 3.15; Cathedral (12), 3 to 4.10; St. John's (10), 7.30 to 8.30. Service at Cathedral 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in St. George's Hall, Colton Street (rear of Police Station). Names for tea by Wednesday, April 9th, to undersigned, at 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (tel. Wigston 3244). We can accommodate all who notify.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Sculthorpe on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Greeves, 44, Moor Lane, Sculthorpe, Fakenham. 2071

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Milton, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 8th.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 2064

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Shenington (5), Saturday, April 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 8th, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 2059

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 12th. St. Mary's, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral, 2 to 3.45. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea, Palmers Restaurant, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow in Abbot Anselm Institute. Both towers available after business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 8th, please, to me. No name no tea.—J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 2016

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Kirkheaton, Saturday, April 19th. For teas please notify by April 12th Mrs. Senior, 1, Knowle Road, Shop Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Sec.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names with remittance, before April 1st, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing: Wolvercote, 12.30 to 1.30; St. Giles', 1,15 to 2.15; Iffley, 1.30 to 2.30; St. Mary-the-Virgin, 2.30 to 3.30; All Saints', 2.45 to 3.45; St. Ebbe's, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Magdalene, 3.30 to 4.30; Christ Church, 4 to 5; New College, 4.30 to 5.30; Magdalen, 5 to 6 p.m. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1994

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Barrow-in-Furness, Saturday, April 26th. Towers available: Ulverston St. Mary (6), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 2.45 p.m.; Dalton-in-Furness St. Mary (10), 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 3 p.m., and after meeting if required; Barrow-in-Furness St. James (8), 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service in St. James' School 3.45 p.m.; preacher, Rev. C. P. Stannard, Vicar of St. James'. Tea, St. James' Parish Hall, Hartington Street, 4.30 p.m., at 3s. 6d. per person. Names, together with remittance, by Wednesday, April 23rd, to Mr. J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Barrow-in-Furness. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers. Meeting to follow at approximately 5.30 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. —Annual dinner in the Picture Room at the Shirehall, Chelmsford, Saturday, October 11th. Further details later.—F. V. C. 2045

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

After a number of meetings at which the attendance had been very disappointing, it was most encouraging to see well over 40 members and friends at the meeting of the S. and W. District, held at Uxbridge on March 15th. The eight bells were put to good use afternoon and evening, the methods rung ranging from rounds to London Surprise, in spite of the difficulties caused by the smallness of the tower.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. Dunning), who also presided over the business meeting which followed an excellent tea in the Church Hall. At this meeting it was suggested that meetings were nearly always more successful when a service and a tea were arranged, and the District secretary said he would endeavour to arrange this for future meetings.

During the day, it was recalled that Uxbridge bells were once the subject of a curious complaint. The tower is immediately opposite a dance hall, and one Sunday evening, while the bells were being rung for service, a request was received from the dance hall for the bells to stop, as the dance band couldn't hear itself practising!

The thanks of all who were present are due to the Vicar of Uxbridge, to Mr. H. W. Impey, and to all who worked to make the meeting the successful occasion it was. W. T. C.

5,024 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR

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X			3	4 2 6 3 5
X			3	2 3 4 5 6

First rung at Overseale, Derbys, on February 10th, 1958, conducted by D. P. Jones.

5,024 HORNSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

By ERNEST W. TIPLER

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THE CONQUEST OF DEATH

A QUESTIONNAIRE taken this term of undergraduates at Cambridge University showed that 17 in every hundred did not believe in life after death and a further 22 were not sure. To the first group Easter is just a holiday, and to the second there is no real appreciation of the reality of this great and fundamental fact that the only son of God, after living a perfect life, made the supreme sacrifice for the sins of the world, and the third day by His Resurrection gave proof to mankind of the perpetuation of life after death. The questionnaire also provided this interesting fact that 55 per cent. of the undergraduates attend church or chapel regularly, which is a very high percentage, as the general view is that only between 10 and 20 per cent. of the population of this country are members of an organised Christian Church.

Some might say, what has this to do with bell-ringers and change-ringing? Ringers in this country are bonded together in one great body through the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, to which are affiliated the various Guilds and Associations. Not one of these affiliated bodies is purely secular; most Guilds have a strong point in their objects—the securing for members recognition as servants of the Church. These are not new-fangled ideas; in modern times they date from the formation of Diocesan Guilds and Associations.

This call and demand for recognition as servants of the Church should be kept in the forefront of all our activities; it is the basis of our Sunday ringing. Unless we are hired servants, it means that when we ring on Easter Sunday we affirm our belief in the Risen Christ, and when we make our Easter Communion, however unworthy we may be, we are joined with Him, and all those in this life and the next who recognise Christ as the Saviour.

The happiness of Easter is founded on the conquest of death—that when we step across the threshold into immortality there is the beginning of a new life in new surroundings. The belief in this great tenet of the Christian faith takes away the sting of death. There are many of our readers who have more friends who for 'a season they see no more' than with them in their earthly life. As Easter succeeds Easter their strength and belief is renewed. They take comfort in the words of Psalm xxiii.: 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Thou art with me.' With such thoughts and such a belief one can step out courageously into the unknown.

This knowledge, 'that we with Christ shall all be made alive,' does not remove completely the sorrow of the parting among those who are left behind and to whom the individual in question is very dear. This last week the prayers and love of hundreds of ringers have been extended to a young couple at Leicester who have had taken from them the centre of their affection. Phyllis Poole, apart from being the foremost lady ringer in this country, was a mother in the true sense of the word. Her children extended far beyond her own family circle; that sympathetic understanding with which she was endowed had a very wide radius. Above all, she was a woman of courage. When faced with probably the hardest trial in her life, she gave to the world an unprecedented example of courage. She carried on despite the hidden ache in her heart, and by her Sunday service and peal ringing followed in the wake of a tradition in her life that had been practised by her for 40 or more years. A Christian fortitude and belief enabled her to win through by leading a full life. And now, unexpected, has come the call to be with Harold.

Frequently from the pulpit we as ringers have been told that we are the advertising agents of the Church. The bells have a great message for Easter Day: the rejoicing of a risen Christ and an empty tomb. May they ring out true from every belfry of the land, and may each ringer say to himself the well-known Belfry Prayer as a blessing to his work as a servant of the Church:—

> 'Grant, O Lord, that all who are hindered by sorrow or sickness or any other adversity, from assembling themselves together for Thy worship, may, by the bells, be reminded to their exceeding comfort, of the prayers of the Church, and may rejoice in the communion of saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

FOUR PEALS IN ONE DAY

On Sat., March 15, 1958.
LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
All peals for THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
In 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes.*
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, the tenors never reversed.
Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	4
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
PHILIP MEHEW	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
Mr. F. R. Lowe has now 'circled the campanile' to peals.

In 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	4
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

In 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
PHILIP MEHEW	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

In 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	2	†DEREK P. JONES	6
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 50th peal. † 300th peal (conducted 136), and has now 'circled the campanile' twice. First time four peals have been rung in one day for the Guild, on the bells, and by the five ringers concerned in all these peals.

TEN BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 5, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	7
*BRIAN J. WYLDE	3	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	8
MARY H. HALL	4	FRANK D. MACK	9
*PATRICK J. BIRD	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Mon., March 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*PETER G. RICHARDS	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. FISHER	5
ERNEST H. HUGHES	2	GERALD WESTON	6
BRENDA L. SHEPPARD	3	JOHN J. F. ROPER	7
*GRAEME W. HEYES	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal on eight bells.
Specially arranged in honour of the visit to Melbourne by H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

PHYLLIS POOLE	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	LEONARD TREVOR	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE W. STEEL	*Treble*	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	WILLIAM WARD	6
VALERIE M. MASSAM	3	FRANK RAYMENT	7
ERNEST H. SIMPSON	4	IRVIN SLACK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.
Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to G. W. Steel, who will shortly complete 65 years as a ringer at Rothwell.

ST. ANNES-ON-SEA, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	6
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
*STANLEY WALMSLEY	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. W. H. Ratcliffe (local tower leader) and his wife.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. BEST	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	6
*ANN BACON	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
†WILLIAM T. GODFREY	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise Major on the bells.
A welcome to Martin James Edwin Daniels.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, BITTERNE PARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

DEREK JACKSON	*Treble*	MARGARET E. BEAMISH	5
MICHAEL V. WHITE	2	*JOHN L. QUEEN	6
DON C. EXELL	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
MAURICE J. BUTLER	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples on the bells.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	*Treble*	*JAMES GODMAN	5
FRANK ABSOLOM	2	*KENNETH C. TIMBURY	6
*REGINALD TUCKWELL	3	ROBERT BLOND	7
FRANK GODDEN	4	*WILLIAM FULKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
FRANK E. WALKER	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
*SIDNEY W. BALL	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung at the special request of the Vicar (Canon Elliott Mitchell) to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Also a birthday peal for Mr. F. J. Cullum.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 MONMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JOHN R MAYNE.

The first peal in the method (Corrigan: No. 227).

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	*ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by D. KNOX. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 75th peal together.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	*Treble*	†ERNEST TREAGUS	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	†E. WINIFRED KEYS	6
†RAYMOND P. WOOD	3	†W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First Surprise peal. † First in the method.

Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Harry Stalham.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
IAN M. HOLLAND	2	JOHN E. TURLEY	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung with deep sorrow, in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Poole.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST	*Treble*	RONALD N. MARLOW	5
*M. GEORGE NORTHWAY	2	‡A. COLIN CONWAY	6
*AUDREY J. KNIGHT	3	§LEWIS F. COBB	7
†MONTAGUE L. NORTHWAY	4	*CHRISTOPHER M. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS F. COBB.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Triples. § First of Grandsire Triples. First as conductor.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY PAUL	5
CHARLES McGUINESS	2	GILES C. GALLEY	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
*MARY C. PAYNE	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	IAN M. HOLLAND	5
BERNARD GROVES	2	*ALAN McFALL	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	‡ROBERT B. SMITH	7
†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4	‡BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. † First of Double Norwich C.B. 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal together.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
MRS. H. F. CARTER	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
WALTER C. MEDLER	3	*DERICK W. PARDON	7
HERBERT F. LASKEY	4	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CASE. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Percy Crowe and Hazel Cockrill, both ringers at this church, married this day. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOAN GRAY	*Treble*	*WILLIAM NAYLOR	5
*EDITH BROCKLEHURST	2	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER	6
HARRY HEATH	3	JOHN BRAIN	7
†NIGEL J. MAGGS	4	J. HENRY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by J. HENRY GILBERT.

* First peal. † First of Major.

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LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 16 twelve-scores (Morris's and Pitman's) and ten six-scores.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*JOHN I. WILCOX	*Treble*	DAVID A. HOULT	4
RALPH E. SCUDAMORE	2	*JACK A. LONG	5
†B. DAVID SIMS	3	WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

BRYN B. NASH	*Treble*	DAVID A. HOULT	4
JACK A. LONG	2	WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE	5
B. DAVID SIMS	3	RONALD I. THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.
First peal in the method for all except the conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LECHLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents of April Day (three callings), 14 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 14 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID HICKS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	4
BRUCE WAKEFIELD	2	PETER WAKEFIELD	5
JOHN DOWDESWELL	3	HARRY EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents each of St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	*Treble*	*TERRY L. STOCK	4
TERRY EARLE	2	*TONY B. STOCK	5
ALAN R. SYDER	3	†WILLIAM E. SIBLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal by a local band of all Stisted ringers.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5520 MINOR
Being eight extents in 11 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double and Single Court, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (7) Cambridge Surprise, (8) Little Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

W. ARTHUR CROWDER	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	4
JOHN F. PEARSON	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	5
GILES C. GALLEY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
To welcome Nicholas John Howard, born February 21st, 1958.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 30 methods, viz.: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London and Netherseale; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (4) Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester and Munden; (5) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne; (7) Westminster and Allendale; 114 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	†HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4
*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	‡JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* 100th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ 150th peal. The most Surprise methods rung to a peal for the Association.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*STEPHEN J. PERRY	*Treble*	JEFFREY B. WEBB	4
WILLIAM C. RHODES	2	D. KEITH LANE	5
LESLIE L. WILLIS	3	GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor in the method as conductor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	GRAHAM T. BALL	4
RITA M. STRATFORD	2	JOHN VERNON	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
Rung as a thanksgiving to God for the safe arrival of David Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Brown.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Tues., March 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, being four extents each of St. Osmund, St. Vedast, Huntspill, New Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and two extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

E. E. WOOLDRIDGE (Furzedown)	*Treble*	R. J. TREBILCOCK (N.E.C.)	4
P. G. K. DAVIES (U.C.)	2	D. E. SIBSON (Bart.'s Hosp.)	5
M. HAWKES (Goldsmith's)	3	R. KEELEY (King's)	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. E. SIBSON.
First peal as conductor.

ASTON ABBOTTS, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MINOR
Being composed of seven different extents.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
The first peal in the method.

BAUGHURST, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Fulbeck, Double Bob and Plain Bob; (2) Thelwall and Childwall; (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (4) Oxford Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B.

*FRANK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	*RONALD F. DISERENS	4
*GEOFFREY K. DODD	2	RALPH BIRD	5
†A. PATRICK CANNON	3	ROBIN G LEALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in 11 methods. † 625th peal. The greatest number of methods rung in a 5,040 on tower bells for the Guild.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	4
*MARTIN D. BISHOP	2	WALTER H. POOLE	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal in more than one method.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PETER GRAVES .. .. .. *Treble*	ROGER PALMER 4
*R. OLIVER FYSON 2	CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES.. 5
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE 3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.. *Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung by past and present pupils of Soham Grammar School.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, three 240's Morris's Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

JEAN HOY .. .. *Treble*	*RONALD J. HILL 3
ROLAND H. COOK 2	J. HARRY COOK.. 4

*J. FREDERICK HUBBARD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods. First of Doubles as conductor.

A compliment to Mr. Harry Wand for his 80th birthday.

PADWORTH, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B.

RONALD F. DISERENS .. *Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON 4
RALPH BIRD.. 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 500th different tower for a peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cook, of Wychbold, Worcs, on the birth of a daughter (Rebecca Susan), born March 18th.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations of calling. No 6-5s at back. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. *Treble*	ANTHONY H. ROBERTS .. 4
MERYL J. ALDEN 2	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.. 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON 3	PETER M. ADCOCK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

Rung within the Octave of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: Two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. *Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
*WINIFRED WHEELER.. .. 2	FRANK H. PYKE 5
ROY DUESBURY.. 3	WALTER G. BAILLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung for the christening of the grand-daughter of the tenor ringer.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DOROTHY HOGG .. .. *Treble*	PERCY WHITAKER 4
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 2	FRANK RAYMENT 5
*FRED BENNETT 3	IRVIN SLACK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.

* First peal of Minor.

UFFINGTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising three extents each of (1) Boxford, (2) Union, (3) New, (4) Huntspill, (5) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (6) All Saints, (7) Stedman, (8) St. Simon's, (9) St. Martin's, (10) St. Nicholas', (11) Winchendon Place, (12) Reverse Canterbury, (13) Plain Bob, (14) Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

RICHARD E. G. LUTON .. *Treble*	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 3
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2	ERIC SUTTON 4

ALAN R. PINK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The most methods rung to a peal on these bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Uffington (Rev. S. W. Doran), who is shortly to be instituted to the living of Bray, Berkshire.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

GILBERT SPRULES .. .. *Treble*	JAMES SPRULES.. 4
*SANDRA LEWIS 2	*ANTHONY GIBBS 5
RITA WEBB 3	*PAUL KING .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GILBERT SPRULES.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Barbara King, and wedding compliment to Mr. T. T. Walters, former secretary of the Rural Branch.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, HEADINGLEY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3—4

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 5—6

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 4, RUSHTON DRIVE,
A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

In 13 methods, being 240 Grandsire, 480 each of St. Osmund Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Hilary Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Blackburn Place Bob and Plain Bob, and 360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Shipway's Place Bob, Westminster II Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and St. Simon's Bob. Tenor size 18 in G.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4

WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Doubles in 13 methods on handbells by all. The most Doubles methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild.

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ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ald. W. Horsington (aged 76) 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, Rev. I. J. Richards 4, N. Ward 5, R. Horsington 6. Rung as a compliment to Ald. Horsington, Mayor-Elect of the borough, also to celebrate the wedding of Bryan Johns, a member of St. Mary's ringers, and Miss Goode.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. J. Spraggett (first quarter) 1, Miss H. M. Johnson 2, F. W. Hutt 3, V. A. Perry 4, M. Bennett (first as cond.) 5, P. Box 6.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, C. R. Goodship 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester (cond.) 3, H. A. Mitson 4, R. E. Lester 5, J. B. Morley 6. For Evensong.

BARKWAY, HERTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Mayes (first of Stedman Triples) 1, W. Critchley 2, C. Critchley 3, C. Harwood 4, P. Bourne 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, R. Castledine 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Broadley 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Ann Shiels 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, W. Edwards 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, F. Reed 8.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. F. Sims 1, D. Jeeves 2, F. Hull 3, A. S. Smith 4, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 5, E. Ashton 6. In memoriam Charles Henry Harding.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,494 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Wadman 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, W. J. Prescott 3, S. A. Read 4, V. Roberts 5, G. G. Salmon 6, E. J. Chivers 7, D. Hoare 8.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,250 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, H. Hodgetts 2, J. Pares 3, C. Evans 4, C. Cook 5, E. Ashby 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Glenys Evans (first of Triples) 1, T. Yeomans 2, L. Muller 3, J. Daniels 4, T. Lewis 5, L. Hulbert 6, W. Dare (cond.) 7, S. Barker (aged 80) 8. Rung in memoriam Alfred Parnell, for many years a faithful ringer at this church.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. N. J. Bailey 1, Mary Solomon 2, J. B. Gorrod 3, P. G. Tovell 4, M. J. Stokes (first as cond.) 5. First 'inside' 2 and 3. For the wedding of Miss Jean Blowers, a local chorister, to Mr. Gordon Mewse.

CHESTER.—On Mar. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, Handbridge, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Parsonage (first quarter) 1, R. King (first in method) 2, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 3, G. F. Sperring 4, J. F. Hughes 5, G. Parting 6, P. Swindley 7, J. T. Tilston 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Mar. 13th, 1,280 Southwell Surprise Major: G. Woodruff (first of Treble Bob) 1, Marian Mills 2, Evelyn Cansdale 3, U. W. Wildney 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, E. E. Davey 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method by all. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Doreen Fairhead (12, first of Major) 1, G. Woodruff (first 'inside') 2, Brenda M. Balls 3, E. J. Butler (79), 4, E. P. Duffield 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6, F. G. Oliver 7, B. W. Fairhead 8. An 84th birthday compliment to George M. Rashbrook, of Colchester.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 13th, 1,296 Aldenham Surprise Major: E. Wadham 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. J. Crago 4, E. J. Chivers 5, V. Roberts 6, G. G. Salmon 7, H. J. Sanger 8. First in the method by all.

DUDLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Christopher 1, Joyce Lee 2, Nnancy Huson 3, Susan Richardson 4, Shirley Rymer (first as cond.) 5, R. O. Jones 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Connie M. Thomas, at one time ringer and worshipper at this church.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, R. Clarke 2, K. Small 3, F. Hurrell 4, J. Sims 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, E. J. Coode 8. For Evensong.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Gentleman 1, A. Benstead 2, A. R. Mann 3, E. Jaggard 4, S. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rev. Mr. Craig, who is leaving the parish for Walsham-le-Willows.

QUARTER PEALS

EPPING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. E. C. Blake 1, K. C. S. Wood 2, C. W. Sams (first in method) 3, R. H. D. Hayden 4, B. G. Burton 5, S. F. Clark 6, W. H. Aley (first in method as cond.) 7, E. J. Rochester 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Rochester. First quarter of Major on bells since rehanging.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. F. Luckett (first quarter) 1, R. Sturgess 2, J. Ball 3, T. Holt 4, G. Miles 5, H. A. Nobes 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, A. Dye 8. Rung for the Institution of the Rev. T. G. Strangeways as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Fareham.

GLOUCESTER.—On Feb. 15th, at St. Mary-de-Lode Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Leighton (first of Minor) 1, R. K. Russ 2, J. A. Cobbs 3, R. Price 4, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, M. D. Ling 6. Rung prior to the Gloucester United Guild dinner.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. C. R. Lovett (first of Major) 1, C. R. Lovett 2, Mrs. R. B. Downing 3, I. Bennett (cond.) 4, A. Clarke 5, E. Pearce 6, R. B. Downing 7, C. W. Pipe 8. For the induction of the Rev. R. W. Schofield to this parish.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major: Miss M. V. Copping 1, Miss J. Henderson (aged 14) 2, Miss P. Reeve (16) 3, Miss F. Scott (15) 4, R. E. Moulds 5, V. Bottomley 6, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 7, E. M. Fielden 8. By the local band for Mothering Sunday service.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Rainbow 1, Miss D. Miller 2, G. F. Roome 3, R. Roberts 4, Miss J. Downing 5, A. Jones 6, A. C. Cozens (first as cond.) 7, A. Keeves 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Cozens on their first wedding anniversary.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Mar. 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Clarke 1, Miss J. Miles 2, F. Bowden 3, Mrs. E. Bowden 4, H. Gauntlett 5, Miss E. Pearson 6, A. V. Queen 7, J. P. McDermott (first of Major as cond.) 8. Also on Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Farrent 1, J. P. McDermott (first of Triples as cond.) 2, F. Bowden 3, Mrs. E. Bowden 4, C. Pound 5, H. Gauntlett 6, A. V. Queen 7, J. B. Sidebottom 8. For Evensong.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frieda A. M. Frost 1, G. W. Heyhoe 2, S. H. Waterfield 3, H. J. Larwood 4, P. J. Woodcock 5, A. E. Dixon (cond.) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,280 Gainsborough Surprise Major: Mrs. A. E. Cox (cond.) 1, A. Foxall 2, R. Biggs 3, D. Cornwall 4, J. D. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, A. E. Cox 8. First in method by all the band. Rung by the Sunday service band.

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LUTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Webber (first quarter) 1, J. Wing 2, J. Newman 3, A. J. Smith 4, G. Hawkins 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10. A wedding compliment to Miss Hazel Anstee and Mr. Roger Grinter, members of the Luton band, who were married earlier in the day.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Redwood 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, Jean M. Harris 3, A. C. Conway 4, J. Hartless 5, M. J. Butler 6, R. N. Marlow 7, L. F. Cobb (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 4.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, at St. Paul's Cathedral: G. W. Heyes 1, E. H. Hughes 2, B. L. Sheppard 3, K. J. Minchinton 4, B. J. Beeson 5, G. Weston 6, A. H. Fisher 7, F. Oakshott 8, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 9, J. J. F. Roper 10. First of Caters for 1, 2, 4 and 7. Arranged for Mr. F. Oakshott, on holiday from England.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 12th, 1,250 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's and Grandsire): Valerie A. Bundy 1, P. A. Bird (first as cond.) 2, D. A. R. May 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, P. G. Smart 5, L. Bond 6. First in six methods for all the band. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: N. Anne Lepper (first of Minor) 1, P. A. Bird 2, Jill M. Lane (first of Minor as cond.) 3, G. M. Battersby 4, J. A. Etherington 5, P. Smart 6. Both rung for Evensong and as a farewell to the Rev. L. W. Houchin, leaving to become Vicar of Cove.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. P. Cannon (cond.) 1, Patricia Smee 2, A. Streeter 3, B. A. Cracknell 4, F. E. Roberts 5, T. A. Cross 6. First of Surprise Minor by 2, 3 and 4.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 60 Plain Bob): Mary Powell 1, T. G. Phillips 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Brain (first as cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. First quarter in six methods by 1, 2 and 5.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Snape 1, Mrs. A. Richardson 2, I. Jenkins 3, B. Schofield 4, A. Richardson 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Audrey, daughter of treble ringer (tower captain), and Donald Hartley.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Boyack 1, W. Ellis 2, C. E. Willmington 3, R. Chapman 4, P. Sadler 5, A. J. House 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, L. S. Woods 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Laurence-in-Thanet, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. B. Plane 1, L. T. Peters 2, G. C. Durham 3, S. J. Gee 4, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 5, R. S. Weekes 6. For Evensong.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. S. Hoad 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, Miss J. Hanning (first 'inside') 3, F. T. Hoad 4, L. W. Penfold 5, F. Jeal 6, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 7, A. T. Shelton 8. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. J. H. Parker (cond.) 1, J. E. Wightman 2, Miss S. Revell 3, B. W. Willgress 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. G. Collins 6. Rung for B. W. Willgress, whose home tower is Acle, Norfolk.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Brandrick (aged 13) 1, A. J. Taylor (aged 11) 2, Rosemary Stratford 3, Rita Stratford 4, Christine Stratford 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hill (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Rosemary Stratford 3, Rita Stratford 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. For Mothering Sunday.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandside Triples: Rachel Corner 1, Janet Miles 2, F. Bowden 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, Eve Pearson 5, H. Gauntlett 6, A. Queen (cond.) 7, J. McDermott 8. Also on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Corner 1, Mrs. F. Bowden 2, J. A. M. Salter 3, J. McDermott 4, A. Queen 5, J. L. Queen 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, J. B. Sidebotham 8. For Evensong, and a farewell to J. B. Sidebotham, who is leaving for Ludlow.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Paul 1, A. Thornton 2, Mrs. J. Render 3, B. K. Sissons 4, A. Sheppard (cond.) 5, J. Potts 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Doubles in 10 methods: H. Paul 1, Mrs. J. Render 2, A. Sheppard (cond.) 3, B. K. Sissons 4, J. Potts 5, A. Thornton 6. For Evensong.

SHIRLEY WARWICKS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Henebury (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Robinson 2, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 3, K. R. Foot 4, J. T. Gwilt 5, J. K. Foot 6. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Robinson 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, G. E. Fearn 3, K. R. Foot 4, L. Tuffrey 5, J. K. Foot 6, G. Bailey 7, J. T. Gwilt 8. For Evensong.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7 and 8 covering): J. Swaine 1, Miss S. J. Howard 2, W. Brown 3, G. Johnson 4, W. Laurance (cond.) 5, D. Taplin (first quarter) 7, W. Munson (first quarter) 8.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Spliced): R. E. Lester 1, Marian Mills 2, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 3, Alice Lester 4, J. B. Morley 5, R. W. Steward 6. A compliment to Ruby Snell and Thomas Steward, whose wedding took place this day.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Mar. 16th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: E. J. Rowe 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, W. Theobald 5, M. Cubitt 6, M. J. Rowe 7, B. Bladon (cond.) 8. First London Major by all except 5 and 8. By resident service band.

QUARTER PEALS

STREET, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grand-Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering). R. Lampert 1, W. Dare 2, W. H. Marsh 3, R. Grenter 4, G. Grenter 5, B. Winter 6, K. Prime (cond.) 7, C. Best 8. First quarter 1, 4, 6 and 8. First quarter by local band since rehanging. A compliment to Hilda Grenter for their marriage in 1957 and birth of a daughter recently.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Young 1, E. F. Hart 2, D. J. Inkpen 3, E. G. Hammond 4, C. F. Wills (cond.) 5, J. E. Peck 6. A farewell compliment to the Very Rev. Harry W. Blackburn.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: T. Griffiths (first quarter) 1, T. Osbourne (first 'inside') 2, E. Williams 3, G. Thomas 4, J. Webb 5, H. Jenkins (cond.) 6.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford and St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): Heather Stewart 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Marian H. Mills (cond.) 3, P. W. Mills 4, M. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

TREDINGTON, GLOS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Doubles in 11 methods: E. T. Lee 1, Miss W. Bird 2, I. Goulter 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, D. W. Beard 5. First in 11 methods by 1, 2, 3 and 5.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Mar. 16th, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Eastwood 1, Samela R. P. Thomas 2, M. Jill Fisher 3, K. Williams 4, E. Stitch 5, M. J. Austin 6, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 7, A. Hewlett 8. For Mothering Sunday.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. J. Haves 1, D. Hewitt 2, B. R. Downes 3, H. Rumens 4, F. C. Maynard 5, E. E. Holman 6, T. Hawkings 7, J. Bray 8, A. St. J. Boyack 9, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Plain Bob, Old Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1, L. Earl 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, G. F. Roome 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Mr. Beasley to Miss Huck.

WHITESTONE, DEVON.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Street (aged 10, first quarter) 1, J. Andrews 2, J. Manley 3, H. Cory 4, W. Panter (cond.) 5, W. Ford 6.

WIGTOFT, LINCS.—On Mar. 1st, 720 and 360 Plain Bob and 180 St. Clement's: R. Stephenson (first in two methods) 1, J. P. Morris 2, J. W. Bailey 3, W. Wilkinson 4, T. Cummins (cond.) 5, P. H. Reynolds 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, Anne Garnett 2, M. Sinden 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth (first of Kent) 5, A. Bishop 6, P. Devenish 7, F. Corfield (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service, when three members of the tower were candidates (Terry Standing, Elizabeth Carson and Edmund Jacobs).

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Carter 1, C. W. Batten 2, E. A. Anstey 3, E. Thomas 4, H. T. Terris (cond.) 5, F. Lewis (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. T. T. Walters and Miss J. Cooper.

WOOD GREEN, MIDLX.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Spreadbury 1, Miss J. Spreadbury 2, B. Allen 3, Miss G. Newcombe 4, W. Vince 5, D. Kingston (cond.) 6. Rung for the opening of Wood Green Civic Centre.

WORTHING, SUSSEX.—At St. Botolph's Church, Heene, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W Weaver (12, first quarter) 1, R. P. Wood 2, M. Fromm 3, H. C. Weaver 4, Miss D. R. Saunders 5, R. Wilson 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, G. H. Cheshire-Brazier 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Gale (first quarter) 1, E. A. Price 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, M. N. Price (first 'inside') 4, R. H. Brice 5, P. H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price 7, J. K. Baker 8. For Mothering Sunday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

There was another day of over 20,000 changes at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on March 15th when Mr. Derek P. Jones conducted four peals, and five of the ringers had the privilege of scoring four peals in a day for the first time. The day was organised by Mr. J. W. Cotton, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, and a fifth peal would have been attempted had transport arrangements permitted. The first peal, in 1 hour 48 minutes, was probably the fastest Surprise peal yet rung. The organiser of the 40,320 took part in the four, thus having a more 'fruitful' visit to the Campanile than of late.

The Mayor-elect of Abergavenny is Ald. W. Horsington, a local ringer. Although 76, he rang in a quarter peal in honour of his selection.

The fund for the overhaul of Eye, Suffolk, bells has now reached £818. Fifty-four tons of waste paper, etc., have been sold, realising £294 of that amount.

Correction.—The peal at Brafield-on-the-Green, Northamptonshire, was conducted by Allan R. Jones and not by Alan C. Cozens as stated on page 185 of the March 21st issue of 'The Ringing World.'

The peal from Melbourne, Australia, recorded in this issue, in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, was rung as Her Majesty drove from Government House to the Royal Ball in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mrs. Mary Jane Burton gave 100 pennies to launch the £100,000 Hexham Abbey Restoration Fund appeal, on condition that the Abbey bells were rung on her 100th birthday. On March 20th she listened at an open window at Hexham General Hospital as the promise was kept. 'The best thanks I could get,' was her comment. She also received a telegram from the Queen.

As a welcome to the new Suffragan Bishop of Middleton to the diocese of Manchester, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted at Manchester Cathedral on March 22nd. Unfortunately, it was lost in the last few minutes. The band included John Nelson, the 16-year-old son of the Bishop.

A group of young ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Weybread, Norfolk, collected £21 by ringing handbells at each house in the village, in order to reduce the repairs debt on the church.

A ring of church bells was blessed and hallowed by the Bishop of Fulham at St. Mary's Church, Rotterdam, on November 17th, 1957. After the blessing the bells rang out and played three leads of Grandsire Triples, states a report. Is anything known about these bells?

The conductor of the peal at Starston (Mr. Paul D. T. Cattermole) on March 22nd found this, his 13th peal, somewhat elusive. Several attempts in the past month had been lost for reasons from miscalling to the unravelling of the sally and disintegration of a rope.

Latest addition to the list of brides who rang in their wedding gowns is Miss Margaret Wilson, of Thorne, Yorks. After her wedding on March 22nd she, with the bridegroom (Clifford Leask) and the bridegroom's father and brother, rang in a touch of Grandsire Triples on Thorne bells.

By ringing a peal at Padworth, Berks, on March 22nd, Mr. A. Patrick Cannon has now rung peals in 500 different towers. He is the fifth ringer to reach this total and the youngest. By a coincidence it was rung on the 28th anniversary of his first quarter peal at Combe Florey, Somerset. He would like to thank all his many friends who have helped him to reach this total.

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MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE: A MEMOIR

The tragic death on March 20th of Mrs. Phyllis Poole brought to a close a wonderful ringing career. She was undoubtedly the outstanding lady ringer of her generation, and her passing is a great loss to the Exercise.

Phyllis, as she was always affectionately called, commenced to ring during the first world war at St. Augustine's, Woodston, Huntingdonshire, when volunteers were called for to fill the places of male ringers who were engaged on sterner duties. For a time, she had as tutor and guide the late Rupert Richardson, and was quick to make progress. Her first peal—Bob Minor—was rung at Woodston on May 10th, 1919. During the next three years she took part in a further 26 peals on six, eight and ten bells, two of the latter being conducted by the late Rev. H. Law James.

About this time forces were at work which were to mould the pattern of her future life. On May 13th, 1922, at Isham, Northants, she took part in the first peal of Minor to be rung by an entirely ladies band. On that day also the ringers of St. Martin's, Leicester, held their annual outing in Northamptonshire. The parties chanced to meet in the evening and spent a pleasant hour together. During the course of conversation Phyllis mentioned that she had the desire to ring some of the more advanced methods, but that the opportunity either for practice or peals did not exist in her district. She was told to study Cambridge and Superlative and that later an opportunity would be found for her; and on November 18th, 1922, she came to Kibworth, Leicestershire, for her first attempt at Cambridge Surprise. Any doubts that may have existed about her ability to accomplish the task she had set herself were speedily dispelled. She rang like a veteran and came through with colours flying. The youth who conducted the peal was later to take her for his bride.

A fortnight later she rang Superlative at Loughborough Foundry, again without previous practice, and though the bells were much lighter and the tempo of the ringing much faster than what she was accustomed to, she again did her ringing extremely well. Having shown what she could do and what stuff she was made of, she was frequently asked to ring in further peals. With her smiling face and cheery manner she was always very welcome. On two occasions she took part in two Surprise peals in the course of an afternoon—no mean feat for a young lady! In addition to the ringing she was doing with the Leicester ringers, she still rang many peals in other parts.

On Monday, October 24th, 1927, she was married to Harold J. Poole, and came to make her home amongst us at Leicester and became a member of the Cathedral band. In due course she presented us with her daughter, Jill, and for this gift we are greatly in her debt. Peals continued to come until the war stopped all ringing. After the war she took part in the great spate of peals that came from the Leicestershire towers at this time. Then came the greatest tragedy of her life, when her husband was so cruelly taken from her. After a time she continued ringing, and during the past two years few indeed have been the issues of 'The Ringing World' that did not have her name at least once in the peals columns.

She was a member of 25 Associations and had rung peals in many of the English counties, over the borders of Scotland and Wales, and across the sea in Ireland. She had taken part in 677 peals on all numbers, her last being Double Norwich at the Bell Foundry the evening before her death.

She was a devout churchwoman, a regular attender at service ringing, practices and meetings, and always ready to give a helping hand in cases of sickness and distress. She was a great and lovable woman, and a multitude of hearts will be the sadder for her passing. Saddest of all will be the three that she has left at home—Jill, Peter and lovely little Rosemary. The sympathy of ringers throughout the world will be with them in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

As these notes were being penned the bells that Phyllis loved were sounding forth a last farewell, and whilst listening for a while the following lines, written by the late Wm. Willson many years ago, came to mind:—

'The bells in cadence sweet,
Pour muffled music down;
A ringer's requiem they beat,
Their dirge a message oft repeat:
After the Cross—the Crown.'

HARRY BROUGHTON.

THE FUNERAL

The Cathedral Church of St. Martin was almost filled by friends from far and near at the funeral service on Tuesday, March 25th. The choir led the singing of Psalm 23. The hymn, 'Blessed are the pure in heart,' Phyllis' favourite, was sung, and finally the Nunc Dimittis. Cremation followed at the Gilroes Crematorium.

There were no flowers, by request, with the exception of a beautiful cross of lilies from Jill and Peter, and also a posy from her granddaughter, Rosemary.

Among the many mourners were Mr. Paul L. Taylor (president, Leicester Diocesan Guild), Mr. P. A. Corby and Mr. E. C. Turner (vice-presidents), Mrs. Corby, Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Milner (Southall), Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mr. R. Edwards (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. A. Beamish (Chilvers Coton), Mr. T. J. Lock (president, Ladies' Guild), Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. Wayman (Surfleet), Mr. J. Cotton (Midland Counties Guild), Mr. Herrick B. Bowley (head of the Cathedral ringers).

In the evening an in memoriam peal of Stedman Cinques with the bells half-muffled was rung on the St. Martin's Cathedral bells, conducted by Mr. Herrick B. Bowley.

OBITUARY

MR. C. W. SMITH

The death in Addenbrooks Hospital, Cambridge, on March 20th, of Mr. Charles William Smith, at the age of 73 years, was a great shock to his fellow members at Great St. Mary, Cambridge. It was only three weeks previously that he had rung 350 Grandsire Triples for Evensong. Until retirement, he was a railway clerk.

Mr. Smith's early years were spent at Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire, where he did much ringing in the company of such stalwarts as the Rev. H. Law James and Rupert Richardson. Moving to Cambridge in the '20s, he joined the Cambridge Youths in 1927 and was Ringing Master for some years.

He would stand in an occasional peal, but was not interested in ringing peals just to pile up the number. It is thought that he had rung about 80 peals, and amongst them were Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Caters, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major and Court Bob Royal. Some of these peals he conducted included Holt's Original and Grandsire Caters.

As a last tribute to him, 1,344 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Great St. Mary's by P. Latchford 1, P. H. Pigg 2, C. M. P. Johnson 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, T. R. Dennis 5, D. Latchford 6, J. W. R. Quinney (conductor) 7, H. F. Brown 8.

The funeral service, followed by cremation, was held at St. John's Church. The congregation included several railwaymen and the following members of the Cambridge Youths: Messrs. A. T. Chenery, H. F. Brown, D. Stubbings, T. R. Dennis, J. W. R. Quinney and E. G. Hibbins. E. G. H.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The second session of the 23rd Council (61st Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 27th, 1958, in the Synod Hall, Dublin, by kind permission of His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin.

In accordance with Rule 13, notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the Secretary not less than six weeks previous to the meeting, i.e., by April 15th, 1958. E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

Attempt At Record Length Of Doubles

Dear Sir, — An attempt will be made on Easter Monday, April 7th, to exceed the 10,080 changes of Doubles rung at Whaplode, Lincs, on February 27th, 1775, in 7 hours 26 minutes. It is hoped to commence at 9 a.m. with an all-local band at St. Nicholas', Marston, Oxford.—Yours, etc., ALEC GAMMON.
Marston, Oxford.

'Booklet For Beginners'

Dear Sir,—The seventh impression of the above has now been sold out. Following a recent meeting of the committee appointed by the Central Council to prepare a new book for beginners, the Council will be asked at Whitsun to agree to print, and sell at a low price, a book which will include material from my booklet.

In that event I shall not prepare another edition of the booklet; so with the hope that the Exercise will give equal support to the Council's book, when available, may I thank all those whose encouragement and appreciation have helped me to produce and sell well over 3,000 copies of the booket?—Yours, etc.,
WILFRID G. WILSON.
Alperton, Wembley.

MR. JOSEPH HARDCASTLE

The death of Mr. Joe Hardcastle, at 70, Beechwood Road, Wibsey, Bradford, on March 13th, broke a link in the ringing family which commenced in the 18th century, for his father and grandfather were prominent ringers. Joe was in his 88th year, and had been a member of the Bradford Cathedral company for over 60 years and secretary of the company for 40 years. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1887, and rang his first peal in the same year—his total of peals being 66 (five conducted).

In 1934 he was a member of the band which toured Australia and New Zealand on the occasion of the ringing centenary. He had been confined to his house for several years, after losing a leg in an accident, but maintained a keen interest in all ringing activities.

The funeral service at the Cathedral on March 18th was taken by the Succentor (Rev. Graeme Spiers), and the Provost (Very Rev. J. R. Tiarks) paid a tribute to the late Mr. Hardcastle for his very outstanding work in his long association with the Church. At the funeral service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by P. J. Johnson, W. Barton, L. W. G. Morris and S. Longbottom.

The Cathedral bells, half-muffled, were rung before and after the service. In the evening a quarter peal of Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled by the local company and Calverley ringers. Those taking part were Mrs. P. Dawson (first quarter peal) 1, Miss S. G. Schofield 2, Mrs. M. Evans 3, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 4, John Rhodes (first quarter) 5, S. L. Bailey (first quarter) 6, P. Dawson 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8, H. B. Schofield tenor covering.

The bells were also rung muffled for service on Sunday, March 23rd. E. H. S.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The annual meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at East Grinstead on March 8th, and ringing was enjoyed from 3 to 4.30, when the service was held. At this the Guild president (Rev. H. C. F. Copsey) officiated, and in the absence of the local organist Mr. S. Ponting deputised.

Tea was taken in the Clarendon Restaurant, but unfortunately the president had to leave immediately afterwards, so the chair was taken by Mr. E. J. Ladd. The main item was the election of officers, and this resulted in several changes. It had been suggested that a new president be elected, but as Mr. Copsey was showing some interest in the Guild, owing to the state of ringing at East Grinstead, he was re-elected.

The chairman announced that he was not standing for re-election as he thought it only fair that the officers' jobs should be changed often, to give the younger members a chance. He said that this did not mean that he would take less interest in the Guild. He proposed that the vice-chairman (Mr. S. G. Ponting) should be elected. This was carried, and Mr. Ponting moved to the head of the table, and in his opening remarks paid tribute to the sterling work of Mr. Ladd who was a founder member of the Guild. Mr. B. V. Collison also supported the new chairman in his tribute. For the post of vice-chairman, one of the young members, Mr. E. Brunger, was elected.

As was known, Mr. Wellington, owing to health reasons, had to give up his treasurership, and Mr. C. Hancock was elected to be his successor. Mr. Ladd then spoke of Mr. Wellington's work for the Guild, and said that the accounts had been meticulously kept and that the finances had been ruled with an even sterner hand than the late Mr. Olliver's. The other changes were in the committee, which now consists of Messrs. E. J. Ladd, A. Relfe, E. Jenner and G. Fry.

The summer outing was discussed, and a route taking in both towers at Portsmouth was chosen. The date fixed was September 13th.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, especially to Miss Shepherd, who is now the sole link between the Guild and East Grinstead tower.

THORNE RINGERS' WEDDING

A wedding of special interest to the ringers at Thorne, Yorks, was held on March 22nd at St. Nicholas' Church between Margaret Wilson and Clifford Leask. The bride and bridegroom and the bridegroom's father and brother are regular ringers at Thorne. The large congregation included members of the Thorne Girl Guides, of which the bride is a member. As the happy couple left the church, 672 well-struck changes of Grandsire Triples were rung by E. C. Stacey 1, John Thorley 2, F. A. Staveley 3, L. M. Woodhead 4, E. Short 5, H. Wagstaff 6, C. Thorley (conductor) 7, E. Thorley (8).

During the reception, 120 Grandsire Doubles were rung on handbells by John Thorley 1-2, James Thorley 3-4, C. Thorley 5-6. Following tea the bride and bridegroom and bridegroom's father and brother rang in a short touch of Grandsire Triples, following which other ringing friends rang various methods, concluding the day with a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples.

L. M. W.

NELSON'S BELL AT JAMAICA



Two bells, hung for swinging, stand one on each side of a pleasant drive lined with palm trees leading to a beautiful church set amidst tropical trees and vivid flowers. These bells you will find outside the Garrison Church—a pleasant place in park-like surroundings set against a colourful background of mountains—at Up Park Camp, Kingston, in Jamaica.

One of these bells is of considerable historic interest and bears the following inscription: 'JAFFANA PATNAM. ANNO 1763.' Nelson on one of his journeys is reputed to have acquired this bell from an Indian port. It is more than likely that it was stolen by some of his men when on shore leave there. The bell was brought to Port Royal, near Kingston, where Nelson had it hung outside his house. There it remained until 1937 when Padre Tovey had the bell moved to Up Park Camp, where it has since called thousands of soldiers to worship. Last year this ancient bell was found to be cracked, but fortunately it was decided that it should be preserved.

Now on the other other side of the drive there is a new bell, cast by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, which was hung only a few months ago.

To mark the end of 1957 and the beginning of 1958, both of these bells were rung. How appropriate the flat, tuneless thud of the old, and the melodious and musical sound of the new heralding what it is hoped will be a more happy and prosperous year for us all.

L/Cpl. IAN H. GOLDTHORPE (R.E.).

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hodgson 1, Miss K. Mallinson 2, J. R. Waller 3, D. Elwick (cond.) 4, G. W. White 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick 7, F. Lamerton 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Elwick on the occasion of their silver wedding.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Despite the uncertain weather conditions and icy winds, nearly 40 ringers from places as far distant as Spalding, Great Yarmouth, Leiston, Ipswich and Needham Market attended a general meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Beccles on March 22nd.

Ringing took place on this grand ring of ten during the afternoon and evening, and included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Kent T.B. Royal, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise Major. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon W. R. F. Hares), who extended a warm welcome to the members. A bountiful tea was served by the local ladies in the Church Hall.

At the following business meeting the Rector presided, supported by the general secretary, Mr. E. R. Goate (District secretary) and Messrs. R. Clouston, L. Last and R. Lester (committee members). The secretary reported that at a recent committee meeting the question of Central Council representatives' expenses was discussed. As there was nothing laid down concerning this he proposed the following rule be added: 'That the secretary be authorised to pay on request 2nd class return railway fare together with a maximum of two nights' hotel expenses to each representative attending, provided that the total indebtedness of the Guild for all representatives does not exceed £20 in any one year.' This was seconded by Mr. Clouston, and it was agreed that it be submitted to the next general meeting for confirmation. It was pointed out that this would not be operative until the 1959 Central Council meeting.

Two new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, organist, verger, the ladies and Mr. Goate for the excellent arrangements. Handbells were then rung to Grandsire Caters and Triples before returning to the tower.

J. W. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual meeting of the West Midlands Branch was held at Claines, Worcs, on March 8th, and although it was very cold and snowy there was a good attendance. A short service was conducted by the curate, followed by tea in the schoolroom, where the company was entertained to some excellent tune-ringing on handbells, which was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting was then held, at which Miss Evelyn Fletcher was elected vice-president and Mrs. Molly Barron secretary and treasurer. Miss Frances Elizabeth Haynes, born on February 14th, 1958, was created an honorary member of the Guild.

M. P. B.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MUSIC IN BELLRINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Painter's articles on 'The Music in Bellringing' were most interesting and in spite of the many inaccuracies and misstatements contained therein, are a useful contribution to the subject. As some of these statements are made the basis of his arguments against 6 5's, I should be pleased in the interests of truthfulness to be allowed to correct him where he has gone wrong and put him right where he has gone astray.

'These progressions are not tonic-supertonic, etc., etc.' It would be interesting to discover since when the 3rd of the submediant has not been the tonic or the 5th of the dominant not the supertonic, or how long it has been necessary when harmonising a melody to make each melody note the root of a chord of which it is part. These are only not tonic-supertonic progressions of they form part of another **key.**

'The submediant chord is the relative minor.' It most certainly is **not,** unless a modulation has been made thereto, and as in the examples quoted the phrases are in the tonic key, the words in parentheses are therefore not only irrelevant but misleading.

'Tonic-supertonic progressions are as common as blackberries in music.'

I feel inclined to take this ambiguous statement literally! But contrary to the intended meaning, tonic-supertonic progressions **at a half-cadence** are far from frequent and for every one Mr. Painter discovers he will find, I should say, at least a dozen of the normal half-cadence progressions. This, however, I pointed out in my original article.

'Anacrusis.' Here the term is incorrectly used (or understood). An anacrusis is the unaccented **beginning** of a musical phrase and does not occur at a cadence. It is, in fact, almost equivalent to its poetic counterpart. (Mr. Painter should be wary of showing this part of his essay to his music teacher, or he is likely to receive a (metaphorical) rap on the knuckles.)

It rather surprised me that open-lead Minor ringing could be regarded as being accented in pairs beginning with a strong beat, with a final accent on the last note when the tenor is behind This means that in rounds the accents would fall: Strong, weak, strong, weak, strong, strong, which reels to and fro and staggers like a drunken man with two left legs. I should have thought that owing to the predominance and regular spacing of the tonic triad (2nd, 4th and tenor) the accent would have tended to fall on the second of each pair, the whole 12 blows being equivalent to a musical phrase that **really** begins with an anacrusis. A mental rhythm begun in rounds would, I imagine, tend to continue during the changes.

Of course this grouping is only, after all, a mental process, and it is interesting to note that while Mr. Painter, for some curious reason, prefers the above grouping, many will think of the accent as being on the second of the pair, and some, no doubt, think of the 12 blows as being continuous, with possibly a final accent made prominent by the pause.

Mr. W. F. Moreton, on the other hand, implies in his letter (page 95) that he separates the 12 blows into two groups of six, whilst, judging from some ringing that we sometimes hear, quite a few people have no sense of rhythm at all. Again it would be interesting to discover the reactions of other ringers.

So Mr. Painter disagrees with my suggestion about the implied flat seventh and even has doubts upon the implied modulation? This is a great pity as I consider this to be one of the most fascinating features about open-lead Minor ringing. However, let him, or anyone interested in this facet of our art, carry out the following experiment.

Ring the following touch of Westminster Surprise Minor:—

23456	42635	63542	56423
35264	— 42356	34625	62534
56342	25463	— 34256	23645
64523	56234	45362	— 23456

Now at any time when we have a prolonged period with the 3rd behind (at backstroke) there is a feeling of shifted key, but the sense of modulation is most acute with 6-3's or 4-3's, of which only the former occur in the above touch. In the sixth lead of the above the centre of gravity of the key can be felt to move from the tonic to the sub-dominant, as it starts off with 5-6 behind and finishes with 6-3's.

If, in this touch, 'Stand' is called at the end of the sixth lead the sense of modulation is, I contend, completely satisfied. Ask an unbiased and musical layman to hum a tune in the finishing key and I should be much surprised if he chose the home tonic. An even more conclusive result can be obtained by writing out the given lead (in staff notation, if necessary) and playing it over on the piano. At the end the two perfect cadences could be played, using the dominant 7th chord followed by the tonic in both cases to secure equality of treatment, and comparing the results.

If, at the end of these simple experiments, Mr. Painter still has his doubts, I can do nothing more than feel sorry for him! To much of the remainder of his articles I am in agreement and am relieved to discover that, at any rate, there is at least one more intelligent person who finds 8-7's (6-5's in Minor) no more unmusical than 8-2's or 8-4's. It perhaps, after all, boils down, as Mr. Painter points out, to personal taste, and so we may find in future a little less fuss made about 6-5's at backstroke.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, near Wakefield.

MUSIC IN BELLRINGING

Mr. Desmond Painter desires us to correct the following errors in his articles 'Music in Bellringing.'

Page 141, column 1, paragraph 5: 'Taken in its wider and most literal sense' should read: 'Taken at its widest and most literal senses.'

Page 141, column 3, second footnote: The second sentence should be reworded to read: 'Thus in the major chord C-E-G, C (the tonic note) is the root, E (the mediant note) is an interval of a third above the root and is known as the third of the chord, and G (the dominant note) is an interval of a fifth above the root and is known as the fifth of the chord.'

Page 160, column 1, paragraph 4: For 'inversion' read 'inversions'; for 'tone' read 'tonic.'

Page 176, column 1, paragraph 3: For 'changes with the tenor last are far more musical than those with the tenor turned in' read 'changes with the tenor last are more musical . . . .'

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LONG PEALS OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. A. Barnett's remarks and conclusions in connection with attempts for long peals of Minor which may fail in the interior of the eighth or a later extent are, I fear, not logically connected.

He states correctly that, according to the Central Council rules, a *peal* must begin and end with rounds, but goes on to suggest, apparently consequentially, that rounds must appear at the conclusion of the *ringing*.

In the theoretical (but by no means unlikely) eventuality which I have in mind, it is, however, clear that the 'peal' and the 'ringing' would not be synonymous terms. Although the ringing as a whole might well conclude chaotically, the 'peal' (i.e., that part of the total ringing which would be published in 'The Ringing World' as such) would undoubtedly have ended in rounds at the conclusion of the last-published extent.

It would therefore appear that, with the rules in their present form, a peal of the type under consideration would fall within them in exactly the same way as would any normal peal in which the ringing ended in the customary well-ordered fashion.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

STRIKING IN ODD PLACES

Dear Sir,—I was rather surprised to see Mrs. Price's letter in 'The Ringing World' for March 14th, and its correction and elaboration in the issue of March 21st. I should be very interested to know whether many of your readers find that the emphasis in ringing falls naturally on the even places of a change. Mrs. Price quotes a nursery rhyme in support of her argument: there is, of course, also that unaccountably popular hymn we hear so often at ringers' services, in which the first and third lines are representations of rounds and Queens. The latter has always seemed to me to exemplify exactly the way bells do *not* naturally sound, but perhaps I am alone in this.

As for the 'hard work' in putting the emphasis on the odd places, may I invite your readers while at their singing practice to try stressing the *even* places in, say, Tittums, Queens on six or ten, or the favourite change of a member of the Cambridge University Guild, 12764358? —Yours faithfully,

DESMOND PAINTER.

Harpenden.

'OLD FAITHFULS'

Dear Sir,—In 'Fallen by the Wayside,' the front page article of March 14th, bellringers are called the unseen workers. Certainly they are, but what about the few people who regularly either climb over or crawl under the bells to grease and tighten and splice ropes and replace all necessary bits and pieces, so that the bells are ready for the 'call to service' on Sundays and Holy Days? These are the 'Old Faithfuls.' I wonder how many of the young ringers of today can splice a rope?

Also, I agree with A. H. Pulling in 'Tower Discipline' of March 7th. I think today there is more noise sometimes from tongues than bells. Bring back the tower discipline, especially when the bells are rung from the balcony of the church.—Yours, etc.,

R. P. S.

Stoke-next-Guildford.

WOTTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): W. K. Walden (first quarter) 1, G. F. Roome 2, B. L. Smart 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, T. M. Haines (cond.) 5. Also on Mar. 8th, 1,260 Doubles in 11 different methods: W. K. Walden 1, T. M. Haines 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, R. S. Roberts 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. First in 11 methods for all except conductor.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE CHELMSFORD MEETING, 1957

MINUTES of the first session of the twenty-third Council (60th Annual Meeting), held in the Shirehall, Chelmsford, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 11th, 1957.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Mayor, the Bishop of Chelmsford and the Master of the Essex Association. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President (Mr. E. H. Lewis).

PRESENT:—

Life Members.—E. H. Lewis, E. A. Barnett, F. Sharpe, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary Members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, W. A. Osborn, C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham, W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—W. E. Critchley, L. W. G. Morris.

SUMMARY:—

	Assoc.	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly Represented ..	32	86	—
Partially Represented ..	17	37	23
Not Represented ..	7	—	8
	56	123	31
Life Members ..		5	1
Hon. Members ..		10	7
		138	39

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 56 Associations were affiliated entitled to 154 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 6 Life Members, making a total membership of 184. There were vacancies for two Representative and seven Honorary Members. All affiliation fees had been paid with the exception of those of the North Wales Association.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. Ainsley, C. A. Bassett, G. Benfield, P. Border, P. A. F. Chalk, J. W. Clarke, P. Crook, G. H. Cross, F. Dunkerley, J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, N. Golden, C. H. Hawkins, J. E. Hobbs, P. J. Johnson, G. I. Lewis, J. E. Lilley, R. B. Meadows, D. H. B. Millward, A. Mould, T. G. Myers, G. E. Oliver, W. N. Park, F. W. Perrens, A. J. Pitman, F. W. Rogers, Miss M. E. Snowdon, Mrs. P. J. Steeples, Messrs. A. Walker, J. J. Webb and R. St. C. Wilson.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. W. Allman (Chester), D. Beacham (Worcestershire and Districts), F. H. Bennett (Shropshire), E. C. Birkett (Police), F. T. Blagrove (Middlesex), W. Boucher (Truro), L. G. Brett and K. G. Brown (Suffolk), W. Butler (Oxford Diocesan), A. P. Cannon (Surrey), G. W. Critchley (Herts), J. P. Davis (Salisbury), J. G. Gipson (Ely), P. M. J. Gray (New South Wales), G. W. Hughes (Stafford Archdeaconry), A. J. Martin (Chester), J. S. Mason (College Youths), J. R. Mayne (Middlesex), G. S. Morris (Salisbury), J. L. Morris (Cumberlands), D. H. Niblett (Oxford University), E. G. Orland (Peterborough), R. Overy (Sussex), Rev. A. S. Roberts (Truro) and W. Williams (College Youths).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Mr. Frederick Sharpe was elected on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

Mr. Sharpe thanked the members for electing him as President and expressed the Council's deep gratitude to the retiring President, Mr. E. H. Lewis, for his great services to the Council both as President since 1930 and as a member since 1908. A presentation was made to Mr. Lewis on behalf of the members by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

VICE-PRESIDENT: As the appropriate rule had not been amended, this was not proceeded with.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER: Mr. E. A. Barnett was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

HON. LIBRARIAN: No nomination had been received. Mr. F. Sharpe kindly agreed to act as Librarian for a further twelve months.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the following retiring members: The Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor and A. Walker.

The Committee also recommended the election of Messrs. R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell and J. Willis.

The recommendations were adopted on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

Messrs. A. H. Pulling, proposed by Mr. G. Pullinger, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, and T. W. White, proposed by Mr. W. H. Viggers, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, were also elected.

Messrs. A. York-Bramble, proposed by Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, and R. M. Clouston, proposed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, were not elected.

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITORS

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence: Mr. T. G. Bartlett (Devon), Rev. L. S. Clark and Mr. R. Narborough (Peterborough Diocesan), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Mr. J. S. Rumming (Salisbury Diocesan), Mr. W. Gordon (Chester Diocesan), Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths (Bath and Wells Diocesan), Mr. C. H. Harding (Bedfordshire), Rev. N. E. Hope and Mr. F. G. May (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan), Messrs. H. J. Mansfield (Essex), F. O. Moule (Norwich Diocesan), N. E. Snow (North Lincolnshire), E. C. S. Turner (Honorary and Middlesex County), R. Whittington (Guildford Diocesan) and E. A. Young (London County, Honorary and Life).

Tributes were paid to the memory of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Mr. E. A. Young.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 19th, 1957, and circulated to members, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

REPORTS

These have been published in 'The Ringing World' as shown:—

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER
(June 21st, 1957, page 399)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

HON. LIBRARIAN
(June 21st, 1957, page 399)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. A. B. Peck.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS
(June 21st, 1957, page 399)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE
(June 21st, 1957, pages 399 and 400)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. It was agreed to take advantage of an offer by Mr. Douglas Hughes to publish a descriptive booklet of the machine, with photographs.

STANDING COMMITTEE
The Hon. Secretary reported that a sub-committee consisting of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. E. C. Shepherd had been appointed to consider the practicability of compiling a history of change-ringing. The Committee had also accepted an offer by Mrs. W. D. Turner to hand over for completion and publication the papers relating to a revision which was being undertaken by the late Mr. Ernest Turner of Mr. J. A. Trollope's book 'Stedman.'

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

(a) HANDBOOK SUB-COMMITTEE
(June 21st, 1957, page 400)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

(b) CLEMENT GLENN BEQUEST COMMITTEE
(June 21st, 1957, page 400)
The Hon. Secretary stated that the Standing Committee had considered the report but recommended instead that the money should be invested as a whole under the name 'Clement Glenn Bequest' and that the income and capital should be applied as necessary to such uses as may be decided.

The Standing Committee's recommendation was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS
(June 21st, 1957, page 400)
Adopted, subject to audit, on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE
(June 21st, 1957, page 400)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. The Committee (Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke and R. S. Anderson) were reappointed.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE
(June 28th, 1957, page 416)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. The Committee (Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes) were reappointed.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE
(June 28th, 1957, page 415)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody. The Committee (Messrs. H. J. Sanger, J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, A. A. Hughes and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow) were reappointed.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE
(June 28th, 1957, page 418)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. The Committee (Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers, L. Stilwell and J. Willis) were reappointed.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE
(June 28th, 1957, page 416)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. The Committee (Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler) were reappointed.

'BEGINNERS HANDBOOK' COMMITTEE
(June 28th, 1957, page 418)
Adopted on the proposition of Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson. The Committee were empowered to include in the book such photographs and sketches as they considered necessary. It was agreed to circulate copies of the draft to the Standing Committee for comment. The Committee (Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. F. B. Speed and W. G. Wilson) were reappointed.

METHODS COMMITTEE
(June 28th, 1957, page 416)
Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis. The Committee (Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis) were reappointed.

PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE
(June 28th, 1957, page 415)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. H. Miles. The Committee (Messrs. W. Ayre, H. Miles and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead) were reappointed.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE
(June 28th, 1957, page 411)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. W. Roberts, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley. Messrs. C. W. Roberts, A. J. Pitman and W. E. Critchley were reappointed with Mr. Critchley as convener. Mr. G. E. Fearn was added to the Committee on the proposition of Mr. J. Freeman, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

RECORDS COMMITTEE
(June 28th, 1957, page 417)
Adopted on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall. The President emphasised the need for the figures of new methods, and the composition, to be sent to the Committee. Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Marshall were reappointed.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE
(June 28th, 1957, page 417)
Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. E. H. Lewis. The Committee (Messrs. F. Sharpe, J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis and W. A. Osborn) were reappointed, with the addition of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

REAPPOINTMENT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
The President announced the names of the ex-officio members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, A. A. Hughes, F. W. Perrens and all conveners of committees.

As the result of a ballot the following were elected to the Committee: Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dyke, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, T. J. Lock, A. H. Pulling, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. A. Walker.

ALTERATION OF RULES
On the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson, the Rules were amended as follows:—

(*a*) Rule 9 (Election of Officers), by inserting the words 'Vice-President' between the words 'President' and 'Hon. Secretary' where they occur.

(*b*) Rule 11 (Committees), Clause (ii) (a), by adding at the end the words 'and the Vice-President for the time being.'

(*c*) Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings), by inserting the words 'or Vice-President' after the word 'President' where it occurs.'

MOTIONS
(*a*) Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, and carried:—

'That this Council as the representative assembly of all change-ringing associations deprecates the proposed introduction of academic titles for ringers, particularly by a body which is not recognised by or affiliated to the Council.'

(*b*) Proposed by Mr. P. N. Bond, seconded by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne:—

'That this Council, while appreciating the good intentions of the organisers, considers that the so-called College of Campanology is unlikely to prove of any service to the furtherance of the art of change-ringing; and therefore that no form of official recognition whatever be accorded to the organisation. In addition, valuable space in the Council's official organ, "The Ringing World," should not be wasted by the publication of any further "College Manuals," the Exercise being already well supplied with instruction manuals.'

After discussion the Council moved to the next item on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

(*c*) Proposed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs:—

'That the attention of the responsible Electrical or Ecclesiastical Authority be drawn to the dangerous practice of permitting bell chamber, ringing room and staircase lights to be controlled from the main switch box by one master switch; that in cases where such a state of affairs exists the authority be asked to fix cautions against switching off without due investigation.'

After discussion, it was agreed that a 'Warning' card should be printed for distribution.

(*d*) Proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. W. Butler, and carried:—

'That this Council deplores the change of name of a standard method in "The Ringing World" and declares that in its view "Bob" is a general term for a class of methods and should not be substituted for the "Plain Bob" which indicates a particular method in that class.'

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
Invitations had been received from the Irish Association and jointly from the Oxford Society and the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Ireland was chosen by 59 votes to 51.

VOTES OF THANKS
A vote of thanks to Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. T. W. White was proposed by Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby, and carried.

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Lord Mayor of Chelmsford, the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and the Master of the Essex Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel) for their welcome; to the Provost for opening the meeting with prayer and for officiating at Holy Communion that morning: to Messrs. F. V. Gant, A. H. Everett and other members of the Essex Association for local arrangements; to Miss H. G. Snowden for peal and tour arrangements; and to local incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of their bells.

After the meeting, the members were the guests of the Essex Association at tea.

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PUBLICATION

'TOWERS AND BELLS OF BRITAIN.'—Only nine copies left of this beautifully produced book. At original published price, 21s., direct from the author.—Ernest Morris, 38, Strensall Road, Eyres Monsell, Leicester. 2082

MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — New badges (chrome finish) are now available, cost 3s., from District Secretaries.—F. V. G. 2094

RINGERS needed to assist band from 3-bell tower in elementary change-ringing on 6-day cycling tour in W. Somerset and E. Devon. Staying at Youth Hostels, August or September. —H. B. Makins, Great Down Cottage, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset. 2083

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'Electrical Switchgear Warning Cards.'—Issued free, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope, size at least 5¼in. by 3¼in., to Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., at 6 p.m. There will be no practice ringing before the meeting.—J. Chilcott. 2051

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Minehead on Easter Monday, April 7th. Service at 12 noon. Lunch at the Dorrien Restaurant at 1.15 p.m. Reservation tickets sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope. Business meeting follows, in restaurant. Ringing: Minehead, 11 to 11.45 a.m., and after meeting; Old Cleeve, 10.30 to 11.30; 4 to 7.30 p.m.; Carhampton, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.; 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Timberscombe, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.; Porlock, 4.30 to 7 p.m.; Selworthy, 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Dunster, 10 to 11.30 a.m.; 4 to 6.30 p.m.; Exford, 7 to 8 p.m.—Roger O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. 2061

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday, April 7th. Service, St. Peter's, Wisbech, 4 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing arrangements: Downham Market, 10 to 10.45 a.m.; Magdalen, 11 to 11.30; Tilney, 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Terrington St. Clement, 12.40 to 1.30 p.m.; Terrington St. John, 1.45 to 2.15; Walpole St. Andrew and St. Peter, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Wisbech St. Mary, 10 to 11 a.m.; Tydd St. Giles, 11-15 a.m. to 12 noon; Tydd St. Mary, 12.15 to 1.15 p.m.; Leverington, 1.30 to 2.30; Walsoken 3 to 3.45; Walsoken, Wisbech St. Peter, Elm, 6 to 9 p.m. 2058

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Ash (6) on Easter Monday, April 7th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2067

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford, Easter Monday, April 7th. Committee 11 a.m. at Wrens Restaurant. Service 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. 2117

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Rotherham (10), 2.30 p.m., on Easter Monday, April 7th. Special method, Double Norwich Caters.—J. Seager, Sec. 2041

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, April 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Note change of date. Quarterly meeting at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bexley, on Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, April 8th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, Cranford, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, Kent. 2078

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sandal, near Wakefield, Saturday, April 12th. Teas, Notify not later than April 10th Mr. Christopher P. Morris, 139, Manygates, Sandal, Wakefield.—James W. Buxton. 2088

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kelston (6), on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Preb. E. L. Millen, The Rectory, Kelston, near Bath. 2048

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 2074

CHESTER GUILD. — Chester Branch. — Meeting at Pulford on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than first post Wednesday, 9th.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 2076

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 8th, to Mr. Anthony, 10, Hatton Lane, Hatton, Warrington. 2109

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Catterick on Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday, April 9th, to P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Cherington on Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Whichford bells available 6 p.m. Names for tea by April 9th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 2099

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 12th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. General meeting 6 p.m., St. Peter's. Cathedral and St. Peter's bells available from 2.30 and after general meeting. Good attendance specially requested. Names for tea to Mr. A. Mould, The Lodge, Borrowash Lane, Elvaston, Derby.—A. B. Cooper. 2081

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Quarterly meeting, Epping, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. C. Moore, 27, Chapel Road, Epping. 2060

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Chippenham, Saturday, April 12th. Business meeting 2 p.m., Co-op Hall, Foghamshire. Tea 5, St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Divine service 6.30 p.m., St. Andrew's. Notifications for tea not later than Tuesday, April 8th, to Mr. H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. (No names, no tea.) Bells available: St. Andrew's (8), 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and after service; St. Paul's (8), 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; also the following upon application to the above: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Corsham, Lacock, Marshfield, Kingston St. Michael; also 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and after service, Malmesbury, Colerne.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec., Woolaston. 2053

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thorverton, Saturday, April 12th. Usual arrangements. Names by April 8th to W. J. Andrews, 13, Broadpark, Brampford Speke, Exeter. 2091

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Burwarton, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 2086

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business affects reserve and benevolent funds. Apsley (6) and Northchurch (8), 10.30 to 12.30; Redbourn (6), by arrangement with Mr. J. Hobbs; Berkhamsted (8), 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. Hemel Hempstead and Apsley bells in evening. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 8th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2066

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting at Speldhurst on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, April 8th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2063

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Lea, near Gainsborough, Saturday, April 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names must be sent not later than Tuesday, April 8th, to Miss Pat Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, near Gainsborough, Lincs.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2046

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Heathfield, Saturday, April 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at Vicarage, but bring your own food. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 2065

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Kendal, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Kirkbarrow, Kendal, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby. 2087

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chipping, Saturday, April 12th. Bring own food. Buses from Preston Coach Station 1.38 p.m. direct, and 2.23 p.m. change Longridge.—L. Walmsley. 2077

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Todmorden, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea provided, 5. Business 6.30 p.m.—Hudson, Sec. 2093

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting in Leicester, Saturday, April 12th. Bells available: All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), 2 to 3.15; Cathedral (12), 3 to 4.10; St. John's (10), 7.30 to 8.30. Service at Cathedral 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in St. George's Hall, Colton Street (rear of Police Station). Names for tea by Wednesday, April 9th, to undersigned, at 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (tel. Wigston 3244). We can accommodate all who notify.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 12th, St. Andrew's, Kingsbury (8), 4 to 5.45 p.m. Short business meeting. Tea, own arrangements. St. Mary's, Willesden (8) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. — S. Nelson, Dis. Sec. 2115

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Brown Edge on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, April 9th, to A. Pointon, 145, Wilding Road, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 2056

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Sculthorpe on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Greeves, 44, Moor Lane, Sculthorpe, Fakenham. 2071

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Great Milton, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 8th.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 2064

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shenington (5), Saturday, April 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 8th, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 2059

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Old Bradwell (6) on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 2101

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Stanford and Lilbourne, Saturday, April 12th. Note arrangements: Ringing at Stanford 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting at Fox and Hounds, Clay Coton, 5.15. Ringing at Lilbourne in evening. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 2103

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 12th, at Pytchley. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service, tea, usual arrangements. Names by Tuesday previous, please, to Mr. Brown, Dairy Farm, Orlingbury Road.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec. 2084

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nassington, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 2092

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Retford, Saturday, April 12th, 2.30 p.m. East and West Retford and Ordsall towers open. Service at East Retford 4.30. Business meeting, Ebsworth Hall, 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. W. Raithby. 2110

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 12th. St. Mary's, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral, 2 to 3.45. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea, Palmers Restaurant, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow in Abbot Anselm Institute. Both towers available after business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 8th, please, to me. No name no tea.—J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 2016

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Lyminster (6) on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec., Western Division. 2080

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, April 12th. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 2112

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Chilvers Coton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service. Names for tea would be appreciated by April 16th to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 2120

CULWORTH DEANERY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Byfield (6), Saturday, April 19th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby. 2107

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—By kind permission of the Rev. G. G. Hooper, a meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2116

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Joint meeting with Stroud Branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at The Plough. Imperative, names for tea not later than April 15th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. Regret, no names must mean no tea. 1861

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Kirkheaton, Saturday, April 19th. For teas please notify by April 12th Mrs. Senior, 1, Knowle Road, Shop Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Sec.

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, April 19th, Iden. Please make own tea arrangements. Rye three miles.—E. A. Fellows, Hon Sec. 2114

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea must reach not later than Wednesday, April 16th, Mr. H. Luck, Lubin, Kent Gardens, Birchington.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2096

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Queenborough on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 16th, please, to S. Rayfield, 35, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2100

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual dinner, Conservative Club, Cossington Road, Sileby, on Saturday, April 19th, at 6 p.m. Bells 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (5s.) are being forwarded to towers. Moneys and unsold tickets must be sent by Saturday, 12th, to Miss M. Carpenter, Homestead, Main Street, Cossington. 2095

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, April 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 16th to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 2079

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Folkingham, on Saturday, April 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Monday, 14th, to C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, near Sleaford, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2105

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shipdham (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to Miss J. C. Aldous, Council Houses, Letton Road, Shipdham.—C. Bird, Sec. 2119

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Peasemore on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 15th, to M. Rosier, Peasemore, Newbury. 2111

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names with remittance, without delay, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing: Wolvercote, 12.30 to 1.30; St. Giles', 1,15 to 2.15; Iffley, 1.30 to 2.30; St. Mary-the-Virgin, 2.30 to 3.30; All Saints', 2.45 to 3.45; St. Ebbe's, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Magdalene, 3.30 to 4.30; Christ Church, 4 to 5; New College, 4.30 to 5.30; Magdalen, 5 to 6 p.m. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1994

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, April 19th. Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ecton on Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 2098

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upwey, on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 16th.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec., Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester. 2097

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—The postponed District annual meeting will be held at Kelsale on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent for tea by Thursday, 17th, to A. R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 2108

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingswood (6) on Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. A. G. Clarke, 1, Copley Way, Tadworth.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2086

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Meeting at Kelly, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by April 21st.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). Saturday, June 28th, is Great Ringing Day and carnival day. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Lunch and tea arranged. Service 4 p.m. Outing secretaries should consider a call during day. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Come and join in the ringing and fun afterwards.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec. 2104

LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. W. Denyer, of Ash Road, Aldershot, early on Monday morning. He had a heart attack on his way to church for early service on Sunday. The funeral will be at Aldershot Parish Church on Thursday at 2.15 p.m.

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RINGING AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

ATTENTION over a wide field will no doubt be re-awakened by the reader's letter in last week's issue on this matter. In this connection the following information, taken from the writer's records, may be of interest.

On October 29th, 1948, Mr. Eric A. Dench put a notice in "The Ringing World" as to a proposed R.A.F. Society of Ringers. In March, 1949, he issued a circular to those responding, with suggestions for the formation of the society, the idea of which sprang from the R.A.F. Cranwell Society of Change Ringers, which had a membership of nine ringers, stationed at Cranwell at the time. In May he invited the writer to put forward further suggestions and to attend an inaugural meeting at Edmonton on June 4th, 1949.

At this meeting the Society was launched under the title of "R.A.F. Guild of Ringers." The writer declined the honour of its mastership, in favour of Mr. Dench, whose enterprise and leadership had earned him the position. Acting officers of the Society up to to that time were A/C Rogers, of Rotherham (Hon. Secretary), and A/C Manton, of Leicester (Hon. Treasurer), though whether these appointments were confirmed one's records do not show, but a committee was elected, and annual subscriptions of the order of 7s. 6d. were paid for membership. It was arranged to call a meeting of the committee in the near future to organise the Guild.

Shortly afterwards Pilot Officer Dench was posted to the Far East, and some time later, was tragically killed on active service.

Disappointingly, one never heard anything further of the Guild. However, in May, 1951, A/C Chapman, of R.A.F., Cardington, endeavoured to arrange a peal attempt by R.A.F. personnel, but apparently his difficulties were too great at the time.

In April, 1956, the Royal Air Forces Association (of which, as a life member, one has had the privilege of helping in its charitable work) suggested the writer should get into touch with Air Vice-Marshal Sir Cecil Bouchier, director of the appeal for the rehabilitation of St. Clement Danes' and its bells, as the Church of the Royal Air Force. As a participant in the only two peals that have been rung by serving officers of the Forces, one then ventured to put forward suggestions as to the ringing at this church of the R.A.F.

In a gracious letter of acknowledgment, Canon A. S. Giles, the Chaplain in Chief of the Royal Air Force, spoke 'with great interest' of being 'extremely grateful for the kind suggestions,' which included:—

(a) The ringing of touches at the dedication ceremony by R.A.F. personnel, past and present, who had contributed to the rehabilitation fund.

(b) Attempt for the first peal by present and past members of the Royal Air Forces.

(c) A revival of the 'R.A.F. Guild of Ringers,' centred in the R.A.F. church.

(d) An annual 'Remembrance Peal' on Battle of Britain Day, rung at St. Clement Danes' by present and/or past members of the Royal Air Forces.

Canon Giles intimated that he had received other similar suggestions, and that they would all be passed to a belfry master, whom they were going to appoint, and who, he was sure, would be getting in touch. As last week's correspondent recalls, it is now reported that Mr. E. A. Barnett, the well-known Secretary to the Central Council, 'is in charge of this tower,' so doubtless more of this most interesting matter will be heard before the dedication.

A. Y.-B.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark,
A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

William Hibbert	*Treble*	Raymond G. Burton	7
Mrs. Pat Lewington	2	William Birmingham	8
James Phillips	3	Benjamin F. Baker	9
J. Frank Smallwood	4	Michael V. Chilcott	10
Frederick R. Scott	5	John H. Crampion	11
Frank E. Darby	6	John Chilcott	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Herrick B. Bowley	*Treble*	John A. Acres	7
Ernest Morris	2	Shirley Burton	8
Ernest Rawson	3	Alan E. Jacques	9
Alfred Ballard	4	J. Frederick Milner	10
Michael D. Staniforth	5	William J. Root	11
Harold G. Jenney	6	E. Charles Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter.
Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Phyllis Poole, greatly beloved member of the Cathedral Society.

TEN BELL PEAL

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	Brian Harris	6
Fred Dunkerley	2	Leslie Boumphrey	7
Neil D. Lomas	3	Joseph W. Whittaker	8
Basil Jones	4	John Worth	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., March 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

John F. Butler	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Diana J. Perrins	2	George E. Fearn	6
Clive M. Smith	3	Paul J. Rigby	7
John A. Anderson	4	Stephen J. Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Stephen J. Ivin.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

R. John Munnings	*Treble*	Gilbert R. Goodship	5
Charles J. Sedgley	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	James Bennett	7
Harry D. Lister	4	Ernest V. Blake	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the seventh. First in the method for the Suffolk Guild since 1924.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., March 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

John A. Acres	*Treble*	G. Ronald Edwards	5
Phyllis Poole	2	Ernest Morris	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
*Richard J. Clifton	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by William Willson. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.
The composition (C.C.C. 223) contains Queens, Whittingtons, Tittums, all the 7468's and 7568's, and the 6th its extent home.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Ian H. Oram	*Treble*	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Robin G. Leale	6
Ralph Bird	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
John L. Morris	4	George J. Butcher	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Joyce Halliday	*Treble*	*J. Colin Ashworth	5
Trevor Taylor	2	*Peter Scholfield	6
*John H. Fielden	3	Derek Taylor	7
*Derek Butterworth	4	Derek Ogden	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* First peal in the method.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

John R. Cooper	*Treble*	‡John Ledsham	5
Wilfred W. Ring	2	Crawford T. Hillis	6
*Violet I. E. Relf	3	Geoffrey Pearson	7
†Kathleen M. Yeo	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey Pearson.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First in the method. ‡ First of Major. First as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Isobel Inman	*Treble*	Arthur S. Richards	5
John L. Morris	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Brian Bladon	3	Philip Mehew	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts (C.C.C. 19).
Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
First peal in the method on the bells.
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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN HULME	*Treble*	JILL MAYES	5
†SHEILA PERCIVAL	2	B. ERIC FROST	6
LEWIS H. BYWATERS	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
PERCY W. TOMPKINS	4	GEOFFREY W. MAYES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Triples. First 'inside' and first on eight bells.

Rung as birthday compliments to Miss Jill Mayes and Lewis H. Bywaters.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
FRANK REED	2	PERCY NEWTON	6
JOHN D. KAPE	3	ANTHONY E. COX	7
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	4	ARTHUR D. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung to mark the 70th birthday of Mr. T. J. Fowler (Uncle John), also in recognition of his long service as choirman and ringer at this church, and to the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	†E. KEITH JORDAN	6
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	ROGER BALDWIN	7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.

* 50th peal for the Guild. † 25th peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. C. Wincott, who is leaving this parish to become Vicar of Peartree, Southampton.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., March 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	PETER BORDER	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
*JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Bristol.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM JOHN STOKES	*Treble*	JAMES A. METCALFE	5
JAMES FIELDING	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
STANLEY ANDERTON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
*F. ANTHONY ELSON	4	DAVID YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., March 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

JOAN COTTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	PERCY W. GRICE	6
W. GEOFFREY HAIR	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

In memoriam Phyllis Poole, and as a last tribute from members of the Midland Counties Guild to an esteemed colleague and a gallant lady.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 COURT BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

STANLEY W. COPLING	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	ALLAN C. HAINES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5120 MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
J. BARRY PICKUP	2	JOHN JORDAN	6
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

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

In memoriam Mrs. Phyllis Poole.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

BENJAMIN BARKER	*Treble*	JACK BAILEY	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	6
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jean Elizabeth Barker, daughter of the treble ringer, and Mr. Frederick Michael Larkin.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 8¾ cwt. in A.

*DAPHNE J. PANKHURST	*Treble*	COLIN E. VERDON	5
*CELIA F. WHITFELD	2	ALAN A. PRICE	6
AUDREY D. ELDRIDGE	3	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	7
GEORGE FRY	4	J. MICHAEL SWIFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal on eight bells and first of Grandsire.

A 21st birthday compliment to Daphne J. Pankhurst.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	ISOBEL INMAN	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	PERCY J. SPICE	6
DAVID J. KIRBY	3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal of Major as conductor.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	5
HOWARD SCOTT	2	GIBSON JACKSON	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	J. HENRY FIELDEN	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

The first peal in the method for all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

MRS. A. E. COX	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT ..	5
ANTHONY E. COX	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	6
JOHN D. KAPE	3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	7
DAVID A. CORNWALL ..	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* 200th peal. First in the method by all except the conductor, and first in the method as conductor. First in the method by the Guild.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY..	*Treble*	PATRICIA M. BOURN ..	5
*JACK S. DEAR	2	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD ..	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	3	*EDWIN G. BUCK	7
*RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE..	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Major in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	H WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A wedding compliment to Michael John Soanes and Jean Vivian Kegler.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY ..	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
BRIAN HARRIS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by C KENNETH LEWIS.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16½ cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	PETER S. BORER	5
ERNEST J. LADD..	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BLOWEN	*Treble*	G. LEONARD HEWITT ..	5
GEOFFREY GREEN	2	PETER HURCOMBE	6
AUSTIN WIXEY	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
FREDERICK E. TRANTER ..	4	CLIVE WIXEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*DAVID GEBBETT	*Treble*	†GEORGE A. HURD	4
WILLIAM M. MANN	2	JOHN G. UNDERWOOD ..	5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD..	3	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal in seven methods. † First of Minor. First peal for the Society and rung by a resident band.

DODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*LOUIS H. EARL..	*Treble*	RICHARD G. CHATER	4
PERCY AMOS	2	VICTOR A. PERRY	5
†GLADYS A. ASHBY	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First attempt for a peal: commenced ringing 41 years ago. † First touch of Minor. First known peal of Minor on the bells, which were last rehung, except for the tenor, 111 years ago.
Rung in honour of the bicentenary of the birth of Joseph D. Carlyle (1758-1804) and the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley (December, 1707), both noted hymn-writers.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	KATHARINE BURCHNALL ..	4
*VALERIE WATERFIELD ..	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
TERENCE RANDALL	3	RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Annie Gwendoline Salt, who passed away March 20th, 1958, wife of the Rev. S. M. I. Salt, who has been Rector of Gamston for 22 years.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*BARBARA MANSHIP	*Treble*	GEORGE A. HURD	4
JAMES A. LORD..	2	*FRANK CHAMBERS	5
JOHN G. UNDERWOOD ..	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal.

HARPOLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 30 extents of Plain Bob and 12 extents of Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

DAVID C. WEST	*Treble*	PATRICIA A. NEESHAM ..	3
*PATRICIA F. CURTIS ..	2	ROBIN V. BAKER	4
MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.
* First peal 'inside.'

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PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one six-score of Stedman, eight six-scores each of April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, five six-scores of Reverse St. Bartholomew, one twelve-score (Morris's arrangement) and ten six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY ..	*Treble*	ANTHONY M. COOMBS ..	4
BRYNLEY TAYLOR	2	JEFFERY W. WALLACE ..	5
GEOFFREY J. B. STICKLAND	3	DAVID N. HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS.

First peal in six different methods by all the band.

Rung to wish Edmund J. R. Hartley, of Penarth, luck in his forthcoming examinations.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	HERBERT T. ROOKE	4
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ..	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

Mr. A. P. Knights has now rung peals of Oxford Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

WOLVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	4
RONALD F. DISERENS ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
FRANK W. LEWIS	3	A PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

The first peal of Minor on the bells.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., March 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley, York, London, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 12¾ cwt. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
*RAYMOND PECK	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

A birthday compliment to Vernon B. Bedford.

WINLATON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

THOMAS SEWELL	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	4
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

LEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN ..	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	4
ERNEST J. LADD..	2	STANLEY JENNER..	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER ..	3	BERNARD W. PANKHURST ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Birthday compliments to Mrs. B. Pankhurst, Mrs. G. Whitehead and Miss J. Whitehead.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*RONALD O. NEEDHAM ..	*Treble*	CHARLES CATTELL	4
RITA M. STRATFORD ..	2	GRAHAM T. BALL	5
MRS. J. B. BENNETT ..	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.

* First peal. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. S. R. G. Davies, who was inducted Vicar of Cosby the previous day.

DOWNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of St. Clement's, one of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID J. KIRBY	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
†BRENDA M. FOSTER ..	2	PETER P. BROWN	5
SUSAN P. NICHOLSON ..	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

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

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM S. DEASON	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	4
RALPH BIRD	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
ROBIN G. LEALE..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD

The first peal on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1741. This is the first time the bells have been rung for over 45 years, previously regarded as unringable.

RENDCOMB, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (called differently). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN DOWDESWELL	*Treble*	*RALPH E. W. WENBAN ..	4
A. C. MERVYN DAY	2	PATRICK A. BARTLETT ..	5
PETER W. BARTLETT	3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* 50th peal.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Tarrant, of Rendcomb.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 17, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, St. Remigius', St. Osmund, Winchendon Place and St. Martin's, and 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and St. Nicholas'. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER	1—2	A. SHEPPARD	3—4
JOHN POTTS	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT NO. 13, COOMBEND,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 12 extents of Plain Bob and ten each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

EDWIN BROWN	1—2	DAVID HOARE	3—4
		*BRENDA CARTER	5—6

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela R. Gough 1, R. D. Brown (cond.) 2, Margaret E. Perry (first 'inside') 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung to welcome Mark Nicholson, born on February 15th, son of Ann (former secretary of the band) and Bob Jones. Also on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. F. Gough 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, H. W. Brown 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. J. D. C. Fisher as Rector.

BACUP, LANCS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Parkinson (first quarter) 1, R. Parkinson (first quarter) 2, S. Lowe 3, H. Parkinson 4, G. Coppin 5, J. Heaps (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Ald. A. Rhodes, to commemorate a lifetime of service to the church.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Varney (first in method) 1, J. Bray (first 'inside') 2, R. Castledine (cond.) 3, L. Scoot 4, A. Leggett 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bathwick, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan M. Silcox 1, Vivien E. Cott 2, Margaret Greedy 3, R. S. M. Stubbs 4, T. T. Jones (cond.) 5, C. J. B. Taylor 6. For evening service.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Sheila Bradder (first quarter) 1, P. H. Langton (cond.) 2, Jane E. Langton 3, B. E. Matthews 4, R. A. Brown 5, G. R. Crisp 6. First in two method 3, 4 and 5.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, Claude Corderoy 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, A. R. Greenaugh 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Reading.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joseph Gasson 1, John Gasson 2, R. Simpson 3, G. Packham 4, R. V. Johnson 5, J. Jeffrey 6, L. L. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Gasson, ringer at this church for 56 years, who died on Mar. 19th, aged 75 years, interred this day. Three of his sons rang in the quarter with friends from Cuckfield, Burgess Hill and Twinqham.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cann 1, C. Sangwin 2, R. G. Pearce 3, H. Stacey 4, H. Heard (first 'inside') 5, H. Trewin 6, J. Sangwin (cond.) 7, W. Bond 8. For Evensong.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Burford (first of Triples) 1, R. Allport 2, C. Skidmore 3, A. E. Morgan (cond.) 4, C. F. Jukes 5, A. Mallin 6, J. Lloyd 7, C. Bagnel (first quarter) 8. For Mothering Sunday.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. North 1, A. W. Bond 2, Miss R. How 3, M. O. Slaney 4, A. W. Gravett 5, F. W. Burnett 6, E. K. Jordan 7, F. Page 8, H. W. Woolven 9, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 10.

BRISTOL.—At St. Thomas' (City) Church, on Mar 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Bird 1, Mrs. R. J. Bowden 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, F. C. Mogford 4, F. E. Hansford 5, R. J. Bowden 6, T. P. Edwards 7, F. D. Mack (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the re-consecration of the rebuilt St. Paul's, Bedminster, this day.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of All Saints' and April Day, 360 Bob, 420 Grandsire): B. Watts 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, T. Fagg 6. First in four methods for all. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to T. Fagg.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Welsh (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 2, B. A. Thompson 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Martin 5, J. Armstrong 6, P. P. Brown 7, R. Keeley (cond.) 8. For Matins.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On Mar. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Bishop 1, L. Derrick 2, Mrs. J. Gray 3, D. C. Jackson 4, D. E. Cobb 5, M. J. Horseman 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, P. M. J. Gray 8. First of Surprise Major for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Miles 1, Margaret Jennings 2, M. Jennings 3, G. Jennings 4, S. Arnold (cond.) 5, P. Whitford 6, R. Elliott 7, W. Slaughter 8. For Evensong.

EALING, MDLX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Mar. 26th, 1,280 Bob Major: P. Bettridge 1, H. J. Eldred 2, D. Fowles 3, A. M. Stacey 4, D. Theedom 5, F. Ranson 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, W. T. Cook (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service. Also at St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 30th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: F. Ranson 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey 3, R. J. Cook 4, S. Croft 5, D. Theedom 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, W. T. Cook (cond.) 8. For Palm Sunday.

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — At SS. Mary and Eanswythe's Church, on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Binfield 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, Miss V. Gooderidge 3, A. Berry (first of Triples) 4, W. Bidnell 5, T. Anderson (cond.) 6, R. Birch 7, A. Jackson (first of Triples) 8. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's visit to Folkestone the following day.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Mar 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Hindle 1, Miss S. Barker 2, R. Lofty 3, C. Moore 4, P. Adcock (cond.) 5, H. Blake 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, C. Button 2, A. Beckwith 3, J. Everitt 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. For St. Mary's Day.

KERESLEY, WARKS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss T. I. Bowcutt 1, H. Folwell 2, W. Ensor 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, R. D. Hart 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. E. Barnett, a former churchwarden and a great friend and supporter of the local ringers.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. George (first quarter) 1, D. Downing (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, C. F. Jukes 3, F. E. Jukes 4, A. E. Morgan (cond.) 5, H. Morgan 6, D. Griffiths 7, M. Wright 8. For Mothering Sunday.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles in 10 methods: Miss C. Wheeler 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, R. H. Cook 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. A compliment to Mrs. Annie Wheeler on the birth of her first great grandchild (Martin John Wheeler), also to his grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeler) and Auntie Christine.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. F. West 1, J. Butler 2, W. Rouse 3, Miss H. Sharp 4, L. Sharp 5, D. E. West 6, U. W. Wildney 7, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

KIRKHEATON, YORKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Smith (15) 1, D. Ingleby 2, Miss C. Dearnley (15) 3, W. Sykes 4, R. Mitchell 5, R. Senior (cond.) 6. First quarter by the local band. For evening service.

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LEICESTER.—On Mar. 25th, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Wardle 1, J. Moss 2, W. Tanser 3, V. Pratt 4, R. Morris 5, G. Hebborn 6, S. Harrison (cond.) 7, C. Desbrow 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Poole, who died in an accident on her way to St. John's practice on March 20th.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Canterbury, London, Chase, Plain Bob, Union, St. Simon's, Old, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew and 180 Grandsire): A. Henman 1, L. Battisson 2, J. Kightley 3, R. Henman (cond.) 4, A. Ford 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Davies.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. D. Day 1, D. Manton 2, T. Templeton 3, J. Stimson 4, H. Aley 5, F. Hubbard 6, F. Shepheard 7, R. Hill 8, H. Clayton (cond.) 9, J. W. Day 10. First of Caters for 1, 6, 8 and 10. Rung as a mark of respect for Mrs. Phyllis Poole, of Leicester, a great friend and a great ringer, who was accidentally killed a few days before.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 300 Grandsire, 120 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure and Clifford Pleasure): P. A. Bird 1, Joan E. Probert 2, Valerie A. Bundy 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, D. A. R. May 5, P. G. Smart 6. First in eight methods for all the band. For Evensong.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five extents Plain Bob, three different extents, a 240 and 60 of Grandsire): Miss B. Foster 1, G. S. Mills 2, B. J. Wild 3, A. Smith (jun.) 4, D. Butterworth (cond.) 5, M. Fishwick 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles in seven methods: C. Marchant 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, F. A. K. Prime 4, D. G. Miller (cond.) 5, B. Dickenson (first quarter) 6. First in seven methods for all except 4.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. d'A. Blackwell 1, J. Swanne (first of Minor) 2, B. Claridge 3, J. L. Queen 4, D. Forder 5, D. C. Exell (cond.) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Mar. 16th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): Mrs. M. I. Pailing 1, F. N. Pailing (first quarter) 2, G. E. Padgett 3, J. G. Underwood 4, F. A. Salter 5, G. D. Clift 6, J. H. Pailing (cond.) 7, H. Dale 8. For evening service.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Porter (first of Major) 1, H. Rodmell 2, L. Rodmell 3, R. Ducker 4, N. Ling 5, L. Daggitt 6, F. Osgerby 7, C. Barker (cond.) 8. A 76th birthday compliment to L. Rodmell.

PIDDINGTON, OXON.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. G. Jones 1, J. W. Eustace 2, C. W. J. East 3, L. A. Busby 4, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 5.

PULHAM MARY, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. Minns 1, Miss M. J. Aldin 2, A. H. Roberts 3, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 4, P. M. Adcock 5, T. N. J. Bailey 6. First of Minor for 3. Rung on the eve of Mothering Sunday. Also on Mar. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, Miss B. Syrett 2, L. J. Minns 3, E. A. Head 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, P. D. T. Cattermole 6, R. Plummer 7, L. E. Etheridge 8. First of Major for 3 and 6. A farewell to the Rev. L. G. Dennis, the retiring Rector.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Coward 1, G. S. Sandwell 2, R. D. Tomlin 3, F. C. May 4, W. J. Ellis 5, M. F. Hatch 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, E. J. Blower 8. First in method for 2 and 6. For Evensong and a welcome to Lesley Anne Tomlin.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 16th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, Mrs. N. J. Diserens (first in method) 2, A. Diserens 3, J. N. Diserens 4, N. J. Diserens 5, B. C. Stirland 6, R. F. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Wright 1, J. Tagg 2, F. Hill 3, D. Bass (first quarter) 4, R. Stretton (cond.) 5, R. Hopson 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 16th. 1,260 Doubles (480 Canterbury, 780 Plain Bob): R. Rogers (first quarter) 1, Miss P. F. Curtis 2, Miss P. Neesham 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. For evening service.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,295 Little Bob Royal: P. Walker 1, Miss M. Mills 2, I. Tilling 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Miss' E. A. Wardill 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, F. Fisher 7, G. S. Lee 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung on the Festival of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Hook 1, A. B. Allcorn 2, E. Avery 3, A. Hoad 4, G. King 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8. First in method by all. Rung by local band for Evensong.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Brandrick (first of Treble Bob) 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, Rita Stratford 4, J. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for Mothers' Union enrolment service on Lady Day.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples (from Hubbard's five-part): A. Dickerson 1, B. H. B. Mutimer 2, C. Thompson 3, A. H. Roberts 4, J. Aldis 5, D. Poyntz 6, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 7, C. Alden 8. First on eight for 4, 7 and 8. A birthday compliment to Cecil Alden, of Starston.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Challen 1, Miss D. Gough 2, Miss J. Pike 3, R. Challen 4, O. Giles 5, F. Howe 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, J. Arnold 8. For Confirmation service.

SHOTESHAM ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Hindle 1, J. Aldis 2, N. Fenn 3, P. M. Adcock 4, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 5. Rung on the Feast of St. Winwalloe of Brittany.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Aldridge 1, Mary Piper 2, H. Miller (first 'inside') 3, M. Stanyon 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, J. Perrett 6. Rung for the children's Mothering Sunday service. Also on Mar. 23rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Stanyon 1, Ann Aldridge (first of Kent 'inside') 2, Pam Miller (first of Kent) 3, S. G. Peck 4, J. Wallman (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6. For the Parish Communion. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Mary Piper 3, S. G. Peck 4, W. Wainwright (first of Major) 5, M. Stanyon 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. For Evensong on Palm Sunday.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cann 1, C. Taylor (first as cond.) 2, A. E. Bissar 3, W. Chalwell 4, R. G. Pearce 5, H. Stacey 6, R. Hill 7, H. Heard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Sangwin, mother of local ringers Jack, Charles and Fred, interred this day at Pyworthy.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Mar. 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Thorley 1, James Thorley 2, T. Leask 3, F. A. Staveley 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, L. M. Woodhead 6, C. Thorley (cond.) 7, E. Thorley 8. A wedding compliment to Margaret Wilson and Clifford Leask, married same day.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): D. d'A. Blackwall 1, J. Swanne 2, M. E. L. Beamish 3, D. Forder 4, D. C. Exell (cond.) 5, P. Wooster (first quarter) 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, T. P. Edwards 2, B. Davis 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom 5, A. F. Lee 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, R. S. N. Brown 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bruten, of Ebbw Vale, Mon., on the birth of a son. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Arkle (first quarter) 1, R. O. Fry 2, B. Davis 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom 5, D. E. Cobb 6, A. L. Lee (first on eight as cond.) 7, R. S. N. Brown 8. A compliment to the Vicar of Twerton (the Rev. J. Higgins) and Mrs. Higgins on the birth of a daughter.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Mar. 30th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Fooks (first quater) 1, A. M. Cunningham 2, R. G. W. Robertson (first quarter) 3, C. G. Cherrett (first 'inside') 4, C. T. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Bull (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On Mar. 25th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 behind): Miss C. M. Allsebrook 1, M. J. Mossendew 2, H. Naylor 3, K. Ingram 4, R. W. Morrant (cond.) 5, P. Simmon 6, T. Robinson (first quarter) 7, G. Davis (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th. 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Leggett 1, G. Balls (first 'inside') 2, B. Gibbons 3, F. Clarke 4, E. Leggett (cond.) 5, J. C. Macbeth 6. A 78th birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead on his appointment as Rural Dean of Southampton. Mr. Felstead has been Vicar of St. Michael's, Southampton, since 1946, and during his incumbency the congregation has raised nearly £12,000 for the fabric fund of the church. Mrs. Felstead is presiding member of the Mothers' Union for Southampton 'A' deanery, the largest M.U. group in the Winchester diocese.

Mr. Arthur Bason made a welcome return to peal ringing on March 29th, when he took part in a peal of Cambridge at Loddon.

The band who rang in the 70th birthday peal to 'Uncle John' Fowler at Cookham are grateful to him for his hospitality after the event.

Two boys of Rotherham Grammar School selected as their prizes 'Towers and Bells of Britain.'

The Twerton-on-Avon ringers, with Mr. T. Edwards, from Bristol, rang a quarter peal on March 16th to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Bruten, of Ebbw Vale. Mrs. Bruten (Audrey Stephens) had been a great help to Twerton when living in Bath.

The five bells at Dickleburgh, Norfolk, are unsafe to ring. The P.C.C. hope to put them in order and add a sixth bell. To complete the work over £1,000 has to be raised. Since early February over £600 has been received, mainly by donations, but £11 came from salvage paper sales.

Mr. J. M. Page, of Hatfield, will shortly be moving to Carlisle to take up a senior appointment with the Cumberland County Council. He is an active member of the Herts County Association and the Society of Roving Ringers.

We regret to hear that Mr. Norman Mallett, of Exeter, is receiving medical treatment in hospital, after which he has been ordered a complete rest. This will prevent him from ringing for the greater part of the year.

A well-known Cheshire ringer, J. E. B., once made a statement in Devon that if ever a Yorkshire band rang a peal of Glasgow Surprise Major he would buy them 'pints all round.' Perhaps he might now forward the 'necessary.' Glasgow Surprise Major is regarded by some to be the most difficult method ever devised.

Apropos the recent peal of Cambridge at Acle, this was not the first peal of Surprise on the bells, for the first peal on the bells on April 12th, 1934, was of Cambridge.

The will of Mr. William Armley Wooler, of Great Hazeley, Oxon, a retired colliery surveyor, who was a ringer in the north of England some 30 years ago, has been proved at £12,598 gross (£12,526 net). He left £3,000 each to the Church of England Children's Society and the Ordination Candidates Exhibition Fund, and £2,000 to the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

When St. Paul's, Bedminster, was first consecrated, 'a triumphant peal of thanksgiving' was rung at St. Thomas', Bristol, on October 24th, 1831. One hundred years later, in 1931, a quarter peal celebrated the centenary, and now in 1958 another quarter peal at St. Thomas' marks the reconsecration of the rebuilt church of St. Paul, Bedminster. The new church has only one bell, which was cast by Mears and Stainbank recently (12 cwt. in F).

In connection with the end-of-term service of Chesterfield Grammar School and the Girls' High School, held at Chesterfield Parish Church on March 28th, the ten bells were rung, with one exception, by scholars from those two schools, the exception being an adult lady, Mrs. Elsie Silcock, who resides near the church and made up the band. The scholars are all regular service ringers at neighbouring churches, viz.: Clay Cross, Bolsover, Old Brampton and Chesterfield Parish Church.

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ENGLAND HAS 42,319 RINGERS

CHURCH'S ESTIMATE FOR PROVINCES OF CANTERBURY AND YORK

SOME time ago the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England kindly agreed to include in their forms of inquiry about parochial statistics for the year 1956 a section relating to the number of ringers in a manpower census which they were undertaking of parishes in the provinces of Canterbury and York.

So far it has not been possible to total returns for more than 14 dioceses. This is largely due to the slowness with which the returns have been received and also to a high incidence of sickness among the small staff in the Statistical Unit.

'The average percentage of returns from both provinces of Canterbury and York,' writes Mr. R. F. Neuss, assistant secretary to the Central Board of Finance, 'is now almost 84, and we are now engaged on the work of tabulating the results. The questions relating to bell-ringers are, of course, only a small part of the comprehensive statistical inquiry undertaken for 1956, and it would not be practicable or economical to produce the statistics of bell-ringers separated from the 15,000 returns received.

'So far as I can judge, we shall not complete the scrutiny and tabulation of the results until the late summer. However, I have pleasure in sending you the results for the 14 dioceses we have completed. The table summarises all the figures which we have obtained from the parochial returns from the 14 dioceses, and estimated figures have been included for the churches for which no return was received.'

THE 14 DIOCESES

Salisbury Diocese: Males 1,707 (paid 128), females 351 (23); total 2,058.

Durham Diocese: Males 432 (paid 59), females 118 (8); total 550.

Blackburn Diocese: Males 568 (paid 101), females 100 (13); total 668.

Chester Diocese: Males 775 (paid 356), females 201 (63); total 976.

Sodor and Man Diocese: Males 22 (paid 14), females 1; total 23.

Wakefield Diocese: Males 493 (paid 130), females 97 (6); total 590.

Winchester Diocese: Males 771 (paid 114), females 269 (paid 18); total 1,040.

Birmingham Diocese: Males 358 (paid 50), females 94 (11); total 452.

Bristol Diocese: Males 454 (paid 42), females 130 (4); total 584.

Coventry Diocese: Males 646 (paid 48), females 131 (5); total 777.

Leicester Diocese: Males 1,031 (paid 78), females 267 (7); total 1,298.

Portsmouth Diocese: Males 280 (paid 41), females 139 (12); total 419.

Guildford Diocese: Males 513 (paid 62), females 268 (17); total 781.

Ely Diocese: Males 938 (paid 82), females 168 (9); total 1,106.

The estimated totals for 43 dioceses in the Church of England, based on the figures for 14 dioceses, would be 42,319 ringers (33,595 males, 8,724 females).

Comparative figures are: 1939, 42,765; 1938, 44,980; 1937, 45,088; 1936, 45,255; 1931, 45,872; 1921, 49,084; 1916, 40,942; 1911, 49,372; 1906, 46,471; 1901, 38,545; 1896, 35,452.

Mr. E. A. Barnett writes: 'How far the total includes people who chime one solitary bell, for instance, one does not know; but possibly any of those who are included may serve to balance omissions caused by failure to render returns.

'I am sure ringers will be grateful to the Board of Finance for providing this comprehensive information.'

BELL YEAR AT OAKLEY, SUFFOLK

The year 1958 is Bell Year in the villages of Brome and Oakley, near Eye, and the united parish hopes to raise between £1,150 and £1,200 to put the six bells in Oakley Church in order.

The work proposed is to hang the bells in a steel frame to replace the present wooden one; all bells to be quarter turned, mounted on ball-bearings and retuned; the fourth bell, which is cracked, to be recast.

Three of the bells—the second, third and tenor—were cast by I. Goldsmith, of Redgrave, in 1711. The fifth is very old, dating from about 1400. The inscription is badly mutilated.

An order for the work has been placed with John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Donations sent to the Rector (Rev. H. D. Tyson), The Rectory, Oakley, Diss, will be gratefully acknowledged.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Ringers entering the University of Nottingham have always been few and far between since the foundations of a University College in the 1910's, and consequently it has become a tradition that intending University undergraduates should shun Nottingham. With the recent decline of ringing in Nottingham following the death of Clement Glenn, one would have suspected that even fewer ringers would grace Highfields, but fortunately exactly the opposite has happened. Over the past two sessions no fewer than 13 ringers have entered the University—no doubt poor misguided people who think that too much ringing makes one fail examinations! Eager to relieve Nottingham of the disgrace of being amongst the four 'ringerless' Universities, preparations were made, and the present Society emerged at the end of Christmas term.

On January 29th the inaugural meeting was held in order to ratify the constitution and to elect the officers. Mr. Paul Taylor, of bell-founding fame, was elected president, and amongst the vice-presidents was Mr. Fred Salter. Other officers were: Chairman, John Underwood; secretary, Roger Baldwin; treasurer, George A. Hurd; committee—David A. Gebbett, Jill Lepper, and 'Fresher' representative, Rosemary Clarke. The Union Executive Committee has granted the Society financial aid, but we have been told that the full grant will not be available unless we 'break sufficient bells'!

Activities this term have been quite successful, and membership has reached 20, 13 of whom can handle a bell, and the rest are learning. The first quarter and also the first peal (in seven Minor methods) have been scored, and it is hoped to ring our 8-bell peal before the end of the year. It has only been possible to hold four practice nights this term, and we are greatly indebted to Mr. Fred Salter and to the Vicar of St. Peter's for granting the use of St. Peter's bells for these practices.

Finally, would any graduate or past member of the University who is interested in joining the Society please write to: The Secretary, Bell-Ringing Society, Students' Union, University of Nottingham. R. B.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The following information supplements that previously published in 'The Ringing World.'

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

By kind invitation, a tour of Messrs. Guinness's Brewery, St. James's Street, Dublin, has been arranged. Those intending to avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity must arrive at the Brewery not later than 11 a.m. Tours commence at 10 a.m. for those arriving early in the day. Visitors arriving by air are advised to go direct to the Brewery. The managing director has kindly invited the visitors to lunch at the Brewery and requires numbers for same. Lunch will be at 12.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. F. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath, *by not later than April 19th.*

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

A 39-seater coach has been provisionally reserved for a tour of Glendalough (Garden of Ireland). Depart Headquarters at 1.30 p.m.; due back at about 8.30 p.m. Ringing at Arklow and Bray. Tea at Arklow. Inclusive charge about 12s. 6d. per head. Please notify Mr. Dukes as above, *sending money with reservation.*

MONDAY, MAY 26TH

Rail excursions to Cork and Limerick. See 'The Ringing World,' February 14th, for charges. Numbers limited, and preference will be given in order of application. Notify Mr. Dukes as above.

TUESDAY, MAY 27TH

Members and friends are invited to a reception by the Bord Failte Eireann after the Council Meeting. Notify Mr. Dukes as above.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch

A meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at Choadle on March 22nd, when in spite of a very cold day over 40 members and friends were present. The ring of eight bells was made good use of until service in church, conducted by the assistant curate, who gave the Branch a warm welcome to the church and parish. Tea was served in the near-by schools, where some difficulty was caused by more turning up than had sent names.

At the business meeting, which was held under the chairmanship of Mr. M. J. Pryor (vice-chairman) in the absence of the chairman who was indisposed, reference was made to the impending departure for South Wales of Mr. Pryor. Just tribute was paid to his unbounded enthusiasm and hard work at Marple, which has borne such amazing results. He is leaving behind a tower so manned with young men and women that few 6-bell towers could compete with it both for numbers and variety of ringing. It is to be hoped that in his new home he will be able to render similar assistance to the local band.

The following were elected members of the Guild: Barry, Stuart and Martin Jones, of Wilmslow, and Barry Hendry, non-resident. It was decided to write to Mrs. M. G. Beeston, widow of the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, conveying the good wishes of the Branch for her speedy recovery to health. C. H. L.

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THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from Vol. LIII., page 837)

WHEN I got too big for my work as costing clerk in a leather factory I was sent out 'on the road,' and for a time did all the local calls and later was sent further afield. On one occasion I visited Bristol, which meant an overnight stay there. The late John A. Burford fixed up a peal of Stedman Caters for me at St. Stephen-the-Martyr's—that tall tower which (to me) seems top-heavy with the grand surmounting ornamental parapet. I rang the ninth to a quick peal conducted by the veteran Alf. E. Reeves, this being his 50th peal of Stedman Caters. The late Rev. Mr. Whitford rang, also the late Charles E. Jennings, that well-known Dorset enthusiast from Wyke Regis. Mr. Burford entertained me until midnight-train-time, and gave me several compositions of his of Cambridge Royal, of which I called two or three in later years.

'JAZZ ON CHURCH BELLS'

I had previously joined the Bristol and Gloucester Association when, after the 1918 Armistice, I was sent to Cheltenham to assist in the demobilisation of the Area Administrative R.A.S.C., of which I was a staff-sergeant. While there I rang regularly at the Parish Church with that fine ringer, the late William T. Pates, who called (the then) record long peals of Stedman and Grandsire Caters. I remember on one occasion on practice night trying to ring London Surprise on the top eight of the twelve—not a true octave, and they didn't know much about the method, and I knew less! Mr. Pates told me on the following Sunday that the churchwarden wanted to know what we were doing on Thursday. He got away with it by saying, 'You know the modern craze for jazz and syncopated music—we were trying to do this on the church bells'! On Sunday Mr. Pates would never ring anything but Stedman or Grandsire, which they could ring perfectly, and he delighted in calling the former with a lot of singles, and the latter with Holt's bob singles.

On one occasion I cycled against a terrific high wind to Tewkesbury, where I had the pleasure of ringing the tenor to a perfect peal of Grandsire Caters called by John Austin, the well-known Gloucester conductor. Mr. Austin was one of the 'old brigade,' a pioneer of the early days of Surprise ringing at Burton-on-Trent. When he went to Gloucester he joined the enthusiastic band at St. Michael's, which included the brothers E. Bankes and H. Law James. Mr. Austin conducted many Surprise and other peals in this district and was the first man ever to call a bob in Cambridge Maximus! In the Tewkesbury peal that well-known figure from Wales took part—John W. Jones. There were but ten bells at Tewkesbury at that time, and the ninth was rung by the veteran ex-Police Sergeant Williams, who—before starting—turned to me and said, 'Send them along, my lad.' I did, and it was one of my best peals.

On another occasion I cycled to Painswick and rang the eighth to 6,335 Grandsire Cinques in about 4¼ hours. I did not know they were going for above 5,000, but was told afterwards it was the half the 13,001 they were going for. After my demobilisation Mr. Wright (the conductor) wanted me to go for this length, but I had not settled down to civilian life, and had illness at home, so declined. Later still they went for the record length but lost it after attempts of five hours and nine hours, the tenor men giving up. Mr. James George declared he could ring it, so they fixed up (without me) and rang the peal in just under 12 hours. Unfortunately, on the publishing of the figures, it was found to be false.

TOOK HANDBELLS 'OVER THE TOP'

In this long false peal that eccentric Hinckley District ringer took part—E. Harry Stonely, a grand ringer who could ring and conduct any method up to London Surprise. Shortly after this time I met Harry in Hinckley—he was dressed in Boy Scout shorts, a khaki tunic, and a little boy's blue cap on his head! During the war he was a sergeant in the Royal Engineers, and had a small ring of handbells, which he took with him everywhere he went. He served overseas, and many times went 'over the top' in the front lines, but whatever happened, whether advance or rear action, Harry never left his bells behind whatever else had to be discarded. After his return home I had the pleasure of taking part in a peal of Stedman Caters on these handbells.

In my journeyings I went several times to London, and once wrote to the late Tom Coles asking if any practice on, I would like to stay late and join in. He replied there was a peal on at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, specially for William Pye to get one at this church, and I was welcome to be in it. As the usual preliminary trying out before the peal began, I noticed no one tried the tenor, so I asked Tom if anyone was ringing it and he said, 'No, not particular.' I tried it, set it back and hand—it was just right length, so I thought I'd have a nice easy job ringing it behind Stedman Triples.

A TENOR EXPERIENCE

William Pye was very late coming and as soon as he entered the belfry asked, 'Who is ringing the tenor?' Tom said, 'Ernest.' So he made no comment and took the seventh. I was wearing a stiff starched collar with hickey-bow, and never even took my waistcoat off or rolled up my sleeves!

Off we started and all went well for about a quarter of an hour, when down went W. Pye's bell—and mine followed! I got it back all right in a couple of blows. Then all plain sailing for a while when down went the seventh and my bell did likewise!! I thought if this happened many times I should not be able to manage it. I noticed one of the ringers' watches hung on the wall every now and then swing like a pendulum! I had a rare job and at the last quarter (it was Davies' transposition) Tom Coles, on the treble, said, 'Are you all right, Ernest?' I was so far gone that I could only nod, but, determined to do or die, I counted every time the seventh went slow and quick, saying to myself, 'One more—one less.' I stuck to it and finished like a wet rag—my stiff collar was like a dishcloth.

It was a standing joke for years after. Tom Coles' brother, Albert, whom I call the 'land agent'—you tell them why, Bert!) told me the tower was on a nodding acquaintance with the shops opposite! The bells originally were in a good, square tower, but on the church being enlarged this present tower of brick and stone with a two-faced clock hanging over the pavement, was not really big enough to carry the bells. The seventh and tenor could not swing clear of their frames, so they built up the bearings on blocks over and above the frame. Consequently when they swung right over they were right above it. Bert told me that every time a train went by on the underground railway beneath the church, it 'took it along with it'! In the great blitz this church was utterly destroyed, and the bells are no more.

'SQUIRE' JACKSON

One of my early peals outside my native 'woolly-back' county of Leicester was at Belton, Rutland, where the enthusiastic 'Squire' John J. Jackson was then living. He invited me for a week-end at the Hall, and on the Saturday afternoon attempted a Minor peal. We rang Double Court and Single Court, but failed in St. Clement's. So, after tea, we started again where we failed and rang seven methods, finishing with the Court methods. I had the pleasure to call this peal, which was the first by Henry Churchill. Soon after came the Great War (1914) and Harry went overseas, but unfortunately came back minus his right arm. This did not mean the end of his ringing career, and his next peal I called he rang perfectly on the second with his left arm only. I also called an ex-Servicemen's peal here, as I did at Enderby later on.

JIMMY GEORGE TELLS HIS STORY

Another well-known one-armed ringer I had the happiness to ring with was George Hughes, of Wednesbury, when 'Uncle' Joe Sykes called my composition of 5,760 Kent Royal, in 1921. After this peal I found I could not get home to Leicester that night so James George, who was in it, invited me to stay the night with him at Nechells, Birmingham. This I did, and must confess that although I liked ringing and all connected with it—James George just about knocked me out! He talked of all the peals he had rung in, showed me all his peal records—all duly entered in a huge book and analysed! When eventually we did get to bed he hadn't finished, and kept me awake half the night. I was glad when morning came and so escape—for more ringing at St. Martin's, Birmingham!

(To be continued)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IRON CLAPPERS

Dear Sir,—When one considers the amount of work put into casting and tuning, one wonders if that work and full quality of tone are cast to the four winds in sacrifice for volume after the bells are hung.

Is it really necessary that they should be contemptuously struck by a whacking great lump of old iron? Isn't there a hardened wood or like substance capable of perhaps less volume but improved musical quality, more pleasing to both ringers and listeners?

During a visit to a bell-foundry, demonstrations of tone were carried out by striking the bells with a wooden mallet. Do the iron clappers extract the same tone values, or are they fitted solely for volume's sake?

My regrets should it be proved that the iron clapper be of indigenous skill; nor am I soliciting a supply of wooden mallets.—Yours faithfully,

G. W. BISHOP.

East Hagbourne.

NON-ASSOCIATION PEALS

Dear Sir,—Recently in the peal columns a number of 'Non-Association' peals have been reported. What is, one wonders, the reason for this? Is it because the ringers concerned cannot afford to pay a 'non-resident member's' subscription, or is it because they cannot agree between themselves which Association the peal shall be credited to? If the latter is the case, the peal should not be rung, as the Central Council states that when more than one Association is represented the band shall decide beforehand to which Association the peal shall be credited.

The peal at Histon, Cambridgeshire, on March 3rd was not a peal because the Central Council regulations regarding peals states that 'every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.'—Yours sincerely,

R. HOBBS.

Retford.

BEGINNERS AND PROGRESS

Dear Sir,—It was with vast surprise that I perused the peculiar effusion above the name of C. W. Hancock.

If Mr. Hancock considers that my remarks concerning jealousy of young ringers were intended for him personally, it would appear that he is suffering from delusions of grandeur.

First, may I point out that I am no 'angry young man,' as it is my sincere belief that there is no place in ringing for their warped mentalities: neither am I against criticism in its right time and place. Mr. Hancock goes on to say that 'if you have a weak case, abuse your opponent,' following which he abuses me right and left: most surely an incredible piece of logic!

Secondly, if a young ringer's enthusiasm is to be maintained, especially in these modern times, and in the face of so much competition from entertainments of various types, every possible encouragement and opportunity must be advanced to enable him to attain an ever-increasing standard of proficiency.

Mr. Hancock would do well to remember that:—

(*a*) A beginner's enthusiasm will soon wane without fast and continuous progress.

(*b*) The beginners of today whom he would train so slowly will tomorrow be the mainstay of ringing.

I conclude by hoping that Mr. Hancock will see the error of his misguided ways, and in future will offer constructive advice instead of endeavouring to destroy all before him.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

Beeeles.

'WHITTINGTON'S'

Dear Sir,—It will be generally agreed, I think, that 12 is the number of bells most suited for the ringing of Whittington's. The musical quality of this row, 531246E9780T, leads one to wonder whether it can be produced during the ringing of some particular method. It can, of course; but as this would occur only once per touch or peal, and would also be complicated, this trail was not followed any further. However, the appeal of the **Tittums** position on **ten** bells is enhanced by the amalgamation which automatically occurs between two well-known features:—

(1) Tittums is naturally associated with '**four bell**' music.

(2) The back **four** bells are normally kept in the same relative position for lengthy periods in ten-bell ringing.

One wonders, therefore, whether a 'Whittington's' position can be evolved for 12 bells, for such a position would cause the back bells to sound in the order

E . . 9 . . 7 . . 8 . . 0 . . T

when it came into operation.

This effect can be produced, the case of attainment being quite different for different methods. Before going on to discuss this, it should perhaps be noted that the Whittington's position involves the 'fixing' of six bells in a 12-bell method, i.e., with respect to facts (1) and (2) just mentioned, we have a state of affairs analogous to the Tittums on ten bells.

With regard to choice of method for our new position, it may seem at first sight that Maximus is more suitable than Cinques. For in Plain Bob Maximus one has only to call 9 and 0 each Before with a single to reach the desired position. However, I think consideration of rhythm makes Cinques more advantageous. The effect sought after can be produced in Grandsire, although this takes quite a number of calls. Stedman readily lends itself to the production of the coursing order 0879E: the 11th and 7th are easily interposed with a single, and one bob and a single will bring the 10th and 8th into the desired place.

The music we seek can be brought up more often in Erin Cinques, however. It is an advantage to change the leading in Erin from wrong (back and hand) to right throughout; and this can easily be done by writing out the plain course in the reverse manner to that usually adopted. **Rounds is then the first change of a division, following standard practice,** e.g., Erin Triples:—

2143657

1234567
2135476
2314567
3215476
3124567
1325476

3152746
1357264
1532746
5137264

etc.

If Erin Cinques is written likewise, the back bells can easily be brought into the coursing order E9780. Comparison of this with the order mentioned when discussing Stedman leads to the concept of Whittingtons and inverted Whittingtons. These positions can be quite easily reached in Plain Bob Cinques, also. This is illustrated below:—

INVERTED

Call the 9th Before with a single, and the 8th Before with a bob, in the first course. Call the 10th Before with a single in the second course.

'STRAIGHTFORWARD'

Call bobs thus:

1E907856342
19E08765432

First Course

1E980674523
19E86047253

1078593E264 Second Course
1708 95E3624

1780392E564 Third Course
1870 93E2654

[As in the case of Stedman and Erin, the return of the back bells to plain coursing order is simple.]

When the bells are moving in the opposite direction to that in which they sound

E . . 9 . . 7 . . 8 . . 0 . . T

they will sound 0 . . . 9 . . . E . . . T. This is almost Tittums, and sounds pleasant. [cf. the —6578's in Major ringing]. The musical appeal of both the above arrangements is due partly, I think, to the 'up and down' effects of the notes concerned when sounded in these sequences.

Finally it should be mentioned that snatches of the effects under consideration are already audible, though perhaps not familiar, in some methods. For instance, certain turning courses in Stedman Cinques give the said effects for a short while. Secondly, one can 'combine' the sound of the last half of one row with that of the first half of the next row, during certain portions of Plain Bob Maximus, e.g.:—

(648201T3)E597
68402T(1E3957)

This can also be done, to a lesser extent, in Cambridge and Yorkshire Maximus. The back bells also sound 0 . . . 9 . . . E . . . T at certain points in Cambridge.

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

'THOUGHTS ON OUTINGS'

Dear Sir,—I expect you will receive many appreciations of D. H.'s 'Thoughts on Outings' in the issue of the 'R.W.' of March 28th: I should like to add mine. At the same time I hope all your readers will make a special note of what the writer says about an annual tour not being a time for practice. 'It is *indeed* imperative that we leave a good impression behind us.'—Yours sincerely, E. V. COX.

Axminster, Devon.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's nomination meeting was held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on March 29th. The bells were raised shortly after 3 o'clock and ringing continued until just before 9 p.m. Throughout this period the tower was quite full. Unfortunately, the quality of a good deal of the ringing left much to be desired.

As at the last meeting, tea time saw a considerable increase in teas wanted over names sent in, and once again an overflow had to be provided for—this time at the home of a local ringer!

The business meeting was held in the tower. Two new members were elected and thanks extended to all responsible for the arrangements for the meeting. It was proposed that a revision of the Society's rules, concerning membership and towers to be visited, be considered at the next meeting.

The following nominations were received for officers for the year 1958-59: President, I. Slack, J. F. Hodson; vice-presidents, H. Lofthouse, C. Sutcliffe, J. Gibson, D. Thorpe; Ringing Master, L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, J. M. Thorley; auditors, R. Cooke, A. Johnson.

LETTERS—Continued

THE R.A.F. ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—To the best of my knowledge, this Association ceased to function over five years ago. I remember, when I was at Hednesford, Staffs, a band of recruits rang a peal of Minor at Rugeley, and we thought at the time of reforming the Association. However, I heard shortly afterwards from Mr. James B. Morley, late of Diss, that a friend of his, Mr. John S. Barnes, had also thought of such a guild, but on getting down to details found it wouldn't be a practicable proposition. This would still seem to be likely, as the ever-present possibility of a posting overseas would give many a headache to the secretary.

The only way I can see it working well is to have various groups centred on the larger camps, like Locking and Yatesbury. During the nine months I was at the former camp there were always at least six ringers in camp of varying abilities, and several peals were rung, but a guild was never formed there; unlike the Yatesbury ringers—an account of whose activities appeared recently in this journal—but I don't know if this Guild is still active. Usually, the time spent in a large camp is fairly short, and there are no doubt many ringers scattered all over the country and like myself stationed at very small camps, where membership of any national association as suggested would be of no advantage.

Mr. Sankey mentioned helping at the local tower. I find that I'm never in one camp long enough to be of any real assistance, but wherever I have visited in many parts of the country I have always been made very welcome.

The real trouble seems that before a particular ringer enters the R.A.F. he has had no encouragement to visit other towers, and just stayed at home ringing Grandsire; consequently on joining up there is no incentive to carry on ringing, and when he leaves he has almost certainly lost all interest. When at Locking, a notice of a special practice for ringers brought very little response, although it was known that several ringers were in camp, but they just hadn't sufficient interest.

The formation of a St. Clement Danes' Guild would only be of use if there were sufficient R.A.F. ringers stationed in London more or less permanently.—Yours sincerely,

IAN H. ORAM.

R.A.F., St. Margaret's Bay,
Dover, Kent.

FORDCOME SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. E. W. Tipler: Yes, his guess is right; the 5.8 at third cross section had somehow got mislaid, so the method in question is Fordcome. This is a pity as I had had a letter from a Lincolnshire friend wanting to ring and name it.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

OBITUARY

MR. J. E. CLARKE

The South Wigston ringers have lost one of their most loyal members with the death of Mr. John Edward (Jack) Clarke on March 25th, aged 89 years. He was one of the most regular ringers up to about four years ago when, unfortunately, he could no longer climb the steps. An original member of the South Wigston band, he had never left the tower since its opening (1902).

Mr. Clarke first learned ringing in the Tewkesbury District. As a ringer, he would always try to put the best into it, and never failed to have friends. He always welcomed learners and tried to help beginners all he could.

Ringers paid their respects before and after the service at St. Thomas's Church, before interment at Wigston Cemetery. E. J. J.

UNRINGABLE BELLS RING OUT AGAIN

Situated some three miles from Whitchurch, Hants, is the village of Hurstbourne Priors, with its picturesque church. Its brick, ivy-clad tower contains a heavy ring of six bells, with a tenor of 18 cwt.

It is reputed in the village that these bells have not been rung for at least 40 years; the previous rector was not keen for them to be looked at, and it was not until the parish was amalgamated with Longparish that permission was granted for them to be inspected.

The Rev. Agg-Sage, of Longparish, was most keen for them to be rung again, if safe, and at the latter end of last year a team of ringers from Highclere visited the tower, and after clearing twigs, oiling and some spanner work, the bells were raised and rung to a few rounds.

Difficulty was experienced with the old-style set of ropes—twice the thickness of ordinary ropes and with yellow sallies. It was resolved that before any real ringing could be done another set of ropes would be necessary.

Further consultation with the Vicar followed, and the writer was given permission to bring a real tough band to attempt a 5,000 on the bells, the date fixed being March 29th. An early meeting was arranged, and on the appointed day, shortly before 2 p.m., five of the band arrived at Hurstbourne Priors complete with ropes, and it was all hands on deck changing the ropes and once more oiling the bells. The 'Tenor King' arrived shortly after, and by 3.30 a start was made in what is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Despite the fact that there was a constant dropping of twigs and rubbish, and the tenor man apparently experiencing great difficulty with his bell (it slip-wheeled at least once every 720 for the first five of the peal), a really high standard of striking was kept up and a first-class peal was brought round shortly after 6.30 in 3 hours and 3 minutes.

Congratulations were received afterwards from the villagers and the secretary of the P.C.C., and arrangements are under way for ringing for evening service on April 13th.

The Vicar already has several recruits to take up bell-ringing, and it is now hoped that the silent tower will no longer remain silent. One thing is certain, the peal of Bob Minor rung at Hurstbourne Priors will long be remembered after most other peals have been forgotten—a fine achievement by all concerned. G. K. D.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

The first Regional (L. Mid.) meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild was held at Derby on March 29th. Probably due to short notice, the attendance was thin, but the meeting lacked nothing in enthusiasm and some good ringing was enjoyed on Mr. Freebrey's lovely ten at St. Andrew's.

Tea was served at the Railway Institute, where the Vicar of St. Andrew's (Rev. C. N. Lavender) welcomed the ringers.

Mr. Paulson (Darley Dale) was voted to the chair for a short meeting. Mr. Foskett, the regional representative, welcomed the visitors and submitted suggested amendments to the constitution, as proposed by British Railways Staff Association. These were generally accepted and passed on for the annual general meeting at York on May 3rd.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, Mr. Freebrey, the Derbyshire Association, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Foskett and all who had helped to make such a pleasant 'first.'

Members of the Guild will be interested to know that Mr. Whitaker (secretary, joint committee, B.R. Staff Association) will be meeting Mr. Barrett (general secretary, North Eastern Region, Staff Association) at York on April 9th, when the Master of the Guild hopes to discuss final amendments to the constitution.

PEAL TABLETS AT HILLINGDON

Inside the tower of St. John-the-Baptist's, Hillingdon, on the north wall, below the floor of the present ringing chamber, is an old peal tablet. It is high up, although at one time it would have been conveniently placed above the old gallery, long since demolished, at the west end of the church, from which the bells used to be rung.

It records the ringing of three peals of Grandsire Triples in 1733 and another, presumably Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1737. The former peals are mentioned in Snowdon's 'Grandsire,' but apart from a reference to the latter by our late captain, Jack Pratt, I have not come across any mention of it elsewhere. Reference to the peals of Grandsire Triples is also made in one of the earlier reports of the Middlesex County Association, from which it is evident that they were rung by Hillingdon men!

Restoration of the tablet is shortly to be undertaken, the cost being defrayed by the local ringers. The stone tablet is defaced in places and the painted lettering and base, which are in very poor condition, will have to be completely removed, the stonework made good and the tablet rewritten. This latter it is proposed to do in the same characters, etc., to give as accurate a reproduction of the original as possible.

I took the opportunity last week of spending a couple of hours up a ladder, armed with a magnifying glass, etc., and made as complete a copy of the record as possible. Much of it is unreadable without magnification, but perseverance brought its reward and only one word—the name of the tenor ringer in the 1737 peal—could not be completely identified. Incidentally, there is a curious small figure 8 above a stroke following '1737' on the tablet. It seems as though the writer couldn't make up his mind whether he should have written 1737 or 1738.

I give below details of what appears on the tablet, and it is likely that this is the first time that the full details have been published. The account in 'Grandsire' is not quite accurate. It only refers to 11 men and their names are not correctly given. We are going to look in the parish registers to see what clues can be had about the name of the tenor ringer; but have any readers any suggestions as to how the name might be traced? F. W. G.

The Whole Peal of Grandsire Triples, of 5040, was Thrice performed by these Persons hereafter named, In ye Year 1733.

Richd. Ashley, senr.	Richd. Inett
Ja. Munday	Mat. Ashley
Richd. Ashley	Rot. Brown
Will. Smith	Jno. West
Jno. Chrismas	Rich. Ferris
Will. Mitchell	Rich. Cox

Feb. 6th, 1737, was rung a compleat peal of 5120 Oxford tripple bob in 3 hours 26 mins by these men.

Charles Dodwell, Treble
Richd. Inett, Junr, Third
Jno. Chrismas, Fifth
Matt. Ashley, Seventh
Wm. Mitchell, Second
Ch. Taylor, Fourth
Richd. Inett, Senr, Sixth
Jno. ——ay, Tennor.

Miss Gillian R. Brown, of 16, Church Street, Harwich, asks readers for information about the history of the church and bells at Greenstead Green, Essex.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers start their annual week next Monday with headquarters at Knight's Bull Hotel, Bridport, Dorset. Nineteen members are staying for the five days and three others part-time. There will be a peal attempt at Litton Cheney on Thursday, April 17th. Some 28 towers, mostly in Dorset, are being visited.

OBITUARY

MR. W. DENYER

The passing of Mr. William Denyer, of 120, Ash Road, Aldershot, briefly recorded in our last issue, has left a gap in Aldershot ringing which is most difficult to fill. He had a heart attack whilst on his way to Holy Communion on Sunday, March 30th, and died the following morning. He was 75 years of age and is survived by three sons and two daughters, who are all ringers. His four grandchildren are also ringers.



He learnt to ring at Aldershot just before World War I, during which time he served with the Queen's Royal and the Middlesex Regiments. For 35 years he was captain of St. Michael's, Aldershot, ringers. Although he had only rung 15 peals, Mr. Denyer would spend five evenings a week attending practice meetings. He was a staunch churchman and strict disciplinarian. He was a retired printer's manager.

THE FUNERAL

There was a very large attendance at the funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, on Maundy Thursday. The Vicar (Rev. T. H. Dart), who officiated, in an address said he was a man of quite outstanding worth. It would be trite and quite insufficient merely to say that he would be missed, for here was a man whose daily life was so bound up with his church, and he brought so many qualities with him, that among those who knew him and loved him, no one could be unaffected by his Christian influence.

Interment followed in the same grave as his wife, Mrs. Emily Florence Denyer, who died 25 years ago. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Edward J. Bragg 1-2, Charles W. Denyer 3-4, Alfred H. Pulling 5-6, William H. Viggers 7-8.

The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Denyer, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Denyer, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Denyer (sons and daughters-in law), Major and Mrs. E. J. Bragg, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whitford (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss N. E. Bragg and Miss J. M. Whitford (grand-daughters), and Mr. R. W. Bragg and Mr. W. J. Whitford (grandsons), Mr. F. Denyer (brother), Mrs. H. Dines, Mrs. H. Vickery and Mrs. A. Collier (nieces), and Mr. J. V. Harrison (nephew) and Mrs. Harrison.

Ringing friends present included Mr. A. Harman (Master, Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Harman, Mr. G. L. Grover (general secretary, Guildford Guild), Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, F. A. Munday, W. J. Robinson, Misses M. and S. Collins (Guildford), Capt. J. F. Bowen, C.F., Rev. H. M. Insley, Messrs. E. and P. Sherwood, Mrs. Sherwood, Miss S. Sherwood (Ash), Mr. W. Viggers, Miss E. C. Stewart, Miss S. Tate-Mitchell, Messrs. H. C. Williamson, G. K. Williamson, D. Williamson, J. Preston, G. Chapman, D. Macpherson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Page, Miss A. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown, Miss H. F. Mills (Aldershot), Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mills, Miss M. Finch, Mr. R. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mills (Farnborough), Mrs. E. H. Gant (Binsted), Mr. and Mrs. P. Eldridge (Winchester), Mr. F. Cherryman (Pirbright), Mr. S. Petter (Worplesdon), Miss R. A. Heath (Frensham), Rev. H. R. Wilds, Messrs. C. J. Beadle, E. J. Wells, E. C. Wells (Farnham), E. Gardner, Miss M. A. Cass, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carter (Seale), and Mr. R. S. Newton and Mr. A. Chaffey.

AN APPRECIATION

William Denyer was one of those rare persons who are the real backbone of our Exercise. The furtherance of the art of bell-ringing was his life and he had no patience with others who were not prepared to put ringing first.

For over a quarter of a century he had been captain of the Aldershot tower and, being a generation older than any others in the band, he was our natural leader.

Always most regular and punctual in his attendance at his own belfry and at all Farnham District meetings he was, while not a prolific peal-ringer, a safe and careful striker in the standard methods. As well as serving Aldershot he regularly visited two or three neighbouring towers each week, his main object being the encouraging and advising of beginners.

He had introduced his three sons and two daughters (and latterly his grandchildren) to ringing, and at the time of his death his eldest son, Charles William Denyer, is Ringing Master of the Farnham District (and a vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), while his son-in-law, Major E. J. Bragg, is peal recorder for the same Guild.

William Denyer was an extremely modest man and abhorred anything in the nature of show or regimentation. He would never take Guild office, being quite content to allow others to hold the limelight while he quietly advised and assisted when necessary. Every year at the Aldershot belfry meeting he would urge that someone younger than himself take over, but this was invariably voted down. So most weeks he would hand over the running of the Aldershot practice to one of us.

Perhaps his most outstanding quality was the high standard of his churchmanship. Each Sunday would see him at 8 o'clock Communion and at one other service, and no ringing at Aldershot tower ever commenced without the Belfry Prayer. He used to say that peals were lost for want of a commencing prayer.

His friendly welcome to any ringer visiting Aldershot was well known, and many a young soldier has benefited from his advice and hospitality whilst doing his National Service in the district. This has resulted in a number of lasting friendships between Aldershot and district towers, so his passing will be keenly felt over a wide area, but it will be in the towers of the Farnham District that the sad loss of 'Pop' Denyer will leave a gap which no other person will ever be able to fill. W. H. V.

'A QUIET, HARD WORKER'

By the passing of William Denyer the Church has lost one of those quiet, hard workers. Never in the limelight—he had no wish to be so—he was content to go on year after year teaching. He not only taught his own family, to the great advantage of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, but a vast number of young people, as Aldershot bells are ideal for children. At Aldershot it is quite an ordinary event for 20 or more people to be at the weekly practice. It is not only in his own tower but in neighbouring towers that his helpful presence will be missed. The Exercise at large can ill afford to lose such men as William Denyer. A. H. P.

MR. W. VALE

The death took place on March 27th of Mr. William Vale, Chigwell Row, Essex. Mr. Vale was involved in an accident close to his home, an accident which necessitated his removal to hospital and which resulted in his subsequent death.

For many years 'Bill' Vale had been in charge of the tower at Chigwell Row, and in spite of many difficulties had ensured that the bells were rung Sunday by Sunday. He was a life member of the Essex Association and a devout and loyal worshipper at his parish church.

The funeral took place on April 2nd at All Saints', Chigwell Row, the bells being rung half-muffled as the cortege entered the church, and a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the graveside.

Among the many mourners were Messrs. J. Chalk (life vice-president, Essex Association), F. V. Gant (hon. secretary and treasurer), C. E. Willmington (District secretary), R. Pittman (Shenfield), H. Nicll, Miss J. Hester, E. Smith (Leytonstone), A. J. Salisbury and A. Grainger (Hornchurch).

AN APPRECIATION

How often does one hear the term stalwart? If it applies to peal ringers, tower snatchers or those who take office in their respective Associations then it does not apply to Bill, for he was none of these—but he was a stalwart of the Exercise all right.

Bill was one of the many who seek no honours or limelight but who are content to carry on in their respective towers serving their church and Maker tirelessly and ceaselessly.

His greatest admirer would not have called Bill a great ringer, but nobody would deny his cheerfulness, honesty and sincerity, as week after week, mainly with a call-change band, he ensured that the bells rang out over the fast-diminishing countryside around Chigwell Row.

He was especially proud of the fact that he was a life member of the Essex Association.

Bill lies at rest in the churchyard of his beloved church. His tall but bent form, the forthright and stick-assisted walk, the eyes that twinkled with fun through his spectables as he welcomed bands for occasional quarter peals are all going to be sorely missed, but he leaves behind a record of devoted service in what was once a quiet, peaceful and tranquil Essex countryside. F. V. G.

MRS. DORA MACK

A name unknown to many of the present generation of ringers, yet one who made ringing history some 40-odd years ago, Mrs. Dora Mack passed away peacefully on March 22nd. She was the first lady to ring a tower bell peal of Stedman Triples.

Dora White and her sister, Alice, were the daughters of the late Henry White, of Basingstoke, and Alice (still with us, but now living in Canada) also made history, being the first lady to ring a tower bell peal.

During the early part of the last war, when ringing was banned, Mrs. Mack was 11-12 'man' to many hours of Stedman Cinques rung by the brothers Fred and Jack Munday, Ron Kingham, Don Nash and the writer, and 11-12 were always rung very precisely after the style of Josiah Morris.

When four of the band were called up for service, Mrs. Mack was very disappointed, and on a very few occasions, when all were on leave at the same time, the handbells were dusted and used, but Ron Kingham and Don Nash were fated not to return, so the peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' which was in the back of everyone's mind did not materialise.

Right to her death she took 'The Ringing World,' and she and the writer were always very happy to talk over the old days and the old ringers.

Mrs. Mack had a very acute ear, and her tower bell ringing was as accurate as her handbell ringing; and so passes one more of the old school, whose aims and ambitions were not perhaps so high as the present day ringer, but one who always strived for perfection.

She leaves a husband and daughter to mourn her and the writer who was proud to have had many happy hours of good ringing and good companionship.

May she rest in peace. W. H.

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BIRTH

COLERIDGE.—On March 31st, 1958, at Tatworth Vicarage, Chard, Somerset, to Denise (née Pryer), wife of the Rev. Nicholas F. D. Coleridge, a son. 2121

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

FRANCIS — MASON. — The marriage of George Francis and Vivian M. Mason will take place (D.V.) on May 10th at 2 p.m. at St. Nicolas' Church, Itchingfield. All friends welcome at the church. 2167

RETURN THANKS

Mr. William Denyer's family are deeply grateful for the many expressions of sympathy received since his sudden passing. The tributes paid so affectionately show the love and respect in which he was held, and have been a great comfort. 2160

PETER and JILL wish to thank all ringers and friends for their kind words of condolence in their tragic loss.

They would like to feel that The Wayside will continue to be thought of as a 'ringers' haven' as it has always been in the past. 2171

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton is 37, Thornes Lane, Wakefield, Yorks. 2113

On and after April 9th, 1958, the address of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Harris will be: 73, The Vineyard, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. 2127

PERSONAL

Is there a young lady ringer age 30 to 36 in any Branches of Salisbury or Bath and Wells Guilds of Ringers who would correspond with young man, age 36, with view to friendship?—Mr. F. Fowler, jun., 9, High Street, Stourton, Wilts. 2175

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MISCELLANEOUS

Anyone interested in a Masonic memorial peal, Grandsire Cinques, Manchester Town Hall, May 24th, write stating whether to ring above or below the 7th, also Lodge and number.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs. 2140

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Association reports, 1957, now available for non-resident members, etc. Price 2s. post free from F. V. Gant, Gen. Sec., 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 2125

PUBLICATION

'TOWERS AND BELLS OF BRITAIN.'—Only nine copies left of this beautifully produced book. At original published price, 21s., direct from the author.—Ernest Morris, 38, Strensall Road, Eyres Monsell, Leicester. 2082

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kelston (6), on Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Preb. E. L. Millen, The Rectory, Kelston, near Bath. 2048

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 12th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. General meeting 6 p.m., St. Peter's. Cathedral and St. Peter's bells available from 2.30 and after general meeting. Good attendance specially requested. Names for tea to Mr. A. Mould, The Lodge, Borrowash Lane, Elvaston, Derby.—A. B. Cooper. 2081

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Quarterly meeting, Epping, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. C. Moore, 27, Chapel Road, Epping. 2060

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business affects reserve and benevolent funds. Apsley (6) and Northchurch (8), 10.30 to 12.30; Redbourn (6), by arrangement with Mr. J. Hobbs; Berkhamsted (8), 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. Hemel Hempstead and Apsley bells in evening.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2066

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting at Speldhurst on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15 p.m. 2063

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Burton-in-Kendal, Saturday, April 12th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to George E. Braithwaite, 7, Drovers Way, Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland.—Eccles, Sec. 2124

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, Saturday, April 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names for tea to Mr. E. Porter, 1a, Endbutt Lane, Crosby, Liverpool, 23.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 2123

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 12th, St. Andrew's, Kingsbury (8), 4 to 5.45 p.m. Short business meeting. Tea, own arrangements. St. Mary's, Willesden (8) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. — S. Nelson, Dis. Sec. 2115

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice on Saturday, April 12th, Whitchurch (6) 6 to 7.30 p.m. and Pangbourne (6) 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—R. F. Discrens. 2129

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Retford, Saturday, April 12th, 2.30 p.m. East and West Retford and Ordsall towers open. Service at East Retford 4.30. Business meeting, Ebsworth Hall, 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. W. Raithby. 2110

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Lyminster (6) on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec., Western Division. 2080

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, April 12th. Tea 4.30 p.m. 2112

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Othery, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting till 7 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—names, please. Lyng available 7.30 p.m.—R. D. Short, Chilton Trinity.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Kingston Seymour (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2162

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Harptree (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2153

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea before Tuesday, 15th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 2174

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Acton (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by April 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2172

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Macclesfield. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d. each). Names to J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 2126

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Saviour's, Oxton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea *free* for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2145

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Chilvers Coton, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service. Names for tea would be appreciated by April 16th to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 2120

CULWORTH DEANERY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Byfield (6), Saturday, April 19th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby. 2107

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Collaton St. Mary, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Paignton bells available in evening. 2143

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 19th. Blaydon St. Cuthbert. Names to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne. 2127

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2164

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—By kind permission of the Rev. G. G. Hooper, a meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2116

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Joint meeting with Stroud Branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at The Plough. Imperative, names for tea not later than April 15th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. Regret, no names must mean no tea. 1861

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Combined practice at Chertsey (8) 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th. A good attendance is requested, please. 2150

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest, Kirkheaton, Saturday, April 19th. For teas please notify by April 12th Mrs. Senior, 1, Knowle Road, Shop Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield.—A. Farrand, Sec.

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, April 19th, Iden. Please make own tea arrangements. Rye three miles.—E. A. Fellows, Hon Sec. 2114

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting, Knighton, Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Numbers requiring tea by April 17th to Thomas Davies, Sec., 20, Newport Street, Clun. 2142

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea must reach not later than Wednesday, April 16th, Mr. H. Luck, Lubin, Kent Gardens, Birchington. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2096

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Queenborough on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 16th, please, to S. Rayfield, 35, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2100

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Ruddington on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent by April 17th to Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. Everyone welcome. 2146

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Joint meeting with Macclesfield Branch, Chester Diocesan Guild, at Christ Church, Macclesfield, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by April 16th to Mr. J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2130

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton, on Saturday, April 19th, 3 p.m. Business after tea. Names before 17th to D. Ogden, 5, Lansdowne Avenue, Audenshaw. All welcome.—R. Benson. 2157

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for outing, please.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 2159

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Countesthorpe, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 9th, please, to Miss M. Elsey, 9, Peatling Road, Countesthorpe, near Leicester.—J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec. 2126

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Swineshead on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 14th, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2165

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, April 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by April 16th to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 2079

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Folkingham, on Saturday, April 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Monday, 14th, to C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, near Sleaford, Lincs. —F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2105

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at East Farleigh (6) on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea.—Pamela J. Usborne, Sec. 2152

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting, including election of officers and proposed alteration to rules, to follow. Ringing: Christ-the-Saviour's and St. Stephen's, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. and with Brentford in evening.—T. J. Lock, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Winshill, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 2141

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shipdham (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to Miss J. C. Aldous, Council Houses, Letton Road, Shipdham.—C. Bird, Sec. 2119

OSSETT, ESSEX.—Thanksgiving service for restoration of bells, Saturday, April 19th. Service 3.30 p.m. Ringing before and after service. Names for tea not later than April 17th to Mrs. F. Blutch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Ossett, Grays. 2128

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Warfield on Saturday, April 19th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice, Single Oxford Major.—B. C. Castle. 2122

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Peasemore on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 15th, to M. Rosier, Peasemore, Newbury. 2111

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names with remittance, without delay, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing: Wolvercote, 12.30 to 1.30; St. Giles', 1,15 to 2.15; Iffley, 1.30 to 2.30; St. Mary-the-Virgin, 2.30 to 3.30; All Saints', 2.45 to 3.45; St. Ebbe's, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Magdalene, 3.30 to 4.30; Christ Church, 4 to 5; New College, 4.30 to 5.30; Magdalen, 5 to 6 p.m. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1994

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ecton on Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 2098

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upwey, on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 16th. —R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec., Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester. 2176

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting, Netherbury, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 2131

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), Saturday, April 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea early, please.—E. Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett. 2169

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names by 16th, please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastrington, Goole. 2089

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at South Benfleet on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Bring your own food—tea provided.—Betty Crossman. 2154

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —The postponed District annual meeting will be held at Kelsale on Saturday, April 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names must be sent for tea by Thursday, 17th, to A. R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 2108

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingswood (6) on Saturday, April 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. A. G. Clarke, 1, Copley Way, Tadworth.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2086

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western and Northern Divisions.—Advanced practice, Billingshurst, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3.30 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Special method. Yorkshire. Tea available—get your own. 2166

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Room. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. G. Brown, Lower Mill Farm, Longparish. 2173

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The meeting at Catterick has been altered to Saturday, April 26th. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 23rd, to P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 2156

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Meeting at Cullompton, Saturday, April 26th. Numbers for tea by 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 2161

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Meeting at Kelly, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by April 21st. —T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Eynsford, Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, April 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2128

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Sketty, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. King. 2168

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sharnford, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Star Inn at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, April 23rd, to Mr. H. Wood, 68, Leicester Road, Sharnford, near Hinckley. Annual reports available at this meeting.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2177

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 26th. Cathedral, Evensong, 3.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Chapter House for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Usual ringing arrangements. 2148

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall (8), Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 22nd, to W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Sec. 2178

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brill (6), Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 2158

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A.G.M. at Clanfield on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing at Bampton (8) 2 p.m., Clanfield (8) 2.30, and Langford (6) or Alvescot (5) in the evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea reservations by April 23rd to David Smith, Merryfield, Witney, Oxon. All very welcome, especially handbell ringers. 2149

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 26th, at King's Norton. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Saracen's Head 5 p.m. Important business concerning Henry Johnson dinner. For tea, please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 2132

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting and re-opening service at Ringstead on Saturday, April 26th. Bells rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Usual arrangements. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 2170

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Saturday, April 26th, quarterly meeting, Durnford (5). Evening ringing at Woodford. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, 22nd, to Mr. E. Palmer, 4, The Cottages, Great Durnford, Salisbury. 2102

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting at Walton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following. Oatlands Park bells after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. G. Barnett, 42, Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 2155

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Bridlington on Saturday, April 26th. Priory Church bells (8) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in New Schoolroom. Names by April 24th to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2125

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Wrington, Sunday, April 27th, 8 a.m. Bells available 7 a.m. Notify for breakfast Mr. H. Knight, The Masonic Hall, Yatton.—D. G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2163

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Bowdon on Saturday, May 10th. Service, Parish Church, 4 p.m. Tea in School, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea (obtainable from Branch secretaries) 2s. 6d. if purchased before May 3rd, 3s. afterwards. Towers available: Bowdon (8) and St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey (10) from 2 p.m.; Lymm (8), Warburton (8) and Rostherne (6) by arrangement with Mr. Alan J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon, Altrincham. Application must be made before April 26th.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 2147

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The Guild's summer festival will be held in the Chertsey District on Saturday, June 14th. Details of towers open during the day will appear later. 2151

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CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

AUGUST 15th is a notable date in the annals of ringing, for on that day, fifty years ago, was rung at Ipswich the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus; and perhaps it would be opportune at this time, before they are forgotten, to try and recall the events leading up to this historic peal. That it inaugurated a new era in Maximus ringing is evident, for previous to its accomplishment the summit of a man's ambition on 12 bells was to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob. True, a few peals of Oxford T.B. Maximus had been rung—and weird stuff it is—and the Ipswich men had rung Double Norwich C.B. Maximus, a lively and musical method which has never found favour, but Kent T.B. remained the standard. Now today Cambridge Surprise has taken its place.

At the turn of the century there was a spirit of progress and achievement apparent in the Exercise, new methods were being rung and there was a search for fresh fields to conquer. Amongst the most progressive was a group of ringers in the west, including John Austin, Wm. A. Cave, the brothers James and others; they had rung a peal of Cambridge S. Royal in 1898, the first in the method since the one at Wakefield in 1822, and naturally turned their attention to the Maximus, thus becoming the first band to practise it. Courses were rung and peals attempted under the conductorship of John Austin, who was the first to call a bob in the method, but they never attained success.

We turn now eastward to Ipswich. Here for a long period there had been a good 12-bell band; for 30 years or more they had rung an average of two or three peals on 12 each year, including the Double Norwich C.B. Maximus before mentioned. Amongst its members were the brothers Motts, W. L. Catchpole, R. H. Brundle, with a younger leavening represented by L. W. Wiffen and E. Evans.

About this time the most prolific peal ringers in the country were the brothers Pye and one or two kindred spirits, and living as one might say on the doorstep of East Anglia, they often made incursions there, where they knew they could get good bells and good ringing. At the Whitsun weekend of 1908 they made one of these periodic trips, ringing Stedman Cinques at Ipswich on the Saturday, Double Norwich at Debenham on Sunday, and Superlative at Halesworth the following day—quite a good weekend bag for those days. After the peal at Ipswich the band adjourned to one of those places beloved of ringers for refreshment and talk, and the subject of Cambridge S. Maximus was broached by—so I have been told—Wm. Pye. Anyway, it was taken up by the progressive-minded ones, diagrams were produced, and it was decided to try a course at St. Mary-le-Tower for service the next morning. Now it must not be thought that this would entail 'slap-banging' about: it was a band of experienced 12-bell ringers who did not tolerate that sort of thing. The attempt was made and about eight leads rung, quite a good start this was considered, and a peal attempt was fixed for a month later, which resulted in 4¼ courses being rung, under the conductorship of James Motts. It was too good to abandon now, and another attempt was fixed for August 15th which turned out successful, for a very good peal was rung in 3 hours 47 minutes. James Motts again conducting the composition taken from Middleton's, being M H W five times. The band was as follows:—

Edgar Pemberton	*Treble*	William L. Catchpole ..	7
William Motts	2	James Motts	8
George R. Pye	3	William Pye	9
William P. Garrett ..	4	Edward Evans	10
Bertram Prewett	5	Lewis W. Wiffen	11
Charles H. Gillingham	6	Robert H. Brundle ..	*Tenor*

Of this band, L. W. Wiffen, actively peal ringing, is happily still with us, and I am indebted to him for help in preparing this.

There matters rested for a couple of years, during which time a peal of Cambridge S. Royal was rung by an entirely local band with the addition of Charles A. Catchpole—no relation of W. L. Meanwhile, Arthur S. Boar, a local man, and Charles J. Sedgley, who had come to live in the town in 1909, made good progress with the St. Mary-le-Tower band, courses of Cambridge S. Maximus were rung, and a good half peal was rung on August 20th, 1910, at a special practice. A peal attempt was then fixed for September 17th which resulted in an excellent peal again under the conductorship of James Motts, and the same composition. The band, all Sunday service ringers, was

Edgar Pemberton	*Treble*	William P. Garrett ..	7
Arthur S. Boar	2	Charles A. Catchpole ..	8
Edward Evans	3	Charles J. Sedgley	9
Charles H. Gillingham ..	4	William Motts	10
William L. Catchpole ..	5	Lewis W. Wiffen	11
James Motts	6	Robert H. Brundle ..	*Tenor*

At the end of the peal, when the seventh ringer went to set his bell it went over! At that time its slider used occasionally to jump off the pin; how long it had been off no one knows, but it is just as well he had not 'missed his sally'! It is worth recording also that Robert H. Brundle, who rang the tenor to both these peals, lived to the great age of 97 and rang the fifth to a peal of Cambridge S. Maximus for his 87th birthday.

A few months later the College Youths rang a peal at Cornhill, and up to the outbreak of the first world war seven had been rung—the two at Ipswich, three by the College Youths, one at Cripplegate, conducted by Wm. Pye, and the West Country men had at last succeeded with one at Redcliffe, Bristol, W. A. Cave ringing the tenor and conducting.

Came the war, when ringing was stopped: on its resumption Ipswich was again first with Cambridge S. Maximus, ringing a peal on March 5th, 1921, with the bells muffled in memory of Dr. Hodgson, first Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Later the band went on to ring the first peals in six other methods of Surprise Maximus and, in all, 68 peals of it have been rung at St. Mary-le-Tower . . . but that is another story.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1958, in 4 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Town Hall,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Peter Laflin	7
John A. Worth	2	Neil D. Lomas	8
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	Leslie Boumphrey	9
John E. Bibby	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	11
Denis Mottershead	6	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
The conductor's 100th peal on 12 bells.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft.
A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

Clifford Bird	Treble	Cecil V. Ebberson	7
George Sayer	2	William Birmingham	8
Stanley E. Bennett	3	Ronald C. Noon	9
Arthur G. Bason	4	Nolan Golden	10
John D. Kape	5	Norman V. Harding	11
Frederick Scott	6	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Brian G. Warwick	Treble	*Russell S. Morris	6
*Roger K. Stretton	2	John M. Jelley	7
David Simpson	3	Ernest J. Jelley	8
Roland H. Cook	4	Derek P. Jones	9
Joseph W. Cotton	5	†Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 200th peal.
Rung immediately after the wedding of George H. Hebborn (member of the local band) to Patricia Wilmore; also for the induction and installation of the Rev. F. W. Pratt (a former priest-in-charge) as Canon Treasurer of Leicester Cathedral.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*A. James Poynor	Treble	Brian S. Chapman	6
Brian G. Warwick	2	Russell S. Morris	7
*Richard J. Clifton	3	John A. Acres	8
Derek P. Jones	4	Ernest J. Jelley	9
Ernest Morris	5	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by James Hunt. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

A. Robin Heppenstall	Treble	*†Donald E. R. Knights	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	†Geoffrey A. Lucas	6
*George E. Crisp	3	Hugh Neil	7
John G. Gipson	4	William J. Ridgman	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together and first peal in the method.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of SS Mary and Michael.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Alan L. M. Shepherd	Treble	*Jill I. Martin	5
*David P. Stubbings	2	Harry F. Churchman	6
*Eustace W. Bullman	3	John G. Gipson	7
T. Reginald Dennis	4	William J. Ridgman	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung in memory of Christine Rutter, Sunday School superintendent at this church for many years.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Cross.
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

George Care	Treble	Alan J. Frost	5
Philip G. K. Davies	2	David W. James	6
Patrick I. Chapman	3	Geoffrey E. Watson	7
Shelagh R. Collins	4	Bryan Pattison	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Bryan Pattison.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung to welcome the Rev. K. A. Ward, B.A., to the living.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Ernest Morris	5
*Joseph W. Cotton	2	John A. Acres	6
Brian G. Warwick	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
Derek P. Jones	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
*550th peal.
In memoriam Mrs. Phyllis Poole, who was an enthusiastic member of the 'Wednesday' band.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

John B. Long	Treble	Alan J. Frost	5
Avril Thackray	2	Patrick I. Chapman	6
Philip G. K. Davies	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Peter J. Shipton	4	Bryan Pattison	Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 1,760 Cambridge and 1,696 each of Superlative and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method, and with all the work of the three methods for each bell. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Kathleen M. Yeo	Treble	John R. Cooper	5
Frederick G. Huckstepp	2	Wilfred W. Ring	6
†Crawford T. Hillis	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* 25th peal. † First of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

H. Michael Gartside	Treble	Harold Denman	5
*Katharine Burchnall	2	F. William Midwinter	6
George E. Foster	3	William L. Exton	7
*Grace Burchnall	4	Charles J. Copp	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* 50th peal on these bells. First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung as a compliment to Brian Hough, a ringer at this tower, and Jean Lessiter, whose wedding took place at Normanton during the ringing of this peal.

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. K. ARTHUR	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
*CAROL HALL	2	*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	6
MARION S. CAPEY	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
CHARLES N. LEA	4	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Association. First in the method on the bells.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
A variation of Middleton's Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

NEVILLE JENKINS	*Treble*	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
*LEONARD B. SCOOT	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
S. Biddleston's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

ARNOLD MOSS	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BROWNLOW	5
JAMES FIELDING	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD	3	STANLEY ANDERTON	7
JAMES W. METCALFE	4	DAVID YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Frank Kenyon (a former chorister at this church) and Elizabeth K. Loynd (now a chorister). Rung immediately after the ceremony.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	5
*JACK PILGRIM	2	*MICHAEL J. STOKES	6
*RAYMOND PECK	3	*PETER KINDRED	7
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Douglas Mitchell and Miss Molly Woolnough, which took place at this church on Saturday; also Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kindred's 11th wedding anniversary.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*JACK HIGHAM	*Treble*	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	6
*JOHN H. OWENS	3	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	7
STANLEY WALMSLEY	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to both Stanley and Lawrence Walmsley.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in D.

J. S. SEAGER	*Treble*	WILLLIAM E. CHEATER	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	LEWIS F. COBB	6
MICHAEL J. BEST	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
GEORGE E. EVENDEN	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
IN THE BELL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Treble*	FRED HARROLD	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	BERT GOGLE	7
SIDNEY MARSHALL	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JENNIFER M. DAVIES	*Treble*	DAVID W. JAMES	5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	6
GEORGE CARE	3	BRYAN PATTISON	7
ALAN J. FROST	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed, April 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	4	†ANTHONY F. MYATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
In memoriam Felix Sutton, of Kegworth, an honorary life member of the Guild, who died on April 4th, aged 88.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LIMERICK, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 15, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BOGAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. DUKES	4
CYRIL R. FOSTER	2	CYRIL W. GALBRAITH	5
HARRY ELLIS	3	*BRYAN BRISLANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal. 350th peal for the Association.
Rung in memoriam John Armour Haydn, life member and late president of the Cathedral ringers.

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WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Double Court Bob Minor, Double Oxford Bob Minor, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob Minor, and four extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Helen Nevin	*Treble*	Robert L. Piron	4
Anne E. Amor	2	Peter J. Shipton	5
Jennifer M. Davies ..	3	Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

Charles J. Copp	*Treble*	Harold Stevenson	4
Margaret E. Hill	2	Sydney Adams	5
F. William Midwinter ..	3	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat

*Graham A. T. Turner ..	*Treble*	Harry F. Churchman ..	4
Alan L. M. Shepherd ..	2	Christopher M. P. Johnson	5
Jill I. Martin..	3	William J. Ridgman ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

* First peal. The Association's 50th peal on the bells.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Hugh Johnson	*Treble*	Robin V. Baker	4
Michael Bennett	2	Patrick I. Chapman.. ..	5
Alan J. Frost	3	Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Guthrie James Larwill, inducted to the living on March 17th.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

John G. Gipson	*Treble*	†George E. Crisp	4
William J. Ridgman ..	2	*Donald E. R. Knights..	5
*Alan L. M. Shepherd ..	3	*Geoffrey A. Lucas ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Donald E. R. Knights.

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

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

William R. Parker ..	*Treble*	Ronald Applewhite ..	4
John F. Pearson	2	Louis Willders	5
Amos Ingall	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

Rung in honour of the gift of a daughter (Patricia Rosemary) to the Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Bailey, who reside at Quarrington Rectory, Lincs.

GREETHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Ronald Russell	*Treble*	Leonard G. Thompson ..	4
Percy D. Baldock	2	Louis Willders	5
Amos Ingall	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John Dalby (Greetham) and Miss Connie Walker (Cottesmore) which took place previous to the peal.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

*Albert Foster	*Treble*	George E. Foster	4
Katharine Burchnall ..	2	F. William Midwinter ..	5
Grace Burchnall	3	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. G. Levette who was recently inducted Vicar of this parish.

THURNBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*Martin Roote	*Treble*	H. Leslie Wykes	4
J. Geoffrey Geary ..	2	*Peter J. Pawley	5
J. Julian Pawley	3	Royston Wilmore	*Tenor*

Conducted by Royston Wilmore.

* First peal. First of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to six.

WHICKHAM, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of extents of (1) Double Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Stephen Thompson ..	*Treble*	Kenneth Arthur	4
*Marion Capey..	2	*George S. Deas	5
*Christopher T. Lamb ..	3	J. Alan Ainsworth ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.

* First peal in eight methods.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rector of Whickham (Rev. Spencer Wade) on his 70th birthday.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Geoffrey Donson	*Treble*	G. Fred Terry	4
†John Rhodes	2	Douglas Thorp	5
*Geoffrey W. Burt ..	3	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung between Good Friday services, at the Vicar's request, with the bells half-muffled.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. (5) Single Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Keith Wakefield	*Treble*	Dorothy Robinson	4
Anne E. Amor	2	Harold S. Peacock	5
Jennifer M. Davies ..	3	Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Barbara Wooding (niece of the local captain) and Michael Craft.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	PETER M. ADCOCK	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Alnwick, (2) Chester, (3) London, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RAYMOND G. SMITH	*Treble*	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4
BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	PETER J. EVES	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*MARY SOLOMON	*Treble*	*TERENCE G. PAGE	4
*MICHAEL J. STOKES	2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	†COLIN ARMITAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.
* First peal of Bob Doubles. † First peal. First in the method as conductor.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 6 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 12600 DOUBLES

Comprising 3,240 of Reverse St. Bartholomew and 3,120 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles.
Tenor 6 cwt.

DAVID C. WOODWARD	*Treble*	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	3
ALEC GAMMON	2	ROY H. JONES	4
		CLIVE HOLLOWAY	*Tenor*

Arranged by ALEC GAMMON. Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.
25th peal on the bells. Longest length of Doubles yet rung, exceeding that of 10,080 rung at Whaplode, Lincs, on February 27th, 1775, in 7 hours 26 minutes by 2,520 changes.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: 720's of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS SEWELL	*Treble*	*MRS. C. N. LEA	4
CHARLES N. LEA	2	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal of Minor.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALLAN R. JONES	*Treble*	JIM C. RAINBOW	3
ROBERT S. ROBERTS	2	GEORGE F. ROOME	4
		KENNETH D. PERKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.
Rung in memoriam John E. Labutt.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 25, 1958, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's.
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER	1—2	A. SHEPPARD	3—4
		JOHN POTTS	5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., March 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	7—8
		ERNEST MORRIS	9—10

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung to the affectionate memory of Phyllis Poole.

HOLBORN, LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Wed., April 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF
THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	WILLIAM T. COOK	5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW	7—8

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
Rung in memory of Ernest C. S. Turner, died April 2nd, 1957.

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BATH, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): J. G. Hobbs 1, F. Mills 2, Miss B. Russell 3, R. Mills 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, L. C. Cooper (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. G. Plank, local ringers, who are taking up residence in London.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Mackenzie 1, Carol Eustace 2, Wendy Bird 3, M. Pierce 4, C. Wratten (cond.) 5, D. Field 6. A compliment to Judith Abbott and Douglas House on their engagement; also a 21st birthday compliment to Judith.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. Greenough 3, H. L. Bishop 4, D. Bosley 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, Claude Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Cynthia Hitchman and Mr. Raymond Westell.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Stephenson 1, W. B. Dawson 2, A. Freeston 3, F. Leggott 4, W. E. Clarke 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, T. Freeston 8. For the Easter festival, also as a 74th birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. M. Copland 1, Miss L. C. Masters 2, P. Pearce 3, C. G. Parsons 4, F. W. Box (cond.) 5, P. S. Gaisford 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. C. Jackson (first away from cover bell) 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, P. Pitchford 3, J. E. Brown 4, C. T. Rodgers 5, J. Marshall 6. A wedding compliment to Margaret Anne Patter and John Kisby Harvey. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. C. Jackson 1, J. E. Brown 2, F. Derry (cond.) 3, P. C. Pitchford 4, C. T. Rodgers 5, J. J. Marshall 6. Rung half-muffled for Good Friday children's service.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Easter Day, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, P. Everett 2, C. Stannard 3, R. Rose 4, E. Nice 5, G. Jennings 6, W. Goodship 7, J. W. Banks 8, F. Buckle 9, H. Doel 10. For Evensong by the Sunday service ringers.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norr's 1, Mrs. Norris 2, J. Pares 3, H. Hodgetts 4, E. Ashby 5, G. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8.

CHARING, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. M. Smith 1, F. J. Shoobridge 2, Miss E. P. Lewis 3, J. L. Woodcock 4, J. F. Moon (cond.) 5, M. H. Pym 6. For Evensong.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer George 1, Vivien Cott 2, D. Manger 3, N. Martin (cond.) 4, J. Parker 5, A. Smith 6. For the wedding of Miss Bridget Cox (secretary) and Mr. Robert Fagg. Also on Jan. 26th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Jillian Outhwaite 1, D. Parker 2, N. Martin (cond.) 3, J. Pannel 4, D. Manger 5, A. Smith 6.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chalk 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, R. Pittman 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, H. Niell 5, E. Smith 6, C. E. Willmington 7, A. Grainger 8. In memoriam W. Vale, interred this day, life member of the Essex Association.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Parker 1, Miss H. Speke 2, P. Woodyer 3, Miss J. Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Miss J. Wave 6.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. D. Perkins (cond.) 1, Miss S. Tomokins (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Neesham 3, H. Curtis 4, R. Baker 5. For Palm Sunday.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Bird 1, Miss P. Bird 2, D. Salley (first 'inside') 3, D. Miller (cond.) 4, W. Salley 5, C. Dyment 6. All local ringers except the conductor.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Wade 1, K. Morse 2, G. Lorkin 3, F. Limb 4, F. Claydon 5, G. Trendell 6, R. Lyon 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon H. Monks, former Vicar.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, H. B. Schofield (first as cond.) 4, J. Burgess 5, A. Farrand 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Brett 1, H. R. French 2, S. Walter 3, H. Stringer 4, B. J. Luck 5, S. White (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. H. Stringer.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Marshall (first quarter) 1, Christine Ford 2, Shirley Parsons 3, S. T. Ford 4, A. Buswell (first quarter) 5, R. Borsberry 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For Evensong. The band included three fathers and three daughters.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. Measures 1, M. Major 2, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 3, Mrs. J. M. Measures 4, R. Fuller 5, P. Thompson 6. For Confirmation service.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. M. Ricketts 1, P. Ruch (cond.) 2, J. Chillcott 3, D. Fowles 4, M. Hawkins 5, P. Bettridge 6, G. Ruck 7, J. Ricketts 8. Rung to celebrate the marriage of John B. Sansom with Hazel Iddles.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, A. Tapley 2, W. Webb (first 'inside' in method) 3, E. E. Retter 4, C. Webb 5, J. L. Glanville 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Holway 1, Miss S. Cope 2, J. White 3, D. Callard 4, G. E. Retter (cond.) 5, E. E. Retter 6, J. Salway 7, E. Morgan 8. First in method for 2 and 3.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. J. Langton 1, D. R. Mitchell 2, J. Smart 3, E. Fosberry 4, S. A. Paice 5, I. Windwood 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung for Mr. J. Smart's 87th birthday.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. C. Hall 1, B. Grainger 2, R. R. Churchill 3, I. N. Pett 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, Ann Fisher 6. For the 21st birthday of the 2nd. Also on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Hall (first of Minor) 1, Angela Grainger 2, K. Fleming 3, R. R. Churchill 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, I. N. Pett 6. For the birthday of the 4th, who is tower captain.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob, 600 St. Simon's): L. Hindle 1, F. C. Arnold 2, C. F. Phillippo (cond.) 3, P. Adcock 4, H. Hall 5. For Mothering Sunday and the visit of the Bishop of Thetford.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cork 1, Miss V. M. Matthews 2, H. Harper 3, A. F. Burley 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, R. A. Southwood 6, D. N. Penrose 7, A. G. J. Edwards 8. For the festival of Easter, and also as a farewell to the tenor ringer (R.A.F.), who is being posted to Germany.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Pryke 1, L. Pryke 2, S. H. Symonds 3, R. Chambers (first in the method) 4, F. Boreham 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, L. Offord 8. A birthday compliment to L. Offord.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Esther Hambly 1, C. E. Duke 2, E. Ford 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hambly 6. A 15th birthday compliment to Esther Hambly and her first quarter.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles in 22 methods: Miss J. Halliday 1, J. H. Fielden 2, D. Butterworth 3, P. Schofield 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, M. Fishwick 6. The greatest number of methods rung to a quarter peal in Lancashire.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. G. Chater 5, R. S. Roberts 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, E. Billings 8. For evening service. Also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Palm Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, R. S. Roberts 8. For evening service.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Jan. 30th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): D. Kirkaldy 1, Christine J. Stratford 2, D. Gebbett 3, G. A. Hurd 4, J. G. Underwood 5, R. Baldwin (cond.) 6. First quarter to be rung by the University of Nottingham Society.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Cox 1, A. M. Wixey 2, F. E. T. Tranter (cond.) 3, P. T. Hurcombe 4, Miss J. Watts 5, C. Leighton 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, Miss B. Crossman 2, H. Warboys 3, M. Hatch 4, J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 6, A. House 7, G. Blower 8. For Confirmation.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, All Saints', Canterbury, Old, and 300 Plain Bob): A. Whitlock 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, H. Curtis 3, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 4, K. D. Perkins 5. For Palm Sunday.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Chalkley 1, A. C. Harris 2, L. Runnacles 3, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 4, S. Ashton 5, L. Blackburn (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. Birt 1, Miss P. M. Jervis (first of Grandsire 'inside') 2, Miss L. Kew (first of Grandsire and of Triples) 3, J. Schofield 4, B. T. Lister 5, A. D. Rivers 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, J. T. Smith (first quarter) 8.

STAFFORD.—On Mar. 30th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 1, R. J. Warrilow (jun.) 2, I. Vaughan 3, Miss S. K. Seery 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin 7, T. Howe (first quarter) 8. For evening service and as a farewell compliment to I. Vaughan.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. S. Hawthorn 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, M. G. Lane 4, C. G. V. Burgess 5, G. E. Dodd (first quarter) 6. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Spackman 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, D. G. Pickett (first 'inside') 4, M. G. Lane 5, L. S. Goddard 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,280 St. Simon's Doubles: D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, M. G. Lane 5, L. S. Goddard 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles in 13 methods: D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, M. G. Lane 4, C. G. V. Burgess 5, L. S. Goddard 6. First in 13 methods by all.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Mar. 30th, at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Bullock 1, Miss M. Wright 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, Dr. H. Craig 5, R. C. Westney 6, G. Wells 7, T. Townsend 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. To mark the forthcoming marriage of the Rev. John Poarch, curate.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Woodruff (15) 1, Ann Collier (14) 2, J. Feloate (16) 3, Ann Pryke (17) 4, Gillian R. Brown (16) 5, M. Mills (16, cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Ann Collier.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Brown 1, R. W. Rex 2, G. Wiggins 3, Miss V. Hart 4, R. Christopher 5, D. Mutram 6, H. P. Reed (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. First 'inside' 4 and 6. For Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Mar. 30th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Steel (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkines 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. First quarter on the bells since the rehanging of the tenor.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hoodless 1, F. A. Ginns 2, R. W. Shaw 3, D. C. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. A. Webster 6. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Webster 1, F. A. Ginns 2, R. W. Shaw 3, A. C. Urquhart 4, R. W. Spencer 5, F. A. Ginns 6. Both rung for all mothers on Mothering Sunday.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Emerson (first quarter) 1, M. Kemp 2, P. Illingworth (first quarter) 3, T. Randall 4, J. Morris 5, D. McNeil (cond.) 6. Rung to the glory of God before Sung Mass.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Sidbury on Easter Monday, and about 40 ringers and friends attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Taylor and tea was provided by the local ringers and their wives.

At the business meeting the secretary in his report said that membership during the past year had increased and also that there were a greater number of younger members.

Mr. G. C. Woodley was re-elected chairman, Mr. F. Parr vice-chairman, Mr. W. Webb secretary and treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. C. Webb vice-secretary and Messrs. F. Parr, P. Davis and C. Turner on the Guild committee.

Fifteen new members were elected, including a new band at Hemyock.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, and Bob Major.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Easter Monday fixture of the Society, at Rotherham, proved to be a great attraction, and this noble ring was tapping out Grandsire Caters as early as 2.30 p.m. Besides numerous stalwarts from the Sheffield and Rotherham areas visitors from Leeds, Bradford, Newark, Retford and Canterbury were also present.

After the catering prowess of the lady members of the local company had been sampled, a short business meeting was held, with the president, Mr. H. O. Chaddock, in the chair.

The more serious business of ringing then continued with Yorkshire and London Major, Cambridge Royal and Double Norwich Caters, interspersed with numerous rounds and courses of Plain Bob for the probationers. L. M. H.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

In her report presented at the fourth annual meeting of the Southampton University Guild, the Master (Miss Ruth A. Carey) stated that the Guild had successfully continued to encourage regular ringing, especially for Sunday services.

Apart from weekly tower-bell and handbell practices there had been cycling outings in the Portsmouth, Winchester and the Meon Valley area. Inter-University meetings had been held with Reading at Alton, and with Bristol at Bradford-on-Avon and Westbury.

The custom of visiting towers for Sunday ringing had continued throughout the summer term, but this had to be dropped in the autumn when the ring of bells at Bitterne Park was opened, as the University had agreed to help teach a local band there. During the year 45 to 50 towers had been visited, covering some 850 miles, and considerable improvement had been made by the less experienced members in the art of change-ringing.

The first peal, Plain Bob Major, had been rung for the Guild. Altogether two peals had been rung and six quarters in the past year. This included the first quarter 'in hand.' The Guild had been privileged to provide the band for the opening rounds at the Bitterne Park dedication.

The officers elected for the coming year were: Mr. D. Exell, Master; Miss R. A. Carey, deputy Master; Mr. D. d'A. R. Blackwall, secretary-treasurer; Mr. J. A. Queen, committee member.

Mr. G. Pullinger was unanimously elected as an honorary vice-president of the Guild as a tribute to the way in which he had helped so many members when learning.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

The annual meeting of the Central District was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on March 29th. Owing to the great number of weddings there was very little ringing in the afternoon, but during the evening touches varying from rounds to 6-spliced were rung. We were pleased to see so many friends present, especially a gentleman from South Africa.

Tea was taken in the Y.W.C.A., and a short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Gordon Taylor).

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president, Mrs. Lock. Mrs. Savory was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. Bullock was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Bagworth, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Rose were elected to the committee. Three new members were elected—Miss R. Clarke, Miss D. Robinson and Miss J. Spreadbury. E. S.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY GUILD OUTING

On Easter Monday afternoon a party of 11 ringers—members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Guild and friends—made an assault on six-bell towers west of the Severn.

Ringing started at Eastnor, a very nice, light ring. The next tower was Dymock, set amid fields of wild daffodils, where the bells required more effort. Newent and Huntley (the best bells of the trip) followed.

After tea, ringing was resumed at Blaisdon and this proved to be the last tower; an eight-mile traffic jam on the main road to Gloucester frustrated all efforts to arrive at Churcham.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and some well-struck touches were brought round

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Truro Cathedral bells will be heard prior to the morning service to be broadcast on Sunday, April 27th, at 9.45 a.m. in the basic and West of England Home Services. The service will be conducted by the Sub-Dean, Canon J. E. Fison, who will also preach.

Three fathers and three daughters rang in the Easter Day quarter peal at St. Faith's, Havant.

Emstone, Oxfordshire, ringers are trying to raise £600 to have their bells repaired.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus was rung at Buckfast Abbey last Saturday in 4 hours and 10 minutes.

In the 16th century the Hinxworth ringers were referred to as the Tin Army.—From 'The Hertfordshire Countryside.'

Stafford ringers have enjoyed having Arthur Young, of Hastings, with them during his National Service. A farewell quarter was rung on March 30th.

The light bells of St. Nicholas', Marston, Oxford, were rung for 6 hours and 20 minutes when a new long-length of Doubles (12,600 changes) was rung by local ringers.

Six inches of snow in the Northumberland countryside did not deter Newcastle ringers having an enjoyable Bank Holiday with peals at Newton Hall and Allendale.

The peal at Bitterne Park, Southampton (see page 214), was a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ruth A. Carey, who was Master of the Southampton University Guild until the end of last term.

Mr. Brian J. Woodruff informs us that the attempt for 27,328 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Fairfield on Easter Monday was called round at about 8,000 changes after four and a half hours' ringing. The ringing had deteriorated somewhat in the last half-hour and was regarded as unsatisfactory. Another attempt is to be made in the near future.

Mr. Donald Flower, captain of St. John's, Frome, was unlucky on Easter Eve, when he slipped while changing a rope and broke two ribs—the tenor crown-staple nut being the culprit.

The thanks of ringers of the Guilsborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild are due to John Kinchin, of Yelvertoft, for organising a most enjoyable Easter Monday outing to the Uppingham area.

Fifty-two ringers from Northampton and District spent Easter Monday on tour in Oxfordshire. Towers visited were Hook Norton, Chipping Norton, Churchill, Burford, Witney, Charlbury and Enstone. Thanks are recorded to the incumbents and tower representatives who met the party.

At the Banbury and District Branch meeting on April 12th, Mr. Watson conveyed the good wishes of the Branch to 'Jo' on her marriage to Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, and hoped that all the 'changes' of married life would 'come round.' The meeting at Shenington was attended by 25 members, representing eight towers.

Bro. W. Frank Stenson, P.P.G.M., of 142, Minshull Road, Crewe, is again organising the ringing at the A.M.C. of the Odd Fellows conference at Blackpool. He is hoping that for the special service at St. John's Church, on June 1st at 10 a.m., to have not only a full band for ringing but a singing party. There will be other ringing facilities during the week. Bro. J. M. Foster is co-operating to make an attractive programme.

'When I went to get my "Ringing World" from the newsagent,' writes Miss A. Henson, of West Bridgford, Notts, 'he asked me if it was a pigeon racing booklet. I ought to have replied, "No; but there is a pigeon connection—the one the Ringing Master carries if a beginner breaks a stay".'

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FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

THE records of early first peal performances in different methods are often inaccurate and incomplete. The most complete list is given in E. Morris' 'History and Art,' but some of the dates are incorrect and since its publication earlier performances in some methods have come to light.

Confusion has sometimes arisen in some early 18th century dates because of the change in New Year's Day, which at that time was at the end of March. For example, the first known peal of Grandsire Cinques is usually given as January 19th, 1724. But if we follow through the early records of the College Youths we see that this is 'old style' and should now be given as 1725.

I hope in this article to sort out the incorrect dates, but it may be that some earlier dates are known to others. If so, I hope that such information will be sent to 'The Ringing World.'

Reference will be made to 'History and Art' and to the Central Council Collections of Triples and Major.

Plain Bob Triples.—The earliest peal board is at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, dated May 2nd, 1715. Reference is made to two earlier false peals, but it does not say whether false in composition or performance. The College Youths have a note of a peal at St. Sepulchre's, London, on January 17th, 1690, which Snowdon dismisses as probably false, he having found no composition of that date. But this opinion can be dismissed when we remember that Stedman undoubtedly knew how to obtain a peal of Triples from an extent of Minor. It is extremely probable that the College Youths, and maybe the London Scholars, were ringing peals long before the Norwich peal of 1715.

Plain Bob Major.—The earliest known peal was rung at St. Bride's, London, on April 26th, 1725, by the College Youths. But their records before 1725 are lost, and earlier peals were probably rung.

Plain Bob Caters.—The earliest known peals are of 6,480 at Leeds, Kent, on November 2nd and December 12th, 1751. The peal of Old Doubles Caters at Fulham on March 23rd, 1783, was presumably also Plain Bob Caters.

Plain Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Bride's on November 22nd, 1725, by the College Youths.

Plain Bob Maximus.—5,280 at St. Bride's on February 26th, 1726, by the College Youths.

Grandsire Triples.—A peal board at St. Peter Mancroft records a peal rung on August 26th, 1718, and also refers to other previous false peals. Grandsire Triples and Caters had been practised in London since 1684, and although the Norwich peal is the first known, it is extremely unlikely that it is the first actually rung.

Grandsire Major.—5,071 rung at St. George's, Southwark, on October 11th, 1773, by the Cumberlands and 5,151 at Whitechapel on April 26th, 1775, by the London Youths. Morris gives 7,552 at Aston on July 30th, 1792.

Grandsire Caters.—5,040 at St. Bride's on January 11th, 1717, is the earliest known, and also the earliest known peal by the London Scholars. Probably not the first peal in the method.

Grandsire Royal.—5,360 at Fulham on November 26th, 1780, by the College Youths. Morris gives 5,159 at St. John's, Southwark, on September 23rd, 1787.

Grandsire Cinques.—5,060 at St. Bride's on January 19th, 1725, by the College Youths. Incorrectly given as 1724, which is old style.

Grandsire Maximus.—5,112 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on May 7th, 1792, by the Cumberland Youths.

Reverse Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 22nd, 1751, by the College Youths. Morris and C.C.C. incorrectly give March 23rd, 1751, at Harrietsham, but this was actually Double Bob Major.

Reverse Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 22nd and December 22nd, 1761, by the College Youths. Not given by Morris.

Reverse Bob Maximus.—5,280 at St. Bride's on May 15th, 1769, by the College Youths.

Double Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Bride's on January 14th, 1726, by the College Youths.

Double Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Bride's on February 28th, 1733, by the College Youths.

Double Bob Maximus.—5,016 at St. Bride's on March 24th, 1740, by the College Youths.

Reverse Grandsire Triples.—The peal at Hackney on March 9th, 1782, by the Cumberland Youths is probably the first in the method. The peal of John Holt's Grandsire 'tripple' reverse at Horsham was most probably Holt's ten-part Grandsire Triples reversed. (J. A. Trollope, 'R.W.', August 3rd, 1945.)

Reverse Grandsire Caters.—5,058 at Shoreditch on September 10th, 1769, by the Cumberland Youths.

Reverse Grandsire Cinques.—Apparently has not yet been pealed.

Double Grandsire Triples.—Annable gave two Double Triples, now known as Double Grandsire Triples or Grandsire Double Triples. Peals of Double Triples were rung on November 17th, 1765, at Spitalfields and on January 4th, 1766, at St. George's, Southwark, by the College Youths. These were most probably Holt's ten-part peal of Double Grandsire Triples. C.C.C. gives the 1766 peal and Morris gives a peal at Chester on January 6th, 1913.

Double Grandsire Caters.—5,094 at St. Bride's on March 21st, 1732, by the College Youths.

Double Grandsire Cinques.—5,060 at St. Bride's on November 29th, 1738, by the College Youths.

Spliced Plain Bob Triples and Major.—5,012 at St. George's, Southwark, on April 17th, 1768, by the London Youths. Not given by Morris.

Bob Major, St. George.—5,040 at St. George's, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750, and is Plain Bob with two types of bob.

(To be continued)



'Here's a teaser . . . it contains two Singles and a Bob!

AMERICA'S GIFT TO A SUFFOLK CHURCH

Yesterday the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich dedicated two new bells at St. Peter's Church, Eriswell, Suffolk, and rededicated the three old bells. At the ceremony Colonel Maynard E. White, U.S.A.F., former commander of the 3910th Air Base Group, R.A.F., Lakenheath, and Colonel David A. Tate, the present commander, handed the ropes of the new bells to the Bishop and asked him to dedicate the bells 'purchased by the officers and airmen under our command, to the glory of God and the strengthening of Anglo-American friendship.'

Originally there were six great bells in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, Eriswell, according to the inventory made during the last year of the reign of Edward VI in A.D. 1553. These bells, however, were probably melted down for munitions during the Civil War, 1642-1648, and were much larger than the present bells. It is over 200 years since the three old bells were hung in the church, and during most of this period Eriswell has had a link with North America through the New England Company. This Company bought the entire village of Eriswell in 1649, and with the money raised here sent Christian teachers and missionaries to build schools and churches in North America.

Today, 308 years later, men from all states of America are living in the parish of Eriswell at the U.S.A.F. base, and it is therefore most fitting that they should cement Eriswell's long link with America by donating two new bells.

DETAILS OF THE RING OF FIVE BELLS

Treble.—1 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb., note A. 'Americans gave me, John Taylor made me. April 17th, 1958. Rector, William Donnan.'

Second.—1 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb., note G. 'John Taylor and Co., founders, Loughborough. God protect those who fly; may Anglo-American friendship never die. April 17th, 1958. Ch. Ws. W. Lock, C. Frostick.'

Third.—1 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb., note F sharp. 'John Spark, churchwarden. Thos. Osborn, founder, 1795.'

Fourth.—2 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., note E. 'John Spark, churchwarden. Thos. Osborn, founder, 1795. Taylor tablet: Recast 1958. May this bell forth tell glory to God in Eriswell.'

Tenor.—3 cwt. 16 lb., note D. 'Tho. Gardiner made me 1743.'

After the service the bells were rung by members of the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds.

THE ADDERBURY WEDDING

In the presence of a large congregation in which there were a number of well-known ringing personalities with Yorkshire, Hereford and the Universities' Associations being strongly represented, Mr. Wilfrid Moreton and Miss 'Jo' Roper were married at St. Mary's Church, Adderbury, Oxon, on Easter Monday.

The service was conducted by Canon H. A. Moreton, of Hereford, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Walmsley, Vicar of Adderbury.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length dress of white lace, a shoulder-length veil and a diamante coronet. She carried a bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley and yellow carnations and was attended by her sister, Miss Ann Roper, and two pages, nephews of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Michael Moreton, brother of the bridegroom.

At the reception, held in The Rookery, the home of Lord and Lady Elton, the toast of 'The Bride and Bridegroom' was proposed by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council.

The bells were kept going before and after the ceremony by the local band assisted by ringers from Wakefield and Hereford, and after the reception an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative but abandoned after two hours.

IRISH ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Southern District

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held before lunch in the Central Hotel, Mallow, Co. Cork, on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th). The District chairman, Mr. C. W. Galbraith, in his usual quick and efficient manner, got through all the business in record time—although there were 80 people present and a lot of them had (or tried to have!) much to say. Visitors included Lady Doneraile, the Rev. F. Garrett (Rector of Mallow), the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot (Dean of Limerick), Canon Osborne (Rector of Doneraile), Miss Jean Stewart (Northern District) and Fred Dukes, general secretary, representing Mr. Pratt, president.

After the meeting had paid their respects to two good friends of the District—the late Leonard Dobbin and J. A. Haydn—the various reports and routine business were dealt with.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Vice-president of executive council, Mr. D. Benson (Limerick); representatives on executive council, Messrs. G. Bingham, C. Galbraith and F. Bogan; chairman, Mr. C. W. Galbraith; treasurer and secretary, Mr. G. Bingham; Ringing Master, H. Ellis; assistant secretary, P. Hanley.

Waterford was selected as the place for the 1959 annual meeting. Nine new members were elected.

After an excellent lunch at the Central Hotel the draw took place for the R. R. Sherry striking contest. Seven teams competed on the bells of St. Mary's, Mallow, and the placings of the judges (Miss Jean Stewart and Mr. F. E. Dukes) were: Mount St. Alphonsus 'A' 106½ faults, Mount St. Alphonsus 'B' 120 faults, Doneraile 126½ faults.

Later after tea Miss Stewart presented the cup to Mr. Liam Benson, captain of the winning team and also the attendance shield to the same tower, which had a 100 per cent. record for 1957 Sunday service ringing. The shield was shared with Drogheda, who also had a 100 per cent. record.

Mr. Dukes, speaking on behalf of the president, complimented the District on its prosperous position and keen officers. He also congratulated them on their advance in change-ringing—Bob Triples is now being practised at St. Mary's, Limerick.

Eastern District

Almost 40 bell-ringers from Arklow, Dublin (St. George's, SS. Augustine and John's and St. Patrick's Cathedral), Drogheda and visitors (Mr. G. Bingham, Southern District secretary, the Rev. Professor D. Vokes, Archbishop King's Professor in Dublin University, and his son, Mr. A. Vokes, both formerly of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich) met at the annual meeting of the Eastern District in Drogheda on Easter Monday.

Ten new members were elected at the business meeting, and Bray was approved for the summer meeting on September 6th.

Election of officers: Vice-president of executive council, H. Johnston (Bray); chairman, J. MacManus (Dublin); Ringing Master, W. T. Shaw (Arklow); treasurer, W. D. Graham (Drogheda); secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes (Julianstown); assistant secretary, R. Huber (Drogheda); representatives on executive council, Mrs. Dukes, J. McManus and V. Crawford (St George's, Dublin).

It was decided to send a letter of good wishes to Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, now in his 85th year, and who has recently been in hospital for treatment.

Following lunch at the Gwent Arms Hotel, the Lindoff cup striking contest was held, with Messrs. G. Bingham, V. Crawford and H. H. Brown as judges. The cup was won by Drogheda, 21 faults, followed by SS. Augustine and John's, Dublin, 56 faults, and Arklow, 98 faults. The cup was presented by Mr. Bingham to Mr. F. E. Dukes, captain of the winning team, and the attendance shield to Mr. W. Bovenizer, secretary of the Drogheda tower.

Tea was kindly provided by the Drogheda Society, and good use was made of the bells between 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

NEWS FROM CAPE TOWN

At a recent meeting of the Woodstock ringers held at St. Mary's Rectory, the proceedings opened with a brief silence in memory of Mr. John Wood, who was captain of the band for many years. The following officers were then elected to hold office for the year ending Easter, 1959: W. J. Smith, Ringing Master; J. Ernstzen and C. Gardiner, bell maintenance, with O. Lamb and L. Hewitt assisting with supplies; L. Hewitt, public relations; Miss F. Collins, funds organiser. In addition to the foregoing the following ringers were also present: Messrs. J. Crump, R. Laws, J. Riley and R. H. Stickley, together with the two churchwardens E. Rip and G. L. E. Soderlund, the latter being voted to the chair in the absence of the Rector (Rev. D. H. Cumming).

The meeting heard with regret that after a stay of only a few months, J. Crump was leaving for Salisbury (Southern Rhodesia) about the middle of April. The chairman stated that the new ropes had been received from the U.K., and he wished to thank R. H. Stickley for paying the local customs duty of 20 per cent. thereon. Thanks were also accorded to the Rector for advancing the money in the U.K. to pay for the ropes, and a guarantee was given that this amount would be available for him upon his return from leave in Britain in September. Those present also sent their regards to Vic Sheppard and Mary, who are also enjoying a holiday there.

Progress has continued; ringing now includes touches in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major. Four new recruits have just joined the band. R. H. S.

Maidstone Grammar School Society

Twenty past and present members of Maidstone Grammar School Society had the privilege of visiting Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's foundry, Whitechapel, on March 28th.

After a morning sight-seeing, the party was met at the foundry by Mr. A. A. Hughes at 2.30 p.m. and an enjoyable and instructive afternoon followed.

Before returning to Maidstone the party split up; some gate-crashed the Ladies' Guild meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Field. Thanks were due to the organiser, Mr. Scott, and, of course, Mr. Hughes.

DEDICATION OF PEAL PANEL AT ASHTEAD

There was an interesting ceremony at Ashtead on Palm Sunday when a panel in the ringing chamber commemorating the recent 300th peal on the bells was dedicated. During Matins, immediately after the second prayers, the rector reminded the congregation that there are only a few churches in the land containing rings of bells upon which 300 full peals have been rung. This distinction came to Ashtead last year when the resident band of ringers, who ring for all Sunday services, rang the 300th peal in just over three hours. The rector added: 'I will now ask you to join with me in an act of dedication.'

The clergy, preceded by the Cross, and followed by such members of the choir as were ringers then proceeded down the church to the ringing chamber, which is on the first floor and is open to the church. As they proceeded, other ringers who were in the congregation joined in the procession and all went up to the ringing chamber. Then the rector unveiled the panel commemorating the peal and used the following prayer:—

'O God, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Creator and Sanctifier of all things of true worth, we dedicate in Thy Name this panel. May the bells which ring from this church call us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth to the praise and honour of Thy holy Name. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.'

The clergy and choristers then returned to their places while some of the ringers remained in the ringing chamber to ring immediately after the service. As the ringing chamber is open to the church the congregation by turning round were able to join in the act of dedication.

The panel was beautifully written by a member of the peal band.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The quarterly meeting of Devizes Branch was held at St. Michael's Church, Urchfont, on March 29th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Sayer) and tea served in the Village Hall by Mrs. Smith and helpers, to which 32 ringers sat down. Visitors were present from Bath, Bridgwater, Chippenham, Chichester, Ottershaw, Reading, Runcorn and Salisbury. The meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman, who gave a very warm welcome to the Vicar and the visitors. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist, Mrs. Smith, and the captain of the tower for the arrangements. Ringing during the afternoon and evening on the eight bells (tenor 19 cwt.) was of a high standard. A. T. W.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NELSON'S BELL AT JAMAICA

Dear Sir,—L/Cpl. Goldthorpe's drawing of 'Nelson's' bell at Jamaica clearly shows the monogram of the United Dutch East India Company (Oostindische Vereenigde Maatschappij) V.O.C. This great trading and exploration combine had full administrative, judicial and legislative powers from the Cape of Good Hope *eastwards* to Cape Horn. It is not surprising that there are two bells with the V.O.C. mark in Cape Town.

In the tower of the Groote Kerk a clock bell of 37 in. diameter bears the inscription 'Jan Albert de Grave me fecit Anno 1726, V.O.C.', and also in the castle a fine ornamented bell of 26 in. diameter is inscribed 'Claudefremi me fecit Amstellodami Anno 1697,' and in this case the V.O.C. mark is surmounted by a small 'A' —like the Jamaica bell—showing it to have been cast in Amsterdam.

As to the inscription, I can only say that the town of Jaffna in North Ceylon shows considerable Dutch influence dating from 1658, and it is locally called Yal-Pannan.—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Charlton, S.E.7.

'THE CONQUEST OF DEATH'

Dear Sir,—May I comment on a sentence in the front page article 'The Conquest of Death' (April 4th) which reads: 'Unless we are hired servants it means that when we ring on Easter Sunday we affirm our belief in the Risen Christ . . . .' Does this mean that ringers who receive some monetary reward for ringing do not believe in Christ? This is a very serious statement which can also apply to the organist, the choirmaster and the verger, who also may be hired servants.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne.

NOTE.—It was intended to convey that the art of ringing on Easter Sunday is an affirmation of our belief in the Risen Christ, unless the ringer regarded himself as a 'hired servant,' in other words, not a member of the family of Christ on earth. Payment of a 'hired servant' need not be monetary; it can be in selfish pleasure, whereby the individual allies himself to a church tower for personal motives and not to give his talents to the glory of God.—*Ed.*

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Birmingham's letter in the issue of March 28th touches on a matter that I raised in the issue of September 3rd, 1956 (page 491).

For ringing a peal for an Association other than his own 10s. is, in my opinion, too much (even if the ringer can well afford it; even today there are many who cannot), as in most of these cases the peal may be an isolated one. I have had one experience of a suggested whip-round to assist a visiting ringer to take part in a peal for an Association other than his own. This caused some embarrassment to the proposed recipient, and much against his wishes the attempt was made and failed; nothing further was done about the 5s. life membership subscription. I have an idea this is nothing unusual when a peal attempt under these circumstances fails.

My letter of August 3rd, 1956, makes a practical suggestion, which if properly organised and put into operation would I am sure be of benefit to both ringers and their Associations. Perhaps some of our up-and-coming legislators would consider the idea.

In conclusion, whether the subscription for life membership of a ringing organisation is 5s. or 10s., both are too much; for what extra expense is incurred by printing the visitor's name in the peal records in an annual report? Presumably peal booking fees are general.—Yours very truly,

B. S. THOMPSON.

South Lowestoft, Suffolk.

JACK WOOD, OF CAPE TOWN

Dear Sir,—I was shocked to learn from your columns of the death of Jack Wood, of Cape Town. I had the good fortune to ring at St. Mary's, Woodstock, from 1947 to 1950, and during that period gained a great respect for Jack. He was a good servant to his church and to ringing, and I am certain it was almost entirely due to his enthusiasm that method ringing has survived and flourished in the face of difficulties we in this country can hardly credit.

To me he was a good friend, and I shall long remember his hospitality which meant a lot.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD W. MILFORD.

Plymouth, Devon.

JOHN CARTER'S ODD BOB STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The interesting letters concerning John Carter's composition of Stedman Triples, at one time known as Carter's Odd Bob One-part, has resurrected much interesting history.

It may well be that the number of times it has been performed are few owing to the difficulty of obtaining the figures. It might be useful to the few conductors interested in Stedman Triples to have the figures, and they are therefore appended.

It is interesting to recall that in 1947 Mr. Fred Dunkerley, then of Moorside, received the figures from the late Mr. F. R. Hibbert, who at at that date had not called the composition.

Within a few days of receiving the figures the Moorside company rang it, being conducted by Mr. Fred Dunkerley. This is believed to be the only occasion on which a Sunday service band has accomplished this composition.

It is worth noting that, soon after, Mr. Dunkerley called J. O. Lancashire's famous composition at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, the late Ben Thorp acting as umpire.—Yours, etc.,

Oldham. E. JENKINS.

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MUSIC IN BELL-RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I trespass once more upon your space to reply to Mr. Chant's criticisms of my articles?

1 'These progressions are not tonic-supertonic progressions.' I find it difficult to believe that Mr. Chant's comments on this proposition are seriously intended as a summary of my arguments. I did not claim that the tonic and supertonic notes lose their identity in a progression of this sort, nor did I claim that the top note of a chord must be its root. What I did say and still maintain is that Mr. Chant's so-called 'tonic-supertonic' progressions are only such if regarded purely melodically, and that so to regard them is to distort their meaning by ignoring the harmonic context which explains them; taken in this context, they are merely part of a tonic-dominant or submediant-dominant progression.

2. 'The submediant chord is the relative minor.' Mr. Chant correctly points out that this is so only when a modulation to the relative minor has been made; his criticism is, however, open to his own charge of being irrelevant and misleading, since the argument at this point is not affected by it.

3. 'Tonic-supertonic progressions are as common as blackberries in music.' This quotation of Mr. Chant's is not an accurate rendering of what I actually said. Nevertheless, I agree that a melody moves down to the supertonic note at a half close more frequently than it moves up; whether this occurs so frequently as Mr. Chant alleges, I am not so sure. It is interesting to see that his 'more often than not' in his article of January 3rd has now become a ratio of 12:1, and that whereas on January 3rd it was 'not difficult to find quite a few well-known hymn tunes that contain this progression,' they are now 'far from frequent.'

4. 'Anacrusis.' Here, as in No. 2, Mr. Chant is quite right in pointing out that I have used the word wrongly (although 'The Everyman Dictionary of Music' says that 'anacrusis has become synonymous with upbeat"). Here, as in No. 2, the objection is irrelevant and misleading, since the argument is not affected by it.

5. Rhythm. The letters from Mr. Chant and Mrs. Price show that this is a more subjective matter than I thought when I wrote my articles, and I can only say that I just don't hear bells as they apparently do. (I may say that I don't hear six bells in the inebriated rhythm Mr. Chant attributes to me either, but I realise that my article may have made it seem so.)

6. 6-3's at backstroke. On this point I must defer to Mr. Chant, who is more experienced than I both as a musician and as a ringer of Minor. I have never heard any Minor which sounded as if it had modulated to the subdominant, but Mr. Chant says he has, and I have no reason to doubt him.

There is one final point. In the first paragraph of his letter Mr. Chant says that those statements of mine which he criticises are 'made the basis of my arguments against 6-5's.' Three of the statements are not the bases of any arguments at all, while of the remaining three only two have to do with 6-5's. Neither of these is part of an argument 'against 6-5's,' for there is none such in my articles, although they do seek to counter one of Mr. Chant's arguments (not his conclusion) *in favour* of 6-5's.—Yours faithfully,

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LETTERS—Continued

SATURN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I can assure Mr. Blagrove that the ringing which took place at Ockham on November 30th last year *was* a peal. How many ringers realise what vague rules have been laid down for the judgment of peal ringing?

The Central Council Handbook—Decisions—(D) Peal-ringing (on page 19) calls our attention to a number of rules and goes on to issue a code to apply to ordinary peals and also to peals rung to surpass previous achievements.

The code is divided up into paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and so on, and when we come to paragraph (f) we read that for peals rung to surpass previous peals of 6,120 changes or more, compliance with certain further conditions is required.

The last of these further conditions relating to long-length peals is:—

'(vi) The methods rung in such peals shall comply with the Report on Regular Methods (as on page 22).'

That is to say that whereas a long-length peal must be in a proper method, an ordinary peal is not subject to that qualification, and Mr. Blagrove's assumption that one must ring peals in regular methods (as given on page 22) is unjustified.

However, I do not wish to slide round the rules which the Central Council hoped they had set out, but rather, in this letter, to show how the changes which we rang conform with rules on both peal ringing and regular methods.

The following is a Principle and a Method. There are no 'hunt' bells.

	The name of the method is
1 2 3 4 5	SATURN DOUBLES
2 1 3 5 4	For 240 call any bell to lead full
1 2 5 3 4	three times with a bob and once
2 1 5 4 3	with a single, repeated twice.
	(The singles may be positioned
2 5 1 3 4	instead of any bob provided that
	they come with three bobs
Bob	between.)
2 1 5 4 3	This should give 20 different
	callings.
2 1 4 5 3	The plain course is 20 changes
	long and is TRUE.
Single	
2 1 5 4 3	
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The name given to the 5,040 rung at Ockham was Saturn Treble Bob Doubles. The changes we rang were indistinguishable from a 240 of Saturn Doubles (given above) with the treble called in firsts place, BBBS, BBSB, BSBB and SBBB, each of the four callings repeated twice.

If it will ease the consciences of those who would otherwise have liked to try Saturn *T.B.* Doubles, just say you are ringing Saturn Doubles, with a bob every time the treble leads, which you are ringing non-conducted! That is then no more wicked than Stedman Doubles with the singles 'winked.'

This, of course, is far from being the only anomaly in the guiding (?) rules of the Central Council.

A peal of Reverse College Minor (which has not got plain bob lead-ends) would be perfectly acceptable if rung as a peal of Reverse Original.

Similarly, Court Minor could be published as Original Minor. I know of no rule to say that a peal may not be part called, part silent.

It is ridiculous for the truth of a peal to be judged by the name given to it, yet that would seem to be the state of affairs at present.

Of course, to return to the peal in question, the fact that the peal was in 240's which were not round blocks remains, and we can only hope that revision of the rules will be enacted.

There is another method whereby this peal may be justified, but I feel that I have already taken up too much space in trying to convince, against their will, those who do *not* wish to ring the method, that it is worth while.

After all, we ring methods for fun . . . DON'T WE?—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL P. MORETON.

London, S.W.19.

P.S.—We wait at London Airport with dying hopes for our rocket's arrival . . . feeling rather like the level-crossing keeper who kept one gate open, one gate shut—said he was half-expecting a train.—M. P. M.

VARIOUS TOPICS

Dear Sir,—I forwarded a letter to your office for your issue of February 28th; the letter appears to be lost. It was in relation to pp. 133 (front), the last paragraph, by Mr. William H. Barber; 140, The Old Gardener; 141, Music in Bell-ringing, by Mr. Desmond Painter; 143, 6-5 at Backstroke, by Mr. H. Chant; 143, Giving the Tenor Plenty of Room, by Mr. N. F. Moxon, of the Barnsley Association.

To the ringing fraternity I hereby express my own feelings towards these subjects. I am glad to belong to Associations which do appreciate and feel that everyone who rings in them does listen to the bells for music's sake. Amongst them I include Mr. H. Chant and Mr. N. F. Moxon, of the Barnsley Association.

I realise that should the likes of these yes-'strikers' become extinct, so will the music of the bells.

As Mr. William H. Barber's statement in the last paragraph—when the striking deteriorates the suffering must be more intense, and the fields of the Old Gardener will multiply.

What is a musical change? (by Mr. Desmond Painter). Does 6-5 and 8-7 occur in music? I would advise him to listen to the actual striking and music of those bells as Mr. H. Chant has. I think he would agree.

'Giving the Tenor Plenty of Room,' by Mr. N. F. Moxon: good luck to you, for it has been my view that the Central Council should give a lead through one of their recognised committee for a time which should appertain to the tenors. They must admit that a lot of peals are murdered for speed.—Yours fraternally,

J. BURGESS.

Friezland.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal rung at Alford, Lincs, on Saturday, March 15th, 1958, as I find the extent of Little Bob at the end does not conform with the C.C. ruling.

I apologise to the band for it was entirely my own responsibility in adding the extra extent which I had no idea did not meet the C.C. requirements.—Yours sincerely,

JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Lincoln.

Progress In Australia

Ringing advances apace here. The advent of the Pipes, of course, helped us tremendously. Here at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, we now ring Kent Major, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples quite regularly. We can also manage a course of Cambridge Major but it's a bit rough yet. Practice recently produced a course of Kent Royal—it's really lovely music.

A while ago we had a visit from the ringers of St. Paul's, Bendigo, and of St. Peter's, Ballaarat. (It's rather unfortunate but the treble at St. Peter's has been cracked. It will require re-casting.) Had a good day's ringing. Eight of us went up to St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral and rang for half-an-hour. The ring is one of eight (tenor 20 cwt.) cast by Murphy, of Dublin. Considering they have only been rung four times since 1948, they went very well. We managed to score a plain course of Grandsire Triples.

G. W. H.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association took place on Easter Monday in and around Bedford. Ringing during the morning at Elstow, Kempston, Goldington and St. Peter's, Bedford, preceded the meeting in St. Peter's Hall, which was followed by further ringing at Felmersham and St. Paul's, Bedford. There was a very large attendance at all towers, visitors being present from as far afield at Maidenhead and Leicester, and it was most encouraging to notice the large number of youngsters. Methods rung during the day ranged from rounds and Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major and Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

The business meeting, with the president (Miss E. Steel) in the chair, was less well supported, only about 40 Bedfordshire ringers being present. Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs. H. Gayton, H. D. Harris, E. Munday and A. King. The statement of accounts and committee's report for 1957 were all adopted, and the Association's officers all re-elected with the exception of hon. auditor, the vacancy caused by the resignation, through ill-health, of Mr. G. A. Mason being filled by Mr. F. J. Plummer.

After much discussion it was decided that the annual meeting for 1959 should be held once more in Bedford, the towers of St. Peter's and St. Paul's only being opened. It was felt that six-bell ringers, too, could be adequately catered for in these towers. The question of an organised lunch was raised; this not apparently being possible, Miss Anne Amor offered her services in arranging tea. The offer was gratefully accepted.

The joint summer festival with the Hertford County Association, to be held this year on June 14th, at Woburn, was discussed, and some suitable towers suggested to the general secretary, the arrangements to be left in his hands.

The annual dinner, 1958, was not felt to have been a success, although the meal itself was described as the best so far. It still being considered desirable by the Association to hold a dinner, the general secretary suggested that a dinner committee be formed, and Mr. J. Michael Stephens was elected with powers to form his own committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and the members scattered to find more ringing.

J. W. S.

'A MORAL FOR RINGERS'

By the late H. W. GIDDINGS, of MARCH

Church bells ringing in the height
Of many a tower and tapering spire,
Convey a message to our souls
As sweet as sung by any choir.

They call us on God's Holy Feasts,
To Eucharist or Vespers low;
They ring, they chime in cadence clear
For sacred worship, joy or woe.

'Glory to God, goodwill and peace,'
Each Christmas day they early greet;
At Easter Festival they hail
The Resurrection's message sweet.

For ever down the stream of time,
Which slowly bears its sons away,
The old familiar changes sound
When evening practice ends the day.

Ring forth change and well-known course,
By method and by striking true,
Bring touch and peal completely round—
Ring out the old! Ring in the new!

Lord, give us ringers grace to serve
Thy Church with loyal, godly zeal:
So by Thy mercy we may share
In those blest joys Thou wilt reveal.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR ALLMAN

There was laid to rest on Easter Thursday in the churchyard of the 16th century Church of St. Bertoline, Barthomley, Cheshire, Mr. Arthur Allman, who had rung these bells for 60 years.

Arthur was leading ringer, towerkeeper, sexton and parish clerk. The last of his line to hold the office of Clerk's Freehold—he followed his father, who rang at Barthomley for many years, in this office. His son, Eric, is carrying on the ringing traditions of the family as captain of the ringers.

Arthur rang 86 peals—as also did the late John Brassington (they were inseparable twins)—for the Chester Guild. On the augmentation to the Rudhall six Arthur was afflicted with deafness and probably never really heard the 'lovely eight.' It was not, however, by his peals that Arthur was so well known and much loved in Cheshire, Staffordshire and Shropshire, but by his quiet, steadfast, delightful personality and lovely character and his devotion to his Sunday service ringing.

On Easter Sunday, at 80 years of age, Arthur went to ring out the Easter message of triumph; he collapsed in the tower—at his rope— and 'passed on'—as he would have wished—ringing. With the local band were Herbert Sutton (Acton), Richard D. Langford (who rang his first peal at Barthomley, with Arthur), George A. Packer and W. Frank Stenson (Christ Church, Crewe), and some impressive touches were rung semi-muffled. A very interested visitor to the tower was the Rev. Donald F. Finlay, the Manse of Stitchill, Kelso.

May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon him, and God give Eric and family courage and comfort. F. S.

MR. PERCY A. THRIFT

A much-loved member of the St. Martin's, Ruislip, band, Middlesex, for over 30 years, Mr. Percy A. Thrift died suddenly on Good Friday, aged 59 years.

He was a member of the Middlesex Association and although he never rang a peal he was always most keen to go for a quarter peal, of which he rang several at Ruislip and Pinner. He did not care for Surprise, but was a safe ringer of Double Norwich and Stedman, his favourite methods.

The bells of St. Martin's were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service on Wednesday, and a quarter peal was attempted in the evening but came to grief about half-way. He will be sadly missed at Ruislip, where he was of great assistance in teaching the young band of Girl Guides, who are making fine progress. He was cremated at the new crematorium at Ruislip on Wednesday. Goodbye, Percy, old friend, may you sleep peacefully. T. C.

MR. FELIX J. SUTTON

On Good Friday, Mr. Felix J. Sutton passed away at his home in Kegworth, midway between Loughborough and Derby, in his 88th year. He had been a ringer at Kegworth Parish Church for nigh on 70 years, and was a staunch churchman and regular attender at his church until illness overtook him a few months ago.

He was a man of very kindly disposition and rarely missed a meeting of the old Midland Counties Association and of the present Leicester Diocesan Guild, whenever meetings were held within striking distance of Kegworth.

He was buried at Kegworth on Easter Monday and leaves a son, Mr. Percy Sutton, a ringer, to carry on his father's tradition. Many of the older members of the old M.C.A. and Leicester Diocesan Guild will regret to hear of the passing of 'Old Felix.' C. H.

MR. J. E. LILLEY

Ringers in Mid-Devon and throughout the Guild of Devonshire Ringers heard with great regret of the death of Mr. James E. Lilley, of Perry Farm, Highweek, Newton Abbot, which occurred at the Newton Abbot Hospital in the early hours of April 8th after a short illness. The deceased, who was 50 years of age, was a market gardener, and the greatest sympathy is felt for his wife and widowed mother, more especially seeing that they had suffered two other bereavements in recent months.

Mr. Lilley was an active member of the Devon Guild, having been chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch as well as Ringing Master for a number of years, and he had been one of the Guild's Central Council members since 1951. The exact number of peals he had taken part in is not definitely known, but it is estimated that he had rung over 400, 54 of these being for the Devon Guild.

The funeral took place at Highweek Parish Church last Friday, and in addition to the family mourners and general sympathisers the following ringing colleagues were present: The Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox (president), the Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Hood (Teignmouth), Messrs. A. L. Bennett, A. Radcliff, R. E. Truman, W. G. Lavers, A. H. Birley and H. G. Lewis. Among the beautiful floral tributes sent was one from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Peter C. Young (Rector of Highweek). A. L. B.

MR. RICHARD DUNKLEY

Another link with the distant past was broken on April 2nd by the death of Richard Dunkley, which occurred at the home of his daughter, at Wollaston, Northants. A contemporary of Harry Chapman, of Keyston, he was born at Bythorn, Huntingdonshire, 93 years ago.

His introduction to change ringing was probably at Keyston, and here he called the first peal on the bells in 1888, one of seven Doubles methods. Two years previously he called a peal of Minor in seven methods at Raunds for the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society, which he helped to form in 1883. At Raunds he was a firm friend of the brothers Gilbert.

He will, however, probably be best remembered for his long service to the church life of Lowick, where for many years the anticlockwise ring of six was in his care. During these years he gave a helping hand to many a young ringer who visited his belfry, and to raise and fall his bells to his satisfaction was something of an achievement. He retired some years ago and left the village.

At the funeral service at Kettering Crematorium on Easter Tuesday morning the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. G. W. Jeffs. The same evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob was rung at Lowick by: S. Coulson 1, E. E. Whitmore 2, I. Witten 3, G. W. Jeffs 4, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 5, H. Richardson 6.

MR. T. M. STEDMAN

Mr. Thomas Maurice Stedman, who died at Capel on March 30th, aged 92, took part in two notable peals 70 years ago. On May 3rd, 1888, he rang at Capel in the first peal in seven Surprise methods for the Sussex County Association, and on the same bells on July 7th, 1888, a peal of Minor of 10,080 changes in 14 different methods in 5 hours and 18 minutes. This was the first peal of over 10,000 changes rung for the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The last time Mr. Stedman rang was in 1951, when Capel bells were rededicated.

At his funeral on April 2nd the bells were rung half-muffled.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association was held at St. Woolos' Cathedral on Easter Monday. The weather was dry but dull and cold, nevertheless a warm welcome awaited the 80 members who attended. Ringing started just after 2 o'clock under the able guidance of the Master, Mr. T. Yeomans, who saw that all had a chance to ring.

The Dean, who conducted the service, extended a welcome to the members to St. Woolos'. Tea followed in the Church Hall, which was kindly provided by the Dean and churchwardens and ably presided over by the lady ringers of St. Woolos'.

The Dean presided at the business meeting and at the outset asked the members to stand for a few moments in silence to the memory of Mr. Alfred Parnell, of St. John's, Cardiff, who had recently passed away.

The secretary conveyed greetings and good wishes from Mr. A. J. Pitman and Mr. E. Stitch. Arising from the minutes, Mr. T. Roderick said he had returned the Association's war memorial tablet to Llandaff Cathedral, where it was now waiting to be replaced in its original position.

The Rev. Ivor Richards presented the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £8 11s. 3d., but it was pointed out that the various officers were not claiming their expenses to which they were entitled, otherwise there would have been a deficit.

MEMBERSHIP OF 287

The secretary gave his report, saying the membership was down a little, there being 287 fully-paid members from 39 towers. Three new towers had joined during the year but several towers had lapsed during the last two or three years. Quarterly meetings had been well attended. Twenty peals had been rung, which was about the average. One peal calling for special note was the one at Penarth by the local band—first for five of them in their teens. Five members had died during the year, and Mr. A. J. Pitman had left the district to live at Leamington Spa; his loss will be keenly felt.

Mr. D. King, of Chepstow, was elected Master for the ensuing year; the hon. secretary, Mr. F. J. Hannington, was re-elected, as were the auditors, Messrs. T. M. Roderick and R. C. Lucas.

Mr. J. Sims reported on the restoration of Chepstow bells, saying the order had been placed for the complete rehanging and retuning of the present eight with the addition of two trebles, making a ring of 10. He added they were still about £160 short of the total cost. Mr. L. Malings reported that work would shortly start on the restoration of Porthkerry tower, and on the proposition of the secretary it was decided to donate £10 towards the cost.

Three life members and several resident members were elected. It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at Llandaff.

F. J. H.

MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE

It is with a sad heart that I, as Ringing Master at Leicester Cathedral, add my tribute to Phyllis Poole, who had been a ringer at the Cathedral from the time of her marriage. She was a shining example to all who entered a belfry—a willing helper in so many ways.

Her tragic death has caused a gap in the band which will be difficult to make good, in fact she is irreplaceable. She was a sincere churchgoer, and the respect shown at the service was most impressive. She was greatly esteemed by a very wide circle of ringing friends; I personally have lost a very sincere friend. The sympathy of all is extended to her daughter, Jill, and son-in-law, Peter Staniforth.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

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BIRTH

JOHNSTONE.—On April 9th, 1958, at Hole Farm, Highampton, Beaworthy, N. Devon, to Patricia (née Gilbert) and Douglas, a son, Edward Denby, brother for Richard. 2215

ENGAGEMENT

BAKER—KEELEY. — The engagement is announced between Lindley, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Baker, and Daphne, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Keeley, both of Lyme Regis. 2199

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SINFIELD—GLADMAN.—The marriage of John W. Sinfield and June Gladman will take place on May 3rd at 12 noon at St. Mary's Church, Luton. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 2213

MARRIAGE

MORETON—ROPER.—On April 7th, 1958, at St. Mary's Church, Adderbury, by the Rev. Canon H. A. Moreton and the Rev. A. D. Walmsley, Wilfrid Farrington, elder son of the Rev. Canon H. A. Moreton and Mrs. Moreton, of Hereford, and Madeline Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Roper, of Adderbury, Oxon. 2192

SILVER WEDDING

KEELEY—POWELL.—On Tuesday, April 18th, 1933, at St. Michael-the-Archangel's, Lyme Regis, by the Rev. C. C. Cox, Henry George to Marjorie. 2198

DEATH

LILLEY.—On April 8th, 1958, of Perry Farm, Highweek, Newton Abbot, Jim, beloved husband of Alice and loving son of Ethel. At rest. 2181

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MISCELLANEOUS

STEBBING, ESSEX.—Owing to the removal of the bells for rehanging, there will be no ringing until further notice. 2204

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Harptree (6), Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2153

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Macclesfield. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 6d. each). Names to J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 2126

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambs and Hunts Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Great Gransden (6) on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, H. S. Peacock.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2164

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—By kind permission of the Rev. G. G. Hooper, a meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2116

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Combined practice at Chertsey (8) 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th. A good attendance is requested, please. 2150

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, April 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2096

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Queenborough on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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LONDON COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Dinner, Saturday, April 19th. St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. The Victoria, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Practice meeting, St. Mary's Lambeth, Monday, May 5th 7.30 p.m. Meeting, Saturday, May 10th, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3 to 4.45 p.m. Tea and business, South Hackney Vestry, 5.15. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2219

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, April 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting, including election of officers and proposed alteration to rules, to follow. Ringing: Christ-the-Saviour's and St. Stephen's, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. and with Brentford in evening.—T. J. Lock, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Winshill, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 2141

OSSETT, ESSEX.—Thanksgiving service for restoration of bells, Saturday, April 19th. Service 3 30 p.m. Ringing before and after service. 2128

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The 225th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Christ Church, Oxford, 6.15 for 7 p.m. Tickets 15s. each. Names with remittance, without delay, to P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. All ringers and friends will be welcome. Ringing: Wolvercote, 12.30 to 1.30; St. Giles', 1,15 to 2.15; Iffley, 1.30 to 2.30; St. Mary-the-Virgin, 2.30 to 3.30; All Saints', 2.45 to 3.45; St. Ebbe's, 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary Magdalene, 3.30 to 4.30; Christ Church, 4 to 5; New College, 4.30 to 5.30; Magdalen, 5 to 6 p.m. Peals can be arranged for those requesting them. 1994

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting, Netherbury, Saturday, April 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 2131

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at South Benfleet on Saturday, April 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Bring your own food—tea provided.—Betty Crossman. 2154

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winscombe, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec. 2201

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford (6), Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, April 23rd, to R. W. Worrall, Hillcroft, Vale Road, Hartford. 2216

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, April 26th, at Sawley. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Harvey, 95, Draycott Road, Sawley.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 2191

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and NORTH NOTTS SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bawtry, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short Evensong 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Teas at local snack bar. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 22nd, to Mr. George Watson, 27, Raby Road, Wheatley, Doncaster.—Mr. George Watson and Mr. H. Denham, Secs. 2187

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural District.—Saturday, April 26th, Alveston (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following. Notify F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. All members please attend. 2202

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Alderton, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 2203

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Meeting at Cullompton, Saturday, April 26th. Numbers for tea by 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 2161

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LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Sketty, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. King. 2168

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

REMINDER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BARROW-IN-FURNESS

Saturday, April 26th, 1958

All towers have been circulated. 2055

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall (8), Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 22nd, to W. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Sec. 2178

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brill (6), Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 Tea 4.45 p.m. Names to C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 2158

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A.G.M. at Clanfield on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing at Bampton (8) 2 p.m., Clanfield (8) 2.30, and Langford (6) or Alvescot (5) in the evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea reservations by April 23rd to David Smith, Merryheld, Witney, Oxon. All very welcome, especially handbell ringers. 2149

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Brafield on Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mr. G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. Committee meet 6.15 p.m. 2133

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 26th, at King's Norton. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Saracen's Head 5 p.m. Important business concerning Henry Johnson dinner. For tea, please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 2132

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Saturday, April 26th, quarterly meeting, Durnford (5). Evening ringing at Woodford. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, 22nd, to Mr. E. Palmer, 4, The Cottages, Great Durnford, Salisbury. 2102

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bunny (6) on Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Special methods, London and Westminster Surprise Minor.—Mrs. P. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 2186

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting at Walton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following. Oatlands Park bells after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. G. Barnett, 42, Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Ernie welcomes you all to Hailsham on Saturday, April 26th. Practice meeting—Double Norwich Tea—names to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 2207

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Monk Sherborne, Saturday, April 26th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 23rd, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 2209

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Suckley, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 22nd, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 2200

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Bridlington on Saturday, April 26th. Priory Church bells (8) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m in New Schoolroom Names by April 24th to Mr J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2125

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Little Baddow (5) on Saturday, May 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cars to meet buses at General's Arms by arrangement with me. Boreham (8) available after tea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2182

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Joint meeting with the Hawkhurst District Society at Rolvenden, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by May 1st to Mr. S. G. Waters, Bishopsdale Farm, Biddenham.—C. T. H. 2217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Hever, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please) by Wednesday, April 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2197

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available: St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), St. George's, Colegate (6), 1.30 to 4 p.m.; St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), by complete companies, on application to the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, or at St. Peter Mancroft on day of meeting. Bells available after business meeting. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. G. E. Dodson. Invitation has been extended to Norwich Diocesan Vergers' Guild to attend the service. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting 5.30 p.m. at Chantry Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 30th, to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich.—W. Love, Gen. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Clifton, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 2195

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M., Saturday, May 3rd, Brighton. Towers: The Good Shepherd, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall—3s. per head. Individual names by April 30th to R. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon. 2208

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Arrange to meet your friends at the Southern Area meeting at St. George's Parish Church, Doncaster, on Saturday, May 17th. 2188

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice.—Joint Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Associations' summer festival on Saturday, June 14th. Service 4.15 at St. Mary's, Woburn. Tea in Town Hall, Woburn, 5 p.m. Towers later.—J. W. Sinfield, Hon. Sec. 2210

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). Saturday, June 28th, is Great Ringing Day and carnival day. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Lunch and tea arranged. Service 4 p.m. Outing secretaries should consider a call during day. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Come and join in the ringing and fun afterwards.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec. 2104

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The autumn meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, September 27th.—M. R. Cross. 2179

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Sanger 1, M. Rose 2, D. E. Lee 3, J. E. Chivers 4, A. F. Lee 5, H. Sanger 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, S. S. Woodburn 8.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Judy Robinson 1, K. R. Foot 2, L. Tuffrey 3, J. T. Gwilt (first of Major 'Inside') 4, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 5, J. K. Foot 6, G. Bailey 7, G. E. Fearn 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Mar 23rd, 1,260 Doubles in 10 methods: Mrs. J. Render 1, A. Thornton 2, B. Sissons 3, A. Sheppard 4, J. Potts (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Paul 1, Mrs. J. Render 2, A. Thornton 3, B. Sissons 4, A. Sheppard 5, J. Potts (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

5,056 HAMPSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. R. MAYNE

23456	M	B	W	H	
52364		X		2	
65243		X		2	A
46532		X		2	
42635		X	1	1	
24536		X	1	2	
32465		X		2	
45623					A
54326	2			2	
36245					A
36452		X		1	
53624		X		2	
25346		X		2	
23456	1	X	2	2	

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LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, Miss M Harte 2, Miss E. Wooldridge 3, J. Euston 4, A Lewry 5, G. Parsons (cond.) 6, W. Wilson 7, H Barnard 8.

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IN EAST ANGLIA

WITH memories of the last Central Council held at Chelmsford, it is not unnatural that the 1957 annual report for the Essex Association should be of more than ordinary interest. All present will agree that Essex ringers were most hospitable hosts, and the visit cost the Association some £55. While not a wealthy Association, Essex started 1958 with a balance of £222. Two people are singled out for special praise in connection with the visit —Mr. A. H. Everett, who was mainly in charge of accommodation, and Miss Hilda G. Snowden, who arranged all the ringing. Nevertheless, we feel we should be neglectful if we did not add two names—Mr. Robert C. Heazel, the Master, and Mr. F. V. Gant, the hon. secretary and treasurer. 'This is only part of our duty as members of the Council and the great fellowship to which we belong,' concludes the paragraph in the report dealing with the visit. We can only add that it was duty well done.

The Essex Association has an ambition—to reach 1,000 ringing members; with 915 they are 'tantalisingly close,' and they would have been nearer but for two towers in the North Western District—Newport and Wenden—having dropped their membership. The Association is fortunate in having 220 honorary members. An interesting suggestion has been made regarding the Association's library, that towers might like to be responsible for the binding of old reports, generally in units of five, and to dedicate the binding to an old respected member who had 'passed on.' The same could also apply to copies of 'The Ringing World' which are purchased for the library.

The year 1957 was a vintage one for peal ringing, with 122 peals against 72 in 1956. In these peals 238 members took part, 16 scoring their first peal and 312 rang their first peal in the method. The conducting was shared by 40 members, with J. E. G. Roast leading the list with 17 and F. B. Lufkin—who during the year rang his 400th peal and 250th for the Association—with 16. The Association also established a record length of Minor of 18,000 changes in 25 methods rung at Stisted.

While smaller in membership than the Essex Association, the Suffolk Guild had a record year for peal ringing in 1957, with a splendid total of 135 rung in 63 different towers. Over 200 members took part in these peals, and although rung on all numbers of bells, no peal of Cinques was recorded. Mr. Sedgley retired from the office of Ringing Master, a post he had held since 1923, and in recognition of his long service had been elected a vice-president. His successor, Mr. Leslie G. Brett, is the popular Framsden conductor.

The Suffolk Guild have an officer not generally met with in these reports—a technical adviser. The holder of the office, Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, has already reported on the bells in 113 of the 500 Suffolk towers. The results, he writes, so far indicate the very poor state of many belfries, and in a number of towers containing up to four bells most unsafe conditions. Far too high a proportion of the bells are unsafely clocked due to decayed and insecure fittings. Mr. Clouston expresses his great disappointment that an order had not yet been placed to have the eight bells of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, overhauled. With the 12 at St. Mary-le-Tower in poor order, ringing in Ipswich, he writes, cannot be expected to flourish under present conditions.

Financially, the Suffolk Guild has assets of £177 16s., of which £40 is in the Restoration Fund. From this fund grants of £49 were made during the year. The annual report costs £52 10s. to print, against which peal fees amounted to £21 11s. A Guild badge was introduced during the year, and of a stock of 328 no less than 124 have been sold. The whole report indicates a very friendly atmosphere in Suffolk, with a resolve to make 1958 an even better year than 1957.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 4 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	8
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	BRIAN HARRIS	11
JOHN WORTH	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
First peal of Maximus on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	8
*D. JOHN HUNT	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	9
MARY P. HALL	5	FRANK HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*HARRY WHITE	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. WHITE	6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD	2	HENRY C. WHITE	7
CHARLES COLES	3	FREDERICK C. WHITE	8
FRANK WHITE	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
BRIAN R. WHITE	5	EDWIN DREWITT	*Tenor*

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by FRANCIS A. WHITE.
* First peal.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 2 version. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	*Treble*	*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	8
NELIA M. LEAHY	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	9
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* 50th peal. First of Superlative Surprise Royal by all the band (except the conductor), by the Guild, and in the county.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*EVE PEARSON	*Treble*	*DAVID J. FORDER	5
*ANTHONY V. QUEEN	2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	6
†H. JACK PAGE	3	JOHN L. QUEEN	7
*JOHN P. MCDERMOT	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead on his appointment as Rural Dean.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	PAUL J. RIGBY	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
RALPH G. EDWARDS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
A wedding compliment to Ruth M. Jackson and Peter Border.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

ROY WILMORE	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
HARRY POYNER	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*PAULINE BULL	*Treble*	CHARLES H. BAKER	5
MRS. E. GRAY	2	T. ALLAN GILBERT	6
*BARRY JOHNS	3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	7
*DELIA SMITH	4	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.
* First peal. The ringer of the seventh has now 'circled the tower.' Rung for the Festival of Easter, and to mark the 50th year since the recasting and rehanging of the bells. Also as a wedding compliment to Michael J. Roberts and Gayner L. Belton, whose marriage took place earlier in the day.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

J. DESMOND PAINTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
MICHAEL J. PALMER	2	H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	6
*DEREK FOWLES	3	HUGH NEILL	7
JAMES RAE	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	FRED G. BEDDOW	6
PHILIP J. EVANS	3	F. HECTOR BENNETT	7
JOHN F. BUTLER	4	ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	6
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	3	ERNEST PRESTON	7
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Guild. First of Major on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Haynes (21) and D. H. Rooke (23), both of Warsop.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

PHILIP DUNDERDALE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	5
DEREK BUTTERWORTH	2	*J. BARRY PICKUP	6
*PATRICIA DOORN	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal in the method

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
(Yorkshire Association.)
On Tues., April 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

SUSAN CHADDOCK	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
*MRS. N. CHADDOCK	3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	5
*W. ARTHUR CROWDER	2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
†GEORGE E. FEIRN	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 400th peal.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	2	PETER R. RIDGWAY	6
WILLIAM T. COOK	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
Rung as a compliment to Sidney J. Woodcock, until recently a member of Hampton band, and Gillian Nicholson, who were married at Farnborough, Hampshire, on April 5th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Thurs., April 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 NORTHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST R. KILBY	*Treble*	ALICK BUTLER	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
STANLEY E. DARMON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
The first peal in the method (Corrigan's No. 363). The method: 38-38 4 12 36 34 5 16 1.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. T. HIBBERT	*Treble*	EILEEN M. WILSON	5
MRS. MARJORY C. HIBBERT	2	GEORGE W. BISHOP	6
ARTHUR W. G. SAYERS	3	CYRIL J. HIBBERT	7
JAMES W. WILSON	4	HARRY R. WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL J. HIBBERT.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Denys King on appointment as Rector of East Ilsley.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
*ELSIE K. HART	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
†SYDNEY A. WARWICK	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
‡JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	*JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method. ‡ First in the method 'inside.'
Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar (Rev. R. D. Deasy) on his return from a six-week preaching tour of the United States. Also rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

L. STILWELL (1903-4)	*Treble*	B. G. MOORE (1943-50)	5
B. B. DIBBEN (1943-52)	2	P. H. LANGTON (1952-57)	6
B. E. MATTHEWS (1950-57)	3	D. R. MITCHELL (1948-53)	7
E. F. FOSBERRY (1923-27)	4	IAN WINDWOOD (1947-52)	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
First peal rung by an 'Old Collyerians' band.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*SHEILA WALLACE	*Treble*	IVOR TRUEMAN	5
SYDNEY M. BAILEY	2	E. DENNIS POOLE	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	DAVID A. CORNWALL	7
ARTHUR FOXALL	4	JOHN D. KAPE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN D. KAPE.
* First attempt for a peal of Major. First in the method as conductor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

DONALD G. CLARKE	*Treble*	*JOHN F. JAMES	5
MRS. D. J. KING	2	DONALD G. CLIFT	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	ROBERT E. COLES	7
W. GWYNNE JONES	4	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRICHARD. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. F. Moreton and Miss M. J. Roper on the occasion of their marriage.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

B. Eric Frost	*Treble*	†Eric Billings	5
*Delia M. Miller	2	†Robert S. Roberts	6
†Allan R. Jones	3	George F. Roome	7
†Jacqueline A. Downing	4	†Jim C. Rainbow	*Tenor*

Conduced by George F. Roome.
* First peal of Triples. † First on eight bells. First of Triples as conductor.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Archibald T. Knight	*Treble*	Terence T. Jones	5
Percival W. J. Harding	2	Colin J. B. Taylor	6
David J. Knight	3	*Eric J. Hitchins	7
Sidney G. Grant	4	Frederick S. Slatford	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wystan,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Morris J. Morris's transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

Mrs. S. H. Jones	*Treble*	Gordon H. Lane	5
Rhoda Hemmings	2	Francis R. Lowe	6
*Richard J. Clifton	3	Roland Beniston	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	William Minor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Alan G. Foster and Valerie W. Smith, which took place at St. Mark's Church, Winshill, prior to this peal. The bridegroom is Ringing Master of the Guild and the bride a member.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Arthur J. Hart	*Treble*	William T. Beeson	5
E. Winifred Keys	2	William Rogers	6
Frank H. Hicks	3	W. Arthur Riddington	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Raymond Overy	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin (No. 10). Conducted by Raymond Overy.
The composition is rung for the first time.
A compliment to Mrs. E. Riddington on the occasion of her 77th birthday.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*Arthur D. Fellows	*Treble*	William H. Cooper	5
*Raymond Smith	2	Reginald J. Chance	6
*Florence L. Smith	3	*Paul W. Webb	7
Harold J. Shuck	4	Frederick G. Handley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frederick G. Handley.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

Reginald W. Rex	*Treble*	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Ronald F. Diserens	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
†Mrs. N. J. Diserens	3	Cyril E. Lewington	7
Mrs. P. Lewington	4	Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* 100th peal. † First of Major.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

Frank W. Perrens	*Treble*	Patrick I. Chapman	5
Robin G. Leale	2	John Armstrong	6
Alan F. Thirst	3	Michael P. Moreton	7
Alan J. Frost	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
Rung for the marriage of Lieut.-Comdr. R. T. Lewis, R.N., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Lewis, of Dun a Bhuilg, Achnamara, Argyll, and Middlepiece, Tring, and Miss J. P. Anderson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, of Hundalee, North Canterbury, New Zealand, which took place at South Holmwood, Surrey, the same day.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*Arnold Moss	*Treble*	*David Young	5
Norman Tompkins	2	*Peter Scholfield	6
Joseph Thornley	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
*Derek Butterworth	4	*William John Stokes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. William McDermott (nee Potter), of Walkden, Lancashire.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 840 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 600 of St. Nicholas' and 1,920 Plain Bob; 42 extents.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

Patricia M. Spackman	*Treble*	*Kate S. Hawthorn	4
Christopher B. Fynes	2	Malcolm G. Lane	5
	3	David G. Pickett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher B. Fynes.
* First peal. First in five methods by all. Average age 15.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES
Being one six-score Stedman, eight six-scores (four callings Plain Bob, three six-scores (three callings) April Day, six six-scores (four callings) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, eight six-scores (four callings) Reverse St. Bartholomew, 12 six-scores (ten callings) and three twelve-scores (Morris's arrangement) Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in C.

Adrian F. R. Hartley	*Treble*	Anthony M. Coombs	4
*Edmund J. R. Hartley	2	†John D. Woodman	5
†David J. Llewellyn	3	†Melville K. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony M. Coombs.
* First peal in six methods. † First peal. First of Doubles in six methods, and the longest on the bells, and by the band.
A farewell to the Rev. M. M. Davies, curate at Penarth for many years, and local ringer.

ORWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Richard S. Flack	*Treble*	John G. Gipson	3
William J. Ridgman	2	Donald E. R. Knights	4
Geoffrey A. Lucas	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Donald E. R. Knights.
* First peal.
A congratulatory peal in honour of the marriage of Dera Joyce Cook and David Malcolm Potts, which was solemnised in this church earlier in the day.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALNWICK SURPRISE MINOR

Being composed of seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD	*Treble*	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 100th peal and 25th peal on the bells. First peal in the method.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

MARY C. PAYNE	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	HARRY POYNER	5
*DEREK M. SAWYER	3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

* First peal in three Minor methods. First in three Minor methods as conductor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being two different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*BARRY STEVENS	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
FREDA ROBINSON	2	ERNEST PRESTON	5
JAMES T. ROOKE (14)	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES T. ROOKE.

* First peal at first attempt. First peal as conductor.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EDMUND AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Beverley and Sur-rey, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MARY I. DOWSETT	*Treble*	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* 75th peal. † First peal in 12 methods.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being four extents each of Union Bob, Chase Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Old Doubles Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartho-lomew, London, St. Simon's Bob and Grandsire, and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

A. HENMAN	*Treble*	A. JONES	3
A. FORD	2	R. HENMAN	4
		L BATTISSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. HENMAN.

Rung for the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Henman.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	4
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
*MARTIN L. HOWE	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
AND
THE ST. MATTHIAS, RICHMOND, GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*MARGARET A. WESTCOTT	*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER	4
*MERIEL HOLDEN BROWN	2	WILFRED G. WILSON	5
GILLIAN NEAL SMITH	3	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH.

* First peal. First as conductor. First peal rung for St. Matthias Guild.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	2	*DOUGLAS THORP	5
EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

With best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred F. Moreton.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

DEREK FOWLES	*Treble*	ROBERT B. HINDE	4
J. DESMOND PAINTER	2	FRANK C. PRICE	5
MICHAEL J. PALMER	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

Rung in honour of the wedding at this church immediately prior to the peal of John Goodfellow and Susan Parker, members of the local band.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight 120's of All Saints (eight callings), eight 120's of Plain Bob (four callings) and 20 120's (ten callings), and three of Pitman's 240's of Grandsire.

*RAYMOND G. JONES	*Treble*	WALTER G. WRIGHT	3
CHARLES E. HILL	2	WILLIAM T. HILL	4
		HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Judith Shedel, a member of the company, and Mr. Alan Christey, who were married on the previous Saturday.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE E. FEIRN	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	3—4	PHILIP BARNES	7—8

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method.

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor (composed of 56 singles): Gwyneth C. Brown (first of Minor) 1, R. D. Brown 2, D. H. Paine 3, I. C Forrest 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6.

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Dolman 1, Miss Dolman 2, J. Dolman (first as cond. and 'inside') 3, J. Middleton 4, A. Kent 5, G. Elton 6. First quarter for the local band except conductor.

ASH, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): C. Harwood 2, A. E. Goodchild 2, S. Sherwood 3, E. Sherwood 4, P. Sherwood (cond.) 5, S. Russell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Denyer, of Aldershot.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Mar. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Wakefield 1, Anne E. Amor 2, Mrs. T. J. Lock 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, R. A. Lennard 6, S. Foskett 7, T. J. Lock 8, J. B. Long 9, D. Thompson 10. Rung before Evensong, at which a window, to the memory of Sir Richard W Allen, was dedicated by the Archdeacon of St. Albans (the Ven. D. S. Cockbill). Also on Easter Day, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Anne E. Amor 1, W. Hibbert 2, Avril Thackray 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, Mrs. P. Hibbert 5, G. Amor 6, R. L. Piron 7, S. Ivin 8, B. Pattison (cond.) 9, K. Wakefield 10. Also on Easter Monday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Nevin 1, Anne E. Amor 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, B. Pattison (cond.) 4, S. Foskett 5, K. Wakefield 6, J. B. Long 7, R. L. Piron 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, Brenda Foster 2, Jean Jones 3, Mary Andrews 4, Susan Nicholson 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6, P. P. Brown 7, C. H. J. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Bradder 1, R. A. Brown 2, B. E. Matthews (first as cond.) 3, G. R. Crisp (first 'inside') 4, H. Wood 5, H. Botting (first quarter) 6. Also on April 7th, 1,620 Grandsire Doubles: S. S. Langton (first quarter) 1, P. H. Langton (cond.) 2, Jane E. Langton 3, B. E. Matthews 4, G. R. Crisp 5, R. Elliott (first quarter) 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on Good Friday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, Miss M. Smith (first of Stedman) 2, A. C. Baker 3, A. V. Bennett 4, V. J. Williams 5, F. Skidmore 6, D. J. Hunt (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, G. M. Nichols 8. Rung half-muffled for the Good Friday family service.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Langsden 1, T. Phillimore 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, A. Butler 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6. For Matins.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Cannings (first quarter) 1, A. Pocock 2, R. Johnston (cond.) 3, R. Court 4, F. Cook 5, A. Bryant 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. E. Bryant 1, W. C. Chandler 2, A. Berry 3, A. Jackson (first 'inside') 4, M. J. Martin (cond.) 5, J. F. Wellard 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Taylor 1, A. Cook 2, W. D. Salter 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, W. R. Trickey 5, L. Morrell 6 First of Bob Doubles by all except the conductor.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Mar. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Fairhead 1, G. Woodruffe 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, E. Butler 4, A. Cansdale 5, B. Fairhead 6, F. Oliver 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8. Rung during the visit to Colchester of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Baverstock 1, N. Bush (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Mackenzie 3, Miss J. M. Gray 4, R. T. Jones (cond.) 5, G. Dyer 6. A wedding compliment to P. K. Waterman, captain of the local band.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. N. North 1, A. Hall 2, Mrs. D. Hall 3, F. Walker 4, H. Audsley 5, S. Ball 6, D. Hall (cond.) 7, R. Rayfield 8. Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

EDMONTON, MIDDLX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl Rayner 1, W. George 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Weeks 5, P. Hayward 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On April 5th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Ridgway 1, Judith Essen 2, P. Ridgway 3, D. A. S. Hawkins 4, R. G. Leale (cond.) 5, W. S. Deason 6. Rung by members of Hampton-on-Thames band prior to the wedding of Sydney J. Woodcock, until recently a ringer at Hampton, and Gillian Nicholson.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Albury 1, C. M. Payne (cond.) 2, P. Payne 3, R. Harrison 4, R. Walker 5, G. Hulatt (first quarter) 6.

GORING, OXON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Haines 1, Miss P. M. Haines 2, N. Tull 3, H. Tull 4, W. Irving 5, J. Napper (cond.) 6, L. Haines 7, J. Hiscock 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sandra Freeman (first quarter) 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, G. Mansfield 3, C. Rigby 4, C. Massingham 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Easter Day, 540 Grandsire, 240 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Canterbury Doubles: P. W. Wall (first quarter) 1, R. M. Andrews 2, H. M. Windsor 3, J. Slack 4, T. K. Farrow (cond.) 5.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,380 Doubles in 12 methods: G. F. Roome 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, R. S. Roberts 3, R. V. Baker (cond.) 4, M. R. Bennett 5, R. G. Chater 6.

HEDON, YORKS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Porter 1, J. R. Perrett 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, J. S. Rank 4, D. S. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2, 4 and 5.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, Miss D. Robinson 4, N. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Abbott 1, H. Lovell 2, A. Bennett (first of Minor) 3, G. Locke 4, B. Huddleston 5, N. J. Maggs (first as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Beckingsale.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Rose (first quarter) 1, W. D. Bailey 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, Winifred Wheeler 4, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 5, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss M. Wheeler (sister of the fourth ringer), which took place in Cyprus this day.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, J. Real 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Baker 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Webb 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Priestley 1, E. Warner 2, Doreen Gibbons (first as cond.) 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver 5, Pauline Drury 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June M. Clements 1, Jane E. Langton 2, E. Fosbery 3, I. Windwood 4, S. A. Paice 5, P. H. Langton 6, D. R. Mitchell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judith Essen 1, A. D. Rivers 2, W. S. Deason 3, F. R. Scott 4, D. A. S. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. G. Leale 6. A wedding compliment to Sydney J. Woodcock, of Hampton, and Gillian Nicholson, of Farnborough.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. L. Sellin (first quarter) 1, A. H. Smith 2, G. Marriner 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, B. G. Hawkins 5, A. L. Smith 6, A. S. Harris (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Rev. C. Marshall 1, A. H. Winch 2, Patricia Smee 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Marriner 5, A. J. Smith 6, A. H. Smith (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. First in method for 1 and 3. Both for Evensong.

LEA, LINCS.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Baker 1, Miss D. Smith (first quarter) 2, B. Johns 3, Mrs. E. Grey 4, A. Gilbert 5, G. L. C. Lunn (cond.) 6. A 70th birthday compliment to C. H. Baker by his pupils.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Boyack 1, C. A. Hughes 2, R. Chapman 3, B. R. Downes 4, C. E. Willmington 5, L. S. Woods 6, H. Neill 7, E. D. Smith 8. First of Surprise for 4.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Armitage 1, R. Hughes 2, Rosalie Beer 3, Jill Birch 4, B. Taylor 5, J. D. Woodman 6, N. A. James (cond.) 7, J. M. James 8. Rung with 1 and 2 as steady lead. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 8. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Wilson 1, Mary Way 2, Catherine Phelps 3, J. Goodfellow (first 'inside') 4, Penelope Welch (first as cond.) 5, Margaret Way 6, J. D. Woodman 7, B. W. T. Williams 8. Rung with 1 and 2 as steady lead. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 8.

LONDON.—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Armstrong 4, L. S. Woods 5, F. V. Gant 6, T. East (cond.) 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, J. G. Underwood 2, A. E. Barlow 3, C. Underwood 4, R. W. Gibbons 5, W. Johnson 6, W. J. Vann (cond.) 7, H. Goosey 8. Rung half-muffled prior to a Good Friday performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion.'

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 12th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. P. Fidler 1, Canon C. C. Cox 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, W. Poole 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. G. Keeley 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Miss Barbara Morris to Mr. Leslie Oliver. Also on April 13th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. Keeley 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 4, C. W. Powell 5, G. S. Morris 6, W. Poole 7, P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 8. For the engagement of Miss Daphne Keeley to Mr. Lindley Baker.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Hunt 1, Miss B. Haselgrove 2, J. B. Daughtry 3, H. Hunt 4, G. Lee (cond.) 5, T. Wells 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Wells, who has completed 46 years as a ringer and chorister at this church.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Proudman 1, T. Kelham Deacon 2, Rachel Graver 3, H. Hollis 4, J. W. Rawson 5, A. Hough (cond.) 6, N. Statham 7, M. Moore (first quarter) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Barbara Stenton (local ringer), and also as a birthday compliment to N. Statham.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Wraight 1, K. Ivory 2, Hazel V. Dadson 3, E. A. Gilbert 4, L. Mitchell 5, L. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Easter Day, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Eileen Fearn 1, Carol Fernley 2, Mrs. L. Boumphrey 3, Mrs. E. Fernley 4, L. Boumphrey 5, Shirley Harris (cond.) 6, B. Harris 7, B. Jones 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, Miss D. M. Miller 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, E. Billings 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, R. S. Roberts 8. Rung prior to the 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, Miss D. M. Miller 3, T. Jennings 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on April 8th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. C. Rainbow 1, R. V. Baker 2, R. S. Roberts 3, E. Billings 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, K. D. Perkins 7, I. J. Dickin 8, G. F. Roome (cond.) 9, M. R. Bennett 10. First of Caters for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10, and as conductor. Rung in memoriam of Mr. W. Denyer, of Aldershot.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss Y. Harding 1, E. J. R. Hartley (first as cond.) 2, A. M. Coombs 3, J. Garrett (first quarter) 4, A. F. R. Hartley (first 'inside') 5, Miss P. Llewellyn 6. First in three methods 1 and 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. H. Worboys 1, R. D. Tomlin 2, A. Reeve 3, P. J. Coward 4, E. J. Blower 5, M. F. Hatch 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung half-muffled. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: W. Ward 1, M. F. Hatch 2, R. D. Tomlin 3, F. C. May 4, A. H. Worboys 5, G. S. Sandwell 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, E. J. Blower 8. First quarter in method by all.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, G. Northway 2, A. Fry 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, I. Templeton 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Page 7, C. White 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Easter Day, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Moore 1, Mrs. W. J. Vann 2, P. D. Howitt 3, E. Hunt 4, R. W. Gibbons 5, D. J. Pitstow 6, J. G. Underwood (cond.) 7, C. Underwood 8.

RUMNEY, MON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 1,200 Grandsire): J. Wallace 1, A. M. Coombs 2, J. D. Woodman 3, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 4, A. F. R. Hartley 5, M. K. Jones 6. Rung as a last tribute to J. Palmer (sen.), who died on April 5th.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Hicks (cond.) 1, M. Winter (first of Minor) 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, C. H. Knowles (first of Minor) 4, J. Small (first of Minor 'inside') 5, D. Hodgson 6, Judith S. Walker 7, J. Moore 8. For Confirmation service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Porter (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, Miss C. Pullin (first 'inside') 3, J. Thwaites (first 'inside') 4, R. W. Darvill 5, A. E. Ewer 6, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 7, G. W. Debenham 8.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On April 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: J. Watts 1, F. Talbot 2, M. Whitehead 3, C. Graves 4, D. Pollard (cond.) 5, F. Shaw 6, H. Ball 7, P. Graves 8. Rung for the daughter of the ringer of the seventh, who was married early this day at Ely.

QUARTER PEALS

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judy Dorling (14, first quarter) 1, P. Wakefield (16) 2, B. Stephens (15, first 'inside') 3, B. Wakefield (17, cond.) 4, R. Fenton (16, first quarter) 5, R. Smith 6. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Glenys Bodycote 3, R. K. Stretton 4, B. S. Chapman 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, P. Norman 8. In memoriam Mrs. Phyllis Poole. Also on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Dinsdale (first quarter) 1, A. J. Poynor 2, J. M. Jelley 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, E. J. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. S. Chapman 7, P. Norman 8. In memoriam John Edward Clarke, member of local band for 58 years, who died on March 26th, aged 89 years.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On April 13th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): T. W. Welbourne 1, Miss D. Crowe 2, Mrs. R. Sanders 3, J. W. Chapman 4, J. W. Rea 5, J. W. Euston (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, G. Miles 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Miss A. Collier 2, Mrs. R. Rouse 3, Miss A. Pryke 4, I. Cooper 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Miss A. Collier 2, Miss A. Pryke 3, Mrs. A. Hales 4, I. Cooper 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. Rung before a recital on the restored organ.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Fry (cond.) 1, Miss M. A. Ladd 2, C. W. Hancock 3, Miss J. French 4, E. J. Brunger 5, W. R. Manser 6. For evening service.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Steele 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Steele (first of Major) 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, J. Hales 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Chapman (first on 10) 1, A. Boyack 2, F. C. Maynard 3, R. J. Chapman 4, E. E. Holman 5, F. W. Sykes (14, first on 10 'inside') 6, T. Hawkings 7, B. R. Downes (16, comp., first as cond. on 10) 8, D. Hewitt 9, F. Taylor 10. For Evensong. Also on April 13th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. W. Sykes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, E. E. Holman 3, B. Downes 4, T. Hawkings 5, A. Boyack 6, D. Hewitt 7, R. Chapman (cond.) 8. First attempt in method for all except 2, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bell 1, J. Tomsett 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, F. Ranson 4, F. Corfield 5, J. Cook 6, W. Wilson 7, L. Bell 8. For Mothering Sunday morning service.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. Also on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Causer 1, G. Thoday 2, A. Payne 3, N. Robinson 4, D. Murfet 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. Also on April 6th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clark 1, P. J. Gardner 2, E. F. Shearn (cond.) 3, T. Hims 4, J. Evered 5, N. Bull 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Our peal columns record the first peal by Old Boys from Collyers School (previously Horsham Grammar School). Two previous attempts failed after 1 hour and 42 minutes and 2 hours and 20 minutes, and the band regretted that W. Leslie Weller was unable to be in the peal. Boys at the school have rung for various school services for the last ten years. Girls from Horsham High School also ring for their services, and these two schools between them have turned out many excellent ringers.

Mr. Geoffrey Hulatt, of Felmersham, Beds, who was taught to handle a bell a month ago, has now rung his first quarter on Felmersham's 20-cwt. tenor.

Mr. Peter Crook, of 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, would like to hear from Masonic friends interested in the proposed Masonic peal at Manchester Town Hall.

Correction.—The ringer of the third in the peal at Stockport St. George on March 15th (page 230) should be John E. Bibby. Our correspondent sends his apologies to all concerned.

The comment of Charlie Dukes on the 'Tykes' peal of Glasgow, and J. E. B.'s statement of 'pints all round,' prompts Mr. Walter Allman to remind readers that at the time 'Food was only 5d. per pint.'

There are several vacant seats on the plane to Dublin, which leaves London Airport on Saturday, May 24th, at 9.10 a.m. These seats can be obtained at a reduced rate through Mr. C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr. T. Wells, who rang in a quarter peal at Lyminster, Sussex, in honour of his completing 46 years as a ringer and chorister at this church, is the only survivor of the band ringing in 1912.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, who has been a member of 'The Ringing World' Committee since 1951, has resigned. Mr. W. N. Park, of the Durham and Newcastle Association, has been co-opted in his place.

Easter Day, 1958, was a stepping stone for the Alrewas, Staffs, band, when the first quarter peal for the local band was scored. We look forward to many more.

Sixteen-year-old Brian Downes has made a good start in conducting by calling his first quarter peal of Grandsire Caters at Walthamstow, which was his own composition.

We cannot publish quarter peals unless the place and date is given in the copy. Will readers submitting same for publication follow form appearing in 'The Ringing World.' It saves re-writing.

The quarter peal called at Llandaff Cathedral on Easter Day is believed to be the first quarter peal conducted by a lady ringer (Miss Penelope Welch) resident in the Diocese, since 1920.

Kent County Association had 180 new members last year, but unfortunately subscriptions were received from 45 fewer practising members, and the four-figure total was only just maintained at 1,000.

A correspondent writes: 'Owners of Dove's please note: Canewdon, Essex (pronounced Canndon), five bells dated 1634, 1678, 1704, 1724 and 1791. Frame is insecure, wheels broken, no stays, so much nesting material in belfry that only one bell can be chimed—in short, unringable.'

Mr. G. Fry informs us that he is not a member of the committee of the East Grinstead and District Guild, but the names of S. Jenner and C. Tester should be added to the list published in 'The Ringing World.' (See page 222.)

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KENT JUST MAINTAINS ITS THOUSAND RINGERS



A 'Kent Messenger' picture of the annual meeting of the Kent County Association. On the top table (left to right) are Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (secretary), Mr. T. Cullingworth (peal secretary), Mr. E. S. Ruck (sole surviving founder-member), Mr. J. Willis (chairman), the Rev. T. G. Williams, the Rev. H. O. Albin, Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council) and Mr. E. Barnett.

IN spite of the cold weather, some 180 members and friends of the Kent County Association met this year at Ashford for their annual meeting on Easter Monday.

The officers met for preliminary business at 11 a.m. They enjoyed coffee, but not the company of the secretary, as he was unavoidably detained owing to an accident to the coach bringing the Maidstone District party. However, he arrived in time to give out the annual reports.

The service at noon in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. T. G. Williams, Rector of Willesborough. His address, appropriate to Easter, was much appreciated by the large congregation. The lesson (Colossians iii., 1-11) was read by Mr. J. Willis, of Folkestone, and Mr. G. N. Butcher was at the organ.

Lunch was held at the Ashford School for Girls. Afterwards letters of apology were read from the Archbishop of Canterbury (president of the Association), the Bishop of Dover, a vice-president, Miss Lilian Brake, O.B.E., one-time ringer and former headmistress of the school, and the chairman of the Ashford Urban District Council, who all regretted they were unable to attend as guests. The Rev. H. O. Albin, Vicar of Bethersden, speaking on behalf of the guests, thanked the Association for their hospitality, and said he would try to learn to ring. The Rev. T. G. Williams also spoke, but made no rash promises.

Mr. Willis presided over the business meeting with his usual good-humoured efficiency. The minutes, the secretary's report and the treasurer's report, which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and adopted. The auditor's report was read by the treasurer (Mr. B. W. May), who added that he was much happier about the state of the Association's finances this year.

24 FIRST PEALS

The peal secretary (Mr. T. Cullingworth) reported that 154 peals were rung during 1957, an increase of 38 over the previous year. Twenty-four members rang their first peal. There were 38 conductors (including 13 non-resident conductors who called 43 peals) and two 'first as conductor.'

The Association officers were thanked for their services and re-elected en bloc.

Discussion on the printed report revealed that an imposing but anonymous list of service touches should have been credited to Egerton, and that Ospringe appeared to have changed Districts.

Mr. R. L. Sills (Maidstone District secretary) said that arrangements were in hand to hold the annual dinner at Maidstone in October. Mr. C. T. Hillis, secretary of the Ashford District, urged members to be punctual in their applications for tickets. He pointed out that 20 per cent. of those present had not notified the treasurer by the specified date. Consequently there was a shortage of beer.

The Association secretary (Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher) informed the meeting that subscriptions were received from 45 fewer practising members. A four-figure total of 1,006 was only just maintained, but it was heartening that 180 new members had joined. There was a net increase of two affiliated towers. He spoke with pleasure of the restored ring of ten at All Saints' in the county town of Maidstone.

NO CONFIDENCE

The main topic discussed was the work of the committee. Dr. Hatcher said that in 1957 this body had the disquieting experience of having two of its recommendations reversed at the annual general meeting. In politics this would have been a vote of no confidence.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight said this implied resignation.

The chairman pointed out that the committee did resign automatically each year, and had been re-elected on his (Mr. Knight's) proposition. Mr. Knight had confidence in the officers.

Mr. R. J. Carlton, while appreciating the work of the committee, maintained the rights of democracy.

Dr. Hatcher said that the committee had no wish to dictate, and explained more fully its function of government. He only pleaded that members should not act precipitately in reversing the considered recommendations of their elected committee.

Speaking on behalf of the Association, Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council) thanked the Rev. T. G. Williams for taking the service; Miss M. Nightingale (headmistress of Ashford School for Girls), for so kindly lowing the meeting to use the premises; Mr. G. N. Butcher (organist of the Parish Church); incumbents and tower captains who had made their bells available; the Mothers' Union, for providing tea and cakes; and Mr. C. T. Hillis and his helpers, for making all the arrangements.

The bells of Ashford, Bethersden, Biddenden, Charing, Little Chart, Sellindge, Tenterden, Willesborough and Wye were available at various times throughout the day. C. T. H.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Great Milton was looking at its best on April 12th, when the South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch held their annual meeting at this rather out-of-the-way village. The Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Baker) conducted the service and gave a helpful address and the lesson was read by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg.

Four new members were elected, making the total membership of the Branch 111. Several members of the Oxford City Branch, including the secretary, Mr. J. Adams and Mr. W. H. R Wilkins, were present, and also one of the Branch's oldest members, Mr. J. E. Allen.

The Branch secretary had intended to resign owing to his removal from the Branch, but, after discussion, was persuaded to carry on for another year. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chinnor in July.

Further ringing took place in the evening at Great and Little Milton.

LEICESTER VETERAN 80 TO-DAY

Mr. W. H. Clarke, of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, will be 80 years of age to-day. To honour the event a peal is to be attempted at St. John's to-morrow.

He is at present confined to his room at home recovering from his illness, which necessitated some time ago an operation, but he is making a slow but steady improvement.

Mr. Clarke sends his greetings to all ringing friends, particularly those who have so kindly remembered him during his illness.

S. H.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The second session of the 23rd Council (61st annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 27th, 1958, at the Synod Hall, Christ Church Place, Dublin, by kind permission of the Representative Church Body, at 10 a.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their places by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of Vice-President for 1958–60: Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.
2. Election of Honorary Librarian for 1958–60. Mr. F. W. Perrens, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.
3. Election of Honorary Members. Mrs. J. G. Steeples retires and is eligible for re-election.
4. Loss of members through death.
5. Minutes of the last meeting.
6. Report of the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.
7. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
8. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1957.
9. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
    (a) Standing Committee.
        (i.) Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the compilation of a history of change-ringing.
    (b) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
    (c) Literature and Press Committee.
    (d) Biographies Committee.
    (e) 'Beginners' Handbook' Committee.
    (f) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
    (g) Methods Committee.
    (h) Peal Analysis Committee.
    (i) Peal Boards Committee.
    (j) Peal Collection Committee.
    (k) Records Committee.
    (l) Towers and Belfries Committee.

MOTIONS

11. (a) Proposed by Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. P. M. J. Gray:—

    'That a committee be appointed to investigate the state of Sunday service ringing, to find out the factors making for success and to report back their findings and recommendations so that together with the Ringing Associations and Church authorities the Central Council may help to increase and improve Sunday service ringing.'

    (b) Proposed by Mr. F. T. Blagrove, seconded by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow:—

    'That the conditions required for peals of Doubles shall be amended to read as follows:—

    (a) Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
        (i) True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
        (ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 120, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 120 changes the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
        (iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).
    (b) Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell, and no continuous leading bells are allowed.

    That the conditions required for peals of Minor shall be amended to read as follows:—

    (a) Peals of Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
        (i) True and complete 720's without interval between any two 720's, and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
        (ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 720, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 720 changes the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
        (iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).
    (b) Peals of Minor to be rung on six bells.'

12. To fix the place of the next meeting.
13. Any other business.

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Joint Meeting At Speldhurst

The lovely old village of Speldhurst was the venue for a joint meeting of the Tonbridge District, Kent County Association, and the East Grinstead Guild on April 12th, and the light eight in the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin were rung to a variety of methods, including Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Cambridge, Ashtead, Superlative and London.

Through a misunderstanding with the Rector, the customary service was not held: this did not prevent, however, Miss Colgate from collecting contributions to the Benevolent Fund of the Kent County Association. About 40 sat down to tea and at one time five members of the Central Council joined in the ringing.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

THE 75th annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held, according to custom, on Easter Monday at Worcester. The service, at All Saints, was conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. L. J. Birch (Vicar of Hanbury). The new Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, read the lesson, and the Blessing was given by Bishop Stuart. The ten bells of All Saints' were rung before the service, making a suitable introduction to the day's activities of worship, business, ringing and the renewal of old and the making of new friendships.

At the business meeting, which was held in the College Hall, Worcester, the Ringing Master formally welcomed the new Dean, and hoped that he would continue to fulfil the traditional office of president of the Association. The Dean replied that he would be most pleased to accept the presidency, and hoped that he would now have further opportunity of developing his interest in campanology—an interest which previously had been confined to bell inscriptions.

The meeting then stood in silence to pay tribute to the memories of those who had died since the last annual meeting—notably the late president, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, and Mr. Charles Camm, who had been Ringing Master of the Western Branch for 28 years. All the retiring officers of the Association were re-elected, and an especially appreciative vote of thanks was made to the secretary of the Association. They are: Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright; chaplain, the Rev. L. J. Birch; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. D. Johnson: auditors, Messrs. G. J. Hemming and F. Hyde; Central Council representatives, Messrs. W. B. Cartwright, B. C. Ashford and D. Beacham; librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper.

The secretary informed members that the annual dinner would again be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, and this year it would take place on October 18th. The dinner committee was asked to consider the possibility of changing the form of that occasion, when branches had reported their observations in the matter.

In the afternoon ringing of varying quality took place in the towers of St. John's, Worcester, Hallow and Kempsey. At the latter tower, where the bells are hung anti-clockwise, a touch of Grandsire Doubles caused some amusement. The conductor had a 'back seat' prompter, half the band had helpers standing by, and the six-score was brought round with the help of five additional conductors, none of whom was ringing! Perhaps the best ringing of the day was a touch of Spliced Surprise at St. John's (Cambridge, London and Bristol). It was almost faultless, and a fine example of Major ringing in a packed tower. After tea the Cathedral bells were rung to rounds, Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Caters with a fine course of Bob Royal on the back ten, followed by an equally good course of Bristol Surprise on the back eight.

The thanks of the Association were accorded to the incumbents and towerkeepers for their ready co-operation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A HANDBELL NOVELTY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Morris' writings always make interesting reading and although many of us are not old enough to even have heard of most of 'those he remembers,' I do recall those two Gloucester stalwarts he mentioned, viz., John Austin and ex-Sgt. Williams. I remember attending a ringers' dinner at Bristol before the war and being entertained by these two elderly gentlemen, who sat in chairs, back to back, to ring Grandsire Triples (I think) on handbells. Not being a handbell ringer myself, it had always been a matter of wonderment to me that some ringers were blessed with sufficient powers of concentration to allow them to ring two bells at a time to changes; and so I was really fascinated to see these two old-timers performing with two bells in each hand and out of view of one another at that.

Other memories I have of that dinner are of tune-playing by the St. Thomas' (Bristol) handbell team, and also of Mr. Joe Dyke smoking the largest pipe I have ever seen!—Yours truly,

A. J. GOULD.

Portishead, Bristol.

THOUGHTS ON OUTINGS

Dear Sir,—I am very indebted to 'D. H.' for the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of March 28th, but I should like to know the views of other readers on the paragraph which was underlined by Preb. E. V. Cox. Is it generally agreed that a tour is not a time for practice but is more in the style of an exhibition? Without disputing the facts, I should have thought that applied mainly to ringing for services.

As for the time for experimenting being better left for practice nights, that may not always be possible—in my own case there are only three bells in my home church. Anyway, if we are to make progress someone will have to put up with some bad ringing some time or other, and it may well be more objectionable at 8.30 p.m. in a town than in the day time in the country on a week day.

A recent writer referred to ringing as a dedicated sport. Is this not rather like going in for the high jump but refraining from putting the bar above a certain height for fear of not clearing it?

I see that it is important to leave a good impression behind us in such matters as reverence for the Church, politeness, punctuality and money in the box, but just which way must we try to convince everybody that we are all good ringers when some of us are not?—Yours faithfully,

HUGH B. MAKINS.

Great Down Cottage, Pitcombe, Bruton, Somerset.

DATE OF HILLINGDON PEAL TABLET

Dear Sir,—Could the date on the Hillingdon peal tablet be February 6th, 1757/8 rather than 1737? In 1752 the calendar was amended by missing out 11 days, since it had slipped that far behind the sun—the solar year being the awkward length of 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes 12 seconds. [Julius Cæsar had to insert two extra months to put it right in his day!] At the same time the New Year was changed from March 25th to January 1st, so that for dates between these two there was considerable confusion for some time and it was customary to write the year as 'F. W. G.' found it on the tablet.—Yours sincerely,

EUNICE D. OVEREND (MISS).

Frome, Somerset.

PEALS ON SMALLER NUMBERS

Dear Sir,—I am a little grieved to hear of a breath of suspicion by a very eminent ringer against the validity of 5,040's of Minor and Doubles to qualify for true peal status, though this suggestion is, of course, a very old one. Nobody disputes the facts of the case, that each change in 5,040 Doubles, for example, is bound to appear 42 times. To suggest that this reduces it to a 'performance' is bandying terminology and stressing the theoretical aspects of ringing at the expense of the practical.

What was the original motive of fixing the extent of Triples as the qualifying length for a peal? This number has no special magic excepting in that it is long enough to require a certain measure of skill and competence in composition and performance and of physical and mental determination in completion. Thus, though it is a number based on theory, it is meant to be a measure of practical attainment.

Viewing peals of Minor and Doubles from this standpoint, they are, in my view, well worthy to be classed as peals, as weight for weight and intricacy for intricacy, they are much more exacting physically and require much more mental concentration and determination.

For example, if I rang a peal of St. Clement's Bob Royal, conducting from a 20-cwt. tenor, I should expect to finish fresh and relaxed, but if I rang the same method on five (St. Simon's), again conducting from the tenor of a 20-cwt. five, and making probably about 300 calls, I should probably finish in a state of physical and mental exhaustion. Which is the more notable performance to deserve the honour of being called a 'peal'?

Even conducting 5,040 Bob Minor I shall need to transpose for about 150 calls if I am to keep a safe check on the ringing, but in J. Pritchard's well-known 5.056 of Major the figure is only 68. In my view, therefore, there is more conducting merit in the Minor. Is the inevitable repetition of having to ring seven extents in the process to be so weighty in the view of the theorists that they cannot regard the Minor as worthy of the 'peal' title? —Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Overseale.

MECHANICAL GRANDSIRE TRIPLES IN HOLLAND

Dear Sir,—While in Holland recently on a short holiday, I visited the English Church at Rotterdam (St. Mary's). The chaplain, the Rev. W. Popham Hosford, who is also Rural Dean of the Netherlands, very kindly told me all about the new ring of bells installed in his church.

In November, 1957, a ring of eight bells made by a Dutch firm—Messrs. Eijsbouts Lips of Asten—and costing about £1,500, was blessed by the Bishop of Fulham. As the present tower is very small the bells were hung dead and a mechanism fitted so that, at the push of a switch, three leads of Grandsire Triples could be rung, preceded and followed by two whole pulls of rounds. By means of another switch the tenor can be swung and chimed for services.

The chaplain made them ring for our benefit and the effect is very pleasant. The bells, made of cement basically, and lined with metal, are the finest of this kind to be made by the Dutch. They sound very musical, especially outside, being tuned electronically.

The tenor is probably about three to four cwt. The mechanism was arranged so as to

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TWO LEAD METHODS OF DOUBLES AND RECOGNITION

Dear Sir,— Regarding the late controversy about 120 Treble Bob Doubles, this is not completely impossible, but unfortunately we have to go against another rule, that no method should have less than three leads. The method I have composed has two leads. We could have a three-lead method by changing the P.L. with the B.L., but this would mean having an unsymmetrical method. However, looking through the preface of the 'Collection of Doubles' I find no mention of the fact that a method **must** be symmetrical.

To come to Saturn Treble Bob Doubles and all the false sheep following it. How one can possibly claim that they are methods I cannot understand. I always understood that the idea of change ringing was that we rang all the extent of a method without repeating a single change. If one writes out a list of changes and finds one cannot produce a six-score one will in all probability find a 240 is possible Imagine all the stupid 'methods' coming up to the Central Council, the smallest extent being a 240 or 360. Just because a method looks pretty you cannot accept it ignoring the fact that is is false. Why not write a method on this principle:—

12345

21435
12345
21354
23145

It is no worse than Saturn Treble Bob Doubles because 240's can be made from it. Surely the only time a 12-score should be made is when a six-score can also be made from the same method, even then I am not in favour of it because I see no art in ringing a 240.

However, back to a method where a six-score is possible. I find no reason why this method should be turned down just because it is a two-lead. One can understand when the Central Council turns down methods with ten changes in a plain lead, but this is a method which is already one-third the changes of the full extent.

On studying the two-lead method it will be found that there are two courses, both the same except reversed, two bells having one course, two the other. I should think that the effect of the bob in this method would be more interesting to ring than a four-lead method, because one has to know whether they are in reverse course or plain course.

Is it possible the Central Council can accept a two-lead method with 40 changes or over, or accept an unsymmetrical three-lead method?

As our own little tower has not been named and holds a Doubles record, may I suggest the method be called 'Stanwell Treble Bob Doubles'?—Yours sincerely,

C. B. FYNES.

Stanwell, Middlesex

(Continued from previous column)

produce some well-struck changes, and it should certainly create a good impression of change ringing on the Continent. They rang for H.M. the Queen's visit to Holland a few weeks ago.

In addition, in the adjoining Missions to Seamen, there is a set of eight tubular bells, which are rung for prayers every evening.—Yours sincerely,

ISOBEL INMAN.

Chislehurst, Kent.

LEICESTER CHURCHWARDENS OBJECT TO BELLS

The bells of St. Mark's, Leicester, a ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E flat), had not been rung since 1927 until February 15th this year.

The notion to get them ringing again came to Mr. John B. Bennett, Ringing Master of Cosby, and former ringer of St. Margaret's, Leicester. The Vicar of St. Mark's (Canon Stevenson) gave permission to inspect the bells, and on the first visit the fourth was pulled up, only three bells having ropes on them. The bell loft has been taken over by the pigeons, so one is left to imagine its condition.

Arrangements were duly made to visit and patch up the bells on Saturday, February 15th. Ringers from Wigston, Sapcote, Anstey, Stoney Stanton, Cosby, Loughborough and Leicester were recruited.

The wooden frame is in very good condition, but the wheels on the second, fifth, sixth and seventh had little or no flange, so hard-board was nailed on. Most of the wooden sliders were in the floor (amongst the pigeon droppings), the sixth was missing altogether, but the treble was the only bell without a stay. The bearings (and John E. Cooke) were washed with paraffin, oiled, and fitted with ropes (the latter doesn't apply to Cooke), after which they were pulled up one by one, while the writer stood on the frame, which proved to be very firm.

Half a course of Bob Major was rung before the sixth rope slipped wheel, taking our temporary flange with it. Darkness having descended, making further work impossible, we had to content ourselves with Triples on the remaining seven.

Taking things into account, the bells went well and are of good tone. Perhaps not up to St. John's standard, but certainly better than St. Mary's. The tower itself is perfect, with about 25 to 30 feet draught of rope.

While all this work was going on aloft, some of our party were having trouble below with the vicar's warden, who was making known his dislike of bells in general and ringers in particular, in no uncertain terms. Arrangements had been made to continue our work there the following week, but after the churchwarden had conferred with the Vicar, a halt was called.

A meeting was arranged between ourselves and the churchwardens the following Thursday. No further progress was made; both wardens were against the bells being rung but would offer no reason for their objection.

Our intention had been to ring the bells on the occasion of the visit to Leicester of H.M. the Queen on May 9th, the royal route having been scheduled to pass immediately by the tower.

We had also hoped it would be possible to teach a Sunday service band there, drawing our recruits from St. Mark's flourishing youth club.

M. E. B.

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AT ADDERBURY.—A happy picture of Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton and his bride, Miss M. Joan Roper, leaving St. Mary's Church, Adderbury, after their wedding on Easter Monday.

A Guild of Ringers Without Bells

The peal of Plain Bob Minor, rung at Brentford on April 12th, is of special interest, as five members of the band taking part were from the Church of St. Matthias, Richmond, and belong to its Guild of Ringers. This may not sound very unusual until it is made known that there are no bells at St. Matthias' (although the very fine tower was designed for a ring of 12), and the ringers believe they are the only band in the country attached to a church with no bells. It is particularly significant that this is the centenary year of the church, and if moves going on to secure a ring for the church are ultimately successful, the old objection of 'no one to ring the bells if we get them' would be invalid.

With no bells, the Guild have had to rely on the kindness of other churches for the use of their towers, and they have been fortunate in securing the use of Brentford tower for 6-bell practice, and Mortlake for eight bells. It is hoped to celebrate this centenary year with a peal of Major (there are actually ten ringing members in the Guild), but it is not likely that it will be possible to ring it at Richmond, the mother church of the parish.

All the ringers in the St. Matthias' Guild take part regularly in Sunday service ringing at other churches.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Grainger (first of Treble Bob) 4, J. Fowler 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Palm Sunday.

DEDICATION

Hucknall Torkard

Hucknall Torkard is rather a drab urban district of some 23,000 people in the Nottinghamshire coal field but it has two things of which it is justly proud—its association with the poet, Lord Byron, and its ancient Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

And it is to the latter that our thoughts and footsteps turned on April 5th, when a new ring of eight bells was dedicated by the Venerable H. L. Phillips, Archdeacon of Nottingham.

The site of the church has been hallowed for 12 centuries, the first Early Saxon church being founded in the eighth century. A fine 14th century porch with massive weather-beaten roughly-hewn oak timbers from Sherwood Forest is a feature of the church. Lovers of Byron see in the church a shrine to the great poet, who is buried in the family vault beneath the chancel.

But on April 5th this lovely church put on its festive garb for Easter and for the dedication of the new ring of eight bells given in memory of Henry Morley Raynor by his widow. A huge congregation consisting of parishioners, the chairman and members of the Urban District Council and scores of ringers from many different counties, with Mr. Paul Taylor and members of the Loughborough Foundry, joined in a cheerful service of praise and thanksgiving, conducted by the Vicar of Hucknall Torkard, Canon Kenneth Thompson. During the service the bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Nottingham.

In his address the Archdeacon took as his theme 'To the Glory of God,' and reminded his congregation that everything in the church was dedicated to the glory of God, as also was the ringing of the bells.

The bells are a light ring with a tenor of 12¼ cwt in F sharp by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the 'go' and tone are both excellent. The ringing chamber has been tastefully decorated in pastel shades and has been much improved by boarding in the roughcast walls. Too late, many of the entrants to the ringing chamber must have thought of the couplet:—

'Each entering mortal
Beware this low portal!'

The dedication rounds were rung by the new band recently recruited by Mr. Herbert Lewin and his family.

After the service, tea was provided for the congregation in the commodious Church Hall and the bells were then thrown open to visiting ringers, who put them to excellent use until late in the evening. The only criticism that can be made is that the bells are rather noisy in the vicinity of the church, but judicious boarding-up will mitigate any nuisance.

The new local band is fortunate in having a nucleus of experienced ringers, and under the leadership of Mr. Herbert Lewin rapid progress should be made.

The three previous bells, which have all been recast, were founded by George Oldfield and Thomas Hedderley, of Nottingham.

Let this brief report end in a note of praise from one of the hymns used in the service:—

'All ye who ring in England
Rejoice with us this day,
Our bells shall ring through Hucknall
In sad times and in gay.
So let us ring together
As one united band,
That we may swell the praises
In that Eternal Land'

J. W. R.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Joint Meeting With College Youths To Be Arranged

A meeting of the Society was held on April 12th at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Bexley, and though not so well attended as expected, ringing on this delightful octave was well up to standard. Tea was provided by Miss Mary Andrews and the local band.

At the meeting which followed, the Master, Mr. F. J. Cullum, welcomed Mr. E. A. Barnett.

There was a financial loss on the annual dinner, and the treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, said a small increase in the price of tickets would have covered this. However, since it was a successful and great event, the dinner had served its purpose and done a good job. Questions as to some overcrowding elicited the fact that a fortnight beforehand only 80 applications for tickets had been received and then there was a last-minute rush. It was recommended that in future numbers should be limited to 100. You have been warned!

Arising out of the Master's remarks at the dinner that he would like to see a meeting held between the Cumberlands and the College Youths, a letter had been received from the Ancient Society of College Youths intimating that they were prepared to hold a joint meeting if a date and meeting place acceptable to both Societies could be arranged. This was warmly welcomed, and the secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements with the secretary of the Ancient Society.

Ratification of the election of Mr. John Ball, of Wickham, Hants, prior to a peal, was made, and the following new members elected:—Miss Doreen Deverill (Holloway), Miss Margaret Harte (Kensington) and Miss Elizabeth Yeld (Milford-on-Sea).

The next meeting, a joint one with the Essex Association, will be held at Prittlewell on June 7th, and a good attended is expected

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Andrews and her helpers for providing a welcome tea, and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne said he was sorry there were not more there to enjoy it.

Ringing continued after the meeting in a variety of methods.

MELTON DISTRICT OUTING

Thirty ringers, wives and friends of the Melton District had a splendid outing on Easter Monday, leaving Melton at 8.20 and picking up eight of the party at Long Clawson.

First bells sampled were the handy six at Copt Oak, where Mr. W. Hall met the party. The grand eight at Whitwick followed, and it was a pleasure to have Roland Beniston and John Underwood joining in Stedman and Bob Major.

David Manton led the way across country with his car to Ibstock. Here the Guild treasurer had arranged a welcome lunch at the Oak, and the Vicar was also present to greet the visitors. Some good ringing was afterwards heard on the bells, including Kent, St. Clement's and Double Court.

At Sheepstone ringing commenced with a good touch of Cambridge. A cup of tea was awaiting the party at Measham and at the church the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Day) delighted the ladies with a short recital on his beautiful organ whilst the rest of the party enjoyed the bells.

The tower captain at Packington greeted the party with the news that there was no stay on the fifth: still, we had a very good ring in a number of methods. Coleorton, the last tower, was voted to be the best eight of the day and it was a pleasure to meet the tower captain, Mr. Lord. Home was reached by 11 p.m. J. H. C.

OBITUARY

VEN. H. E. FITZHERBERT

We regret to announce the death of the Ven. Henry Edward FitzHerbert, Archdeacon Emeritus of Derby and president of the Midland Counties Guild since 1949. He was also president of the Midland Counties Association 1939-41, when, owing to war restrictions of the 'black-out' and suspension of ringing, he was most helpful in keeping things going by his enthusiasm and encouragement.

During the last two years illness and infirmity prevented him from taking an active part in the affairs of the Guild, but his interest continued until he died at his home, the Old Vicarage, Quarndon, on April 3rd, aged 75 years.

Archdeacon FitzHerbert was a member of one of the oldest county families of Derbyshire and for many years a prominent personality in the Derby Diocese. He was the fourth son of the Rev Sir Richard FitzHerbert, fifth baronet, of Tissington Hall, Ashbourne, who was Rector of Warsop.

After holding several appointments he became Rector of Netherseale with Overseale on 1930 and remained there eight years, during which time he was responsible for the restoration of the church and rehanging of the bells at St. Peter's, Netherseale, and did much to encourage the art of ringing by his kindliness and enthusiastic interest in his ringers. Whilst at Netherseale he was appointed an Honorary Canon of Derby Cathedral—1936—and was Archdeacon of Derby from 1943 to 1952. His wife, the Hon. Mrs. Margaret Elinor FitzHerbert, was the only child of the third Baron Heytesbury, and she died suddenly in March last year.

Hundreds of mourners, in every walk of life, including the Bishop of Derby and the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, paid tribute to a 'beloved friend' at the funeral service at Derby Cathedral. In his address the Bishop paid a deep tribute to the Archdeacon's memory and said he was devoted and selfless and ready to help in any good cause.

As a last tribute to his respected memory the bells of St. Matthew's, Overseale, were rung muffled on Sunday following the funeral to a quarter peal of Doubles in five methods by: N. Cotton 1, Joan Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, P. W. Grice 4, W. H. Carson (conductor) 5, H. Shaw 6, and it was regrettable that a muffled peal arranged at St. Peter's, Netherseale, was lost after two hours' good ringing.

HERTFORDSHIRE SIX-BELL TOWER LOST BY INCENDIARISM

At 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th, villagers at Aston, Herts, noticed smoke and flames issuing from the 12th century tower of the Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Several fire brigades rushed to the scene but were unable to prevent the timbers in the interior of the tower from being completely gutted, together with part of the nave roof.

It appears that vestments in the base of the tower had been deliberately ignited by a person as yet unknown to the police, and the flames quickly seized the wooden gallery and spread up the tower.

That it was a case of fire-raising was borne out by what Mr. John Welch, of Walkern, president of the Hertford County Association, discovered when he arrived with his daughter, Frances, at the neighbouring Church of St. Peter, Benington, at 5.45 p.m., followed shortly by the remainder of a peal band. He found lighted candles and burnt hymn books and linen in various parts of the church placed so as to start a further conflagration. The timely arrival of the peal ringers may well have saved Benington Church. The peal was postponed.

At Aston, however, a scene of destruction was revealed. Broken fragments of two smaller bells were found at the foot of the tower, forming part of an inscription 'Miles . . . . Made Me. 162 . . .' The crown and clapper of the other bell were still attached to the charred headstock aloft, where two other bells lodged as they began to fall. It appears that the four bells still in the tower are cracked or otherwise damaged by the intense heat, and a complete recasting and restoration is almost certainly necessary. The stonework of the tower appears comparatively unscathed.

Aston bells were a six with a tenor of 11 cwt., which were restored, and augmented by the addition of a tenor, many years ago, by the Whitechapel Foundry. In 'Church Bells of Hertfordshire, 1886,' the details are as follows:

Treble and fourth: 'Rev. Mr. Ellis, Vicar. Wm. Wollatt, Churchwarden. John Callen, overseer. Thomas Mears, Founder, London, 1840.'

Second, third and fifth: 'Miles Graye Made Me. 1629.'

A large tenor was later added, which tended to overpower the lighter bells. They were rung from a curious, stepped gallery, the tenor ringer standing well below the others. This has now been destroyed.

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IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District

About 120 members and friends attended the District annual meeting held in St. Mark's Church, Dundela, Belfast, on Easter Monday. On arrival the visitors were entertained to tea by the local ringers. The Adamson Cup was rung off first with three teams competing; the judges were Messrs. J. M. Benn and W. L. Douglas. This was followed by a Holy Communion service with an address given by the Rev. E. G. Parke, the District chairman.

The business meeting followed, when it was reported that the ringing in the District was still progressing with enthusiasm. Ten new members were elected. Hillsborough was chosen as the venue for next year's meeting, with Canon Barry as the new chairman. All the other outgoing officers were re-elected as follows: Hon secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody; hon. assistant secretary, Miss Jean Stewart; hon. treasurer, the Rev. J. J. Fielding; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Brown. Details of the arrangements proposed for the Central Council visit were explained to the members. Visitors to the District included Messrs. H. Ellis, Mr. C. Foster (Limerick) and Mr. and Mrs. V. Griffin (Swindon).

Lunch, at which about 120 sat down, was followed by the Cunningham Cup competition, for which ten teams competed; the judges for which were Messrs. H. Ellis and V. Griffin. Mr. H. Brown acted as Ringing Master throughout the competitions. Before tea, the results were announced as follows:—

Adamson Cup: 1 St. Donard's, Belfast (39 faults); 2 St. Thomas', Belfast (117).

Cunningham Cup: 1 St. Mark's, Dundela (27 faults); 2 St. Donard's, Belfast (34½); 3 St. Comgall's, Bangor (47).

The Adamson Cup was presented by Mrs. Adamson to Miss J. Stewart, of St. Donard's, and the Cunningham Cup was presented by Canon Barry to the Misses R. Thompson and E. Bushe, of St. Mark's. About 70 later sat down to tea. Votes of thanks were passed unanimously to the chairman, Mr. Douglas and the local ringers for their hospitality and to the judges.

After tea the bells were put to good use by mixed bands ringing various methods. J. T. D.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering Branch was held on April 12th at the five-bell tower of Pytchley, with an attendance of about 30. A set of new ropes was hung in honour (?) of the occasion and many Doubles methods were rung. St. Vedast Doubles was looked up, rung to a plain course and triumphed over: an extent was later rung. Stedman, Grandsire, Plain, Spliced St. Martin's and St. Senior, yes, even original Doubles were heard.

As there is at present no incumbent at Pytchley the Guild president (Canon G. F. Turner) read the Office and gave an address. Mrs. Middleton played the organ.

An enjoyable tea was served in the school and full justice was done. A vote of thanks to the ladies who prepared it was most heartily supported at the business meeting which followed.

David Coleman, of Rothwell, was elected to membership and Jennifer Giles and Keith Bradshaw received certificates for ringing their first peal. Keith also accepted certificates on behalf of Robert Shaw and David Urquhart, who were unable to be present.

Members were reminded of the annual general meeting at Northampton on May 17th, and the summer festival at Oakham on September 6th, for which a coach would run if sufficient support was forthcoming.

After tea, Orlingbury and Pytchley bells were rung again until about 8.30 p.m.

S. R. C.

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HARTLEY—AYRIS. — The engagement is announced between Alan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hartley, of Thorner, Yorks, and Beryl, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Ayris, of Leicester. 2237

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Horsington, Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 2194

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Burnham, Saturday, April 26th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6.15 p.m. —Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 2185

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 26th, at King's Norton. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Saracen's Head 5 p.m. Important business concerning Henry Johnson dinner. For tea, please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. Phone: SPR 1025. 2132

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, May 3rd, Shepshed. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by April 30th, to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shepshed. 2240

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available: St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), St. George's, Colegate (6), 1.30 to 4 p.m.; St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), by complete companies, on application to the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, or at St. Peter Mancroft on day of meeting. Bells available after business meeting. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. G. E. Dodson. Invitation has been extended to Norwich Diocesan Vergers' Guild to attend the service. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting 5.30 p.m. at Chantry Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 30th, to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich.—W. Love, Gen. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Stanton St. John, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by Monday, April 28th, to Mr. R. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. 2212

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, May 10th, Stanton-on-Hine Heath. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to R. P. Leighton, Church Farm, Stanton, near Shrewsbury. Moreton Corbet bells available until 4 p.m. and after tea. Bus 1.25 and hourly from Shrewsbury. 2251

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Pontefract on May 10th. St. Giles' bells (10) and All Saints' bells (8) available from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Service in St. Giles' Parish Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea served at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Ropergate, to all who notify, by May 7th, Mr. H. Newton, 17, Micklegate, Pontefract. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Subscriptions are now due and reports will be available in the Parish Hall.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 2234

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hunton (6) and Yalding (6) on Saturday May 17th. Hunton bells from 2.30-5; Yalding after tea. Service at Yalding 6.30. Please bring your own tea.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 2238

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) at Northampton on Saturday, May 17th. Service in St. Giles' Church 4 p.m. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Giles' Buildings. Tea, at 5s. per head, will be for ticket holders only. Tickets to be obtained only from Mr. C. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton, not later than May 10th. Enclose remittance. Ringing arrangements: 11 to 1 p.m., Brafield (6), Little Houghton (5), Cogenhoe (6), Moulton (8); 12.30 to 2.30 p.m., Dallington (6), Harlestone (6), Wootton (5), Hardingstone (5); 2 to 3.30 p.m., Kingsthorpe (6), Holy Sepulchre (8), St. Edmund's (8); 2.30 to 4 p.m., St. Giles' (10). All available in the evening with All Saints' (8) 7 to 8.30 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 2242

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The autumn meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, September 27th.—M. R. Cross. 2179

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirteen towers were represented at the monthly meeting, held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on April 12th. The afternoon's ringing was followed by an excellent tea in the new Church Hall. The Rev. F. H. Outram, who was voted to the chair, started on a happy note by giving everyone a hearty welcome.

Details of the District's outing, on July 5th, were announced, with ringing at Clowne, Bolsover (lunch), Fairfield, Buxton (tea) and Hayfield. Tony Coldwell, of Ecclesfield, was elected a new member. The next meeting will be at South Kirby, and the shield contest at Silkstone on June 14th, which would be open to all ringers. Mr. Frank Brunt proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens, to Mr. Christopher Morris and the local company, and the ladies for the tea. This was supported by Miss Claire Green and acknowledged by Mr. John W. Moxon on behalf of the local company. Further ringing followed.

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HANDBELL RINGING

STRICTLY speaking, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers is not concerned with tune ringing on handbells; it is an activity outside the ambit of the Council's committees and in a sense is foreign to the art of change ringing. But tune ringing is a popular pastime among many change ringers, and there are not a few companies who, especially at Christmas time, play carols and other tunes. Some of the well-known personalities of the Exercise are noted for this side of bell music; the president of the Central Council, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, has for years been a leading exponent of this art, and his wonderful set of handbells, all tuned by him, have given their music not only on radio and television but in many of the cathedrals of our land. The Launton ringers have established for themselves a fine reputation.

There are other companies largely composed of church bell ringers who are equally well known. Rotherham knows full well the skill of the High School girls, trained by Mr. Norman Chaddock; at Leicester Mr. S. Harrison and his young people frequently perform, and there are good companies in Cheshire (the Norbury Handbell Ringers' Association) and in Essex. Some years back 'The Ringing World' circulated in manuscript form Christmas carols on eight bells, prepared by Miss J. Armstrong, of Morpeth, and the applications for these came from far and wide.

Today there is an increasing demand from schools and youth clubs for handbells. Invariably these requests to the Editor are accompanied by advice on publications—a simple book of instructions with methods of setting tunes to music seems to be in great demand. To our knowledge, the only publication in print on the subject, an American one, is too costly at 25s. for the average applicant. There is a definite market for the handbell enthusiast who will produce such a text book.

In America, handbell ringing of tunes is on an organised basis under the direction of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, which was founded in 1954. The Guild publishes an interesting quarterly, 'Overtones.' At one of their recent festivals Mrs. A. Hughes, during the last American tour of Mr. Hughes, gave a recital which was a great delight. The American companies invariably wear a uniform at their public performances, and a number of these are associated with Congregational and Methodist churches.

Attention is being given in America to the therapeutic value of handbell ringing to those who are mentally ill. In the March issue of 'Overtones' a report is given on the value of handbells as music therapy from experiments with the patients at Westwood Lodge Sanatorium. Dr. Martha Brunner-Orne, the superintendent, writes:—

> 'We have been looking for a long time for a musical medium which shows all the advantages of music-making in a group without the disadvantages for the mental patient . . . . We think we have found such a medium in handbells . . . . The bells have a very strong appeal for most patients, even the very retarded ones . . . . Even listeners show remarkable response to handbells.
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> 'We do not attempt to heal psychoses or neuroses by the use of music, but we are able to observe the beneficial effects of this form of therapy in many cases . . . . We think that the necessity to adjust to the requirements of the group itself represents progress. Although the musical requirements are minimal, the musical success depends on the responsibility that the individual player takes upon himself as a member of the group . . . . The feeling of satisfaction in accomplishment aroused by a successful performance is frequently of great therapeutic value. We are highly satisfied with handbell ringing as a therapeutic tool.'

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R. George Morris	5	*Michael P. Moreton	11
William Butler	6	James Phillips	*Tenor*

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
* 250th peal. Mrs. Lewington has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to John Phillips.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes.*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 MACCLESFIELD COURT BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

Mrs. L. Boumphrey	*Treble*	*Chris. M. P. Johnson	6
Ivor Jenkins	2	Selwyn H. Dearden	7
Frederick W. Grocott	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Neil D. Lomas	9
Alexander Richardson	5	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Arranged by Neil D. Lomas. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* 200th peal. First peal in the method.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., April 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Ruth M. K. How	*Treble*	*Colin J. B. Taylor	6
Shirley V. Rymer	2	*Robin A. Hodgson	7
Kathleen Wright	3	Rodney B. Meadows	8
William H. Jackson	4	Peter R. Sanders	9
*Dermot J. Roaf	5	Peter C. Wright	*Tenor*

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by William H. Jackson.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung to celebrate the marriages of Wilfrid F. Moreton and Jo Roper and Peter Border and Ruth M. Jackson.

MACCLESFIELD COURT BOB ROYAL
x 10 x 16 x 58 x 70 x with half-lead 90 and lead-head thus:—
1 8 0 6 9 4 7 2 5 3
1 0 8 9 6 7 4 5 2 3

Bobs and singles effect the work of the bells in the back three places: and are called at lead-heads 1, 6 and 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wulfram,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

John Walden	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson	6
Norah M. Bibby	2	George H. Randles	7
Denis A. Frith	3	Jack L. Millhouse	8
George E. Feirn	4	John Freeman	7
Giles C. Galley	5	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.
Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. H. Leake.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Ex-Sgt. Harold G. Jenney (Leicester City)	*Treble*
P.C. John A. Smith (Leics and Rutland)	2
Det.-Sgt. George Amor (Bedfordshire)	3
P.C. E. Alan Jacques (Leicester City)	4
Ex-Sgt. Charles W. Willmington (Metropolitan)	5
Inspr. Thomas R. Butler (Liverpool City)	6
Ex-Inspr. Frederick Mead (Metropolitan)	7
Ex-Sgt. Edwin C. Birkett (Liverpool City)	8
Ex-Sgt. Frank Hansford (Somerset)	9
Ex-Sgt. E. Charles Turner (Leicester City)	*Tenor*

Composed by Ex-P.C. Cornelius Charge.
Conducted by Inspr. Thomas R. Butler.
In memoriam Ex-Inspr. H. J. Poole, Ex-P.C. F. Wilson, Ex-P.C. W. Robinson and Ex-Supt. F. R. Williams.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BENNINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Edwin G. Buck	*Treble*	*Patricia M. Bourn	5
*Frances M. Welch	2	Jack S. Dear	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	*Richard J. Castledine	7
G. William Critchley	4	Colin A. S. Harwood	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Colin A. S. Harwood.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Alban Disney	*Treble*	Gordon H. Arguile	5
John E. Cook	2	John Smith	6
Doreen D. Dutton	3	S. Anthony Jesson	7
John K. Kesterton	4	William A. Lacey	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Phyllis Poole.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*Ronald Chafer	*Treble*	*John Hall	5
*C. Aubrey Harrison	2	*Michael W. Crowder	6
†John R. Kennett	3	George W. Moody	7
Jack Bray	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. † First of Treble Bob Major 'inside.'

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HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	5
*HERBERT F. LASKEY	2	†WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	††WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal in the method. First of Major in the method. ‡ 75th peal.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5056 KIBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

WILLIAM JOHNSON	*Treble*	KENNETH A. ROE	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	ANDREW R. CARTER	6
T. MAUREEN LLOYD	3	SAMUEL J. HAINES	7
RICHARD J. CARTER	4	THOS. EDWARD HARROLD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOS. EDWARD HARROLD.
First peal in the method.
Umpired by J. S. CARTER.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

CHARLES WALKLATE	*Treble*	IAN M. HOLLAND	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENIS R. CARLISLE and GORDON A. HALLS.
Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
First peal in the method by all except the sixth, and for the Association. A 17th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

EDWARD W. ROAST	*Treble*	*TERRY L. STOCK	5
ALBERT WIFFEN	2	ALAN R. SYDER	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
CECIL BARKER	4	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in the method.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

RICHARD F. PRIME	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
ANN BARR	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	WILLIAM A. LACEY	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*DENISE SHALLCROSS	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
†JOHN S. DEAN	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
FREDERICK R. EVANS	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
‡GEOFFREY PARTING	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal; aged 13, and grand-daughter of Mr. P. Swindley. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major.
Rung in honour of the birth and baptism of Carole Marie Drinkwater, grand-daughter of Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

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F.C.H.'s: 24365, 53624, 65432.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

EDWARD C. LEIGH	*Treble*	STANLEY JENNER	5
MARGARET A. LADD	2	EDWARD J. JENNER	6
*BRIAN E. JEFFREY	3	BERNARD V. COLLISON	7
GEORGE FRY	4	ERIC J. BRUNGER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*HORACE HEARD	*Treble*	ALAN CARVETH	5
CHARLES SANGWIN	2	DAVID N. PENROSE	6
V. MARY MATTHEWS	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
†HARRY STACEY	4	CHARLES E. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
* First 8-bell peal. † First of Triples 'inside.'

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*A. VICTOR SHEPPARD	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	5
†ALAN CLARKE	2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	6
JOHN R. MUNNINGS	3	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

BRYAN C. STIRLAND	*Treble*	*FRANK W. LEWIS	5
NORMAN J. SMITH	2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	6
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
*GEORGE FRANCIS	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal in the method.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BROWNLOW	*Treble*	DAVID YOUNG	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JAMES CUNLIFFE	6
PETER CROOK, SEN.	3	JAMES BLACKBURN	7
GILLIAN BRIDGEFORD	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the treble ringer, Frederick W. Brownlow, and Mrs. Brownlow.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. H.)	*Treble*	*A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	5
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s)	2	*F. B. COOKSON (St. John's)	6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	3	N. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	7
*P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. BAKER. Conducted by H. NEILL.
* First peal of Rutland. First of Major as conductor.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*LEONARD E. SHARP	*Treble*	ROY K. DUESBURY	5
†ROBERT E. LESTER	2	FRANK G. OLIVER	6
†URBAN W. WILDNEY	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*FRANK H. PIKE	4	BERNARD C. FAIRHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
J. HENRY FIELDEN	2	GIBSON JACKSON	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	ANTHONY V. QUEEN	5
*JILL M. LANE	2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	6
EVE PEARSON	3	J. PATRICK MCDERMOTT	7
JOHN L. QUEEN	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by J. PATRICK MCDERMOTT.
* First peal on eight bells. First of Major as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARGARET FORREST	*Treble*	JACK ASHCROFT	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	HARRY POYNER	6
†MRS. PHILIP HUDSON	3	*PHILIP HUDSON	7
*CYRIL LOW	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise. † First of Surprise.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*ROSALIND E. ROWORTH	*Treble*	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	5
†MRS. V. GRIFFIN	2	‡VICTOR GRIFFIN	6
†A. KENNETH PAGE	3	ERIC SUTTON	7
DR. C. GUY ROWORTH	4	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.
* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Triples in the method.
Rung as a farewell to Kenneth Page who is joining H.M. Forces.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	DENIS R. MITCHELL	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	6
RAYMOND P. WOOD	3	J. RICHARD WILSON	7
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	4	HENRY C. WEAVER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. RICHARD WILSON.
First peal on eight bells as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*R. H. FARRER	*Treble*	*D. SWIFT	4
C. D. COWLEY	2	M. F. COWLEY	5
*G. FLETCHER	3	T. H. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. H. HARRIS.
* First peal. First as conductor. First peal by all the band on the bells.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., April 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

STEPHEN J. PERRY	*Treble*	†ERNEST H. HILL	4
WILLIAM C. RHODES	2	D. KEITH LANE	5
*WALTER G. LANE	3	GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First of Minor.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's, viz.: St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E.

JAMES H. MUSSON	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
AMOS INGALL	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second. Also for the birthday of the wife of the conductor.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Consisting of five 240's and 32 six-scores (ten callings).
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*MARY NURTON	*Treble*	HERBERT WARR	4
*ALFRED BRADLEY	2	HUBERT PESTER	5
JACK W. DREW	3	*BERNARD S. H. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal. First on the bells by a local band. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. J. Pulman, who is leaving for Bangkok, and a thanksgiving for his work in the parish.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

HARRY F. CHURCHMAN	*Treble*	†DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4
*JILL I. MARTIN	2	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	5
DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON	3	HUGH NEILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by EUSTACE W. BULLMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. † 75th peal. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

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DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and one extent of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Jack L. Millhouse ..	.. *Treble*	W. Robert Parker	4
John R. Ketteringham..	2	George H. Randles ..	5
Charles E. Brown	3	John Walden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

A compliment to Mr. Joseph Cheatham, the local captain, on his 80th birthday.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

James W. Forder	*Treble*	Ernest A. Long	4
*Michael J. Stokes ..	2	Godfrey G. Walpole ..	5
†Terence G. Page	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Godfrey G. Walpole.

* First peal in five Minor methods 'inside.' † First in five Minor methods.

Rung to welcome the Rev. C. D. Hulbert to the combined livings of Norton Subcourse and Thurlton with Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe.

MERROW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F.

A. Patrick Cannon ..	*Treble*	*Peter G. Smart	4
*Jill M. Lane	2	Arthur H. Smith	5
Ann M. Cox	3	†Douglas A. R. May ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise Minor on the bells.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently; C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29 and 34-38 inclusive. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Frank V. Gant	*Treble*	†Anthony C. Grainger ..	4
Herman J. Oliver	2	Donald M. Salisbury ..	5
*Alan Gargrave	3	Chas. E. Willmington ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank V. Gant.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents: (1) Woodbine, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Stephen Ivin	*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp	4
*Avril Thackray	2	Andrew C. Sinfield ..	5
*Richard Harrison ..	3	C. Edward Jeffries.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.

* First peal in seven methods.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Thurs., April 17, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

Maurice Bennett	*Treble*	Stanley E. Bennett.. ..	4
*A. Roy Withyman	2	Ronald C. Noon	5
Edwin T. Chapman ..	3	Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril R. Burrell.

* First peal in more than one method.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 17, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., three of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

Leonard Rodmell (76)	*Treble*	Thomas W. Thirkell ..	4
*Janet Porter (13)	2	*Ian G. Glenton	5
†Henry Rodmell (78) ..	3	Ronald Ducker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald Ducker.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Thirkell; also a wedding compliment to Margaret Robinson.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., April 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*A. Victor Sheppard ..	*Treble*	James Bennett	4
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Robert F. Downing ..	5
Mrs. Robert F. Downing	3	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal.

Arranged for Mr. A. V. Sheppard, of Cape Town. Also as an 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

*John Welch, jun. (age 14)	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones..	4
Frances Welch	2	J. Richard Castledine ..	5
John Welch	3	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal attempt.

Rung to mark the opening of the Church Army Sisters' Mission Week, and also as a compliment to Mr. John Welch on his election to the presidency of the Hertford County Association.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Christine Lansley ..	*Treble*	Thomas R. Collins ..	4
Eric Sutton	2	Richard E. G. Luton ..	5
Barry S. Sheppard.. ..	3	†Anthony R. Peake.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal. † 75th peal.

Rung as a welcome peal to Christopher Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Wilton, born April 9th, 1958.

HANDBELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours,*
At Whingarth, Ridge Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.

Brian J. Woodruffe ..	1—2	Bernard Groves	3—4
		Robert B. Smith	5—6

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 6, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
At 79, St. Peter's Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Kingston, London Scholars and Sandal Treble Bob; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Norbury, College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (5) Reverse and Reverse Canterbury Bob; (6) Double and Fulbeck Bob; (7) Plain and Double Bob; 51 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in D flat.

*Allan Sharples	1—2	†Derek Taylor	3—4
		†Trevor Taylor	5—6

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.

* First peal in 13 methods. † First in 13 methods 'in hand.' First in 13 methods as conductor.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monnica A. Rose (first quarter) 1, Hilda L. Slade 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, A. J. Slade (cond.) 4, J. W. Rose 5, G. J. Abbott 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ford, of Abbotsbury. Mr. H. J. Ford is ringing master of the Dorchester branch.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana M. Gough 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Stella Hughes (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, C. D. Linington 6. Rung in appreciation of the work of the Church of England Children's Society.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Mary Powell (first on eight) 1, Monica Fray 2, T. Phillips 3, L. Derrick 4, W. P. Blake 5, D. G. Yeo 6, J. Brain 7, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 8. First in method by all except 4 and 5.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Dear 1, S. Hutton 2, E. Buck (cond.) 3, L. Scoot 4, A. Leggett 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, C. Harwood 7, J. R. Castledine 8. First in method 2 and 5 and as conductor.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. Amor 1, Miss A. Thackray 2, K. Wakefield 3, Miss J. Davies 4, S. Ivin 5, G. Amor 6, B. Pattison 7, R. Piron (cond.) 8. S. Foskett 9, D. Thompson 10. For Evensong, and as an 80th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Geary 1, H. Faulkner 2, J. Wadkin 3, J. G. Geary (cond.) 4, G. Allen 5, C. T. Whitman 6, A. N. Geary 7, G. Lee 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sirrett 1, R. Edmans 2, Miss J. Emery 3, F. G. Edmans 4, M. Jamieson (cond.) 5, Miss S. Hurst 6. First in method 1, 3 and 6.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Best (first on eight) 1, Monica Fray 2, C. Clarke 3, M. Bailey 4, M. Horseman 5, R. Short (cond.) 6, J. Gilbert 7, G. Burge 8.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Webb 1, J. Manley 2, C. Turner 3, C. Deem 4, G. Aldhouse 5, C. Webb (first in method as cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 2 and 6.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Glenys Evans 1, S. Edwards 2, B. Kingston 3, R. Sparks 4, J. T. Williams (cond.) 5, D. Llewellyn 6. Over 30 years since last quarter on the bells.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Burrows 1, Miss N. Price 2, M. Sprackling (cond.) 3, N. Sprackling 4, E. Leach (first 'inside') 5, E. Penn (first quarter) 6.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. G. Ponting 1, Joan Garnett (first 'inside') 2, C. A. Bassett 3, E. J. Brunger 4, G. Fry 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Geoffrey Donson (first on eight) 1, Joan Dawson (first 'inside') 2, P. Dawson 3, J. Rhodes 4, W. Lee 5, P. Wheatley 6, R. Waddington 7, D. Thorp (cond.) 8. First of Major at this church by a local band for 20 years. A tribute to Sydney Keighley on completing 55 years as a ringer at this church.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George-of-England, on April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, W. Hewitt 2, W. Rawlings 3, D. Randall 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, J. Phillips 6, F. R. L. Blewer (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. First of Stedman for 1, 5 and 8. Rung in honour of the marriage at Llanelly the previous Saturday of Miss Mavis Clement and Mr. Eric Webb, a member of the local band.

CHESTER.—On April 17th, at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, 1,260 Bob Triples: Anthea Baker (aged 11, first on eight) 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, Rev. J. Kingdon 3, R. King 4, S. Jones 5, H. O. Baker 6, F. T. Parry 7, T. C. Millington 8.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering): J. Church 1, Sheila Percival 2, G. Mayes 3, Jill Mayes 4, J. Hulme 5, P. Tompkins (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, D. Newis (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on Easter Day, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Doreen Fairhead (aged 13) 1, Eva Appleby 2, F. G. Oliver 3, G. W. Barnes 4, W. J. Brunt 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. Rung by the local band for Festal Evensong.

COLLINGTREE, NORTHANTS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Saunders (first quarter) 1, Julie Saunders (first quarter) 2, Jose Crow 3, J. Patrick (first quarter) 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4 are members of the local band.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Sparks (first in method) 1, C. Webb 2, O. Dane 3, C. Turner 4, W. Webb 5, J. Manley (first as cond.) 6.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Treasure 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, L. B. Coles 3, C. A. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, S. Bates 6. First quarter 2 and 4.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. North 1, A. G. Hall 2, Mrs. J. M. Hall 3, F. Walker 4, H. E. Audsley 5, S. Ball 6, D. L. Hall (cond.) 7, R. E. Rayfield 8. To mark the 65th birthday and retirement of Mr. N. North, B.E.M.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, R. W. Bridges 2, S. G. Grant 3, J. Potter 4, H. Gummer (cond.) 5, A. Hobbs 6. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's Birthday, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Westmacott on their 34th wedding anniversary.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On April 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, Miss B. Syrett 2, A. H. Roberts (first of Major) 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, J. L. Girt 5, H. Moss 6, C. F. W. Phillippo (cond.) 7, A. E. Cook 8. For family service and a birthday compliment to J. L. Girt.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, J. Hurrell 2, E. J. Coode 3, M. Small 4, Brenda Slark 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Sims 7, F. Hurrell 8.

ENFORD, WILTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. T. Phillimore 1, H. Bardell 2, D. Beaufoy 3, R. Wilson 4, B. Phillimore (cond.) 5, S. Offer 6. First of Bob Minor by local band.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Curtis (aged 14, first quarter) 1, Rosemarie Hide (first as cond.) 2, Anne Heath 3, S. Meadows 4, C. W. Denyer 5, R. North 6, E. J. Wells 7, C. J. Beadle 8. For Evensong.

5,024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

By P. G. K. DAVIES

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6th extent in 5-6, and full combinations, as is possible in the method without 82's or 83's.

Rung at Ewell by the Surrey Association on February 15th, 1958, conducted by John Hill.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Cox (cond.) 1, R. Chance 2, A. Timmins 3, A. H. Harris 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, A. Pickering 6, L. Clissett 7, G. Bradley 8. For the wedding of Barrie Westwood and Ann Payne.

HARBY, NOTTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. A. Lacey 1, J. F. Pearson 2, R. Applewhite 3, L. Thompson 4, J. E. Cook (cond.) 5. Believed to be first quarter on the bells.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On April 12th, at Christ Church, Buckland, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. A. Wilson (first in method) 1, Mrs. G. Levett 2, Miss D. F. Lester (first in method) 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, C. A. Levett 5, F. H. Dallaway 6, E. F. P. Bryant (first in method as cond.) 7, A. A. Price 8. Rung after the wedding of Joy Vaughan to John E. Davning, both ringers at this tower.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Smith (first quarter) 1, J. Chillcott 2, Miss E. Ricketts 3, W. Lewis 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, P. Ruch 6, B. A. Rose (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On April 13th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hayden (first quarter) 1, N. Leslie 2, M. Edney (first as cond.) 3, J. Strawford 4, D. Leslie 5, J. Hut 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 8th, 1,920 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob and 480 Little Bob): R. Mills 1, R. Larkin 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, D. Armstrong 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. First in three methods for all except 5 & 6.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On April 19th, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie (cond.) 1, Doreen A. Deverell 2, D. W. Wyatt 3, R. Newman 4, J. Maxwell 5, J. M. Payton 6, A. W. J. Butler 7, P. G. Foote 8. Rung for the second anniversary of the Vicar's induction.

HONITON, DEVON.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 behind), there being 92 Singles and 17 Bobs: A. Hodge 1, W. Sparks 2, C. Manley 3, C. Webb 4, W. Baker 5, C. Loman 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, J. Real 8. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hodge.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On April 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Alderman 1, D. T. North 2, M. Rothwell 3, S. N. Bristow 4, G. Walford 5, R. W. Hayward 6, P. J. Bird (first of Major as cond.) 7, W. F. Slocombe 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Major on the bells.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hawkins (first of Minor) 1, R. Hazell 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. Thackray 1, Miss V. Willard 2, S. Ivin 3, H. B. Whitney 4, R. H. Dove 5, A. W. Leggett (first on 10 bells) 6, J. M. Stephens 7, J. R. Castledine 8, P. Mehew 9, D. P. Jones (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Eleanor Brownsworth, 35 years a member of the Bedfordshire Association, whose funeral took place at this church prior to the ringing.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hill 1, D. W. Barr 2, Miss D. J. Perrins 3, A. Strathdee (first of Minor) 4, J. B. Dinenage 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the service at which the ringer of the fourth was confirmed by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Dines 1, C. F. Norris 2, T. F. G. Young 3, S. Walter 4, J. S. Barnes 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. Rung for the birthday of Miss N. Dines.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): T. Dodd 1, D. Lees 2, Miss D. Lewis 3, T. Pritchard 4, Miss E. Jones 5, J. L. Stanier 6, F. W. Jones (cond.) 7, D. Gallier (first quarter) 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Chantler 1, M. W. Gilbert 2, M. L. Howe 3, Angela Grainger 4, J. T. Mannering 5, M. E. Downs (first as cond.) 6.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. B. Smith (cond.) 1, F. Osbaldiston 2, W. H. Dowse 3, B. Groves 4, M. J. Pryor 5, A. McFall 6. First of Stedman by all and on the bells.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Brain (first quarter) 1, N. Leslie 2, M. Edney 3, V. Clifton 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, C. Bowsher 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth, who is 74, and has been a ringer at this church for 60 years.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Katharine L. Reed (first quarter, aged 13) 1, C. Murphy 2, B. Forder 3, C. Taylor 4, R. A. Reed (cond.) 5, D. J. Forder 6. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rev. S. C. Wincott on his appointment to the living of St. Mary Extra, Southampton.

OXFORD.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. H. Keen 1, C. R. C. Coussmaker (first of Minor 'inside') 2, R. Cloke 3, Christine M. Woodward 4, R. A. Jackson (first as cond.) 5, D. J. Roaf 6. Rung as a compliment to D. J. Roaf on his 21st birthday, and to Daphne Cloke on her Confirmation.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. G. W. Ruming 1, Miss C. Lewis 2, W. Richards 3, Miss W. Bird 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, H. Nichols 6. Also on April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): B. Parkin 1, Miss C. Lewis 2, Miss W. Bird 3, R. Dowdeswell 4, C. Rouse (cond.) 5, D. Griffin 6, H. Nichols 7, R. W. Jones 8. Both rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. Pendry, wife of tower captain, interred April 15th.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Cox (first in method) 1, C. F. Wixey 2, A. M. Wixey 3, P. T. Hurcombe 4, Miss J. Watts 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, F. Tranter 7, C. Laughton (first in method) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Miss J. Oliver, who met with a fatal accident on April 7th. Also on April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Watts 1, A. M. Wixey 2, S. Pugh 3, I. Taylor 4, F. Tranter (cond.) 5, C. Leighton 6. Rung half-muffled for evening service in memory of Mrs. H. Withers.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Berry 1, P. Hart 2, F. Elliott 3, H. Bradbury 4, D. Bartholomew (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On April 9th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: R. E. G. Luton 1, W. H. Trueman 2, J. E. Manners 3, E. Sutton 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, W. B. Kynaston 6. First in method 1, 4 and 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. V. Griffin and Miss B. Kay.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Wood (first away from cover bell) 1, Miss J. Green 2, Miss M. Tilbury 3, J. J. Webb 4, T. Cooper 5, A. T. Poulton 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, A. T. Wingate 8.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard (first quarter) 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6. For Mothering Sunday. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On April 14th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Bailey 1, S. Bailey 2, G. Ridd (first in method) 3, J. Ridd 4, S. C. Driver 5, G. S. Piper 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, C. Hankinson 8. Rung to mark the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. S. C. Driver, and the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ridd.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,248 London Surprise Minor: Rita M. Stratford 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, J. Vernon 4, M. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the christening of David Michael, son of the conductor, the ringers of 4 and 5 being godfathers.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 180 Grandsire): A. Thornton 1, Mrs. J. Render 2, K. B. Sissons (first as cond.) 3, A. Sheppard 4, J. Potts 5.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. Rose 1, A. J. Sanger 2, K. Prime (first of Yorkshire) 3, G. Salmon 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, D. E. Lee 7, E. J. Chivers 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLX.—At Christ Church, on April 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pam Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Mary Piper 3, J. Perrett 4, M. Stanyon 5, S. G. Peck 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. For Evensong and to welcome the Rev. Murray H. MacLeod, B.A., B.D., as Vicar of Christ Church, whose institution by the Bishop of London took place on April 14th.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Elphick (first quarter, aged 12 years) 1, Mrs. M. Elphick 2, H. S. Hobden 3, H. S. James 4, R. C. Hide 5, Mrs. B. Percy (cond.) 6, G. P. Elphick 7, F. Fuller (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Easter Day, 540 Plain Bob, 720 Cambridge Surprise: Miss M. Haynes 1, R. Lucas 2, J. R. Ketteringham 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. Also 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: N. Wilcox 1, H. Prout 2, J. R. Ketteringham 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, J. T. Rooke 6.

WEST HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On April 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: M. Bailey 1, Monica Fray 2, C. Clarke 3, R. Short 4, J. Gilbert 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. First of Surprise on the bells.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. H. Hancock (cond.) 1, R. J. Hancock (first quarter, aged 13) 2, S. G. Ivens 3, J. K. Gealy 4, F. W. Hancock 5, C. J. Jarvis 6. To commemorate the wedding of S. W. Berry, and the 29th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jarvis.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Rawlings (first of Triples) 1, M. P. Moreton 2, Anne Garnett 3, M. Sinden (cond.) 4, J. Tomsett 5, E. Jacobs (first of Triples 'inside') 6, A. Bishop 7, F. Corfield 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Bells will be heard prior to an act of worship for Rogation Sunday to be broadcast from Lyme Regis Parish Church, Dorset, on Sunday, May 11th, at 7.45 p.m. in the West and Midland Home Services, and conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Geoffrey Tiarks). It will include recordings made that morning of Rogationtide ceremonies at Coleford Parish Church, in the Forest of Dean, and Shotesham Parish Church, Norfolk.

Enford's (Wilts) self-taught band rang their first quarter of Plain Bob Minor on April 10th. Congratulations.

Easter Sunday will be remembered at Bletchley, Bucks, for three first quarters of Grandsire Doubles. Congratulations to Jennifer Emery (13), Sylvia Hurst (14) and R. Sirrett (15).

A peal attempt of Caters at North Stoneham on March 29th, to congratulate the Rev. S. C. Wincott on his appointment to the living of St. Mary Extra, Southampton, was lost through a shift course after an hour's excellent ringing.

After the peal at Dunholme, Lincs, on April 15th, in honour of his 80th birthday, Mr. Joe Cheatham, the local captain, entertained the band and his local ringers. The gesture was much appreciated.

Next Wednesday, the 30 cwt. tenor of the new ring of 13 bells for St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, will be cast at the Whitechapel foundry in the presence of the Mayor of Great Yarmouth, the vicar, members of the Coleman family and a number of local ringers.

The quarter peal of Stedman Doubles at Marple, Cheshire, on April 12th, was rung as a farewell to Mr. Michael J. Pryor, who has taught all the band to ring during the past four years. It was rung after a peal attempt in 31 Minor methods by the Sunday service band had been lost.

A peal attempt of Bob Major at Wakefield Cathedral on April 12th, in honour of the marriage of 'Wilf and Jo,' was abandoned after 2 hours 20 minutes owing to the sudden illness of one of the ringers. The band wish to thank Mr. David Atkins, of Batley, for making them up at short notice.

A correspondent suggests that J. E. B. could successfully plead the Statute of Limitations in connection with the claim made for 'pints all round.'

The Society of Bell Ringers of the University of Chicago extend their thanks to Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, for the gift to their campanological museum of a 'Ringers' Tablet' made by Ernest Morris and for numerous photographs.

In our issue of April 18th we mentioned that a National Serviceman was leaving Stafford for his home town, Hastings. Mr. R. I. Vaughan, who was referred to, writes thanking the ringers of Stafford for all their kindness to him during the time he was stationed in the area.

On Easter Day, Mr. Jim Marriott (74), of Launton, celebrated his 60th year as a bell-ringer and 66th year as a chorister. The happy occasion was celebrated by a peal on Launton bells. Mr. Marriott is the local captain, and his grandson, Desmond Jones, is also a member of the band.

After the peal of Double Norwich at Holy Trinity Church, Horwich, on April 19th, to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Brownlow, the band were entertained by them to a very good meal and evening's entertainment. Mr. Brownlow is the ringing instructor at this church and has the curate and some girls from the youth section as pupils. His grandfather was a ringer here for over 70 years.

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MEMORABLE GATHERING AT CHRIST CHURCH HALL

AMID the majestic solemnity of Christ Church Hall, with table lamps giving a mellowed, subdued light, members of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers met at dinner on April 19th to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the Society. This was the date of the Society's first peal: the Society undoubtedly existed many years before that date, but the first authentic record is from the peal book. Three of these books were present for visitors' inspection telling the story of the ages.

The proceedings were conducted under the genial chairmanship of the Society's president, Mr. W. G. E. Collett. He was supported by the Mayor and Mayoress of Oxford (Ald. and Mrs. R. F. Knight), Canon R. R. Martin, R.D., and Mrs. Martin, Mr. Frederick Sharpe (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Sharpe, Mr. Walter Judge, Mr. Harry Miles, Miss Lidgey, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Chaundy, Mr. Philip Walker (secretary of the Society), Miss Cross (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) and the editor of 'The Ringing World' (Mr. T. White).

The occasion was made memorable by the beautiful programme of handbell ringing presented by the Launton Handbell Ringers, conducted by Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

The president, who proposed the toast of 'The Church,' said the Church was their best friend. Without the Church there would be no bells, and even if there were bells, without the generosity of the individual clergy they would not be able to ring. Wherever they went, whether they rang for pleasure, peals or any other purpose, they were always welcome. The best thing they could do in return was to remember their duty to the Church and reciprocate by ringing when the Church wanted them and attending services whenever they could.

They could not but admire the clergy, mainly for two things. There was the provision of schools; many thousands of pounds had been spent by the Church and many thousands of children had benefited and were introduced to a life in which religion held a prominent place. He deplored the policy of the Government to deprive the Church of its schools, but the Church was not out of it and was doing a good work through Sunday Schools and youth fellowships. Much of the juvenile delinquency of today was due to the closing of Church Schools. The other great work of the Church was in its missionary activities.

BELLS AND THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE

Canon R. R. Martin, Rural Dean of Oxford, who replied, said most people would not know that a building was a church but for the bells, and ringers drew attention to the church in a beautiful and loving way. Nine out of ten people loved church bells and they did more to spread the message of Christianity than all the clergy had done. 'After all, we preach only to those who come: you preach to those who do not.' When people heard church bells they knew the noise was something different from a motor-cycle; church bells spoke not only of things past but things to come and things eternally present.

In a speech full of reminiscences, Mr. Harry Miles proposed the toast of 'The Oxford Society of Change Ringers.' He said he had come 270 miles to propose the toast. The date they were honouring was 1733, when the Society's first peal was rung. That was two-and-a-quarter centuries—eight reigns—ago, and he had been a member of the Society for half those reigns—54 years. [Applause.]

When he joined the Oxford Society in 1904 they used to ring only in vacations—there was no Sunday ringing—and on special days, for which they were paid. He had been ringing Stedman Triples before he attended his first practice at Christ Church. The Rev. F. E. Robinson was there, and through his good services alone he then rang his first Stedman Caters and Cinques.

NO SLACKNESS IN RINGING

The Society owed its long life to the kindness and efficiency of its officers: when they were slack, down went the Society. Their ringing must be of the best—there must never be any slackness. He remembered ringing at All Saints in a peal of Bristol. Towards the end the conductor, Mr. Walter Judge, called 'Stand.' The ringing was not good enough. There was a lot of softness in ringing today; he saw a lot of slack ringing as he went up and down the country. They must all insist on people being taught to handle a bell properly.

When he came to Oxford most of the ringers were getting on in years. He was 21 when he rang in a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Kidlington, and the average age of that band was 57½ years—without him it would have been 63. It gladdened his heart to see the young ringers of today. It was a mistake for any Society to keep the conducting in one pair of hands—conducting should be shared or the Society would go down.

RINGERS LOOKED DOWN ON

When he joined the Oxford Society there was a rule that no one could serve as Master for longer than one year. It was an excellent rule, and he became Master in 1909 when he was 25. The Society was paid for ringing on special days, and with an artisan's wage at 6d. to 6½d. an hour a man was a little better off for his day's ringing. Then the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church looked down on ringers as paid servants—there was no understanding. The change came between the two great wars, when it was suggested that the University Society and the Oxford Society should join for ringing on Sundays from 9 to 10 a.m. without payment. That shook the Dean and Chapter, and when Ernest Morris wrote his first book they presented a copy to the Society as a mark of their appreciation.

Who were the regular ringers when he joined the Society? He had jotted down a few of their names—W. J. Smith (the conductor), Tom Payne, Bill Finch, Alf Fox, Job Howse, Charlie Hester, Arthur Hawes, Charles Hounslow, Sam Hourshon, Bill Stone, Edwin Hims, Tony Strange, Fred Castle, Alfred Browning, Rev. F. E. Robinson and Bill Jeffery. All those had passed on except Bill Stone and himself.

The headquarters of the Society was 'The Tunnel.' There was a long table on which was a copy of 'The Bell News' and a bench at each side. The first two men on each side put down 6d. for two quarts and the quarts were passed round. As soon as they were done the next two put down sixpence.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who replied, said he was taught to ring partly there and partly at Appleton, and Mr. Miles was one of his tutors—and he frightened him! On an occasion like that he should speak about the Society, take stock and remember what they were celebrating. They were very proud of the City of Oxford, the Society and its bells. They had a wonderful history behind them right back to the 13th century in the Abbey of Osewey. It was there that the shape of the English bell was changed and big bells were cast. Bristol had always claimed to have more rings of bells than any city and Oxford was second.

SCARSBROOK AND DUCKWORTH

That day they were celebrating the 225th anniversary of the first peal rung by the Society, and they had good reason to believe that the Society was very much older. There was an Oxford man named Scarsbrook who wrote what was known as the Oxford Ringers' Register, and that went back another 100 years.

In the 17th century there was living in Oxford a famous man who was a great ringer—Anthony Wood. He learnt to ring at Cassington and rang at Merton when the bells were rung on the ground floor. In his day Christ Church bells increased from six to ten, and Merton and New College from fives to eights. Those augmentations both took place during the Commonwealth.

Another famous man was Richard Duckworth, rector of the city church, who was a friend of Fabian Stedman. He wrote the first book on ringing, 'Tintinnalogia,' which Stedman published in 1668. There were Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob which were composed and first rung in the city.

The year 1733 was the date of the first peal to which Mr. Miles had referred. They also had an account of how 15 London men walked from London to Oxford to enjoy a week's ringing. This week was a great stimulant to the Oxford Society, and they dated their records from that time when they endeavoured to ring a peal to imitate the Londoners. Thomas Hearn wrote: 'The Oxford men ring to imitate the Londoners, but they are poor in comparison.' If, however, Hearn could have heard some of the peals conducted by Walter Judge he would have taken a different view.

The first peal of exceptional length by the Society was 10,008 Grandsire Caters, rung at New College after the Battle of Waterloo. About that time, in 1818, James Newman started instructing the Appleton Society of Change Ringers, which in turn taught Father Robinson, the founder of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Another man they honoured was Arthur Tyrer, head porter of Pembroke, who was a great instructor and did much missionary work; and then 101 years ago there was the Rev. William C. Lucas, who wrote the first book on 'Comparative Campanology,' which became a standard work. Famous names they remembered were Canon Coleridge and J. W. Washbrook, and coming to the present day they were all thinking of their old friend, Victor Bennett, not so long removed from them, who did a tremendous work as secretary. The Rev. C. Jenkyn wrote: 'I am very glad to notice that Oxford ringing has improved in the last few years thanks to good spade-work by Harry Miles and Victor Bennett.'

MEN OF TODAY

Today they had a most able conductor in Mr. Walter Judge, who amongst many others conducted the peal of 12,663 Stedman Cinques in 1946. In Mr. Bennett's successor they had a very able secretary in Mr. Philip Walker, who had done a tremendous amount of work for the Society and had made the arrangements for that day. With him was Mr. Richard Chaundy, a most able secretary. In the words of Ecclesiasticus: 'Let us now praise famous men and our fathers who begat us.'

Mr. Dermot J. Roaf proposed the toast of 'The Guests,' thanking in particular the Launton ringers for their beautiful tune ringing and welcoming in particular the Mayor and Mayoress of Oxford and the officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—Miss Cross (general secretary) and Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer).

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION IN SOUND POSITION

THE annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held on April 12th at Hemel Hempstead. Ringing during the day took place at Flamstead (6), Redbourn (6), Apsley End (6), Northchurch (8), Berkhamsted (8) and Hemel Hempstead (8).

The meeting was very well attended by members from all parts of the county as well as visitors from Cambridge, Harrow Weald, Overseale, Derby, South Wigston, Ashtead, Flitton and Stotfold (Beds).

The annual service, held at St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Dominey (Vicar of Apsley) and the address was given by the Rev. P. K. Walker (curate). During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and a collection was taken in aid of the Benevolent Fund. Over 120 members and friends sat down to a 'local' tea in St. Mary's Hall and were joined by more ringers for the business meeting.

The retiring president (Mr. E. G. Buck, of Baldock) thanked the clergy present for the use of the bells and for arranging the service. He also thanked the ringers' wives who had arranged and served the tea. In welcoming the visitors, the president mentioned the young ringers present, and their instructors who had encouraged them to attend the meeting.

The list of members who had passed on to higher service since the last annual meeting was read, and the meeting stood as a mark of respect to Messrs. F. Whiteman and A. Barnes (Stockport), both members of the Cathedral Society; also Mr. W. Miller, an associate member of Baldock. After the minutes were read and confirmed, new members were elected from Standon, Rickmansworth, Cheltenham, Bletchley and Carlisle.

The proposed revision of the Benevolent Fund rules as recommended by the committee was discussed and finally accepted; a proposition from Mr. C. W. Woolley to wind up the Fund was referred to any other business.

ORGANISED ASSISTANCE

The report of the committee stated that the District committees could well turn their attention to ways and means of giving assistance on an organised basis to towers in their areas. Service ringing could be assured by regular and punctual attendance by members at their own individual towers, but at present the only organised opportunities for advancement were District meetings.

The peal secretary's report gave the total number of peals rung as 71 as against 65 last year. There was a total increase of tower bell peals of 12. The leading conductor was Mr. J. R. Mayne (14), with Mr. W. Ayre second with 12. Conducting had been shared between 24 ringers whilst 147 took part in these peals. Eleven people rang their first peal and there was one new conductor. The following peals were rung by Sunday service bands: Minor (seven methods) at Hinxworth by the Baldock band; Bob Major at Watford by the Watford Society.

The accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure on the year of £31 8s. 1d. Assets on the balance sheet were £350 11s. 1d. The Benevolent Fund had a balance of £27 9s. 10d. and the Voluntary Bell Fund £64 0s. 7d. These reports were adopted.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham) proposed the transfer of donations to the reserve fund of £4 18s. 2d., also a further transfer of £15 from the general fund to the reserve fund, making a total of £106. The committee's recommendation to invest £100 from the reserve fund in Defence Bonds was agreed.

At the election of officers, Mr. John Welch, of Benington, was elected as president, and the remaining officers were re-elected en bloc.

The arrangements for the summer festival with the Bedfordshire Association at Woburn were discussed. Several members offered their services to form a combined ringers' choir, and it was left to the secretary to arrange that the coach parties were able to ring at all the towers.

It was proposed that a dinner be held in St. Albans on October 31st, 1959, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Association, on the lines of the jubilee dinner held in 1934. The secretary was instructed to book a hall in St. Albans.

After further discussion concerning the Benevolent Fund, it was decided that a committee should meet to discuss the possibility of winding up the Fund, and also to investigate the possibility of increasing the Voluntary Bell Fund and grants made therefrom.

A vote of thanks from the general secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) to the members of the Western District and all others who had helped towards the success of the meeting concluded the business. Further ringing ensued at Redbourn, Apsley and Hemel Hempstead.

ON THE ICKNIELD WAY

On Easter Monday, in spite of the cold weather, a small party from the St. Albans District enjoyed a day on the Oxfordshire-Buckinghamshire border, where the Icknield Way runs at the foot of the Chiltern Hills.

Lewknor and Chinnor were the first towers of the day: a picnic lunch at Bledlow before ringing on the rather unusual five. Monks Risborough, Great Kimble and Wendover, where the local band were awaiting the party, completed the afternoon. The only eight of the day, Stoke Mandeville, came after tea, and the last tower of the 'Icknield Way tour' was at Weston Turville, whose bells were much enjoyed.

SUFFOLK GUILD REPORT ON RECORD PEAL YEAR

DURING 1957 a record number of 135 peals was rung by the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, it was reported at the annual meeting of the Guild held in the Abbot Anselm Institute, Bury St. Edmunds, on April 12th, at which Mr. C. W. Pipe presided.

In his report, Mr. John W. Blythe (general secretary) stated that the past year had been yet another one of steady progress. Membership had been maintained at a high level and meetings had been held throughout the diocese, although the attendance at some had not been up to the usual standard.

Stressing the need for continuing to get recruits, the secretary stated that they must all back up the efforts of instructors who had been active in teaching recruits so that Sunday service ringing could be maintained and improved.

During the year the Guild rang 135 peals, the highest total ever recorded by the Guild, being eight more than the previous record of 127 peals in 1954. Over 200 members took part in the peals, and although rung on all numbers of bells, no peal of Cinques is recorded.

This year saw the introduction of the Guild badge, which had been well received, and so far over 170 had been sold.

TWO RECORDS

Mr. L. G. Brett (Ringing Master) reported that the 135 peals had been rung in 63 different towers. Stoke-by-Nayland had its first peal since augmentation. Long silences had been broken at Chediston (32 years), Laxfield, Dennington and Weybread (23 years) and Whepstead (24 years). Two records for the Guild came from the 15 Doubles methods peal at Ixworth and the first ladies' peal to be rung in Suffolk. Six firsts of Bob Triples at Elveden, it was hoped would lead to other methods.

Their secretary (Mr. Blythe) was top peal scorer with 40 to his credit, said Mr. Brett, while Mr. E. Chapman, the 'go anywhere' enthusiast, with peals over the border, had also rung 40 peals for the Guild. Mr. Jack Gibson was runner-up with 39 peals.

During 1957 Mr. R. W. M. Clouston (hon. technical adviser) stated that he had inspected and reported on the bells in 51 Suffolk church towers. Of these 13 could be considered to contain rings of bells, though a number were now quite unringable and in one case, at Orford, some of the bells were cracked and unhung.

The technical adviser has now reported on the state of the bells in 113 Suffolk towers, which number some 500. The results so far indicate the very poor state of many of the belfries, and in a number of towers containing up to four bells most unsafe conditions. Far too high a proportion of the bells were unsafely clocked, due to decayed and insecure fittings.

The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £137 in the general account and £40 in the bell restoration fund.

It was decided that the committee should consider the reorganisation of the Districts as many were felt to be too small in the light of present day requirements.

All the officers were re-elected.

Nearly 60 members attended, and among the visitors were Miss M. Cross, of Oxford, who was elected a non-resident life member, Mr. B. Pattison (Bedford) and Mr. D. H. Rooke (Warsop).

The bells of the Cathedral and St. Mary's were available during the day, and ringing took place in the standard methods up to Cambridge Surprise Royal and Superlative and London Surprise Major. The Guild service in the Cathedral was taken by Canon B. C. Snell, the Canon Residentiary, in the unavoidable absence through illness of the Provost (Very Rev. J. L. White).

J. W. B.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STRIFE STOPS SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—Watchman, what of the night? What is right? We understand night as being darkness, that without the light of the sun. What has this to do with ringing? many may ask. It can be put in this wise. In the case of every team of ringers, however good, there must inevitably come a period of darkness—yes, night. Whether or not this darkness is dispelled depends upon those that remain.

At mine own tower, we are now in the period of deepest night: from being one of the foremost local 6-bell bands we have shrunk to one bell tolling on a Sunday. The ringing of the past was as a whole clockwork in its precision, but through internal strife this has ended: the ringers still remain, but they are torn asunder by endless strife. Is this dark, meridian night to remain? Is this tower to become yet another silent tower?

What can be done to avert it? In the case in question I have tried my best, but have failed, and a once mighty band has ceased to exist. There are no learners, no young ones to follow; what can be done?

The ringers comprising the band are keen and ring many peals; they love ringing, and to a certain extent it is part of their life. They will ring on a Sunday, but not in their own church. It is all very well saying: 'But it is their duty to ring in their own church.' This I agree, but to them, their reason for staying away is justified.

Is it possible to form a new team in a village where for years only the best in striking was good enough? To quote one instance, a touring team visited our tower, and after a few touches a dear old lady came panting up to the tower and to apologise on arrival, for she thought that someone had come into the tower and were pulling the bells ad lib.

The situation does appear hopeless, and if any of those reading this letter could suggest a solution, the faithful few that remain would be more than grateful.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branston, Lincoln.

PEAL FEES

Dear Sir, — Your correspondence columns make it increasingly evident that the ringers who make peal ringing a 'hobby' (it cannot be classed otherwise) expect to pursue their hobby at no expense to themselves.

Recently peal ringers have been compared with those who attend football or cricket matches or pursue similar Saturday pastimes. Surely such folk do not expect free admission to matches, etc.

Five or ten shillings spent once, as a fee for the honour of life membership of an Association, can hardly be considered a crippling amount.

I admit to being neither a peal ringer nor a tower captain but an occasional few shillings would be considered as well spent to encourage a first peal attempt or an enthusiastic young ringer.—Yours faithfully,

A. H. CROSS.

Old Windsor.

PEALS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to two peals of Eastcote Surprise Major conducted by the late James C. E. Simpson.

The two peals were rung to C. Middleton's composition (2M, 2W, 3H) at Eccles for the Lancashire Association on January 27th, 1951, and at St. Denys for the Truro Diocesan Guild on August 30th, 1951. This composition is false to Eastcote, and on behalf of the two bands I wish to withdraw the peals. — Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

PEALS OF DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—There are two letters on page 256 which evoke comment. The first, from Mr. Moreton, concerning Saturn Doubles, seems to indicate that he wishes to change the name of the method. If so, he may come up against another difficulty, i.e., that in the Central Council Decisions, 'Notes on Calls,' it states that the effect of a bob should be to alter the coursing order of three working bells; Mr. Moreton's bob only alters the coursing order of two, and is a single. Later on it states that only one type of single may be used. Even if the method rung need not be a recognised one for recognition as a peal, one should call 240's as (2 (a) (ii)) 'round blocks . . . each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.' Surely, after the recent controversy over Erin Doubles, some alteration should be made to these rulings.

Recently I was sent the following 240 of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles by Mr. E. F. P. Bryant, of Hastings, who wanted to know if it would be recognised. As it seems to consist of two 120's, one Grandsire, one Plain Bob, presumably it would. I should be very interested to know if anything like this has been rung before.

240 SPLICED GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES

2345

2534 G
5423 P
4352 P
4325—P
4532 G
3245—G
2534 P
3425—G

Repeat twice.

Regarding the other letter, from Mr. H Millhouse, withdrawing the 5,572 Minor rung at Alford, I can find no rule which does not allow the first seven 720's to stand as a peal. The ruling on what number of changes should be rung seems unnecessarily specific. For instance, why the different limits, 5,040 for Doubles, Minor and Triples, 5,000 for others? Also, why is 5,040 presumably a maximum for Triples?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS

Orpington, Kent.

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART

Dear Sir,—Like Mr. E. Jenkins, I have been most interested in the letters concerning Carter's Odd-Bob One-Part peal of Stedman Triples.

I knew my father called the peal in the early 1900's and have now before me the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual report for 1903, which gives the details of that peal. It is Peal No. 1,185, rung at Hughenden, Bucks, on December 31st, 1903, conducted by Frank Boreham. All the members of this band were entirely local and Sunday service ringers. The composition, in full, is also printed after the account of the peal.

I was informed some years ago that this was the second time the composition had been called. Perhaps I could be enlightened on this point.—Yours, etc.

F. D. BOREHAM.

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Gosport, Hants.

MEMORIES OF 'W. H. B.'

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to write a brief note on a somewhat distant but very clear memory of that wonderful ringer, the late W. H. Barber? Many years ago, whilst a learner at St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, and at the stage when 'all the ropes seemed to come down together,' one of the many excellent meetings had been arranged. It was quite early in the afternoon and only six of us had arrived in the belfry, including W. H. B. and Mr. J. E. R. Keene.

Mr. Barber asked me what I could ring and I sheepishly said I was a learner and struggling to master that very intricate method, Bob Minor. 'Take No. 2, son, don't worry, I expect we can manage a touch.' We did, with W. H. B. telling me what to do with every hand- and backstroke I made—it seemed very easy the way he told me. I was afterwards told by one of my own colleagues that I had been under the guiding hand of the greatest ringer ever and should feel honoured. Later I often wondered where I got the nerve to ring in the same belfry, considering I knew nothing of the ancient art.

Some three years later, in the same belfry, I was asked to stand in for a touch of Stedman Caters. When I heard the first bob called I realised who the conductor was—W. H. B. Then I got the jitters, I had an idea if I fluffed a call my name was mud. As it happens we had quite a good touch but somehow I was thankful when I heard him call 'And this is all.'

Rather silly to feel like that in the company of such a great ringer, but at the age of 18 one is inclined to be a little selfconscious in the presence of the great. Looking back, I am rather glad now that I felt like that. — Yours faithfully,

AUSTIN STONE

Hull, Yorks.

RINGING AND SKITTLES IN BRIDGWATER AREA

The account of this excursion to Bridgwater and district is a sequel to that which appeared in a December issue of 'The Ringing World'—on that occasion the Nailsea (Somerset) ringers were hosts. On April 12th the return visit was arranged (very ably) by Cecil Clarke. In the morning the programme advertised quarter peal attempts at St. Mary's, Bridgwater, and West Huntspill, and both were successful (as they should have been on such fine bells!). The Cambridge Minor at West Huntspill (6, 22 cwt.) was particularly well struck.

Our numbers were augmented considerably in the afternoon by ringers from Chew and Bridgwater Branches. We rang on three good-going sixes—Puriton, Woolavington and Cossington. At the two last we followed friends from Uphill on their outing and they very kindly left the bells up for us! Eighteen of us enjoyed a wonderful tea at Chilton-upon-Holden—many thanks to our hosts for this—and afterwards rang at North Petherton (6, 21 cwt.). This church has a very fine tower but unfortunately the same adjective cannot be applied to its bells. Our final tower was Goathurst (6, 11 cwt.) and afterwards the convoy (eight cars and two motor-bicycles) hastened to the Enmore Inn for skittles!

The 'Bobs' again played the 'Singles'—unfortunately the 'Bobs' won by a short head (if that is the correct expression?). The winners were C. Clarke and Mary Powell, and Mr. Prime, sen., had the doubtful honour of being presented with a lolly on a stick! The evening ended, as on a previous occasion, with the singing of 'Ye Olde Ringers' Song.'

Very many thanks to our Bridgwater friends, especially Cecil, for another happy day, and our best wishes to Dennis, whose absence was due to H.M. Forces.

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Oxford Society Dinner—Cont.

The Mayor, in acknowledging the toast, said one of his grandfathers was a keen ringer, being a member of the Middlesex Association, the London County Association, and the Gloucester and Bristol Association. In his family they had seven sets of handbells. He had one set at home which they always brought out at Christmas time.

The evening concluded with the president expressing thanks to the governing body of Christ Church for the use of their beautiful hall and to Mr. Sharpe and his handbell ringers for their delightful entertainment.

THE COMPANY

In addition to those already mentioned, the company included F. A. White, F. White, J. Blackwell, H. White, A. Temple, F. S. Beaumont, J. Owen, E. G. Moore, Mrs. F. Wilkins, F. A. H. Wilkins, W. H. B. Wilkins, Mrs. Rogers, C. Coles, A. Gammon, E. Drewitt, B. White, J. Parsons, N. I. Allnatt, Mrs. Allnatt, Miss H. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilkins, B. Keble, J. Venn, E. Venn, Mrs. Venn, R. H. Jones.

L. H. W. Busby, Mrs. F. V. Busby, R. J. Trebilcock, Miss A. Mellor, T. Smith, Miss L. Forward, Miss D. McKellar, Miss J. Franklin, A. H. Gearing, Miss M. Wynn, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, J. H. Gardner, D. O. Wilks, A. J. Adams, Mrs. Adams, Miss C. M. Hall, R. Clark, Miss C. M. Woodward, Miss M. Gould, P. Tocock, Miss M. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Costar, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chamberlain.

H. Lucy, K. Lucy, Miss S. Gilpin, Miss E. Sharpe, P. Allen, W. A. Yates, F. Vickers, G. W. Holland, W. Judge, A. E. Lock, Mrs. Lock, D. H. Niblett, Miss R. S. Hodgson, K. Mackintosh, P. G. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Steeples, Miss S. Clark, H. Seaton, C. H. Kinch, E. J. Smith, E. G. Jones, A. D. Barker, Miss J. Winterbourne, C. Calcutt, R. A. Jackson, C. R. C. Coussmaker.

WEDDING

MR. E. P. CROWDY — MISS S. M. DAVISON

The wedding took place on April 12th in the presence of a large congregation at St. John's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of Mr. E. P. (Ben) Crowdy, Ringing Master of Newcastle Cathedral, and Miss Sheila M. Davison. The Rev. W. Patterson officiated at the choral service.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. C. Page, wore a dress of classic white grosgrain with straight neckline and two panels of velvet at the sides gathered to a bow at the back and flowing into a train. The headdress was a circlet of orange blossom with a long veil. She was attended by the Misses M. Beaton and C. Bell, who wore dresses of azalea nylon organza, and the Misses Caroline, Felicity and Penelope Crowdy, attired in white nylon organza with coloured sashes.

The best man was Mr. M. Pyman, and the groomsmen were Lt. G. Lansbury, R.N.V.R., Lt.-Comdr. S. Hall, R.N.V.R., and Messrs. G. S. Deas and C. Hammond.

As the happy couple left the church they passed under guards of honour of bellringers, officers of the R.N.V.R. and Brownies, while other ringers were busy on the bells that had started it all.

A reception was held at the County Hotel, Newcastle, where the wedding cake was cut with the bridegroom's ceremonial sword as an officer in the R.N.V.R. After the toasts had been honoured the happy couple left for a touring honeymoon, the bride travelling in a blue suit with cream accessories.

In the afternoon St. John's bells rang out again with a peal of Cambridge, a fitting wedding compliment to a 'Cambridge' bridegroom, although it needed two 'London' men to make up the band. D. A. B.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THE 61st annual general meeting was held at Ealing Parish Church on Saturday, April 19th, and was attended during the day by nearly 100 members and friends.

The Rural Dean of Ealing (Rev. G. H. Perman) officiated at the service, at which the address was given by the president of the Association (Rev. G. C. Taylor, Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields).

An excellent tea was prepared and served by Mrs. A. Fulwell and her helpers, it being of suitable quality and quantity to put members in the correct frame of mind for the mostly formal business to follow.

The president occupied the chair at the business meeting and welcomed Mrs. W. Turner and Mr. W. N. Genna. An apology for absence, owing to illness, was received from Mr. C. G. Pitcher, Harrow.

Names of members who had died since the last annual meeting were read, as follows: F. Bennett, J. Fernley, Rev. H. F. Gaster, C. H. Harding, J. B. Hessey, H. Hoverd, P. E. Jones, C. D. Nichols, F. E. Pervin, F. W. Richardson, P. Thrift and F. E. Wilson, and the meeting stood in silent tribute to their memory.

The report for 1957, submitted by the hon. secretary, indicated that three honorary, 48 ringing and 25 non-resident life members had been elected; that 230 quarter peals had been recorded, and that 52 peals (ten methods in peals for the first time) had been rung. Congratulations were offered to Messrs. W. A. Lewis (Heston), F. C. Maynard and H. Rumens (St. Mary's Walthamstow) on the completion of 50 years' continuous membership.

The statement of accounts was presented by the hon. treasurer and showed a slightly reduced balance in hand compared with the previous statement, but some heavy and non-recurring items of expenditure had been met.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow reported on behalf of the 60th anniversary dinner committee and said that the occasion proved to be successful, both socially and financially. It was proposed that an Association dinner be held every third year. An amendment to this was for the dinner to be held every fifth year, but the original motion was carried, and in due course a new committee will be formed.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Rev. G. C. Taylor; active vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. Coles and H. G. Hart (who each later became District chairmen) Master, Mr. T. Price; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; hon. secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. J. R. Mayne; trustees, Messrs. A. Cutler, Goodfellow and Lock; hon. auditor, Mr. M. Hodgson.

New members elected were Mr. D. E. Sibson (St. Olave's, Hart Street), unattached, and Miss Pamela Jervis (Slough), non-resident life member. Two five-guinea grants for bell restoration work were voted to Feltham and Upper Clapton towers. On the proposal of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, seconded by Mr. J. R. Mayne, it was unanimously agreed to alter Rule 4 of the Association. The effect of the alteration is to redesignate two officers from active vice-presidents to District chairmen, to be elected at each District annual meeting, and to make the hon. librarian an officer of the Association. Mr. G. A. Parsons was then elected hon. librarian.

Ringing took place at the three Ealing towers, Christ-the-Saviour's, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's, and at Brentford during the afternoon and evening. Thanks to all incumbents, tower masters and secretaries, the organist, Mrs. Fulwell and her helpers, and everyone concerned in the arrangements made for the occasion were voiced by the president before the meeting closed. T. J. L.

THE LADIES' GUILD

North-Eastern District

The fifth annual meeting of the North Eastern District was held at Darlington on Saturday, March 29th. The bells of Holy Trinity (6) were available during the afternoon and those of St. Cuthbert's (8) in the evening. The service was held at Holy Trinity, and an excellent tea was provided by the ladies of that parish. Mrs. McGuiness, on her 'positively last appearance' as a member of this District, proposed votes of thanks to the vicars and churchwardens of both churches for the use of the bells, to the Vicar of Holy Trinity for the service and to the ladies for preparing the tea.

At the business meeting which followed the tea, Mrs. McGuiness resigned as vice-president as she was leaving the district to take up residence in Boston, and Mrs. K. Arthur proposed the election of Miss D. M. Killingley as her successor. This was seconded by Miss E. Softley and carried unanimously. Mrs. C. N. Lea was re-elected as hon. secretary, Mrs. K. Arthur and Mrs. K. Lawson to the central committee, and Mrs. D. Bayles, Miss M. Capey and Miss J. B. Softley to the District committee.

Mrs. McGuiness referred to the tragic death of Mrs. H. Poole, and all members extended their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Staniforth.

Mrs. Lea, in presenting Mrs. McGuiness with a fitted train case, reminded all members that it was due to the efforts of Mrs. McGuiness the North Eastern District had been formed, and whilst regretting her loss, wished her and her husband all happiness in their new home. In replying, Mrs. McGuiness thanked all members for the support she had received, and also for the hospitality they had enjoyed during their brief sojourn in the north.

On termination of the business meeting, members adjourned to St. Cuthbert's belfry, where the 'supporters' club' already had the bells ringing merrily as a welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Netherbury on April 19th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. D. May) and the lesson read by Canon C. Carew Cox. Tea was served in the Village Hall by the wives of the Netherbury ringers, to which a company of 23 sat down. Visitors were present from Hampreston.

The meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Canon C. Carew Cox). The next meeting was fixed for Chardstock on July 19th, and a by-meeting at Melbury Osmond on June 18th.

Congratulations were extended to Miss Daphne Keeley on her engagement, and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keeley on their silver wedding anniversary. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Netherbury, the organist, and Netherbury ringers and wives for their kind hospitality.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included Cambridge Minor.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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OBITUARY

MR. A. Y. TYLER

Mr. Anderson Yorke Tyler, who died on April 15th, at Irthlingborough, Northants, aged 88 years, was an active ringer at St. Peter's Church up to his death. As recently as Easter Sunday he rang for service, to celebrate his 80th birthday, a peal of 5,376 changes.

'Andy' Tyler, as he was known to his many friends, was also the local blacksmith, and he plied his trade until Christmas, 1956, when an accident prevented him carrying on his work. For many years he was a familiar figure in the Irthlingborough district riding his 'pennyfarthing' bicycle, on which he visited the neighbouring churches and attended the Guild meetings. He was a member of the band of ringers who rang a peal to commemorate the rebuilding of Irthlingborough (St. Peter's) Church tower in 1893. While his list of peals is not yet available, it is known that he scored 200 together with Mr. Walter Perkins, and in most of these they shared the conducting. An active member of the R.A.O.B.. Andy Tyler was a member of the 'John Pyel' Lodge of Buffaloes and was said never to have missed a meeting during his 30 years of membership.

The funeral service, at which the Rector officiated, was held at St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, on April 19th, followed by interment in the churchyard. The church was well filled with his fellow ringers from the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and fellow members of the R.A.O.B. 'John Pyel' Lodge, who had gathered to pay their last respects with relatives and friends to a truly Christian gentleman. His familiar smiling face will be much missed at the Branch meetings of the Guild.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. J. J. Mawby, A. Bigley, J. Skerritt and E. Whitmore. The tower bells were also rung with half-muffled clappers.

An Appreciation

Andy hated a loose-rope ringer and was very keen for good striking. He was very thrilled when the old Irthingborough band (only one of whom is left at St. Peter's) rang the first peal of Irthlingborough Surprise Major at Irthlingborough and the first of Irchester Surprise at St. Katherine's Church, Irchester. It was a very fitting funeral service at St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, for a great ringer, faithful towerkeeper and churchman.

A. B.

THE REV. ERIC S. TARRANT

Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Central Council have lost a good friend by the death on April 12th of the Rev. Eric S. Tarrant, Rector of Launton, aged 68. For the past five years he had provided without charge a home for the Central Council library at Launton Rectory. He took a keen interest in ringing, particularly the activities of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had been rector of Launton since 1952.

The funeral service was on April 16th at Launton. The Bishop of Dorchester (Rt. Rev. D. G. Loveday) officiated, assisted by the Archdeacon of Oxford (Ven. C. Witton Davies) and the Rev. J. F. R. Westlake, Rector of Fringford and Hethe.

Following the service two 720's of Plain Bob Minor were rung with the bells half-muffled. The ringers were D. Penn 1, Edgar Smith (conductor) 2, James Marriott 3, Herbert Massey 4, W. Baggett 5, George Gregory 6.

MR. J. E. LILLEY

An Appreciation

I should like to add a few words to the obituary notice which appeared in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of April 11th. Jim Lilley was a very great Ringing Master. He always saw that learners not only had a fair share of the ringing at meetings, but was full of encouragement whether the ringing was rounds, call changes or method. Experienced ringers had to wait until the beginners had had their fair share of the time available.

He ofter referred to the training he had received from his father, Charlie Lilley, and the ringing they did together just before the war when they were members of the band at St. Sidwell's, Exeter. During this period they took part in the first peals of Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob Major by a band resident in Devon.

Some two years ago he was approached by the incumbent of Coffinswell, where the bells were silent. Hhe trained a band from scratch, and although most of the ringers have not progressed beyond the call change stage, there is now regular Sunday service ringing in this tower. But we shall miss him most at Teignmouth, where he joined us on most Sunday evenings with his good humour and encouragement, whatever the standard of the ringing.

To his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Newton Abbot on April 24th by Capt. A. R. Poyntz 1, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 2, H. Hood 3, A. Bennett 4, H. C. Spencer 5, D. Roberts 6, W. Simmonds 7, A. J. Garbett 8. Afterwards a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over his grave in the churchyard below the tower. -R.I.P.

E. M. A

May I add my tribute to the memory of Jim Lilley? By his death the Exercise has lost not only a good ringer but also a perfect gentleman. It is now over eight years since I first had the privilege of meeting Jim, and I well remember what an impression was then made on me by the way he carried out his duties of Ringing Master, always ensuring that all ringers, whether learners or Surprise experts, had an opportunity to ring. By the passing of Jim Lilley I have lost a good friend and there will be a gap in Mid-Devon which will be hard to fill.

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

REQUIEM FOR MR. W. DENYER

On Tuesday, April 15th, a Requiem Mass was said in Aldershot Parish Church at 7.30 a.m. by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Dart) for the late Mr. William Denyer. Among the congregation of 35 were members of his family and several of the local ringers. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled, the first touch of Grandsire Triples being rung by three sons, two daughters, two sons-in-law and a daughter-in-law. Later three grandchildren also took part and, in addition, a quarter peal was rung by Nancie Bragg (first quarter) 1, Charles W. Denyer 2, Betty Stewart 3, Thomas E. Denyer 4, William H. Viggers 5, Tom Page 6, Ed. J. Bragg (conductor) 7, Harry Williamson 8.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. S. Goddard (first away from tenor) 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, M. C. Lane 5, J. Boyd (first quarter) 6. Also on Mar. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. S. Goddard 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss R. Thompson 4, M. G. Lane 5, D. G. Pickett 6. Also on April 2nd, 1,220 Plain Bob Minor: Miss K. S. Hawthorn 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, C. G. V. Burgess 4, M. G. Lane 5, M. J. Palmer 6. First of Minor for all except 6. Rung half-muffled for Holy Week.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Collaton St. Mary, near Paignton, on April 19th; and whilst the attendance was not large, there was a good number of the younger element present. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. H. Hinton, of Babbacombe.

After a sumptuous tea in the Parish Hall, kindly prepared by the members of the Mothers' Union, the usual business meeting followed, when Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, was voted to the chair.

The chairman referred to the recent death of Mr. J. E. Lilley, the Branch chairman, and pointed out that in addition to the reports having been supplied to the press, Mr. Lilley had taken part in the first resident peals of Double Norwich Court and Oxford Treble Bob Major. It was also reported that the Exeter Branch wished to be associated with the Branch in its tribute, and the meeting stood in silence.

Mr. W. Simmonds, of Torquay, was elected Ringing Master for the remainder of the year, and it was resolved to leave the appointment of a chairman until the next meeting.

The election of five non-resident members prior to the recent peal at Buckfast Abbey was confirmed, and certificates were presented by Mrs. D. E. Hood to two members of All Saints', Babbacombe, ringers.

In connection with the 1958 programme the forthcoming meetings are to be held, subject to permission: Townstal, May 31st; meeting with the South West Branch at Buckfastleigh and Dean Prior, June 28th; and quarterly meeting at Ipplepen, July 26th.

On the suggestion of Mr. Simmonds it was decided to recommend at the annual general meeting that all clergy whose towers are in union with the Guild should be made honorary members without payment.

Further ringing took place afterwards at Collaton as well as Paignton.

A. L. B.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Danbury, Essex, on April 19th was a proud occasion for Mr. E. W. Roast, captain of the local ringers. He rang the treble to seven Surprise methods with five of the local band he has taught to ring over the past few years.

A small group of North Herts ringers and a visitor from Yorkshire visited 17 towers in Beds, Herts and Bucks on April 15th and 16th, travelling in a vintage Morris Cowley. At Wavendon they were met by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

St. George's, Doncaster, has a fine record this year of recruiting for the Yorkshire Association. Stephen Boyes, who rang his first quarter here on April 30th, was the seventh young person to ring a quarter at the tower during the year, thus qualifying for membership of the Y.A.

Miss Diana Ward, formerly of Stanmore and now of Bury St. Edmunds, sailed in the 'Saxonia' on April 25th for a visit to Toronto, Canada. Her ringing friends in this country, while trusting that Diana will enjoy her visit, hope that she will be able to find some ringing in Canada during her stay there.

After ringing in a peal attempt of Plain Bob Maior at Quorn, Leics, for two hours on April 19th, there was an unexpected termination. At 5 p.m. the church clock decided to join in the celebration. The wire which pulls off the hammer had jumped off the rail allowing the clock to strike not five times but what seemed 55. In spite of the efforts of one ringer to stop the clock the peal 'went up in smoke.' It was hard luck for the 15-year-old conductor who had up to then called a perfect peal.

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ENGAGEMENT

HITCHINS—WATTS.—The engagement is announced between Laurence Edgar, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, and Gillian Maureen, youngest daughter of Mrs. W. M. Watts, and the late Mr. T. J. Watts, of Sutton Montis, near Yeovil. 2274

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APPEAL

ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—This church has launched an appeal for £16,000, urgently required for major repairs to the south wall and pillars, and the rehanging of the bells. The latter will cost approximately £400.

Anyone wishing to make a donation should send to the following address, mentioning it is for the Bell Fund: Mr. H. S. Edwards, 40, Cornwall Road, Salisbury. 2255.

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'THE RINGERS' MAGAZINE'

The spring issue of 'The Ringers' Magazine' maintains its usefulness and entertainment value with articles by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Ernest Morris, C. Kenneth Lewis, William Shepherd, Nolan Golden, 'Paludian,' Wilfrid G. Wilson and Leonard Stilwell.

MISCELLANEOUS

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK. Dates, August 8th to 16th inclusive, Sherborne area. Will all members intending to come please notify me before May 17th exactly how many nights they will stay, as hotel accommodation must be confirmed.—B. D. Threlfall, 26, Valley Road, Bromley, Kent (RAVensbourne 1906). 2258

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 6th. Other practices as usual, viz.: St. Lawrence Jewry, 13th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 20th; Southwark Cathedral, May 27th. 2281

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.—As and from April 26th the address of Mr. F. Hansford will be Worle Cottage, Station Road, Winterbourne Down, Glos. Telephone: Winterbourne 3205. Any application for use of the Redcliffe bells should be made to him. 2256

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Cambridge, Saturday, May 3rd. (Train departs Kings Cross 9.25 a.m.) Programme: St. Andrew-the-Great (8), 11.30 to 12.30; St. Bene't's (6), 12 to 12.30; Lunch at the Dorothy Cafe, Sidney Street, 12.45; St. Mary-the-Great (12), 2 to 3; business meeting at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 3.15; R.C. Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs (8), 4.30 to 6.—J. Chilcott. 2282

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Studley on Saturday, May 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. M. Windsor, Sec. 2269

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Little Baddow (5) on Saturday, May 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cars to meet buses at General's Arms by arrangement with me. Boreham (8) available after tea.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2182

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8), May 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Good attendance, please.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 2245

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Joint meeting with the Hawkhurst District Society at Rolvenden, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. —C. T. H. 2217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Hever, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. 2197

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available: St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), St. George's, Colegate (6), 1.30 to 4 p.m.; St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), by complete companies, on application to the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, or at St. Peter Mancroft on day of meeting. Bells available after business meeting. Service, St. Peter Mancroft, 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. G. E. Dodson. Invitation has been extended to Norwich Diocesan Vergers' Guild to attend the service. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting 5.30 p.m. at Chantry Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich.—W. Love, Gen. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Stanton St. John, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. 2212

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Potterne (6), Saturday, May 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 2273

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup Contest. — Meeting at Thrybergh, Saturday, May 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 2244

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS. — Ringers' service, Sunday, May 4th, 6.15 p.m. Ringing 4.30. All are welcome. 2229

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, May 5th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth; Saturday, May 10th, St. Leonard's Shoreditch, 3 to 4.45. Tea and business, St. John's, South Hackney, vestry, 5.15. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. ISL 3921. 2280

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, May 5th, 7 p.m. (One minute from Tottenham Court Road underground station.)—T. J. Lock. 2259

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, May 7th, at 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 2277

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Kirby, near Pontefract, Saturday, May 10th. Tea—notify not later than May 8th Rev. M. Lindley, Vicarage, South Kirby, near Pontefract.—J. W. Buxton. 2290

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 2260

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Specially arranged joint meeting, Worksop Priory, Saturday, May 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements later. Good attendance requested. —A. B. Cooper, H. Denman. 2276

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. N. Elliot, 18, Mersey Road, Gateshead. 2293

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Stapleford (6) after tea.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2267

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Crusader meeting, Fobbing, May 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Ockenden, High Road, Fobbing. 2243

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Marshfield, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 2286

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Brinkworth (6), on Saturday, May 10th. Dauntsey after tea. Advise Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 2272

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting in Guildford, May 10th. Service at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, Congregational Hall, North Street (next G.P.O.) 4.45. Please send numbers to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, by May 6th. Bells of S. Nicolas' and Stoke afternoon and evening. Cathedral Church after meeting. St. Mary's 3.30 to 4 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 2230

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m., Much Hadham. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. H. Rogers, 7, Park Terrace, Much Hadham.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2279

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley on May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 7th, to Mrs. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. No names—no tea. 2232

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Fylde Branches.—Joint meeting at Scorton on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 7th, please, to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—J. F. Turner, R. F. Eccles, Branch Secs. 2294

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Cartmel Priory, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names to H. Dixon, Mere Beck, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby. 2300

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. James', West Derby, Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. T. Riley, 32, Cranehurst Road, Walton, Liverpool, 4.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 2297

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Corringham on Saturday, May 10th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 2262

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—The bells of All Saints', which have been recast by John Taylor, Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Maidstone at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing after service. Visitors cordially invited. 2285

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Leek on Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 7th, to E. Sharatt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 2302

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henley-on-Thames (8), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Shiplake (8) in evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. J. Tigwell, 23, Gainsborough Road, Henley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 7th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 2292

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Everleigh, Saturday, May 10th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 2287

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Edinburgh on Saturday, May 10th. Times of four towers available from, and names for tea by May 7th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 2298

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, May 10th, Stanton-on-Hine Heath. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to R. P. Leighton, Church Farm, Stanton, near Shrewsbury. Moreton Corbet bells available until 4 p.m. and after tea. Bus 1.25 and hourly from Shrewsbury. 2251

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Meeting at All Saints', West Bromwich, May 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, May 7th, to Mr. W. Peart, 113, Hollyhedge Road, West Bromwich.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Exning on Saturday, May 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at Exning. Newmarket St. Mary's bells available from 6 p.m.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 2271

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Polstead, Saturday, May 10th, Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. C. Woods, Polstead. Assington bells also available after tea.—R. Seabrook. 2239

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Grinstead (6), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 10th, at Billingshurst (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 6th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2283

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Pontefract on May 10th. St. Giles' bells (10) and All Saints' bells (8) available from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Service in St. Giles' Parish Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea served at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Ropergate, to all who notify, by May 7th, Mr. H. Newton, 17, Micklegate, Pontefract. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Subscriptions are now due and reports will be available in the Parish Hall.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 2234

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD—Edenbridge, May 17th (note change of date). Look up Duffield. Names for tea to Mr. E. Leigh, Homesdale, Spital Cross.—C. A. Bassett. 2275

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom, May 17th, to welcome home Frank Oakshott. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Scout Hut. Names for tea, by May 14th, please, to W. Parrott, 19, Eastdene Avenue, Epsom. 2278

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting and dinner, May 17th, at Tring, Herts, 3 p.m. Members attending please notify D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hunton (6) and Yalding (6) on Saturday May 17th. Hunton bells from 2.30-5; Yalding after tea. Service at Yalding 6.30. Please bring your own tea. —R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 2238

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — By-meeting at Wickhambreaux, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, May 14th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2304

LADIES' GUILD.— — Southern District. — Meeting, May 17th. Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon. Service at Stoke 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, 14th, to Mrs. Powell, Redcroft, Brundel Lane, Stoke D'Abernon. 2264

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grimsby, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 2.30 to 4.45 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., Church House, Bull Ring. Names by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. Kennington, 23, Farebrother Street, Grimsby. Evensong after meeting. Bells available after service. 2303.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Peterston-super-Ely, Sat., May 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting, May 17th, at Ditchingham. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 14th, essential, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2270

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne, on Saturday, May 17th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 13th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks 2261

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) at Northampton on Saturday, May 17th. Service in St. Giles' Church 4 p.m. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Giles' Buildings. Tea, at 5s. per head, will be for ticket holders only. Tickets to be obtained only from Mr. C. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton, not later than May 10th. Enclose remittance. Ringing arrangements: 11 to 1 p.m., Brafield (6), Little Houghton (5), Cogenhoe (6), Moulton (8); 12.30 to 2.30 p.m., Dallington (6), Harlestone (6), Wootton (5), Hardingstone (5); 2 to 3.30 p.m., Kingsthorpe (6), Holy Sepulchre (8), St. Edmund's (8); 2.30 to 4 p.m., St. Giles' (10). All available in the evening with All Saints' (8) 7 to 8.30 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 2242

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Dorchester, May 17th. A.G.M. in Corn Exchange at 2.15. Service, Church of St. Peter, 4 p.m., conducted by the Rev. P. J. Heaton. Meat tea in Corn Exchange 5 p.m. (3s. 6d. per head). Tea tickets from F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, before Wednesday, May 14th. All bells situated in Dorchester Branch will be available for ringing. — W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham. 2268

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2265

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by previous Wednesday Mr W. Mead, Winthorpe, Newark. —W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 2301

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Charlwood (6) on Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify for tea, by Tuesday, May 13th, Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2257

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, May 26th, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting after service to be concluded by 1.20 p.m. Light refreshments available from 9.30 a.m. in Cathedral Hall. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost 4s. 6d.). Tea as a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m. (cost 2s.). Ringing: Cathedral, 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.—Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6 to 9 p.m.—Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6). Applications for tea and lunch tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, please, to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 2263

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival meeting at Hereford on Whit Monday, May 26th. Service, Cathedral, 3.30 p.m. Tea, College Hall, at 4.15 (3s.). Meeting 5 p.m. Towers available: Cathedral (10) 11-12, 2-3.15 and from 5.30; All Saints' (8) 12-2 and after 5.30; Holmer (6) after 4 p.m.; Marden (6), Burghill (8), Withington (6), Lugwardine (8), Bodenham (6) from 11 a.m. 2189

SOUTH SCARLE, NOTTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Thompson 1, R. Applewhite 2, W. A. Lacey 3, J. F. Pearson 4, J. E. Cook (cond.) 5.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hart 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, H. Stewart 3, Marian Mills, M. Mills 5, P. W. Mills (first as cond.) 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Easter Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Prime 1, S. A. Road 2, W. J. Prescott 3, V. Roberts 4, A. J. Sanger 5, R. Short 6, J. Walton 7, D. Hoare 8, G. Salmon (cond.) 9, H. J. Sanger 10.

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GREAT YARMOUTH BELLS

THE Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, with its 22,000 square feet of floor space, reputed England's largest parish church, has presumably possessed bells ever since Herbert de Losinga, Bishop of Norwich, built its Norman central tower early in the 12th century.

The Brasyers, of Norwich, may have cast the Yarmouth bells in the 15th century. Palmer's 'History of Great Yarmouth' quotes the old church books as recording in 1468: 'Paid the suffragan for hallowing the bells 6s. 8d.' Other entries record that in 1485 the 'great bell' was new run (i.e., recast) and repairs were done in 1512 to 'the saints bell' (i.e., the Sanctus bell). When in the 16th century the authorities, under the hypocritical guise of doing away with superstition, stole most of the treasures dedicated to the service of the Church, Yarmouth was permitted to keep its bells. But by 1663 two of the bells were cracked, and the Corporation ordered a tax to pay for their recasting. By 1670 the number of bells was six. In 1726 two new bells were cast, bringing the number to eight; this work was done by John Stephens, who was casting bells in Norwich between 1717 and 1727.

Transport was becoming easier, and in 1753 the long tradition of casting bells in Norwich came to an end. Now the great Whitechapel Foundry came on the scene, founded by Robert Doddes in 1567. A few bells from Whitechapel came to Norfolk in the 17th century and the trade increased later. Richard Phelps. the then manager, cast four of the famous Redenhall bells. Everybody has heard Phelps' most famous bell, the 5-ton bell of St. Paul's Cathedral, which is broadcast on occasions when Big Ben's clock is being repaired.

In 1806 the Whitechapel Foundry took away the old bells, recast them with much additional metal to form a ring of ten, and hung them in the tower in 1807. The cost was £1,163 3s. 4d., of which £558 2s. 8d. was defrayed by the sale of the old metal. Each bell was inscribed with the name of the founder, Thomas Mears, and the tenor was also inscribed: 'Wm. Ferrier Junior Esq., E. K. Lacon, Esq., Mayors; Sir Edmd. Lacon Knt., Edmd. Preston, Esq., Robt. Cory, Esq., Isaac Preston, Esq., 1807; churchwardens.'

Later the firm added two more bells to make a full ring of 12. I had the pleasure of ringing on them with the Yarmouth ringers in 1939 and 1940. Then war silenced England's bells, and as the great clock face still dramatically records, it stopped and the bells crashed and clanged to their destruction at 2.35 a.m. on the night of June 24th, 1942. I later inspected in the vestry all that could be recovered of the valuable bell metal. It was taken away to the Whitechapel Foundry, who credited the correct sum of money for it, until life should return to the church and the bells be recast.

The glorious hope is now being realised. Now we shall have a ring of bells far finer than ever before. During the last 50 years an entirely new method of tuning bells has been perfected, with the result that the various notes which make up the sound emitted by a bell are harmonised together more accurately than heretofore, so that each bell sounds far richer and grander. Also methods of hanging have been modernised, so that the new hardwood bell frame should be far stronger than its predecessor. It will be bolted to a reinforced concrete grillage embedded into the tower, which will also strengthen the tower immensely. And instead of the old-fashioned bearings the new bells will be hung on ball-bearings. Altogether we shall have a ring of bells far finer than anything here in the past or in this district today.

The number of bells is being increased by the addition of a semitone bell, in order that we may ring the eight lightest bells to form a proper diatonic scale. The new semitone bell will be a great asset when practising.

The late Russell James Colman left a large sum of money to provide in the church a window or windows illustrative of the old Port of Great Yarmouth with its fishing fleet, or in otherwise furnishing or beautifying the church. At a recent meeting of the trustees it was agreed that in addition to providing windows as described, it would be an appropriate way of interpreting the terms of the Trust to give the bells—a ring of 13 (tenor 30 cwt.).

The tenor was cast at Whitechapel on May 7th, in the presence of the Mayor of Great Yarmouth, the Vicar, members of the Colman family and a number of local ringers. This could be looked on as a national as well as a Yarmouth occasion. for not only will thousands of ringers get to associate these bells with one of our premier holiday resorts, but also the casting of the tenor will fitly celebrate the centenary of Big Ben, cast at Whitechapel.

GILBERT THURLOW.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ACRES	7
VERNON GREEN	2	HARRY POYNER	8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ..	3	WILLIAM A. LACEY	9
DOREEN D. DUTTON ..	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	10
RICHARD F. PRIME	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	11
*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* 50th peal together.

TEN BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDK. W. BURNETT ..	*Treble*	†ALEXANDER PAGE	6
A. YORK-BRAMBLE	2	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	7
MARION J. PARKER	3	E. KEITH JORDAN	8
ROGER BALDWIN	4	REGINALD A. REED	9
*DAVID J. FORDER	5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal on ten. † First of Grandsire Caters. First on ten as conductor. 100th peal in the tower.
Rung in celebration of the Easter Festival and as a welcome home to the Provost (Very Rev. E. N. Porter-Goff) from the U.S.A.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ..	*Treble*	*JAMES H. LILLEY	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	JOHN CHILCOTT	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD ..	8
ERNEST TREAGUS	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9
LEONARD STILWELL	5	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
This composition, containing every adjacent part reversed from rounds, is now rung for the first time

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
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A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt.

*MICHAEL ALLMAN (15) ..	*Treble*	EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY ..	6
JOHN E. BROUGH	2	GEORGE A. PACKER	7
†FREDERICK S. SUTTON ..	3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ..	8
IVOR R. NICHOLS	4	WILFRED KERR	9
‡DEREK A. N. HOLLAND ..	5	W. FRANK STENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.
* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Eightieth anniversary of the bells.
Rung in memoriam Arthur Allman, Barthomley, who rang for the Chester Diocesan Guild for 60 years.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5091 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

MICHAEL J. AUSTIN	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
JOAN BERESFORD	2	STELLA HUGHES	7
HOWARD HOWELL	3	PETER BERESFORD	8
ERNEST STITCH	4	EDMUND MALIN	9
GEORGE W. HUGHES ..	5	KEITH WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

THOMAS SEWELL	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	5
*MARION S. CAPEY	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	6
ENID SOFTLEY	3	*GEORGE S. DEAS	7
DAVID PRIESTLEY	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung for the solemnisation of the wedding of Sheila M. Davison and Ben Crowdy which took place at this church earlier in the day.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN ..	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
KATHLEEN M. YEO	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
†MAURICE E. DOWNS ..	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY PEARSON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's variation. Tenor 26¼ cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	*Treble*	E. ROY WILKINSON	5
RICHARD E. DEAN	2	GORDON W. LIMMER ..	6
*HOWARD OGLESBY	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
MARY R. JAYCOCK	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Triples. First of Grandsire on the bells.
Rung as a welcome peal to the Rev. S. W. Doran (inducted the previous evening).

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

KATHLEEN M. YEO ..	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
*VIOLET I. E. RELF	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN ..	3	†COLIN A. TESTER	7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal.
A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. H. S. Humphrey, captain of the local ringers.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5
*DAVID J. FORDER	2	†ADRIAN J. TUMBER ..	6
ALEXANDER PAGE	3	REGINALD A. REED	7
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	4	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Surprise. † 75th peal.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, 992 London, 768 Bristol, with 106 changes of method and all the work for each bell.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 12).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

OREIL CASTLEMAN	*Treble*	RICHARD F. PRIME	5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY.. ..	7
*JACK P. KESTERTON.. ..	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5120 MANCROFT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY.. ..	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Believed to be the first peal in the single method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*F. NEVILLE PAILING (14)	*Treble*	HAROLD MARCON	5
JOHN G. UNDERWOOD ..	2	DEREK P. JONES..	6
ROGER BALDWIN	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	7
VIVIENNE M. HORTON ..	4	JAMES H. PAILING	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal.
Rung for St. George's Day.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 ILKESTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

KENNETH BALLINGTON (14)	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER..	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	6
ROGER BALDWIN..	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DEREK P. JONES..	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method. Rung without previous practice.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	JOHN WALDEN	5
*MARY C. PAYNE	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	6
RAYMOND F. SMITH ..	3	GEOFFREY PAUL	7
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise.

ILKESTON SURPRISE MAJOR.
—58—16—12—36—14—58—16—18: L.E. 3527486, 2nd place.
F.C.E.s: 24365, 62345, 34562, 46325.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

J. BARRY PICKUP	*Treble*	*PETER GARDNER	5
NORMAN SMITH	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..	3	PHILIP DUNDERDALE ..	7
JOHN FIELDEN	4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in this variation for all the band except the conductor.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

RICHARD G. BLACKMAN ..	*Treble*	E WINIFRED KEYS	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	6
ROBERT WAKE	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON..	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
Rung at the request of the Dean for the enthronement of Dr. Roger Wilson as Bishop of Chichester.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DAVID STAPLES	*Treble*	WILFRED W. RING	5
*VIOLET I. E. RELF	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	6
KATHLEEN M. YEO	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*DOREEN F. CROWE	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
†H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	2	WILFRED G. WILSON ..	6
†JAMES W. RAE..	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
‡R. JAMES COOK	4	ROBERT W. HINDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ 50th peal. First as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 28 cwt.

F. B. COOKSON (S. John's)	*Treble*	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)..	5
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	2	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) ..	6
H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..	3	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	7
*M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	4	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Stedman.

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BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Katharine,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

*Margaret Foat .. .. *Treble*	Wendy Ellam 3
*David Aspden 2	Geoffrey Lloyd 4
David Burgess .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by David Burgess.
* First peal. First as conductor.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Douglas W. Woodcock *Treble*	Leonard A. Tidy 4
*Freda M. Hankey 2	Ralph Bird 5
Colin F. McGill 3	Arthur S. Richards .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 18 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (2) Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Chester and Munden; (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (5) York and Durham; (6) London and Wells; (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Mary I. Dowsett .. .. *Treble*	Brian J. Howard 4
*Cyril A. Wratten .. 2	Howard W. Egglestone .. 5
Ernest E. S. Johnson .. 3	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal in 18 methods.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

Henry J. Sanger .. .. *Treble*	*John R. Badman 4
*Anthony J. Sanger .. 2	Harold G. White 5
*Michael R. Rose 3	†Jack Hannam .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Henry J. Sanger.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. G. Courteney).

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In eight methods, being extents of (1) London and Wells, (2) Durham, (3) York, (4) Netherseale, (5) Ipswich, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

Peter Mayle .. .. .. *Treble*	Thomas Bird 4
Rosemary J. Seabrook .. 2	Alan R. Andrews 5
Samuel J. Twitchett .. 3	George N. Orman .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Simon's, All Saints, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Old and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb.

Patricia F. Curtis .. .. *Treble*	George F. Roome 3
Patricia A. Neesham .. 2	Allan R. Jones 4
Alan C. Cozens .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Alan C. Cozens.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Cozens, Miss P. Neesham and A. C. Cozens.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) York, (4) Surfleet, (5) Beverley, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

Edward W. Roast .. *Treble*	Peter J. Came 4
*Thomas R. Roast 2	Ivan J. M. Saunders .. 5
Mary Dowsett 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.
Rung at the request of the Parochial Church Council to mark the raising of £1,000 towards an ultimate £2,000 for repairs to tower and spire.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

HUNTINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) and (5) St. Clement's; (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Douglas Thorp .. .. *Treble*	D. Margaret Hawley .. 4
*Mrs. J. Martin Thorley 2	Edward M. Bradley .. 5
Roy Bettley-Cooke .. 3	J. Martin Thorley .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First in seven methods on the bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Thomas W. Strangeway *Treble*	Arnold Cole 4
Fred Bennett 2	Percy Whitaker 5
*Margaret Anne Clark .. 3	Irvin Slack .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Irvin Slack.
* First peal, first attempt

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In eight methods, being an extent each of Hereward, combined Plain and Double Bob, Single Oxford, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

K. Patricia Hutton .. *Treble*	Philip Mehew 4
Leonard B. Scoot 2	Derek P. Jones 5
Frances M. Welch 3	J. Richard Castledine .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.
First peal in eight plain Minor methods by all the band.
A compliment to Mr. E. G. Buck on the completion of his term of office as president of the Association.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Editha.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

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

Rodney Richardson .. *Treble*	Michael E. Brown 4
*Patricia M. Harper .. 2	John Vernon 5
*A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 3	Graham T. Ball .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Graham T. Ball.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each St. Bartholomew's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob, four each St. Martin's, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place. Tenor 10 cwt.

William Button .. .. *Treble*	William A. Kitchenside 4
Frederick J. Lambert .. 2	Frank H. Hicks 5
Stanley G. Ponting .. 3	*James Epps .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Munden, Chester, Surfleet, Beverley, Durham, York and London. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Colin M. Tiffin .. .. *Treble*	Hermon J. Oliver 4
*Roy R. Tiffin 2	Laurence H. Turner .. 5
Harry Turner 3	Robin N. Pittman .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Turner.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

BURSTOW, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 120's each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*T. Padbury (14) .. .. *Treble*	‡G. Charlton 4
L. W. Penfold 2	A. J. Bull 5
†D. Wilson 3	*H. Padbury .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. Bull.

* First peal, first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on six bells.

Rung half-muffled by an all-local band in memory of Mr. G. Sherlock (87), a member many years ago, who died on April 13th, 1958.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Simon's and St. Nicholas', four extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's and Winchendon Place, and 22 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Mary Solomon .. .. *Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman .. 3
Michael J. Stokes 2	*Richard T. Tovell .. 4

Trevor N. J. Bailey .. *Tenor*

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Monica Guy and Gordon Gilbert, and as a farewell to them on their departure from the parish.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

John R. Ketteringham.. *Treble*	Charles E. Brown 4
*Mary C. Payne 2	Ronald Applewhite .. 5
Jack L. Millhouse .. 3	William R. Parker .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal in seven methods.

THRUMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes;*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and ten extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

*Fred Priestly .. .. *Treble*	*Margaret E. Hill 3
George E. Foster 2	*Sydney Adams 4

William L. Exton .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal in five Doubles methods. First as conductor in five Doubles methods.

Rung in memoriam Francis Mills Midwinter, son of the late Rev. Nathaniel Midwinter, and father of F. William Midwinter, the vice-chairman of this Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours,*
At 24, Doyle Avenue, Hilsea,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

Roger Baldwin .. .. 1—2	S. Kathleen M. Knight 3—4
*E. Keith Jordan .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal 'in hand.'

A 29th wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the ringer of 3—4

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At Lealholme,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

In three methods: Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob and Little Bob; 180 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Philip Barnes .. .. 1—2	George E. Feirn .. .. 5—6
*A. Robin Heppenstall.. 3—4	C. Aubrey Harrison .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Feirn.

* First spliced peal 'in hand.'

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At 24, Doyle Avenue, Hilsea,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor size 7 in D.

Margaret E. L. Beamish 1—2	Daniel T. Matkin .. 5—6
*Roger Baldwin .. .. 3—4	*S. Kathleen M. Knight 7—8

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours,*
At 24, Manor Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Morris .. .. 1—2	John M. Jelley .. .. 5—6
John A. Acres .. .. 3—4	Brian S. Chapman .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At St. Hilda's Vicarage,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Composition *trad.* Tenor size 15 in C.

Wilfred L. Robinson .. 1—2	Fredk. Wm. Grocott .. 5—6
Mrs. P. T. Robbins .. .. 3—4	Derek Ogden .. .. .. 7—8

Conducted by Fredk. Wm. Grocott.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 24, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
At 24, Manor Street.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each differently called. Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Morris .. .. 1—2	John A. Acres .. .. 3—4
*John M. Jelley .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

* First peal of Minor on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., April 27, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
At Trinity Hall,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*M. D. S. Hood (Trin. Hall) 1—2	*P. H. Langton (Trinity) 3—4
M. J. Harbord (Trin. Hall) 5—6	

Conducted by M. J. Harbord.

* First peal 'in hand.' First as conductor.

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BRADFORD, YORKS.—On April 22nd, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. B. Schofield (10) 1, Miss J. E. Brook (13, first 'inside') 2, J. Rhodes (15) 3, H. B. Schofield 4, E. H. Simpson 5, Miss B. G. Schofield (13, first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor, also for first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. Dawson.

BRAY, BERKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. D. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, R. Purchase 2, Miss D. Hague 3, Miss F. D. Murkitt 4, Mrs. A. D. Purchase 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. D. Norsworthy 8. For the induction of the Rev. S. W. Doran to the living of Bray.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. J. Riddleston 1, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 2, Betty Stephenson 3, R. Beale 4, G. North 5, H. W. Woolven 6, A. N. Other 7, F. J. Lewis 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's Church, on April 23rd, 1,344 Erin Triples: Miss M. Smith 1, F. Skidmore 2, T. P. Edwards 3, M. T. Sprackling 4, D. J. Hunt 5, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 6, R. G. Hooper 7, F. D. Mack 8. First in the method by all except 6 and 7. For St. George's Day.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Watts 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, T. Fagg 6. A compliment to Brian Watts and Miss Y. Rye on their engagement. Both are members of the local band.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Shute 1, Miss R. Jones (first quarter) 2, J. Foot 3, P. Mogg 4, E. Woods 5, H. Pitman (cond.) 6. A christening compliment to Trevor John, son of the conductor, also a farewell to B. Baker.

CASTON, NORFOLK.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. M. Mann 1, P. Newing 2, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 3, C. E. G. Banham 4, E. R. Shingfield 5. Rung immediately following the wedding between Mr. D. Morfoot and Miss M. Ecott.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Count 1, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 2, R. Johnson 3, A. Palmer 4, G. Newman 5, F. Cook 6. Rung to mark the 80th birthday of S. C. Archer, who has been tower captain for 45 years, after a peal attempt had failed.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Wilson 1, E. Oliver 2, G. Wall 3, J. Vickery 4, W. Tyson 5, N. Errington 6, R. B. Skilton 7, R. Oliver (cond.) 8. For the 66th brithday of G. Wall. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. C. I. McN. Smith (first quarter) 1, A. Cowan 2, W. Tyson 3, N. Errington 4, R. B. Skilton 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Boyes (first quarter) 1, Marguerite Battram 2, Kathleen Mallender 3, G. Graham 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, E. Dalingwater 6, H. Wagstaff 7, C. Toyne 8. For Matins. Also on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Ayres 1, Kathleen Mallender 2, J. Jefferies 3, G. Graham 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, E. C. Stacey 6, J. McCluskey 7, H. Wagstaff 8. For the patronal festival.

DORKING, SURREY.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Allison Read (first on eight) 1, Pauline Sprackling 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, Ethel Clear 4, B. Read 5, D. G. Astridge 6, A. Smith 7, B. Coward 8. A compliment to Margaret Brown and Michael Thomas, who were married on April 5th.

DOVER, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. George 1, G. Gray 2, Miss A. Banks 3, C. George (cond.) 4, J. Eagles 5, I. Oram 6, M. Godfrey (cover). Rung for the 40th anniversary of the attack on Zeebrugge.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Winstanley (first quarter) 1, Gillian Halford (first 'inside') 2, Carol F. Jones (first as cond.) 3, R. Hamm 4, K. C. Edwards 5, P. Shepherd 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): J. Warner 1, E. C. Leigh 2, S. Jenner 3, B. E. Jeffrey 4, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 5, N. V. Greenaway 6. For Evensong.

ELING, HANTS.—On April 17th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London, 576 Cambridge): Mrs. J. Kippin 1, Miss M. Beamish 2, B. J. Wylde (first in two methods) 3, R. R. Savory 4, R. C. Kippin 5, J. Hartless (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: Wendy Bowak 1, Daphne Hyams 2, D. Heapy 3, R. Bridges 4, D. Mitchell 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Team from North Weald. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar on his retirement.

ERISWELL, SUFFOLK.—On April 20th, 1,440 Doubles (480 each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. Irvin 1, H. Fuller 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, G. Miller 4, J. Paul (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells after recent dedication of two new added bells presented by personnel of local U.S.A.F. For Evensong.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (being 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): J. O. Coleman (first quarter) 1, Rosemary K. Hayward (first of Doubles) 2, J. Baverstock (first in two methods) 3, R. N. Marlow 4, L. F. Cobb (first of Doubles as cond.) 5. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hoare 1, Rosemary K. Hayward 2, Anna Byford (first quarter) 3, L. F. Cobb 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. Coleman 6.

FULHAM, S.W.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Reed (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, J. Allsop 3, D. Randall 4, James Phillips 5, John Phillips 6, H. Belcher 7, L. Bell (first quarter) 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss V. Sharp 1, J. E. Cook 2, Miss L. Holmes 3, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, K. Ketteringham 6, H. R. Woods 7, W. R. Read 8, J. M. Simpson (first of Royal as cond.) 9, D. A. Frith 10. First quarter of Royal for 1 and 3. Rung before Evensong as a farewell tribute to Canon C. H. Leeke on his retirement, having been Vicar for 19 years.

GREAT-WITH-LITTLE WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lyons 1, K. Bradshaw 2, R. W. Shaw 3, R. A. Webster 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, F. A. Ginns 6. Rung to commemorate the election of Mr. W. H. Finch as people's warden and the conductor as Rector's warden.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On April 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Clarke 1, C. R. Lovett 2, Mrs. R. B. Downing 3, J. Bennett 4, P. Clarke 5, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 6, R. B. Downing 7, F. J. Crapnell 8.

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GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each St. Simon's, All Saints, Rev. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Southrepps, Northrepps, 180 Stedman): C. E. Cooper 1, Miss R. Tyler 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, G. Peers 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. Arranged for Mr. G. Peers on his visit to his native village.

HANLEY, STAFFS.—At St. John's Church, on Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Kelsall 1, P. Jones 2, D. Jones 3, C. Webb 4, A. Moore 5, M. Sargeant 6, F. W. Grocott 7, G. Davis (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1, 2, 3 and 8, who are all under 16 years of age. Also on April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Kelsall 1, F. E. Wilshaw 2, P. Jones 3, C. Webb 4, G. Wilkinson 5, G. Davis 6, E. Sharratt (cond.) 7, N. Sargeant 8.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. White 1, Mrs. R. E. H. Rendell 2, Miss A. Greaves 3, G. W. Rendell 4, S. W. White (cond.) 5, W. E. Turner 6. First in method for 1 and 3. Rung by the service band as a compliment to Mr. R. White, a ringer at St. Mary's, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Mary Knight at Pentre, Glamorgan.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Wakeman 1, Miss F. Steel 2, W. J. Dowler 3, R. Harrison 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, R. Walker 6. Rung as a golden wedding anniversary to Henry W. Gayton, of Harrold.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On April 27th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6 and 8 covering): Mrs. J. Downing 1, A. A. Price 2, Joan M. Downing 3, I. R. Vaughan 4, J. Downing 5, J. E. Downing 6, E. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, B. Skinner 8. For the St. George's Day Parade of Scouts and Guides.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 16th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Hinton 1, M. Saunders 2, A. Mansfield 3, W. F. Eyden 4, J. Linnell (first in method) 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chester.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Mills 1, R. Larkin 2, J. Meredith 3, D. Armstrong (cond.) 4, A. Larkin (first of Minor) 5, F. Bradley 6. For the 23rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Meredith, parents of the third ringer. Also on April 23rd, 1,440 Minor (one extent of Single Oxford and one of Plain Bob): R. Blackshaw 1, F. Bradley 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, M. Harrison 5, D. Armstrong (cond.) 6. For the 23rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mills, parents of the 4th ringer.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, Miss W. Elliott 2, C. Button 3, D. Bacon 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Elliott, captain and steeplekeeper for 21 years.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On April 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. M. Marshallsay 1, F. L. Harris 2, P. Tubbs (first in method) 3, M. J. Best 4, W. T. Godfrey 5, L. Cobb (first in method) 6, R. N. Marlow 7, J. Hartless (first of Major as cond.) 8.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Monckton 1, G. Monckton 2, F. Welch (cond.) 3, T. Hill 4, K. Welch 5, J. Drew 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hill on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On April 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Irvin 1, H. Fuller 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, G. Peck 4, G. Miller 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. For St. George's Day.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Lewis (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Parsons 2, D. Newcome 3, Rev. J. Homphrey 4, W. B. Farmer (cond.) 5, H. Harrison 6. For Parish Communion.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, one April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (on the 'Margaret' eight): P. Minchin 1, Jean Kirkman 2, F. P. Harwood 3, J. A. Adams 4, E. Morris 5, C. P. Walker (cond.) 6, J. Moss 7, T. H. Bent 8. Rung to mark the engagement of Alan E. Hartley, of Thorney, Yorks, and Beryl Ayris, of St. Margaret's.

LEIGH, WORCS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. H. Deakin, J. Slater 2, C. Tansell (cond.) 3, W. Lewis 4, T. W. Lewis 5, A. Smith (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Harry Deakin, a former master of the ringers at this church.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 360 Grandsire and 420 Plain Bob): K. Warrington 1, J. B. Dinenage 2, D. W. Barr 3, A. Strathdee (first quarter in three methods) 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, M. J. Hill 6. Rung prior to Matins.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Chard (first quarter) 1, P. G. Yeo 2, E. Abraham 3, H. W. Knight 4, N. H. Yeo 5, J. Brain 6, D. G. Yeo (cond.) 7, F. Bridle 8.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Pipe 1, G. Gaylard 2, G. S. Morris 3, H. E. G. Jeanes 4, J. E. Looker 5, H. G. Keeley 6, W. G. Gigg 7, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Miss C. Withell (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Masters 2, J. Cruickshank 3, H. Badger 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On April 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Howlett 1, S. Copling 2, C. J. Sedgley 3, M. Solley 4, J. W. G. Kindred 5, H. W. Barrett 6, P. Kindred (first as cond.) 7, H. W. Easey 8. First of Stedman for 4 and 5. Rung after peal attempt failed.

PULHAM MARY, NORFOLK.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, C. A. Thompson 2, L. T. Minns 3, A. E. Head 4, C. Gower 5, R. Plummer 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, W. Flatt 8. For the wedding of Miss M. Paterson, of Pulham, and Mr. J. Banham, of Norwich.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Sandwell 1, H. Worboys 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, W. Ellis 6, P. Coward 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. J. Matthews 1, Miss J. L. Adamson 2, Miss P. E. Jervis, 3, Miss L. Kew 4, B. T. Lister 5, D. K. Walters 6, A. D. Rivers 7, W. Birmingham (cond.) 8. Rung for the annual St. George's Day Scouts' and Guides' parade service.

QUARTER PEALS

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Monckton (first quarter) 1, R. Welch 2, G. Monckton 3, R. Dean 4, F. Welch 5, J. Drew (cond.) 6, J. T. Lock 7, R. Hebditch 8. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to ringer of 7.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. S. Goddard 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, D. G. Pickett 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. Boyd 6.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Doubles (an extent each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and 5 extents of Grandsire): A. Saunders 1, T. Earle (cond.) 2, A. R. Syder 3, T. L. Stock 4, A. B. Stock 5, K. J. Lewsey 6. For Communion.

STOKE, COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—At St. Michael's Church, on April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. D. Hayne 1, E. Sibley 2, N. Haille 3, D. Sibley 4, R. Robinson (first in method) 5, H. Folwell 6, W. Stote (first in method as cond.) 7, D. Ellender 8. For Evensong.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On April 27th, at Christ Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: G. W. Townsend 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, R. G. Townsend 4, H. Bishop 5, R. G. Westney 6, G. Wells 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. To mark the 80th birthday of Mr. G. W. Townsend and the 49th of his son, Mr. R. G. Townsend.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): J. M. Steele 1, D. Neal (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. W. Gray 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Bishop 1, M. Sinden 2, Susan Jacobs 3, J. Tomsett 4, P. Devenish 5, E. Jacobs (50th quarter, aged 15) 6, F. Corfield 7, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 8.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Morrison 1, J. Green (first quarter) 2, P. Bennett (first quarter) 3, A. C. Morris (cond.) 4, A. A. Upton 5, J. Stockley 6.

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5,058 STEDMAN CATERS

Arranged by LOUIS HEAD

Start the last five changes of a 'Quick Six' thus:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

1 3 2 5 4 7 6 9 8
3 1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9
3 2 1 5 4 7 6 9 8
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 9 8

Then calls at S1, 34, 7, 9, 10, 16 produces the 2nd six end of a 'Tittum' course

1 4 3 7 2 8 5 9 6

Then call as follows:—

S5 16 producing

2 1 5 3 6 4 9 7 8	5	16
5 1 4 3 6 2	—	3
4 1 2 3 6 5	—	3
2 1 3 4 6 5	—	2
3 1 5 4 6 2	—	3
3 1 5 2 6 4	S	—
5 1 4 2 6 3	—	3
4 1 3 2 6 5	—	3
3 1 2 4 6 5	—	2
2 1 4 3 6 5	—	2

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Calls at 2 S9 S16

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. J. G. Pudsey, of the Oxford University Society, has had an accident on his bicycle and broken three appendages of his lumbar vertebrae. This has forced the cancellation of the Old Wykehamist peal attempt on Winchester College bells. His friends send him best wishes for an early recovery.

Does any reader know of a book called 'Grand Shire Dougles'?

Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, sails today for New Zealand to join his only daughter, Mrs. Olive Yetman, 82, Mount Pleasant Road, Christchurch, S.E.3.

Harwich, Essex, have three teenagers who are experts at splicing ropes, and delight in oiling and keeping the bells in good condition, writes a correspondent.

We are asked to state that the quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (page 266) was rung at Leyton and not Leytonstone. It was conducted by E. D. Smith.

Taking part in a silver wedding complimentary quarter peal to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chester at Helmdon, Northants, were three ringers who rang for their wedding in 1933, viz.: C. Hinton, M. Saunders and A. Mansfield.

Hawkshead tower, Westmorland, is closed for ringing until after September 29th. The six oak beams supporting the bell frame and bells are completely worn out after more than 500 years' service. They are to be replaced with rolled steel joists and an H-frame to contain a ring of eight bells. Hawkshead has at present a ring of six, but hopes are entertained of the full octave eventually. Without the new bells the cost, which includes a complete overhaul of the clock and chiming gear, will be some £1,400. Donations may be sent to the Rev. R. Lindsay, Hawkshead Vicarage, Ambleside.

Two ringers at Chiseldon, Wilts, have this year become octogenarians. In January, a peal of Doubles was rung for Mr. W. E. Farmer, and recently an attempt was made to ring a peal of Bob Minor for Mr. S. C. Archer. Although this failed, a quarter peal was rung before the band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Archer. Mr. Archer became captain in 1913, a post he has held ever since; he has lived all his life in the village.

The composition of 5,058 Stedman Caters, arranged by Mr. Louis Head, published in this issue, is to commemorate the dedication next Saturday (May 10th) of Maidstone bells. The 5,058 represents the fifth month, 58 and the 0 the tenth day.

The Luton District are holding their first meeting at Flitwick on May 17th, where a new treble was added a few months ago, making a ring of six.

The band who rang in the peal of Caters at Christ Church in memoriam Arthur Allman would like to express their congratulations and thanks to young Michael Allman on the splendid way he rang his first peal.

On Easter Tuesday nine young ringers from Cosby, Leicestershire, had a cycle outing to towers in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. Between Clipston and Hazelbeech, the navigator, John Bennett, incurred censure for the route he took, which deteriorated into a muddy track that made walking, let alone cycling, difficult.

The Rev. Peter Robbins was baby-sitting at St. Hilda's Vicarage, Prestwich, while his wife (nee Betty Spice) rang her first peal for five years in another room at the Vicarage. As becoming a former Master of the Oxford University Society, she rang the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major almost faultlessly, shaming some who are reputedly 'in practice'!

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CLERICAL GUILD'S WEEK IN DORSET

By GILBERT THURLOW

KNIGHT'S BULL Hotel, Bridport, was the home from April 14th to 18th of members of the Clerical Guild taking part in the annual 'week.' A really charming part of England—rolling hills of chalk and stone, well-wooded valleys, picturesque villages with old stone-built houses and glorious gardens, dignified churches, often cruciform, showing affinities with Somerset and Cornwall in their architecture.

Members met on Monday afternoon at St. Peter's, Dorchester, and then at Fordington St. George. The undersigned was still careering over the Dorset hills after investigating a Norman font he is acquiring for Great Yarmouth Parish Church, so can take neither credit nor blame for the performances at these towers. Later that evening, 'we' (to quote Acts xvi., 10, and for a similar reason) rang on the pleasant eight at Bridport (tenor 21 cwt.), a fine cruciform church, beautifully kept, obviously loved, and with its Easter tomb and flowers delightfully arranged, as in the majority of the churches we visited.

On Tuesday the president (Canon Carew Cox) celebrated Holy Communion at Bridport Church when, as usual, members departed during the previous year were remembered, and God's blessing asked on the Exercise generally. Then to the motor coach which was to give members happy, carefree journeys for the next three days. First to Netherbury, famed for its hills, gardens, cheese and cider. Its church guide book says motor coaches are prohibited to enter the village. Here you can buy the world's largest mint drops from an ex-member of the Palestine Police in the Post Office. A lovely church (1350-1500) with the font from the previous church. On to Beaminster, with a grand eight (tenor 26 cwt.) and a ringing incumbent who, of course, joined our Guild. A nice course of Cambridge here, in a tower enriched with pinnacled buttresses—a pinnacle recently crashed on the church roof. Jackdaws in the bookshop here sing like thrushes.

On to the splendid cruciform church of Crewkerne, where the organist played Bach brilliantly whilst we rang and apparently neither disturbed the other. Much to see in both architecture and memorials in this historic building. Then to the pleasant six at Broadwindsor. A highlight of the tour followed in the shape of tea with the president (Canon Cox) and Mrs. Cox at their lovely residence at Morcombelake. This is delightfully perched on the sunny south side of a hill, from which they can look down on their old home, Lyme Regis, some miles away; the garden extends some way up the hill, and one keeps in good form by frequent climbs to the summit—quite a lakeland fell in miniature, with its fir trees and outcrops of stone.

OSCILLATING TOWER

We sang Evensong at Whitechurch Canonicorum nearby—this has its name not, apparently, because of the church having been white, but because of St. Wita, called Candida by the mediæval Latins, whose shrine in the north transept is reputed still to work miraculous cures in these days. The nave arches here are magnificent transitional Norman, and the north transept elegant 'Early English' as befits such a holy place. This church presents a phenomenon astonishing to non-ringers, and worthy of note by ringers also. The tower oscillates in the usual way during ringing, but the north aisle does not, and if you place your fingers against the mortar joint between the two, you can feel it opening and closing. You can easily see it happening also. By suitable manipulation you could crack a walnut between the two. After dinner at Bridport, a visit to Loders nearby, and following ringing on the pleasant six, a very happy evening with coffee, etc., in the Vicarage, whose vicar and his wife made us very much at home in their drawing room with its 16th century chimney piece, complete with burning logs. He rings, also.

On Wednesday, a course of London Minor at Uplyme; down the ravine again to Lyme Regis, our president's old parish. A pleasant course of Cambridge on a very nice light eight, and—as often—happy contacts with local ringers. Delightful sea view from the churchyard. Into Devon to Colyton, with its fine cruciform church, with tower surmounted by an octagonal lantern reminiscent of Boston and Fotheringhay. A rather lumpy six here, but grand to ring (tenor 24 cwt.). A magnificent mechanical chimer—you turn the handle, and the cams cause rounds to be rung, like the Netherlands carillon clocks simplified. Then to Dalwood, with its small-scale church, whose pillars culminate in decorated capitals at eye level, permitting intimate study. A light six here. Then to Kilmington with another nice light six. The ringing chamber here boasts an impressive contraption with five movable desks for call-change ringers—the tenor presumably takes pot luck. Whilst London was in progress here, the following conversation with a Kilmingtonian is reported: 'Be you a party of ringers?' 'Yes.' 'Thought so.' Then another highlight in the shape of tea with our late secretary (Preb. Cox) and his family, at Hunthay Close. Another delightful house and garden, where a prominent object is the wheelbarrow given by a grateful Guild. Our gratitude to both the Coxes is immense; no boat race ever had two coxes held in higher esteem.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Then to the fine cruciform church at Axminster, with a grand eight. Would the ringers' mats, each inscribed Axminster, rank as 'genuine Axminster' at a carpet sale? After dinner the annual meeting was held at our Bridport hotel—in a ballroom with seats put out for 70. The following were re-elected, each unanimously and with acclamation: President, Canon C. Carew Cox: vice-presidents, Canon Wilkinson and Preb. Cox: hon. secretary, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Chittlehampton Vicarage, Umberleigh, North Devon—who is always delighted to hear from clergy who would like to join the Guild. The Revs. R. St. J. Smith and A. G. G. Thurlow were re-elected, in addition to the committee. It was agreed to hold the 1959 week from April 6th to 10th, probably in West Kent, or nearby, as proves most practicable.

On Thursday, some left for Symondsbury, others for Litton Cheney. After a visit to Abbotsbury, with its rather sad memories of a once great abbey, and where some took the opportunity to see the Chesil Beach and the grand old tithe barn, we all met again at Litton Cheney for lunch in the pub. Some proved almost as adept at darts, etc., etc., as at ringing. Oxford seems to have been generous to Litton Cheney church; its organ came from Magdalen College Chapel, where Stainer once played it, whilst its altar came from Balliol. Then to Wyke Regis for a nice course of Cambridge on a very pleasant eight. The undersigned had to leave the party here, and must now (like the television news reader so often) call on another for his version. It seems that at Upwey the church was described in print as Saxon—a tall story. Then at Winterbourne St. Martin nobody met the party, and when eventually entrance was effected, switching on the light they switched off the clock. Had they met the party, time wouldn't have ceased its march in Winterbourne. Last to Bradpole, whose incumbent described the bells as the Dorset sheep bells because they are so light. Some sheep! (Tenor 13 cwt.)

On Friday, the last morning of the week. Maiden Newton proved elusive but was eventually reached; then to Cattistock where, if I remember rightly, a bomb fell down the tower and wrecked the carillon of 35 bells. There is now a ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.). A delightful finish at Evershot, a charming village and church, whose incumbent rang and joined the Guild.

How grateful we are to all who helped towards the success of the week in any way—incumbents, tower keepers, tower captains, secretaries, and to the ladies for their wonderful hospitality. At one village the octogenarian incumbent said he had declined 12 livings during his many years there; also that his brother is Mowbray and Co., his brother's son edits the 'Sign,' and that he himself came to the diocese as chaplain to the Bishop of Salisbury. His sole act seems to have been to attest the will of the Bishop, who thereupon died.

Bristol Cathedral To Have Ring Of Eight

For the first time in its history Bristol Cathedral is to have a ring of eight bells. The historic bells of the Temple Church, Bristol, now in store, are to be hung in the Cathedral's north-west tower.

Although the bells will be a gift from the trustees of the Temple Church, the cost of installation, states the Dean (the Very Rev. Douglas Harrison), is likely to be about £3,000. Towards this the Chapter may be able to find £1,000, and the Dean hopes that some of those who love the Cathedral and some of those who love the Temple Church will help in finding the other £2,000 so that the bells will be rung again.

Cambridge University Guild

At the annual general meeting of the Cambridge University Guild on Wednesday, April 23rd, the following elections were made for the coming year:—

President, the Rev. A. C. Blyth; senior treasurer, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson; Master, H. Neill; secretary, M. D. S. Hood; librarian, J. Schofield; auditor, P. H. Langton.

Oxford University Society

Some elections were necessary at the meeting on April 29th, and the officers of the Society are now: Master, R. N. Pittman (Pemb.); secretaries, R. A. Jackson (Ball.) and J. H. Pailing (Keble); treasurer, N. J. Maggs (Keble); steeple-keepers, S. Zvegintzov (New College) and J. A. M. Salter (Magd.).

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

THE 59th annual meeting was held at Lincoln on April 26th. There was a much better attendance than in the previous year, and ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening on the 12 bells of the Cathedral, the eight of St. Giles', and the sixes at St. Peter-at-Gowts' and St. Botolph's.

Tea was served by members' wives and friends in the Chapter House, the first time a meal had been served in this ancient building.

At the business meeting, held in the Consistory Court, the president of the Guild (the Dean of Lincoln) presided. The officers were elected as follows: President, the Dean of Lincoln; Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bray; hon. peal secretary, Mr. G. E. Feirn; representative on faculties advisory committee, Mr. John Freeman; hon. librarian, Mr. R. F. Smith; hon. auditors, Mr. C. Brown and Mr. W. Tomlinson.

The Master's report stated that 129 peals had been rung in 1957, a marked increase on the previous year's total of 110. This number had only been surpassed twice before by totals of 139 and 172. There were no less than 25 conductors in the 1957 peals, a healthy sign for the continued prosperity of the Guild. Outstanding peals were Immingham Surprise Major, rung for the first time, London Surprise Royal (2) and the first handbell peal in a Surprise method by a resident band.

'While on the subject of peals,' writes Mr. John A. Freeman, 'I would again like to remind some of our members that the Guild officers and I do not look with any favour upon peals being rung by members on the days of their own District meetings, or upon peals rung by members who are in arrears with their subscriptions.'

The meeting approved the suggestion that the Northern Branch be reorganised, making the three existing Districts into Branches.

As 1959 would be the Guild's diamond jubilee year, it was agreed that a dinner be organised as in 1949, and a sub-committee was appointed to proceed with arrangements.

A very pleasing feature of this meeting was the number of young members present, many ringing on 12 bells for the first time.

BRAY'S NEW VICAR

Prior to the induction of the Rev. S. W. Doran as Vicar of Bray on April 18th in the presence of the Bishops of Oxford and Reading, five local ringers, with the help of three from Burnham, rang a quarter peal (reported elsewhere in this issue). After the service the bells were again rung with local ringers not yet change-ringers.

On the following day a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, of which no member taking part need feel ashamed. After the peal a splendid tea was laid on by John Norsworthy and Doreen Hague, which was kindly attended by the Vicar. 'People were singing your praises for the beautiful ringing you have given them on our bells,' said the Vicar.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Concern Over Financial Position

THE annual general meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held in Derby on April 12th. The weather was very favourable and approximately 60 ringers responded to an appeal for a good attendance. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral and at St. Peter's, and it was encouraging to see a good number of young people at both towers. An informal service in St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Shaw). A very substantial tea was provided by the wives of the ringers at St. Peter's.

The president of the Association, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes (Provost of Derby), was unavoidably prevented from attending the business meeting, and Mr. F. Adams (vice-president) acted as chairman. Reference was made to the presence of Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. B. P. Morris, and they were given a very hearty welcome to Derbyshire. The printed annual reports were available for distribution, and the reports of the general secretary, treasurer and peal secretary were formally approved. Reference was made to the untimely death in August, 1957, of the former vice-president of the Association, Mr. William Lancaster.

The financial position of the Association gave much cause for concern, but it was hoped that there would be some improvement following the effect of increased subscriptions due from January 1st, 1958. Receipts from the sales of Association badges had exceeded the initial cost and further sales would be to the advantage of Association funds.

The report of the peal secretary revealed that a record number of peals—81—was scored during the year, and special reference was made to the individual performances of Derek P. Jones, who conducted 22 peals, and Brian J. Woodruffe with 17. The most noteworthy peals were 10,000 Double Norwich C.B. Major, conducted by B. J. Woodruffe, and 5,184 London Surprise Major, being the first peal in the method by an all-resident band.

The sub-committee responsible for the annual dinner were complimented on the arrangements for a very successful social function. There was some discussion about the possibility of amalgamation with other District Associations, but it was decided not to pursue the matter.

Mr. G. A. Halls and the chairman thanked all those who had in any way contributed to a very successful meeting, and ringing continued until approximately 9 p.m.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Yorks District A.G.M. at Headingley, Leeds, on March 29th, proved to be a successful occasion. The afternoon was shared with members of the Leeds and District Society, who held their A.G.M., and thanks are due to them for their cheerful co-operation

Mrs. Thorley (vice-president) took the chair at the business meeting. Miss M. V. Copping was elected to the committee in place of the late Miss M. Rhodes. Eight new members were elected, and this was felt to be a very good start for the year.

The next meeting will be held in June in the Sheffield area.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

Do Churches Value Their Ringers?

The Frome Branch had arranged for their quarterly meeting on April 19th to ring at East Harptree for the first time for many years, as the tower has no ringing band of its own. Only a few hours before the ringers began to arrive, the rector's warden, Mr. Arthur Smith (himself a ringer), collapsed and died, and so the ringing was transferred to nearby Hinton Blewett and Litton (by the kindness of the Rev. F. Minnitt and the tower captains), though the service and meeting were held at East Harptree, as arranged.

The Rector (Rev. J. D. Ainger) in his address quoted the inscription on the old treble: 'I am the first of those five cries loud to those that are alive,' and said that as the bells were now silent perhaps the converse might be true, apart from a faithful nucleus of churchpeople. He hoped, with the help of members of the Association, to get a band to ring them again. The collection was earmarked for missionary work in Nigeria, with which the parish has a link.

The Rev. Norman Mitchell, of Radstock, taking the chair for the first time, had some unusual suggestions to put forward; but first he spoke for all the ringers in welcoming back his predecessor, Mr. J. T. Dyke, after his illness, and in congratulating Mr. David Hoare, of Radstock, on his election at the annual Easter meeting of the Association as diocesan secretary in succession to Mr. Roger Fry, of Bath.

The chairman said that the affiliation fee of towers to the Association—a few shillings normally paid by the ringers themselves—should be paid by the P.C.C. (as they pay the equivalent for the choir) to acknowledge the existence of their band of ringers. He also suggested that the fee was ridiculously small, and that parishes in the Branch should voluntarily set an example by paying a guinea (as for the choir), since things paid for are valued more, the money mainly to be used for the Bell Fund assisting parishes with heavy expenses in their belfries. Ringers might be admitted before Evensong, as choirboys are, to put their work in its proper perspective, and some clergy (except those with plural livings) might note that ringers ringing for and attending two services may be in church longer on a Sunday than they are themselves. Even so, ringers should aim at being regular communicants. East Harptree must be regarded as a challenge to the Branch, and when the Rector had collected a band of learners he hoped as many as could would come over and help to teach.

New members elected were Messrs. M. Barton and R. Hawkins, and Miss M. Hawkins, of Kilmersdon, and Mr. Daryl Platt, of Midsomer Norton. After some discussion it was agreed that practice meetings should be held between quarterly meetings, each one to be arranged at the preceding quarterly meeting—a tower inviting others to join in one of its practice nights: thus no notices need be sent out. The next quarterly meeting will be at Norton St. Philip on July 12th, subject to permission, and the Corporate Communion at Nunney on June 8th.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the rector, and the ladies who prepared and served the tea. The ringers then adjourned to Litton to enjoy their evening's ringing.

E. D. O.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHURCHWARDENS AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Sir,—I have just read the report in 'The Ringing World' (page 272) of the attitude of two churchwardens towards church bells and the men that ring them.

I think that it should be pointed out to these two wardens that they are legally responsible, together with the Parochial Church Council, for the upkeep, maintenance and repair of all parts of the church building, irrespective of whether they like or dislike any particular part of it or the people that use it.

In 1955, the Inspection of Churches Measure received the Royal Assent, and under this Measure every Diocesan Conference is required to set up a scheme whereby every church in the diocese shall be inspected every five years.

Since the ringers concerned are prepared to give up some of their spare time to specialist repair and maintenance work on bells that obviously need attention, and that the incumbent approved of what they were going to do, I consider that the actions of these churchwardens is definitely contrary to the obligations of the office which they hold, and that the matter should be referred to the Diocesan Conference and to the Central Council for the Care of Churches.—Yours faithfully,

C. J. SHERWOOD.

Stafford.

CO-OPTIONS ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip ('R.W.', April 25th, 1958) it is reported that the 'Ringing World' Committee have co-opted Mr. W. N. Park, following the regretted resignation of Mr. J. T. Dyke, and I note that on page 268 Mr. Park is shown as a member of the Editorial Committee.

While clearly the Committee and the Exercise will be very happy to have Mr. Park's help, and there is no doubt that the Central Council at Whitsun will be very glad to appoint him, I cannot see that the Committee have power to co-opt a member.

Under the rules of the Central Council, the Council appoints its committees, and the only power of co-option is one given specifically to the Standing Committee (Rule 11 (ii)). If this power were given to all committees it would not be necessary to specify in this case. I appreciate that the 'Ringing World' Committee, having a big job to do, has wide executive powers, but it has not this right.

I was pleased to see Miss Overend's letter about the Hillingdon peal tablet. If F. W. G. will look up the preface to 'Grandsire' (1948), by J. A. Trollope, in the Snowdon series, he will see an explanation of this business of the calendar.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Alperton.

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ST. CLEMENT DANES'

Dear Sir,—I think that in view of the article by A. Y.-B. in your issue of April 11th it would be as well to set out the present position with regard to ringing at the church of St. Clement Danes. May I say first of all that I had no real wish to take on any additional ringing commitments, but as a result of certain suggestions which I had offered to the chaplain-in-chief, Canon Giles, very similar to those made by A. Y.-B., he asked me if I would take on the position of belfry master for, at any rate, a limited period while the organisation of the church was being built up. Since the restoration has involved the chaplain-in-chief and his staff in innumerable problems it would, I felt, have been rather ungracious to decline to assist in this small way, particularly as I work in the same department.

So far as ringing at the dedication is concerned (the date has been announced as Sunday, October 19th, and Her Majesty the Queen will be present) this will obviously have to be of as high a standard as possible, and for this reason I feel I can ask to take part only those whose capabilities are known to me personally. In consequence a number of people have been or will shortly be approached. Admission to the dedication will, I understand, be rigidly controlled, so that it will not be possible for more than ten ringers to take part, and these will, I hope, be as representative as possible, including ex-Servicemen from both world wars, and not forgetting the R.N.A.S. and the R.F.C. as well as present-day members of the R.A.F. There are undoubtedly hundreds of other ringers who would have just as good a claim to take part as the ten who will do so, and perhaps I may express my regret that circumstances will make this impossible.

Later on it will not doubt be possible to arrange an 'open day,' but it will be necessary to exercise some caution as to the amount of ringing which takes place at the church, at all events in the early days, since the authorities will naturally wish to avoid any criticism on that score; they are, of course not quite so well placed in this respect as a normal incumbent. However, there seems no reason why evening practices should not take place at reasonable intervals. With regard to peals, my idea also is that the first should be by a representative R.A.F. band, preferably to commemorate one of that service's particular anniversaries.

There remains the question of ringing on such other occasions as is required, and my intention here is to ask the three London Societies—the College Youths, Cumberlands and London County Association—if they would each nominate three members who would undertake to make themselves available when called upon, with myself to make the number up. I have not approached them officially on the matter, but this appeared to me the most equitable solution.

If the R.A.F. Guild of Ringers is revived, it would seem appropriate for St. Clement Danes' to be regarded as its headquarters, but this can be discussed later on. Personally, I share the views expressed by Ian Oram in the same issue as A. Y.-B.'s article, and I must admit to having never had much liking for ringing organisations whose membership is on a selective basis. It must be remembered, too, that with the approaching end of National Service the number of active members in the future is likely to be very few.

I have shown this letter to the chaplain-in-chief, who is in general agreement with it, and who asks me to add that he is well contented with the arrangements which I am making, and that they have his full support.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

WARDENS AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—Too many people accept office as churchwarden for the privilege of walking before the bishop carrying their staff without knowing anything at all of their obligations. The wardens are in fact responsible for the material properties of the church. They must keep accounts of all money and maintain all the property in good repair. The wardens can be held personally responsible for any losses during their term of office; on a visitation by an archdeacon they can be obliged to carry out, or cause to be carried out, any necessary repairs, and they are personally responsible for any debts incurred during their term of office. They are not responsible for any debts incurred before their appointment. How the necessary money is to be raised to meet the debts is the concern of the wardens for the time being, and it was once customary to levy a Church Rate.

It is the business of the parishioners to elect the wardens annually at the parish meeting. Should they be unable to agree the incumbent has power to nominate people to the office, and any person so nominated has no option but to fulfil the duties imposed on him. A warden need not be a communicant or even a Christian.

One of the duties specified by the Act of Parliament is that the wardens shall provide a bell and a rope for the purpose of calling people to worship. This implies that the wardens are responsible for keeping the bells in ringable condition, but they are not responsible for the ringing of them—that is outside their office. The ringing of the bells is the responsibility of the incumbent, and there is abundant precedent for that towards the end of the 18th century.

The communication by M. E. B. on page 272 of 'The Ringing World' of April 25th bristles with irregularities. Wardens have no power to obstruct the ringing of the bells, and well-meaning people are in error in parleying with them over the point. They should consult the incumbent if they wish to ring the bells. Guild officials can only effect repairs to the bells by agreement with the wardens, who have obviously neglected their duty in allowing the bells to fall into disrepair.

The obvious remedy is for the parish to appoint new wardens at the next annual meeting. At the same time it must be observed that archdeacons are frequently very negligent in their visitations where the repair of the bells is concerned.—Yours sincerely,

Leamington Spa. HENRY ALLEN.

CUDDESDON FESTIVAL

Dear Sir,—The Principal of Cuddesdon College, Oxford, will be very glad for any old students who are attending the College festival on Tuesday, June 3rd, to help ring for it beforehand. Will any who can do so kindly be at the Parish Church as near as possible to 10.45 a.m. to ring until 11.30.—Yours faithfully,

Great Yarmouth. GILBERT THURLOW.

Attempt At Doubles Record 'In Hand'

An attempt at the Doubles record of 12,600 will in all probability be made on handbells in about 20 methods at St. Peter's Church, Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, on Whit Monday, writes Brian J. Woodruffe. We hope to keep going as long as possible, and for this reason no definite length is given.

Blunsdon, Wilts

Blunsdon ringers, with other local ringers, had a day's outing on Easter Monday in the North Berks and South Oxfordshire area.

All the towers selected had six bells and included Lechlade, Langford, Aston, Standlake, Northmoor, Stanton Harcourt and finally Stanford-in-the-Vale, where the Vicar and members of his band made the visitors very welcome.

THE CENTENARY OF BIG BEN II.

By RANALD CLOUSTON

AT 7.33 p.m. on Saturday, April 10th, 1858, the furnaces were tapped for the casting of the present Big Ben. The centenary was observed by a number of members of the Newcomen Society, together with their president (Mr. L. E. Harris, A.M.I.Mech.E.), visiting the clock tower in the Palace of Westminster within a few hours of the event. The Society has as its aim the study of the history of engineering and technology, and there can be no doubt that this tower contains much of interest.

The first task was to climb the 230-odd feet to the bells. The staircase fortunately fits into a rectangular section shaft so that one does not get quite so dizzy as when going up or down a circular one. It is regrettable that there is no lift.

Once up to the level of the bells one comes out on to a platform which is open to all the winds that blow. On the day of our visit there was a strong north wind blowing, and as there are no louvres in the windows the conditions were far from pleasant. Big Ben and the four quarter bells are hung dead from an arched, riveted iron structure; the large bell hangs in the centre and the others hang round arranged at the corners of a square. In plan the bells are as a 5 on a domino.

None of the bells have clappers, and the clock hammers have pivots by the crowns and long arms which follow the outside profile of the bells and terminate in heavy hammer heads by the soundbows. This system has the unfortunate disadvantage that lubricating the pivots allows all the surplus oil to drip down over the surface of the bell, and frankly they get into a bit of a mess.

The clock struck on a number of occasions during the visit and the noise among the bells was not particularly objectionable, probably due to the fact that the belfry is so open to the atmosphere that the sound easily escapes.

The particulars of the bells are:—

	Weight tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.	Diameter ins.	Soundbow thickness ins.
1st Quarter	1	1			44 3/8	4
2nd Quarter	1	6			48 1/16	4 1/8
3rd Quarter	1	15	1	6	53 15/16	4 7/16
4th Quarter	3	17	3	24	72 1/2	6 1/16
Big Ben II	13	10	3	15	108	

The writer's calipers were unfortunately not large enough to get the soundbow thickness of Big Ben.

Two members of the Newcomen Society spoke about the objects of interest in the tower: Mr. S. Clutton on the clock and the writer on the bells.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Historically, of course, these bells and the associated clock are of great interest, and it may not be out of place to trace the history of the bells connected with the Palace of Westminster.

According to the historian Stow, Edward III built a stone-and-timber tower for St. Stephen's Chapel in the Palace in 1347 and put in it three bells. In 1698 William III gave the tower and its contents to St. Margaret's parish, and the great bell, which weighed 4 tons 2 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb., was sold to St. Paul's Cathedral at 10d. per pound. This bell was first called 'Edward of Westminster' and later 'Westminster Tom.' On New Year's Day, 1699, this bell, while being conveyed to St. Paul's fell off the carriage by Temple Bar and was cracked. Philip Wightman recast the bell in 1708, and as the result was not a success Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, recast the bell again in 1716. This is the present hour bell in the south-west tower of St. Paul's Cathedral and weighs 5 tons 4 cwt.

In 1834 the Palace of Westminster was very largely destroyed by fire, and it is said that a fine Flemish bell, cast by Peter van den Ghein I, of Mechlin, in 1540, now in the cloisters at Iona Cathedral, was removed from the ruins.

In 1856 Sir Benjamin Hall, chief commissioner of works, appointed Professor Wheatstone, the Rev. W. Taylor and E. B. Denison, Q.C., as referees to deal with the bells for the new clock tower of the Palace then being built to the designs of Sir Charles Barry. By this time the clock had already been made to the designs of E. B. Denison, Q.C., who was later to become Sir Edmund Beckett, and still later Lord Grimthorpe. To save confusion, the writer has referred to him as E. B. Denison throughout.

CLOCK'S ACCURACY

This clock is still, after over 100 years, one of the finest pendulum-controlled clocks in the world, and when originally made achieved a time-keeping accuracy which till then had been unheard of and which was, in the opinion of some clockmakers, unattainable. Today the accuracy is of the order of a second a day. To E. B. Denison, Q.C., must be given the credit for this achievement, as it was mainly due to his development of the dead-beat escapement that the accuracy was possible. As will appear later, Denison had a considerable impact on the bell-founding industry in England in his day, but the results were not so beneficial or as lasting as his work on clocks.

Denison produced a specification for the bells for the Palace, and tenders were invited from the principal bell-founders. George Mears declined to accept the referees as they had spoken badly of his Royal Exchange rings and of his great bells for York and Montreal.

Taylors gave the lowest quotation, but they wanted some money in advance, and this was considered unacceptable by the referees. Warners quoted but 'required the referees to take the responsibility of giving patterns for the bells, i.e., they confessed that they did not know how to make such large bells of the proper notes; they had previously copied all their bells from existing ones.' Warners' quotation was accepted, and Denison designed the bells for them.

Here it may be appropriate to mention that the largest bell in England at that date was the old Great Peter of York, recast 1927, weighing some 10¾ tons, and the projected weight of the new Westminster hour bell was 14 tons. In addition, as will appear later, the overall height of the new bell could not be allowed to exceed 8 ft. otherwise it would not have been possible to get it up the tower. So Denison took on quite a formidable task in having to decide the profiles and thicknesses of all five bells, with the eyes of nearly all England on him.

In those days (1856) the idea of 5-tone tuning was unknown, as it was only in 1890 that Lord Rayleigh, secretary of the Royal Society, published some notes and observations on the various frequencies emitted by bells, and some seven years later still before Canon Simpson published his celebrated paper on the subject. So in 1856 it was vital that the bell as cast should sound musical, as no one, except the Hemony brothers—and they had been dead nearly 200 years—knew what to do with a bell which was unmusical except to recast it to a different shape. This could be rather expensive with 14-ton bells.

THE TENDER

Warners' tender was for 10 gns. per cwt. (usual price 7 gns.), and they were to recast any of them (unless condemned for bad casting, in which case they were to recast for nothing) for £2 per cwt., and also to cast any small experimental bells for the same rate.

Warners cast the great bell first, and from some mismanagement it came out thicker than the pattern and required a clapper twice as heavy as Denison had reckoned on by analogy with other bells. The clapper weighed 13 cwt. and the bell was 2 ft. diameter by 1 ft. thick vertically; the experimental clock hammer also weighed 13 cwt. and was dropped on to the bell with a 'weight and force equal to one-and-a-quarter tons.' Big Ben I was cast in 1856, weighed 15 tons 18 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. without the clapper, was 9⅛ in. thick at the soundbow, 9 ft. 5¼ in. diameter and 7 ft. 10½ in. in overall height.

The referees had a right to reject Big Ben I, but as it was generally praised by those who heard it, the bell was brought from the foundry at Norton-on-Tees to London. The first part of the journey was by rail to West Hartlepool on a Sunday: this day being chosen as the size was such that traffic in the other direction was impossible.

At West Hartlepool the schooner 'Wave' was ready to receive the bell, but when still a foot and more off the deck the shear legs broke and the bell dropped on to the vessel. The 'Wave' had to go into a graving dock for repairs and also to have a new foremast fitted.

16 WHITE HORSES

Eventually Big Ben I arrived at Maudsley's Wharf, London, and was from there drawn to the Palace by 16 white horses. The bell was erected in a timber framework on the ground in Palace Yard, and a print shows ten men pulling a rope tied to the 13 cwt. clapper and clocking the bell. After being sounded occasionally for some weeks the bell was cracked. Some said that the cause was the heavy clapper and others that the two streams of molten metal had not united properly when the bell was being cast. This latter theory was confirmed when a large flaw was found in the bell when being broken up for recasting.

By this time Warners had successfully cast the fourth quarter bell, and there was no intention of taking the recasting work out of their hands. However, they demanded a price for recasting enormously beyond the £2 per cwt., which they had agreed to before, presuming that neither of the other two founders would be employed.

George Mears no longer objected to the referees and this time his offer was accepted. So Big Ben I was put on his side and a 24 cwt. ball of iron was dropped on him repeatedly from a height of 30 ft. until the pieces were of suitable size to cart to Whitechapel.

Denison again designed the new bell, and moulding commenced on December 18th, 1857, being completed by the end of March, 1858. The method used included the making of a full-sized clay bell which was broken up when the cope or outer part of the mould had been completed. The furnaces were fired entirely with wood fuel and the larger pieces of metal were heated for as long as 20 hours. Hot air was blown through the mould for a day before casting commenced, an operation which was said to have been performed for the first time in bell-founding but which was then common for large brass and gunmetal castings. This procedure perhaps derives from the disaster which befell the founder Matthew Bagley and 16 others who were killed when a too-damp mould exploded while ordnance was being cast at Moorfields in 1716. Today, moulds would be baked dry in an oven before casting commenced.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

South Norfolk Branch

The South Norfolk Branch held a successful meeting at Redenhall on April 26th with 40 members and friends attending. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon B. M. Pickering), who also gave the address.

The business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Dr. P. H. A. Jonason), supported by Mr. A. G. Harrison (vice-president), Mr. W. G. Saunders (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo (Branch secretary), Miss B. Syrett, Messrs. F. C. Arnold, H. Moss, E. Whiting and W. J. Flatt, members of the committee.

For the next meeting, on July 26th, it was decided to visit Mundford, with an interim meeting at East Harling on June 7th. After the usual votes of thanks, ringing in many methods continued until 9 p.m. C. F. W. P.

Northern Branch

Members of the Northern Branch, meeting at Shipdham on April 19th, heard with regret of the illness of the president (Rev. H. G. Lillingston) and wished him a speedy recovery to health.

Mr. A. G. Bason presided over an attendance of 37 members, and the meeting ratified the election prior to peals of the following: Colin Armitage (Mirfield, Yorks), R. C. Noon and S. E. Bennett (Spalding) and J. D. Kape (High Wycombe). Sheila Curson, Jennifer Glister and Paul Evans, of Norwich, were elected ringing members. The next meeting, on July 12th, will be at Aylsham.

The Vicar (Rev. L. T. W. G. Burleigh) conducted the service and the Rev. F. W. Gilpin gave the address. Methods were practised from Plain Minor to London Surprise.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest was held at Kirkheaton on April 19th. Six companies competed, and the judge (Mr. George Perrin) commented that the contest was far below the standard for the Association. The winning company, Cawthorne (10 penalties, 82 faults), rang by far the best, but spoilt themselves with a trip half way through and never regained a sustained beat afterwards.

At the quarterly meeting, the votes of thanks included one to the ladies who provided an excellent tea in the best Yorkshire tradition. The president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) welcomed Batley and Thornhill, who had not entered a contest for a long time, and told them not to be downhearted over the result of their first attempt at competitive ringing. Thornhill volunteered the use of their tower, subject to permission, for the annual meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In the old tower of Holy Trinity, Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, the Rochester District made excellent use of the very good ring of six on April 19th, under the guidance of Mr. W. A. J. Knight and Mr. George Kenward.

The lady Mayor attended the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. A. Daws), and the collection for the organ fund amounted to £2 12s. 5d. Some 90 members and friends enjoyed an excellent tea given by the Queenborough ringers.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which nine new members were elected. The meeting favoured a suggestion by Mr. W. A. J. Knight, supported by Mr. G. A. Naylor, of the numbers for each District being printed in the annual report of the K.C.A. The votes of thanks included a special one to Mr. S. Rayfield and other local ringers and their ladies for the excellent tea.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Formation of Mansfield District Suggested

The twelfth annual meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at East Retford on April 12th. During the afternoon and evening the bells of St. Swithun's, East Retford; St. Michael-the-Archangel, West Retford; and All Hallows', Ordsall, were open for ringing. Evensong was held in St. Swithun's and was attended by upwards of 50 members and friends.

The business meeting was held in Ebsworth Hall, and in the absence of the chairman was presided over by Mr. F. W. Midwinter. A brief silence was observed in memory of the late Mr. J. H. Brothwell, Mr. W. Clarke and the Rev. C. J. Sturton, who had passed away during the past year.

The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts and balance sheet revealed a satisfactory financial position. A surplus of £17 15s. 1d. was made on the year's working with a total income of £57 3s. 10d. The balance of the Bell Repair Fund stood at £103 18s. 7d., and the balance of the capital account was £136 17s. 3d. Out of the Bell Repair Fund grants of £15 each had been promised to Hucknall Torkard and North Wheatley. A donation of £5 5s. to the Bishop's Appeal Fund for 1958 had been authorised by the committee.

The report of the peal committee showed that 27 peals only had been rung, which was the lowest total since the Guild was formed in 1946.

For better working it was resolved to transfer Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse from the Nottingham to the North Notts District.

The hon. general secretary put forward the committee's views on the proposed formation of a separate Mansfield District, comprising the following towers: Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Warsop, Cuckney, Kirkby-in Ashfield, Edwinstowe, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Selston and Teversall.

This proposal evoked considerable interest. Mr. Ernest Preston thought that the proposed District was adequately covered by the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and that the standard of ringing in the North Notts Oistrict would suffer by the loss of Warsop.

Mr. H. T. Rooke (Warsop) favoured the recommendation of the Committee to hold a meeting at Mansfield on May 31st to explore the possibility of creating a separate Mansfield District when it would then be possible to see whether there was sufficient interest to carry through the project. The meeting finally endorsed the views of Mr. Rooke.

For the committee, it was explained that there was no intention of trying to cut across the East Derbyshire and Notts Association's domains. The Guild nominally covered the whole of the Diocese of Southwell, and it was only right that the Guild should try and further the art of ringing in the diocese, and the Mansfield area being in an isolated part of the diocese in relation to the other Districts could best be served by a small separate District. Much good work had been accomplished in the Newark area since the formation of a separate Newark District.

The possibility of resuming the annual dinner which was abandoned some years ago was put forward by Mr. Walter Nichols. After some indeterminate discussion, during which little desire to hold a dinner was evinced, it was proposed by Mr. H. T. Rooke, seconded by Mr. Allan Simpson and carried unanimously, that the committee be called to discuss the question of a dinner with power to act.

Mr. J. D. Clarke proposed that the Guild hold quarterly meetings as he thought that more progress would be possible and members would meet each other more often. This proposal was supported by Mr. H. T. Rooke. Mr. J. W. Raithby opposed the idea of a quarterly meeting and suggested a half-yearly meeting as in the Lincoln Guild, and this modification was supported by Mr. George Challans. On a show of hands it was by a majority vote resolved to hold quarterly meetings and to treat the general meeting at Mansfield on May 31st as the first of such meetings.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £1 13s.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by the chairman, who then declared the meeting closed. J. W. R.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Bridlington on April 26th and attended by over 40 members representing 11 towers. The fine ring of eight was kept going in the afternoon and evening and the service was held in the Priory Church, conducted by the rector (Canon Lamb). During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by four ringers from York Minster.

The business meeting followed tea in the new schoolroom, with the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) in the chair. Three new members were elected—T. Ayre (Bridlington), Miss M. James and Miss M. Verity, of Sutton-on-Hull. Selby was selected for the June meeting, and the usual votes of thanks passed.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN

Surviving his wife by only a fortnight, the death took place on April 20th of Mr. George A. Wightman.

The son of the late Alfred S. Wightman and brother of Leslie C., George started ringing in his teens with the family at Cretingham, and until 1922 took part in some 60 peals for the Norwich Association.

From then on, owing to his business as a blacksmith and a growing family, his peals were few. For several years he had lived at Woodham Ferrars, and only recently moved to Great Baddow to be nearer his work at Chelmsford. His health deteriorated somewhat since the death of his brother, Les, and he was seriously ill last year. Finally, with his wife taken from him, he contracted pneumonia, and with his asthma was too ill to survive. So ends the last of this great ringing family.

A peal of Superlative on the bells he learnt to ring, composed by his uncle, William, was thought to be an appropriate tribute.

L. G. B.

REV. G. C. SEYMOUR METFORD

We regret to learn of the death on April 30th of the Rev. G. C. Seymour Metford, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Shrivenham, who was chairman of the Vale of the White Horse Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for 16 years until an illness three years ago. He was an active ringer.

Centenary of Big Ben II.—Cont.

As noted, the bell was cast on Saturday, April 10th, 1858—apparently no 5-day weeks in those days; and certainly 7.33 p.m. seems an odd time to begin casting, though much work would have had to be done in the previous 12 hours. On cooling, the bell was removed from the mould, and on May 28th, 1858, was drawn by 16 horses to Palace Yard from Whitechapel, via London Bridge, Borough Road and Westminster Bridge.

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LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 26th and was attended by about 50 members. Ringing commenced before 3 o'clock but was confined to the light eight after the first touch, in which the tenor clapper fell out. Although the striking could have been better, the methods ranged from Plain Bob to London and the beginners rang rounds. Tea was taken at the Roxby Café, and further ringing took place until 7.30 p.m. when the business meeting was held.

Three of the rules (those concerning towers for meetings and membership) were amended, and the following were elected as officials of the Society for the year 1959-60: President, Irvin Slack: vice-presidents, Jack Gibson, Cyril F. Sutcliffe and Douglas Thorp: Ringing Master, Leonard Drake: auditors, Roy Bettley-Cooke and Alfred Johnson; secretary and treasurer, J. Martin Thorley.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT THE EAST RIDING

On their annual outing on April 26th Rotherham ringers, with friends from Harthill, Thrybergh and Sheffield, visited five Yorkshire towers. Once again the party (30 in number) was composed mainly of young people with a good number of the fair sex. Only one non-ringer attended, and before tea he had been initiated and succeeded in ringing treble to Bob Minor on handbells (in four easy lessons).

After leaving the delightful six at Market Weighton and saying goodbye to Mr. Kneeshaw, the local veteran, the party was soon at Beverley Minster to sample this majestic heavy ten. Opening cautiously with a touch of Little Bob Royal, rounds and Bob Major for the youngsters followed, and Mr. Osgerby, the tower captain, kindly conducted about half the party to see Great John in the other tower. After Grandsire Caters, the ringing concluded with Yorkshire Major on the back eight.

After an excellent lunch at the Beverley Arms Hotel, St. Mary's Parish Church was visited and Stedman Caters and other methods rung. During the hour's journey to Norton (North Yorks) the party recuperated sufficiently to really enjoy some good ringing at the Parish Church.

As is often the case, fatigue was beginning to set in by the time the party reached the last tower (Selby Abbey). Nevertheless, good use was made of this melodious ring of bells.

In expressing thanks to the organisers (Mr. F. Fisher and Mr. N. Chaddock), one of the visiting ringers remarked how surprised he was to find the party never more than three minutes off schedule. N. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Nine towers were represented at the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch held at Upwey on April 19th. The Guild service was taken jointly by the Rector (Rev. A. S. Bryant) and the Branch chairman (Rev. S. P. Rowcroft), the address being given by the Rector.

After tea there was the business meeting, conducted by the chairman. Silent tribute was paid to two members who had died since the last meeting — the Rev. E. S. Tarrant (past chairman) and Mr. F. Preecy (past Ringing Master).

The chairman announced that Mr. H. Ford (Ringing Master) had been married earlier in the day, and best wishes were expressed to him.

The hon. secretary (Mr. R. H. Duke) gave the arrangements for the Guild festival at Dorchester on May 17th and appealed for support. The next meeting was arranged for Abbotsbury on July 5th, and Branch practices will be: May 3rd, St. Peter's, Dorchester: 31st, Wool: June 14th, Litton Cheney: 28th, Puddletown: July 12th, Milton Abbey: 26th, Preston.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Specially arranged joint meeting, Worksop Priory, Saturday, May 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea arrangements later. Good attendance requested. —A. B. Cooper, H. Denman. 2276

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Little Shelford on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Stapleford (6) after tea.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2267

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Crusader meeting, Fobbing, May 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Ockenden, High Road, Fobbing. 2243

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting in Guildford, May 10th. Service at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, Congregational Hall, North Street (next G.P.O.) 4.45. Please send numbers to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. Bells of S. Nicolas' and Stoke afternoon and evening. Cathedral Church after meeting. St. Mary's 3.30 to 4 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 2230

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 10th, 3 p.m., Much Hadham. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. H. Rogers, 7, Park Terrace, Much Hadham.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2279

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Corringham on Saturday, May 10th. Service 4.15 p.m. — Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 2262

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 10th, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 3 to 4.45. Tea and business, St. John's, South Hackney, vestry, 5.15. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. Tel. ISL 3921. 2280

MAIDSTONE. — The rededication of the bells of All Saints', Maidstone, will take place on Saturday, May 10th, at 3 p.m. The bells will be open to all ringers after the service. 2336

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, S.W.1, on Saturday, May 10th, 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Service 6. Ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 6.30 p.m. 2314

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henley-on-Thames (8), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Shiplake (8) in evening.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 2292

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Exning on Saturday, May 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at Exning. Newmarket St. Mary's bells available from 6 p.m.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 2271

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Polstead, Saturday, May 10th, Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. C. Woods, Polstead. Assington bells also available after tea.—R. Seabrook. 2239

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Grinstead (6), Saturday, May 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2289

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 10th, at Billingshurst (8). Bells available 3 p.m.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 2283

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Weston-in-Gordano on Saturday, May 17th, at 5 p.m. —D. G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2317

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kingsdon, Saturday, May 17th. Kindly notify for tea.—T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 2308

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 17th. Flitwick (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names *must* be sent by Wednesday, 14th, to Mr. R. Swannell, 76a, Steppingley Road, Flitwick.—K. G. Spavins. 2310

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bromborough, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea *free* for those notifying by Wednesday previous. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2330

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Berkswell on Saturday, May 17th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 2328

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, Stockton, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Committee 3.30 in Vestry. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Sharp, 10, Middleham Road, Fairfield, Stockton. 2329

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Bakewell and Youlgrave on Saturday, May 17th. Bakewell, 3 to 5 p.m.; Youlgrave, 6 to 8.45 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Bus departs Bakewell to Youlgrave 5.15 p.m., departs Youlgrave 7.45 p.m., 8.40 p.m. to Brightwell and Rowsley.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 2321

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, May 17th, at Denby. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday previous to P. Weston, Clovelly, Breach Road, Denby Village, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis. 2325

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD—Edenbridge, May 17th (note change of date). Look up Duffield. Names for tea to Mr. E. Leigh, Homesdale, Spital Cross.—C. A. Bassett. 2275

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth (6), Saturday, May 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by May 14th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2316

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom, May 17th, to welcome home Frank Oakshott. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Scout Hut. Names for tea, by May 14th, please, to W. Parrott, 19, Eastdene Avenue, Epsom. 2278

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting and dinner, May 17th, at Tring, Herts, 3 p.m. Members attending please notify D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Stretton Grandison, Saturday, May 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, important, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 2309

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hunton (6) and Yalding (6) on Saturday May 17th. Hunton bells from 2.30-5; Yalding after tea. Service at Yalding 6.30. Please bring your own tea. —R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 2238

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — By-meeting at Wickhambreaux, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, May 14th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2304

LADIES' GUILD.— — Southern District. — Meeting, May 17th. Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon. Service at Stoke 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, 14th, to Mrs. Powell, Redcroft, Brundel Lane, Stoke D'Abernon. 2264

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Michael's, Flixton, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 17th. Cups of tea provided. Note change from Pendlebury. —R. Benson. 2331

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Haslingden on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Own food.—J. Porter. 2319

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Gilmorton, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Broughton, Main Street, Gilmorton, near Rugby.—J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec. 2324

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Easton, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only.—L. W. Allen. 2320

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Claybrooke on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the New Hall, Ullesthorpe, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 14th, to Mr. C. Clarke, 23, Goodacre Road, Ullesthorpe, near Rugby. 2311

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grimsby, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 2.30 to 4.45 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., Church House, Bull Ring. Names by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. Kennington, 23, Farebrother Street, Grimsby. Evensong after meeting. Bells available after service. 2303

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Peterston-super-Ely, Sat., May 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 17th, Cranford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. for those notifying by May 14th P. Woodgyer, 225, Brabazon Road, Heston. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Special method, Cambridge Minor.—W. T. Cook, Dis. Sec. 2318

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting, May 17th, at Ditchingham. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 14th, essential, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norfolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2270

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sandhurst on Saturday, May 17th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice, Woodbine Treble Bob.—B. C. Castle. 2312

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne, on Saturday, May 17th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 13th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks 2261

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Dorchester, May 17th. A.G.M. in Corn Exchange at 2.15. Service, Church of St. Peter, 4 p.m., conducted by the Rev. P. J. Heaton. Meat tea in Corn Exchange 5 p.m. (3s. 6d. per head). Tea tickets from F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, before Wednesday, May 14th. All bells situated in Dorchester Branch will be available for ringing. — W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham. 2268

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by previous Wednesday Mr W. Mead, Winthorpe, Newark. —W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 2301

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Charlwood (6) on Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify for tea, by Tuesday, May 13th, Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2257

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, May 17th, 3 p.m. Look up Erin Triples. For tea, please notify by Tuesday, May 13th, Mrs. S. Knight, 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill, Sussex.—Geo. North. 2305

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — A practice meeting will be held at Tichborne (6) on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 2323

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Doncaster Parish Church, Saturday, May 17th, joint with LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District). Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Names by 15th to Mr. W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorne, Doncaster. New reports will be available.—J. J. L. Gilbert, E. Wardill. 2315

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Hythe, Saturday, May 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 20th, to Mrs. S. M. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. Gentlemen cordially invited. 2332

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton on Saturday, May 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 21st.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 2322

DEVON GUILD.—Annual meeting, Holsworthy, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service 12.15 p.m. Lunch at Corner Café. Tickets (5/6) from Mr. W. Simmonds, 100, Hartop Road, St. Marychurch, Torquay. Stamped addressed envelope, please. Bells 11 a.m. and after meeting. 2326

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, May 26th, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting after service to be concluded by 1.20 p.m. Light refreshments available from 9.30 a.m. in Cathedral Hall. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost 4s. 6d.). Tea as a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m. (cost 2s.). Ringing: Cathedral, 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.—Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6 to 9 p.m.—Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6). Applications for tea and lunch tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, please, to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 2263

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival meeting at Hereford on Whit Monday, May 26th. Service, Cathedral, 3.30 p.m. Tea, College Hall, at 4.15 (3s.). Meeting 5 p.m. Towers available: Cathedral (10) 11-12, 2-3.15 and from 5.30; All Saints' (8) 12-2 and after 5.30; Holmer (6) after 4 p.m.; Marden (6), Burghill (8), Withington (6), Lugwardine (8), Bodenham (6) from 11 a.m. 2189

SNETTISHAM BELLS TO BE HUNG FOR CHIMING

'The Eastern Daily Press' reported recently that a faculty had been granted for the removal of the six bells from the tower at Snettisham, Norfolk, for the recasting of three of them, and for their rehanging in the tower for chiming only.

The Parochial Church Council had earlier decided to recast all six bells and hang them for ringing, but it had since rejected this scheme. Mr. J. H. Ellison, Chancellor of the Consistory Court, said that the financial aspect had made him decide to grant a faculty allowing the bells to be chimed only. Repairs of greater priority would soon have to be done, and he could not tell the parish to spend the bulk of its money on the bells. The faculty would therefore allow the bells to be chimed, provided that the structure was so designed that when more money was to hand it could be altered to allow the bells to be rung.

The Vicar (Rev. W. M. Abernethy) said he supported chiming because ringing would constitute a danger to the structure of the tower spire. Further, the ringers would either have to stand in the chancel almost outside the sanctuary, or would have to use the old belfry, reached by a narrow parapet on the church roof.

Mr. M. B. Hull, the architect, stated that the cost would be £1,500 to £1,700 to hang the six for ringing, whereas only £700 to £800 would be needed to hang them for chiming.

All six bells were, according to L'Estrange, cast by Thomas Newman in 1710, and they have been unringable for some years now. As ringers, we can only hope that sufficient money will be found at some future date to enable these bells to be hung for ringing. T. S. B.

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23456	M	W	H	
43652	—			IIIFFFF
56234	—	—		FFFBMMMMMM
35264		—		MBBB
25463	—			BBBAAAA
64352	—	—		AAABJJJ
35642		—	—	JJJJJJJ
63542			—	DDDDDDD
56342			—	LLLLLLL
36245	—			FFFNN
42563	—	—		NNNNNBKKK
56423		—	—	KKKKAAA
45623			—	AAIIIAA
64523			—	LLLLLLL
54326	—			AAAAAAF
23645	—	—		AAABHHHHH
64235		—	—	HHKKA
26435			—	EEEEEEE
42635			—	DIDIIII
62534	—			DIICC
35426	—	—		CCCCCBBII
42356		—	—	BBIIIII
34256			—	BBBBBBB
23456			—	GGGGGGG

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HEREFORDSHIRE INTERLUDE

IN the afterglow of Easter, a beneficent fate and an equally kind invitation from a very old friend took us in haste to a far corner of Herefordshire. Here, where the long fertile furrows of Dore and Dulas pour their streams to the Monnow, the village of Ewyas Harold nestles neat and compact beneath the great whaleback of its Common, with the long grey curves of the Black Mountains running as a vast wall to the south-west. Behind these forbidding, melancholy undulations is found the exquisite beauty of the valleys of the Grwyne Fechan and Grwyne Fawr, and the Honddu Valley sheltering Llanthony and leading over the Gospel Pass to the magnificent view beyond Hay and the Wye.

The little church of Ewyas Harold, standing in its trim churchyard bordered by the Dulas Brook running cleanly in its gully, is a pleasant sight, and the sturdy little grey tower, capped with a cheerful spirelet of red tiles, seems to invite the visitor and to hold promise of welcome and good fellowship. And so it proved, indeed, to us as soon as we came to meet Mr. Herbert Kennard and his friendly band at the Thursday evening practice. The bells make a melodious ring of six, and it was our introduction to them to take part in one of the longest 'raisings' we have ever known. Change-ringing, handicapped greatly by the situation of the village and by causes not uncommon in rural areas, has not advanced very far, but we were able to compass some plain courses of Grandsire Doubles, in the mastery of which the band is progressing slowly but with great determination.

To us, who are surrounded with manifold opportunities for ringing practice and with what may be regarded as ample means to extend our change-ringing experience, there must be compassion for these rather lonely holders of the outposts of the Exercise. For them there is no easy transition from village to town belfry, no ready forgathering with companies of more able ringers and, of course, no standards by which to judge their own style and execution. It is verily a matter for marvel that in such difficult and often discouraging circumstances work goes on with determination and incredible patience in the effort to master this elusive art of change-ringing and so minister the better to the service of the church they love so well. And the hearty welcome extended to the visitor is a sobering experience, bringing a tinge of sorrow that we have so much while they have so little.

And yet, have they so little?

It fell out that on the day following we stood among the quiet beauties of the Cathedral of Hereford, and there we fell in with Mr. Gittins who, having expounded for us some unusual features of the famous Mappa Mundi and shown to us some novel brass rubbings, offered us the freedom of the tower, and this at a time when no ordinary visitors were allowed to ascend. And so from the north transept we climbed the stair, traversed the roof vaulting to the triforium, and so aloft to the upper air.

The city lay below us free from smoke, and the spires of All Saints' and St. Nicholas' rose above the roofs. The river wound so peacefully about the fringe of the town that it seemed on this day to be asleep. Far to the east the Malvern Hills were a dim shadow, and the northern distances were lost in haze. But to the south were the great hills of the Wye: the hump of wooded Dinedor, the tricorn of Orcop dotted with the knobs of trees, and the vast symmetrical sweep of Garway crowned with a lonely ruin. This chain of magnificent upland led the eye away and away into the valley of Monnow, to the truncated crest of the Sugar Loaf and that seemingly impenetrable grey bastion of the Black Mountains. Down there, in the quiet loveliness of the Dulas Valley, was our little village, one of many such, living its quiet life out and away from the noise and bustle of industry, and ringing its bells to the best of its ability for the glory of God. They have, indeed, much that we cannot have.

What can we do to help them? Little, perhaps, directly. Our visit may provide encouragement to renewed effort, and there are, of course, books and pamphlets we may introduce them to. But the way is hard and the task formidable. Nevertheless, courage is high, and each hard-won success is greeted with joy. So, on the last night of our stay, as the sound of Ewyas bells comes sweetly to us round the angle of the Common and buffets back to us from the surrounding hills, we seem to hear in the familiar thirty changes a note of defiance, a manifestation, as it were, of indomitable will, a determination to win this struggle and to become change-ringers. May these efforts not go unrewarded.

E. C. S.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*MARGARET A. FLOYER	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	7
DENIS N. LAYTON	2	PETER P. BROWN	8
ALAN F. THIRST	3	JOHN ARMSTRONG	9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	10
*ROGER KEELEY	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	11
*PHILIP MEHEW	6	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal of Cinques. First peal on 12 bells for the Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	P. LESLIE PEARCE	6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	FRANK E. HANSFORD	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	8
MARY HALL	4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	9
HARRY BENNETT	5	ALAN A. HILLIAR	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of William H. Parker, a member of the St. Stephen's Guild, interred this day.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	*HUGH FALKNER	6
ELIZABETH BOWDEN	2	*ERNEST H. JEFFERIES	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	3	*†WILLIAM A. GODWIN	8
HILDA E. OATWAY	4	WILLIAM F. OATWAY	9
ROYDON DAVIES	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 4 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 56½ cwt.

*†ANTHONY J. SANGER	*Treble*	‡GWILYM SALMON	6
GEORGE FRANCIS	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	8
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
ERIC NAYLOR	5	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Royal. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5344 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
STEPHEN IVIN	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
EDMUND J. HOBBS	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
A wedding peal for Ruth and Peter Border.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 7. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*DOROTHY M. STAFFORD	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
SHIRLEY HARRIS	2	BERNARD GROVES	6
†CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ First in the method. First of Kent Treble Bob Major as conductor.
Rung on the eve of St. George's Day.

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TERRY EARLE	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of 'Spliced.'
A 21st birthday compliment to Alan R. Syder.

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On Sat., April 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD B. SCOOT	*Treble*	†FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	6
JACK S. DEAR	3	†EDWIN G. BUCK	7
*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 25th peal. † First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
WALTER RUFFLES	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 38). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
MRS. R. J. BOWDEN	2	*TERENCE T. JONES	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	†ALAN F. LEE	7
DAVID HEIGHTON	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

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Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	MALCOLM P. HAMMOND ..	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ..	2	THOMAS COOKE	6
*MARIE I. GOODSHIP ..	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
THOMAS M. COX	4	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOWLETT. Conducted by DORIS M. KILLINGLEY.
* First peal in the method.
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A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*JOHN A. COBB	*Treble*	DONALD E. COBB	5
BERNARD C. CASTLE ..	2	WALTER HUNT	6
MRS. B. C. CASTLE.. ..	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
†SYLVIA CASTLE	4	HAROLD SMITH	*Tenor*

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ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER	*Treble*	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ..	5
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ..	2	*DAVID A. CARPENTER ..	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	*J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by PAUL K. WILLIAMSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. F. W. Moyle, Rector from 1943 to 1957; died April 24th, 1958.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., April 30, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER W. MILLER	*Treble*	RUSSELL G. PARKER.. ..	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE ..	2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT ..	6
MURIEL R. PAGE	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
FRANK RUFFLES	4	WALTER RUFFLES	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to George A. Wightman, of Great Baddow.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Wed., April 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK..	*Treble*	JOHN S. SEAGER	5
*MARION ARCHER	2	*CYRIL RUSBY	6
IAN M. HOLLAND	3	GORDON K. CHADDOCK ..	7
MARGARET JOHNSON ..	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the birth of twin daughters to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. L. Gilbert.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in E.

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

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Homer Young and Miss Margaret Todd, only daughter of Mr. Alfred R. Todd, of Pulham Market Hall, a friend of ringers and responsible for the recent re-hanging of the bells.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Thurs., May 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	RUTH S. HODGSON	5
FRANK A. BARRETT	2	JAMES H. PAILING	6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	3	*FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
CHARLES COLES	4	DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Oxford Society.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	JOHN HILL	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE..	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
PATRICIA A. FORSTER ..	2	HAROLD TAYLOR..	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
ROGER BALDWIN..	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENIS R. CARLISLE and GORDON A. HALLS.
Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
First peal in the method by all, and for the Association.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Thompson.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HAROLD W. DUNSDEN ..	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
HENRY L. BISHOP	3	CLAUDE CORDEROY	7
ERNEST J. GRACE	4	CECIL CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal. Claude Corderoy has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Berthold A. Browning, priest, and Alec F. Pepall, churchwarden.

COLSTON BASSETT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	5
*MARY C. PAYNE	2	GEOFFREY PAUL..	6
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
GILES C. GALLEY	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	ANTHONY AGER	6
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS ..	3	PAUL J. RIGBY	7
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4	EDMUND MALIN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.
* First peal in the method.
An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Walker.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Sat., April 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5280 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

SAMPSON WALKLATE	*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE	4
EDWIN WALKLATE	2	*MICHAEL BLORE	5
JOHN F. MURFIN	3	EDWARD H. WILLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Michael Blore.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240's and 36 120's. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

DAVID BRUNNING	*Treble*	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	4
WILLIAM J. LEACH	2	BRIAN DAWSON	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	E. MARION KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Alan G. Foster, of St. Paul's Society, and Miss Valerie W. Smith, of the Winshill ringers, which took place at St. Mark's, Winshill, this day. Also a 22nd wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Leach.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G sharp.

*MARK ROWLAND	*Treble*	EDWIN WALKLATE	4
†MICHAEL KNIGHT	2	W. ARNOLD MORLEY	5
P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT	3	DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal away from a cover bell. † First of Bob Minor 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to F. Neville Pailing.

BOTTISHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*MICHAEL J. TESTER	*Treble*	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	3
CHARLES F. SARGEANT	2	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	4
ROGER J. PALMER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROGER J. PALMER.
* First peal. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., April 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*DAVID BRUNNING	*Treble*	†TIMOTHY D. BELBEN	4
*VERONA C. NAYLOR	2	ERIC EDGINTON	5
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

ERISWELL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., April 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb.

JOHN W. BANKS	*Treble*	*GEORGE JENNINGS	3
WILLIAM GOODSHIP	2	DOUGLAS ROWLAND	4
WILLIAM STANNARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM STANNARD.
* First peal. First on the bells since augmented.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROY BLACKLER	*Treble*	‡MICHAEL T. ROTHWELL	4
†PAULINE F. SPRACKLING	2	ALAN J. SMITH	5
BRIAN J. WYLDE	3	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. SMITH.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First 'inside.'

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ST. MATTHIAS, RICHMOND, GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

MARGARET A. WESTCOTT	*Treble*	GILLIAN NEAL SMITH	4
*JILL BARRON	2	JOHN D. ROCK	5
CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER	3	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH.
* First peal.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*R. BRENT WHERRY	*Treble*	JOHN R. KENNETT	4
*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
†CAROL FERNLEY	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in three methods. † First 'inside' and in three methods.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's Morris's and 34 extents (ten callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*ANITA MIDDLETON	*Treble*	JEAN HORTON	4
*GEORGIE SMITH	2	BEN FARHALL	5
†JACK NEWELL	3	*JIMMY MAPLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BEN FARHALL.
* First peal. † First peal for the Association.
Rung to mark the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Roger Plumpton Wilson as Bishop of Chichester the previous day.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	*Treble*	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	4
LEONARD B. SCOOT	2	JACK S. DEAR	5
DEREK P. JONES	3	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*

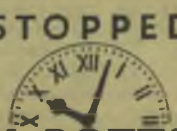
Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Grandsire and 32 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 4½ cwt. in C sharp.

*DAVID COUPERTHWAITE	*Treble*	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	3
†CHARLES F. SARGEANT	2	†W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	4
ROGER J. PALMER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.
* First peal. † First in two methods.

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WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*KENNETH RUTLAND	*Treble*	ROGER BALDWIN	4
*GEORGE A. HURD	2	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Roland T. Flint.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

ANN M. COX	*Treble*	†PETER G. SMART	4
*JOAN K. BEAZLEY	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
†PETER A. BIRD	3	†DOUGLAS A. R. MAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal. † First of Minor in more than one method.
Rung on the front six.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., April 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 960 each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, 720 Reverse St. Bartholomew and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

DAVID BRUNNING	*Treble*	ERIC EDGINTON	4
ALAN G. FOSTER	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
*TIMOTHY D. BELBEN	3	BRIAN DAWSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

KENNETH L. BROWN	*Treble*	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	4
MICHAEL J. STOKES	2	A. WILLIAM BIRD	5
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

First peal in four Minor methods as conductor.
Rung in honour of the marriage at St. Mark's, North Audley Street, London, on this day, of Captain the Hon. Richard Nicholas Crossley, 9th Queen's Royal Lancers, younger son of Lord and Lady Somerleyton, to Miss Alexandra Anne Maitland Welch, of Graffham, Sussex.

ADDINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	*Treble*	DOUGLAS THORP	4
*WILLIAM DIXON	2	HARRY WARD	5
PERCY WHITAKER	3	IRVIN SLACK	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells after retuning and rehanging in a new frame by Taylors.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

*HESCIL HONEYBALL	*Treble*	STANLEY G. HONEYBALL	4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	5
PETER MAYLE	3	WALTER PERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

* First peal.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 39 methods: (1) Dover, Balmoral, Skipton, Chepstow and Fotheringay Delight; (2) Ely, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (3) St. Werburg, Combermere, Crowland, Vale Royal, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; (4) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Morning Star Treble Bob and Disley Delight; (6) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood, Braintree and Humber Delight; (7) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple and Taxal Delight; 125 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	BERNARD GROVES	4
†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
*FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in 39 methods. † First in 39 methods 'inside.' The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Association. Average age 16½ years.
Rung on the occasion of the retirement of Mr. E. A. Needham from the offices of vicar's warden and P.C.C. treasurer after 15 years' service, and as a welcome to the new churchwardens, Mr. J. S. Wherrett and Mr. W. E. Colston.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	*ELEANOR ROSE	4
*LAVINIA HULFORD	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal at first attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 22, 1958, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 120 each of St. Osmund's and St. Remigius', 360 each of Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's and St. Nicholas', 600 each of St. Martin's and Winchendon Place, and 720 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER	1—2	A. SHEPPARD	3—4
		JOHN POTTS	5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT 4, RUSHTON DRIVE,
A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

In 22 methods, being 240 each of Reverse Shipway's Place Bob, Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Shipway's Place Bob, Blackburn Place Bob, Westminster II Bob, St. Hilary Bob, Coxwell Place Bob, St. Botolph Bob, Stedman Slow Course, St. Bartholomew's Bob, Reverse All Saints' Bob, St. Sebastian Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Osmund's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3—4
		WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of Doubles and first handbell peal in 22 methods by all, and for the Guild.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 29, 1958, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of Fundenhall, Haddiscoe Bob, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius', St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund's, and 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER	1—2	ALAN SHEPPARD	3—4
		*JOHN POTTS	5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* 25th peal.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. M. Border 1, L. M. Parker (first quarter) 2, C. S. Aylett 3, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 4, D. A. Carpenter 5, G. Gardner 6, P. Stone 7, P. Border 8.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with back two bells covering): G. Lonsdale (first away from tenor) 1, I. Attwater 2, L. Prior 3, S. Nelson (first 'inside') 4, L. Bullock (cond.) 5, J. Barrance 6, D. Runchman 7. For the patronal festival and for the birth of a daughter (Madeline Anne) to Barbara and John Barrance.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on April 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Atkinson 1, G. Wignall 2, A. Tomlinson 3, H. Anderton 4, T. Wilkinson 5, F. Hayes 6, M. J. Halliwell 7, J. R. Jordan (cond.) 8. A compliment to the conductor on his return to Bedfordshire.

BOW, E.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. G. Andrews 1, C. M. Meyer 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. A. Hughes 4, M. Hawkes 5, C. W. Ottley 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Edwards (first quarter) 1, R. Purnell (first quarter) 2, J. Lucas 3, G. Parsons 4, F. Box (cond.) 5, P. Gaisford 6. For special afternoon service.

BRAY, BERKS.—On May 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Bird 1, D. A. S. Hawkins 2, G. K. Dodd 3, W. S. Deason 4, B. J. Luff 5, T. A. Cross 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, A. P. Cannon 8. First quarter of Surprise Major on the bells.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Shackleton (first quarter) 1, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 2, F. J. Sampson 3, A. C. Baker 4, F. Skidmore 5, J. F. Pedler 6, R. G. Hooper 7, F. R. Hussey 8. For Holy Communion service.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 27th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. Brunning 1, G. L. Roobottom 2, W. J. Leach 3, Miss J. M. Key 4, A. G. Foster 5, Mrs. B. G. Key 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, T. D. Belben 8, G. Harrison 9, B. Dawson 10. First of Caters for 1, 4, 8 and 10. For Evensong.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Lamb 1, C. Gardiner 2, L. Hewitt 3, J. Riley 4, W. J. Smith 5, R. H. Stickley (cond.) 6, R. Laws 7, J. Ernstzen 8. First quarter in South Africa for No. 7. Rung for Evensong and as a tribute to the voluntary work of the late John Wood, both in the tower and in the other organisations connected with the parish to St. Mary's Woodstock.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on May 3rd, 1,312 Bob Major: Miss G. Evans (first quarter) 1, G. Marchant 2, T. Yeomans 3, J. Daniels 4, L. Hulbert 5, T. Petty (first quarter) 6, W. Dare 7, T. Lewis (first as cond.) 8. For the Festival of Wales.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Goodwin 1, Pamela Clarke 2, T. O. Greasley 3, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 4, J. D. Clarke 5. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On May 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss H. Talbot (first of Royal) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, R. Davies 4, E. W. Razzell 5, N. G. Steere (first of Royal) 6, G. H. Humphries 7, R. J. Abbott 8, W. F. Oatway 9, F. E. Collins (cond.) 10.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Bush 1, J. Baverstock 2, Miss E. Brown 3, P. Waterman 4, R. T. Jones 5, P. G. Morgan (cond.) 6. Longest length of Minor for 1 and 2. Rung for gift day.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Radcliff (first quarter) 1, Heather Hood 2, A. L. Bennett 3, E. A. Atkins 4, D. P. Roberts (cond.) 5, D. McCollough (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. Richard Churchward, former ringer and sexton, on his 90th birthday.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On May 1st, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative): E. Wadman 1, M. Rose 2, A. J. Sanger 3, R. J. Crago 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, D. E. Lee 7, G. Salmon 8. First quarter of Spliced Surprise Major by all.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Chaddock 1, Miss E. A. Wardill 2, F. Fisher 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, G. S. Lee 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. Rung on St. Mark's Day.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Gentleman 1, A. Benstead 2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3, J. Gentleman (first-quarter) 4, S. Brown 5. For Evensong.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. H. Hardy 1, A. Bates (cond.) 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. G. Braund 5, B. W. Aldridge 6. Rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. A. Bates, tower captain.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Chapman 1, B. Foster (first quarter) 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, D. Pearson (first quarter) 4, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 5, C. Richardson 6, A. Gibbs 7, H. Richardson 8. Rung for the institution and induction of Canon John Clifford Gill to the benefice of Finedon.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Jordan 1, G. W. Bishop 2, A. Sayers 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, D. Bosley 5, C. Corderoy 6, W. Corderoy 7, A. E. Gee 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Selwyn Caudwell, churchwarden and ringer at Harwell for many years, interred this day day at Harwell.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. B. Gilder (first quarter) 1, R. Clist 2, Mrs. D. Brookman (first quarter) 3, F. Farr 4, J. W. Smith (first as cond.) 5, L. Boyles 6. For Evensong.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Morrell 1, L. Mutter (first quarter) 2, D. Salter 3, D. Hart 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Hart (first quarter) 6. An all-Hemyock band except the conductor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 27th, 1,440 Minor (Single Court and Plain Bob): D. Armstrong (cond.) 1, R. Larkin 2, B. Mills 3, J. Meredith 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. For evening service.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On April 16th, 1,376 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Crozier 1, Miss S. Collins 2, A. Frost 3, D. James 4, F. Roe 5, A. Gibbs 6, B. Austin 7, G. Watson (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Anderson Y. Tyler, aged 88, of Irthlingborough, who passed away the previous day.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): B. Dawson 1, Miss V. C. Naylor 2, E. Edginton 3, Mrs. B. G. Key 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, W. Leach 6.

KIRKHEATON, YORKS.—On May 4th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Smith (15) 1, D. Ingleby 2, Miss C. Dearnley (15) 3, W. Sykes 4, R. Mitchell 5, R. Senior (cond.) 6. First of Oxford by local band. For Confirmation service.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Conquest 1, L. G. Lee 2, J. R. Jordan 3, D. Manger 4, H. B. Whitney 5, Miss V. Willard 6, E. J. Conquest 7, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 8. For J. H. Conquest's 46th wedding anniversary. Also on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, H. B. Whitney 2, R. Butcher 3, Miss V. Willard 4, E. J. Conquest 5, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 6, R. Woodruff 7, W. Insley 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Eleanor Brownsworth, 35 years a member of the local band.

LONDON, S.E.—At St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. J. Mead 1, R. J. Chance 2, H. G. Andrews 3, A. E. Hoare 4, F. P. Mead 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, F. A. Ranson 8.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (being 60 Original, and 120 each of Reverse Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Norfolk Pleasure, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; Southrepps Pleasure and Clifford Pleasure): J. A. Long 1, J. I. Wilcox 2, B. D. Sims 3, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 4, R. I. Thomas 5, G. R. Elliott 6. For Evensong. Also on May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Chas. Goulding 1, J. I. Wilcox 2, B. D. Sims 3, D. A. Hoult 4, R. I. Thomas 5, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6. For the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Foster 1, J. Alwyn Taylor 2, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 3, A. Smith (jun.) 4, M. Fishwick 5, D. Butterworth (cond.) 6. A compliment to Barbara Foster and Allan Smith on the occasion of their engagement.

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On April 28th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Smith (cond.) 1, G. Perrin 2, F. White 3, H. B. Schofield 4, A. Farrand 5, A. G. Bennett 6. In memoriam Ralph Walker, a ringer of Mossley Parish Church. Rung by Friezland ringers.

OXFORD.—On April 24th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,320 Undershaft Doubles: C. R. C. Coussmaker 1, F. A. Barnett 2, Daphne Cloke 3, R. A. Jackson 4, D. J. Roaf 5, R. B. James (first quarter) 6. First in the method by all. Rung with best wishes for an early recovery to J. G. Pusey.

PENDLEBURY, LANCS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jacks 1, B. Rothwell 2, J. Froome 3, R. Bagnall 4, A. Lomas 5, J. Thornley 6, N. Tompkins (cond.) 7, C. Cooper 8. A welcome to Glyn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cooper.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Berry 1, P. Hart 2, F. W. Elliott 3, H. A. Bradbury 4, M. Hatchett 5, D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 6. Correction to quarter, May 2nd issue.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Rosemary G. Hicks 1, A. J. Hicks 2, Noreen Winter 3, Maisie Vantom 4, J. Small (first of Triples 'inside') 5, E. P. Bryant 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, L. Terry 8. First of Triples for 1 and 3. Rung for St. George's Day.

SEND, SURREY.—On April 26th, 1,440 Doubles (being 120 each of Plain Bob, Old, April Day, Kennington, St. Simon's, Cassington, St. Alban's, Eynsham, St. Martin's, St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. Leonard's): Anne Lepper 1, Jill Lane 2, P. Bird 3, D. May (cond.) 4, P. Smart 5, L. Bond 6. Also 1,260 Doubles, being 60 of Stedman (cond., Anne Lepper 1) and 120 each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury (cond. P. Bird 2), Reverse St. Bartholomew, Dedworth, April Day (cond. Jill Lane 3), St. Miles', Winchendon Place, St. John's (cond., P. Smart 4), Plain Bob and Grandsire (cond., D. May 5) (with L. Bond 6).

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Nixon 1, N. Buckland 2, Mrs. J. Gray 3, R. Brocklehurst 4, W. Naylor (first as cond.) 5, J. Laver 6. For evening service.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On May 4th, at Immanuel Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss D. Crowe 1, M. Wiliamson 2, G. Parsons 3, J. Cook 4, R. Hinde 5, E. Talbot 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. First of Double Norwich by 1 and 2.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Violet I. E. Relf 1, W. P. Tickner 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, W. Prior 4, P. Relf 5, P. Barnes 6, M. P. Orpin (first quarter) 7, A. E. Gorham 8. For Evensong.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Scott 1, C. Wade 2, W. Whitmore 3, L. Witten 4, G. Jeffs 5, A. Richardson 6, G. Bush 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8.

TREETON, YORKS.—On April 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Wardell 1, J. Seagar 2, J. Chaddock 3, I. Holland 4, C. Rushy 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Digby 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss I. Peacock 3, M. C. Austin 4, F. V. Gant 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8, T. East 9, T. Pearson (first on 10) 10. For morning service.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Yates 1, G. C. J. Wakefield 2, Shirley Scott 3, G. Northwood 4, D. M. Sawyer 5, O. T. Northwood (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Charles E. Hurd, who died on April 26th.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Coulson (first quarter, 13) 1, J. Groom (first 'inside,' 13) 2, Miss D. Gibson (16) 3, V. Headland 4, B. Coulson (cond., 18) 5, C. M. Bosworth (12) 6. Rung by local band for Evensong.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ballam 1, G. Prescott (cond.) 2, R. J. Brennen 3, Miss S. Llewellyn 4, D. Hawkins 5, W. Lovell 6. First quarter in method by all except conductor.

130 MILES IN LANCASHIRE

Nine ringers had an enjoyable trip in two cars, covering a distance of 130 miles on April 19th. The starting point was Heywood, and one young enthusiast was so eager for the fray that he arrived at one house before the driver of one of the cars had left his bed!

The first tower was the R.C. Church of St. Mary (8), Chorley, and then the main A6 road was followed to Brindle—a completely concealed village and a church containing two bells cast about A.D. 1300 in its ring of six. At Kirkham there are two churches—the Parish Church of St. Michael and the R.C. Church of St. John.

From Kirkham the route led to the heart of the Fylde District; and the delightful eight of St. Anne's, which were only cast about two years ago, were well worth a visit. A short stay at Blackpool allowed sufficient time to ring at Holy Trinity, South Shore, and St. John's, North Shore. At St. Chad's, Poulton-le-Fylde, the ringing from the ground floor drew the attention of a mixed audience.

The six at Singleton and also St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale (8), were visited, and at the latter tower a spot of excitement was provided by the rope of the seventh breaking. The best ringing of the day came at All Saints', Higher Walton. Unfortunately, the tourists arrived late at St. Laurence's, Chorley; had they been on time they would have managed the 12 towers.

Ringing included Plain Bob, Little Bob, Duffield, Kent and Oxford Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and various Minor methods including Cambridge. Thanks are accorded to the organiser, drivers and people who gave permission to ring.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

In spite of the College Youths' spring meeting at Cambridge there was a good attendance at the Northern District meeting at Hinxworth on May 3rd. After the ringing, the Rev. V. Roos conducted the service and Mrs. Roos played the harmonium.

They stopped for tea, but not the business meeting, at which Mr. L. Blackburn (Pirton) and Miss J. Harris (St. Ippolyts) were elected ringing members. The election of Mr. I. Oram (Lee, London) was confirmed. Next month's meeting will be at Knebworth. Because of the poor attendance last time, only those who send their names to Mr. Marks will be able to have tea. It is hoped that many will come.

More ringers arrived later, and methods of all kinds were enjoyed, including the special method, Ipswich Surprise Minor. J. S.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The fine weather brought many visitors from distances to the spring meeting of the Andover District, held at Longparish on April 19th. The Rector (the Rev. Mr. Agg-Sage) conducted the service and presided at the business meeting which followed tea. Eight new honorary members were elected on the proposition of Mr. Wimpey, of Abbot's Ann, bringing his total to 20; surely a record for a small village. Future events are: Meeting at Abbot's Ann on July 19th and practice meeting on May 31st at four towers—St. Marybourne, Whitchurch (tea), Longparish and Hurstbourne Priors. Evening ringing included that on the heavy six at Hurstbourne Priors.

THE VETERAN OF KERESLEY, WARWICKS

Starting to ring in 1899 when 14 years of age, Mr. Walter Ensor rang call-changes until 1937 when the leadership of St. Thomas' Church, Keresley, was given to the late Charles Webb. By no little effort on Mr. Webb's part, the band was taught to ring Grandsire, and Walter became a good treble ringer. His only peal was Grandsire Doubles in 1939, with his brother-in-law, Sid Oughton, and his nephew, Jack Oughton, calling from the tenor.

Because of indifferent health at the end of the war, Walter gave up ringing until six years ago. With his health better he has been a punctual and regular attender twice on Sundays ever since. He despaired of getting beyond the observation bell in Grandsire, but the writing out of whole six-scores and the encouragement of more experienced ringers enabled him to master the method. Unfortunately, an injury to a shoulder prevents his hands rising at back-stroke as of yore.

As his 73rd birthday approached he expressed a wish to ring to mark the occasion. On April 29th a quarter of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by Miss T. I. Bowcutt 1, W. A. Stote (conductor) 2, W. Ensor 3, H. Folwell 4, R. D. Hart 5. There were only two clips to mar the performance. Well done, Walter! May he be spared for many years to come to carry out the task he loves, of ringing the bells of Keresley on Sundays. W. A. S.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On April 27th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Baillie (first quarter) 1, S. Ann Thoday 2, H. M. Williamson 3, Helen M. Thoday 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, D. J. R. Martin 6, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 7, P. J. Spice 8. For the Scout service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. C. W. Denyer, of Farnham, is the new Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, succeeding Mr. A. Harman who has held the office for 15 years. The unsuccessful nominee at the Guildford Diocesan Guild annual meeting on Saturday was Mr. Harold Pitstow. In recognition of his services, Mr. Harman was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

The peal of 5,058 Stedman Caters (see page 299) starts at backstroke.

The quarter peal of Undershaft rung at Oxford may well be the first in the method. The calling is confined to 'Go' and 'That's all,' and this is felt to be too small a job to designate anyone as conductor. The initial impetus was given by Mr. J. G. Pusey.

The Ladies' Guild scored another peal last Friday at Ash, Surrey—of Plain Bob Minor, called by Miss Ann N. Cox. It is believed to be the first peal for the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild.

The band who rang 39 Spliced Treble Bob Minor at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, on May 3rd, would like to claim that they are the youngest band to ring a peal of 'Spliced.' The average age was 16¼ years, and the band included three 14-year-olds and a 15-year old!

Secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild since 1938, Mr. G. L. Grover retired on Saturday. The new hon. secretary and treasurer is Mr. S. Russell, of Orchard Cottage, Ash Hill Road, Ash. Miss R. Hide replaces Miss W. Oliver as assistant hon. secretary.

In honour of the Festival of Wales a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at St. John's Church, Cardiff, on May 3rd, but after the end of the third part someone entered the belfry and attention was diverted, with the resulting loss of concentration and the peal.

Mr. D. Hoare, of 13, Coombend, Radstock, Bath, is the new diocesan secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Mr. Roger O. Fry, who had held the office for five years, received honorary life membership as a tribute to his work at the Association's annual meeting at Minehead.

From the latest copy of 'Ringing Towers' to reach our office, Melbourne ringers, after a visit to Ballaarat Town Hall, are confident that a peal could be scored on these bells.

Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe, of 66, Rockfield Road, Fairfield, Buxton, hopes to arrange a young ringers' tour in Oxfordshire this year (with peals). Teenage ringers interested are asked to communicate with him.

We welcome back to our peal columns Mr. C. F. Sargeant, of Burwell, Cambs. He has made a remarkable recovery from his serious road accident last September. His ringing friends wish him many more happy peals.

Mr. Claude Corderoy, who 'completed the circle' when ringing the seventh in the peal at Blewbury, Berks, on May 3rd, is the first Blewbury ringer to do so. The only other ringer ever to 'complete the circle' was the late R. G. (Dick) Rice, who did so in June, 1924, nearly 34 years ago.

Leigh Sinton handbell team by their latest tune ringing performance at the Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston, completed their 150th engagement. The team have been ringing together continuously for nine years. The fine-toned two-octave ring of bells was made by Mr. Frank Barnett, the leader. By the efforts of the team some years ago over £70 was raised towards the rehanging of the bells of Leigh Church, of which they are ringers, and also are members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

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THE annual general meeting was held at Barrow-in-Furness on April 26th. The day's proceedings commenced with ringing at St. Mary's (10), Dalton-in-Furness, St. Mary's (6), Ulverston, and St. James' (8), Barrow-in-Furness.

The annual service was held in St. James's School and was conducted by the Rev. C. P. Stannard, assisted by his curate. The president (Rev. R. D. St. John Smith) read the lesson.

Tea was enjoyed in St. James's Parish Hall, after which the annual meeting was held. Apologies were received from C. W. Blakey, Peter Crook, the Rev. P. T. Robbins and P. H. Derbyshire.

A comprehensive report on the Woodhouse ringing machine was given by Mr. Cyril Crosthwaite, and was accepted.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Mr. P. H. Derbyshire was the successful candidate for vice-president, for a term of two years. There was only one nomination for general secretary—Mr. F. Dunkerley, and the president duly declared him elected. Mr. Dunkerley assured the meeting that he would work for the best interests of the Association, and thanked the members for their renewed confidence.

The report of the committee, which was accepted, stated the matter of the broadcast of Priory Church bells, Lancaster, was left in the hands of the president, the committee voicing their disapproval of bells being rung electrically.

The Association's membership was made up as follows: Hon. life members 66, new 3; non-resident members 572, new 26; ringing members 1,118, new 106.

The ringing secretary's report for 1957 stated that a total of 117 peals had been rung, a slight increase on last year. One peal of Plain Bob Major published was not claimed in the total, reducing the number to 116. Twenty-eight members rang their first peal, 133 their first in some particular method or on higher numbers or 'in hand'; 258 members took part in the total and 39 shared in conducting.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were offered to Messrs. F. Dunkerley on ringing his 200th peal for the Association, E. C. Birkett his 175th, C. Crosthwaite and T. Barker their 125th, C. Clegg his 100th, B. A. Tomlinson, N. Smith, A. Capstick, G. E. Braithwaite, A. V. Williams and Miss M. Walshaw their 50th.

Firsts in the method for the Association were Huncoat Alliance Bob Major and Hereward Bob Major, St. James's, Accrington; Langley S.M., St. Nicholas', Liverpool; Belgrave S.M. ('in hand'), Yorkshire S.M. ('in hand'), Manchester; Ashbourne College Bob Major, St. James's, Birch-in-Rusholme. The report was accepted. The balance sheet and auditors' report was accepted.

It was resolved that 'Any member with 50 years' unbroken membership in the Association will automatically become a life member.'

The following ringing members were transferred to life membership: Mr. George Staff, Milnrow, Mr. Thomas Johnson, Padiham, and Mr. Herbert Davenport, Walsden.

Mr. Ivan Kay, on behalf of the Rochdale Branch, invited the Association to hold their next annual general meeting at Todmorden on the last Saturday in April, 1959, which was accepted.

A vote of thanks was proposed to all those who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

IRISH ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS



Mr. William Pratt, of Holywood, Co. Down, the president of the Irish Association of Change Ringers, sends the following message of greeting to Mr. Frederick Sharpe (president) and the members of the Central Council:—

Dear Mr. Sharpe,—As president of the Irish Association of Change Ringers I wish, on behalf of the Executive Council and the members, to extend to you and the Central Council a most hearty welcome to Ireland for your annual meeting. As this is the first of the Central Council, we hope that it will be well attended and that you have a pleasant meeting.

I can assure you that the Irish ringers are looking forward to your visit, and also that they will do all in their power to make this a memorable occasion. You can be sure of an Irish welcome wherever you go.

We hope this visit will give your ringers an opportunity of meeting the ringers of this country and that it may induce more parties to visit us during the summer. The general and District secretaries will be very glad to make arrangements for any bands who decide to have a ringing tour in Ireland.

Except in the cities, the towers for ringing are fairly scattered about, but as some compensation there is very pretty country to see.

Change ringing is not widely practised here, though most towers are interested; the main difficulty is lack of suitable instructors in remote areas: this visit should give greatly increased interest in change ringing.—Yours sincerely,

WM. PRATT.

Funeral Of The Rev. G. C. Seymour Metford

The funeral service for the Rev. G. C. Seymour Metford, Vicar of Shrivenham for 26 years, whose death at the age of 64 was briefly recorded in our last issue, took place on May 3rd. The Lord Bishop of Reading officiated and the congregation of 300 people which filled the church included many ringing friends. Miss M. Cross (general secretary) represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The bells were rung muffled as the procession walked to Shrivenham Cemetery for the interment.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Final Arrangements For The Dublin Meeting

HEADQUARTERS.—Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, Dublin. All ringers and friends will be welcome at headquarters during the week-end and after the Council meeting.

WHITSUN TUESDAY.—Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30 a.m. Council meeting in the Synod Hall at 10 a.m. Members are asked to sign the roll and be in their places by 9.45 a.m.

Tea, by kind invitation of Bord Failte Eireann, at 5 p.m.

Two rooms have been reserved at Headquarters for a social gathering at 8 p.m.

Members should have received a detailed list of all ringing and other arrangements which has kindly been prepared by the Irish Association. Any member who has not had a copy please contact Mr. F. E. Dukes.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

THE final contest in the striking competition for the Murphy Cup took place at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on May 3rd, and was won by St. Peter's, Drogheda, with 39 faults, followed by Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick (the holders), 50 faults, and St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast, 53 faults. The judges were Messrs. W. Pratt, F. Bogan and H. Johnson, and the Ringing Masters were Miss Jean Stewart and Mr. Cyril Galbraith. The cup was presented by Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

The executive council also met at Christ Church and adopted the annual report and statement of accounts. A reference to the Central Council's visit stated that a Dublin committee consisting of one representative from each Dublin tower was dealing with local arrangements. A good response had been received from various towers by way of promises of financial help and general co-operation. 'The Council's visit coincides with the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the Irish Association, which has never been so strong, and we trust that the Council's visit will result in a resurgence of change-ringing in Ireland and a knitting of friendships which will last for time immemorial.'

The membership of the Association on December 31st was life 31, honorary 4, ringing 351, non-resident 120; total 490.

The report of the 'Irish Bell News' stated that although the Irish circulation dropped the 'foreign' circulation was up. A balance of 4s. 7½d. was carried forward.

The following were elected to the various offices: President, William Pratt, Holywood; vice-presidents, David Benson, Harold Johnson and the Rev. E. G. Parke; Master and librarian, Robert S. F. Murphy, P.C.; general secretary, Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath; badge secretary, J. T. Dunwoody; auditors, R. W. Smyth and W. E. Bovenizer; editorial committee, 'Irish Bell News,' F. E. Dukes (editor), Miss J Stewart, G. Bingham and Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

Both From Same School

The election of Mr. H. Neill to the Mastership of the Cambridge University Guild, announced last week, would seem to herald a period of unprecedented calm between the two University Societies, since he and the Master of the Oxford University Society (Mr. R. N. Pittman) are both Old Brentwoods and ringing members of the S.W. District of the Essex Association. They hope to organise a 'school' peal this summer, and ask any O.B. ringer, of whom they do not know, to contact either of them.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Annual Tour, April 5th to 11th

THIS year's tour was based on Bath, and we arrived cold and miserable, especially after Cassandra had disclosed that a peal of 10-spliced Surprise Major rung at the end of the previous term had been proved false. After a visit to the Baths, the evening was taken up by the bridge fiends, who played most nights until after midnight. All praise, however, to the two bridge players who on Easter Sunday attended the 7 a.m. service at Bath Abbey. The Abbey is now having a wash and brush up and looks very fine.

After breakfast we rang at Bathwick, where the lateness of the sixth was impressed on its ringer, and the Abbey, where an ex-Master was seen hanging on the tenor rope unable to pull the bell off. Another group went to Weston and found that Cambridge and London were both after the bells in August, and a further group visited St. Saviour's Church. During the rest of the day long walks over the surrounding hills and visits to the Roman Baths were taken and paid. In the evening most members visited Twerton, where we were welcomed by Roger Fry. He was a great help to the Society and he joined us for other days.

IN PAIRS

On Monday we set off a little late towards Wiltshire. We rang first on the Holy Trinity bells at Bradford-on-Avon. The raise was delayed by a suspected fault in the clock mechanism, and we explored a beautiful Saxon church. It was on leaving Bradford that we realised our organiser could not count, and we arranged ourselves in pairs so that one would prevent the coach leaving the other behind. But even this was not enough. On Wednesday Roger Fry found a lost bus wandering down the London road which had left Colin behind. When Colin was found and the coach came to pick the main party up, it left without our engaged couple. No one noticed until they turned up at the first tower and were asked: 'Why did you stay in the churchyard so long? We wanted you for Spliced.'

To return to Monday: we rang next at Melksham before and after a service. The unexpected service was welcomed by coffee drinkers, but it shortened the available time on the bells, which at 18 cwt. were a weight we were used to (the average weight was 27 cwt.). Later at Trowbridge the 12 Cambridge Maximus ringers looked at one another and insisted on ringing Little Bob. We tried to get lunch in Trowbridge but a Bank Holiday had closed all the cafes. Most of us had sandwiches in a pub with draught cider at 9d. a pint.

In the afternoon we rang at Westbury. The sight of the belfry alone is worth a visit as it is beautifully kept and decorated. The sound of the bells is excellent, too, but they need a good band to ring Cambridge. One member was offered dinner by Roger Fry because he said that he could ring Cambridge better at Twerton. We finished by ringing at Mells and Wellow—another well-kept belfry with a 21 cwt. tenor which goes like 12, except when turning round, as was demonstrated in a course of London.

A WEDDING PEAL

The next day we marked Wilf and Peter's marriages with a peal of Stedman Caters at Evercreech. Bill Jackson, after a mysterious false start, and an attempt to make us ring 5,017 changes, called an excellent 5,019. The band was mainly of old members, but Colin and Dermot scored their first peals on ten bells.

Meanwhile, the coach visited Ditcheat and Shepton Mallet before returning to pick the peal band up. The band was found just starting lunch (and a good lunch, too), so we were rather late at Yeovil. But we scored a course of Cambridge Royal and our usual Stedman Caters. (One girl rang by her own choice nothing in two days but Stedman and a single course of London.) We then moved on to Queen Camel bells, which were greatly enjoyed. Bill Jackson turned the tenor in and we ended with a beautiful lower, except that the ringer of the fourth made ineffectual efforts to chime his bell, saying: 'It's too heavy.'

A DISGRACEFUL EXHIBITION

In the evening we visited Bath Abbey, and another ex-Master was seen vainly hanging on the tenor rope. This tower saw the one disgraceful exhibition of the tour, for when a band for Stedman Caters was assembled they pulled off in the order 12345617238954×61, etc., and even when order was restored and we started changes it was not long before the conductor had to call off the unequal struggle. Even when the peal band took hold the improvement was only slight, and we had the mortification of seeing the local ringers having no difficulty. Fortunately a course of Bristol and a bob course of Grandsire saved our reputation. Later David Hoare entertained us with tape-recordings of the Abbey and other musical rings.

Next day, after a good ring at Twerton, we rang at Chewton Mendip. Here, after two breakdowns in Ealing, we replaced the ringers on 7-8 and went through a course well struck except for the fourth and fifth leads, where the seventh rang Lindum. These bells were excellent but we had to move on. The Wykehamists insisted on culture by seeing a Cheddar cave, taking with them a stooge who is always being asked if he is a Wykehamist (manners makyth man?). The rest of the party went on for lunch in Wells where they found crowded cafes. The result was that the deviationists arrived (after eating bread and Cheddar cheese on the bus) at St. Cuthbert's before the believers in promptitude. We rang next for service in the Cathedral and greatly enjoyed a half-course of Cambridge Royal. We returned via Radstock where the bells were a pleasant reminder of the previous O.U.S. tour of Somerset.

On Thursday, leaving Shirley Rymer behind with a poisoned finger, we rang at Chew Magna and Wrington before going to Yatton, where we admired the tone of the seventh (dated 1451) and the view from the truncated spire. In the afternoon a jaded band attempted a peal of Cambridge at Backwell. They failed. Reunited, we had supper in Bristol and then rang at Corston. Here Ruth How rang the tenor to Oxford Bob Triples, and we were able to re-acclimatise ourselves to light bells.

Even the bridge fiends were too tired to play that night, but your correspondent, in an effort to obtain more spicy copy, swapped gossip until 1 a.m. Unfortunately, he cannot recall any of it. So ended a memorable tour. We would thank Colin Taylor, Roger Fry and all our hosts in Somerset for a wonderful week.

OXON.

RESTORATION

Orsett, Essex

On April 19th a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells of St. Giles and All Saints', Orsett, was conducted by the Archdeacon of Southend (Ven. W. N. Welch). The large congregation included the Lord Lieutenant of Essex (Sir Francis Whitmore), accompanied by Lady Whitmore, Mr. John Crampion (Master of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association) and Mr. Frank Gant (hon. secretary, Essex Association). The bells were rung both before and after the service, and there were many favourable comments on their handiness.

The work was by Mr. Harry Parkes, of Mears and Stainbank, who has worked miracles with the old, rough-going six.

The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon, who quoted from the last three paragraphs of Mr. Heazel's letter in the Essex Association report, urging ringers to set a living example within the Church. The organist (Mr. L. Shaw) tape-recorded some of the ringing, which was played back to the ringers before they left the church.

About ten young people are at present receiving instruction on a tied bell, and it is hoped soon to be able to ring the bells for Sunday service.

J. E. H.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

One of the most popular fixtures of the year of the Sheffield and District Society was that held at St. Leonard's, Thrybergh, on May 3rd, when several towers competed for the Society's silver cup. The teams assembled in bright sunshine outside the pleasant church, and ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. A high standard of ringing was maintained by all the bands.

The very refreshing tea provided by the local lady ringers was followed by the business meeting, during which the judges (Mr. J. Thorley and Mr. S. Scattergood) announced the results of the afternoon's contest. The order of the first three was as follows: Handsworth, Rotherham and Sheffield Cathedral. The Vicar (Rev. J. K. Dixon, M.A.) presented the cup to Mr. J. E. Turley, owing to the absence of the Ringing Master (Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert) who had to leave early.

After the meeting the ringing was continued in a variety of methods, and Mr. F. Brunt was congratulated on the ability of his latest recruits who rang rounds and call-changes, the youngest of them being nine years old.

The next meeting will be held at Penistone on June 7th.

S. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POWER OF CO-OPTION

Dear Sir,—Mr. Wilfrid Wilson is mistaken in thinking that 'The Ringing World' Committee has not the power to co-opt members. The minutes of the 1951 meeting held at Chester recorded that 'It was also agreed to appoint a new committee, consisting of J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke and H. J. Poole, with power to co-opt.' Mr. R. S. Anderson was co-opted under this authority in 1954.

The specific mention of this power in Rule 11 (2) relating to the Standing Committee arises from the fact that this rule reproduces part of a standing committee's report made in 1933. It was added to the Council's rules in 1956 as the result of a recommendation of the Handbook Sub-committee in 1955.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,
Secretary to the Council.

IRISH ASSOCIATION — N.R.L. MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—At the meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association of Change Ringers, held in Dublin on May 3rd, it was decided that the names of any non-resident life members whose whereabouts are unknown should be removed from the books at the end of the present year.

Will any person knowing the present whereabouts of the following communicate with me, and at the same time give present address: P. Davis (Lichfield), R. Judd (Gloucester), W. and R. Simpson (Framlingham), G. A. Smith (Tunstall), W. G. Thompson (Tunstall), W. Wakeley (Dawlish) and J. W. Washbrook, jun. (Manchester).—Yours, etc.,

FRED E. DUKES.

Meadow Cottage,
Julianstown, Co. Meath.

CARTER'S ODD-BOB PEAL

Dear Sir,—With regard to the composition of 5,040 Stedman Triples by J. Carter, published in 'The Ringing World' No. 2,455 (April 18th, 1958, page 255), as part of Mr. E. Jenkins' letter on this subject, prompts me to ask if this is, after all, the real or original odd-bob peal. I do not believe it is, because of its opening course, which contains a run of four calls.

On page 68 of the Davies 'Stedman,' published in the Snowdon series (my copy dated 1903), is an odd-bob peal accompanied by two descriptive paragraphs, the first of which begins: 'Some considerable time after this chapter was written, Mr. Carter sent the following peal . . .' The second begins: 'In this interesting, original and exceedingly able peal there are never more than three calls in succession.'

This composition is repeated in Trollope's 'Stedman' on page 58, and contains 420 calls, the number of calls in the recently-published peal is 421. In the Davies/Trollope peal, there is a course-calling designated 'E,' i.e., bobs at 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, which is not included in the latter peal (the misprint in this having been noted).

So we have by the same composer two distinct and intricate peals, each claiming the title of 'Carter's Odd-Bob.' Which has the soundest claim?—Yours truly,

FRANK E. DARBY.

Croydon.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, Jean Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, L. Runnacles 4, S. H. Ashton 5, P. W. Croft 6. Also on April 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jean Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, K. Timbury 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

YOUTH MUST BE TRAINED

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Cooke, may well ask 'What of the night?' What, indeed! Is it not obvious that any band which for years will tolerate nothing but the best, is undermining the chances of its own existence? I do not advocate the tolerance of inferior ringing, but surely any band that is to survive these periods of darkness, described in Mr. Cooke's letter, must be forever fortifying its ranks with new blood and, as a result, must be prepared to accept a lower standard of performance.

There are, alas, a number of bands of ringers, renowned for their abilities, in whose towers the clappers are never tied. They have no need to teach the rudiments of ringing, drawing their recruits, as they do, from the less accomplished bands in their locality. But for the majority it must always be a question of teaching an endless stream of learners in order to maintain a strong and proficient band. It is, I feel, also very important that several age groups should be represented so that when internal strife besets a band, as it has at Branston, the chances are that only certain sections will be affected.

Therefore, Mr. Cooke, I challenge you, and your few remaining colleagues, to forget the standards of the past, which, in the circumstances, can stand for very little, and train a new band, drawing your recruits from the youth which abounds in all our parishes. Then, and only then, can the darkness be overcome.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN VERNON.

Stoney Stanton.

FIRST LADIES' PEAL IN SUFFOLK

Dear Sir,—May I correct the statement made in the report of the Suffolk Guild's annual general meeting concerning the first ladies' peal to be rung in Suffolk—this was rung 20 years ago on July 17th, 1938, at Higham St. Mary in Suffolk and was conducted by Hilda Snowden and myself.

It is correct to say that the peal at Polstead (the one referred to in the report) was the first all-ladies' peal for the Suffolk Guild, ours having been rung for the Ladies' Guild to mark the inauguration of a new Eastern District.—Yours faithfully,

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

Grundisburgh.

HILLINGDON PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am much obliged to Miss Overend for her explanation of the curious way in which the date was written on the Hillingdon peal tablet. My friend, Frank Blagrove, had offered a somewhat similar solution. I can assure Miss Overend that the date on the tablet was 1737/8. The original writing has now been cleaned off, the tablet restored and it awaits the signwriter.—Yours sincerely,

FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

Iver Heath.

BELFRY PRAYERS

Dear Sir,—I have had so many requests for copies of the above that I have had to duplicate extra copies. These contain an additional six prayers, making 15 in all.

I will gladly send copies to anyone who forwards a stamped addressed envelope. —Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER GUILD OF RINGERS' OUTING

The annual outing of the Gloucester Guild of Ringers took place on Easter Monday in the form of a tour of Warwickshire and Oxfordshire.

At the first tower, St. Lawrence's Church, Bidford-on-Avon (8, tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb.), the bells were raised in peal and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round successfully.

Unfortunately the day's worst ringing took place at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick (8), and we must apologise to the Warwick community for any discomfort which they suffered when our learners were ringing. We hope that the following touch of Major appeased them. Lunch was had at Warwick and then we made our way to Southam (8), where much better ringing took place and Triples and Major were rung quite well.

On then to Banbury, where, after tea, the day's best ringing took place on the ten at St. Mary's Church. Caters, Major and Triples were rung well here, which was quite surprising, as many had not rung on ten before. A very fine lower in peal followed and concluded the day's ringing. Finally, at a very nice country hostelry many members refreshed themselves and joined in a glorious sing-song with one or two of the 'locals.'

Our grateful thanks are due to our secretary (Miss Peggy Clark) and the chairman (Mr. Michael Ling), who made a wonderful job in organising the outing. P. T. H.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Activities

A well-attended quarterly meeting was held at Kingston Seymour (6) on April 19th, with a service conducted by the Rector (Rev. P. W. R. Rowlands).

Following the usual 'high standard' tea (which we always get in this corner of the Branch), the Rector presided at the business meeting, and his ample store of humorous anecdotes enlivened the proceedings. One new member from Yatton and three from Wrington were elected. Subject to permission, the next quarterly meeting will be at Portishead in July, with practices for May and June at Weston-in-Gordano and Chew Magna respectively. Mr. L. Derrick suggested that a collection should be taken at quarterly meetings to be given to the church visited, and this was agreed.

The Branch Corporate Communion was held at Wrington on April 27th, and the ringing was of a high standard. The large company of ringers joined the parishioners for Communion, when the celebrant was the Rector (Rev. B. Lee). We were joined at an excellent breakfast in the parish room by one of the churchwardens, and a special word of welcome was also accorded to our newly-appointed general secretary. Ringing was afterwards resumed for the 11.15 a.m. service. M. J. H.

SUMMER COURSE WANTED

Dear Sir,—To help those, as myself, who can only ring one method, would it not be possible to run an annual summer course on change ringing? If the course lasted a week and was held in the mornings at the centre of some popular holiday area people would then be able to couple it with their holidays. Of course, it would have to be divided into advanced and elementary methods, at least, but I should think that such a course would prove very popular.—Yours sincerely,

K. G. E. WANNELL.

R.A.F., Jever.

THE CENTENARY OF BIG BEN II.

By RANALD CLOUSTON

(Continued from page 305)

Sir Charles Barry, the architect of the new Palace, fixed the weight of Big Ben I, but he did not appear to have realised that a bell of about 14 tons would have a diameter of 9 ft. or so and would thus require a shaft in the tower of at least 9 ft. by 9 ft. The shaft he designed and which had then been built was 11 ft. 4 in. by 8 ft. 2 in., and so Big Ben could not be raised in a normal mouth-downwards position, and worse—the bell had to be specially designed so that the overall height was less than 8 ft. This allowed Big Ben to be put on his side in a timber cradle and with the timber protective lining of the shaft fit into the 8 ft. 2 in. dimension of the latter. This cradle was then hoisted up with a specially made 1,600 ft. chain and a winch at the top of the tower. Each link of the chain was individually tested and the winch was operated by eight men. The hoisting started on October 12th, and in 32 hours the bell had been raised the 190 feet to the clock chamber; there the bell was removed from the cradle and put mouth downwards and then hoisted the further 40 feet to the frame.

The four quarter bells had been tuned by Warners to suit the new Big Ben and had already been mounted in the frame. The third quarter bell, an octave above Big Ben, still shows evidence of being turned in a lathe in the soundbow.

A light clapper was fitted to Big Ben and Denison experimented with the bell. The first trouble encountered was that Barry's bell frame was quite inadequate, and it took five months for it to be altered so that it did not shake every time the bells were struck.

NOVEL FEATURES

Here it may be convenient to discuss one of the novel features of these five bells. They all had central holes through the crowns, which could be used for independent staples, and on each the top of the crown terminated in a horizontal flange with a neck between it and the crown. There was thus no loops of the old type forming the argent and canons and no cast-in crown staples.

These bells were secured to the frame by a central bolt. In addition, other bolts arranged in a circle had heads which gripped the underside of the flange on the crown of the bell. Turning bells so hung is comparatively easy as slackening all the bolts allows the whole bell to be twisted round, so enabling the clapper or clock hammer to strike on unworn zones.

A design similar to that which Denison adopted at Westminster had been originated by W. L. Baker, C.E. This had won a prize medal in Paris in 1855 after being patented by Baker a year earlier. The difference was that in Baker's design the entire weight of the bell was taken by the central bolt. A modification of this latter design was used by the amateur bell-founders Moore, Holmes and Mackenzie, of Weybread, Suffolk, in the period around 1880.

Denison also designed a layout of canons which enabled quarter turning to be more easily accomplished. The difficulty with the old layout with six canons was that before quarter turning there were four canons let into the headstock, and after it only two. Denison's design had only four canons, arranged one on each side of a central stump or modified argent, and it was variously called either after him or after Doncaster where it was first used.

A LIBEL ACTION

Returning now to the story of Big Ben II, the clock was installed in 1859, and on September 29th that year the bell was noted to be cracked on the outside of the soundbow. Denison wrote a letter (one of many) to 'The Times,' which was printed on October 7th. This had some most unfavourable comments on



BIG BEN II., SHOWING THE CLOCK HAMMER

Big Ben II and the Mears foundry. As a result Mears brought a libel action against Denison and obtained an apology and costs from him. This was partly counterbalanced a month later by the Office of Works having a piece of the bell by one of the cracks cut out and analysed by Dr. Percy. The latter found that the metal was unhomogeneous.

For some while the bell was not used, but later it was turned slightly and struck by a lighter hammer. The present hammer weighs some 4¼ cwt., 1¼ cwt. lighter than the original one for the present bell. The writer on his visit noted two vertical cracks in the outside of the soundbow and alongside one a hole where the sample was removed. The cracks extend inwards to about a quarter of the thickness of the bell in this area.

Some would say, as Denison did in 1880, that the bell should be recast again. There are, however, considerable difficulties, one of which is that the very large clock in the room below the bells covers the shaft through which the new bell would have to be hoisted. Another is that the sound of Big Ben and the quarter bells are so well known all over the world that the casting of a new bell tonally different from the present one would probably not have popular approval. Anyway, any new Big Ben would still have to fit in the 8 ft. 2 in. wide shaft.

DENISON'S OTHER BELLS

One feature of Denison's designs for bells is the very considerable metal thickness and corresponding weight for the notes obtained. Consider the first quarter bell at Westminster of 21 cwt. in G sharp: a modern bell for this note would weigh about 10¾ cwt. The fourth quarter bell of 78 cwt. in B would have a modern counterpart of about 50 cwt. The effect of this excessive thickness seems to be to give an extremely doleful sound, especially in the case of lighter bells. This is certainly true of the bell 'Edmund' in St. Albans Cathedral given by Denison, or Lord Grimthorpe as he then was, and cast in 1888.

It must, however, be remembered that many bells cast before his day were too thin by modern standards; so though he was correct in pinpointing one cause of the poorness of bells, his remedy was too drastic and went too far the other way.

Of Denison's other bells which he designed, most appear to have been recast. He designed rings for Doncaster Parish Church, Ossett, Gainford, Coddington, and the old tenor to the ring of eight in St. Nicholas', Aberdeen. This latter was destroyed by fire in 1874. The hour bell at Balmoral Castle, Aberdeenshire, cast by Warners, was scaled from his Westminster bells and still exists.

The writer has in his possession an original sketch by Denison of his design for the bell frame at Doncaster Parish Church, which is understood to be still in use though his bells have been recast. The roping arrangement of the bells as shown is one of the worst possible for causing swaying of the tower. Denison had much to say on the design of the new church after the fire of 1853, and he may have seen to it that the tower was stout enough.

Denison was a millionaire, an eminent Queen's Counsel, an expert on clocks, watches, bells, locks, an amateur architect, a leading churchman, and in his age a well-known writer of letters to 'The Times.' He was regularly getting on the wrong side of those with whom he had dealings, and his life by Peter Ferriday, recently published, is full of interest and well worthy of study. Denison is also recorded as having been a ringer, but the writer has not heard of him having rung a peal.

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Membership Over 1,600

THE 68th annual general meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held this year at Minehead, on Easter Monday. The service was held at 12 noon in the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, and was attended by a large congregation and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Mortimer). The sermon was preached by the Association Master (Rev. Henry F. Warren).

Following luncheon in the Dorrien Restaurant, the members and visitors present, numbering some 130 people, attended the annual business meeting. This was opened in prayer by the Master, and the members who had passed away since the last meeting were remembered in silence. Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, from the Bishop of Taunton and from Mr. Ronald Short (secretary of the Bridgwater Branch)

The Master in his report gave details of his visits to a large number of the Branches in the diocese. He had been most impressed by the vigour and enthusiasm shown, and by the way the young people and older members were united in one common purpose. He noted that on two occasions peals had been rung on the same day as Branch meetings, and he hoped that this would not be the practice in future as the Branches looked to the peal ringers for support on meeting days.

The general secretary (Mr. Roger O. Fry) opened his report with details of progress throughout the diocese as a whole. Once again he was able to report that the membership figures, which had been an all-time record the previous year, had again increased this year and, while he was yet in the process of making the final detailed check, he found that the total membership was now 1,600.

He had offered his resignation last year, but this had not been accepted, and having regard to the fact that the Association was temporarily without a Master, and also that the rules were being revised, he had been prepared to carry on for a further period. However, circumstances beyond his control now made it imperative that he should give up the office, as he would be leaving the diocese at the end of April. Among the items which he had proposed to deal with were the purchase of new badges, the design of a new Association membership certificate, and a survey of the unaffiliated towers in the diocese, coupled with a massive recruiting campaign. The printed report for 1957 would be in the possession of the Branch secretaries by the end of the month.

VISITORS TO MEETINGS

Mr. Fry continued: 'Since this will be my last opportunity of addressing a gathering of ringers, I feel that there are one or two things that I would like to say, and one or two thoughts that I would like to leave with you. The first concerns visitors to our meetings. As I observed at Taunton two years ago, the meetings are primarily for the benefit and use of the members, and the bells are available for their enjoyment. However, we are quite prepared, and indeed pleased, to welcome visitors, but we have a right to expect that they will observe the normal courtesies of visitors, and will remember that they are here on sufferance. At one meeting I had to remind certain visitors of these courtesies as I found them taking more than a fair share of the ringing, although many of our own members were waiting patiently for a ring.

'Last year I was approached by other visitors who, having no interest in our service, our lunch or meeting, asked if they might ring at some of the open towers while we were having our meeting. Another group of people actually took matters into their own hands, and rang at one of these towers while the meeting was in progress. It was some time later that I discovered this, or I would have raised the matter with the Master of the Association of which these people are members, and would have seen to it that they were taken to task for their most discourteous, dangerous and unseemly conduct.'

Another matter of concern was the fact that there was not a handbook available, dealing in clearly-worded and well-written terms with the instructing of ringers who were training others to ring. It had been reported last year that the Central Council had this matter in hand, but another year had gone by, and this urgently-needed book was not yet available. With the ready backing of the committee, Mr. Sanger would go ahead and produce such a manual for the use of the members.

THE IDEAL TOWER

The secretary stated that his idea of the ideal type of tower was that where all the members of the band were communicant or intending-communicant members of the Church of England, where they were churchmen first and ringers second, and where they endeavoured to ring for the Sunday services every Sunday, and for the great feasts of the Church as they occurred. Such a tower had no difficulty in attracting and holding members, and the best possible relationship existed between the clergy and the ringers. This happy state of affairs existed in many churches, but not, unfortunately, in all, and it was to be hoped that as time went on, more and more of those ringers who did not at present extend their activities outside the tower would increasingly realise that their ringing should be a means to an end, and not an end in itself, and also that it did not preclude them from joining fully in the other activities of the Church.

He concluded his report by thanking the members of the committee and the members of the Association generally for their kindness and support during his five years in office.

The treasurer (Mr. Gwilym Salmon) reported a satisfactory year, in which the balance in the current account had been maintained and the actual balance in hand at the end of the year was above that at the beginning of the year. It was to be hoped also that more towers would pay the affiliation fee suggested by the Association. This could help greatly, and could also be a very useful addition for the Bell Repair Fund. This point was taken up by several members who supported Mr. Salmon in his plea for affiliation fees.

HIGHER STANDARD OF PEALS

The peal secretary (Mr. Henry J. Sanger) reported a full year, with a raised standard of peal ringing. There had been very many instances of people ringing a 'first in the method' during the year, and two methods — Gainsborough Little Bob Major, at Twerton-on-Avon, and Braunstone Surprise Major, at South Petherton—had been rung for the Association for the first time. Some of the younger members had shown great promise in their peal ringing, and notable was a peal in 42 Doubles methods by the Radstock band on handbells. He concluded by hoping that more and more young ringers would take care to learn to *conduct* their peals, and learn to correct mistakes and correct bad striking.

The diocesan adviser on the care of church bells (Mr. W. A. Osborn) also reported a busy year, in which he had inspected and reported on the rings of bells at Sampford Arundel, Yeovilton, Milborne Port, Baltonsborough, Marnhull, Maiden Bradley, Buckland Dinham, Thurlbear and Publow. Surveying the past 15 years, in which he had held this office, he had visited altogether over 100 towers. In 21 towers bells had been rehung, in 30 there had been a complete overhaul, in 24 there had been adjustments, in others single bells had received attention or been recast. In only 11 towers had nothing been done. Mr. Osborn now felt that he must give up some of the more active work, and he commended to the Association the work of Mr. Ronald Gardiner, who had been his assistant, and who he hoped would now take on the work.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

All the reports were adopted with acclamation, and the meeting passed on to the election of officers. All the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the general secretary and the diocesan adviser on the care of church bells.

Mr. Roger Fry (retiring general secretary), on behalf of the committee, put forward the name of Mr. David Hoare to be his successor, and this was seconded by Mr. E. J. Chivers and carried unanimously, there being no further nomination. The Master paid tribute to the work of the retiring secretary, and on behalf of the Association expressed his good wishes for Mr. Fry's future vocation. Mr. P. Young, of Twerton-on-Avon, paid tribute on behalf of his church council and the band of ringers at Twerton to Mr. Fry's efforts in raising a Sunday service band, which now rang for three services every Sunday. On the proposition of Mr. S. G. Coles, honorary life membership of the Association was conferred on Mr. Fry. Mr. Hoare, in thanking the Association for electing him, promised to carry out the duties to the best of his ability.

Mr. Ronald Gardiner was elected diocesan adviser on the care of church bells, and Mr. Osborn, under general pressure from the whole meeting, agreed to act as deputy adviser, many members joining in the expression of gratitude for his past work and delightfully-worded annual reports.

Mr. Percy Yeo, of Long Ashton, who had been Branch secretary of the Chew Deanery Branch for 35 years, and Mr. S. Woodburn, of Bath, were also elected honorary life members of the Association.

Mr. Fry was asked by the meeting to send the good wishes of the Association to Mr. J. T. Dyke, former secretary of the Association for 28 years, hoping for his speedy recovery from illness, and return to ringing.

After votes of thanks had been accorded to Mr. Mortimer for permitting and conducting the service, to Mr. Tudball, the Dunster Branch secretary, for his work in arranging the meeting, and to the organist, the meeting was closed in prayer, and the members adjourned to the many towers which were open for ringing.

LAST OF DERITEND BELLS

The brothers Fearn, who learnt to ring on the eight bells at St. John's Church, Deritend, Birmingham, which was demolished about ten years ago, witnessed the breaking up of two of these bells at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on April 30th and saw the metal run to make the new seventh and tenor of the new ring of eight for the Bishop Latimer Memorial Church, Birmingham. With them was Mr. Ralph Edwards.

Deritend bells were a complete ring of eight, cast in 1776 by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wiltshire. Their inscriptions are unusual: for instance, the fourth has: 'May the town of Birm[m] be ever held in esteem for its manufact.'; the sixth: 'Wisdom to the council of the state and success to the British fleet'; the seventh: 'May Great Britain ever stand unrivalled in her commerce.' Complete rings of eight from this foundry must be very rare—even the complimentary inscription on the fourth failed to bring Robert Wells any further business in Birmingham!

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

THE annual meeting of the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers was held at York on May 3rd. under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. Harold Walker), who is also president of the Minster Society of Ringers.

Supporting the Master (North Eastern Region) were the regional representatives and Ringing Masters—Mr. W. Bertram Kynaston (Western Region), Mr. Sydney Foskett (London Midland Region), Mr. Charles A. Bassett (Southern Region), Mr. M. G. Burrows, C.M. and E. egpineer (designate) (North Eastern Region), formerly assistant works manager, Crewe; Mr. O. J. F. Whitaker, secretary, joint committee, British Railways Staff Association; the Rev. A. John McMullen (chaplain, York Minster), the Guild hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Frank Stenson (Crewe), and some 40 members.

The magnificent Minster ring of 12 bells (tenor 59 cwt.) was at the disposal of the railwaymen during the day, and was much appreciated and greatly enjoyed, the Minster ringers joining in. At 4 p.m. the ringers attended Evensong in the choir where, after the anthem, they joined the clergy and choir in procession to the bell-founder's window in the north aisle of the nave. Here the Dean (Very Rev. E. Milner White) said the usual ringers' prayers, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

Further bells available after tea were at the Institute of Architectural Study (formerly St. John-the-Evangelist's, Micklegate) and St. Stephen's, Acombe.

Tea was served in the Railway Institute, after which the Master welcomed all present. To assist Mr. Whitaker, of the Staff Association, the Master deviated from the agenda to discuss the constitution and rules, as suggested by the Staff Association, which, apart from the name of the Guild, differed little from the original constitution but was more generous and advantageous to the Guild.

The new draft constitution and rules were unanimously accepted: copies will be circulated in due course.

The financial statement and auditors' report showed an adverse balance, two contributory causes being non-recurring printing expenditure and outstanding subscriptions. These were accepted, with a proviso that subscriptions should be paid before December 31st, in conformity with the constitution.

All the officers were re-elected and also seven new members. The next annual meeting will be held at London in the middle Saturday between Easter and Whitsun, and the autumn meeting at Newport, Mon.

An omnibus vote of thanks included the Dean and Minster ringers and the hon. secretary of the Guild for the tremendous amount of work he had put in during the past year.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Unseen Tenor Man

The quarterly meeting of the S.W. Branch of the Guild was held at Kelly on April 26th, and although not largely attended, due to the lack of transport to this lovely old village, was most successful and of a very cordial nature. There was good ringing on the very light six—Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and rounds. The first touch of rounds was by six young ladies—two from Lifton, two Plympton and two Emmanuel.

Mr. T. G. Myers said it was hoped the meeting would create interest, as unfortunately owing to the passing of older ringers and departure from the District of several younger ringers, ringing at Kelly was now rare. He thought this a great pity as there was change-ringing here before the Guild was formed.

A short service and an encouraging address was given by the Rector, who expressed pleasure that the Branch had come to Kelly for this meeting. He said he felt very gratified when one ringer told him the text of his address at our visit in 1947, a few months after he came to the parish, and another was able to tell him the text he took at the last visit in 1952.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the church.

Before the commencement of the meeting the chairman remarked on the very severe loss the Guild, and in particular the Mid-Devon Branch, had sustained by the death of their chairman, Mr. J. Lilley, and the gathering stood in sympathy. The secretary reported a wreath had been sent from the Branch and he had written to the widow and received a letter of thanks.

A number of certificates were presented and this pleasant duty was performed by the Rector. The recipients were from Lifton and Plympton St. Maurice, amongst them being Mr. and Mrs. Manning and their daughter and son.

Pleasure was expressed at the progress towards recovery being made by Mr. Bill Harvey.

At the close of the meeting there was more ringing at Kelly, then a number went on to Bradstone, another church where it is regretted there is little or no ringing. The birds have taken over the bell chamber and the ropes are not improving—the tenor rope was broken on arrival and an old rope was put up, but after a couple of touches this went. Not daunted, another rope was brought into use, but this stood only about six pulls in the 'raising' again. It was then Mr. Jim Rich had the idea he could ring the bell from the chamber above, as the rope had broken just below this. Ringing takes place from ground level and the next chamber, about 25 ft. up, is about 8 ft. high; above this are the bells. All Mr. Rich could see were the five other ropes, but he rang an excellent tenor to a touch of Grandsire and Stedman, unseen by anyone! H. H. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first warm day for weeks, coupled with the usual warm welcome, made the Canterbury District's meeting at All Saints', Birchington, a memorable afternoon and evening. For many of the 89 members present it was their first visit to the tower since the new bells were installed, and their lightness and easy going proved perhaps a little difficult for some. However, some good ringing was enjoyed previous to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. L. V. Donaldson), who gave a short address. An old friend of the ringers, Mr. H. S. Nixey, was at the organ.

Tea was served in All Saints' Church House, members being entertained by the Vicar, churchwardens (all of whom were present) and Parochial Church Council, the meal being prepared and served by the wives, mothers and friends of the local ringers.

Three new practising members from Teynham were elected and, going further afield, one honorary member from Gosport, Hants. Margate was nominated as the place of the next quarterly meeting, with Wickhambreaux for the by-meeting previous (May 17th). The collection taken in church was given to the fabric fund. Congratulations were extended to the Ringing Master (Mr. W. S. Palin) and his wife, formerly Eileen Wyles, on their marriage at Faversham recently.

Warm thanks were given to the donors of the tea and to all the helpers. Further ringing during the evening, with methods up to Cambridge, was practised, the striking of the higher methods being of a very good order. B. J. L.

NOTICES

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Meetings: 3/6 (minimum) for 30 words, afterwards 1½d. a word. Each additional insertion half charge.

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FORTHCOMING WEDDING

CHILCOTT—WELLER.—The marriage of Michael Chilcott and Kathleen Weller will take place on May 17th at 12 o'clock at St. Mary's Church, Beddington. All friends welcome at the church. 2355

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We, the bellringers of the Chesterfield Parish Church, wish you, our Ringing Master, Mr. Sam Scattergood, sincere wishes for a very happy birthday on May 19th. 2354

DEATHS

CROOK.—On May 7th, 1958, at 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs, Eliza Ellen, the dearly beloved wife of Peter Crook, sen., and mother of Peter and Annie, latter now in Canada. Resting. 2345

MACDOUGAL, I. G., of Hornchurch, Essex. —On May 7th, 1958, at Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, after a short illness. 2351

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from Monday, May 12th, the address of Mr. P. M. Bond, 30, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent, will be 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. No phone, but all messages will be taken by Auntie at Tunbridge Wells 1602. 2327

The address of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke, St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, is now 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 2339

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The new Branch secretary of the Axbridge Branch is David H. White, 1, Elmsleigh Road, Weston-super-Mare. Any inquiries to this address, please. 2338

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BOURNEMOUTH.—Mrs. R. Vacher, Rew, Hampreston, Wimborne, Dorset. Bed and breakfast, 9s. a night. On bus route. Own parking space. Ringers welcome. 2342

PERSONAL

MARRIAGE THRO' SOCIAL INTRODUCTIONS.—The only social service of its kind enjoying the warm approval of both Clergy and Press. It is completely confidential and operates throughout Great Britain. Interesting free brochure under plain sealed cover from The Bournemouth Bureau, 176, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. 1886

MISCELLANEOUS

TOURISTS WANTED.—Three or four enthusiasts required to complete party for Dorset tour, July 19th to 26th. Sixty towers, 30 quarter peal, two peal attempts; transport by private cars. Top-class 6- and 8-bell band in attendance, mainly from London area. Approximate all-in cost £14 15s. Write giving details of age, sex and any other desirable qualifications to Box No. 2348, 'The Ringing World' Office, Onslow Street, Guildford. 2348

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MISCELLANEOUS

'Electrical Switchgear Warning Cards.'—Issued free, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope, size at least 5¼in. by 3¼in., to Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Bakewell and Youlgrave on Saturday, May 17th. Bakewell, 3 to 5 p.m.; Youlgrave, 6 to 8.45 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Bus departs Bakewell to Youlgrave 5.15 p.m., departs Youlgrave 7.45 p.m., 8.40 p.m. to Brightwell and Rowsley.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 2321

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD—Edenbridge, May 17th (note change of date). Look up Duffield. Names for tea to Mr. E. Leigh, Homesdale, Spital Cross.—C. A. Bassett. 2275

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6), Saturday, May 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2350

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom, May 17th, to welcome home Frank Oakshott. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Scout Hut. 2278

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Essendon, Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2366

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — By-meeting at Wickhambreaux, Saturday, May 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2304

LADIES' GUILD.— — Southern District. — Meeting, May 17th. Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon. Service at Stoke 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. 2264

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — The A.G.M. of the Northern Branch will be held at **Scunthorpe** on Saturday, May 17th, not Grimsby as previously advertised. Usual arrangements.—F. Lord, Hon. Sec. 2344

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 17th, Cranford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Special method, Cambridge Minor.—W. T. Cook, Dis. Sec. 2318

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, May 17th, 3 p.m. Look up Erin Triples. —Geo. North. 2305

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — A practice meeting will be held at Tichborne (6) on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 2323

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Doncaster Parish Church, Saturday, May 17th, joint with LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District). Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall. New reports will be available.—J. J. L. Gilbert, E. Wardill. 2315

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Loxton, Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 2337

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Blockley (8), Saturday, May 24th. 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 20th essential.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 2356

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—Quarterly meeting at Eye tower on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. F. Fox, Hon. Sec. 2365

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Fownhope, Saturday, May 24th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 2367

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Hythe, Saturday, May 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 20th, to Mrs. S. M. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. Gentlemen cordially invited.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Ashby Folville on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 4.45. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 21st, to Miss Betty Smith, The Hollies, Barsby, Leicestershire.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2340

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Cookham, May 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 20th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor (Windsor 1484). 2368

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Evening meeting at Naseby, Saturday, May 24th, 6 p.m. Compline 8.30 p.m.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 2359

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton on Saturday, May 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 21st.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 2322

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —APPRENTICES, JOURNEYMEN AND EXPERIENCED HANDS WANTED at Wadhurst on Saturday, May 24th. Tea and quarterly meeting 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Apply H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate.

DEVON GUILD.—Annual meeting, Holsworthy, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service 12.15 p.m. Lunch at Corner Café. Tickets (5/6) from Mr. W. Simmonds, 100, Hartop Road, St. Marychurch, Torquay. Stamped addressed envelope, please. Bells 11 a.m. and after meeting. 2326

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2361

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, May 26th, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting after service to be concluded by 1.20 p.m. Light refreshments available from 9.30 a.m. in Cathedral Hall. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost 4s. 6d.). Tea as a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m. (cost 2s.). Ringing: Cathedral, 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.—Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6 to 9 p.m.—Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6). Applications for tea and lunch tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, please, to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual festival meeting at Hereford on Whit Monday, May 26th. Service, Cathedral, 3.30 p.m. Tea, College Hall, at 4.15 (3s.). Meeting 5 p.m. Towers available: Cathedral (10) 11-12, 2-3.15 and from 5.30; All Saints' (8) 12-2 and after 5.30; Holmer (6) after 4 p.m.; Marden (6), Burghill (8), Withington (6), Lugwardine (8), Bodenham (6) from 11 a.m. 2189

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Tey, Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 28th, please, to Mr. J. Dyer, Guildhall Cotts, Great Tey, Colchester. 2353

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Rodmersham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea definitely not later than Tuesday, May 27th, to T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne. 2360

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Albans, Saturday, May 31st. Ringing at St. Michael's 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Branch Road. Business meeting and further ringing in evening. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts. 2333

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Messingham, near Scunthorpe, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 27th, to Miss J. Blackbourne, Scotter Road, Messingham, near Scunthorpe, Lincs.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2346

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Saham Toney on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 29th, to Mr. B. Eastment, 36, The Oval, Saham Toney, Thetford. 2364

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Summer meeting to be held at Bradden on Saturday, May 31st. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Rev. G. Hales, The Rectory, Green's Norton, Towcester. — W. A. Yates. 2369

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Donhead St. Mary, Saturday, May 31st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please bring your own food, but *notify for cups of tea* by 20th.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2362

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Broadclyst, Saturday, June 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (limited) by June 2nd to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 2343

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, July 5th. A coach will leave Guildford at 8 a.m., via Merrow, Dorking, Reigate, Redhill: fare 12s. Those desiring seats contact Monica E. Collins, 3, Hawthorne Way, Burpham, Guildford. 2349

OUTING

BRANT BROUGHTON

A short ringing outing was held by the Brant Broughton ringers and friends on April 19th.

Ringing commenced at Fulbeck at 2.20 p.m., with various Doubles and Minor methods. Leadenham was reached by 3.5 p.m., but ringing here was delayed owing to the tenor rope breaking whilst the bells were being raised. This was soon rectified and some pleasant ringing followed on these fine bells.

At Navenby we were again met by the Vicar, who inquired whether six of us could not be persuaded to come and live in his parish. It is a great pity that these bells are not rung more often.

After tea we visited Waddington—a fine new church, which has been completely rebuilt in the modern style since the war. The previous church was completely destroyed by a land mine during the war, and the original bells, which fell to the ground, have been restored and made into a grand ring of five (tenor 11 cwt.).

Ringing at Bassingham proved rather difficult for some owing to the rather long draught of rope. Finally, the magnificent bells of Brant Broughton were rung for almost an hour, mainly for the benefit of the visitors, who enjoyed them very much. W. L. E.

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DUBLIN'S RINGS OF BELLS

DURING the last century there were, in all, nine rings of bells in the city of Dublin. St. Patrick's Cathedral had a mixed lot of eight bells by Perdue, Covey, and recastings by Kilpling. Subsequently some of these were recast by Murphy, of Dublin, in the 1840's and 1870's. Christ Church Cathedral also had a Perdue–Covey ring. It was originally a 'six,' and these bells were cast in 1670 at the same time as St. Patrick's bells, originally an 'eight,' by the same founders who brought all the metal and implements for casting from Bristol to cast the bells in the churchyard adjacent to the Cathedral. These itinerant founders also cast bells in the same way at Kilkenny, Limerick and Galway.

In the 1860's and 1870's the two cathedrals were restored—St. Patrick's by Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness, of brewery fame, and Christ Church by Henry Roe, of Dublin whiskey fame. In these restorations the bells were not forgotten, and the Dublin bell-founder, John Murphy, had the task of augmenting Christ Church to a 'ten,' and of recasting some of St. Patrick's and rehanging the eight bells. The augmentation at Christ Church gave them the heaviest tenor bell in Ireland, reputed to be 39 cwt. but later scaled at 43 cwt.

In 1897 Lord Iveagh—also of Guinness fame—provided a new ring of ten bells for St. Patrick's. They were cast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the tenor being 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. A few years previously Dean Jellett had some trouble with the paid band of ringers and 'sacked' them. He created the amateur band, led by Richard R. Cherry, Q.C., later Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Cherry was a keen ringer and took part in the College Youths' peal at Waterford in 1873. He, along with Gabriel Lindoff, who was brought to Ireland as instructor at St. Patrick's, founded the Irish Association of Change Ringers in 1898. Cherry augmented the ten to 12 in 1909. A further treble was added in 1923 by Lady Seeds-Kaye. Thus St. Patrick's could have Major and Minor twelves. Christ Church bells have remained the same, apart from restoration by Gillett & Johnston in 1936.

SS. Augustine and John's, the Augustinian Church—or John's Lane, as this church is familiarly known—had eight bells by Murphy in 1873, whose foundry was opposite the church. These were augmented to ten by Carr, of Birmingham, in 1898. The tenor is about 24 cwt. Access to the tower is by an iron spiral open staircase from over the organ to the roof of the nave, and in through a hole in the belfry wall. It is said that when the tower was completed the builders had forgotten about a staircase!

St. George's Church, Dublin, on the north side of the city, was designed by the bell-ringing architect Francis Johnston, who presented a ring of eight bells, by Mears of London, to the church in 1828. The tenor is 19½ cwt. The bells were retuned and rehung in a steel frame by Taylor's in 1928. All these four rings of bells will be available during the visit of the Central Council.

The three oldest bells in Ireland, one of which is dated 1423, form part of the ring of six bells in St. Audeon's Church, Dublin. This church is situated between Christ Church and John's Lane. The other three bells were cast by Murphy. The bells have been idle since 1896 and are unringable. There was a ring of six bells in St. Werburgh's Church, Dublin, opposite Christ Church. As the tower was considered to be in a dangerous condition it was pulled down about the middle of the last century. The bells lay for many years in the church porch before being distributed to St. Mary's Parish Church, its chapel-of-ease, Clonsilla Church, and Castleknock Church. One remains in a turret in St. Werburgh's Church. The sixth found its way into a founder's furnace.

The Sheridan ring of eight bells in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, after having been idle for many years was converted to a chime by M. O'Byrne, the Dublin bell-founder, about ten years ago. Another ring of bells to be distributed to various churches in recent years was the old eight of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The third and tenor remain in the Cathedral and are used for daily services; the other six were given on 'permanent loan' to the following churches: Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh; St. Bartholomew's, Belfast; St. Columbanus', Ballyholme, Co. Down; Kenmare and Killonglin, Co. Kerry; and Killaney, Co. Down.

The ninth ring of bells was a secular one, originally cast by the Aldbourne Foundry for the old Crow Street Theatre, Dublin. They were purchased by Francis Johnston, the above-mentioned architect, when the theatre closed and its contents were sold. He erected a tower in the back garden of his home at Eccles Street, Dublin, about 100 yards or so from St. George's Church. The bells were

hung here, for ringing. Johnston and his bell-ringing friends spent many enjoyable hours in the tower, not, it is said, without some annoyance to the neighbours. After Johnston's death in 1829 the bells remained idle until 1845, when they were auctioned, and six of them were bought for £180 for SS. Philip and James' Church, Holywood, Co. Down. In 1890 they were replaced by the present ring of eight bells in that church; all but one found their way into the Loughborough Foundry.

Dublin was once famous for its bells: at one time there were three bell-foundries which cast bells and hung them for ringing as well as for the ordinary tolling. It is unfortunate that there are now only four rings functioning. It is hoped that what Dublin lacks in quantity will be made up by the quality of the bells and the amount of ringing time available at each tower. FRED E. DUKES.

FIVE PEALS IN A DAY

The following five peals were rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

LONGPARISH, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Philip Mehew	*Treble*	Geoffrey K. Dodd	4
Trevor A. Cross	2	Ralph Bird	5
Robin G. Leale	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal in seven methods on the bells.

BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Bob and Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	4
Trevor A. Cross	2	Robin G. Leale	5
A. Patrick Cannon	3	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
First peal in eight methods on the bells.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Robin G. Leale	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Philip Mehew	5
William S. Deason	3	Ralph Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

Ralph Bird	*Treble*	Trevor A. Cross	5
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Robin G. Leale	6
William S. Deason	3	Philip Mehew	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

DEANE, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

Philip Mehew	*Treble*	William S. Deason	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	*A. Patrick Cannon	5
Robin G. Leale	3	Ralph Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* 50th tower in Hampshire for a peal. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Richard Grant	*Treble*	Richard F. Prime	7
Avril Thackray	2	*Shirley Burton	8
Doreen D. Dutton	3	John A. Acres	9
*Herrick B. Bowley	4	S. Anthony Jesson	10
Ernest Morris	5	Peter J. Staniforth	11
Harold G. Jenney	6	†William J. Root	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* 150th peal together. † 100th peal on 12 bells.
Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, to the city of Leicester this day.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

John E. Chilcott	*Treble*	Arthur G. Mason	7
G. William Critchley	2	George E. Fearn	8
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Leslie Boumphrey	9
Frank W. Perrins	4	Jack L. Millhouse	10
*Robin G. Leale	5	Michael P. Moreton	11
Arthur V. Pearson	6	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus on the bells, and by the Surrey Association.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
Tenor 25 cwt.

Herrick B. Bowley	*Treble*	Richard Grant	7
*Avril Thackray	2	Harold G. Jenney	8
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	3	John A. Acres	9
Doreen D. Dutton	4	William A. Lacey	10
Shirley Burton	5	William J. Root	11
Ernest Morris	6	S. Anthony Jesson	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter.
Conducted by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.
Rung on the 21st anniversary of the first peal on the bells, the ringers of the fifth and eighth ringing the same bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Shirley Harris	*Treble*	Leslie Boumphrey	6
*Frank Osbaldiston	2	†Derek F. Yates	7
*Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	8
*Robert B. Smith	4	*Neil Bennett	9
†William H. Dowse	5	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten. The conductor's 200th peal.
A birthday peal for Bernard Groves.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt.

John W. Griffiths	*Treble*	†William E. Allman	6
*John S. Dean	2	Cecil Raddon	7
†Walter Allman	3	Harry W. Howard	8
*John Orme	4	Harry Parker	9
*Fred Jackson	5	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Walter Allman.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Kent Royal.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

RICHARD C. INGRAM	*Treble*	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
STELLA HUGHES	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	9
MRS. G. W. CRITCHLEY	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
A compliment to Mr. Albert Walker on his 82nd birthday.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE HAWKINS	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	2	RICHARD KENDALL	7
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	8
ARTHUR J. SMITH	4	BRIAN PATTISON	9
RONALD J. SHARP	5	STEPHEN J. IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.
A wedding peal for John W. V. Sinfield and June E. Gladman, who were married in this church earlier in the day.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9½ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

HAROLD CHANT	*Treble*	JAMES H. KIRBY	6
MRS. W. F. MORETON	2	CHARLES BARKER	7
WILFRID F. MORETON	3	JOHN E. KIRBY	8
PETER WOODWARD	4	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	9
DAVID CUBITT	5	*HUBERT NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal
Rung to welcome back Cpl. K. Park from service in Cyprus.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., May 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E.

KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	*Treble*	DERMOT J. ROAF	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	2	GLYN F. JENKINS	7
D. ROY STODDARD	3	ROBIN A. HODGSON	8
ROBIN N. PITTMAN	4	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	9
JAMES H. PAILING	5	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
Rung to celebrate the engagement of Glyn F. Jenkins and Audrey Wainwright.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 28¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*WILLIAM S. DEASON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER	7
WILLIAM F. BUTLER	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	8
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	9
WILLIAM T. COOK	5	WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER. Non-conducted and silent.
* First peal on ten bells. First non-conducted peal rung by a 'same name' band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES S. RYLES	*Treble*	EDWIN SHARRATT	5
GEOFFREY BURTON	2	WILLIAM CARNWELL	6
GEORGE WILKINSON	3	OWEN WILLIAMS	7
J. LESLIE SHENTON	4	ARTHUR W. HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHT. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. Conolly, parish priest of this church.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	PAUL J. RIGBY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Collins.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
ANTHONY AGER	3	PAUL J. RIGBY	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 23, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, consisting of 3,264 Cambridge and 1,824 Superlative, with 108 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Rung for St. George's Day.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

REGINALD H. NEWTON	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
FREDERICK PRICE	2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	HAROLD F. WHITE	7
PHILIP J. EVANS	4	ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

*GLENYS EVANS	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY MARCHANT	5
THOMAS YEOMANS	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY	6
TREVOR LEWIS	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
JAMES DANIELS	4	WALFORD DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE
* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples 'inside.'

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ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Paul J. Rigby	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Ruth M. Border	2	*Anthony Ager	6
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	George E. Fearn	7
*John A. Anderson	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of London.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Apostle,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

Selwyn H. Dearden	*Treble*	Geoffrey S. Mills	5
Derek Butterworth	2	*J. Colin Ashworth	6
Harold Hamer	3	Ivan Kay	7
Peter Scholfield	4	John T. Walmsley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ivan Kay.
* First peal in the method.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Walmsley, of Oldham.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars'. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*M. W. Seymour (14)	*Treble*	Fredk. W. Goodfellow	5
†Michael J. Palmer (15)	2	Albert R. G. Twinn	6
†David Robinson	3	Frank C. Price	7
‡Anthony R. Turley	4	William H. Coles	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fredk. W. Goodfellow.
* First peal and first attempt. † First in the method. ‡ First on eight bells and in the method. First peal by a local band since 1934.
Rung to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the three peals of Grandsire Triples rung at St. John's in 1733, and recorded at the time as by 'the young ringers of Hillingdon.'

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 STANMORE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

*Trevor E. Carless	*Treble*	†H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Alick Cutler	6
William Wenban	3	Richard G. Ouston	7
Joan M. Wilcockson	4	†John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal. † 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of the third.
Rung as a farewell to Miss Diana G. Ward, of the local band, who sailed for Canada on April 25th. Also as a farewell to the retiring verger, Mr. Blake, and his wife.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	5
*Richard J. Clifton	2	Brian G. Warwick	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
John A. Acres	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 7).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Mrs. B. G. Warwick.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Brook's variation. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

Gilbert R. Goodship	*Treble*	*Edward E. Davey	5
George E. Symonds	2	Charles J. Sedgley	6
James Bennett	3	Ernest V. Blake	7
Harry D. Lister	4	*Alan Clark	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles J. Sedgley.
* First peal of Stedman.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 2 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Patricia H. Jones	*Treble*	Brian Werry	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	Rev. Ivor J. Richards	6
Robert Stephens	3	David J. King	7
*Bryan J. Johns	4	Thomas Stephens	*Tenor*

Conducted by David J. King.
* First peal on eight. The fastest peal on the bells.
A compliment to Mr. J. Jeynes, an Ebbw Vale ringer, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

Thomas W. Jeanes	*Treble*	Henry G. Keely	5
Harry J. Gaylard	2	James E. Looker	6
Walter H. Poole	3	H. E. George Jeanes	7
Frederick W. Sweet	4	William G. Gigg	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by William G. Gigg.
First peal of Major on the bells.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

Thomas E. Sone	*Treble*	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Crawford T. Hillis	2	Wilfred W. Ring	6
*John L. Morris	3	†John R. Cooper	7
*Ian H. Oram	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method.
A 21st birthday peal for Ian H. Oram.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

William T. Goadby	*Treble*	J. Harry Cook	4
*Mrs. Sheila Clifford	2	†Roland H. Cook	5
Richard C. Clifton	3	Arthur E. Rowley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley.
* First peal in three methods. † 50th peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

THRUXTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's in ten methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (2) Double Bob; (3) Cambridge; (4) Single Oxford; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Trevor A. Cross	4
Philip Mehew	2	Robin G. Leale	5
Ralph Bird	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
The first peal on the bells, augmented to six in 1953.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of April Day and 16 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Harold E. Jacques	*Treble*	Terry M. Haines	3
*George Fawcett	2	Robert Roberts	4
Michael R. Bennett	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Terry Haines.
* First peal. First peal on the bells for many years.
Rung for the 18th birthday of Robin V. Baker.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Stamford and Rossendale; (2) London and Wells; (3) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge; (4) Durham and York; (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (6) Oxford and Kent T.B.; (7) Oxford and Plain Bob; 82 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt.

JENNIFER M. DAVIES	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4
JAMES G. NEWNHAM	2	PHILIP MEHEW	5
RONALD J. SHARP	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

Birthday compliments to M. Anthea Munday, Charles Stimson and Arthur Cox.'

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE ARMITT	*Treble*	ROY WORRALL	4
BARRY CORBISHLEY	2	VICTOR STONIER	5
CHARLES W. LAWTON	3	MRS. C. W. LAWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY CORBISHLEY.

Rung to celebrate the birth of Peter John Corbishley (a brother for Susan Jane).

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Thelwall, (5) Childwall, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

JOHN RHODES	*Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	4
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	2	MAX P. PAGE	5
DAVID ATKINS	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.

First peal in eight Minor methods by all except the fifth. First of Minor as conductor. 50th peal in the tower and first of Minor on the bells.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents with the tenors never reversed.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	*JOHN W. RAWSON	4
*PAMELA J. PEARSON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Mr. W. F. Woodward has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

ST. BRIDES MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

JOHN F. JAMES	*Treble*	DAVID J. KING	4
*ANTHONY HUTCHINGS	2	ROBERT E. COLES	5
MRS. D. J. KING	3	*JOHN THOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. COLES.

* First peal and first attempt. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

Rung for the Festival of Wales.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, three extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

KEITH WAKEFIELD	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	PETER J. SHIPTON	5
ANNE E. AMOR	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

TENDRING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ANN M. COLLIER	*Treble*	IVAN COOPER	4
*GERALD A. WOODRUFF	2	WALTER F. DOWNS	5
ANN E. PRYKE	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

T. CHARLES BROWNE	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Mee.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 40 six-scores and one 240. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARNOLD G. MOORE	*Treble*	HAROLD ROBERTS	4
ELIZABETH E. ROBERTS	2	WILLIAM G. TALBOT	5
ALBERT H. LAWTON	3	WILLIAM WATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARNOLD G. MOORE.

First peal in the method for all the band except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

RYE, SUSSEX.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Good Friday, April 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE FORECASTLE,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

RUTH S. HODGSON	1—2	DAVID HODGSON	5—6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3—4	ROBIN A. HODGSON	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DAVID HODGSON.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 11, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT 24, MANOR STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	3—4
		ERNEST MORRIS	5—6

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

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ACTON, W.—On May 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elsie K. Hart 1, Shirley H. Dorey 2, Marion Skinner 3, R. E. Waters 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. E. Slade 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, F. P. Wright 8. First in method for 2 and 4. Rung on the occasion of the Hammersmith Deanery Choirs Festival held at this church.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 27th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: I. C. Forrest (first of Treble Bob) 1, Pamela R. Gough (first of Oxford) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Diana M. Gough (first of Oxford) 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Chichester. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret E. Perry (first in method) 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough 3, Valerie Mepham 4, I. C. Forrest 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Carter (cond.) 1, D. F. C. Malloch 2, F. Shallcross (12, first 'inside') 3, D. K. Malloch (15) 4, A. D. J. Goodwin (14) 5, D. R. Lamont (14, first quarter) 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On April 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, D. Lamb 4, J. Harrison 5, J. Meads (first in method) 6, F. Reed 7, A. Bridges 8. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On May 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Deal (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Jarvis 2, Mrs. M. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, C. Barker 5, K. Lewsey 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, W. Winthrop 8. Rung after Evensong.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: I. W. Allen 1, E. Whiting 2, Maureen Allen 3, Lucy Allen 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung for St. George's Day.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Best (first of Minor) 1, K. Prime 2, D. Gay 3, H. Pople 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5, R. Short 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Bob, 900 Grandsire): T. Thomas 1, T. Froley 2, S. Henson 3, J. Hole 4, D. W. Davies 5, T. E. Hiddens 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. L. Hughes 8. Rung with 1 and 2 leading. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Henson 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, C. Gerrish 3, H. Preece 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, D. L. Hughes 6.

BROOKFIELD, N.—On May 10th, at St. Anne's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Payton 1, Elizabeth Yeld 2, R. Newman 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, M. Carter 5, L. E. Tubb 6, P. G. Foote 7, J. W. E. Dennis 8. Rung for the 105th birthday anniversary of the church.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On May 4th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, Jane Hodgson (first 'inside') 2, A. Forsyth 3, R. Briggs 4, A. Hodgson 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6, J. Ling 7. For Evensong.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. R. Picton 1, Miss M. Erik (first 'inside') 2, D. J. Goodman 3, R. J. Picton 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, W. J. Atkins 6.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hall 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 2, Mrs. H. White 3, A. G. Hall 4, H. White 5, L. R. Hall 6, H. Wyre 7, J. Griffiths 8.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On April 21st, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Mrs. T. Cooke 3, Miss D. M. Killingley 4, T. Senior 5, G. R. Parker 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, F. Hodeson 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 3rd, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Reed 1, H. Elsey 2, G. Adams 3, W. W. Cousins 4, J. E. Fox 5, A. Rolfe 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, C. Cousins 8.

EAST WOODHAY, HANTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 60 Grandsire): W. Kewell 1, P. E. Dodd 2, J. F. Scott 3, M. J. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. Webb (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark 50 years in the ministry by the Rev. E. Omerod, 25 of these being as Rector of East Woodhay.

EWELL, SURREY.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Good 1, Maureen Candy (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. Marjorie Hill 3, J. Hill 4, A. S. Bessant 5, C. W. Munday (cond.) 6, J. E. Beams 7, G. Hill 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, R. Clarke 2, E. J. Coode 3, J. Sims 4, Brenda Slark 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong, and also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurrell on their 56th wedding anniversary.

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Willows 1, D. K. Walklate 2, J. F. Murfin (cond.) 3, E. Merry 4, R. G. Bessant 5, P. E. Thorpe 6. First quarter 4, 5 and 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. S. Joyce 1, R. H. Mills 2, Mrs. J. L. Joyce 3, Miss M. A. Finch 4, W. W. Wright 5, P. N. Murgatroyd (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,320 Minor (Kent and Oxford): J. Smith (cond.) 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, F. White 4, J. Burgess 5, H. B. Schofield 6. Rung as an appreciation to H. B. Schofield, of Bradford.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, K. C. Timbury 3, J. Church 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob: Mrs. Joyce Lant 1, H. Sharpe 2, H. Collin 3, D. Murfitt 4, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 5, A. Yarrow 6. 'A farewell to the Rev. L. J. Stanford on his appointment as Vicar to the united benefices of Tirley with Hasfield, Glos.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHANTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Care 1, D. Warren 2, T. Haines (cond.) 3, G. Fawcett 4, M. Bennett 5. For Eastertide.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. L. Blick 1, Margaret Mackonchie (first inside') 2, L. Duffield 3, J. H. Edwards 4, E. White 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.—On April 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Rolfe (first quarter) 1, W. W. Cousins 2, S. Elsey (first quarter) 3, R. Reed (first quarter) 4, J. E. Fox 5, A. Rolfe 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, C. Cousins 8. Rung for the 85th birthday of R. A. Ferguson, churchwarden and former peal ringer at this church.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Strawford 1, N. Leslie 2, M. Edney 3, J. Hut 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, C. Timms 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford, chairman of the V.W.H. branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On May 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: J. Higham 1, S. Walmsley 2, Dorothy Crook (first quarter) 3, J. H. Owens 4, E. P. Sparks 5, P. Barrand 6, L. Walmsley 7, A. Meadows (cond.) 8. For evening service on Rogation Sunday, the 29th anniversary of the reinstallation of the bells.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Phelps 1, Miss R. Beer (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Welch (cond.) 3, Miss J. Birch 4, Miss Margaret Way 5, Miss Mary Way 6. First ladies' quarter by a resident team in the present Diocese of Llandaff. Rung by members of the Sunday service team at Llandaff Cathedral as a farewell to Miss C. Phelps on her departure to London.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. E. Cobb 1, L. Derrick 2, Mrs. J. Gray 3, D. G. Yeo 4, P. J. Gardner (first of Triples) 5, J. Brain 6, J. H. Gilbert (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, H. Hardwidge 8.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill S. Cranshaw (first on six) 1, Dorothy Stafford 2, F. Osbaldiston 3, B. Groves (cond.) 4, A. Osbaldiston 5, W. Dowse 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Strong 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortright (cond.) 3, T. Phillips 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Ruth Gaunt 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On May 11th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. G. Williams 1, G. F. Roome 2, F. Burgess 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, A. R. Jones 7, R. V. Baker (first of Major as cond.) 8. For morning service.

OCKLEY, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Jill M. Lane 1, Ann M. Cox 2, P. A. Bird 3, D. A. R. May (cond.) 4, P. G. Smart 4, L. B. Luing 6. First in the method by all except 2.

PORTSMOUTH.—At St. Mary, Portsea, on May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, J. D. Harris (86) 2, T. R. Taylor 3, R. Wake 4, L. Duguid 5, E. J. Salmons 6, E. Winifred Keys (first in method as cond.) 7, T. W. Macey 8. For Evensong.

RADYR, GLAM.—On May 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. Yeomans 1, G. Marchant 2, B. Kingston 3, B. Taylor 4, D. Llewellyn 5, G. Strickland 6, W. Dare 7, T. Lewis (cond.) 8. First of Major for 3, 4, 5 and 6. A welcome home to the Rector after a long period of illness

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on April 27th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, T. H. Francis (cond.) 2, C. A. Hughes 3, A. R. Ling 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, P. J. Eves (first of Stedman Cinques) 6, G. McKay 7, R. F. Deal 8, F. D. Bishop 9, B. F. Baker 10, F. J. Matthews 11, A. J. House 12. For Evensong.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On April 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Snowden 1, R. E. Lester 2, H. A. Mitson 3, W. B. Duncan 4, G. R. Goodship 5, E. A. Cracknell 6, J. L. Girt 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. For rededication service for restored and rebuilt organ.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Mole 1, J. H. Jones 2, J. W. Jones 3, M. Davis 4, J. Corbett (cond.) 5, A. J. Collins 6. For Evensong, also to mark the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Collins.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): T. Griffiths 1, Mrs. Stella Lewis 2, G. Thomas 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, L. H. Jenkins 5, N. Bennett 6.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On May 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Newton 1, Mrs. F. Penn 2, G. Harding (cond.) 3, P. Harding 4, A. Knight (first of Caters) 5, J. Lucas 6, C. Butcher 7, D. Knight 8, F. Penn 9, R. Burbidge 10. Rung to open the parish campaign named 'The Road to Life.'

TWYFORD, LEICS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cooper 1, M. A. Abel 2, A. E. Hinman 3, R. C. Tyler 4, C. E. Cooper 5, G. A. Bowcutt (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Lord Bishop of Leicester, who preached at Evensong and dedicated a belfry screen in memory of Mr. Ernest A. Greasley, Rector's warden for 40 years and chorister for 75 years.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Aven (first quarter) 1, I. Campbell 2, L. Hawkins 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, D. Battersby 5, A. Bull 6, T. Mullard 7, P. Roynon 8. A compliment to ringers 2 and 5, students of St. Boniface's College, who are leaving to be ordained; also to Mr. Marlow ('Old Ted') on his 83rd birthday.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Myra J. Wilkins (first quarter) 1, B. W. Metcalfe (first quarter) 2, Sandra Lewis 3, Rita M. Webb 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, P. G. King 6. Rung half-muffled by a Sunday service band in memory of Mr. J. A. Warner, local parishioner, interred this day.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): J. Powell (aged 13) 1, J. Ferris 2, P. Delaney 3, M. Webb (aged 15) 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, M. Higgins (aged 15) 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Southam 1, Miss J. Walsh 2, C. E. Hayter 3, J. Thwaites (first of Doubles and as cond.) 4, M. D. Frost 5, R. Porter (first of Doubles) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 13th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. Jacobs 1, Susan Jacobs 2, J. Tomsett 3, A. Bishop 4, M. Sinden 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. First in the method for all.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sharland (first quarter) 1, G. Betts 2, T. Gooding 3, J. Glanville (cond.) 4, W. Sharman 5, K. Dawe 6, J. Briggs 7, J. Gooding 8. For Rogation Sunday evening service.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Farminer (first quarter) 1, S. Petter 2, K. Newman 3, F. Cherryman 4, G. Enever 5, Miss E. Turner (cond.) 5, C. Slyfield 7, J. Avenell 8. For Evensong.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Losses By The V.W.H. Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Vale of the White Horse Branch, held at Ashbury on May 10th, recorded two serious losses by death to the Branch.

Miss M. Cross, the general secretary of the Guild, who presided, supported by Mr. R. F. J. Gilling (Branch secretary), referred to the passing of the Rev. C. G. Seymour Metford, who had been chairman of the Branch for nearly 16 years until the time of his death. During that time he had been a tower of strength to all who met him, the membership of the Branch had been consolidated and the results of it were now being seen. He was also a great priest.

The Branch had also lost one of its oldest members, Mr. Frank Wheeler, who had been buried at Faringdon that afternoon. Miss Cross spoke of the quiet, conscientious work done by him in the Faringdon tower. It was chiefly through his efforts that a band of ringers was formed when the bells were rehung at Faringdon in 1926, and the results were still showing fruit; he had always been very faithful to the Branch since he had become a member in 1920.

The members stood in silence for a few moments in respect of the memory of these two great men.

The Rev. J. L. Street (Vicar of Stanford-in-the-Vale) was elected the new Branch chairman, and in accepting the office he said he would do all he could for the Branch. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland on September 20th. Members were reminded of the Guild festival at Oxford on July 19th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. E. G. Mortimer (Vicar) for conducting the service, the Rev. J. L. Street for his address, to Mrs. Mortimer for playing the organ and Mrs. Fleet for providing teas.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Another new band was welcomed into membership of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at their meeting on April 26th—the team at Fittleton, who also keep Sunday service ringing going at Netheravon, the two parishes forming a plurality. Three of their number were among the 25 ringers present at the quarterly meeting at Great Durnford. The Vicar (Rev. P. Higham) was unfortunately away, convalescing after prolonged illness, so the customary service was not held; but Mrs. Higham joined the visitors at tea, which was prepared by Mrs. Palmer and others.

Mr. A. Trimby (vice-chairman) presided at the short meeting, the chairman being also on the sick list. Several of the Wilton band came on from the big men's festival service at the Cathedral—part of the celebrations for the 700th anniversary of its consecration. Ringing continued for a short time on the five at Durnford, after which a move was made to Woodford, and the six were kept going till about 8.30.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Some 40 ringers and friends attended the South Wales District quarterly meeting, held at Sketty, Swansea, on April 26th. The service was conducted by Canon H. C. Williams, who gave a warm welcome to the Guild. Tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, and Mr. R. E. Coles thanked Mrs. Whitworth and her helpers on behalf of the visitors.

At the business meeting five new members were elected. These were Miss June Tarling (Nash), Miss Jean Howell (Baglan), Miss Judith Robinson and Miss Joan Richards (Sketty), and Miss Victoria Price (Bedwellty). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ebbw Vale.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The spring meeting of the Lewisham District was held in the ancient church of St. Martin in the renowned village of Eynsford and attended by 50 members. Fourteen towers were represented. Mr. F. S. Macey (trustee of the Association) and ringers from Tunbridge Wells were very welcome visitors. Ringing, directed by Mr. A. S. Richards (Ringing Master) commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until service time.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. A. Tuffin), who gave an interesting address. Mr. A. A. Parson (churchwarden) played the organ and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford).

Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice-president), who presided at the business meeting, asked that respect should be paid to the memory of Mr. A. Grove, of Woolwich. Grateful remembrance was signified in the traditional manner.

Fifteen ringing members of the Association were elected and the election of two non-resident members ratified. Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) read his report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Ashford on Easter Monday, which was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Richards for preparing it. Beckenham was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on July 26th. It was decided to hold the annual meeting with the Surrey Association (Northern District) at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on October 11th.

Members were gratified to see Mr. A. Bates, of Farningham, once again active among them after his recent serious illness. Performances on his ancient handbells preceded the return to the church for further ringing on the tower bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

It was intended to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques at Aston Parish Church for Mr. Albert Walker's 82nd birthday, but unfortunately the band met short. In its place a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung. Mr. Walker had not sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to take part, but came to Aston to welcome the ringers before the start. All will be pleased to know that he is now once more ringing at St. Martin's on Sunday rings.

Oxford University Society think their peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Appleton was the first peal of Royal rung by any University with a resident band.

Mr. T. E. Harrold sends the following correction to F.C.H.'s of Kebworth Surprise Major (page 279). These should read: 32465, 43265, 53624, 65432.

Mr. Josiah D. Harris, aged 86, rang the second to a quarter of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Portsea, on May 4th. His striking was excellent throughout, although it is some time since he last rang a quarter peal.

After the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Heptonstall on May 10th, Mr. and Mrs. Walmsley, for whom it was a silver wedding compliment, entertained the ringers to dinner. This will probably be the last peal Mr. S. H. Dearden will ring in the north for some time as he is leaving shortly to take up an appointment in Cardiff.

Those who participated in the 'William' peal which was rung non-conducted at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on May 10th, would like to express their thanks to Mr. Frederick Scott, of Slough, who sat in the belfry throughout the peal to umpire the performance. They are very glad, however, that he had nothing to say but 'Go' and 'Stand'! The band had travelled a total distance of 650 miles to participate in the peal.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Leicester Cathedral on May 12th was the 21st anniversary of the first peal on the bells, rung May 12th, 1937, which was also the coronation peal of King George VI. The composition for both peals was the same, the first being conducted by the late Harold J. Poole; and it was pleasing to the band for this one to be conducted by his daughter, Jill. Only three ringers who took part in the first peal are now members of the Cathedral Society—Harold G. Jenney and Shirley Burton ringing the same bell in both peals; the other member, Harry Broughton, is a regular service ringer, but his general health would not allow him to ring in this peal.

Mr. Neil Bennett has completed Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

By ringing the tenor to a quarter peal of Doubles at East Woodhay, Hants, on April 30th, Mr. J. Webb becomes the first ringer from this tower to ring a quarter peal.

St. Margaret's, Ipswich, bells are to be retuned and rehung. Work on them will be started by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank on May 27th.

Chepstow, Mon, bells were heard for the last time as an eight on Easter Sunday. They have now been committed to the care of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, where they will be retuned and augmented to ten. 'They're all yours, Paul—look after them,' writes our correspondent.

Mr. T. Jeanes, of Taunton, went to Huish Episcopi on May 10th to hear a peal attempt of Plain Bob Major on the bells of his native village. The band, which had travelled many miles, arrived one short. The 69-year-old veteran obligingly rang the treble and the peal was scored. The first quarter of Major on these bells was rung on April 23rd, 1937, just after the bells were augmented.

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FIVE PEALS IN FIVE TOWERS IN A DAY

FOUR ringers with recent long peal experiences totalling 146,000 changes were only too pleased to accept Geoffrey Dodds' invitation to establish a new record—that of ringing five peals in five different towers in one day, the attempt to take place on April 26th.

On Friday evening at least one person was probably worrying what had happened when the chauffeur was delayed 50 minutes by dense London traffic, but calm was soon established when he and Robin arrived, and before leaving Dorking for Newbury we enjoyed another slight delay — Mrs. Cannon's charming hospitality being much appreciated. Soon we were making all possible haste along the North Downs, a drizzle limiting speed and turning the woods into a dark, damp enclosing curtain, until the beacon light from Geoff's cottage window was thankfully seen. After a welcome and cheerful supper, accompanied by the usual badinage, we realised that the time was approaching 1 a.m., and as we planned to leave at 3 a.m. three of the party scorned two hours sleep and continued talking—no prizes for successful guesses!

Longparish Church was reached at 3.45 a.m., and two minutes later we heard Ralph's motorcycle enter the village, a remarkable piece of timing after a ride from Croydon. The first peal passed without incident save that the conductor's voice took on the strange muted quality of the fully-muffled bells—a doubly rare experience! The prearranged breakfast was quickly despatched and we arrived at Barton Stacey behind schedule, catching up with a peal rung as fast as the low ropes would permit, the almost machine-like striking evoking hushed comment by the tenor king. Another fast peal was rung at Wonston, on bells which require much effort to strike properly, and then, thankfully—lunch!

At Overton we met Reg Rex at the 'normal' time of 3 p.m. and much enjoyed the change to a peal of Major, the resulting physical and mental relaxation confirming Derek Jones's letter in the previous day's 'R.W.', and giving us renewed enthusiasm for the last attempt. This took place at Deane, Robin saying en route that these were easy bells to ring. However, several of the bells were very slow striking and much care was needed to produce the desired standard of striking. We learnt that the clappers had been recently rebushed—perhaps these were still tight?

On Sunday the church of Husborne Priors was visited for another ring on bells which had their first peal for 45 years quite recently. The tenor here is a real 'dunce's bell,' the rope coming down right in the corner, such that one faces the corner to ring it! In the afternoon another peal was rung at Thruxton, these very musical bells being a sheer delight to ring—a fine conclusion to our weekend's ringing.

At tea in Andover it was congratulations and thanks all round—to our conductor, to Geoff for his excellent arrangements, to Philip for being our chauffeur, to Trevor for his honesty in saying that he ought to attempt only three peals (he was recovering from a heavy cold), to Bill Deason for being an able first reserve, and to Reg Rex for enabling us to ring Major at Overton.

'CALLIGRAPH.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Tonbridge District, at St. Peter's, Hever, on May 3rd, enabled the Rector (Rev. J. B. Collins) to hear his bells for the first time since his arrival in the parish six months ago. He gave a cordial welcome to the Association, conducted the service and later joined in ringing.

The bells are badly in need of restoration, and advice was given to the Rector on steps to this end. Two of the younger members—Eric and Stanley—spent the morning oiling, etc., in preparation for the visit.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S SECRETARY MARRIED



On Saturday, May 3rd, Mr. J. W. V. Sinfield and Miss June E. Gladman were married at Luton Parish Church. The bridegroom is the well-known general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association of Change Ringers, and the bride is on the Luton District committee of that Association.

Canon W. Davison (Vicar of Luton) officiated at a most impressive ceremony in this ancient and beautiful church, where the bride learned to ring some eight years ago.

The chief bridesmaid was Miss Cynthia Horsley and the matron-of-honour was Mrs. Enid Scott, who was initiated into the mysteries of change-ringing at the same time as the bride. The other two bridesmaids, Miss Josephine Hawkins and Miss Susan Oliver, are also Luton Parish Church ringers, and the tiny attendants were Bridge Sinfield (cousin of the bridegroom) and Susan Walters (cousin of the bride).

At the conclusion of the service the splendid ring of ten bells was set going to a touch of Stedman Caters, and later in the day a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in honour of the occasion.

Among the many friends present in church was Mr. A. King, to whom this happy day must have brought back memories of 65 years ago! The reception was at the George Hotel and about 100 guests were present. The best wishes of a wide circle of ringing friends are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Sinfield for their happiness in the years that lie ahead.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Will the conductor of the peal at Starston on April 28th please forward the method rung? (No address with copy.)

Mr. Terry Haines has been informed that the committee of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has recognised the peal at Newnham (see page 669, October 5th, 1957) as a true peal.

All Odd Fellows ringers will receive a warm welcome at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Sunday, June 1st, at 10 a.m. for the special service in connection with the A.M.C.

We regret to learn of the death on May 7th of Mr. T. G. Macdougal, who had a fatal stroke while in the belfry of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch. He was aged 81 years. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

UPWARDS of 50 members and friends attended the meeting held at Cambridge on May 3rd. Met by members of the Cambridge Youths and Cambridge University Guild, the London train party was escorted to the city centre where ringing took place on the new eight at Great St. Andrew's, whilst others enjoyed ringing at St. Bene't's, this having been the home tower of one to whom the Ancient Society will always be indebted—Fabian Stedman.

During lunch at the Dorothy, Sidney Street, Canon Woodard, of Great St. Andrew's, speaking on behalf of the Ely Diocesan Association, welcomed the Society to Cambridge, and hoped the meeting would be a successful and happy one. Canon Woodard also extended good wishes to the Master (Dr. P. A. F. Chalk) on his forthcoming marriage, wishing him and his bride all good fortune.

The Master thanked Canon Woodard for his personal good wishes, and on behalf of the Society thanked the Cambridge members for their hospitality, particularly Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ridgman and Dr. C. M. P. Johnson for the excellent arrangements made.

In the afternoon Cinques and Maximus were rung at St. Mary-the-Great and a short business meeting followed in St. Andrew's Church Hall. The last tower was that of the R.C. Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, where the ringing was worthy of the majestic bells.

The programme allowed time for leisurely strolls through the sunlit streets, and many visitors took the opportunity of 'umpiring' the ringing in the delightful settings of the college grounds.

It was particularly pleasing to see members present from as far afield as North Lincolnshire, Derby and Coventry, and this, with the warmth of welcome received from the goodly number of local members present, combined to make a most enjoyable and memorable meeting.

J. C.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

The Parish Church of St. Nicolas, King's Norton, was the venue of the quarterly meeting held on April 26th, and ringing on the pleasant ring of ten bells was enjoyed by about 40 ringers. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. G. Ashford), who welcomed the members and afterwards joined them at the excellent tea, kindly prepared by ringers' wives and helpers.

Before commencing the business meeting, the Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes) referred to the passing of Frank E. Pervin, who had rung many peals for the Guild and was a ringer of sterling qualities. The members stood in silence.

Two new members were elected—Miss Judy Robinson and Mr. J. K. Foot—both from Shirley Parish Church; and the life membership of Mr. Alan J. Frost, of Kettering, was ratified.

The principal business was to discuss the decline in attendance at the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, and to decide whether it should be held next year. Arising from a lengthy discussion, one of the chief reasons suggested to account for the smaller attendances was the increase in the number of Associations who now hold their own annual dinners. The general opinion was that the commemoration should be held on a smaller scale by restricting numbers and by increasing the cost of the tickets, if necessary, to avoid sustaining a loss. The meeting was against any attempt to popularise this function by the provision of an elaborate entertainment.

The next meeting will be held on July 5th at Northfield.

The Master welcomed several visitors to the meeting, including Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, Mr. J. S. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, of South Africa.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT DINNER

MR. LEWIS COCKEY'S CANADIAN IMPRESSIONS

A MOST enjoyable dinner and social evening was held by the London County Association on April 19th. The venue was The Victoria, Buckingham Palace Road. Excellent entertainment of high quality was provided by the Domenica Quartet of madrigal singers. The singing was divided into three groups, interspersed with speeches and handbell ringing.

Mr. T. H. Taffender, I.S.O., general Master of the Association, occupied the chair. Mr. H. W. Rogers was toastmaster, and the toasts were by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, Mrs. O. L. Rogers, Mr. F. J. Cullum and Mr. J. A. Hales.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, in proposing the toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise,' mentioned the real joy at being again with ringing friends in London, on his return after 2½ years in Winnipeg, and after travelling about 9,000 miles. He and his wife had so very much appreciated the many kindly letters and messages so often received, which meant much to them both.

It was hard to express how greatly one missed the music of the ringing bells in Winnipeg. Bells there were in plenty, but only of the chiming variety. The nearest ringing bells were at Quebec, about 1,300 miles, and at Victoria, about 2,000 miles distant. He had, in fact, received a kind letter from Mr. Izzard at Victoria, inviting him to have a ring with them, and had he remained longer in Winnipeg would probably have made the journey. His stay in Winnipeg had, he felt, been really worth while, and had been a wonderful experience in broadening his mind and in getting a more realistic impression of matters outside the Old Country.

CANADA'S LOYALTY

He had been greatly impressed by the cheerful friendliness and kindliness of Canadians, and in particular of the members of the Anglican Church of Canada. There was a great loyalty to the monarchy, but it was stressed that the monarch was 'Queen of Canada.' One noted that in every public building, large and small, such as schools, post offices and the like, was a portrait of the Queen in a prominent place, and one he particularly noted was a large portrait in a Ukrainian church hall. The Union Jack was everywhere, including churches and schools.

As to the Anglican Church, he became a member of the congregation of the beautiful Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John-the-Evangelist, Winnipeg, the seat of the Primacy, and had met the Archbishop of Rupertsland, the Primate, on several occasions—a very impressive man, who had control of the Church from Vancouver to Newfoundland, a distance of over 5,000 miles. The Dean of Rupertsland, too, was a very brilliant preacher, and the congregation generally had shown great kindness to Mrs. Cockey during her recent severe illness, and it was with great regret that one parted from all these kindly people.

THE FUTURE DARK

In proposing the toast of 'The Church,' he wondered sometimes what was really meant by this. The Anglican Communion first, of course, but should not one really include 'the whole of Christ's Church militant here on earth'?—especially in view of the grim and foreboding dangers ahead.

'In the meantime, the future is dark. In the near East, the hosts of Islam, cruel and savage, with an undying hatred of the Cross, are gathering, backed by the evil hosts of militant atheism from Russia; and one wonders, sometimes, if the Church may yet have to fight another and greater Crusade, culminating in Armageddon, before the way is clear. The Christian Church, therefore, will need all its firmness, unity and strength to face these evil things, and it may well be centuries before the hosts of the East are brought into the fold; but in the end, the Cross will eclipse the Crescent, and we shall be in sight of the Millennium.'

As to the ringing Exercise, he could not say much that was new, but could only stress the goodwill and friendliness that he had received from Scotland in the north to London and the south, and the real pleasure that it was to be in ringing circles once more.

AVOID CLASH OF LONDON MEETINGS

A sincere and well received toast to 'Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mrs. O. S. Rogers, who commenced by welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Cullum. As the guest of honour, Mr. Cullum was requested to convey the Association's very best wishes to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, of which he was again Master this year. Regrets were expressed at the non-attendance of Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Dr. Chalk had accepted an invitation to attend, but had later had to turn it down as a result of his duties at the London Hospital. Mrs. Rogers requested any member of the Ancient Society present to convey the good wishes of the L.C.A. to the next meeting.

Mrs. Rogers appealed for greater collaboration and more fraternisation between the various ringing Societies operating in the London area. In this area, probably more than any other, most ringers were members of more than one Society or Association. Normally, and rightly so, each ringer owed greater allegiance to one Association than the others, but nevertheless liked to attend meetings of the other Associations. This was not made easy for him as frequently two or three meetings in London were on the same day.

As a practical proposal for dealing with this overlapping she suggested that the secretaries of the Associations concerned met once each year, to discuss arrangements which would generally avoid clashing and enable ringers to attend any of the meetings without feeling that they should be elsewhere. The L.C.A. would co-operate fully and would be happy to provide a central meeting place.

As to individual ringers, Mrs. Rogers asked: 'Do we ring for ourselves, for what we can get out of it, or as a service to God, to call His people to worship? We are all equal in His eyes, providing we are doing our work sincerely and well, so it matters not whether we ring at a great cathedral or a small parish church; whether we stand on the largest tenor box or just on the floor. As we are all performing the same service to God and His Church, why not resolve to be equal in each other's eyes and so rub smoothly with our fellow ringers?'

JOINT MEETINGS

Last year the Association held a most successful joint meeting with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and looked forward to many more and similarly with other kindred Societies.

In his reply, Mr. Cullum stressed the favour with which he viewed joint meetings, in fact, arrangements were well ahead for one between his Society and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

It being the wish of senior members to take wine with the Master, Mr. J. A. Hales preceded this with a very able and extemporary speech. In this he referred to days and incidents which occurred before many of those present were born, and to towers which were now non-existent, in which he had rung peals with Mr. T. H. Taffender.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The lovely little village of Polstead, set in beautiful Suffolk countryside and renowned for its cherry orchards and Maria Marten murder, attracted a record attendance of over 60 ringers to the meeting there on May 10th. It was a very fine day and those who were not in the tower ringing were able to go out into the churchyard either to talk or to ring handbells.

An inspiring service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. P. H. Biddlecombe), himself a call-change ringer, and the lesson was read by one of the Polstead ringers. A collection was taken for the Church Heating Fund.

An excellent tea was served in the Village Hall by the ringers' wives and friends. The Rector was elected chairman for the business meeting. Mrs. J. O. Bailey, of Stratford St. Mary, was made a ringing member and the Rev. P. H. Biddlecombe an honorary member of the Guild.

It was decided to hold evening practice meetings at Clare on May 31st and at Long Melford on June 28th. The next quarterly meeting, subject to permission, will be held at Kedington on July 26th.

The bells at both Polstead and Assington were rung during the evening, and a small party went down to inspect the bells at Boxford which have not been rung for many years. R. S.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

The A.G.M. of the University of Bristol Society was held on May 6th. It was decided to hold the Society Corporate Communion at St. Michael's on June 8th at 8 a.m.

The Society's best wishes for the future were extended to the many members going down this year, and Mr. Michael Sprackling made a short speech of farewell on their behalf. A vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. David Heighton for his year's hard work as Master after he had declined to stand for the office for a further period.

The following officers were elected for the next session: Master, P. J. Bird, secretary, B. J. Wylde, tower secretary, R. Blackler, treasurer, Miss J. Cook. A first year representative remains to be elected, and enquiries from intending students would be welcomed by the Secretary, Society of Change Ringers, c/o Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol, 8.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CARTER'S ODD BOB PEAL

Dear Sir,—If I may again join in the correspondence about Carter's Odd Bob peal of Stedman Triples, which has been going on during the past few months, and at the same time correct Mr. Brian Buswell's letter which appeared on January 10th, I think I can answer Mr. Donald Boreham's query concerning the ringing of that composition in December, 1903.

The composition was first published, in what has come to be considered a simplified form, in 'The Bell News' of December 24th, 1898: John Carter himself, whose abilities as a practical ringer perhaps tend to be overlooked, calling it the first time it was rung. As Mr. Buswell said, the other version, usually described as the Odd Bob One-part, appeared on October 18th, 1902, both on tower- and handbells; it will thus be seen that the version which is given in 'Stedman' appeared before, not after, the 'One-part.' The latter was next rung at Bishopswearmouth on December 1st, 1902, conducted by W. T. Robson, and it was also rung at Erith on February 8th, 1903, conducted by W. Pye, so that it had been accomplished at least four times before the achievement of the local band at Hughenden.

I sometimes wonder whether the 'simplified' version, which I felt rather pleased at calling ten years ago, is really any easier to call than the other. Easier to learn, yes, because of its greater regularity, but both peals contain the same number of calls (420), and the various different types of course are alike in both peals. The people who are really to be admired, of course, are those who can conduct peals of this nature from a non-observation bell, something I, for one, would never hope to do.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

A MAIDEN TOWER

Dear Sir,—The ring of six bells of St. Peter's Church, Bratton Fleming, near Barnstaple, were rehung in a new cast-iron H frame by John Taylor and Co. in December, 1956. Particulars of this grand ring are:—

Treble: 5 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D, Mears and Stainbank, 1895.

Second: 6 cwt. 6 lb. in C, Thos. Mears, 1792; recast by John Taylor and Co., 1956.

Third: 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat, Thos. Mears, 1792.

Fourth: 8 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in A, Mears and Stainbank, 1895.

Fifth: 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G, Thos. Mears, 1792: recast by John Taylor and Co., 1956.

Tenor: 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F, Thos. Mears, 1792: recast by John Taylor and Co., 1956.

Bands wishing to visit this tower must apply to Mr. F. G. Bale, Glendale, Bratton Fleming, near Barnstaple. The practice night is Monday at 8, and visitors are welcome. A peal has never been rung on these bells, and I personally would like to see Bratton Fleming tower 'put on the map.'—Yours faithfully,

G. L. TRIBE.

Bratton Fleming, N. Devon.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL'S NEW MASTER

Dear Sir,—At the close of a recent excellent broadcast of the bells of Liverpool Cathedral, the retiring Ringing Master thanked the Cathedral bell-ringers for their help during the difficult days when the ringing of the bells was subject to the completion of the building of the tower.

It was with pleasure that the new Ringing Master's invitation to stay on in the band was accepted. When these great bells are next rung, for the Whitsun Festival, Mr. Joseph Ridyard, South West Lancashire's popular C.C. representative, will be in command.—Yours, etc.,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS,
retiring Master.

GOATHURST'S RULES

Dear Sir,—The following lines were taken from a belfry card at Goathurst, Somerset (on a visit mentioned in the 'R.W.' on May 2nd: 'Ringing and Skittles'). I have 'modernised' the spelling but it appears to be as interesting a set of rules as any I've seen printed, and may therefore interest our fraternity. I do not know the date.—Yours, etc.,

J. H. GILBERT.

'VERSES' FOUND IN GOATHURST TOWER

Let awful silence first proclaimed be
And praises given to the Trinity.
Then Love and Honour pay unto our King.
Thus with a blessing raise the cheerful ring.
Hark how the chirping treble sings it clear
And covering Tom comes rolling in the rear.
Now up on end at stay and let us see
What laws are best to keep sobriety.

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Who swears or curses, or in angry mood
Quarrels or strikes, although he draw no blood,
Who wears his hat or spurs or turns a bell
Or by unskilful handling mars a peal,
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime,
'Twill make him cautious 'gainst another time.
But if the Sexton's fault an hindrance be
We call from him a double penalty.

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Who doth our Parson disrespect
Or Warden's orders any time neglect,
Let him be held in foul disgrace
And ever after banished from this place.
Now round lets go with pleasure to the ear
And pierce with pleasing sound the yielding air,
And when the bells are ceased then let us sing
God save the Church, God bless the King.

CHURCHWARDEN RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I would suggest that all those concerned in the controversy of churchwardens, bells and ringers should consider the example of Messrs Percy Williams and Stanley Seymour, both wardens of St. Euny's, Redruth.

These two gentlemen have both held office as tower captain, and as serving wardens they today combine those offices with offices of captain and vice-captain of the tower. For many years before the war this combination of offices—warden and captain or warden and vice-captain—was held, I believe, in the same tower by the late W. H. Cornelius.

If the history of one tower can demonstrate this integration of warden and ringer for long periods with the complete accord of the rector of the parish, why is it necessary that the situation of warden against ringer be tolerated either by the people, the incumbent or diocesan authority?—Yours sincerely,

E. V. WILLIAMS.

Stoke Newington, London.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

After a lapse of 27 years the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held a meeting at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on May 10th. One would hardly expect a large attendance at a Black Country town on a fine Saturday afternoon in May, and it was therefore a pleasant surprise for the Society's officials when some 85 ringers and friends turned up. A bright, fully choral service, conducted by the Vicar (Preb. N. W. Watson), a bountiful tea at a most reasonable price, and plenty of ringing on good bells to suit all tastes were features which contributed to the success of this meeting, and Messrs. A. Mills and G. W. Peart and their helpers are deserving of special thanks for their excellent arrangements.

The next meeting of the Society will be the 'annual' at Lichfield on June 21st.

HANDBELLS AS AN AID TO TEACHING CHANGE RINGING

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

(1) Give one of a set of three handbells (preferably the treble) to the pupil. The instructor takes the other two. Ring the bells UP (handstroke) in order down the scale (1, 2, 3) then down (backstroke) in order (1, 2, 3) until the pupil can strike the bell fairly well, realising he is in first place.

Now let the pupil ring a few whole pulls in seconds place (still ringing treble), next a few blows in thirds place (bells ringing in the order 2, 3, 1). The pupil can now hear and *perhaps* see his bell striking in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place as the case may be.

Explain to the pupil that instead of ringing a lot of blows in the same place, you want him to ring just one blow in 2nds, two in 3rds, 1 in 2nds, 2 in 1sts, after ringing up and down once in 1sts place (i.e., whole pull and 'go'). In this way the pupil will quickly learn 'plain hunt' on three bells by ear.

(2) The instructor now brings in another ringer and another bell and, giving the pupil the treble, once more explains that he must now ring in the following places: 1st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st, 1st, etc., also explaining that this work is known as 'plain hunting.' To help the pupil at first, the instructor may have to count aloud as the bells ring, 123, 123 (or 1234, 1234, 1234, etc.). The pupil will be able to ring treble to Bob Minimus in a few minutes in this way.

(3) Bring in additional bells and ringers, and progress in this way to plain hunt on five, then six bells, then introduce him to Plain Bob Minor. After a little practice the counting aloud by the instructor may be omitted except when a trip appears to be imminent. At first the pupil learns the inside work by the places he strikes in, viz.: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 5, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, etc., and rings purely by listening. Later he is encouraged to ring by sight as well and also learn places where treble is met up and down.

Advantages of this use of handbells are:—

(a) Training in listening to one's own and all the other bells, leading to better striking.
(b) Counting one's place becomes automatic and causes less trouble than is often the case when tower bell ringing is attempted.
(c) The instructor finds out before wasting time and risking jangling tower bells whether the pupil knows the method sufficiently well to warrant him being given a turn on a tower bell, i.e., no method ringing on tower bells until the pupil has proved on handbells his willingness to learn the method.

(4) To help the pupil to count and hear all the bells it is a good idea at first for all the ringers to count aloud the place in which their bell is ringing, and even if the pupil fails at first to hear so many bells ring, he will hear the numbers called out so that if he is due to ring in 4ths, he will after hearing another ringer say 3rd (or 3) ring his bell and shout '4th' or '4.'

Six complete novices will ring plain hunt on six in this way almost at once.

The next step is for the tutor only to count aloud, and then for no one to count aloud.

Use of handbells in this way lightens an evening's practice on lashed bells and can fill in usefully many an odd minute or two. As the pupils will become quite adept in the use of handbells, new methods may be rung on handbells before being practised on tower bells. The pupil's interest is also greatly stimulated by being able to ring interesting methods on handbells by the time he can master plain hunt on tower bells.

NOTE.—In the above the pupil is referred to as 'he': as often as not it is 'she,' but that does not make the practice any less successful.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Out Of Order Bells To Be Minuted

ON Saturday, May 3rd, the Norwich Diocesan Association met in Norwich for their annual meeting, some 120 members and visitors attending.

The service, held in St. Peter Mancroft Church, was conducted by the Vicar (Canon John Waddington), assisted by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, and the lesson being read by Miss D. E. Lidbetter. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. G. E. Dodson (Rector of Gressenhall), chairman of the Western Branch. In his address he stressed the importance of ringers being practising Christians, as well as ringers. He suggested that all annual meetings should consider the restoration of bells which were out of order. This would ensure that it would appear in the minutes of the Church Council; ringers should play an active part in this and support the Church in every way. Much could be done with little expense, such as cleaning bell chambers and belfries. Furthermore, he could see no future for bellringing unless the young people in the Church were encouraged to ring. If this was done every church with a ring of bells would have its own service band, which would be to the ultimate good of the Church and of the Exercise.

A hearty welcome was given to the Vergers' Guild, who took part in the service.

Tea, arranged by the local ringers' wives, and the business meeting which followed were held in the Chantry Hall.

The proceedings were overshadowed by the absence of the president (Rev. H. G. Lillingston), owing to health reasons. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (vice-president) took the chair and opened the meeting with prayers. The company was asked to stand for a moment's silence in memory of brother ringers who had passed on to higher service during the past year.

PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION

The general secretary read a letter from the president, saying how distressed he was that he was unable to attend the annual meeting. In tendering his resignation of office he said he felt compelled to give up being president through lack of time to carry out the duties as he felt he should do, and for health reasons. He expressed his pride in the honour that the Association had done in allowing him to act as president for the past three years, and his sincere gratitude to all members for their help and co-operation, and above all, their friendship. He concluded his letter with: 'May God continue to bless you all, and the great work you are doing for Him.' The chairman proposed that a letter should be sent to the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, thinking him for his past services, and with the best wishes of the members for a quick recovery to health and strength. He spoke of the great work that the president had done, being a leader in every sense of the word. The proposal was passed with acclamation.

The annual report records that 1957 was the 80th anniversary of the Association, and recalls the names of some of the great personalities who helped to build the foundations of the present-day organisation: the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, Canon J. J. Raven, the Rev. Earle Bulwer, Arthur Coleman, George P. Burton, Chas. E. Borrett—to mention a few whose influence was felt throughout the Exercise.

200 NEW MEMBERS

Present-day members were keeping the Association in the forefront of the ringing world, as witness the recruitment of approximately 200 new members during the last three years, and a peal total of 356 over that period. Membership had risen to a record total of 487 at the end of the year. Four new companies had joined the Association, and many new bands were being trained at various towers in the diocese.

A new ring of six had been dedicated at Saxthorpe, believed to be the second lightest ring of six hung in any tower, tenor weighing 2 cwt. 94 lb. in E. Restorations were completed at Dereham, North Creake and Yaxham. A new treble had been added at Yaxham, given by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gogle in memory of their parents. On the other side of the picture, at St. Mary's, Thetford, the five bells had been taken down (three are in London to be sold, two are going to another church, and the remaining one is to be rehung in the tower). At Wood Dalling the bells had been lowered for safety.

The Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Barrett) reported the record total of 142 peals rung during the year, with 193 members taking part and 34 conductors. At all meetings he had attended the standard of ringing had been good, and many of the clergy had remarked how pleased they were to see so many young ringers. Mr. Barrett said that there were approximately 500 members, and he could see no reason why this number should not be considerably increased. This could be done by each one of the members finding and training at least one new boy or girl. He congratulated Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, of Acle, on ringing a peal on his 85th birthday.

The accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure of £8 18s. 8d. This is lower than 1956, but is accounted for by the increased cost of printing reports and the purchase of a further gross of Association badges. The general fund account stands at £199 4s. 9d. and the belfry repair fund at £106 11s. 2d.

The meeting passed on to the election of officers.

MR. NOLAN GOLDEN NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. F. Nolan Golden was elected president. Mr. Golden, in thanking the members, said how proud he was of the honour they had done him. Elected a member in 1924, Mr. Golden has held every office in the Association, with the exception of auditor: Branch secretary, South Branch 1929-36, North Branch 1935-36; general secretary 1937-40, Ringing Master 1945-54, elected vice-president 1956, Central Council representative since 1945, serving on the Methods Committee; has rung over 1,000 peals. No one deserves this honour more, and his fellow members wish him a happy and successful term of office.

All other officers were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Rev. H. G. Lillingston as a vice-president.

A proposal for alteration to rules—to include the publishing of quarter peals in the annual report—was defeated. The deciding factor in this is the rising cost of printing. Notice of motion was given for alteration to Rule 6—'To delete General Secretary, and insert Branch Secretary.'

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had made this a happy and successful meeting.

The most striking fact of the meeting was the large attendance of young ringers, which augurs well for the future prosperity of the Association.

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ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER, RINGERS' OUTING

Each year we say: 'This was the best yet!': and of our outing this year we can repeat this quite confidently, thanks to the co-operation of good friends at the towers visited. Our party of about 40 comprised ringers and friends from All Saints' and St. John's, Leicester, Wigston Magna and South Wigston.

We arrived at Luton in time for some nice touches before a wedding at 11 o'clock. It was here noted that the verger emeritus took particular notice of this wedding because he thought he might learn something! Then on to Waltham Abbey where the 12 bells were rung to a good course of Maximus, Caters, and a course of Bristol on the back eight, in which one of the young local enthusiasts got his first touch in the method. We were delighted to meet Mrs. C. W. Roberts, organiser of the visit.

A quick run to St. Albans, where Mr. Arnold welcomed us and guided us up the long spiral, through the clerestory passages, then up again to the curious ringing room, where huge beams obscure the view of several ringers. Despite these difficulties we managed a bob course of Grandsire Cinques, a touch of Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal, and a beautifully-struck course of Bristol ended a pleasant visit. Then a walk to St. Peter's, where Mr. Johnson welcomed us to this finely-appointed belfry with its grand ten. Good use was made of the opportunity to ring here, and a course of Yorkshire ended what was originally our intended day. But after a good tea it was felt we were still capable of further efforts, so we called at Woburn, where Mr., Mrs. and Miss Spavins most kindly welcomed us and readily consented to allow us half-an-hour before another party came for an hour. The grand eight were made good use of till the arrival of friends from Rushden and Irthlingborough. It was a pleasure and honour to ring a touch of Stedman with a mixed band of both parties, who specially requested that 'Uncle Ernest' should call it!

On the way home a call at a local was made at Creeton, Northants, and it was observed that Ernest unobtrusively crept in and came out with a pint of shandy and a packet of crisps, much to the astonishment of some of the younger element, who threatened to tell 'Auntie Beatie' all about it! Then Sid Harrison, who with his handbells had enlivened the journey in the bus, got going with gusto and the local folk loved it.

We arrived home safe at midnight, and what Beatie said to Ernest as he crept in softly cannot be printed! Our thanks are due to all those who helped make this outing one of real happiness and pleasure.

JOINT MEETING AT WORKSOP PRIORY

Perhaps the unusual privilege of being allowed the use of Worksop Priory bells for a ringing meeting attracted the large number of ringers to the joint meeting of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association held at this tower on May 10th. Between 60 and 70 ringers attended from 22 towers.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., competing successfully with both the band playing for the street pageant held on behalf of the League of Hospital Friends and the pleasure fair in a nearby recreation ground. Mr. Cyril Wright was in charge of the ringing, which continued in various methods until 7.30 p.m. Methods rung included Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Little Bob Major, Kent and Oxford T.B. Major, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major. One of the visitors was Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, convener of the 'Ringing World' Committee.

After the meeting, 16 of the company visited Creswell for further ringing. M. J.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD REPORT ON RECORD YEAR

THE annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held in Leicester on the Saturday at the end of Easter week, as is the custom by rule. The bells of St. Margaret's, All Saints' and the Cathedral were in use from 2 p.m., and it soon became evident that there were not enough bells available to cater adequately for all the members and visitors who wished to ring. The actual standard of ringing was only moderate, as it was necessary, of course, to make sure that all people were given the opportunity to ring, especially at the 12-bell towers.

The service was held in the Cathedral and was taken by Canon F. W. Pratt, who gave an inspiring address to the hundred or more who were present.

Following the service, tea was taken in St. George's Hall in Colton Street. It was most unfortunate that some people did not find the rather complicated way to this hall but, in apologising, it must be remembered that there are very few buildings large enough in the centre of Leicester that can cope with over 100 for tea.

After the tea, the business meeting followed. The president (Mr. P. L. Taylor) was supported by the Archdeacon of Loughborough (Ven. R. B. Cole), vice-president (Mr E. C. Turner), hon. treasurer (Mr. A. E. Rowley), hon. peal secretary (Mr. S. Burton) and hon. general secretary (Mr. B. G. Warwick). In his opening remarks the president welcomed members to the meeting and then referred to the great loss the Guild had sustained by the tragic death of one of its leading peal ringers—Mrs. H. J. Poole, and also by the death of Mr. Felix Sutton, who was an honorary life member.

Apologies for absence were received from the Bishop of Leicester, the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Provost, Canon Blackmore, Rector of Bottesford (an honorary member) and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. Quite a large number of visitors were present from Reigate, Stoney Stratford, Lichfield, Bedford and Aston (Birmingham). These were given a warm welcome by Mr. E. C. Turner (vice-president).

MEMBERSHIP UP

Presenting the reports, the hon. general secretary (Mr. B. G. Warwick) reported that the year 1957 was very successful from the Guild point of view. All Districts had produced increased amounts from members' subscriptions. On December 31st the membership figure stood at 625 (604 in 1956). In addition, 102 (128 in 1956) members had failed to pay their 1957 subscription. It was to be hoped that they would do so before the end of 1957 otherwise they would cease to be members. During 1957, 101 resident members, 21 non-resident, 1 rejoin and 1 honorary member were elected. This showed a pleasing increase as the comparative figures for 1956 were 55 resident and 38 non-resident.

From the peal secretary's report it was noticed that there was an increase in the number of peals rung. This was a healthy sign. It should be emphasised that in the realm of peal ringing nothing but the best would do for the Leicester Diocesan Guild, which was, without doubt, the leading Guild in the country.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. A. E. Rowley) reported that 1957 had been one of the best years from the financial point of view. The year had commenced with £32 17s. 2d.; there had been a balance on the year's working of £45 1s. 9d. which left a balance in hand of £77 18s. 11d. This had been achieved by restricting expenditure where possible, and by increasing the income from advertisements in the annual report. There was a balance in the Bell Repair Fund of £171 4s. 3d. and in the Catering Reserve Fund of £9 12s. 11d.

The peal secretary (Mr. S. Burton) stated that during 1957 191 peals had been rung, of which 39 were on handbells. This was an increase of 19 over 1956. Outstanding performances were a peal of Tythorn Delight Major, which was rung for the first time, a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods, and a peal of Spliced Plain Major in four methods on handbells. Twenty-four people rang their first peal, 228 their first in the method, 16 their first in the method as conductor, and the conducting was shared by 37 different people. The leading conductor was the general secretary (who was the leading conductor for the country), who called 61 peals, and the leading peal ringer was Mr. J. A. Acres (who had the distinction not only of ringing 100 peals in 1957 but who was the leading peal ringer for the country).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Great interest obviously centred round the election of the president and vice-presidents. A ballot was held for the election of the president, and the result was Mr. P. L. Taylor 56 votes, Mr. P. J. Staniforth 35, and Mr. E. C. Turner 7. For the election of the vice-presidents the result was: Mr. P. J. Staniforth 81, Mr. E. C. Turner 62 and Mr. F. K. Measures 49. Mr. P. J. Staniforth and Mr. E. C. Turner were elected. The remaining officers were re-elected en bloc. The committee would like to thank Mr. B. Cracknell, of Reigate, and Miss Joan Beresford, of Lichfield, for their work in acting as tellers.

The next quarterly meeting would be held at Kibworth on July 12th. The annual dinner would be held in the Co-op Café, High Street, Leicester, on November 1st at 7 p.m. Tickets would soon be available, price 11s.

The committee had decided that Mr. F. K. Measures should be the Guild Ringing Master, whose duties would be to arrange and control the ringing on general meeting days.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of East Hertfordshire's bell-ringers was held at Much Hadham on May 10th. About 16 members sat down to tea at the Red Lion Hotel, and attended the business meeting which followed. Several more members put in their appearance after this, at the evening ringing. St. Andrew's Church has a light ring of eight (tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.) with a long draught of rope of about 80 feet. The ringing, however, was on the whole quite good, and touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Cambridge Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung. J. D. W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD HAS NEW OFFICERS

MR. C. W. DENYER, Ringing Master of the Farnham District, was on May 10th at Guildford elected Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. The other nominee was Mr. Harold Pitstow, of Banstead, who is in charge of the ringing at Westminster Abbey.

The retiring Master, Mr. A. Harman, of Beare Green, who had held the office for 15 years, was in the chair, and the annual meeting of the Guild showed its appreciation of his past services by electing him a vice-president.

There was another important change of officers. Mr. G. L. Grover, of East Clandon, who had been secretary of the Guild since 1938, had resigned and also Miss W. Oliver, of Guildford, the assistant secretary. The new secretary is Mr. S. Russell, of Ash, and his assistant Miss R. Hide, of Farnham.

The retiring officers and their wives are to be guests of honour at the Guild's annual dinner to be held at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, on October 4th.

536 ACTIVE RINGERS

The report of the executive committee gave the strength of the Guild as 536 ringing and 107 honorary. The meeting approved of the revival of the Guild's summer festival to be held at Hersham on June 14th, at which the president (the Bishop of Guildford) would preach. The report added:—

> 'Our Lord Bishop has an appreciative ear for good ringing, and we especially urge tower leaders to see that there is worthwhile ringing at all special services, such as confirmations and dedications at which he is present. We can assure them that their efforts, if they warrant it, will not pass without appreciation.'

The meeting stood while those members who had died during the year—Mr. Bob Whittington (Cranleigh), Mr. R. Lathbury (Walton), Mr. J. Hessey (Chertsey), Mr. L. Crocker (Chertsey), Mr. W. Denyer (Aldershot), Mr. H. Charman (Cranleigh), Mr. D. Warner (Horsell), Mr. A. J. Stedman (honorary member, Farnham) and Messrs. G. Elson and J. Elliott (former members), also the Ven. G. B. Smith—were remembered.

Mr. C. W. Denyer said the family of the late Mr. W. Denyer were erecting to him a memorial tablet in the ringing chamber of Aldershot Parish Church. Later there would be the gift of a paten and chalice to the church where he was a communicant. Friends were invited to be associated with the latter gift.

PEAL RINGING DROP

Major E. J. Bragg (Aldershot), peal recorder, reported that only 21 peals had been rung during 1957, 13 fewer than the previous year, but the number of ringers taking part went up to 97. There were 18 different conductors.

Since the formation of the Guild 919 peals had been rung. Of these Mr. A. H. Pulling had conducted 334. [Applause.] He was one of the greatest ringers of all time, with nearly 1,500 peals to his credit.

Major Bragg regretted the ringing of a non-Association peal at Chiddingfold. On behalf of the Guild he asked captains of towers to urge their incumbents that permission to attempt peals should only be granted to people who had the good of the Exercise and the Church at heart.

MERROW CONGRATULATED

Mr. Pulling congratulated the young Merrow ringers, two or three of whom recently scored their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. He urged them to ring local peals, and added: 'You can ring hundreds of peals, but there is nothing like a local band ringing a peal, and it is far better than any Surprise peal.'

The following new members were elected: Michael Weston (Cranleigh), junior member, the Rev. J. F. Bowen and Messrs. G. Chapman (Aldershot), B. Tebenham, T. Phillips, J. Reed, P. Parfree and Miss M. Nursey (Albury), Mr. John Griffiths (West Clandon). Mr. Roger Keeley and Miss M. Beamish were elected compounding members.

A motion to limit the period of the Master in office to not more than three consecutive years from the Leatherhead District was defeated. Another that the annual meeting should be held on a fixed date was carried.

The service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. C. Marshall, at which the preacher was the Rev. Eric Woods, both of whom come from Leatherhead and are ringers.

OBITUARY

MR. T. A. KING

We regret to report the death of Mr. Thomas Alfred King at Shipley, Yorks, on May 1st, aged 89 years.

He was brought up as a ringer at Lavenham, Suffolk, under the late Arthur Symonds. He rang his peals for the Ely Diocesan Association with Samuel Slater, and it was with pleasure that he used to talk about the peal of Grandsire Caters which he conducted at the Norman tower in Bury St. Edmunds. He was a good and safe conductor in all he did; another record of his was calling Holt's Original at Lavenham on the famous Miles Graye tenor.

Before leaving Lavenham for Shipley, Yorkshire, on December 31st, 1906, his last peal there was one of Bob Major on December 1st, 1906, which was the first for E.H.S. and S.H.S. Joining the Yorkshire Association, he was always willing to help with service ringing.

On May 6th, at Bradford Cathedral, a quarter peal of Minor was rung to his memory, and also in memoriam Mr. F. Davison, of Idle Parish Church. Those taking part were S. B. Schofield (10) 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, S. G. Schofield 3, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 4, A. Ashton 5, H. B. Schofield 6, F. Raymond tenor covering. E. H. S.

MR. ALFRED UPEX

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Alfred Upex, of Warmington, on May 1st.

Mr. Upex joined the ringers 63 years ago when he left the choir on his voice breaking. He was a member of the Oundle first Deanery Association and later a member of the Oundle Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Until a few years ago he was a regular attendant at every meeting. He had taught many young ringers, including his own two sons.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung to his memory at Warmington on May 6th by W. L. Ferrar 1, A. B. Clarke 2, Mrs. P. E. Clarke 3, G. Jeffs (conductor) 4, A. C. Wills 5, P. Stretton 6.

MR. FRANK WHEELER

All Saints' Church, Faringdon, Berks, has lost its oldest bell-ringer by the death of Mr. Frank Wheeler, which occurred at his home in Southampton Street, Faringdon, on May 7th, at the age of 77 years.

Frank ('Dusty,' as he was known to all his fellow ringers) was the instigator of change-ringing to Faringdon tower 40 years ago, as previously it had only a call-change band. He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and also the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

He started to learn to ring at the age of 11 and kept keen interest in it up to his death. Though he had not been able to ring himself since Christmas Day, he was always around to give advice to others.

A saw doctor by occupation, he was working until a few weeks ago. The widow shares her bereavement with two sons and a daughter.

The funeral took place at All Saints' Church, Faringdon, on May 10th, and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. H. G. Davey). At Frank's request, he was carried by four of his fellow ringers—Messrs. D. Vincent, J. Strawford, F. H. Whipp and C. R. Miles. Other ringers present were Mr. C. I. J. Pearce (foreman of the Faringdon tower and V.W.H. Branch Ringing Master), Mr. J. Belcher, Mr. H. Taylor, Mr. E. Cadle, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Kinch, Mr. R. F. J. Gilling (secretary of the V.W.H. Branch), Miss M. Cross (the general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. Moore and Mr. M. Walker.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled with 4, 6, 8 covering by M. Edney 1, N. Leslie 2, J. Strawford 3, J. Hutt 4, D. Leslie 5, J. Moore (first quarter) 6, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 7, D. F. Vincent 8.

WELSH RESTORATION



PORTHKERRY CHURCH

[By courtesy of 'Barry and District News'

Weathering of the stonework of Porthkerry Church (Glamorgan) had reached the stage where it was considered advisable to take down and rebuild the parapet. The ivy, picturesque but deadly, was cut down a few years ago, but as the stonework of the parapet is being removed the roots can be seen.

The church, which holds about 80 people, overlooks the Bristol Channel near Barry, and there are only half-a-dozen houses nearby, the nearest village (Rhoose) being a mile distant.

An appeal was launched in September for £750. In the first six weeks £500 was raised by direct subscription, and the remainder is now in hand or promised. Work started in April and it is hoped the bells will soon be ringing again. Two trebles were added in 1950 to make a ring of six, with a tenor of 7½ cwt.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO MR. E. EVANS

Canon R. H. Babington conducted a dedication service in the belfry of St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, on May 11th, of a plaque and photograph inscribed: 'To the memory of Edward Evans, who passed away August 6th, 1957, aged 75 years: a ringer in this tower for many years.'

Among those present were the widow, Mrs. E. M. Evans, of Felixstowe, Mr., Mrs., the Misses Winifred and Audrey Jennings (Trimley), Mr. and Mrs. R. Davey and Mrs. J. Hambling. Also present was Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, of Braintree, who with Mr. Evans rang in the first two peals of Cambridge Maximus (see 'R.W.' leading article, April 18th). About 12 members of the Suffolk Guild were also present.

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BIRTH

EDGE.—On May 15th, 1958, to Julia Mary (née Preston) and Ewart H. Edge, a son (Martin Ewart), at 6, Court Lane, Wolstanton, Newcastle, Staffs. 2397

DEATHS

ROWE. — On Sunday, May 18th, 1958, Ernest Rowe, father of Ernest James, of Stamford Hill tower, after a long illness patiently born. 2402

SEAR.—On May 14th, 1958, in Glasgow, Walter Sear, formerly of Bletchley, Bucks, and at one time secretary of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, aged 72 years. 2393

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The address of the general secretary, J. W. Sinfield, is now c/o 345, Dallow Road, Luton, Beds. 2377

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GREAT OPPORTUNITY.—The Yorkshire Association offer for sale back numbers of its annual reports. These reports, which are renowned, contain amongst other details all compositions rung for the Association since it was founded in 1875. All years available excepting 1881-2, 1904-5, 1916-20. Write to Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, for your copies, at the give-away price of 1s. each plus postage. 2363

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Joint meeting at Shardlow on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements —cafes nearby.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 2401

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Fownhope, Saturday, May 24th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 2367

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Hythe, Saturday, May 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Cookham, May 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor (Windsor 1484). 2368

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton on Saturday, May 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 2322

DEVON GUILD.—Annual meeting, Holsworthy, Whit Monday, May 26th. Service 12.15 p.m. Lunch at Corner Café. Tickets (5/6) from Mr. W. Simmonds, 100, Hartop Road, St. Marychurch, Torquay. Stamped addressed envelope, please. Bells 11 a.m. and after meeting. 2326

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2361

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, May 26th, at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting after service to be concluded by 1.20 p.m. Light refreshments available from 9.30 a.m. in Cathedral Hall. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost 4s. 6d.). Tea as a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m. (cost 2s.). Ringing: Cathedral, 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.—Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Little Baddow (5). From 6 to 9 p.m.—Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6). Applications for tea and lunch tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, please, to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Evening combined practice at Godstone (8) on Thursday, May 29th, at 8 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2375

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A business meeting will be held at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, May 31st, at 6 p.m. Practice ringing beforehand.—J. Chilcott. 2388

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Ilminster, Saturday, May 31st. Please notify for tea J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2382

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wootton Wawen on Saturday, May 31st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 28th, please. —H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 2357

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thrybergh on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham.—G. Watson, Sec. 2400

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting at Fulbourn (6), Saturday, May 31st. Bells 6 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2386

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Tey, Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 28th, please, to Mr. J. Dyer, Guildhall Cotts, Great Tey, Colchester. 2353

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—'Special meeting to re-form Stow Branch,' Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Monday, 26th, to the Rev. J. K. Nettleford, The Rectory, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos. (No names—no tea). — W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec. 2385

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Wistanstow, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) 4 p.m. 2399

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Rodmersham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea definitely not later than Tuesday, May 27th, to T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne. 2360

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Albans, Saturday, May 31st. Ringing at St. Michael's 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Branch Road. Business meeting and further ringing in evening. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts. 2333

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Messingham, near Scunthorpe, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 27th, to Miss J. Blackbourne, Scotter Road, Messingham, near Scunthorpe, Lincs.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2346

LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants Branch) and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bedford District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 31st, at Kempston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 28th, to Miss M. Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Beds.—A. E. Amor. 2390

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting of Bolton and Preston Branches at Chorley, Saturday, May 31st. St. Lawrence's (8) and St. Mary's (8) available afternoon and evening. No tea arrangements — tea shops nearby.—J. Thornley and L. Walmsley. 2370

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 29th, to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley. 2381

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch. —Meeting, Saturday, May 31st, Cwmcarvan (6). Usual arrangements. Names for tea and for lifts from main road bus stop by May 27th, please.—J. S. King. 2387

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Saham Toney on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 29th, to Mr. B. Eastment, 36, The Oval, Saham Toney, Thetford. 2364

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brixworth, Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names essential for tea, please, by Tuesday previous to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 2371

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Donhead St. Mary, Saturday, May 31st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please bring your own food, but *notify for cups of tea* by 20th.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2362

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), Saturday, May 31st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Canon White, The Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 2398

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—General meeting, Mansfield, Saturday, May 31st, to consider forming separate Mansfield District. St. Peter's bells 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at Grove House, Brunts Street, Mansfield, 4. Business meeting, 6 p.m., at Grove House. Own tea arrangements.—J. W. Raithby. 2347

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Practice meetings at Clare, Saturday, May 31st, and Long Melford, Saturday, June 28th, both from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. 2396

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Bramshott, Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 27th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 2352

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Broadclyst, Saturday, June 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (limited) by June 2nd to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 2343

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and the SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Thorpe Bay, St. Augustine's (8), available 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Bus service between towers. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, June 5th, to Mr. P. A. Sadler, 21, Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. Trains from Fenchurch Street, to Southend and Thorpe Bay, and from Liverpool Street to Southend and Prittlewell.—C. E. Wilmington, A. W. J. Butler. 2376

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 4th, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2383

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District. —Meeting at Polesworth, near Tamworth, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing at both Polesworth and Grendon in the evening. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 3rd, to Mrs. C. A. Barron, 17, Dulvern Grove, Kings Heath, Birmingham, 14. 2389

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting with the Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 4th, to Mr. M. D. Staniforth, 7, Chapel Street, Melton Mowbray. 2379

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Interim meeting, Garboldisham, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 3rd, to Mr. S. J. Nunn, 65, The Street, Garboldisham, Diss. 2405

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify me for tea by May 31st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 2392

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Langham, Saturday, June 7th, from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 2391

BEDFORDSHIRE and HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint summer festival on Saturday, June 14th. Service 4.15 p.m. at St. Mary's, Woburn. Tea in Town Hall, Woburn, 5 p.m. Names for tea before June 7th, please, to J. W. Sinfield, c/o 345, Dallow Road, Luton, Beds. Ringing arrangements: Maulden (8), 9 to 10 a.m.; Luton (10), 9 to 10 a.m.; Dunstable (8), 10.15 to 11.15 a.m.; Leighton Buzzard (10), 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Aspley Guise (6), 1.30 to 2.15 p.m.; Husborne Crawley (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Woburn (8), 3 p.m. onwards. 2378

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Meeting, Ilminster, June 14th. Coach from Bristol/Bath area. Ringing, Castle Cary, 10 a.m.; East Coker, 11.30 a.m.; Street, 7.30 p.m. Ilminster: ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. Names by June 7th to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol 7. 2404

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 12th.—R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 2358

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The diocesan festival will be held at St. Stephen-in-Brannel on Saturday, June 14th, with the neighbouring towers.—H. Trewhella, Sec. 2384

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HEART OF OAK

THE name of Bragg is far from unknown in the Midlands, and in ringing circles it is familiar to all who have visited the tower of St. Alphege's Church, Solihull. As far back as the '80's (and possibly the '70's) the Braggs were intimately connected with the bells and belfry of the pretty Warwickshire village, and the intimacy has been prolonged unto the third and fourth generation.

Records of the old days towards the end of the 19th century are meagre, and little remains from which to reconstruct the times when John Bragg (senior) and his fellows rang on the old eight with its crazy frame and heavy-going bells. Those were the days of Mumford, James Holliday, the last of the Beadles, Charles Fairfield and, of course, some of the Braggs; but what they rang and how they rang it are matters on which we can pronounce very little. Legends and stories there are, of course, of their activities; of their ringing, for which they were paid; of their practices, which must have been very curious affairs; and of their social gatherings, which were, if nothing else, at least hearty. Among these doings there is recorded the story of how the band met for practice, but having waited in vain for Master Mumford, left the tower, fastening upon the belfry door the following light-hearted comment:—

> Brother Mumford, this is no joke—
> We'll meet you in 'The Royal Oak.'

The end of the evening is, unfortunately, not recorded.

In 1891, when the ringing band was reconstructed by that great enthusiast Geoffrey Martineau, the Braggs of the next generation were to the fore: John, Stanley, Roland, Archer, Samuel, George, to be reinforced and followed in after years by the third generation in Harry and Charles, an inextricable tangle of uncles, brothers, cousins, sons, nephews, second cousins—almost as many relationships as may be found in the Table of Affinities. And as sure as one Bragg dropped out so surely another arose to take his place.

All have proved to be able ringers and loyal servants of their belfry, and none among them has a greater claim to the affection and gratitude of the Church of St. Alphege than John Bragg, now 80 years of age, ringer for more than 60 years, tower-keeper over a great period in this century, a fine ringer of a heavy bell and a meticulous instructor of beginners.

John has always been known as 'J' because his father was John too, and the confusion that arose in referring to them was due not only to the similarity of their names but also to the unqualified excellence of their work. For both have been notable as great craftsmen, cunning workers in wood, and particularly in oak, the sturdy symbol of the lovely land of Arden, among whose lanes and hedgerows so many Braggs have lived, and moved, and had their being. To 'J' Bragg the manipulation of this magnificent timber and the shaping of it into inspired forms has been the skilled work of a long lifetime, a labour of love learned from his father, a devotion that has enriched many of the noble houses of Warwickshire.

And in the Parish Church of St. Alphege his work stands at every turn, in altar, pew and door, so that in this lovely House of God it might be said of John Bragg, as it was said of Wren: 'Si monumentum requiris, circumspice.' In this work will be found no flaw, no grudging turn of the hand, nothing to mar the perfection of the offering.

The 80th birthday was, by special request, celebrated in simple fashion with a visit to Packwood Church to ring on the newly-rehung six. Here among all the loveliness of the elms and sturdy oaks of Arden we rang Grandsire and Plain Bob, while the bright evening faded to the luminous afterglow of sunset, and the great chimneys of Packwood Hall grew black above the shining moat. Then, as darkness fell, on to The Punch Bowl for rest, refreshment and reminiscence, and the quiet chance to express thanks to our veteran for his long and unselfish service.

Long may this old Heart of Oak thrive to glorify God in the crafts of his workshop and in the loving care of his bells.

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
ALAN F. THIRST	2	*DENNIS RANDALL	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	9
JOHN R. MAYNE	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	10
JAMES PHILLIPS	5	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	11
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	6	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung for the weddings this day of Dr. P. A. F. Chalk and Dr. Jean Doughty, also Michael V. Chilcott and Kathleen Weller.

TEN BELL PEALS

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ALAN J. FROST	6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	2	†TREVOR A. CROSS	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	DEREK P. JONES	8
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	RALPH BIRD	9
†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of Surprise Royal.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	RALPH BIRD	7
*ALAN J. FROST	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	8
†RAYMOND G. SMITH	4	PHILIP MEHEW	9
*TREVOR A. CROSS	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First on ten bells.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt.

*REGINALD HAYDEN	*Treble*	BERTIE A. CORNELL	6
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
AUDREY M. BAILEY	3	†HENRY BIRD	8
PATRICIA M. BOURN	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	9
WALTER AYRE	5	†EDWARD ROCHESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First on ten bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the tower captain, Mr. Frederick Bird, and also to mark his completion of 50 years as a ringer at St. Michael's.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 1,536 Bristol, 1,472 Superlative, 1,344 Cambridge and 768 London, with 127 changes of method. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	ROBERT COLLINS	7
JOHN R. COOPER	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 9). Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
HERBERT F. LASKEY	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS	7
WILLIMA CLOVER	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
50th peal as conductor.
An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. H. Semmence, who has been churchwarden at the above church for 15 years.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	†DORIS E. COLGATE	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
*STANLEY G. PONTING	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	7
†ERNEST J. LADD	4	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal together.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON	5
†RONALD RUSSELL	2	†LOUIS WILLDERS	6
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	*RONALD APPLEWHITE	7
‡LEONARD G. THOMPSON	4	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN (No. 1,297).
Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First 'inside' on eight bells. This is the 50th tower in which Mr. Willders has rung a peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
JACK PILGRIM	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
ALLAN R. BRIDGES	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 FORDCOME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	5
MARGARET E. BEAMISH	2	LEWIS COBB	6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
JOHN HARTLESS	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., May 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of London, Rutland, Bristol and Watford, 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Wembley, Ealing and Lindum, with 140 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

ROBIN N. PITTMAN	*Treble*	JAMES H. PAILING	5
D. ROY STODDARD	2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
DERMOT J. ROAF	3	ROBIN A. HODGSON	7
DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
First touch of 12-spliced by all the band and the Society.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	*DENNIS C. BOWEN	6
CHARLES COLES	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7
MRS. M. S. CLOKE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 COSLANY COURT MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
*GEORGE SAYER	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE P. ADAMS	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 500th peal for the Association. Believed to be the first peal in the single method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
*ROGER K. STRETTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb.

WILLIAM H. EASTWELL	*Treble*	KENNETH BUCKINGHAM	5
ERNEST E. GOSLING	2	GEORGE GILBERT	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
*LINDA J. KEW (13)	4	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.
* First peal.
Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JUNE M. CLEMENTS	*Treble*	DENIS R. MITCHELL	5
*JANE LANGTON	2	‡TREVOR A. CROSS	6
EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	3	‡A. PATRICK CANNON	7
†RICHARD H. PICKERING	4	†KEITH R. BURCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to Vivienne Mason and George Francis, who were married on Saturday, May 10th.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	*EDWARD A. LEWIS	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	GORDON P. T. PETERS	6
RALPH BIRD	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome home peal to Mr. Frank Oakshott, of Epsom, recently returned from Australia. Also as a wedding compliment to Kathleen Weller and Michael Chilcott, married this day at Beddingon.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
AVRIL THACKRAY	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	JAMES H. PAILING	7
VIVIENNE M. HORTON	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
*ELSIE K. HART	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. First of Pudsey for the Guild.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

W. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
This composition, which contains the 2nd in 6th place for 6 leads only, the minimum, and 3, 4, 5 and 6 their extent there, is now rung for the first time.

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HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Colin A. S. Harwood ..	*Treble*	G. William Critchley ..	5
*Frances M. Welch ..	2	Richard J. Castledine ..	6
Claudia A. Critchley ..	3	Edwin G. Buck	7
*George A. Spencer ..	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler (No. 31).
Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

MORTLAKE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Robin G. Leale	*Treble*	*Barwell B. Dibben ..	5
Alan J. Frost	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
Michael P. Moreton ..	3	Ralph Bird	7
William S. Deason.. ..	4	A. Patrick Cannon ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 50th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Milburgh,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*Frances Newman (16)	*Treble*	*Gordon Brown (17) ..	4
*John Smith (15)	2	Wilfred J. Newman ..	5
†Leonard Mills	3	Harold E. Raxter	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold E. Raxter.
* First peal. † First of Doubles and first on an 'inside' bell.

MEPPERSHALL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being five 240's of Pitman's, two 240's of Morris' and 28 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*D. Newis	*Treble*	‡Mrs. A. Craven	3
††‡Martin Major	2	‡John Hulme	4
P. W. Tompkins	*Tenor*		

Conducted by P. W. Tompkins.
* First peal and first attempt. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Doubles.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)
On Sun., May 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris' 240.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Joan Carter	*Treble*	*Duncan K. Malloch (15)	4
*D. F. C. Malloch (18) ..	2	*Arthur D. J. Goodwin (15)	5
*Fredk. Shallcross (12)	3	*David Thompson (16) ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joan Carter.
* First peal and first attempt. First as conductor. Believed to be the youngest resident band to ring a peal.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.
On Sun., May 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of St. Editha,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (ten different callings).
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

John A. Stretton	*Treble*	Harry Harper	4
*Edward Hill	2	Leonard Trevor	5
*Bertram J. Hodgetts ..	3	*John E. Stretton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Trevor.
* First peal.
Rung for Evensong.

ASH, SURREY.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
(Southern District.)
On Fri., May 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Joan K. Beazley	*Treble*	Monica E. Collins	4
*Brenda M. Davidge ..	2	Eileen M. Turner	5
Jill M. Lane	3	Ann M. Cox	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ann M. Cox.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal for the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
In 16 methods: (1) Clarence Delight; (2) Elston Delight; (3) Dover, Balmoral, Chepstow, Skipton, Fotheringay Delight; (4) Wilmslow, Rostherne and Knutsford Delight; (5) Bogedone and Ely Delight; (6) Pontefract and Donottar Delight; (7) Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; 19 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A.

John R. Kennett	*Treble*	Bernard Groves	4
William H. Dowse ..	2	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	5
*Frank Osbaldiston ..	3	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* 50th peal.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

John T. Medhurst	*Treble*	Edward J. Jenner	4
Eric J. Brunger	2	*Leslie Everest	5
George Fry	3	†Stanley Jenner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 75th peal. † 25th peal.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

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

Conducted by William A. Yates.
* First peal for 27 years.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Betty Mansfield. Also a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Shellard.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON VICTORY DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 127, 128, 124).
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Philip G. K. Davies ..	*Treble*	Alan J. Frost	4
Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	2	Philip Mehew	5
*Raymond G. Smith ..	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D. 27).
Rung to commemorate V.E. Day, May 8th, 1945.

STOCKLAND, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 19 240's (eight callings) and four 120's (two callings).
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Leslie Morrell	*Treble*	Donald Salter	4
William Sparks	2	William Webb	5
Edward Summers	3	Cyril Joyce	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Webb.
* First peal away from tenor.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5760 DOUBLES

Comprising 48 extents in 11 methods, viz.: One extent of Stedman, two extents each of St. Peter's Bob, Kennington Bob and Old Doubles, six extents each of St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four extents of Grandsire, five extents each of St. Simon's Bob and St. Martin's Bob, one extent of Spliced St. Simon's Bob and Plain Bob, one extent of Spliced St. Martin's Bob and Plain Bob, and seven extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

JAMES W. FORDER	*Treble*	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	3
MICHAEL J. STOKES	2	TERENCE G. PAGE	4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

First peal of Doubles in 11 methods by all. Longest length by all, and on the bells.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Warnes, a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., May 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	4
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal of Minor in the method by all except the conductor, and for the Guild.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's, C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 49, 50, 51, and two variations. Tenor 11 cwt.

*GERALD C. HEMMING	*Treble*	REV. ALBERT WEBB	4
	2	BRENDA M. SMITH	5
†MICHAEL G. SELBY	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal on two tower bells. † First peal.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD G. SEELEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTTON	4
†JOAN V. GARNETT	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	STANLEY G. PONTING	*Tenor*

Conducting shared by ringers of 5 and 6.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung to welcome the Rev. A. R. Jacobs to the parish.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	*ROY STEPHENSON	4
*PATRICIA HOLMES	2	*ROLAND H. COOK	5
†J. HARRY COOK	3	MICHAEL SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Cambridge Minor 'inside.' First Surprise peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. T. H. Pearse, whose induction took place the previous evening; also to celebrate his engagement to Miss Elizabeth Ridgway, of Maidenhead.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-APOSTLE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

RAYMOND W. SELBY	*Treble*	†WILLIAM B. POMEROY (16)	4
*MICHAEL SELBY (15)	2	J. ALFRED SELBY	5
†SHEILA KEYTE (16)	3	ARTHUR SHOREY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND W. SELBY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal at first attempt.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

EILEEN WOOLDRIDGE	*Treble*	GRAHAM MCKAY	4
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	2	DEREK SIBSON	5
IAN F. TAYLOR	3	ROGER KEELEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER KEELEY.

A compliment to John R. Leeming, a former Master of the Society, and Miss Helen Coney, who were married at Lyminster, Sussex, on May 10th.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

HARRY J. HALL	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
HENRY TOOKE	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung on the 10th anniversary of Mr. F. C. J. Arnold"s first peal, which was also at Mulbarton.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE COUNTY HALL.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15.

THOMAS J. LOCK	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3—4	WILFRID G. WILSON	7—8

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 13, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER	1—2	*K. B. SISSONS	3—4
JOHN POTTS	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* First peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., May 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT SELWYN COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall)	1—2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	5—6
*M. J. HARBORD (Trin. Hall)	3—4	*P. H. LANGTON (Trinity)	7—8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

* First peal of Major on handbells. First as conductor on handbells.

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HALF PEALS

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On April 10th, 3,072 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. H. Niblett (cond.) 1, Kathleen Wright 2, J. G. Pusey 3, D. J. Roaf 4, P. C. Wright 5, P. R. Sanders 6, C. J. B. Taylor 7, R. A. Hodgson 8.

TURVEY, BEDS.—On April 17th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Helen Nevin 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, Anne E. Amor 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, R. A. Ward 5, K. Wakefield 6, D. Houghton 7, W. Dowler 8. Rung after meeting late for a peal attempt.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. F. Gough 1, D. A. Shaw (first 'inside') 2, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 3, Diana M. Gough 4, H. W. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. For Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At the Parish Church, on May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (two tenors): J. Barlow (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Joan Carter (cond.) 2, F. Shallcross (12) 3, W. Harrison 4, D. J. Marshall (15, first quarter) 5, D. Lamont (15) 6, M. Gibson (15) 7. Birthday compliments to 4 and 5, also Duncan Malloch.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Poynor 1, Patricia Wardle 2, Rev. P. Blackman 3, Christine Wakefield 4, E. Jelley 5, B. Warick 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Martin 8. For Ascension Day.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Lott 1, Monica Fray 2, D. Smith 3, T. Phillips 4, W. Blake 5, L. Derrick 6, J. Brain 7, M. Horseman (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 3. For Evensong on Ascension Day.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 11th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London and 576 Cambridge): Miss J. M. Jones 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss B. A. Thompson 3, J. L. Morris 4, R. Woodcock 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. V. White 1, R. E. Finch 2, Margaret E. L. Beamish (cond.) 3, G. Pullinger 4, D. C. Exell 5, R. A. Read 6, D. J. Forder 7, D. d'A. R. Blackwall 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8, and on the bells. Rung by members of the Southampton University Guild on Commemoration Day.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On May 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. B. Corden 1, Miss S. E. Miles 2, W. Daniels 3, P. R. Andrews 4, F. J. Stonton 5, A. E. Daniels 6, J. R. Mossop (first of Major as cond.) 7, D. J. Meager 8. A farewell to Mr. J. R. Mossop, who is leaving for Prestatyn, North Wales.

BRECON.—On May 12th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 600 Grandsire): A. Matthews 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, G. P. Davies 6, C. G. Bryant 7, D. Stokes 8. First in three methods for 1, 6, 7 and 8. Rung in honour of the 100th birthday of Professor John Evans, B.A., of Brecon.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Herd 1, W. Rogers (cond.) 2, A. E. Bissat 3, R. Pearce 4, H. Stacey 5, J. Bowden 6, C. Taylor 7, H. Trewin 8. Rung in honour of the 70th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. F. H. Kingdon as Vicar of this parish.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman and 660 Grandsire): Mary Wadman (first quarter) 1, Ruth Bevan (first quarter) 2, E. Wadman 3, R. G. Beck (cond.) 4, D. Targell 5, E. J. Chivers 6. For Evensong.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At the Church of St. James, on May 18th, 1,256 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson 1, Miss E. Wooldridge 2, W. G. Wilson 3, A. Lewry 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, J. Marks 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For morning service.

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS, GLOS.—On May 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Selby 1, M. G. Selby (15) 2, Sheila Keyte (16) 3, W. B. Pomeroy (15) 4, Rev. A. Webb (first as cond.) 5, R. W. Selby 6. First in method by all except conductor.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Newis 1, Mrs. A. Craven 2, Miss S. Percival 3, M. Major 4, P. W. Tompkins 5, J. Hulme (first as cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, P. J. Woodgyer 2, T. S. Baker 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. Rung to welcome Elizabeth Mary, a daughter to Peter and Joan Woodgyer. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, T. S. Baker 2, June Richardson 3, A. Grant (first on a working bell) 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Maynard 1, June Richardson 2, P. J. Woodgyer 3, T. S. Baker 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Susan Goodfellow 6. Rung for the morning and evening service on the eve of the patronal festival.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On May 18th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. S. Hobden (cond.) 1, Mrs. Betty Percy 2, A. Purdom 3, F. H. Dallaway 4, L. J. Baldock 5, H. G. F. Reynolds 6, R. P. Wood 7, J. W. Rollison 8. For Matins.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cherie Payne 1, Ann Howells 2, D. J. F. Oakshott 3, W. Robinson 4, G. A. Cockman 5, G. Gray 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, W. Parrott 8. Rung to welcome home Frank Oakshott from his holiday in Australia.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On May 16th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, C. Wilkinson 3, J. Lindsey (first 'inside') 4, J. H. Musson 5. For Ascension Day.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): A. A. Booth 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Betty M. Mansfield.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 9th, 1,440 Doubles (360 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Southrepps, Kennington, April Day): Miss P. Whitmee, 1, D. Warren 2, A. Henman 3, A. R. Jones (cond.) 4, R. Henman 5.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Brown 1, L. Hitchins 2, A. Knight 3, E. Hitchins 4, P. Harding 5, D. Knight 6, F. Slatford (cond.) 7, J. Case 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. L. Hitchins and Miss G. M. Watts upon their engagement.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss E. Loveland (first 'inside') 3, N. Carter 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Barker 1, A. H. Cross 2, C. Watson 3, A. Hartley (cond.) 4, D. Stone 5, A. H. Bates 6, G. Coussins 7, E. Foster 8.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Lee 1, Ann Ellis 2, J. Ellis 3, G. Pickavance 4, C. Smith 5, R. Morris 6, J. Thomas (cond.) 7, W. Smith 8. For the festival of Easter.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. E. Ivings 1, P. M. Adcock 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, H. Ivings 4, L. N. Melton 5.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Escott 1, A. F. R. Hartley 2, A. M. Coombs 3, J. W. Wallace 4, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 5, D. Hoare (first quarter) 6. For Ascension Day.

PENDOYLAN, GLAM.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Marchant 1, B. Taylor 2, B. Kingston 3, I. Goodfellow 4, G. Stickland (cond.) 5, R. Hughes (15) 6.

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REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On April 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, C. A. Thompson 2, A. E. Head 3, L. J. Minns 4, G. Gower 5, R. Plummer 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, W. Flatt 8. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5. Also on April 20th, 1,280 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major by the same band standing in the same order.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mary Atkinson (first quarter) 1, D. French 2, I. Tilling 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Elizabeth A. Wardill 5, Susan Chaddock 6, P. Walker 7, F. Fisher 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal by 2, 3 and 7. Rung to celebrate the precious gift of twin daughters to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, Sheffield, on April 26th, 1958.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob: R. Newsum 1, C. Geary 2, Mrs. W. E. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, W. E. Simpson (cond.) 5, Mr. Marshall 6. A birthday compliment to John Harvey, ringer of the 4th.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Baugh (first quarter) 1, Judy Robinson 2, K. Lane 3, K. R. Foot 4, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 5, J. K. Foot 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. J. Rowe 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, Miss F. Secker 4, H. Howson 5, M. Cubitt 6, B. Bladon 7, L. Green 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Rowe, father of E. J. Rowe.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Church of St. Dunstan, on May 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: H. Knauss 1, Miss B. Tester 2, B. Martin 3, H. Weedon 4, A. Lewry (cond.) 5, L. Fox 6. First in method for 1 and 4. For evening service.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Morton (first quarter) 1, R. P. Wood 2, Miss G. Smith 3, Miss J. Horton 4, R. Blackman (first of Grandsire Doubles as cond.) 5, J. R. Maple 6. For Rogation Sunday. Also on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Wright (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Smith 2, Miss A. Middleton 3, Miss J. Horton 4, L. Stilwell (cond.) 5, J. R. Maple 6. For Ascension Day, and as a farewell to John Young, who has joined the R.A.F.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Herd 1, W. Rogers (cond.) 2, A. E. Bissat 3, R. Pearce 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor 6, C. Sangwin 7, J. W. Sangwin 8. A birthday compliment to the captain at this tower, Mr. Charles Sangwin, and also to the conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Caroline Howlett 1, V. Griffin (cond.) 2, Mrs. V. Griffin 3, Mavis Wright 4, Mrs. E. Sutton 5, Dr. G. Rowarth 6. To mark Rogationtide.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,296 Francis Genius Delight Minor: K. Ballington 1, C. Walklate 2, Miss P. Forster 3, F. Lowe 4, R. Baldwin 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. First in method by all. For Ascension Day.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, D. Hewitt 3, F. C. Maynard 4, W. Dowler 5, F. W. Sykes 6, E. E. Holman 7, B. R. Downes (cond.) 8, R. J. Chapman 9, F. Taylor 10. For Ascension Day.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Myra J. Wilkins 1, B. W. Metcalfe 2, Rita M. Webb 3, Sandra Lewis 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, C. J. Turner 6. For Ascension Day service and also as an engagement compliment to Miss M. Gay and Miss M. Kilmaster, both local ringers.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jarman 1, Mrs. D. North 2, G. Salter 3, P. Bird (first as cond.) 4, D. North 5, G. Walford 6, W. Slocombe 7, C. Baker 8. For Evensong.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Robertson 1, Janice Cawdrey 2, Valerie Waterfield 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Emmerson (first 'inside') 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of Ascension Day.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. P. Moreton 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop 6, F. Córfield (cond.) 7, M. Sinden 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of David John Sinden on April 28th.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET

It was rather overcast on May 3rd when Clutton ringers and friends set off on their outing (four ringers had already travelled 15 to 20 miles by car). The first tower was Redmarley D'Abitot, a good-going six, recently rehung, where we received a cordial welcome from the Rector and one of the local ringers. A short run then took us to Ledbury, a delightful ring of eight (if only we could have struck them better). The long draught slowed up the ringing, but a course of Bob Major was creditable. The weather, by this time, was glorious, and some of the party enjoyed a sandwich lunch sitting on the grass. A scenic ride, via Tewkesbury, delighted the non-ringers of the party particularly, and took us to Toddington. The Vicar kindly showed the party the most interesing parts of his lovely church before ringing commenced. One noteworthy effort was a course of Kent T.B. Minor rung by five ladies with one (imported) gentleman to ring the tenor. The church stands in a private estate and, set in its surroundings, looked wonderful on the day of our visit.

The gentleman with the largest pile of Ordnance Survey maps directed the driver to Bourton-on-the-Water. On arrival we found that a visiting party earlier in the day had broken the stay on the second (tut, tut!). As it was, we rang six. Ringing included a course of London and concluded with a very good fall.

Our last tower was Malmesbury Abbey, where Mr. H. Blacker, a former Clutton ringer, welcomed us. We very much enjoyed these bells and were particularly congratulated on our rise in peal.

Thanks are accorded to all incumbents and local ringers, and especially to Mr. C. S. Bennett, our organiser. M. E. F.

OUTINGS

CORSTON, SOMERSET

On May 10th the ringers of All Saints', Corston, Bath, accompanied by the Rector and friends from other towers, visited North Devon for their annual outing. A start was made soon after 8 a.m. by three cars, followed shortly after by a fourth, plus a family wagon. At Swimbridge the party were met by the Vicar, and the pleasant six were soon raised in peal. Those not ringing were able to admire the church, with its magnificent screen and unusual font.

A move was then made to Landkey, where a sandwich lunch was taken, augmented by liquid refreshment from the Ring of Bells close to the church and situated in a very pleasant locality. After 45 minutes on the bells the party left for Tawstock. A somewhat tortuous route led to the ringing chamber, but the lovely eight bells gave satisfaction to all. The next tower was Bishop's Tawton, where the party were met by the local tower captain (Mr. H. C. Lock), who led the rise in peal and conducted a touch of call-changes, '60 on thirds.'

The last ring of the day was at Chittlehampton, where the party were joined by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. B. Andrews), who was able to enjoy a well-struck course of Cambridge Major. The party were loath to leave this very handy eight, but the return journey was eventually accomplished with the usual pause for sustenance en route. Thanks are due to the incumbents concerned for the use of the bells and to the various tower masters for their very kind welcome.

PUTNEY

Putney ringers rang at seven towers in three counties on their annual outing on May 10th. An early start was made and the fine octave at Boyne Hill was going by 9.15 a.m. The next ringing was on the pleasant six at the fine Perpendicular church of Ewelme, Oxfordshire. At Iffley we were given a great welcome by the Vicar and the whole band. We then went into Oxford, and after ringing at St. Giles' partook of a much-needed tea. The next stop was Cuddesdon, and our coach only just managed to negotiate the narrow lanes. From here we passed on to Great Milton.

Our last call was to the 'Church on the Hill' at West Wycombe, Bucks. After a wild scramble up the precipitous hill, during which a lady member of the party lost her shoe, the now very exhausted band reached the church. Strength soon returned, however, and ringing was almost forgotten in the ascent to the golden ball which surmounts the church tower. A. C.

PRESTBURY, GLOS

The first outing of the season was to visit Parkend, on the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. H. Smith. The six at Awre and eight at Lydney were rung on the outward journey, and after enjoying an excellent tea in the Vicarage at Parkend, the eight tubular bells were put to good use. A course of Grandsire Doubles was brought home on the back six. This is an unusual early-Victorian church, cruciform in shape, and the parish is the centre for some of the best country in the Forest of Dean. We had to tear ourselves away to return by way of Hewelsfield and Alvington, both with five bells, on which a variety of methods were rung. Alvington bells were only just ringable. C. R.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

On Ascension Day the bells of Slough Parish Church were rung for the 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist service by an all-school band from the Slough and Eton C.E. Secondary Modern School for the school's service. No less than 13 present pupils and two members of the staff can handle a bell. In the afternoon Linda Kew (13) followed this up by ringing her first peal, the fourth to Bob Major, at Maidenhead. The headmaster has asked that the scholars concerned ring handbell tunes at the school speech day on June 12th.

Mr. J. Ridyard informs us that the open day for ringing at Liverpool Cathedral will be June 21st instead of November as in previous years.

With the peal of Cinques at Reading (see page 310) Mr. Philip Mchew has completed the cycle of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. F. Neville Pailing, who rang the treble to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry campanile (see page 295), informs us that he is only 13 years of age. Congratulations, Neville; you must have looked 14 in our correspondent's eyes.

There was a disturbance during the peal at Offenham, Worcs, on April 26th, in which three young ringers were attempting their first peal. A lady opened the door of the ringing chamber and looked inside. The youngsters behaved like more experienced ringers and continued through to score a successful peal.

Writing from the Department of Physiology, Melbourne University, Mr. Peter G. Richards informs us that by the end of the year, when he has grabbed most of the Australian towers, he hopes to continue his journey back to England. Taught to ring at Tunstall, Kent, and a member of the Kent County Association, he has, as yet, rung all his peals outside the British Isles. His first peal was rung at Hamilton Cathedral, New Zealand, on December 11th, 1954.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Cranleigh on May 17th is believed to be the first peal rung there for over 35 years. The peal was in the same method, but there are only three of the band left who took part in it. They are Cecil Charman, Leslie Warner and Ernest Warner. It was also the first peal since the recasting of the bells and, of course, the first for the Guildford Diocesan Guild rung at Cranleigh. Six of the band were local ringers, and it was the first peal for Joan Beeson and Donald Kirk, the new hon. secretary of the Guildford District.

'Art Sixth girls will never make ringers—they cannot count.' Comment of a Science Sixth recruit in a Surrey tower.

Messrs. Alan J. Frost, Philip Mchew, Kenneth R. Dunstan and Derek P. Jones rang three peals on May 10th, at Langleybury, Rickmansworth and Watford.

Honoured in our quarter peal column this week is Prof. John Evans, former principal of the Memorial College, Brecon, who preached in a broadcast service on May 18th in the Welsh Home Service. His 100th birthday was on May 12th.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick has 'circled' the Loughborough Bell Foundry campanile ten times, which is certainly a first on a 10-bell tower if not in any other tower. The number of times he has rung each bell is treble 11, second 13, third 11, fourth 13, fifth 10, sixth 13, seventh 10, eighth 10, ninth 10, tenor 15.

Visiting West Mersea, Essex (5, tenor 5¼ cwt.), Mr. Victor Sheppard writes: Wheel on treble only; all woodwork decayed and most fittings missing. Old frame in poor condition. All bells inscribed: 'Thomas Gardiner fecit, Sudbury 1717.' Treble has a large hole 3 inches long and 1 inch deep on the outside—a casting defect. Quite unringable.

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THE HALLOWING OF ALL SAINTS', MAIDSTONE, BELLS

FOR several years past the Kent County Association were concerned by the poor state of All Saints', Maidstone, bells, and quite a fair amount of quiet work and persuasion took place, until early in 1957 the Mayor of Maidstone (Ald. F. Leslie Wallis) launched an appeal for £3,500 to have the ten bells recast and rehung. This target was passed in the short time of six weeks. The necessary faculty being obtained, the bells were removed in September and the old frame dismantled from the bell loft by the bell-founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Also removed were 40 dustbins of pigeon guano, many derelict pigeons and the accumulation of several years' dust.

The bells having been despatched to Loughborough for recasting, the tower was prepared to receive the new iron frame. As reported in the 'R.W.', a party of Maidstone District ringers visited the foundry in February to inspect the new bells and fittings. March saw the bells returned to Maidstone together with their new frame, and the task of installing in the tower began. This was completed in time for a short dedication service on Easter Saturday, which enabled the bells to ring for Easter Day.

The full dedication took place on May 10th. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Maidstone (Rt. Rev. S. W. Betts). In attendance also were the Vicar (Canon Frank Bennett), the Mayor of Maidstone (Ald. S. J. Lyle) and members of the Corporation. The service was attended by a large congregation of ringers and parishioners.

The Bishop in his address said the blessing of bells dated back by custom to the 8th century, by a sprinkling of water in those days. Today they were blessed in the name of God. When the bells rang out they proclaimed that the whole of life belonged to God, and when they called one to worship they did not call one from the main duties of life, to escape from normal problems, but called to share in something that was essential in life, God's love. Love was the only weapon the Church had in the offensive against evil.

The choir followed the Bishop's address with Henry Purcell's 'The Bells Anthem.' Immediately following, the Bishop was conducted to the belfry, together with the Vicar and Ald. Wallis, where the captain of the tower (Mr. L. Mannering) asked that the bells be blessed. The end of the blessing was a signal for the bells to peal out in rounds, followed by a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters. It was a truly lovely sound as the Bishop, Mayor and Corporation, Vicar and company retired to the Old Palace for tea. As reported in the 'R.W.' of May 10th, a peal has been composed by Mr. Louis Head and will be attempted in the near future for the first on the bells.

The opinion of three of the listening public was invited, and reports were: 'Very much better sounding'; 'More bearable now'; and 'Very, very nice to hear them again.' Amongst the ringing fraternity the reaction was one of satisfaction and pleasure with such a fine ring.

Thanks are due to all who supported the fund, to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. for their art in casting and tuning, and to the two foundry fitters, namely Mr. A. Fidler and Mr. K. Jones, also Monty and Maurice for a job well done.

The inscriptions from the old bells were reproduced on the new, together with an extra one on the tenor, which now reads as follows:

1840
Thomas Mears, Founder, London
Rev. James Reeve, Minister
Henry Argles, Thomas Laurence,
Churchwardens.
Me and my fellows recast were
When Leslie Wallis was the Mayor
1957. P. M. T.



The new tenor at Maidstone in position. Its approximate weight is 33 cwt.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The third annual meeting of the Guild of Medical Ringers took place on May 17th at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Tring (8, 24 cwt.). Ringing, under the direction of the Master (R. E. Price), began soon after 3 and continued until 4.30, when a service of Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. K. Lowdell), who also gave an address.

The business meeting then took place in the belfry. A report on the year's activities by the secretary (D. L. Gullick) was received, and the president (P. T. Spencer-Phillips), who took the chair, was re-elected, as were the other two officers. Two new associate members were elected. Future activities were discussed; a report was given on prospects for the Dorset weekend (July 5th/6th), plans for another peal attempt, and another City meeting in the autumn. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Great Baddow. Finally, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and to the local band for their hospitality.

Among those whom we were particularly pleased to see at the meeting were Dr. Jean Weddell, on leave from her work for children in Korea, and two student members, Messrs. Martin and Thornley, of the Middlesex Hospital.

After the business meeting further ringing went on until 7 o'clock. By then, as we became used to each other and to the bells, the standard reached became better and better, and the culminating 'presidential touch' of Stedman set the seal on the performance. We did not make a success of Surprise, but among more common methods achieved was a course of Double Oxford Bob Major.

At 7.30 a company of 19, including the Vicar and Mrs. Lowdell, sat down to dinner at the King's Head, Ivinghoe. Full justice was done to an excellent meal, and then, before separating—after a most enjoyable meeting—the proceedings were brought to an end in the fashion which is becoming a tradition: that is, by a few touches 'in hand.' on this occasion rung in the gathering twilight on the village green.

D. L. G.

AN EBBW VALE VETERAN

A very pleasant function took place at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, Mon, on May 10th, when 33 ringers and friends honoured their oldest member, Mr. J. Jeynes, on his 80th birthday. A supper given by the ringers, was prepared by the ladies of the band. Canon Davies, Vicar of the parish, presided, and proposed a toast to Mr. Jeynes, who then cut a birthday cake which had been made by one of the ladies. Whilst this was taking place, junior members of the band rang 'Happy Birthday' on handbells.

Tributes to his genial personality and steadfastness were paid by the Master of the ringers, deputy, churchwardens and other friends. Mr. Jeynes suitably responded.

Despite his great age, Mr. Jeynes still rings regularly for Sunday services and on practice nights. In the afternoon a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in his honour, Mr. D. J. King, of Chepstow, conducting.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Nine towers were represented at the Society's meeting at South Kirby on May 10th, but the numbers attending were affected by the meeting clashing with the Yorkshire Association's annual meeting at Pontefract. This the secretary hoped would be avoided next year.

An excellent tea was provided, free of charge, by the ladies, and the Vicar (Rev. M. Lindley) gave a hearty welcome to the Society. He deplored the fact that he had only three ringers at present and asked for someone to teach them. Three new members from South Kirby—Robert Wilson, Trevor Kemp and Allen Brewer—were elected. The next meeting, at Silkstone on June 14th, would be the shield contest, the entries for which close on June 7th. Mr. Noel F. Moxon (president) who presided, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens, those who made local arrangements, and the ladies. Supporting the proposition, Mr. John W. Moxon said he hoped South Kirby would have a team of ringers before long. Good use was made of the bells before and after the meeting.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival

ON Saturday, May 10th, the Chester Guild held its annual festival at Bowdon, when about 100 members and friends were present. At the service in church the Vicar (Canon D. P. Low) preached and the general secretary of the Guild (Rev. J. Kingdon) conducted the service, whilst the Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke) read the lesson.

The Vicar took the parable of the talents as the basis of his remarks, and made the point that the talents were given to be used and that those servants who employed their talents were commended, whereas the one who hid his talent was reprimanded and his talent taken away from him. He suggested that we should use our talents, whatever they might be, in the service of the Church, and gave examples showing how architects, musicians, painters, sculptors, embroiderers and dramatists had all contributed to the beauty of the Church and its services. So could ringers contribute in their own special way. This must not, however, become a substitute for the offering of our own life in the service of God, but that we express the offering of ourselves to God by our talents and hope to be a 'reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto Him.'

Tea was served in the schools by the local ringers, assisted by those from neighbouring towers, and an excellent meal was enjoyed. The annual meeting followed tea, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke). Apologies were received from the Rev. A. L. Minns, Mr. A. W. Frost and Mr. L. Boumphrey. It was mentioned that the Rev. A. L. Minns had now taken over a new parish on a housing estate, and that the new church would have a tower to which it was proposed to remove the now derelict six bells from Holy Trinity Church, Chester.

The annual report of the Guild was presented and copies were distributed to the Branch secretaries present.

The report recorded the death of the following members: George Bason (Rostherne), W. Stanley Booth (Daresbury), Albert Crawley (Wistaston), James Fernley (Norbury), Edward Hooper (Lawton), Pamela Hill (Oxton), Herbert Roberts (Dodleston), Noah Smith (Grappenhall) and Clement H. Taylor (Chelford); also the following non-resident members: Ernest T. Allaway, Frank Bennett, C. Henry Harding, Charles H. Page, Ernest C. S. Turner and Walter W. Wolstencroft.

The membership was 706 ringing, 20 life ringing and 16 honorary members from 87 towers. The financial affairs of the Guild were in a satisfactory state and 103 peals were rung for the Guild in 1957. There were 27 first pealers and 30 conductors, six of whom called a peal for the first time. Peals of Bristol Surprise Royal, 18, 22 and 25 methods of Spliced Surprise Major and ten methods of Doubles had been rung for the first time.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS

Messrs. W. Allman and A. J. Martin reported on last year's Central Council meeting, and suggested that a discussion be set on foot on this year's agenda. Various topics were discussed and it was decided that if possible some move should be made to condemn the adverse publicity which the long peal attempt at Loughborough had suffered, as it was felt that this had caused considerable damage to the prestige of the Exercise. It was also decided to forward a resolution to the Council for the 1959 meeting requiring that for long peal attempts the bells should be clearly audible both inside and outside the tower, and that in such attempts food and drink be not permitted.

Next year's festival was arranged for May 9th at a suitable place in the Wirral Branch.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected and thanked for their services during the year.

Votes of thanks were accorded Canon Low for his assistance, the incumbents of the towers where ringing had taken place, the wardens, the organist and the choirboys, the local ringers and the ladies, who under the direction of Miss A. Brown had catered so ably.

Ringing was enjoyed at Bowdon, Dunham Massey, Warburton and Rostherne during the afternoon and evening, and every Branch in the Guild, except Northwich and Crewe, was represented at the festival. C. K. L.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual competition of the St. David's Diocesan Guild for the Dr. Prosser Shield was held at the Church of St. Teilo, Llandilo, on May 10th. Although the weather was not very kind, it did not prevent a good gathering attending.

Five bands competed, and Mr. F. Sharpe again acted as adjudicator. After tea in the Cawdor Hall, attended by 74 members, the results were announced as follows: 1st Llanelly, 277 marks, 23 faults; 2nd Llanbadarn Fawr, 272, 28; 3rd Llandilo, 270, 30; 4th Tenby, 249, 51; 5th scratch band 158, 142.

The Vicar (Canon T. Hughes) presented the shield and certificate to the Llanelly band and a certificate to the second band.

As a mark of appreciation for his services to the Guild, Mrs. Lewis, C.C., of Llandilo, presented Mr. Sharpe with a brief case, suitably inscribed. Mr. Sharpe, although taken a little by surprise, ably replied.

After votes of thanks, proposed by Mr. Chris Hawkins, came the highlight of the evening—a display of requested tunes by the Launton handbell ringers. Their wonderful performance was thoroughly enjoyed. The Vicar closed the meeting with prayer, and members returned to the tower to finish the evening.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

THE 73rd annual meeting of the Sussex Association was held at St. Peter's, Brighton, on May 3rd. Ringing at the local towers took place during the afternoon and after the business meeting.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon D. H. Booth), who also gave the address. He remarked upon the good singing by so many Sunday singing service ringers, a vocation we hope will always be found amongst us. A collection was taken for church expenses.

At the tea in the Church Hall we were pleased to have with us the Vicar. The meal was arranged by the St. Peter's ladies' organisations, who were warmly thanked by the Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson) for such a fine effort.

The Master presided at the business meeting. An act of remembrance of those ringers who had passed on during the year was observed.

The Master informed the meeting that he had been invited to and attended, on the Association's behalf, the enthronement of the new Bishop of Chichester at the Cathedral.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and signed: the only matter arising was in respect of the display of bells and a model foundry given by Mr. and Mrs. Elphick at the church tent at Bognor in July last, at the Sussex County exhibition. Mr. Blackman proposed a hearty vote of thanks for such an outstanding effort.

The various reports were given and duly accepted. Peals were fewer than last year but still above the average. The divisional levies again caused a great deal of discussion, the interest of £33 gained on the sale of Post Office certificates was used to bring these down to 75 per cent. of the year's income. In the election of officers the only alterations were those of the central fund auditors, Mr. Riddington replacing Mr. Overy, who was warmly thanked for his past services, and the trustees, Mr. S. E. Armstrong replacing Mr. L. Stilwell, who was now hon. peal secretary.

The secretary was instructed to write to the new Bishop of Chichester, to ask him if he would honour the Association by becoming its president.

It was decided to let divisional secretaries hold six signed certificates each to enable easier distributions to be made.

As only one Central Council delegate would be going to Ireland it was decided that he should be given £12 towards his expenses, being the approximate cost of four delegates sent to Chelmsford last year.

Item 13 on the agenda was 'New rules to be formulated and a sub-committee be formed to prepare same' This created a lively discussion, members feeling that the present rules needed too much understanding and too much time over the past three years had been given to finance. It was advocated that divisional funds should be put into a central fund. A sub-committee was formed, consisting of the following: The Master, treasurer, general secretary, Mr. R. Overy and one representative from each division.

The general secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy) pointed out that the 75th anniversary was drawing near and preparations should soon be started if the Association decided to hold same. It was decided that this should be discussed at the next business meeting of each division and their views passed on to the general secretary.

As no news was available regarding the writing up of the Association's peal book, given in memory of the late Oliver Sippetts, Mr. Blackman offered to investigate and to report in due course. R. W. R. P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POWER OF CO-OPTION

Dear Sir,—Like the good secretary he is, Mr. E. A. Barnett comes straight back with his references about the co-option powers of 'The Ringing World' Committee of the Central Council. 'Mr. W. W. is mistaken.' How refreshing to read it straight to the point like that. If I am, then of course I apologise to all concerned.

But if you, sir, will allow me to say so (*a*) I'm not sure that I'm mistaken, and (*b*) if I am, then I feel that 'The Ringing World' Committee have been given this power unwisely and it would be well for the Council's officers to reconsider the matter.

As regards (*a*), the decision that the Committee should have power to co-opt was made in 1951. This decision ought properly, of course, to be a rule and be incorporated in Rule 11 which relates to the appointment of committees. The handbook published in 1956 does not include it, though the fact, quoted by Mr. Barnett, that the similar power given to the Standing Committee was embodied in the Rules in 1956 proves my point that it is a proper subject for a rule.

If not a rule then the 1951 agreement must be a decision. But it is not included in the section of the handbook containing those decisions. When the report of the Handbook Sub-Committee was presented to the Council at its meeting in 1955 at Bristol, there was also passed on the proposition of Mr. Barnett a resolution rescinding all the previous decisions of the Council and substituting those presented in an appendix at that meeting by the Handbook Sub-Committee. That appendix included the co-option power of the Standing Committee and a brief reference to other committees, but did not include the co-option for 'The Ringing World' Committee.

There is a further section of the handbook headed 'Active committees—an account of their work.' In the account of the Standing Committee the power to co-opt is mentioned. In the case of none of the other committees is such mention made, though 'The Ringing World' Committee account refers to the new committee of 1951.

With regard to (*b*) above, I know that it is not uncommon for an authority to give its committees a power to co-opt members. But this power, if given, must be limited to protect the interests of the Council and its members. In the case of the Standing Committee such a limitation (to two members) has been made, although as that committee includes the officers of the Council, there would be no likelihood of the committee going off the rails. But there is no such limitation in the 1951 decision, so that between the triennial elections it would be possible for the committee to change its personnel and policy to an undesirable extent. The ordinary Council back-bencher has very little say in the actions of the Council and its committees except in voting for the membership of the committees, and if vacancies are filled by co-option he is deprived of that chance.

May I suggest that the Council's officers give serious consideration to these matters if the points I have made in (*a*) above are held not to be valid.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Wembley, Middx.

STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The composition of Stedman Triples, viz.: Carter's Odd Bob One-part, is (probably owing to my bad writing) wrongly printed. The calling from the 4th course should read D B C D D C A, and then as printed. The calling of A should read 2, 6, 10, 12, 14.—Sincerely yours,

E. JENKINS.

Oldham.

ST. ANNE'S PARISH CHURCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—I would like to correct a statement in the article '130 Miles in Lancashire' which appeared in the issue of May 16th, to the effect that St. Anne's Parish Church bells were cast only two years ago.

These bells were cast in 1890 by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and were dedicated on September 18th, 1890. They were rehung two years ago on ball-bearings, also by John Taylor, and reopened on Easter Sunday, 1956.

The bells were named after the Clifton family who were benefactors of the church. These are as follows:—

Treble: Frances Victoria and Charles Caryl Clifton, 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.
2: Harry Arthur Clifton, 4 cwt. 18 lb.
3: Constance Gertrude Cecily Clifton, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.
4: Cuthbert Clifton, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
5: Madeline Edith Clifton, 6 cwt. 3 qr.
6: John Talbot Clifton, 8 cwt. 3 qr.
7: The Lady Eleanor Cecily Clifton, 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.
Tenor: 'In Memoriam' Thomas Henry and John Talbot Clifton, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY R. PRESTON, Hon. Sec.,
St. Anne's Parish Church Belfry,

'AN UNUSUAL GIFT OF BELLS'

Thus stated the announcer on the B.B.C. television on May 15th in opening the 6.10 p.m. programme. This referred to the collection of tintinnabula recently given to Leicester City Museum by Ernest Morris, and was thought to be so unique and interesting that before being placed on exhibition it should be televised. This was done, and with Mr. Daniel, the curator, Ernest Morris demonstrated some of the more interesting pieces. The collection included a Chinese temple gong, a heavy double-camel bell from Constantinople, a camel bell cut from solid cotton-wood which came from West Africa, a whole series of wagon or latten bells, cast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts (1764-99), as well as pack-horse bells from the same foundry and one by I. Stares of earlier date. Other bells included cow, bullock, sheep, goat, pony and cab-horse bells, as well as those of 'Bristol' glass, and a porcelain one from Meissen, Saxony.

After the television recording Ernest Morris was taken to the studio and gave a broadcast talk on the same subject, which was 'on the air' in Eye Witness at 3 p.m. the following Friday.

Mr. Morris has just completed a MS on 'Tintinnabula,' which he hopes to see published in book form later in the year.

SPLICING FOR CONVENIENCE — By N. F. Moxon

THERE must be many occasions at ringing meetings when a few ringers wish to try a method but cannot raise the necessary number who are able to ring it. For instance, if a touch of Kent Minor is desired four ringers may readily step forward, and although a treble man is usually available the other inside performer cannot be found, so the touch is abandoned. A solution to this, alas all too frequent occurrence, is to find a ringer who is familiar with Oxford and ask him to take the fourth rope; other inside bells could be used but usually most people are at home on the fourth.

Commence ringing and call Oxford continuing until the 4th lead when a lead of Kent is interposed; at this point the fourth bell dodges the treble in 3-4, the work being identical in Kent and Oxford and although the other bells are ringing Kent he carries on with Oxford. If a lead of Kent is also inserted at the 9th lead, rounds will come up after 240 changes, a useful touch for a meeting. Should an extent be desired, a bob must be called when 3 and 4 are together at the front, making three bobs in all.

A touch of Woodbine is often welcome, being a change from the inevitable Kent and Oxford, and is a method usually scorned although it forms the basis of no less than 26 standard methods. If again we are one short for a touch of Woodbine, put an Oxford ringer on the fourth and begin to ring the latter method; change to Woodbine during the 1st lead and continue with this method for the 2nd lead; as the fourth bell will be coming in and going out of the slow during this period he will not be affected by the change. If two leads of Woodbine are also inserted at the 6th and 7th leads a 240 will result. Three bobs, called when 3 and 4 are together, will produce 720 changes.

Snowdrop is an easy method, much neglected, and if our four ringers are determined to ring it they must again recruit the long-suffering 'Oxford' lad on the fourth; in this touch Snowdrop is called off, instructing the fourth to ring Oxford, the latter method being brought in at the 2nd lead, Snowdrop at the 3rd lead then revert to Oxford. If Snowdrop is inserted at leads 1 and 3, 6 and 8, a 240 will result and an extent can be produced by adopting the calling previously given.

Many ringers are familiar with New London, a full-lead method always enjoyable to ring, which when connected with Snowdrop produces Nelson Victory, a fine standard method. It is queer that two 'irregular' methods, New London and Snowdrop, when joined together make a regular method! By the way, New London forms the basis of 19 standard methods.

If a New London ringer can be found for the fourth bell, some Nelson's Victory can be attempted. Commence with two leads of this method, then change to three leads of New London, repeat the whole and rounds will come up at 240; three bobs with 3-4 together produce the extent.

Kingston and Wragby can be spliced easily in the same manner; the fourth bell persists in ringing Kingston which has Oxford groundwork, whilst the other bells provide the Wragby or Woodbine variation. The touch begins with Kingston, changing to Wragby for the 2nd and 4th, 7th and 9th lead-ends. The same bob calling produces the extents. The other methods in the same group, i.e., London Scholars, Sandal and Capel, will yield to the same treatment.

Great assistance can be obtained for this fascinating diversion by referring to J. Segar's 'Four-way Table of Minor Methods,' an excellent publication which can be improved by writing the ground methods Oxford, New London, Kent, Woodbine, etc., above the top line.

Here are the figures for two of the above touches:—

Oxford and Woodbine	Kingston and Wragby
1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4 5 6
1 4 2 3 5 6 W	1 5 6 3 4 2
1 5 4 2 6 3 W	1 4 2 3 5 6 W
1 6 5 2 4 3 O	1 6 3 2 5 4 K
1 2 6 3 5 4 O	1 5 4 2 6 3 W
1 3 2 4 6 5 O	1 3 2 4 6 5 K
1 4 3 2 6 5 W	1 6 5 2 4 3 K
1 6 4 3 5 2 W	1 4 3 2 6 5 W
1 5 6 3 4 2 O	1 5 2 3 6 4 K
1 3 5 2 6 4 O	1 6 4 3 5 2 W
1 2 3 4 5 6 O	1 2 3 4 5 6 K
240	240

OXFORD.—On May 4th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Corner 1, C. R. C. Coussmaker 2, J. A. M. Salter 3, J. H. Pailing 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, N. J. Maggs 6, R. A. Jackson 7, R. N. Pittman (cond.) 8. A compliment to D. J. Roaf on attaining his majority.

MODIFICATION OF HALF-LEAD SYSTEM OF EXTRACTING FALSE COURSE HEADS

By H. CHANT

ATTENTION has recently been focused on the subject of F.C.H.'s by Mr. J. Segar, who pointed out that all literature on this subject, apart from his own, is now out of print. To those who use the half-lead system and to those who may want to learn about it, this article may be of use. It contains one or two slight innovations which, I think, simplify certain parts of the procedure and save time and thought (both valuable commodities!).

Mr. E. A. Barnett has raised no objection to my quoting his procedure as set out in Corrigan's, and has made several valuable suggestions as to clarifying the text in regard to the location of F.C.H.'s, suggestions of which I have gladly availed myself.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHART

Take two pieces of cardboard and cut them into circles of, say, 4 in. and 6 in. diameter respectively, the smaller (A) and the larger (B) being secured, after being marked out, with a paper clip, or similar device, passing through the centres. This clip should be a loose fit so as to allow the two scales to be freely rotated.

Divide each card into seven equal sectors and into these sectors place the figures as follows:

Smaller (A Scale): 8 6 4 2 3 5 7, in a clockwise direction. Connect the pairs of figures 7-8, 5-6, 3-4 by arrows drawn across the surface.

Larger (B Scale): 1 2 3 4 5, also in a clockwise direction. Fill the two blank spaces with prominent black spots. The figures and spots must be placed on the outer edge so as to be visible after assembly.

When complete the chart appears as follows and is ready for use:—



WHAT FALSE COURSE HEADS ARE

A course head is an abbreviated row which signifies a complete course. E.g., 23456=the course beginning 12345678 (plain course). A False Course Head represents a course which if rung in the same composition as that which includes the plain course will contain certain rows which are identical with rows contained in the plain course.

Further, any two courses which bear the same relationship to each other, as do the plain course and its false course, will therefore mutually repeat certain rows. E.g., if course 23456 is false with course 32546 then courses 42356 and 24536 will also be false with each other.

It is therefore necessary that any composer, arranger, rearranger or what you will, should be able to discover not only what these F.C.H.'s are for any given method, but whereabouts in the two courses concerned the falseness (i.e., the repetition of rows) will occur.

METHOD OF EXTRACTING FALSE COURSE HEADS

There are many systems of extracting F.C.H.'s, but probably one that is second to none is the procedure of Mr. E. A. Barnett's in Corrigan's book. Here are sections (1), (2) and (3):—

(1) *Write out half a lead of the method, and mark off the in-course* (+) *and out-of-course* (−) *rows.*

(2) *See whether each section is symmetrical, i.e., that places, if any, made between the first and second rows are matched by similar places between the third and fourth rows of the section. If so, consider only rows with the treble in the odd place, but in an asymmetrical section rows with treble in the even place must also be proved.*

(3) *Examine the rows to be proved to see if any pairs of bells coursing one another in the p.c.* (2-3, 3-5, 5-7, 7-8, 8-6, 6-4, 4-2) *occur in the bottom row beneath a coursing pair in the top row. If the two rows are of the same nature, both pairs must be the same way round; if they are of opposite nature the pairs must be in reverse order. If none are found, the section has a clean proof. E.g.,*

i. Rows of same nature:

CAMBRIDGE—3-4 *up*

26143857 +

62148735 +

Rows with two examples

$\frac{57}{35}$ $\frac{78}{57}$

both in the same order.

ii. Rows of opposite nature:

LINDUM——5-6 *up*

64281537 +

48621537 −

Rows with one example

$\frac{86}{24}$

in opposite order. Top pair may always be regarded as in correct order and the lower pair as reversed.

The procedure to extract the F.C.H. by means of the 'chart' is as follows: Take the +ve pair (Cambridge) first.

I. (1) Place the paired figures 5-7 on Scale A opposite the two dots on Scale B and read off the numbers on Scale B opposite the numbers of the bells on Scale A as they occur in the remainder of the row—ignoring the treble. (So long as the order is kept the same in this and the next operation, it does not matter what the order is. Best, however, I think to maintain some system, so shall we, say, read the figures from the rows in descending order, i.e., 83462.) This gives the row 15324.

(2) Repeat this procedure with 3-5 against the dots and read 12453.

(3) Place 7-8 against the dots and this time read off the bells on Scale A against the rows 15324 and 12453 on Scale B which have just been obtained by (1) and (2). This gives 65243

64352,

whence the F.C.H. 32546 is obtained in the usual manner.

[*Look at the bottom row and say to yourself* 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 *in that order, writing as you do so the bell in the top row appearing above each figure.—E.A.B.*]

To find the second F.C.H. which occurs from these two pairs it is necessary to make use of the arrows on Scale A, employing figures obtained at the opposite ends of the arrows in all cases. Procedure:—

II. (1) As 5 is arrowed to 6 and 7 to 8, place 6-8 against the dots and read off *on the arrowed scale* the figures on Scale B, 51342.

(2) The arrowed Scale A gives 4-6 in place of 3-5, so place these numbers against the dots and read off 54213 on the arrowed scale.

(3) As (3) above. (F.C.H. 46253.)

In the case of methods such as Lindum where, as is more usual, one row is +ve and the other −ve, the first row must be read off on the ordinary procedure I and the second arrowed II; then (3) will give the F.C.H.

To extract the second F.C.H. read the first row arrowed II and the second ordinary I. Proceed as (3).

The extraction of F.C.H.'s can be achieved in a few seconds, without any awkward transpositions, once stage 3 of Corrigan's (Mr. E. A. Barnett's) procedure has been reached.

LOCATION OF FALSENESS

Full information is given in Mr. E. A. Barnett's procedure, but it may be noted that falseness can be located quite simply by using the coursing circle (Scale A on the chart) and by observing the pivot bell at the first half-lead of the method.

Take first the Cambridge example, which we discovered has the F.C.H.'s 32546 and 46253 with the paired bells $\frac{57}{35}$ +.

If I may quote Mr. Barnett:—

'32546 *was found from* $\frac{57}{35}$. *This means that the p.c.l.h. having the tenors in 5ths and 7ths at the l.h.* (*top row*) *is false against the lead of* 32546 *with tenors in 3rds and 5ths* (*bottom row*) *at the l.h.*'

Straightforward enough!

Now to find the places where $\frac{57}{35}$ − cause falseness, note that 3 is the pivot and substitute the pairs equidistant from it on the opposite side of the coursing circle (Scale A), i.e., for $\frac{57}{35}$ read 42, for 35 read 23. Therefore in place of $\frac{57}{35}$ in the quotation substitute $\frac{42}{23}$ and 46253 in place of 32546.

With Lindum the F.C.H.'s are 53624 and 65432, the paired bells causing falseness $\frac{86}{42}$ + with 7 as a pivot.

For the first location keep 86 unchanged. For the second pair we note that 42 is equidistant from either side of the pivot and therefore remains unchanged. The falseness is therefore located by substituting $\frac{86}{42}$ for $\frac{57}{35}$ in the quotation with a F.C.H. 53624.

For the second F.C.H. keep the bottom pair unchanged, and note that the pair corresponding to 86 with 7 as pivot is 35. The substitutions in the quotation are therefore $\frac{35}{42}$ for $\frac{57}{35}$ and 65432 for 32546.

Although the two F.C.H.'s extracted as above are all that are necessary 'for proof of a peal with tenors together,' for the sake of completeness it may be as well to point out that each of them has a reciprocal. These are found as follows:—

If the F.C.H. was, say, 43652, then—

'*A. The original* *e.g.*, 43652

B. The course-head by which A must be transposed to produce rounds 63254.'

The second reciprocal is found in a similar manner.

For the location of falseness, in the quotation given in that section note that

'B 32546 is located the converse way—the 3-5 p.c.l.h. is false against the 5-7 l.h. of 32546';

and similarly with the second reciprocal.

(32546 *is* the reciprocal of 32546.)

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THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 238)

MY wife 'Beatie'—*feared* yet loved by all ringers (see 'R.W.', March 21st, page 189), the only one who could meet the 'Sergeant-Major' on equal terms and tell the late inspector Harold Poole when and where to get off!—had an uncle, George Woodiss, who at one time was well known in Surrey and Middlesex as a very fine ringer who had rung over 100 peals and (I believe) called Holt's Original from every bell. He came to our wedding and I met him a few times but never in a peal. I did, however, with his son, the late Fred Woodiss, also a good ringer. On one occasion we were at Twickenham when Fred came to see cousin 'Beatie,' and incidentally brought along a composition of Grandsire Triples by the Rev. Canon G. H. Ridout, of Johannesburg, who was on a visit to this country after an absence of 20 years in South Africa, and who was looking for someone to call it for him! Fred Woodiss fixed up for this at Benhilton, Surrey, with the old Canon ringing the fourth, and I called the peal, much to the gratification of the old man, who was almost on the verge of collapse at the finish. He was so delighted, however, that he gave us a fine tea, and I believe he had a tablet put up in the tower, though I have never seen it.

'DON'T IT STINK!'

A recent invitation to ring in a peal at Monks Kirby, Warwicks, recalls an amusing episode of some 30 years ago. I was never very clever on a bicycle, but on that occasion, after going well from Leicester through Sharnford, we turned into a very rutty by-road. The late C. Henry Webb was just in front of me, and when turning the corner my back wheel slipped into a deep rut, throwing me aside—my front wheel caught Harry's back wheel, throwing him clean off his cycle. He disappeared completely into a deep ditch of stagnant water covered with fungus, nettles and undergrowth. When he reappeared his first remark was: 'Phew, don't it stink!' He was in a dreadful state, covered with slime and mud, and we spent the next half hour cleaning him down as best we could with tufts of grass, to the accompaniment of salubrious language about cycles, cyclists, and *me* in particular! However, all's well that ends well—we carried on and rang a good peal of New Cambridge. Harry Webb was an accomplished carver in stone and slate, and many peal tablets all over the country testify to his ability. At one time, with his two sons, he gave many exhibitions of his skill on handbells in tune ringing. He also was a good penman and wrote records in many peal books.

On another occasion at Monks Kirby we rang an excellent peal of London Surprise, which I conducted. After the peal, the late Joe White, of Coventry, who was in it, came to me and said: 'Do you know, Ernest, I thought Fred Dexter was calling the peal [he was on the tenor] till after two hours I noticed you call a bob!'. In that peal the late W. H. J. Hooton took part, also the late H. J. Poole and the late Frank Pervin.

We have lately heard a lot about Hoar Cross and peals at that glorious church with its fine heavy six bells. When I went there they were a different proposition to what they are today—on new frame, ball-bearings, and nice circle of ropes. At that time the ropes fell in a difficult, erratic 'circle'—1, 2, 3 fairly close, the fourth some distance away, with the fifth and sixth on either side of a large clock case. The fifth rope came down about 3 inches from the wall, so as I am blind on the right side, I elected to ring this and call the peal. I never saw the tenor ringer but once during the peal when, in the last 720, I dodged round to see if he was still O.K.! It was rung by that master ringer, Joe T. Dyke, so I knew it would be in its place, which it was throughout.

'WHAT'S TRANSITION?'

After several years' absence—too long!—I recently met that cheery and boisterous ringer of Nuneaton—James F. Clark, jun. Twenty and thirty years ago we rang many peals together, and 'Jim' was always the life and soul of the party. On one occasion at Loughborough Foundry we were ringing Bristol Surprise with F. H. Dexter conducting. For some reason we got in a bit of a fog, and in the excitement Shirley Burton, who was next to Jim, said: 'You do transition'; to which Jim, in his usual racy manner, said out loud: 'What the 'ell's transition?' It made us all laugh except the Sergeant-Major, who raged and stormed—called us a lot of blank school kids, ought to be in a blank asylum, and similar terms. Anyway, he sorted us out and scored the peal. In 1924 I called the extent of Ilkeston Spliced T.B. Major (9,120), and Jim rang the tenor to this clothed in a thick white jumper because he was cold!

In my last article I mentioned E. Harry Stonely and his eccentricities. When the extent of Cambridge Major was first attempted I was chosen as umpire, but it failed after four hours. In the subsequent attempt I was roped in the band, and we rang the 12,896 in 7 hours 35¼ minutes. After all this, Harry Stonely wanted to ring a course of Bristol for practice! I cannot repeat (or would it be printable?) what the Sergeant-Major said in answer to this!

On one occasion we went to Colston Bassett, Notts, and rang a peal of Cambridge. Shirley Burton took F. H. D. in his sidecar with me on the back. Returning home after the peal something went wrong with the works; and there we were, miles from anywhere, pushing the machine up hill and coasting down, but despite all efforts the thing would not go. So we had to leave it at a farmhouse and walk 11 miles to Nottingham to catch the midnight mail train to Leicester. Can words ever describe what the Sergeant-Major said about 'sparking plugs,' 'motor-cycles' and all things connected therewith? We arrived home about 3 a.m. In a recent issue Colin Walker wrote about my Beatie and the fear she puts into all ringers—can one imagine what I got on my arrival home at such an hour! And Mrs. Dexter too had a few 'kind words' to Harry Broughton whom she had routed out to see where F. H. D. was, and then some more to poor old Fred!

(To be continued)

OUTINGS

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS

Accompanied by friends from Leicester, South Wigston ringers had their annual outing on May 3rd. The first tower was the ground-floor ring of six at Brinklow, Warwickshire. Then came the fine-toned bells of Stow-on-the-Wold, with its 27 cwt. tenor. Bourton-on-the-Water bells, after having been recast and rehung by the Loughborough Foundry, are now a delight to ring on. The tenor weighs 14 cwt., and a course of Cambridge did ample justice to the bells. Unfortunately, the visit was marred by the breaking of a stay.

Broadwell, said to be the organiser's tit-bit, is an anti-clockwise five, with the tenor twice as loud as the rest put together and also quite half a tone flat! Next came Chipping Campden with its ring of eight and (by reputation) an unringable tenor. The regular tenor ringer had sense enough to stay downstairs.

Compensations came at Cheltenham, where Grandsire Cinques and Plain Bob Maximus were rung on bells that were a delight to ring, and finally, Stratford-on-Avon, surely the best-toned 10-bell tower in the country, which provided a perfect ending to a pleasant day.

Thanks are accorded incumbents, tower captains and Roger Stratton, the organiser. It is hoped to arrange a similar outing in the autumn—as Cupid was very busy in the back row!

MARCH, CAMBS

Bell-ringers from St. Wendreda's Church, March, together with friends from Peterborough and Whittlesey, held their outing on May 10th, when they rang at churches in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Rutland.

The highlight of the day was a visit to Messrs. Taylor's foundry at Loughborough, and the inspection of the various departments proved extremely interesting. Another looked-forward-to event was the experience of ringing the campanile bells, which the party considered well worth while.

Churches visited during the day were Edenham (a delightful eight), Silcby (a musical octave and a very fine church), and Whissendine and Empingham, two charming villages, the former church possessing six bells with a long rope-draught, and the latter a good ring of six where the tourists stayed for nearly an hour-and-a-half.

Thanks are due to the clergy and tower-keepers for permission to ring their bells; and last but not least, to Messrs. Taylor and Co.

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Three other meetings, a ringers' wedding and a bus strike all on the same day in the same area do not help to make a big attendance. The Leatherhead District's welcome home meeting for Mr. Frank Oakshott was held despite the difficulties, and as is usually the case where attendance is small, those who did attend had a thoroughly good time. Ringing from 3 till 4.30 at Christ Church, Epsom, was followed by the Guild's form of service, the lesson being read by the ringing curate. The Vicar had the dual role of taking the service and playing the organ. A special tea awaited the ringers in the Church Hall, at which a company of 21 sat down, the seat of honour being taken by the returned wanderer and local captain, Mr. Frank Oakshott.

After tea the Vicar, on behalf of the Guild and the local band, welcomed Frank back, and his remarks were endorsed by the District Master, Mr. H. V. Young. In his reply, Mr. Oakshott said that he had had a wonderful time in Australia and that the ringers and people out there had been most hospitable. He would always cherish happy memories of the visit. At the short business meeting one new member was elected.

Ringing then continued, including plain hunting, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge until 8.30 p.m. W. P.

OBITUARY

MR. J. G. MACDOUGAL

Mr. J. G. Macdougal, who died on May 7th at Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, Essex, aged 81 years, was an active ringer at St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, up to the time of his death.

'Mac' literally passed on in harness, for while ringing for Evensong and standing in for a three-course touch of Grandsire Triples he subsequently found himself unable to rise for belfry prayers. It transpired that he had been seized by a stroke. With some difficulty he was got down the tower and removed to hospital, where he was making an excellent recovery, but unfortunately pneumonia set in and this proved fatal.

For 38 years Mac had been a loyal member of the St. Andrew's band, being introduced to the tower by the late Arthur Rolph and taught to ring by John Dale. For many years he was tower secretary. He was especially proud of his connection with the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral service was at St. Andrew's Church on May 12th, followed by cremation at the Corbets Tye Crematorium. There were no flowers by special request, and the bells were rung open, also by special request.

AN APPRECIATION

The last sentence of 'Mac's' obituary notice is synonymous with his character—'open bells by special request'—for Mac was a merry character: jolly, kind and thoughtful, he was most popular wherever he went.

Thirty-eight years of ringing in a tower is a record of which anyone can be proud, and Mac's 38 years are a record of loyalty and devotion.

We shall miss him very much at Hornchurch: the rotund figure striding vigorously up the hill for Evensong, the merry twinkle in his eye, his cheerfulness and sincerity were all too much of a part of the local scene not to be missed.

The last active member of the old Hornchurch band, Mac's passing is the end of another chapter in the history of that grand eight in the 'Church on the Hill.' May the younger band following on find inspiration in his sincerity, service and devotion. F. V. G.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, May 31st, at 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3.30 p.m.—J. Chilcott. 2440

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting at Fulbourn (6), Saturday, May 31st. Bells 6 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2386

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Tey, Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 2353

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Rodmersham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2360

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Albans, Saturday, May 31st. Ringing at St. Michael's 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Branch Road. Business meeting and further ringing in evening. Gentlemen cordially invited. 2333

LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants Branch) and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bedford District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 31st, at Kempston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Amor. 2390

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, May 31st, at Cwmcarvan. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. King. 3287

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—General meeting, Mansfield, Saturday, May 31st, to consider forming separate Mansfield District. St. Peter's bells 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at Grove House, Brunts Street, Mansfield, 4. Business meeting, 6 p.m., at Grove House. Own tea arrangements.—J. W. Raithby. 2347

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, June 4th, at 6.30 p.m. 2425

NORTH WHEATLEY, NOTTS. — Dedication of rehung ring of six, by Taylor's, at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 6th. Refreshments and ringing after service. 2441

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 7th, St. John's, Cleator Moor. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Wednesday, 4th.—Miss E. Birney, 27, Princes Street, Wath Brow, Cleator. 2429

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham (6) on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2426

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and the SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Thorpe Bay, St. Augustine's (8), available 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Bus service between towers. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, June 5th, to Mr. P. A. Sadler, 21, Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. Trains from Fenchurch Street, to Southend and Thorpe Bay, and from Liverpool Street to Southend and Prittlewell.—C. E. Wilmington, A. W. J. Butler. 2376

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, June 7th, Brislington (6), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Study Double Court.—A. Bennett. 2422

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh (6), Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by June 5th.—W. H. Poulton, Highfield, The Leigh, Coombe Hill, near Gloucester. 2420

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting at Quatt on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before previous Wednesday to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 2407

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree (6) on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 2444

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 4th to B. Marks, Wayside, Swangleys Lane, Knebworth. Special method, Duffield.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2410

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 4th, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2383

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at Polesworth, near Tamworth, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing at both Polesworth and Grendon in the evening. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 3rd, to Mrs. C. A. Barron, 17, Dulvern Grove, Kings Heath, Birmingham, 14. 2389

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting at Heversham, Westmorland, on Saturday, June 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, R. F. Eccles, Secs. 2436

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 7th, at Upholland. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 2435

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Hoddlesden, Saturday, June 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2412

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Swepstone, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 4th to Mr. H. Carter, Dishley Farm, Measham. 2418

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting with the Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 4th, to Mr. M. D. Staniforth, 7, Chapel Street, Melton Mowbray.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Alford on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Church Hall 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, June 2nd, to Mr. I. J. Smith, 15, Commercial Road, Alford. 2434

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 7th, Immanuel Church, Streatham, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in Vestry 4.30 p.m. Own tea. Further ringing, St. Leonard's, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. For travel details: Miss Powell; tel.: MAC 8597. 2442

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Netherseale (8), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 2395

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Parish Church, Wrexham, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea if notified by June 5th.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 2431

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Interim meeting, Garboldisham, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 3rd, to Mr. S. J. Nunn, 65, The Street, Garboldisham, Diss. 2405

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify me for tea by May 31st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 2392

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Langham, Saturday, June 7th, from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 2391

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Hazelbech, Saturday, June 7th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 2439

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Penistone, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the National School 5 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Names by 5th to Mr. A. Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone. Frequent electric train service from Sheffield.—J. Seager. 2430

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turners Hill (8), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 2427

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Ringwood, Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by June 4th, please, to Mr. W. E. Cheater, 43, Addison Square, Ringwood.—W. T. Godfrey. 2415

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion will be held at Nunney on Sunday, June 8th, at 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to E. Chivers, Chilcompton, Bath. 2418

MILDENHALL (nr. Marlborough), WILTS.—Rededication of bells (6) will take place on Sunday, June 8th. Service 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to Rev. Courtman, Minal House, Marlborough, Wilts. 2424

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Prize shield contest, Silkstone, Saturday, June 14th. For teas, please notify not later than June 9th Mr. Harry Mann, 72, Manor Park, Silkstone, Barnsley.—J. W. Buxton. 2432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. It is essential that numbers for tea be sent by Tuesday, June 10th, to T. Earle, North Lodge, Stisted, Braintree. 2414

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Moreton Valence, Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names by first post, June 10th, to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 2403

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival.—Saturday, June 14th. Service at Hersham, 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Bishop of Guildford. Tea (nearby) 5.15 p.m. Please notify for tea at the **latest** by **Tuesday, June** 10th, Mr. J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham. Towers open: Horsell (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; Chobham (8), 10.15 to 11.15; Ottershaw (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Chertsey (8), 11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.; Weybridge (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Oatlands Park (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Hersham (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Walton (8), 6.15 to 8; Esher (8), 7 to 9; Thames Ditton (6), 7 to 8.15; East Molesey (8), 7.45 to 8.45 p.m. 2416

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Meeting, Ilminster, June 14th. Coach from Bristol/Bath area. Ringing, Castle Cary, 10 a.m.; East Coker, 11.30 a.m.; Street, 7.30 p.m. Ilminster: ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. Names by June 7th to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol 7. 2404

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Morton, Saturday, June 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to me.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 2423

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fulney, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify by previous Tuesday Mr. J. Braithwaite, c/o The Vicarage, Fulney, Spalding, Lincs. 2413

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, June 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. V. Perry, The Yews, Weedon, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 2437

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Market Drayton, Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton. 2417

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 12th.—R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 2358

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth (8) on Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandcross Lane, South Park, Reigate.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2409

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Prize contest and annual meeting, Thornhill, Saturday, June 28th. Entrance fee (10s.) by June 14th to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Manchester. For teas notify by June 21st D. Scargill, Shir-Lea, Chapel Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand. 2406

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of address and reply to J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Rosemary, Freeland, Oxford. 2421

Correction: TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—The diocesan festival will be held at St. Stephen-in-Brannel on Saturday, *July* 12th, not in June.—H. Trewhella, Sec. 2445

QUARTER PEALS

DALWOOD, DEVON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Morrell 1, C. Webber 2, W. D. Salter 3, D. Hart 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, C. Webb 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On May 19th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Mashiter (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss D. M. Killingley 3, Miss M. I. Goodship 4, G. R. Parker 5, T. Senior 6, T. Hill 7, F. Hodgson (cond.) 8.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Plain Bob and 540 Spliced Plain and Little Bob): Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, J. H. L. Blick 2, L. Duffield 3, J. H. Edwards 4, E. White 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. C. Mackonochie), who is leaving Goldington to take up a new appointment in Dunstable.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On April 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. M. Andrews 1, A. R. Andrews 2, A. G. Button 3, F. H. Pyke 4, D. B. Munro 5, G. N. Orman 6, E. Harling 7, R. Duesbury (cond.) 8. A tribute to the late Rev. J. Colley, Rector at Great Bentley from 1927 to 1958, who was interred this day.

OXFORD.—On May 18th, at New College, 1,287 Stedman Caters: G. F. Jenkins 1, Miss C. M. Woodward 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, R. A. Jackson 4, D. J. Roaf 5, J. Salter 6, R. N. Pittman 7, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 8, J. H. R. Freeborn 9, S. J. Ivin 10.

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52643	X			—	
35245		—		—	
43265			—		
36452	X				A
24653		—		—	
64352		—			
45623	X				
53624		—		2	
62345					A
62453	X			—	
45236					A
24536				—	
53462					A
46532			—	—	
34625	X			2	
23456	X			2	

First rung on February 20th, 1958, at Harrow Weald, Middlesex, conducted by J. R. Mayne.

LINCOLN.—On April 28th, at St. Peter-at-Gowts' Church, a quarter peal (1,080 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): C. Popple 1, H. Radley 2, A. Melton (cond.) 3, J. A. Freeman 4, H. Hurst 5, F. Dixon 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. A. Reams, a member of the choir for over 60 years. Also on May 5th, 1,080 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: C. Popple 1, H. Radley 2, A. Melton (cond.) 3, J. A. Freeman 4, H. Hurst 5, F. Dixon 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. T. Hunt, verger of this church and parish clerk.

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DUBLIN

THE Council's first visit to Ireland will always be remembered by those who were privileged to take part in it. Not unnaturally, there were many who doubted the wisdom of holding a meeting so far away; one member at least watched the industrial situation with the feeling that while, remembering Bristol, a rail strike would not unduly have interfered with the meeting, it would have necessitated the cancellation of one in Ireland and much hard work would be wasted.

But in the event all doubts were swept away. The meeting was notable in several ways. Nearly half the members made the journey to receive a wonderful welcome and hospitality such as almost defies description. A permanent reminder, if one were needed, will be the shillelagh presented to the Council on behalf of the Irish Association by their president, Mr. William Pratt. Never before, moreover, has the Council had the honour of a welcome from an archbishop—one which, by special request, was in two languages! For the first time, also, a vice-president graced the top table, and his services were very nearly required almost at once, for the president somehow lost his way on returning from lunch! Another change in the officers arose from the election of Mr. Frank Perrens as the new librarian, and all will wish him (and his assistant) well in this very important post. The Council has been fortunate in securing for it one so well known and respected throughout the Exercise.

The absence of many of the senior members whose opinions always command respect was certainly felt, and particular regret was expressed at the continued ill-health of Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, who has served the Council in many ways for the past 30 years. However, some useful, if unspectacular, work was accomplished. The two motions were keenly debated; as a result of the first a new committee was formed to look into the important question of Sunday service ringing. No one could have failed to be impressed with the sincerity of Norman Chaddock's advocacy and with the amount of work he had already done in a limited sphere. As he rightly said, the pooling of people's experiences cannot fail to be of value.

The second motion, which was much more controversial, was not accepted. The general feeling seemed to be that the standard of what should be required in the truth of peals on five and six bells is already low enough. That is not to say that no case exists for the admission of, for instance, other arrangements than Pitman's and Morris's twelve-scores of Doubles. Indeed, this was recognised 21 years ago when the present definitions of peals of Doubles and Minor were formulated by Wilfrid Wilson and Ernest Turner. The then Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who himself felt that the composite parts of a 5,040 of Doubles or Minor should consist of separate and complete extents, and that the definitions adopted at Canterbury were a retrograde step, nevertheless commented that, since two exceptions had been admitted for Doubles '. . . it cannot stop there. There are other arrangements of Doubles, equally adaptable, which, if rung, will have to be admitted because they are equally as "true" in round blocks as those to which recognition has now been given.'

One cannot conclude without a special 'Thank you' to all those, ringers and others, on both sides of the Border who showed so many kindnesses to the visitors. The detailed arrangements involved a prodigious amount of work, and the excellence of them can be judged from the fact that everything went without a hitch. For many members it was their first visit to Ireland, and they will carry with them memories of glorious scenery—the view from Arklow churchyard, in the evening sunshine, was breathtaking—some lovely rings of bells, and of the traditional friendship which is one of ringing's greatest joys. E. A. B.

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TEN BELL PEAL

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	*Treble*	DENNIS A. FRITH	6
ANN BARR	2	†PAUL W. WEBB	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	WILLIAM A. LACEY	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	9
J. EDWARD CAWSER	5	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal and first of Surprise away from the treble. 300th peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
SHIRLEY HARRIS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
MARGARET BOUMPHREY	3	ERNEST BOUMPHREY	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MRS. F. J. CHEAL	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	6
THOMAS BEAUMONT	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
CECIL C. BISHOP	4	LESLIE B. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, also the grandson of the sixth ringer.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composition Clavis, p. 178. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	*DEREK TAYLOR	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	DEREK OGDEN	6
JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	*EDMUND MALIN	7
REV. PETER T. ROBBINS	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

HARRY J. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
*SHELAGH COLLINS	2	ARTHUR GIBBS	6
GEORGE CARE	3	BRIAN AUSTIN	7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	4	JOHN E. SKERRITT	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 21).
Conducted by JOHN E. SKERRITT.
* 50th peal.
Rung to the memory of the late Anderson Y. Tyler, who died April 15th, 1958.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5376 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	ARTHUR B. COOPER	5
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	2	*DENNIS COOPER	6
MRS. B. HOLMES	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
*GEORGE CHALLANS	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. T. Rooke and Miss Catherine Rooke, of Warsop.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*JOAN BEESON	*Treble*	*DONALD A. KIRK	5
O. LESLIE WARNER	2	ERNEST R. WARNER	6
CHARLES STEPHENS	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	4	NOEL R. STACEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. BEESON.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since recasting.
Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to Wilson Dobbs, of Selston.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW	*Treble*	*MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	ANTHONY AGER	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	EDMUND MALIN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
A compliment to Mr. Roy Bastone, a ringer at this tower, and Miss Margaret E. Shemwell, on their recent engagement.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	*Treble*	A. L. M. SHEPHERD (Fitz.)	5
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	2	P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus)	6
D. STUBBINGS (Downing)	3	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	7
P. H. LANGTON (Trinity)	4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.
Rung to celebrate the wedding on the same day of Dr. Philip Chalk, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Dr. Jean Doughty.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	2	R. GORDON CORBY	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
DR. RICHARD PRICE	4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 21, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

*ROBERT SOUTHWOOD	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	*ALAN CARVETH	7
MARY C. PAYNE	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

MICHAEL JOHN HALIWELL	*Treble*	HARRY ANDERTON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	NORMAN SMITH	6
ROSEMARY PARKINSON	3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	FREDERICK H. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung to commemorate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Blackburn Royal Infirmary on May 24th, 1858, on which date a peal of Grandsire Triples was also rung.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

C. AUBREY HARRISON	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	5
GEORGE W. MOODY	2	*JOHN HALL	6
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4	*ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., May 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 TROWBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	JOHN HILL	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	BRIAN BLADON	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
CYRIL RUSBY	2	ALAN CARVETH	6
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	3	*IAN M. HOLLAND	7
JOHN S. SEAGER	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* 50th peal.
Rung to welcome the arrival of Rosemary and Elizabeth, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. L. Gilbert.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

H. MICHAEL GARTSIDE	*Treble*	HAROLD STEVENSON	5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	HAROLD DENMAN	6
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	†‡WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4	‡CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* 100th peal. † 75th peal. ‡ 25th peal together.
Rung half-muffled to the grateful memory of Ernest A. Midwinter, former tower captain, honorary life member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and churchwarden at this church.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

ALAN R. PINK	*Treble*	J. HOWARD FREEBORN	5
MRS. M. S. CLOKE	2	*HAROLD P. REED	6
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.
Rung after meeting short for Royal.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*FREDERICK STOKES	*Treble*	THOMAS STEPHENS	5
JACQUELINE S. KING	2	*GEORGE WARD	6
BRYAN J. JOHN	3	DAVID J. KING	7
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	4	*HARRY JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal on eight.
Rung for the induction of the Rev. J. T. E. Davies as Vicar of Blaenavon.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*IAN PANTON	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
MARY DOWSETT	2	PETER J. EVES	6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Major.
A compliment to Patrick W. Saltmarsh on the birth of a son.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. DOWLER	*Treble*	†ARTHUR SAYERS	5
ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	2	MICHAEL BISHOP	6
MICHAEL C. AUSTIN	3	GEORGE W. BISHOP	7
BRIAN DOWNES	4	LIONEL S. WOODS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.
* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE MAJOR
N. J. Pitstow's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	DAVID YOUNG	5
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD	2	ALBERT GREENHALGH	6
PATRICIA FORSTER	3	GORDON HALLS	7
EILEEN HUDSON	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
First peal of Surprise on the new bells. First in the method for all except 3 and 7.
Rung in memory of Mrs. E. Crook, wife of the treasurer of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*JOHN B. POWLESLAND	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. BEST	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	†COLIN CONWAY	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	†LEWIS F. COBB	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*BARRY E. JOHN	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
*MRS. D. E. JOHN	2	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	6
CHARLES H. BAKER	3	GEOFFREY PAUL	7
*T. ALAN GILBERT	4	*EDGAR A. COLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

EILEEN FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN R. KENNETT	5
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	2	BERNARD GROVES	6
*R. BRENT WHERRY	3	FRANK OSBALDISTON	7
†CAROL FERNLEY	4	‡WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.
Average age of the band 15½ years.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

FRANK E. CROSIER	*Treble*	ALAN J. FROST	4
BRIAN AUSTIN	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	DAVID W. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.
60th peal on the bells.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	SIMON L. BARLEY	4
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	HAROLD STEVENSON	5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., April 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GENEVIEVE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of Grandsire, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HENRY IVINGS	*Treble*	LEONARD SHARPE	3
ERNEST BISHOP	2	ARTHUR BALAAM	4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal in four methods away from the cover bell. First in four Doubles methods as conductor.
Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor on his discharge from the R.A.F.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES J. COPP	*Treble*	HAROLD STEVENSON	3
WILLIAM L. EXTON	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
MARK W. LEWIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*VESTER HEADLAND	*Treble*	‡RODNEY WALKER	4
COLIN M. WALKER	2	ROY A. WARD	5
†PETER A. WAKEMAN	3	DAVID W. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and two 720's each of St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*JAMES T. ROOKE	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
HERBERT T. ROOKE	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lady Nora Fitzherbert, wife of Sir William Fitzherbert, of Tissington Hall, Derbys, patron of the living of Warsop.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one each of St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

NANCY WILLCOX	*Treble*	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	4
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
WILLIAM DICKINSON	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Prout, grandfather of the treble ringer.

GREAT RYBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	TONY OWEN	4
HERBERT LASKEY	2	EDWARD HOWES	5
CECIL V. EBBERSON	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE.
Rung for Rogationtide.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob (methods rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 10 lb.

*JOAN BACON (12)	*Treble*	MARY R. JAYCOCK	4
RONALD K. RUSS	2	GORDON W. LIMMER	5
HOWARD OGLESBY	3	†GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal. † 50th peal on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of the third.

HONITON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being two 240's and 38 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 22 cwt.

LESLIE V. MORRELL	*Treble*	CYRIL C. DEEM	4
W. DONALD SALTER	2	W. RONALD TRICKEY	5
ALAN G. COOKE	3	WILLIAM WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL C. DEEM.
First peal as conductor

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 46 methods: (1) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple, Taxal, Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Elston and Clarence Delight, and Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, Pontefract, Donottar, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (3) Dover, Balmoral, Chepstow, Skipton and Fotheringay Delight; (4) Ely, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (5) St. Werburg, Vale Royal, Combermere, Crowland, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; (6) Hull Surprise; (7) Bourne Surprise; 14 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	BERNARD GROVES	4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in 46 methods by all the band and for the Association.

HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBERG,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

*MARGARET P. EVANS	*Treble*	ALBERT DUNK	4
TERENCE BARTON	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
RONALD C. BURNS	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

RUTH BLACKSHAW	*Treble*	DOREEN ARMSTRONG	4
RAYMOND LARKIN	2	MAURICE HARRISON	5
JOHN MEREDITH	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

First peal on the bells. First peal for 1, 2, 3 and 5, Sunday service ringers.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Lady Sibel Argles, donor of the treble bell.

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, 12 of April Day, 16 of Grandsire and one Morris's 240. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*REGINALD C. JONES	*Treble*	†BRYAN JOHN	4
GEORGE WARD	2	*NORMAN WARD	5
†MISS L. TEMLETT	3	*RICHARD HORSINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WARD.

* First peal. † First in three methods. First peal on the bells rung by an entirely local Sunday service band. Rung on the front six.

Rung in honour of Ald. W. Horsington (aged 76), a ringer for over 60 years, who was made Mayor of the borough for the third time at noon this day. Also a 13th wedding anniversary compliment to the treble ringer.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KINGSTON TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*STUART ELLISON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4
†R. BRENT WHERRY	2	FRANK OSBALDISTON	5
JOHN R. KENNETT	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor and of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob. 75th peal as conductor. The first peal in the method.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) Double and Plain Bob, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

GEOFFREY PARTING	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4
JOHN S. DEAN	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
ROBERT W. HINDE	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*RAYMOND J. CARLTON	*Treble*	*DAVID STAPLES	4
*VIOLET I. RELF	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
WILFRED W. RING	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND J. CARLTON.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Rev. Wilfrid Couch, M.A., late Rector of this parish.

WHIXLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(York Minster Society.)
On Sat., May 24, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G sharp.

*LEONARD GREENHORN	*Treble*	MICHAEL MASKILL (16)	4
COLIN REEVES (14)	2	HAROLD WALKER	5
MARGARET WILKINSON	3	JAMES WOOLFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES WOOLFORD.

* First peal. First as conductor.

A compliment to the conductor on his 16th bitrhday

HANDBELL PEAL

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 8880 DOUBLES

Being 74 extents in 33 methods: (1-3) Shipway's Place Bob, (4-6) Wesminster II Bob, (7-9) Blackburn Place Bob, (10-12) St. Hilary Bob, (13-15) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (16-18) Spliced Winchendon Place Bob and St. Nicholas Bob, (19-21) Spliced Winchendon Place Bob and St. Remigius Bob, (22-24) Spliced St. Nicholas Bob and St. Remigius Bob, (25-27) St. Bartholomew Bob, (28-30) Reverse All Saints Bob, (31-33), St. Sebastian Bob, (34) Reverse Plain Bob, (35) Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (36) Reverse Shipway's Place Bob, (37) Reverse Plain Bob, (38) Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (39-40) Reverse Shipway's Place Bob, (41) Reverse Plain Bob, (42) Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (43-45) Coxwell Place Bob, (46) Stedman Slow Course, (47-48) St. Botolph Bob, (49) Stedman Slow Course, (50-52) Plain Bob, (53-55) Spliced St. Simon's Bob and Braywood Bob, (56-58) Spliced St. Martin's Bob and Welford Bob, (59-61) Spliced St. Osmund Bob and Longworth Bob, (62) St. Simon's Bob, (63) Spliced St. Simon's Bob and Rugby Slow Course, (64) Spliced St. Martin's Bob and Slapton Slow Course, (65) Spliced St. Osmund Bob and Merton Slow Course, (66) St. Martin's Bob, (67) Plain Bob, (68) Spliced St. Nicholas Bob and Fundenhall Bob, (69) Spliced Winchendon Place Bob and Haddiscoe Bob, (70) Spliced St. Remigius Bob and Harpley Bob, (71) Spliced St. Nicholas Bob and Longford Slow Course, (72) Spliced Winchendon Place Bob and Thornborough Slow Course, (73) Spliced St. Remigius Bob and Hascombe Slow Course, (74) St. Osmund Bob; 234 bobs; 176 changes of method. Tenor size 16½ in A sharp.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON	1—2	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3—4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5—6		

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ACTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Emerton 1, H. Thelwell 2, J. E. Brough 3, S. Sutton 4, H. Sutton 5, F. S. Sutton (cond.) 6. For Rogation service.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Hazel N. Craven (first in method) 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Garnett 1, H. Ballard 2, G. A. Masters 3, J. F. Whitfeld 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, G. Prodger 6. Rung with the best wishes of all the band as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 6 (tower captain) and 4.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Margaret Ward (first of Treble Bob) 1, Jean Jones (first in method) 2, Brenda Foster 3, Mary Andrews 4, Beverley Thompson 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On May 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Sear 1, P. R. Andrews 2, H. Sear 3, J. R. Mosson 4, W. Daniells 5, A. Daniells 6, D. J. Meager 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Sear, interred this day.

BRADFORD, DEVON.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Stacey (cond.) 1, R. Cann 2, D. Garvie 3, H. Trewin 4, A. Read 5, H. Heard 6.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.—On May 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Talbot (jun., first quarter) 1, A. W. Talbot (first quarter) 2, A. H. Lawton 3, T. Whittall 4, E. Young 5, W. G. Talbot (sen., first as cond.) 6. First in method for all the band.

BUCKLAND FILLEIGH, DEVON.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Conn 1, H. Stacey 2, H. Heard 3, C. Sangwin 4, C. Taylor (cond.) 5.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Griffith (14, first quarter) 1, T. J. Frodsham 2, Joan Cheney 3, J. R. Haycock 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. G. Pickering 6. For Empire Day.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 25th, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob Minor: G. Parting 1, T. Dean 2, T. Hughes (cond.) 3, G. Case 4, D. Clays 5, J. Tilston 6. For Evensong.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. McClelland (first quarter) 1, C. Moore 2, M. Osborne 3, R. Moore 4, E. Freeman (first away from tenor) 5, A. Freeman 6, J. Statham (cond.) 7, D. Freeman 8.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On April 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Beatrice Oldham (first quarter) 1, R. B. Wherry 2, K. Ellison 3, S. Ellison 4, J. R. Kennett 5, E. Ellison 6, W. A. Smith 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. For St. George's Day service and parade. Also on May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. B. McKee 1, D. Adams 2, R. B. Wherry 3, J. R. Kennett (cond. 540) 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond. 720) 5. First quarter for 2. All are pupils at Buxton College.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Marshall (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Brookman 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, F. I. Farr 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, J. Goddard (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the assistant priest (Fr. Hope).

HENLEY, OXON.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Burrows 1, W. J. Paice (cond.) 2, F. Henbest 3, W. Hunt 4, C. Tigwell 5, R. H. Begrie 6, A. K. Street 7, J. Smith 8. For Confirmation service.

HIGHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Kenward 1, H. Springate 2, Miss R. Highley 3, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 4, R. C. Burns 5, B. Earl (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Highley.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On May 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. W. Seymour 1, F. C. Price 2–3, T. G. Bannister 4, N. D. Robinson 5, A. R. Turley 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, M. J. Palmer 8, A. R. G. Twinn 9, C. A. Ashpool 10. For Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Mallet (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Lowings 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Gargrave 4, A. Grainger 5, A. Salisbury (cond.) 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, R. Hoskins 8. For Confirmation.

QUARTER PEALS

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 480 each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire): B. C. Burrough 1, R. A. Brown 2, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 3, R. H. Pickering (first quarter) 4, M. A. Richardson 5. First on five bells and first in four methods for 2, 3 and 4. All members of Collyer's School Guild.

KIPPAX, YORKS.—On May 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Valerie M. Massam 1, D. Thorp 2, A. Cole 3, P. Whitaker 4, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 5, I. Slack 6. First quarter of Cambridge Minor by all. In memoriam the father of the ringer of the second, who was interred this day.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. J. White (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. H. Winch 2, Rev. C. Marshall (first 'inside') 3, Patricia Smee 4, G. Marriner 5, H. V. Young 6, A. H. Smith (cond.) 7, T. A. Cross 8. Also on May 18th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: J. Williams 1, Patricia Smee 2, T. A. Cross 3, G. Marriner 4, B. Hawkins 5, Rev. C. Marshall 6, A. H. Smith (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. First in method for 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8. Rung to commemorate a 10,080 in same method on May 17th, 1808.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Peters 1, Marion Steele 2, Ann Clifton 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, H. Miles (cond.) 5, G. W. Rendell 6. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

LYNG, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 each April Day and Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): R. Hooper (first quarter) 1, I. Hilburn 2, F. Skinner (first in three methods) 3, E. Skinner 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hooper on the birth of their son.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On May 18th, at the Church of St. Michael, 1,320 Bob Maximus: Mary Worth 1, A. A. Potts 2, K. Smith 3, E. Pimlott 4, J. Worth (cond.) 5, Mrs. C. W. Lawton 6, G. Farrer 7, H. C. Lonyon 8, H. Wood 9, C. W. Lawton 10, V. G. Norbury 11, J. W. Whittaker 12. Rung by branch members of the Chester Diocesan Guild to mark the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yates, Mr. Yates being the chairman of the branch. Also on May 4th, at Christ Church, 1,162 Stedman Caters: May Lomas 1, W. Stevenson 2, J. Worth (cond.) 3, E. Potts 4, D. A. Henshaw 5, A. A. Potts 6, G. Farrer 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, D. Pearson 10. For Sunday School anniversary service.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Foster 1, M. Fishwick 2, B. J. Wild 3, A. Smith 4, D. Butterworth (cond.) 5, G. Cowling 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Sylvia Harris.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 17th, 1,269 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilda Kingcott 1, Monica Fray 2, J. Brain 3, W. Kingcott 4, D. Yeo 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. M. Chilcott and Miss K. Weller from West Country Roving Ringers.

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Griffiths 1, E. Stitch 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, A. D. Collins (cond.) 4, G. Smallwood 5, F. Brotherton 6, H. Howell 7, J. Roden 8. First of Stedman for 3 and 5.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On May 11th, at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Lea 1, W. Robson 2, D. Priestly 3, J. Hedley 4, E. P. Crowdy 5, D. A. Bayles 6, G. S. Deas (cond.) 7, R. W. Leighton 8. Rung as a welcome home to the Provost (the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaley) on his return from Jamaica.

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NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Whit Monday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: R. Durrant 1, J. T. Y. Roberts 2, E. B. McKie 3, A. S. Carter 4, A. J. Bull 5, W. D. N. Foote (cond.) 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,440 Minor (720 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): Daphne Hyams 1, Wendy Bowak 2, D. Heapy 3, L. Cordell 4, D. Mitchell 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to H. King and Mrs. Wedlock, mother of the conductor.

PYWORTHY, DEVON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, D. Garvie 3, J. Gliddon 4, H. Stacey (cond.) 5, D. Brock 6. For Evensong.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, C. Webber 2, A. Cooke 3, G. Hutchings (first quarter) 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. For 7 a.m. service. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, A. Cooke 2, H. Taylor 3, C. Webber 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, G. Hutchings 6. First quarter by Sunday service band. For Evensong.

ROWDE, WILTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, G. Winter 2, W. Mortimer 3, F. Parrymore 4, H. Gummer (cond.) 5, E. Amor 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. J. E. Watts, aged 80 years, verger for 24 years, interred this day.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On May 21st, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Clements (first quarter) 1, Margaret Page 2, Ann Sweeney (first of Triples) 3, Yvonne Eloie 4, Ann Bacon 5, H. H. Abrahams 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, E. J. Doel 8. Rung as a mark of esteem to the Vicar (Canon Pendennis J. Hayes) on the occasion of his installation to the Canonry of Salisbury with the Prebend of Major Pars Altaris this day.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Sylvia Wickenden 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Miss Pamela Jervis 3, Miss Janet Adamson 4, J. R. A. Muller (first of Major 'inside') 5, K. Buckingham 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, A. J. Glass 8. For Confirmation service, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Buckingham.

STONE, STAFFS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Hodson 1, Glenda Rowley 2, A. Lawton 3, H. Roberts 4, G. A. Moore (cond.) 5, W. Talbot 6, E. Young 7, H. Hodson 8. For Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Mrs. D. Neal 1, J. M. Steele (first 'inside') 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. W. Gray 7. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. M. Steele 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 20th, 2,160 Bob Minor: Anthea Bafler (11, longest touch) 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, Rev. J. Kingdon 3, S. Jones 4, I. W. Clarke 5, H. O. Baker 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Baker.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On May 25th, at the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Single Court and 540 Single Oxford): M. Kemp 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, T. Randall 3, H. Denman 4, D. McNeil 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. Rung before Sung Mass on Whit Sunday. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Janet Kemp (first quarter) 1, Valerie Wakefield 2, M. Kemp 3, T. Randall 4, D. McNeil 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For the festival of Whitsuntide.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sharland 1, W. H. Clifton 2, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 3, D. J. Hunt 4, R. G. Hooper 5, J. Brain 6, E. J. Hitchins 7, S. Sharland 8. For morning service.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Worrell (first quarter) 1, D. Hawkins 2, G. Prescott (cond.) 3, J. Drennan 4, R. Ballam (first 'inside') 5, W. Lovell 6.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On May 25th, at the Parish Church of St. John, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Setter 1, R. Moore 2, L. E. Parris 3, T. J. Look 4, J. E. Looker 5, G. Gaylard (cond.) 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, H. Hebditch 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Gaylard.

IN EAST CHESHIRE

Ringers from St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, Chester, Dodleston, Buckley and Flint made up a party for an outing in East Cheshire on May 14th. Four cars were available and a prompt start was made for Sandbach, where the eight bells were raised in peal at the appointed time of 10 a.m. Visits were also made to Astbury (6) and Congleton (8) during the morning.

After lunch at Congleton, Gawsworth (8) and Bollington (8) were visited and after tea Prestbury (8) and Holmes Chapel (6) completed the ringing, which included touches in all the standard methods, also rounds and call changes.

The outing, despite the cool and, at times, rainy weather, proved most happy and enjoyable. The countryside was looking its best, the schedule was maintained, the bells were a pleasure to ring and all the party had the privilege of seeing some most beautiful old churches for the first time, notably Astbury, Prestbury and Gawsworth, the last named with its two lakes close by. Apart from the churches, the villages of Astbury and Prestbury are well worth a visit.

A view of the radio telescope at Joddrell Bank was another interesting feature. This was first seen from the top of Gawsworth Church tower, but a closer view was later obtained on the journey between Chelford and Holmes Chapel.

Grateful thanks are extended to the clergy for placing their bells at our disposal, also to those who met us at the respective towers and made us welcome, particularly at Holmes Chapel, where Mr. Coppenhall, the captain, had the local Press photographer waiting for us, and a photograph duly appeared in the local paper! The thanks of the party are also due to Mr. Percy Swindley, who undertook all the arrangements, and whose schedule worked perfectly. G.

OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S, READING

A bright, fine morning saw ringers and friends from St. Mary's, Reading, off on their annual outing. After pausing at Streatley to pick up the 'Guinness-bird King' and stopping at Banbury for coffee, our first ring was at Daventry, where this pleasant anti-clockwise eight went well to Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge, London and Spliced Surprise. The next stop was at Leicester, where a good course of Yorkshire Royal was enjoyed at St. John's, which was followed by lunch at the Forum Cafe. Journeying on to Loughborough, we rang the fine ten at the Parish Church, and were then conducted on a very interesting tour of the foundry by Mr. Fidler. It was then time to try our hand at the foundry bells. We rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Royal, a very quick course of Plain Bob on the front six and a touch of Spliced Surprise on the back eight (much to Mr. Fidler's surprise).

Not only did the Forum Cafe again provide us with an excellent meal but the chef demonstrated the cooking of a mushroom omelette, and two of our party gave an exhibition of their skill with kitchen knives. At Southam, our last tower, a very well-struck course of Bristol was rung. The homeward journey was broken at Banbury for 'the usual' and the day ended to the tune of 'Uncle Tom Cobley,' etc.

We are grateful to the local incumbents and those who made ringing possible for us, and our thanks are due to Messrs. Lewis and Klorfy for an enjoyable and well-arranged outing.

C. E. L.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

For their tenth annual outing, held, as customary, on the second Saturday in May, Leeds Parish Church ringers chose the Vale of Belvoir, and the choice to go southwards proved particularly fortunate in that brilliant sunshine prevailed south of Yorkshire, whereas at home torrential rain was the order of the day.

To attempt to describe the countryside, the churches, the bells and, not least, the ringing, would exhaust one's vocabulary of superlatives.

Outstanding were perhaps the opening touch of Stedman at Colston Bassett, which set the standard for the day, and the course of Cambridge at Oakham, which surprised even some of those taking part. A well-known conductor has said that anyone who can't strike Oakham bells can't ring at all—certain it is that these bells lend themselves to 'tapping.'

Oakham bells must surely be Gillett's masterpiece—they are near perfection, both inside and outside the tower. How the same founder could turn out the 'howling successes' we know in Yorkshire, to mention only Halifax and Harthill, must remain a mystery.

The hour allowed for ringing at Melton Mowbray seemed little enough, while the grand octave at Bottesford were not appreciated perhaps as much as they deserved, following Oakham.

Each year we try to 'go one better' on the previous year's outing, but wherever the next outing takes us, on one thing we are unanimous, we can never expect to have a better selection of towers than in 1958. R. H. D.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The band which rang the peal of Bristol at Brewood on May 17th travelled a total distance of 934 miles between them to do so. The youngest member of the band was 18, the oldest 20, and the average age was 19. The band which rang the peal of Little Bob Royal at Derby on Whit Monday had a lower average—18.8 years. The age range was greater here and it would appear that after the age of 20 one is on the decline!!

No praise can be too high for the masterly way Burnham's Joan Bacon rang her bell to her first peal at the age of 12 on May 17th at Hitcham, Bucks.

Bells will be heard prior to the morning service from Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on Sunday, June 15th (West Home Service and Midland Home Service). The service will be conducted by the Vicar (Prebendary J. Denis Wakeling). Captain of the ringers is Mr. J. Sims.

Ladies, watch those shoulder straps! A peal might have been lost when a very embarrassed Jill tried to replace a most elusive shoulder strap and catch the sally at the same time. Fortunately, only rounds were being rung prior to the word 'Go.'

On Tuesday, May 20th, Councillor H. G. Mackrell was elected Mayor of Romsey for the second time. The Abbey bells were rung to mark the occasion and to convey to the new Mayor the sincere wishes of the bellringers for a happy and successful year of office.

Belfry Gossip items relating to the wonderful Central Council visit to Dublin appear on page 367. The welcome and programme exceeded all expectations. Peal ringing was most successful—about 17 peals being rung. Wherever visiting ringers went they were most cordially received. Most of the ringing was on a high plane and the striking vehy good.

The fact that a peal attempt was being made at Abergavenny on May 19th, in honour of Alderman Horsington, was broadcast in the Welsh news at 6.10 p.m. whilst the bells were ringing, about 50 minutes after the start for the successful peal. Those who took part were graciously entertained to supper after the peal, by Ald. and Mrs. Horsington.

A young lady is anxious to know the record number of blisters collected during a peal, having recently acquired 17 during one 5,000.

The ringers of treble, 2 and 3 in the peal at St. Giles', Lincoln, on May 24th, were three generations of one family — grandson, treble; mother, 2; and grandfather, 3. Congratulations.

Will all those who rang in the peal of Yorkshire at Drogheda on Saturday, May 24th, please take all necessary precautions against infection, as the ringer of the 2nd developed measles on returning to England.

The Rev. Wilfred Couch, in whose memory a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at Warehorne on May 24th, was an author and had broadcast on the B.B.C.'s 'Silver Lining' programme. Latterly he suffered much from arthritis but he always took an interest in the ringing of the beautiful little ring of bells in his church.

The four local ringers who rang their first peal at Holme Pierrepont on May 18th are part of a company who have only been able to ring methods since Christmas (prior to that they had to ring by numbers) but to date they have rung seven Plain and six Treble Bob methods. Their achievements also include five quarter peals, a 720 for most Sunday evening services, and their tutors are very proud of the way they are all trying.

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FOLLOWING three days of generous hospitality and friendship, together with a well-arranged ringing programme, the second session of the 23rd Council (61st annual meeting) was opened at the Synod Hall, Dublin, on Whit Tuesday, with welcomes from the civic authorities and the Church.

The President (Mr. Fredk. Sharpe) had the pleasure of welcoming the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin and the Archbishop of Dublin.

In his welcome to the Central Council the Deputy Lord Mayor (Cclr. E. Dockrell) said: 'I believe your Association has been visiting various cities in Ireland and rung on a large number of bells. . . .'

Ireland had had bells from the earliest time, and today they had some magnificent bells and Ireland stood high among the countries that had good bells. On behalf of the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of Dublin he welcomed them to the city and wished them a pleasant and interesting time in the country.

The Archbishop (the Most Rev. G. O. Simms) in his greeting to the Council said bells had a time-honoured association with their city. There was a tradition that long before Christ Church Cathedral was founded St. Patrick himself had held meetings in that hall, and St. Patrick, as they knew, had been associated with bells. Dublin was very proud of its bells. 'I hope you will have an excellent Council meeting in this hall and that God will bless you now and always in your going out and coming in.'

Mr. Wm. Pratt, president of the Irish Association of Ringers, in his welcome said it was very appropriate that the Council had decided to cross the Irish Sea on the 60th anniversary of their Association. 'You have done us a great honour and we very much appreciate it.'

There were church bells in the service of the Church all over the world, but it was in England where the art of change-ringing had been raised to perfection. They were very pleased to have English ringers here practising their art.

In Ireland they were not very well placed in regard to their rings of bells as they were spread widely over the country and therefore it was difficult to attain the same perfection. It was a case of the young ringer learning his art by the hit and miss method; in England the young craftsman had the expert to teach him.

They hoped that beside bells they had seen some of the beauties of the country and that that would induce them to spend some of their holidays in the country.

Mr. Pratt then on behalf of the Irish ringers presented to the Central Council a shillelagh—not as a weapon of offence but as a token of friendship to their brother ringers across the sea.

The silver inscription read:

> 'From the bell-ringers of Ireland to commemorate the first meeting in Ireland of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Whitsuntide, 1958.'

Thanking the Irish ringers very warmly for their gift, the President said: 'We of the Central Council have thoroughly enjoyed our stay in Ireland so far, and I go so far as to say that it is one of the most enjoyable gatherings we have ever experienced, and in no small degree it is due to the welcome we have received.

'To the people of Dublin and the Corporation we say thank you for the welcome we have received. We thank the Church for all the facilities given to us to ring your bells and visit your churches, and to the Irish Association we can never say thank you enough for all you have done with your hospitality.'

The Dean of Christ Church (the Very Rev. E. H. Lewis Crosby) then led the Council in prayer.

A postcard was read from Miss J. Armstrong, of Morpeth, wishing the Council a successful conference.

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES

The hon. secretary announced that since the last meeting the North Wales Association had ceased to be affiliated. The strength of the Council was 55 Associations, affiliated with 153 members, 24 honorary members, 6 life members, making a total of 183. There were two vacancies among representative members, three among honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid.

THE ATTENDANCE

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss Williams.

Cambridge University Guild.—Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. Allman.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. W. P. Robinson.

Devon Guild.—Mr. T. G. Myers, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. G. Gipson, Mr. H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Mr. J. H. Crampion, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. N. Pitstow.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. R. G. Bell.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. J. R. Cooper, Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Burton, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. E. Feirn.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. T. Blagrove, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. H. W. Barrett, Mr. N. G. Golden, Mr. N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mr. E. G. Orland.

St. Martin's Guild.—Mr. G. E. Fearn, Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. G. W. Hughes.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. C. Boucher, Mr. D. Burnett.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger.

Worcester and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. S. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. G. Benfield, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. L. W. G. Morris.

Life members.—Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. W. A. Osborn, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. L. Stilwell, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. T. W. White.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, S. Foskett, J. E. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, A. J. Martin, A. Mould, A. L. Bennett, F. Ainsley, W. N. Park, F. W. Lack, A. C. Hazelden, G. S. Joyce, W. H. Viggers, G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton, J. J. Webb, W. Ayre, E. Edmondson, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Messrs. P. A. Corby, P. J. Staniforth, J. Bray, J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman, Mrs. D. J. King, Messrs. T. H. Taffender, J. R. Mayne, K. C. Birkett, P. M. J. Gray, R. S. Anderson, W. Butler, Dr. D. H. Niblett, Messrs. G. W. Jeffs, E. Nobles, C. H. Hawkins, J. I. P. Davis, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris, W. C. West, R. St. C. Wilson, F. H. Bennett, P. N. Bond, G. H. Cross, J. L. Morris, F. E. Hawthorne, J. Segar, J. W. Blythe, R. Overy, C. I. Lewis, H. Miles, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Miss M. R. Cross, Dr. D. N. Layton, Messrs. F. W. Rogers, D. Beacham, Miss M. E. Snowdon, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, A. J. Pitman, A. H. Pulling, C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, Mrs. J. C. Steeples, Messrs. A. Walker and J. Willis.

PRESENTATIONS

The following new members were presented: Messrs. P. Crook (Lancashire Association), L. Stilwell, R. F. B. Speed and T. W. White (honorary).

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow as the first vice-president of the Council. Mr. Thurlow, he said, had served the Council for a number of years, and most of them had heard his words of wisdom, so thoughtfully and so forcibly expressed.

Mr. T. J. Lock seconded and the resolution was carried.

HON. LIBRARIAN

Mr. E. H. Lewis proposed Mr. Frank Perrens as hon. librarian. 'You must agree with me that we cannot have anyone more suitable for the position than Mr. Perrens.'

The hon. secretary seconded and the resolution was carried.

Returning thanks, Mr. Perrens said he accepted the task with some trepidation because he followed one who had done the work so efficiently for many years, and also because there was a considerable amount of manuscript for examination and he felt he was not fully equipped to pass judgment on some of it. Mr. Speed had, however, offered to undertake some of this work.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. J. G. Steeples was re-elected an honorary member upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee. The resolution was moved by Mr. F. G. Dunkerley and seconded by Mr. Leslie Morris and carried.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Council stood as the following losses by death were remembered:—

Messrs. F. Bennett, H. W. Brown, H. Chambers, J. Cook, F. Dench, J. Hardcastle, J. Holden, J. E. Lilley, E. W. Marsh, F. Preecey, Rev. C. J. Sturton.

Mr. R. G. Blackman, in a tribute to Mr. Frank Bennett, said he would not dwell on his work as a ringer, conductor or composer, but express admiration and gratitude for the quiet, sound, fatherly advice he gave to so many would-be change-ringers. He was always very quiet, never spoke a great deal, but they all had great confidence in his judgment. He had given a great legacy to the Council in his granddaughter.

Mr. George Pullinger, on behalf of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, also spoke of Mr. Bennett's work on behalf of the old Winchester Guild.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in thanking the members on behalf of his wife and himself for the tributes, said they were very pleased to carry on in some small way the work of Mr. Bennett, who had been a very great ringer.

Mr. A. D. Barker, in a reference to Mr. F. Dench, said there were few now who knew of the excellent work he did in composition.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, in an appreciation of Mr. J. E. Lilley, said he was tireless in helping struggling bands in his District. He had been a good friend of many ringers in Mid-Devon.

Mr. H. Sanger paid a tribute to Mr. H. W. Brown, whom he described as a very quiet man but one who did good work in the Bath area to improve the standard of ringing.

Mr. P. I. Chapman, in a reference to Mr. Harry Chambers, of the famous Irthlingborough band, said he was a quiet and unassuming man but a great example to them all.

THE MINUTES

The hon. secretary said the Minutes had been circulated. There was an omission in the names of new members, Mr. G. J. Joyce, of the Guildford Guild. With that addition he moved the acceptance of the Minutes as a true record of the proceedings.

Mr. T. J. Lock seconded and this was agreed to.

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Mr. E. A. Barnett reported:—

As a result of the decision at the Chelmsford meeting regarding the balance of the Clement Glenn Bequest, advantage was taken of the very favourable conditions prevailing after the raising of the Bank Rate to 7 per cent. to invest the money in one medium dated and one longer dated British Government Stock. These were bought at 70⅞ and 91¼ respectively. The market prices at the time of writing were 75⅛ and 95⅛. Should it be necessary to raise money at short notice these can, of course, be realised immediately.

During the year the secretary was interviewed by the B.B.C. in connection with a series on 'British Hobbies' being broadcast in their German service, answered queries from a number of London papers in connection with the record peal attempts at Loughborough, and supplied information to 'Church Illustrated' and 'Readers' Digest' for articles on ringing. It was also his pleasure to represent the Council at a number of dinners in various parts of the country.

Mr. C. W. Woolley has reported progress in the revision of 'Stedman,' which was begun by the late Ernest Turner. He has decided that in view of the many alterations and revisions made by Mr. Turner to the original text, the only practical course was to retype the whole work, incorporating such other amendments as he considered appropriate, and about a quarter of this has been completed.

The affairs of 'The Ringing World' are dealt with in detail elsewhere, but I would here like to express my thanks to Mr. W. N. Park for relieving me of the task of preparing the accounts of that journal. Thanks are also due to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves who, for the last six years, have typed and duplicated these papers, and to those who kindly send me copies of reports and other publications.

The hon. secretary formally moved the adoption and Mr. W. F. Oatway seconded.

Before submitting the report the President paid tribute to the work of the hon. secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Barnett. 'I always feel the officials do the lion's share of the work and we do appreciate all they do,' he said.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

Mr. Frederick Sharpe reported:—

The sale of publications increased considerably during 1957, and was approximately one-third greater than in the previous year. This was chiefly due to the issue of the Council's Handbook, of which 327 copies were sold. Sales of 'Village Bells' came second and 'Preservation' third.

I regret that the profit on the year's working amounted only to 14s. 2d., but this was chiefly due to the increased cost of postage and the number of complimentary copies of the 'Handbook' distributed.

Stocks of 'Change Ringing on Handbells' are low, as are also the 'Bristol' and 'Cambridge' method sheets, and I recommend these be reprinted. We need more publications to sell, and look forward to the forthcoming issue of the 'Beginners' book; but I am also constantly asked for a new edition of 'Minor Methods' and a book on 'Triples Methods.' I hope these will not be long delayed.

The borrowing of books of reference has decreased slightly. In view of the impending change in the office of librarian, may I ask all borrowers of the Council's books to return those no longer required as soon as possible, and to write me signifying if they wish to retain any books. Owing to great pressure of work I regret I have been unable to make progress in cataloguing the library MSS.

During the year the library received the gift of copies of 'The Irish Bell News' from Mr. F. E. Dukes; 'The Great Bell of Moscow,' an Italian book printed in 1802 describing some bells in Rome, and a Danish book describing pre-Reformation bells in that country, from Mr. E. H. Lewis; the peal books of the late Mr. Arthur Knights, from Mr. A. P. Knights; the 'Training Manual' of the College of Campanology, from Dr. J. Hatcher; the 'Science of Change Ringing,' by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope, and MSS. formerly belonging to the late Mr. Ernest Turner, from Mrs. W. D. Turner; to all of whom our best thanks are tendered.

The recent death of the Rev. E. S. Tarrant came as a great shock to us all. To Mrs. Tarrant and members of her family we offer our sincere sympathy. Mr. Tarrant very kindly housed the library in his Rectory at Launton during my term of office as librarian, and had it not been for his kindness I could not have accepted the office.

Once again I must pay tribute to Mrs. J. G. Steeples for all the good work done in connection with the sales section of the library. Most unfortunately, pressure of home duties compelled her to resign at the end of last year, much to our great regret, and we tender to her our very best thanks for her loyal, devoted and valued work. Finally, I must thank my daughter Elizabeth for managing the sales section of the library since the resignation of Mrs. Steeples.

Moving the report the President said it would be the last he would make in the capacity of hon. librarian. In amplification he said 55 complimentary copies of the Handbook were sent to various Associations, which accounted for the small profit. They proposed to reprint 'Change Ringing on Handbells' and the 'Cambridge' and 'Bristol' method sheets. They could not have too much to sell. There was a tremendous demand for books on Minor methods and Doubles methods.

He wanted to make a public appeal to those who had books on loan from the library—and some people had had them for years—either to return them or send a note that they would return them at an early date. This did not apply to Associations which had books on permanent loan, as these were duplicate books.

The Rector of Launton died suddenly two months ago. He had housed the library for six years free of charge to the Council. It was suggested by the Standing Committee that the hon. secretary write to his widow expressing their sincere sympathy.

Since the report had been compiled Mrs. W. S. Turner had presented a number of manuscript books compiled by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, which would be added to the library shortly. They were very grateful for the gift.

Mr. P. Crooke seconded.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott thanked the President for his work as librarian. 'We were fortunate in having a man who not only took an interest in the library but one who knew more about the contents of the books than almost anyone.'

Mr. W. Wilson said the MSS. books of Mr. Trollope were really wonderful.

THE ACCOUNTS

BALANCE SHEET OF COUNCIL.—Sundry creditors, £121 5s. 3d.; Payments in advance, £876 18s. 8d.; Clement Glenn Fund, £762 18s. 4d.; Provision for Income Tax, £17 17s.; 'The Ringing World' (Capital Account), £4,085 4s. 9d.; General Fund (Capital Account), £562 16s. 1d. Total: £6,427 0s. 1d.

Goodwill and blocks, 'The Ringing World,' £200; Library, £10; Office and Library Equipment, £39 6s. 5d.; Stock of Publications, £331 2s. 2d.; Debtors, £802 12s. 6d.; Invest-

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ments at cost, £3,362 18s. 4d.; Cash at Bank and in hand, £1,681 0s. 8d. Total: £6,427 0s. 1d.

GENERAL FUND, BALANCE SHEET.—Creditors, £71 1s. 7d.; Affiliation Fee in advance, 10s.; Capital Account Balance, December 31st, 1956, £545 8s. 11d.; add Excess of Income for year, £17 7s. 2d.: £562 16s. 1d. Provision for Income Tax, £17. Total: £651 7s. 8d.

Library, £10; Office and Library Equipment, £39 6s. 5d.; Stock of Publications, £331 2s. 2d.; Payment in advance, insurance, £1 1s.; Cash at Bank, £216 13s. 8d.; Hon. Librarian, £53 4s. 5d. Total: £651 7s. 8d.

GENERAL FUND, INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.—Expenses, Biography Committee, £4 13s. 2d.; Expenses, Hon. Secretary, £9 9s.; Stationery and Printing, £24 11s. 2d.; Postage, £8 4s. 5d.; Telephone, 15s. 8d.; Office and Library Equipment (written off), £6; Cheque Book, 8s. 4d.; Insurance, £1 16s.; St. Luke's Hostel (in memory of Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), £2 2s.; Wreath, E. C. S. Turner, £2 2s.; Typewriting Repairs, 17s. 6d.; Typing, £2 2s.; Income Tax on Interest, 1956, £7 13s.; ditto, 1957, £9 7s.; Sundry Expenses, £2 8s. 8d.; Excess of Income over Expenditure, £17 7s. 2d. Total: £99 17s. 1d.

Affiliation Fees, £76 10s.; Interest on Deposit Account, £22 12s. 11d.; Balance, Publications Account, 14s. 2d. Total: £99 17s. 1d.

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT.—Stock, January 1st, 1957, £278 7s. 5d.; Purchases, Handbooks, £135 5s.; Postage, etc., £18 8s. 10d.; Advertisement, 'The Ringing World,' £20; Trade Discounts, £2 9s. 9d.; Balance (profit) to General Fund, 14s. 2d. Total: £455 5s. 2d.

Sale of Publications, £85 1s. 2d.; Sale of duplicate books, £1; Stock, December 31st, 1957, £331 2s. 2d. Total: £455 5s. 2d.

CLEMENT GLENN BEQUEST.—Balance of cost of memorial stone, £39 1s.; £400 Br. Elect. 4½% £365; £563 8s. 6d. Treasury 3½% Stock, £397 18s. 4d.; Stamp Duty and Commission, £3 16s. 1d. Total: £805 15s. 5d. By Balance, £805 15s. 5d.

'THE RINGING WORLD' BALANCE SHEET.—Sundry Creditors, £119 10s. 5d.; Amounts received in advance postal subscribers and notices, £876 8s. 8d.; Provision for Income Tax, 17s.; Balance at December 31st, 1956, £3,593 14s. 4d.; Profit for the year, £491 10s. 5d. Total: £5,082 0s. 10d.

Goodwill, blocks, etc., at cost, £200; Debtors, £821 11s. 6d.; Investments at cost, £2,600; Cash at Bank, £1,409 12s.; Cash in hand, £1 10s. 7d. Amount due from General Fund, £49 6s. 9d. Total: £5,082 0s. 10d.

'THE RINGING WORLD' PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.—To Woodbridge Press, Ltd., printing, £3,936 7s.; Blocks, £43 2s.; Editorial Office expenses, Editor's fees and expenses, £396 9s. 7d.; Clerical assistance, £177 4s.; Postage, stationery and sundries, £21 15s. 2d; Postal subscribers, despatch of copies, £841 3s. 2d.; Addressing and wrappers, £248 8s. 3d.; Accounts Department, clerical assistance, £156; Postage, stationery and sundries, £55 5s. 4d. Total: £211 5s. 4d. Miscellaneous expenses, £14 18s. 11d.; Audit and accountancy fees, £36 15s.; Income Tax, £30 16s. 3d.; Profit for the year, £491 10s. 5d. Total £6,449 15s. 1d.

By Rolls Publishing Co., £2,257 13s. 1d.; Postal subscribers, £2,846 5s. 8d.; Advertisements, £417 8s.; Notices, £555 10s. 11d.; Donations, £281 5s. 11d.; Miscellaneous receipts, £27 2s. 2d.; Interest on Investments, £64 9s. 4d. Total: £6,449 15s. 1d.

The accounts are accompanied by the auditor's certificate: J. Lunnis, Thames House, Queen Street Place, London, E.C.4.

Presenting the accounts the hon. secretary and treasurer said on the Income and Expenditure Account of the General Fund there was a gradual increase in expenses, which was no doubt due to the increased cost of printing and increased postage. They had had to pay two years' Income Tax on interest received on the Deposit Account for the Clement Glenn Fund, and as a result their balance was considerably smaller than the past few years. If it had not been for the interest they would have been some £5 on the wrong side.

In regard to the General Fund balance sheet the only point of comment was the purchase of office and library equipment. He was grateful for the authority to purchase a four-drawer steel filing cabinet in which to keep the Council's papers and records.

In regard to the Clement Glenn Bequest, provision had been made for a memorial stone. To his relatives Mr. Glenn left trifling amounts, and it was felt by the Standing Committee that as Mr. Glenn left £800 to the Council they should meet the cost of the memorial stone.

This year they had been fortunate to get the accounts audited before the meeting. Turning to 'The Ringing World,' they made quite a good profit, almost £500, but he felt that he should point out that the profit figure was gradually coming down. Some two years ago they made about £1,000, the profit the previous year was nearly £850 and this year £491. They must not forget that £491 included £281 in donations, so that the actual trading profit was some £200 odd. While that was satisfactory it was only half the amount of the Woodbridge Press bill for one month.

There was an increase of £80 in the sum for Notices, and the Editor told him that this increase was largely through personal announcements. Advertisements were slightly down, mainly due to Gillett and Johnston's advertisement ceasing.

On the expenditure side the Woodbridge Press printing account was up some £300, editorial up some £80, cost of postage and wrappering almost £100, accountancy £4.

As to 'The Ringing World' balance sheet, they had been able to take the maximum holding of £1,000 in 4½ per cent. Defence Bonds.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded the adoption of the accounts.

Mr. L. W. G. Morris called attention to debtors' £802 12s. 6d., and asked for an explanation.

The hon. secretary explained that it was on 'The Ringing World'; Rolls House always paid three months in arrears.

Mr. H. W. Rogers paid tribute to the way the hon. treasurer had compiled the accounts.

The accounts were then adopted.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

The report, signed by Mr. A. Walker and Mr. A. A. Hughes, stated:—

Since the last Council meeting there has been one demonstration, which was held at the Science Museum on February 15th for the benefit of the Upper Clapton Society of Voluntary Ringers. Twenty-one members attended and saw Stedman Cinques and Kent Treble Bob touches brought round. In the morning, while the machine was being cleaned and run through, a lady ringer from Clare who was in the museum by chance was also able to see it working.

No further progress has been made with the booklet describing the machine, but it is hoped this will not be long delayed.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris.

Mr. F. Dunkerley said members might be pleased to know that the Lancashire Association had acquired the Woodhouse machine, so they had a competitor.

The President expressed thanks to Mr. Douglas Hughes for demonstrating the machine.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The hon. secretary reported that the Standing Committee received the report of the Handbook Sub-Committee and considered the agenda in detail. They also co-opted Mr. W. N. Park to 'The Ringing World' Committee. He moved and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded the report, which was adopted.

BELFRY GOSSIP FROM DUBLIN

The Central Council has a new problem—the appropriate use for the handsome and fearsome shillelagh presented to it by the Irish Association. It has been suggested the shillelagh be regarded as a mace and carried in front of the president at the opening of Council meetings. The hereditary bearer of the shillelagh should be a representative of the Irish Association—preferably 'a duke.'

Mr. A. D. Barker bagged more than towers and peals during the Central Council meeting. His experiences at a lodge meeting will be an interesting story to fellow ringers who are members of the craft.

'Pat's' adventures would fill the whole of 'Belfry Gossip.' To his room-mate on Monday night he cried out, 'Ralph, there's a rat in my bed!' Investigation proved that it was a bouquet from an admirer in the form of some Irish gorse.

Having had a successful week in Ireland, Mr. W. Williams is planning a Scottish tour in August. Mr. Pipe's tour will be in Wales.

Mr. Walter Allman was late at the Dublin Airport to take his plane home to Liverpool. He left by a later plane to Manchester. Unfortunately he had not his parachute with him, else he could have dropped over Liverpool!

It was well past midnight that the bedroom door of a lady's room at the Central Hotel, Dublin, was unlocked and there emerged the lady and three men. It was a 'fast' occasion—a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major in 1 hour and 50 minutes. At one time there was an audience of about 20 outside the bedroom, trying to guess who was 'calling the bobs.'

President Frederick Sharpe and Mr. Paul Taylor were guests of honour at the International Conference of carillonneurs at Cobh on Wednesday week. The president had to reply to a civic welcome, and Mr. Taylor gave a talk on change ringing. The day concluded with a 'fireside hour,' which was made memorable by the changeringing on handbells by Mr. Sharpe and some of 'Pipe's Southern Ireland Pilgrims.' The reception was most enthusiastic and 'the hour' did not finish until 1 a.m.

The Eastern District of the Irish Association gave the visitors most generous hospitality at Arklow during the Sunday afternoon tour that preceded the conference. Generosity of an equal character is reported from Cork and Limerick and also Northern Ireland. A warm thank you to our hosts.

Radio Eireann had a special interview with President Sharpe and Secretary E. A. Barnett at Dublin, which was recorded, together with handbell ringing. Finally the president sang the Appleton Ringers' song, which was duly recorded.

The Irish Press was most generous in the space given to the Central Council's visit, with special interviews with the president and secretary and Mr. Wilfrid Wilson. The 'belles' of the conference made a charming three-column picture—Miss Freda Greaves (Kings Lynn), Miss Kathleen Yeo (Tenterden) and Mrs. Olive Barnett, Miss Margaret Beamish and Mrs. Olive Rogers (Isleworth). 'The Cork Examiner' excelled itself by knighting our president!

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE COMPILATION OF A HISTORY OF CHANGE-RINGING

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis (convener) reported: The members of the Sub-Committee have very carefully considered the question of the writing of a History of Change-ringing, and are unanimously of the opinion that such a work is not one which they can recommend the Council to undertake. They consider that such a work must, by its very nature, be the work of an individual who would need to have the time, means and ability to do the research.

The Sub-Committee has not been able to find any substantial demand for such a book.

Mr. Lewis, in presenting the report, said he first thought it was a much easier job than anticipated. They found it would be a monumental task. They had an idea as to how it could be compiled, and although the material was there they found it was an impossible task unless they had an individual with unlimited time. The individual who wrote the thesis would either make or mar the work. They could not recommend the Council to invest £300, £400 or £500. The conclusion the Sub-Committee reached was unanimous.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seconded.

Mr. P. I. Chapman disagreed with the second paragraph. He thought there was a demand.

The President: We all felt disappointed about the conclusion, but we could not see a satisfactory conclusion.

A suggestion was made by a member that inquiries be made from Associations to see if they had a person to recommend to undertake the work.

Mr. J. H. Crampion: How did the Sub-Committee reach their conclusions?

Mr. Lewis said he made enquiries in his part of the world as to the demand for the book and found that there was not a great deal of interest in it. Mr. Ernest Morris had to flog his latest book in 'The Ringing World' to sell it. There were people in that room who would buy the book but that would only be about 100. The price would be about 25s. to 30s.

Mr. R. G. Blackman said during his stay he had met a Father Sherridan who was interested in ringing. He asked if the Council had a book on the history of change-ringing, and left his address if a book was published.

The report was adopted.

Mr. F. E. Dukes: That means that the Committee goes out of existence.

The President: Yes.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood (convener), stated:—

Your Committee is able to report that another year has been completed with the balance on the right side. This year has shown the full effects of the increased printing costs, and by the use of every possible economy a net balance of income over expenditure to the extent of £200 was realised. This was augmented by donations amounting to £281.

The financial situation can, therefore, be regarded as fairly satisfactory, but the profit is not sufficient to encourage your Committee to embark on any substantial schemes to improve the paper.

During the year it was found necessary to have a few issues containing 20 pages in order to accommodate the very large amount of matter for which space must be found. Whilst this has partly disposed of the space problem, it seems certain that from time to time we shall have to provide an extra four pages. Naturally we shall not be able to indulge in this luxury very often or we shall finish up on the wrong side.

Your Committee has under consideration schemes for augmenting the income. It notes that in the matter of donations much more support has come from quarter peal ringers than that received from peal ringers. Whilst being unwilling to suggest a levy on the publication of peal reports, your Committee feels that those who enjoy the use of approximately five pages per week to record their performances should show more generosity than has hitherto been the case.

The circulation remains about the same as last year, but in view of the recently published statistics of the number of ringers it is a sad reflection that only about one-eighth of them take 'The Ringing World.'

During the year we have lost the services of Mr. J. T. Dyke who, because of ill health, feels unable to continue to serve you. Our warmest thanks are accorded to him for his loyal service and sound advice, and we all wish him a speedy restoration to health. Your Committee has invited Mr. W. N. Park to serve in his place and he has kindly consented to do so. Mr. Park has already given good service in connection with the accounts and we feel he will be a valuable acquisition to the Committee.

Once again we place on record our sincere thanks to all who have assisted in the production of your journal, particularly to the Editor and his staff; Mr. Roper, the compiler of the index; to all who sent donations; to all literary contributors; and to all District representatives.

The hon. secretary, in moving the adoption of the report, said there had been some recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on the powers of co-option of the Committee. He also proposed the co-option of Mr. W. N. Parks.

Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said he would like to ask the officers of the Council to look into the question of altering the rules to provide for co-option to 'The Ringing World' Committee. There was an unfinished correspondence in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Barnett had already stolen from his main point. Had 'The Ringing World' Committee powers to co-opt? He knew that in 1951 'The Ringing World' Committee was given such powers, but in 1955 he proposed and Mr. Barnett seconded a motion which was passed that rescinded all previous decisions of the Council and substituted those in the Handbook. That meant that the power of the 'R.W.' Committee to co-opt members had been rescinded. That might not be the intention of the Handbook Committee. He suggested that in the next 12 months the officers should look into the matter and move an amendment to the rules. He moved an amendment to that effect.

Mr. J. Dunwoody seconded the amendment.

The President asked Mr. Cartwright for his opinion.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright said where the Council went wrong was in 1951 when 'The Ringing World' Committee was elected with powers to co-opt. In his opinion they did not have the power to co-opt; that could only be done by an alteration of rules. That must be *ultra vires* because they could only alter rules by notice of motion and that was where, in his opinion, the Council was wrong. He thought the question of co-option ought to be gone into by the Standing Committee.

Mr. A. A. Hughes: I am wondering, as treasurer of 'The Ringing World,' where I stand. I don't think I was ever legally appointed.

The report was adopted and also the amendment that the officers examine the whole position regarding co-option.

Mr. R. G. Blackman said the Council ought to have a decision as to what was meant by co-option because he felt that any committee should have the power to call on anyone at any time to help them.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

What is sometimes described as the prettiest village in East Kent was the place of the latest meeting of the Canterbury District. The village is Wickhambreaux, with its large, tidily-kept green, complete with chestnut trees in full flower, and the Church of St. Andrew in one corner. There was ringing during the afternoon, there was the usual service in the church, after which the Rector was enthusiastic with the singing, and following the service there was what some of the ringers called a 'smashing tea,' with Mrs. Walter's sandwiches (all sorts) and sausage rolls, and Mrs. White's cream cakes and pastries, all of which set the seal on a very pleasant afternoon and evening, the weather being the least kind. Three new members were elected. Grateful thanks were expressed to all who had helped to make the meeting a very happy affair.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Southern District At Cobham

Although the attendance was fairly low, the Southern District held an enjoyable meeting at Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon on May 17th.

The Rector of Stoke conducted an impressive service in the beautiful old church, and afterwards joined the members for a really splendid tea prepared by Mrs. Powell.

Among those present were the new Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Mr. C. W. Denyer) and his family, including his little daughter, aged six, who is the youngest lady ringer seen locally. Other visitors came from the Surrey Association. Ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman and Kent.

At the business meeting details were given of the recent peal, the first for the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, and congratulations were offered to all concerned. Four new members were elected, and mention was made of the coach booked to take members and friends to the annual general meeting at Canterbury on July 5th. (See notice in 'Ringing World' of May 16th.)

Local ringers are thanked for their co-operation. B. M.

CARTER'S ODD-BOB PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. A. Barnett's letter re the above in the May 23rd issue of 'The Ringing World' is correct. The original composition was first rung at Harborne Parish Church, Birmingham, on December 17th, 1898, composed and conducted by John Carter and the figures published as stated in 'Bell News,' December 24th, 1898, also in Trollope's 'Stedman,' page 58.

A. WALKER.

Birmingham.

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The hon. secretary said the co-option of Mr. Parks arose from his very kind offer to do the accounts of 'The Ringing World' to relieve him of a big burden.

Mr. J. H. Crampion: If all the Committee were to drop out through ill-health except one member, would that member have the power to co-opt?

The President: No.

Upon the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis it was decided to empower the secretary to write to Mr. Dyke, thanking him for his services and wishing him a speedy restoration to health.

(To be continued)

Yorkshire Association Annual Meeting At Pontefract

THE annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pontefract on May 10th and was attended by members and friends representing each of the four Districts. Ringing took place on the Parish Church bells and also All Saints' before and after the meeting. The service was held in St. Giles' Church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Clark) assisted by the president of the Association (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison), who gave the address.

Following tea in the Parochial Hall, the business meeting took place, the president taking the chair, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. S. F. Palmer, A. E. Sellers, H. Chant, W. Barton, B. Sutton, J. J. L. Gilbert and J. H. Lenton.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars and churchwardens of St. Giles' and All Saints' Churches for the use of their bells was ably moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. J. Thorley, and carried with applause. This was suitably acknowledged both by the Vicar of St. Giles' (Canon Clark) and the Vicar of All Saints' (the Rev. Mr. Fowkes). A similar vote of thanks to the local companies of both churches for their excellent arrangements was moved by Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mr. S. H. Steel, and also carried with applause. Mr. H. Newton, in reply, said how pleased the Pontefract ringers were to entertain the Association on this occasion, and hoped all present would enjoy their visit.

Presenting the report of the committee, the president drew attention to the fact that in contrast to the previous year, the membership showed a slight improvement. The effect of the increased subscription which came into operation at the beginning of this year remained to be seen, but the committee felt confident that this small increase would not of itself lead to any loss in membership. Reports from the Districts showed that progress was being maintained with the exception of the expansive Northern District, where there was very little change ringing, and the bells at many towers were often silent.

The treasurer's statement showed a further small loss on the year's working, but although the cost of printing the annual report had increased once again, there were grounds for hoping that the peak had been reached. It was this continual drain on the Association's resources that the increased subscription rate was designed to stop. Fortunately, the loss was not as great as was anticipated due to receipts from the sale of old copies of Association reports.

LOSSES BY DEATH

Altogether, and including out-county members, the Association has lost 16 members through death during 1957 and the early part of 1958, among them being Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, formerly of York, who had been a member since 1890, and whose death severs the last link with the band which rang the last peal at York Minster—Grandsire Caters on November 9th, 1892, and Mr. J. H. Brothwell, of Treeton, who joined in 1893 and had taken part in 229 peals for the Association. He was an excellent striker, who rarely made a trip even in the most difficult Surprise methods. His last peal, one of Cambridge Surprise Major, was rung at Handsworth in 1953 at the age of 79 years. Recorded also with deep regret is the death of a promising young ringer, Michael Stephenson, of Ossett, who was killed in a motor-cycling accident.

The annual Snowdon Dinner, held at Rotherham, attracted a record attendance of 172, and was honoured by the presence of many distinguished visitors, including Bishop G. V. Gerard, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. J. F. Smallwood. The energetic local committee under Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert and Mr. N. Chaddock had spared no effort.

FEATURES OF PEALS

The peal secretary's report showed that 90 peals had been rung during the year at 42 churches and four handbell centres. The calling of the 90 peals had been shared by 31 conductors. Nineteen members had rung their first peal and four members had conducted a peal for the first time. Congratulations are extended to the Sherburn-in-Elmet band on ringing peals of Doubles in 14 methods, both 'in hand' and on tower bells, followed by a peal in 21 methods on tower bells, which is the most Doubles methods to be rung to a peal by the Association; and another meritorious performance was a peal of London Surprise Major by the Sunday service band at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax. A number of centuries have also been accomplished during the year. Mr. L. W. G. Morris has passed his 300th peal for the Association; Mr. M. C. Fowler his 200th; and first centuries have been accomplished by Miss D. M. Hawley, Mr. G. Jackson, Mr. W. F. Moreton and Mr. V. Bottomley. Miss Hawley is to be congratulated on being the first lady member to ring over 100 peals for the Association.

The report concluded by placing on record the Association's thanks to Mr. Irvin Slack for the compilation of a complete index of towers and the peals that have been rung in them, from the foundation of the Association in 1875 to the present day—an invaluable acquisition for quick and easy reference. Finally, the attention of members was drawn to the two prayers printed on the inside of the front cover of the report, which, it is hoped, will be widely used.

Mr. J. Gibson gave the auditors' report, following which Mr. E. Hudson formally moved adoption of the entire report. This was seconded by Mr. A. E. Marsh, and the report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. G. Benfield was unanimously re-elected hon. treasurer for the next three years, and Mr. W. E. Critchley hon. peal secretary.

No specific invitations having been received, it was decided to endeavour to arrange the next general meeting at Boroughbridge, together with Aldborough and Kirby Hill, on September 20th next.

SNOWDON DINNER AT LEEDS

The president reminded the meeting that arrangements were going ahead in connection with the Snowdon Dinner to be held in Leeds on October 11th, asking members to ensure its success by loyal support.

The following new members were elected: John L. White (Wakefield), Anne Shillito (Far Headinglvy), Stephen Boyes (Doncaster), Ruth Appleby (Calverley), Hugh Dempster (Pudsey), Valerie Whitfield and Avril Wilcock (St. Giles', Pontefract).

Mr. N. Chaddock referred to a questionnaire he hoped to send to all towers in the county inquiring into the state of ringing, numerical strength of the bands, and, in the case of the more successful towers, to what causes did they attribute their success. He hoped at a later date to give a full report and analysis of the replies received. This concluded the business, and an adjournment to the two towers was then made.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On May 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Graves 1, F. Talbot 2, M. Whitehead (first as cond.) 3, C. Graves 4, D. Pollard 5, F. Shaw 6. For Commonwealth Youth service.

LETTERS

HOW MANY RINGERS DOES A TOWER NEED?

Dear Sir,—Recent correspondence in your columns prompts me to ask, how many ringers does a tower need? Since the days (not so very long ago) when I was just a ringer of rounds, I have too often heard of the sudden disintegration of first-class bands of ringers, and the Branston story is far from being unique. One significant point about those bands was this—that their numerical strength was seldom greater than one or two more than the number of bells in the tower. Two-and-a-half years ago, when I was given the responsibilities of tower captain at Saxilby, we had a small but reasonably competent band with a limited number of methods at our command. I made it my first business to recruit some new members. This, as Mr. Vernon points out, results, for a time, in a lower standard of ringing, but our position to-day is this—that the remaining members of the band could face the loss of any two or three ringers without turning more than one hair. They would continue to ring for Sunday services as they have done without fail for the last three years, and the activities of the new recruits, who would be found to fill the vacancies, could this time be restricted to practice nights until their ringing standards had reached Sunday service level. Our present ringing strength? Just double the number of ropes. And our experience is that this is not one too many.—Yours faithfully,

H. W. COX.

Saxilby, Lincoln.

RESTORATION AT GREAT CHART?

Dear Sir, — Ringers at Great Chart, near Ashford, although without bells at the moment, are making an effort to raise £1,300 to restore their ring of six bells. They have raised £300 so far, but it is only a little village and all contributions are welcome. They are to hold a garden fete on Saturday, June 21st, in aid of the fund, to be opened by Sir John Kotelawala (former Prime Minister of Ceylon), supported by Mr. J. Willis (a vice-president of the Kent County Association). Records show that there were four bells in this church in 1552. They have twice been recast and made up to a ring of six, but a new frame and rehanging are now needed.

Those who cannot be present at the fete which the ringers are organising can help by sending a contribution to the Rector, the Rev. D. F. Stowell. All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.—Yours sincerely,

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS,
Hon. District Secretary.

Willesborough, Kent.

THANKS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank all ringers in the following districts for the kindness and hospitality shown to me during my stay among them whilst serving with the R.A.F. during my two years' National Service. In the Manchester and Runcorn areas between May and June, 1956; in Herefordshire between July and October, 1956; and in Suffolk between November, 1956, and April, 1958.—Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

Warsop, Notts.

BELFRY RULES

Dear Sir,—The set of rules quoted on page 335 from Goathurst is similar in every respect to those at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, dated 1700, and quoted on page 202 in the long series of such rules I gave in 1953.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

OBITUARY

MR. T. E. EADES

The death has occurred in a Canterbury hospital of Mr. Thomas Easton Eades, of Faversham. Mr. Eades, who was 72, formerly lived at Boughton, and it was at this church that he learned to ring. On his marriage he moved to Faversham and joined the Ospringe band, to which church he remained faithful for 48 years. He was made captain of the band in 1931 and remained in office until a few years ago, when he was succeeded by his son, Eric, he himself remaining as vice-captain. While at Boughton he joined the Kent County Association, and had he lived a few more days would have completed 50 years as a member. Not a man for ringing peals, he was more concerned with service ringing, and was most regular at the tower. Reluctantly, on advice, he was compelled to give up ringing some time ago, but it was still his great delight to be in the vicinity or Ospringe bells when they were ringing, and tell his three sons—who are all ringers—what he thought about it. He had a ready smile, was good company, the kind of man it was a pleasure to be with. In addition to his three sons he leaves a widow and two daughters. The family have received many expressions of sympathy, with which all the ringers in this district will surely join. The funeral service was at Ospringe, with cremation following. Previous to Evensong on the Sunday following the funeral a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, being conducted by his son, Eric, with another son, Cyril, and other friends taking part. B. J. T.

MR. E. A. MIDWINTER

The funeral took place at All Saints' Church, Sutton-on-Trent, on Monday, May 19th, of Mr. Ernest A. Midwinter, the former tower captain, who died the previous Friday.

Mr. Midwinter was the son of the late Rev. Nathaniel Midwinter, a former Vicar of Bleasby, Morton and Halloughton. He had been tower captain for many years and was mainly responsible for the recasting and rehanging of the old five bells and the augmenting to six in 1922. A further two bells were added in 1929 to complete the octave.

Mr. Midwinter had rung about 30 peals and taught many ringers, including the Misses Burchnall, to ring. The sixth bell in the tower will remain to his perpetual memory, for its inscription reads: 'The Ringers Bell.' E. A. Midwinter, J. W. Neep. 1828. Recast 1922.'

The funeral was conducted by the Vicar, Canon R. T. Keel, and the bells were rung half-muffled by many of the ringers he taught to ring, namely, Misses K. and G. Burchnall, Mr. and Mrs. N. Moxon, M. Garside, W. Rushby, J. T. Shipley, A. Wilson and J. W. Wilson.

A half-muffled peal was rung to his memory on the bells he loved and rang, on May 23rd.

W. L. E.

MR. WALTER SEAR

It was with deep regret that the Glasgow ringers learned of the death of Mr. Walter Sear, late of Bletchley, Bucks., After undergoing two major operations, Mr. Sear came to reside with his son at Glasgow about three years ago, and regularly took part in service ringing and the weekly practice, and although experienced in all numbers he enjoyed calling touches of Doubles and Minor.

Latterly, owing to eye trouble, he found difficulty in seeing the bell-ropes, but continued to ring by ear. He bore his affliction with fortitude and was always optimistic in his outlook.

The funeral took place at Craigton Crematorium on Saturday, May 17th.

May he rest in peace. E. A. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Essendon was chosen for the May meeting of this District and, in spite of the bus strike, was quite a successful one. Not as many members were present as at recent meetings and as tea arrangements were not possible perhaps it was just as well!

The Rector conducted a most pleasant service and spoke of the use of bells in the framework of the Church, and of his own lack of knowledge of the 'science of change ringing.'

A short business meeting was held in the tower before ringing restarted in the evening, the Summer Festival at Woburn being discussed and also the arrangements for the next District meeting, which will be held, as usual, on the third Saturday, at a tower yet to be arranged.

M. A. C.

DUKE AND DEAN AT RINGING FESTIVAL

The Duke of Bedford and the Dean of St. Albans have accepted an invitation to attend the service and tea when Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Association hold their Diocesan Ringing Festival on June 14th, the venue of which is to be at Woburn. The Duke is a regular attender at St. Mary's, Woburn.

A unique feature of the service is that a handbell voluntary is to be rung in place of the anthem.

An attempt is being made to organise a joint choir of 40, with 20 from Hertfordshire and 20 from Bedfordshire.

This is the first time for this meeting to be held in Bedfordshire: at other times it has been held in St. Albans, the service being held in the Abbey.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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

Personal.—Romsey Abbey Ringers 1s. 6d.

Peals.—Honiton 3s., Abergavenny 5s., Piddington 5s., Holme Pierrepont 3s., Whixley 3s., Blaenavon 4s.

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LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The bowling handicap and social arranged for Saturday, June 14th, is now **cancelled.**—Thornley, Sec. 2475

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Members and non-members cordially invited. — John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 2476

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, June 14th, at Harting (6) 3 p.m. Tea at Rogate 4.45. Bells (6) available after. Definitely no tea unless names are sent in by Tuesday, June 10th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2477

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL Open Day, June 21st. Ringing 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. St. Nicholas' 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. — J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 2481

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly district meeting will be held on June 21st. Thames Ditton bells 3 to 4. Service at Kingston 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Miss M. Lewis, 28, Ewell Road, Surbiton, by Wednesday previous, please. Kingston bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 2474

NOTICES

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Meetings: 3/6 (minimum) for 30 words, afterwards 1½d. a word. Each additional insertion half charge.

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ENGAGEMENT

IVIN—THACKRAY. — The engagement is announced between Stephen John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ivin, and Avril, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thrackray, of Bedford. 2467

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—On and after May 30th, 1958, the address of the secretary will be Mr. J. Keyte, Rosemary, Hicks Lane, Freeland, Oxford. 2443

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—As from Saturday, June 7th, 1958, the address of the secretary, P.C. John A. Smith, will be 39, New Street, Oadby, Leicester. 2428

PERSONAL

MARRIAGE THRO' SOCIAL INTRODUCTIONS.—The only social service of its kind enjoying the warm approval of both Clergy and Press. It is completely confidential and operates throughout Great Britain. Interesting free brochure under plain sealed cover from The Bournemouth Bureau, 176, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. 1886

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON.—Homely accommodation. Highly recommended. Vacancies from June 28th to July 19th owing to cancellations. Ringers welcome, moderate terms.—L. Walters, 1, Stattens Cottage, Castle Street, Combe Martin, N. Devon. 2473

MISCELLANEOUS

CAMERA FOR SALE.—1957 model, Bilora Bella. Details: Synchronised for flash, 50th-100th and 13 shutter speeds, f8 and f11 shutter openings, case and shoulder strap: perfect condition. £4 o.n.o. to K. Fleming, 106, Dunstable Street, Ampthill, Beds. 2450

CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY. — Will borrowers please return their books forthwith or, if they still require them, notify Mr. F. W. Perrens, hon. librarian, 68, Warwick Avenue, Coventry.

FARNHAM PARISH CHURCH.—Ringing has stopped until further notice due to repairs to the tower. 2480

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham (6) on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2426

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and the SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (10) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Thorpe Bay, St. Augustine's (8), available 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Bus service between towers. Trains from Fenchurch Street to Southend and Thorpe Bay, and from Liverpool Street to Southend and Prittlewell.—C. E. Willmington, A. W. J. Butler. 2376

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree (6) on Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 2444

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, Saturday, June 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method. Duffield.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2410

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Sevenoaks on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 2383

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 7th, Immanuel Church, Streatham, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting in Vestry 4.30 p.m. Own tea. Further ringing, St. Leonard's, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. For travel details: Miss Powell; tel.: MAC 8597. 2442

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Netherseale (8), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 2395

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Upavon (6), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 2462

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Monthly meeting, Penistone, Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the National School 5 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Frequent electric train service from Sheffield.—J. Seager. 2430

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turners Hill (8), Saturday, June 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2427

BEDFORDSHIRE and HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint summer festival on Saturday, June 14th. Service 4.15 p.m. at St. Mary's, Woburn. Tea in Town Hall, Woburn, 5 p.m. Names for tea before June 7th, please, to J. W. Sinfield, c/o 345, Dallow Road, Luton, Beds. Ringing arrangements: Maulden (8), 9 to 10 a.m.; Luton (10), 9 to 10 a.m.; Dunstable (8), 10.15 to 11.15 a.m.; Leighton Buzzard (10), 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Aspley Guise (6), 1.30 to 2.15 p.m.: Husborne Crawley (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Woburn (8), 3 p.m. onwards. 2378

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting at Waverton (6), Saturday, June 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. All requiring tea please notify Rev. Mr. Christopher, The Vicarage, Waverton, near Chester, not later than first post Wednesday, June 11th.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec. 2470

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 2465

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne, June 14th, 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify, by June 11th, A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 2466

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Lindfield, June 14th. Names for tea to A. Drew, Church House, Lindfield, Haywards Heath.—C. A. Bassett. 2463

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington (8) on Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2464

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Stisted, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. It is essential that numbers for tea be sent by Tuesday, June 10th, to T. Earle, North Lodge, Stisted, Braintree. 2414

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.. — Bishopstone (8), Saturday, June 14th. Tea. Advise Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon (Tel. 3936). 2453

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Yate (6), June 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by June 11th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2461

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Newton St. Cyres, June 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 2460

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival.—Saturday, June 14th, Service at Hersham, 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Bishop of Guildford. Tea (nearby) 5.15 p.m. Please notify for tea at the **latest** by **Tuesday, June** 10th, Mr. J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham. Towers open: Horsell (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; Chobham (8), 10.15 to 11.15; Ottershaw (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Chertsey (8), 11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.; Weybridge (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Oatlands Park (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Hersham (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Walton (8), 6.15 to 8; Esher (8), 7 to 9; Thames Ditton (6), 7 to 8.15; East Molesey (8), 7.45 to 8.45 p.m. 2416

LADIES' GUILD and DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—West Hartlepool (Stranton). Combined, Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 11th, to Mr. W. Maughan, 1, Powell Street, West Hartlepool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Sefton, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—T. E. Radcliffe, Hon. Sec. 2469

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The monthly practice meeting which was to have been held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday, June 14th, **is cancelled.** Bells not available.—R. Benson. 2471

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Healey (6), Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea in school.—Hudson, Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Cosby, June 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at the Blacksmiths Arms, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous, to John B. Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, Narborough, Leics. — M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2451

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD .— Leicester District.—Meeting at Swithland on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 11th, please, to J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec., 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 2455

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Morton, Saturday, June 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to me.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 2423

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W.1, Saturday, June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, business to follow. Names for tea by Monday, 9th, please.—C. E. Slade, 15, Kenton Road, Harrow.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stone on Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 11th, to H. Hodson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 2449

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting, Llanelly, Saturday, June 14th, at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins. 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 2468

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bourton on June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 2448

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Market Drayton, Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton. 2417

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Evening meeting, Farnsfield, June 14th. Bells (5) 6 p.m. Garden party at Vicarage in afternoon. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2472

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 12th.—R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 2358

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth (8) on Saturday, June 14th, 3 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandcross Lane, South Park, Reigate.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2409

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District. — Meeting, Ulceby (6) on June 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by June 17th, to Mr. Walker, Front Street, Ulceby, Lincs. 2452

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 21st. Service at St. Michael's 3.45. Tea 4.30 in St. Michael's Church Room. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 2458

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at Eling, June 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea in Church Hall 4.45. Names for tea, by June 18th, to J. Hartless, 17, Testwood Crescent, Salisbury Road, Totton. 2459

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 21st, at Lindley. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Thursday, June 19th, to Mr. A. W. Bond, 49/51, Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield. No. 71 trolleybus from Huddersfield.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2454

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Prize contest and annual meeting, Thornhill, Saturday, June 28th. Entrance fee (10s.) by June 14th to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Manchester. For teas notify by June 21st D. Scargill, Shir-Lea, Chapel Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand. 2406

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of address and reply to J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Rosemary, Freeland, Oxford. 2421

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BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On May 24th, at St. Saviour's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. A. D. Griffiths 1, L. L. Gray 2, Mrs. A. J. Martin 3, Miss J. M. Richmond 4, C. B. Pemberton 5, A. J. Martin 6, E. F. Bennett 7, J. Ridyard (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4. Rung to mark the 63rd anniversary of the opening of the bells; also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. O. Mann, of Birkenhead St. Mary's.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 1, F. Bennett 2, A. Cole 3, W. Dixon 4, D. Thorp 5, A. Wear 6, I. Slack 7, P. Whitaker 8. First in method for 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. For Empire Day.

OXFORD.—On May 25th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Deirdre McKellar (first quarter) 1, H. J. Pratley 2, Margaret Wynn 3, W. G. E. Collett 4, D. O. Wilks 5, A. Gammon 6, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 7, J. R. Chaundry 8. For Evensong.

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BEHIND THE DUBLIN VISIT

WHEN the Central Council at Chelmsford by a small majority decided to accept the invitation to hold its next meeting at Dublin, Mr. F. E. Dukes, the secretary of the Irish Association, promised members who crossed the water a happy time. The visit coincided with the diamond jubilee of the Irish Association and more than fulfilled the expectations of the Council. Throughout there was a wonderful spirit of friendship and hospitality, which started with the visit to the great brewery of Guinness fame, where the 80-odd guests had a luncheon that outrivalled the far-famed ringers' teas, and continued throughout the week. Wherever ringers went during that memorable week they were fêted. There are so many recollections that it is difficult to specify, but those who went on the three-day Southern Ireland peal tour will not forget the friendly greeting from Mount St. Alphonsus' Monastery and the supper that was awaiting the party. Another was on the six bells at Doneraile where at the sound of the bells came the lady of Doneraile House hurrying to the belfry with a cordial invitation to visit Doneraile House and have tea.

The week was one of perfect organisation and wholehearted co-operation from every tower visited to ensure that the opportunities for ringing and fellowship were perfect, both in Eire and Northern Ireland. Members of the Central Council knew beforehand of Mr. Dukes' enthusiasm but there are hundreds of English ringers who have not had the privilege of meeting him, enjoying his Irish wit and receiving his cheery greeting. Probably he has done more than any man to carry on the torch lit 60 years ago by Lord Chief Justice Cherry when the Irish Association was formed.

Dublin born, Mr. Dukes is an electrical engineer in the Great Northern Railway Company. His interest in ringing dates from his 'teenage, when as a lad he answered an appeal for volunteers to man the belfry of St. George's Church, Dublin. That youthful enthusiasm brought with it proficiency. An opportunity came to carry forward the art when he joined the Great Southern Railway and was appointed to Cork in 1934. Here he reorganised the change-ringing at St. Finnbarr's Cathedral, and Mr. Fred Bogan, who is now in charge, was one of his pupils. Incidentally, the first peal on the bells of St. Finnbarr's was rung during the tour, and it was typical of Irish generosity to permit the attempt rather than reserve the occasion for a local band.

When Mr. Dukes returned to Dublin he again took his place in St. George's belfry. Among his pupils was a young ward sister from Steeven's Hospital, who later became his wife. Mrs. Dukes is the assistant hon. secretary of the Eastern District of the Irish Association, and her interest in ringing is shared by her 13-year-old daughter, Sandra—whose name has already appeared in our peal columns—and her son, Edwin, aged 11. The Dukes are the mainstay of ringing at St. Peter's Protestant Church, Drogheda. Here the Rector and his wife are also ringers, both trained by Mr. Dukes.

Peal ringing opportunities in Ireland are not so plentiful as in this country; in fact, only two members of the Irish Association have exceeded 100 peals—Mr. Dukes, with 135, and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, of Holywood, the hon. secretary of the Northern Division, who is also on the Central Council with a special responsibility for advancing the broadcasting of bells. Mr. Dukes' 135th peal will be one of happy memories to him — it was rung on the concluding Saturday of the Dublin week at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and was his first peal of Maximus.

From now onwards English ringers will look with affection on the advancement and achievements of the Irish Association. Already there have been a number of tours —the Leicester Guild's, headed by the late Mr. Harold J. Poole, and last year's by the Ancient Society of College Youths—but it is safe to forecast that there will be many more. The Council were the guests of the Irish Tourist Board at the reception that followed the business meeting, and the wish expressed that that would not be their last visit to Ireland was heartily endorsed by many present. Even if it might be some years before an official visit is paid, the individual call of Ireland, with its wonderful scenery and friendly people will, we feel certain, be answered.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 10, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb.

Robin G. Turner	*Treble*	H. David Holland	6
Patricia Forster	2	Albert E. Thompson	7
Burley P. Morris	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Ian M. Holland	4	Harold Taylor	9
Roger Baldwin	5	Gordon A. Halls	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., May 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Christopher Wallater	*Treble*	Arthur T. Dutton	6
Stella Hughes	2	James S. Eastwood	7
Samela R. P. Thomas	3	Frederick G. Handley	8
M. Jill Fisher	4	George W. Hughes	9
Ernest Stitch	5	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by George W. Hughes.
Rung in honour of the newly-elected Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall, Councillor and Mrs. Frank Fox Harrison. Mr. Harrison has been parish clerk for 50 years and a churchwarden for 30 years.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*Margaret Boumphrey	*Treble*	John Worth	6
*Bernard Groves	2	Joseph W. Whittaker	7
*Basil Jones	3	*Leslie Boumphrey	8
*Robert Smith	4	Peter Laflin	9
*Brian Harris	5	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Royal.

DERBY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt.

Clive M. Smith	*Treble*	*Vivienne M. Horton	6
John N. D. Chaddock	2	Ian M. Holland	7
*Stella Hughes	3	*John A. Anderson	8
Susan Chaddock	4	*Paul J. Rigby	9
†David W. Friend	5	*H. David Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. First of Royal as conductor.
Rung on the occasion of the 92nd anniversary of the dedication of this church.

STAFFORD.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., May 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

G. Arnold Moore	*Treble*	Ivor R. Nichols	6
Joan Beresford	2	Arthur Pritchard	7
Fredk. E. Wilshaw	3	Peter Beresford	8
Richard J. Warrilow	4	Edmund Malin	9
Robin G. Turner	5	Fredk. Wm. Grocott	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Fredk. Wm. Grocott.
First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Alan Frost	*Treble*	Frank B. Lufkin	6
George Goodman	2	William T. Cook	7
*Margaret M. Lewis	3	John D. Rock	8
*Colin J. Champion	4	Michael P. Moreton	9
John Armstrong	5	G. William Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

*William J. Ridgman	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	5
†Alan L. M. Shepherd	2	§Donald E. R. Knights	6
‡George E. Crisp	3	§Geoffrey A. Lucas	7
†Eustace W. Bullman	4	*John G. Gipson	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* 100th peal together. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ 100th peal. § 50th peal together.

WATLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

William Fulker	*Treble*	James Godman	5
Alfred Greenough	2	Reginald Tuckwell	6
Frank Godden	3	Frank Absolom	7
Kenneth Timbury	4	Robert Blond	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Robert Blond.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., May 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Denis A. Frith	*Treble*	W. Russell Read	5
*Patricia Holmes	2	Roy Stephenson	6
Fredk. W. Pinchbeck	3	H. Leslie Squires	7
G. Leonard Thompson	4	J. Michael Simpson	*Tenor*

Composed by George Patrick. Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal of Major. First of Treble Bob Major by all except the conductor, and his first of Treble Bob Major as such.
In memoriam Arthur I. Holmes, of Edenham.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Alan Carveth	*Treble*	*John S. Seager	5
Robert A. Southwood	2	*Cyril A. Wratten	6
Cyril Rusby	3	Ian M. Holland	7
John N. D. Chaddock	4	H. David Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
* First peal in the method.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

Hugh Neill	*Treble*	A. Robin Heppenstall	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	6
F. Brian Cookson	3	Chris. M. P. Johnson	7
Peter F. Windley	4	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. David,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

S. Arthur Read	*Treble*	David Hoare	5
*Ernest E. Bray	2	Victor G. Roberts	6
Anthony J. Sanger	3	Gwilym Salmon	7
Laurence E. Hitchins	4	Eric Naylor	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by David Hoare.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,536 Yorkshire, 2,208 Cambridge and 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*MURIEL R. PAGE	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	*CHARLES W. BEECROFT	6
WALTER RUFFLES	3	LLEWELLYN ALLUM	7
WALTER W. MILLER	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First attempt for a peal of spliced.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	5
*MERYL J. ALDEN	2	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	6
E. AUSTIN HEAD	3	†ROBERT PLUMMER	7
LEONARD J. MINNS	4	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Plain Bob Major.
Rung as a compliment to the second ringer on the eve of her 16th birthday.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PINNER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

B. CLARE WEBSTER	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
MARION J. SKINNER	3	ALICK CUTLER	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

GEORGE H. PAULSON	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	6
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
PATRICIA A. M. FOSTER	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

LESLIE G. BRETT	*Treble*	FRANK RUFFLES	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	WALTER RUFFLES	7
*PETER KINDRED	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung in memoriam the Very Rev. J. L. White, M.A., Provost of St. Edmundsbury and vice-president of the Suffolk Guild.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	DENNIS C. BOWEN	5
CHARLES COLES	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	3	*JAMES ADAMS	7
FRANK A. BARRETT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5184 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
J BARRY PICKUP	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
LESLIE BOUMPHREY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
JOHN WORTH	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
BRIAN HARRIS	4	BASIL JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
In memoriam the Rev. Thomas Lever, M.C., Vicar of this parish 1941–1949, during which time the bells were installed.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 30 methods, being 320 each London and Bristol and 160 each Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Cambridge, Chester, Claybrooke, Coddenham, Cray, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

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

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first peal in 30 Spliced Surprise Major methods for the Guild, on the bells, and by all the band. This composition is now rung for the first time.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE H. HART	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	FRANCIS KIRK	6
PATRICIA DOORN	3	JOHN E. ROOTES	7
MRS. G. H. HART	4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.
Specially rung to mark the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Grimston, of Gorhambury, St. Albans, to Viscount Pollington, which took place earlier in the day.

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BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,536 Cambridge, 960 Superlative and 768 London, with 101 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt.

*LEWIS F. COBB	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	5
*MICHAEL J. BEST	2	JOHN HARTLESS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*DAVID HOARE	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 10).
Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods.
A compliment to Dorothy T. Gardiner on the birth of a daughter.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*GLENYS EVANS	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY STICKLAND	5
*BRIAN KINGSTON	2	TREVOR LEWIS	6
THOMAS YEOMAN	3	†WILLIAM T. PETTY	7
*GEOFFREY MARCHANT	4	WILLIAM DARE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
* First peal in the method. † First 'inside.'
Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*GEOFFREY PARTING	*Treble*	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
*JOHN S. DEAN	2	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
*JOHN F. HUGHES	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

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

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, containing 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*GEOFFREY INGHAM	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
ALEXANDER E. MARSH	2	*E. MARTIN FIELDEN	6
GORDON BENFIELD	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
J. HENRY FIELDEN	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of five-spliced. First in five methods on this plan by a resident West Riding band. First on the plan as conductor.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

*DAPHNE J. PANKHURST	*Treble*	GEORGE FRY	5
*CELIA F. WHITFELD	2	ALLEN TWYMAN	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	7
*COLIN E. VERDON	4	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
* First peal of Major.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	DONALD G. CLARKE	5
DONALD F. MURFET	2	DONALD L. MILLS	6
DONALD M. SALISBURY	3	DONALD E. COBB	7
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4	DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
The first 'Donald' name peal.

NORTON, MALTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

*MICHAEL MASKELL (16)	*Treble*	BERT SUTTON	5
*COLIN REEVES (14)	2	†WILLIAM HUDSON	6
SEDMAN H. STEEL	3	†JAMES WOOLFORD (16)	7
†MARGARET E. WILKINSON	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PATRICK. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
* First peal of Major. † First of Treble Bob.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALAN THORNTON	*Treble*	MRS. J. R. RENDER	5
G. FRED TERRY	2	JOHN POTTS	6
HORACE S. MORLEY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	7
T. HERBERT FOSTER	4	ALAN SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

KENNETH W. GRAHAM	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	5
ROYSTON WILMORE	2	DEREK M. SAWYER	6
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* 150th peal. 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal as conductor, also Grandsire.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Jane Loweth and Mr. Ian David Oliver.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED GREENOUGH	*Treble*	ERNEST GARRARD	5
JAMES BLOND	2	REGINALD TUCKWELL	6
JAMES GODMAN	3	*FRANK ABSOLOM	7
FRANK GODDEN	4	ROBERT BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal in the method.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 30 cwt. 5 lb.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	ROBERT BRICE	5
F. CECIL MOGFORD	2	GWILYM SALMON	6
MARJORIE LEGG	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
VICTOR ROBERTS	4	SIDNEY SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

GREAT TEW, OXON.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sun., June 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	*Treble*	PATRICK J. CHAPMAN	5
JAMES H. PAILING	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	6
*VERNON GREEN	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
WILLIAM A. YATES	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Avril Thackray and Stephen Ivin on their engagement.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ANCASTER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*WALTER G. BLACK	*Treble*	†JOHN F. PEARSON	3
*LEONARD S. THOMPSON ..	2	*LOUIS WILLDERS	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in seven Doubles methods. † First of Doubles.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

LEONARD J. MINNS	*Treble*	ANTHONY H. ROBERTS ..	4
MERYL J. ALDEN	2	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE ..	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON.. ..	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

The conductor's 25th peal on six bells.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 19 methods, being seven 720's: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal T.B.; (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford Delight; (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (5) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (6) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

PETER MAYLE	*Treble*	THOMAS BIRD	4
*ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK..	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
*SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	3	†URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 50th peal together. † 150th peal for the Association. First in 19 methods by all except the conductor.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

RODNEY J. MUSSON	*Treble*	LEONARD P. WILSON ..	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	*WILLIAM R. MARSH.. ..	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in three methods 'inside.'

WROUGHTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising three extents each of (1) Reverse Plain Bob, (2) Canterbury Pleasure, (3) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (4) Plain Bob, (5) New Bob, (6) Huntspill, (7) St. Vedast, (8) St. Nicholas, (9) Winchendon Place, (10) St. Remigius', (11) St. Simon's, (12) St. Martin's, (13) St. Osmund, (14) Grandsire. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*CAROLINE HOWLETT ..	*Treble*	PETER J. SHIPTON	4
†ERIC SUTTON	2	†ANTHONY R. PEAKE ..	5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ..	3	VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. First of Doubles as conductor.

Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

ADDINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Childwall, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN RHODES	*Treble*	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ..	4
*F. KEITH WILLIAMSON ..	2	MAX P. PAGE	5
DAVID ATKINS	3	J MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Martin Thorley, Mrs. James Thorley and John Thorley.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*HERBERT W. PEARCE ..	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
*†RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	2	ALBERT W. DYER	5
‡MICHAEL E. TURNER ..	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Minor.

KILNDOWN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

FRANK PATTENDEN	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	4
GEORGE WAGHORN	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	5
EDWIN BROMLEY	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

First peal on the new ring of bells from the Whitechapel Foundry. Rung for Empire Day.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOAN GARNETT	*Treble*	†R. BARNES	4
*R. SEELEY	2	W. BUTTON	5
†MRS. G. REECE	3	†F. TEDHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BUTTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band.

PIDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, eight extents each of St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*ERNEST G. JONES	*Treble*	†CLIFFORD W. J. EAST ..	3
†JAMES W. EUSTACE ..	2	†LEONARD A. BUSBY.. ..	4
CYRIL H. KINCH..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CYRIL H. KINCH.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells.

Rung for Empire Day.

RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 18 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 5½ cwt.

ROYSTON WILMORE	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	3
ERNEST F. PAYNE	2	JACK HANDFORD	4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung to celebrate Whitsun and the fact that these bells are now ringable again after a long silence.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

TERENCE G. PAGE	*Treble*	†PETER M. ADCOCK	3
*MARY SOLOMON	2	MICHAEL J. STOKES.. ..	4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MICHAEL J. STOKES.

* First peal 'inside.' † First of Doubles. First as conductor. This is the youngest band (average age 17 years 2 months) to ring a peal of Doubles for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

*Chris. L. Powdrill .. *Treble*	†Terence I. Roper 4
†A. James Poynor 2	†Russell S. Morris .. 5
Brian G. Warwick 3	John M. Jelley .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal. † First on six bells.
Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival.

EGERTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Wilfred W. Ring .. .. *Treble*	David Staples 4
E. Patricia Lewis 2	Peter F. T. Smith 5
Crawford T. Hillis .. 3	Alexander Waddington .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander Waddington.
Rung to mark the completion of the restoration work on the church. Ringers of 2, 5 and 6 belong to the local band.

STOKE ABBOTT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Jesse Davis .. .. .. *Treble*	H. Dennis W. Bishop .. 3
Martin D. Bishop 2	Sidney W. White 4
Joseph T. Barrett .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by H. Dennis W. Bishop.
* First peal in two methods.

BRADFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*Eric Ford .. .. .. *Treble*	Robert J. Hicks 4
Harry Stacey 2	Charles E. Taylor 5
Horace Heard 3	Charles Sangwin .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Charles E. Taylor.
* First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. Also a welcome to the Rector (Rev. F. W. Pennington), who was inducted the previous Tuesday.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four different callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*Pamela J. Dolman .. .. *Treble*	*Andrew J. Strathdee .. 4
*Margaret Pritchard .. 2	Clive M. Smith 5
†John B. Dinenage 3	Ann Barr .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.
* First peal. † First of Doubles in the method.
Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Charles J. Copp .. .. *Treble*	H. Michael Gartside .. 4
Lavina Hulford 2	F. William Midwinter .. 5
Eleanor Rose 3	William L. Exton .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*Claire Dillamore .. .. *Treble*	G. Leonard Thompson .. 4
†Peter A. Sharp 2	John R. Ketteringham .. 5
Jack L. Millhouse .. 3	Louis Willders .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

BRABOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter Jarvis .. .. .. *Treble*	Crawford T. Hillis .. 4
*Violet Relf 2	Wilfred W. Ring 5
*Elizabeth A. Marshall 3	Mark W. Marshall .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Mark W. Marshall.
* First peal in three methods.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Jack Lishman .. .. .. *Treble*	Kenneth W. Cheeseman 4
Christopher T. Lamb .. 2	George S. Deas 5
Kenneth Arthur 3	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.
First peal on the bells since their restoration by J. Taylor and Co. in November, 1957.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 20, 1958, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. 1—2	Peter J. Staniforth .. 5—6
Alfred Ballard .. .. 3—4	John A. Acres .. .. .. 7—8

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.
First peal on handbells as conductor.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 20, 1958, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
In the Ringing Chamber of All Saints' Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Render .. .. .. 1—2	Kenneth B. Sissons .. .. 3—4
Alan Sheppard .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.
In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*Derek M. Sawyer .. .. 1—2	Ernest Morris .. .. .. 3—4
*B. Stedman Payne .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

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ALFRETON, DERBYS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Porter 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, W. Swain 3, W. Riley 4, B. A. Richards (first of Triples as cond.) 5, A. Wheeler 6, E. J. Sterland 7, R. Stretton 8. First of Triples by 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Elkington (cond.) 1, Judith K. Harris 2, Doreen D. Dutton 3, A. Disney 4, C. E. Turner 5, W. A. Lacey 6, H. B. Bowley 7, J. E. Cook 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of the Rev. C. H. Rowe, Rector of Anstey since 1939, who died suddenly on April 28th.

ASTON TIRROLD, BERKS.—On May 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Grace (first of Plain Bob) 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. Greenough 3, C. Corderoy 4, R. B. Blond 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Blewbury (Berks) band.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On May 25th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: J. W. Allen 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, L. F. Baker (cond.) 5. For Whitsuntide.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On May 31st, at the Norman Tower by the Cathedral company, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, C. Stannard 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, D. Rowlands 6, W. Goodship 7, F. Buckle 8, J. W. Banks 9, G. Jennings 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Provost of St. Edmundsbury (the Very Rev. John Lawrence White, M.A.), who died on May 24th, aged 73 years.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On May 25th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. G. Swift (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, M. G. Swift 4, P. G. Badcock 5, K. C. Vickers 6. First in method for all except conductor. For Whit Sunday. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. G. Swift (first as cond.) 1, Miss L. Badcock 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, C. J. Sheppard 5, K. C. Vickers 6. For Trinity Sunday.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on May 4th, 1,320 Bob Maximus: L. J. Clark (cond.) 1, Miss M. Panton 2, R. Thrift 3, E. J. Runter 4, I. Panton 5, A. Hume 6, R. Groves 7, W. Glover 8, M. Edwards 9, J. Saunders 10, P. Eves 11, D. A. S. Symonds 12. Longest length of Maximus by all except, 1, 11 and 12. Rung on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Mr. Ernest J. Runter.

CHESTER.—On May 25th, at St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Penelope Gill (first quarter) 1, Rev. J. Kingdon 2, Edna Price 3, H. O. Baker (cond.) 4, R. King 5, B. Kenny 6. For the festival of Whitsuntide.

CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: B. Dawson 1, D. Brunning 2, Miss V. Naylor 3, J. Smith (longest length) 4, E. Edginton 5, B. G. Key (cond.) 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Trinity Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Lewis (sen., cond.) 1, H. L. Cooke 2, E. H. Jefferies 3, B. Wakefield 4, P. J. Lewis 5, P. Morgans 6, F. J. Lewis (jun.) 7, W. H. Hayward 8. First of Major by 3, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On May 24th, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: M. J. Palmer (first in method) 1, C. B. Fynes 2-3, A. Grant (first in method) 4, T. S. Baker (first in method and as cond.) 5, Miss J. Pole (first in method) 6. T. S. Baker has now 'circled' the tower. For Empire Day and as a birthday compliment to Miss R. Holmes, a member of the local band.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire and 600 Plain Bob): I. Waterman 1, W. Parrott 2, Cherie Payne 3, G. A. Cockman 4, F. Oakshott (cond.) 5, G. D. Robinson (first quarter) 6. First in two methods for all the except the conductor.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Treble (first quarter) 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, W. W. Wright (cond.) 4, P. Murgatroyd 5, D. Clothier 6. For Evensong.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): D. J. Harrabin 1, Miss E. M. Yardley 2, M. F. Hall 3, A. R. Crump 4, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. Fleming 6. To mark the admission into priest's orders of the Rev. K. H. Hills.

QUARTER PEALS

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Godfrey 1, M. Amy Coburn 2, S. Huckle 3, A. Day 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 6, F. W. Ellis 7, L. G. Coburn 8. First in method for 1 and 5. A compliment to the Rector of Harpenden (the Rev. P. Bradshaw) on the anniversary of his induction.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Hawkins (first in method) 1, P. Ruch 2, J. B. Sansom 3, W. A. Lewis 4, A. Grant (first in method) 5, P. Bettridge 6, G. Ruck (first as cond. in method) 7, G. W. Golding 8. Also on May 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Rayner (first in method) 1, Miss E. M. Ricketts 2, J. E. Chillcott 3, G. W. Golding (first in method) 4, W. W. Webb 5, P. A. Ruch 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, G. Ruck 8. Both rung for Evensong.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ivings 1, L. Sharpe 2, M. Sharpe 3, W. Ivings 4, H. Ivings 5, E. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Whit Sunday morning service.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On April 12th, 1,674 Grandsire Caters: T. Lewis 1, T. Yeomans 2, G. Marchant 3, N. A. James 4, B. Taylor 5, G. J. Stickland 6, A. R. Price (cond.) 7, J. Daniels 8, W. Dare 9, J. D. Woodman 10. First of Caters for 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10.

LONG COMPTON, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Burt 1, P. Oram 2, L. Kinchen 3, H. Huxley 4, R. Edden (cond.) 5, F. Ford 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Morrell 1, L. Mutter 2, I. Hughes 3, D. Salter 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, G. Walford 6.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Weller (first of Bob Minor) 1, G. Avis 2, Jane Butcher 3, C. A. Catt (first of Bob Minor) 4, R. Bennett 5, A. T. Hart (cond.) 6. For the birthday of Jane Butcher. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Weller 1, Brenda Catt 2, Jane Butcher 3, C. A. Catt 4, R. Bennett 5, A. J. Hart (cond.) 6. For morning service and for the birthday of Brenda Catt.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,284 Grandsire Minor: Mary Powell 1, M. Horseman 2, Monica Fray 3, T. Phillips 4, J. Brain 5, C. Kortright (cond.) 6. First quarter of Grandsire Minor by all the band.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Merrill 1, A. A. Jaques 2, T. S. Astbury 3, J. Thomas 4, F. Barnard 5, J. E. Brough (cond.) 6, F. Ollier 7, E. J. Boffey 8. Rung before Evensong with tenor half-muffled as tribute to, and in memory of, Harry Stubbs, who died recently, local ringer for about 45 years.

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLX.—On May 22nd, 1,380 Spliced Doubles (New Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. S. Baker (Cranford) 1, C. B. Fynes (Stanwell, cond.) 2-3, A. D. Grant (Heston) 4, M. J. Palmer (Hillingdon) 5, R. Reed (Norwood Green, first quarter) 6. First in eight methods for 1, 4 and 5. Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Woodgyer on the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth Mary).

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On May 14th, 600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss E. Loveland 2, Miss P. Drury 3, N. Carter 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. First in two methods by 1, 2 and 6. Also on May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss E. Loveland 2, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 4, N. Carter (first as cond.) 5, H. Kingston 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to Miss H. Hancock.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. T. Escott 1, A. F. R. Hartley 2, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 3, J. W. Wallace 4, B. Taylor 5, D. Hoare 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to A. F. R. Hartley.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Westwood 1, H. Yardley 2, A. Cox 3, C. Parker 4, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman 7, H. J. Turner 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jill Swanne 1, D. J. Forder 2, Margaret E. L. Beamish 3, O. Neville Curtis 4, D. C. Exell 5, J. L. Queen 6, R. E. Finch 7, M. V. White 8, R. A. Reed 9, D. d'A. R. Blackwall 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 5, 6 and 10. Rung by Southampton University Guild (except 4) for Evensong, which was a special pre-final examinations service, attended by members of the Anglican Society of Southampton University.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Piper 1, H. Miller (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Pam Miller 3, S. G. Peck 4, M. Stanyon 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion. Also on Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Piper 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, John Perrett 4, L. G. Peck 5, M. Stanyon 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. For Evensong and as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Jelley 1, Joan K. Brown 2, A. J. Poynor 3, R. K. Stretton 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Norman 8. For Parish Communion on Whit Sunday.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. S. Goddard 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, D. G. Pickett 4, M. G. Lane 5. Believed to be the 80th quarter peal rung in Stanwell. For Evensong. Also on May 11th, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: L. S. Goddard 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, D. G. Pickett 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. Boyd 6. For Matins. Also on May 25th, 1,200 Spliced Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: M. G. Lane 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, A. D. Grant 4, M. J. Palmer 5, L. S. Goddard 6. For afternoon service.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. L. Girt 1, L. Foster 2, C. Snowden 3, R. E. Lester 4, G. R. Goodship 5, W. B. Duncan 6, E. A. Cracknell 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. D. Stutely 1, Heather Stewart 2, Marian Mills 3, I. Cooper 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, P. W. Mills 6. For Matins. Also on May 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 540 St. Clement's): F. Harvey 1, Heather Stewart 2, Marian Mills (cond.) 3, M. Mills 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

TUXFORD, NOTTS.—On May 22nd, 1,272 Bob Minimus: W. Brett 1, R. Hobbs 2, H. Denman 3, W. L. Exton 4. A 70th birthday compliment to W. Brett, the local tower captain, after meeting short for a peal of Minor.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. R. Gotham 1, P. Phillips 2, E. R. Gotham 3, G. Swift 4, M. Swift 5, C. J. Shepherd 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, F. Bedford 8. For Matins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. D. Chapman (first in method) 1, R. J. Chapman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. W. Sykes (first in method 'inside') 4, E. E. Holman 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, D. Hewitt 7, T. Hawkings 8. For Evensong. Also on May 25th, 1,296 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: F. W. Sykes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, B. R. Downes 4, T. Hawkings 5, W. Dowler 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. Sixty calls and 54 changes of method. For Evensong.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Skinner 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, F. Faircloth 3, D. Holland 4, W. A. Hughes 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, M. Sinden 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, F. Corfield 6, F. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKS.—On May 17th, on the Curfew Bells of St. George's Chapel, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn, Monica Blagrove 2, W. Birmingham 3, K. Buckingham 4, J. Brooks 5, A. J. Glass 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8. Rung on the occasion of the double wedding at St. George's Chapel of Miss Mary Morshead and Mr. J. May and of Miss Aurea Battiscombe and Mr. L. Morshead.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Appeal For High Standard And Regularity Of Ringing

THE 79th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday. Proceedings started with the annual service, conducted by the Provost (Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), who also preached an extremely interesting sermon. The lesson was read by the Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel).

The Master was in the chair for the annual meeting which followed in the Chapter House, and he welcomed visitors from Harrow, Harrold, Gravesend and Lavenham.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. R. C. Heazel, who was nominated by all Districts, was re-elected Master, and he thanked the members for their continued support. Mr. H. Turner, of Shenfield, was elected deputy Master, and the name of Mr. F. V. Gant was the only one submitted for the onerous post of hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. D. G. Mayell was elected an auditor. The other auditor nominated—Mr. Maurice Baker, of Hulton—declined to stand again owing to ill-health, and it was decided to allow the committee to fill the vacancy. The trustees—Messrs. J. Crawley, P. Eves and G. Smith—were unanimously re-elected.

One of the most pleasing duties at the annual meeting is the rewarding of long and faithful service by the conferring of life membership. This was conferred upon Messrs. O. Broyd, F. C. Maynard, H. Oliver, H. Rumens and G. Sewell.

After the Master had closed the meeting the company adjourned to the Cathedral Hall for lunch, where the Provost was the chief guest.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The year was one of consolidation of progress with the highlight being the visit of the Central Council to Chelmsford. This entailed a lot of work, and none worked harder than Mr. A. H. Everett, who was mainly in charge of accommodation, and Miss H. G. Snowden, who arranged all the ringing.

Through the vigilance of members a ring of bells from Colchester had been hung for ringing at Little Horkesley and not hung dead. The committee were able to advise and help financially in a situation which might have gone unnoticed.

Membership stood at 220 (217) honorary members and 915 (914) ringing members. There were 111 (112) towers in union. Newport and Wenden had dropped out and Little Baddow was welcomed. A deep loss had been sustained by the death of Horace Mansfield, a life president and the Association's representative on the Central Council, who was one of the Association's most popular members.

PEAL RINGING INCREASE

Peal ringing showed a satisfactory increase—a grand total of 122 against 72 in 1956. The conducting was shared by 40 members (25 in 1956), the leaders being J. E. G. Rorst 17, F. B. Lufkin 16, T. Earle 12, D. L. Mills and U. W. Wildney seven each. One peal was non-conducted and one in which the conducting was shared. Congratulations were extended to F. B. Lufkin on his 400th peal, his 250th for the Association and his 250th as conductor; Miss M. Dowsett on her 50th peal, and T. Earle on his 100th peal for the Association. Also congratulated were the band who rang the record length of 18,000 Minor in 25 methods at Stisted.

Quarter peal ringing had been well sustained—161 being recorded against 160 in 1956. The leading towers were Walthamstow 18, Hornchurch 13, Burnham-in-Crouch 11, North Weald and Rayleigh ten each.

The report concluded with the following message from the Master and secretary:—

'In many instances there is no tangible return for our labours, but by our constancy and determination we may inspire those within the Church to act with greater zeal, and by our regularity and high standard of ringing reach the hearts of the careless or bewildered who come within the sound of the bells.

'Living in a scientific age, we must remember still that the highest duty to which any one person can be called is that of rendering honour, praise and glory to the one God who indeed knows all.

'Let us then resolve that by our lives and actions we will point to the way of life which alone can give peace and happiness.'

200th Anniversary Of Wells Cathedral Bells

'The Western Gazette,' from their files of 1758, records:—

'We hear that on Friday and Saturday (April 28th and 29th) a company of ringers from Bristol opened the new Set of Bells (a peal of eight) at the Cathedral Church of Wells, cast by the famous Mr. Ruddle, of Gloucester.

'Very good judges are of opinion there is not a better ring (of eight) in the Kingdom. They say the Wells Ringers rung them best when at SET, but that the Bristol Ringers shewed their skill most by ringing them best at Rising and Falling.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern Branch was held on May 17th at Ditchingham in the Waveney Valley, home of the late Sir Rider Haggard, at whose former house the members sat down to tea.

The pleasant ring of six was soon set going to suit all tastes and capabilities. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. K. Lewis), the organist being Mr. Bond, of Loddon.

After tea the meeting, presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), soon dealt with the agenda. Members stood in silence in memory of Mr. A. R. Warnes, of Raveningham, who died on May 7th.

Subject to satisfactory arrangements being made, the next business meeting will be held at Pakefield on September 27th, and a by-meeting at Gorleston on July 5th.

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Presentation To The President

THE 79th annual meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Holsworthy on Whit Monday in glorious Devon weather. At the Guild's form of service, which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. Warne), a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells preceded the sermon which was preached by the president, who took for his subject Leading, leadership and being led. He pointed out how important leadership is in every walk of life and how much depends on a good leader, eyes and ears being essential. The world is crying out for Christian leadership, but are we willing to follow where Christ leads? We must each always be asking the Holy Spirit to 'lead me to a rock that is higher than I' (Psalm lxi, 2).

60 GAINED CERTIFICATES

A luncheon followed, and at the subsequent business meeting it was reported that membership at the end of 1957 was 555, a drop of 27 on last year, and that only ten members rang their first peal, though 60 qualified for certificates by ringing 120 changes. The greatest encouragement must be given to beginners. The Guild library is now in being at Clawton Vicarage, and the gift of books belonging to the late Mr. James E. Lilley was acknowledged. One of the rules was altered so that the incumbent of a parish in union with the Guild could be elected an honorary member without payment of a subscription. It was decided to hold next year's annual meeting in Exeter on a Saturday in June with a tea and not lunch, and subsequently the Lord Bishop of Exeter has agreed to address the Guild on June 6th, 1959. Grants of £25 each were made from the bell restoration fund to Honiton Clyst and Kentisbeare.

25TH YEAR PRESIDENT

The next business was the election of officers, and Mr. F. Smale, who was general secretary from 1940 to 1950, had a very pleasant task to perform in proposing Preb. E. V. Cox again for his 25th year as president. The Guild had been very lucky in its presidents: Col. Troyte (1874), Rev. Maitland Kelly (1896), Rev. E. S. Powell (1924) and the present president. One of his first acts was to have the rule deleted which barred members from taking part in competitions. Mr. Smale had great pleasure in handing the president a gift contributed to by the majority of members in the hope that he would continue as president for many years, and at any rate break the record of 28 years of the presidency of the Rev. Maitland Kelly. The present general secretary (Mr. E. M. Atkins) gave him a book containing signatures of members.

The other officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Norman Mallet, who did not wish to seek re-election as peal secretary. Mr. Geo. Skinner was elected in his place. To fill the vacancy in the Central Council representatives caused by the death of Mr. G. E. Lilley, Mr. G. L. S. Glanvill was elected.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Visits to Walton-on-Thames are always enjoyable and the recent quarterly N.W. District meeting held there was no exception. Ringing in a variety of methods from 3 to 4.30 was followed by shortened Evensong, led by the Vicar. Forty-five ringers then adjourned to the Church Hall, where the local ringers, led by the indefatigable Mrs. Lathbury, provided an excellent tea. At the short business meeting three new members were elected and the sum of £1 10s. 2d. collected for the bell fund. After the usual votes of thanks, ringing continued until 8.30 at Oatlands Park. W. P.

OUTINGS

IN MONMOUTHSHIRE AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE

On Whit Monday, a small party of ringers, representing five counties, had a very pleasant outing in East Monmouthshire and West Gloucestershire in beautiful weather. The first tower was Shirenewton (6), where the vicar welcomed the band; a few hours' work with a spanner would be beneficial here. Penhow's six are a delightful ring, as also are Caldicot's eight. At the latter church the Vicar conducted the band to the ringing chamber.

A break for lunch preceded the visit to Mathern (6), a most charming spot situated in beautiful quiet surroundings. After negotiating the traffic going to Chepstow races, the party eventually left Monmouthshire and reached Tidenham (6) with its spacious ground floor ringing chamber.

A hilly and intricate run brought the band to Hewelsfield, a very nice five rung from the centre of the church. A member of the local band met the visitors at St. Briavels (8) and the Vicar was waiting at Newland (6); the latter has a glorious heavy ring in an exceptionally fine church, aptly called the 'Cathedral of the Forest.' A short run brought the band to Staunton (6), where again the ringing takes place in the centre of the church. So officially ended a very happy day, but a few of the band later 'bagged' Westbury-on-Severn before taking part in the now famous traffic queue into Gloucester.

E. T. P. F.

PENARTH

With two ringers from Sully and one from Llandaff, Penarth ringers had an enjoyable outing on May 31st. The heavy-going eight at Monmouth were first visited before travelling to Leominster for a ring on the ten and lunch.

The anti-clockwise bells at Bromyard did not prove too difficult and Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. After tea at Worcester came Ledbury, where Grandsire Triples was managed despite the long draught of rope. The best tower of the day was Ross-on-Wye, where touches of Grandsire Triples and rounds and call-changes for learners were rung. Penarth was reached at 12.15 a.m., everyone having enjoyed the outing.

KIRK ELLA AND SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS

The ringers from these towers and their friends joined forces on Whit Monday for an outing in the North Riding. The weather was perfect, and the coach driver avoided main roads to take us through the countryside, which is at its best at this time of the year.

The first tower visited was Nunburnholme (6), and good ringing on the lovely six gave the day a good start. Hovingham (6) proved to have an interesting Saxon tower, and an all-ladies' band rang a course here. After a picnic lunch, we were met at Helmsley (8) by the local ringers, and also met the Elland ringers on their outing. A combined band rang a touch of Stedman Triples before we left for Kirby Moorside (6). Here we were met by the Vicar, but unfortunately the ringing was not of a very high standard, the bells being difficult to strike well.

A provided tea at Thornton-le-Dale was followed by a touch of Plain Bob Minor on handbells, and we then left for Pickering (8) before proceeding to Hutton Cranswick (6). Touches of Stedman, St. Martin's Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. and rounds for learners ended a very successful day for both ringers and non-ringers. S.

CIRENCESTER

Cirencester ringers, accompanied by their wives, had their annual outing on Whit Monday. The first tower to be visited was Nuneaton, where standard methods were rung on the fine-going ring of eight. The next ringing took place at Loughborough Parish Church, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung on this fine ring of ten; then a visit to the bell foundry and the noted ring of ten. After the preliminary antics we managed to ring Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples, and this was much enjoyed, especially by the younger members. Our best thanks are due to Messrs. Taylor and to Mrs. Beamish, who fixed up Nuneaton at short notice.

F. J. K.

ST. GEORGE'S, DONCASTER

Chester was the objective for the annual outing of St. George's Doncaster, ringers on Whit Monday. Fairfield was reached by 10.30 a.m. and an hour's ringing included Grandsire Doubles, Stedman, Double Norwich and a course of Yorkshire. A delightful 6-bell tower, Chelford, was next visited, and after a picnic luncheon Chester was reached. At St. Mary-within-the-Walls the experienced ringers did justice to the tower they represented and the younger members went boating on the River Dee. After tea, a call was made at Daresbury. Singing, led by ex-members of the choir, enlivened the journey home. For the enjoyable outing thanks are accorded the organiser who wishes to remain anonymous, and incumbents and local captains.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On May 25th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Doreen Deverell (first of Stedman Caters) 1, A. R. Ling (cond.) 2, Mabel Prockson 3, B. Baker 4, W. Prockson 5, P. J. Eves 6, C. Hughes 7, T. H. Francis 8, J. Leeming 9, R. Brooker 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

To the list of name peals must now be added the Donalds, which was rung for the first time at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill. Organiser was Mr. Donald G. Clift and the peal was conducted by Dr. D. H. Niblett, of Oxford. The other Donalds came from Newport, Mon., Weston-super-Mare, Hornchurch, Ely (2) and Bures, Suffolk. 'It took nine months to find all these Donalds and get them together,' said Mr. Clift to an 'Evening News' correspondent.

The band who rang in the peal at Itchingfield desire to thank the local ringers for their welcome and also Mrs. Francis for the wonderful spread after the peal.

The Southwell Diocesan Guild committee have decided not to hold a dinner this year.

Is it etiquette to eat a large onion on a ringers' outing? St. George's, Doncaster, have strong views on the subject.

The many friends of Mr. W. Rose, formerly of Peterborough, will wish him a happy journey to New Zealand. He sailed on June 6th on a visit to his daughter.

A claim to be the fastest peal on the bells is submitted by the band who rang a peal of Little Bob Major at Dore, Derbyshire, on May 24th in 2 hours 37 minutes.

A new era is started at Kilndown, Kent, with the first peal on the new bells from the Whitechapel Foundry on May 24th. In the first peal on the old bells in 1905 stood Frank Pattenden. He is the only survivor, and now 74 struck his bell well in this latest peal. The 1905 peal was conducted by the late Mr. F. J. Lambert, of Horsmonden, and three of his sons, one of whom was the conductor, were in the peal recorded this week. At the local afterwards the band warmly praised the bells; they also complimented Mr. H. Parkes, the bell-hanger, for a good job well done.

In connection with the peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Drighlington on May 31st, the conductor would like to place on record his thanks and appreciation of the kind help and ready co-operation given by Mr. Vernon Bottomley and his band who, under his able and enthusiastic leadership, regularly ring Spliced Surprise Major for Sunday services at All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, Halifax.

Mr. Albert J. Pitman's composition of 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major in 30 methods has been rung for the first time by the Chester Diocesan Guild at Norbury (Hazel Grove).

The peal at Pontefract on May 31st started immediately after a local wedding. Upon the completion of the second part of Parker's Twelve-part peal the verger turned off the electric light at the main and plunged the belfry in subdued light. However, although the peal was rather slow for these bells, it was nevertheless well struck.

A car-load of 'tower-grabbers' from Warmley, Westerleigh and Yate spent Whit Monday in Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire. Towers visited were Cricklade, Castle Eaton, Kempsford, Meysey Hampton, Lechlade, Langford, Brize-Norton, Aston, Great Coswell, Stanford-in-the-Vale and Broad Blunsden. Incumbents and those who met the party are thanked.

St. Mary Redcliffe Guild had a pleasant surprise on June 5th when they rang before and after the Confirmation service. After the service the Bishop of Malmesbury came up to the tower and without taking off his jacket took part in some of the ringing on the 12, and expressed his admiration of St. Mary Redcliffe, its bells and ringers. The Bishop spent so much time with the ringers that the Vicar had to send for him, reminding him it was time he went.

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Members In Session



IN SESSION AT DUBLIN.—A section of the members in the Synod Hall, Dublin. Front row (right to left): F. W. Perrens, L. Stilwell, R. G. Blackman, C. K. Lewis, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, C. H. Kippin, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Marshall, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes and E. H. Lewis.

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BELLS AND RINGING POPULAR NEWS

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd and Mr. F. E. Dukes, stated:—

If, as the controllers of our national Press assert, newspapers and journals are giving the public what it asks for, then ringers have no cause to complain that their art is not appreciated. Each year sees a multiplicity of news items relating to bells and bell-ringing and the appearance of serious articles presumably of interest to newspaper readers. The year 1957 was no exception.

In this report we have not found it possible to include notice of all news items great and small. We have therefore endeavoured to select from the material that has come our way such essays as will indicate the scope and variety of the publicity given to ringing during the 12 months, and in doing so we venture to believe that we have omitted nothing of major importance.

The number and variety of journals printing notes and articles are worthy of note. 'The Dalesman' published a series on Yorkshire bells and bell-ringing; 'British Railways Magazine' printed an account of ringing in the North East Region; David Fitzpatrick in the 'Blackburn Evening Telegraph' described Blackburn's bells; and in the 'Solihull News' Ruth Harman extolled the delights of ringing as a hobby. Unfortunately, she missed the significance of bell-ringing as an act of worship. In the sphere of youthful activity we note E. F. Rigby's instructional articles in 'The Guide,' and Anthony Upton's neat essay, 'Campanology,' in the November number of 'The Scout.' In passing, it is worth noting that 'The Belfry' reminds young people of the Girl Guide ringer's badge and the conditions attaching to it.

Another local publication, 'Surrey W.I. News,' devoted a considerable portion of its December number to the appeal of the bells, and gave prominence to the work of Mr. Harold Pitstow at Westminster. Two pieces of work stand out this year by reason of their excellence. One is 'Bells,' an unsigned article in the 'P.D. Review,' enlivened with 12 small illustrations selected and arranged by Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., and beautifully reproduced; the text was supplied largely by the same indefatigable historian. The other outstanding work is a monumental essay running through several numbers of 'Hi-Fi News.' The superficial flippancy of the title of this highly technical journal tends to obscure the seriousness and authenticity of its articles, but in 'The Story of Bells and Bell Music,' H. Michael Howard has produced a notable thesis written with authority and skill, and covering bell casting, tuning and hanging, with extensive notes on acoustical effects and carillon playing. The illustrations and diagrams are striking and convincing.

The year has brought a good sprinkling of photographs of ringers and ringing bands. Among them the 'Drogheda Independent' portrayed the ringers of St. Peter's, Drogheda, and the 'South Yorkshire Times' showed the band of ladies who rang the peal of Bob Major at Handsworth, Sheffield, on May 14th. The 'Birmingham Post and Gazette' depicted Sir Theodore Pritchett with his ringers at Tanworth-in-Arden, and two veterans appeared the 'Birmingham Mail'—Mr. W. Hauley, of Leamington, on his 92nd birthday, and Mr. William Collett, who recently completed 50 years as a ringer at Warwick. The Railwaymen's Guild were photographed again, this time by the 'Crewe Chronicle.'

We regret having to include reference to the distressing tragedy at Okeford Fitzpaine, the painful details of which aroused much attention during the summer. It is perhaps only in such tragic circumstances that the technicalities of bell mechanics are forced, as it were, on the public notice, and we can only hope that the publicity afforded to this melancholy catastrophe will lead to further steps to prevent unauthorised or inexperienced persons from entering bell chambers when bells are up.

Once again we note important contributions in the Press overseas. From British Columbia come two articles: a short one dealing with ringing at the Anglican Cathedral at Victoria, and the other a lengthy essay in the 'Province B.C. Magazine' on the bells and ringers at The Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. 'Overtones,' the organ of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, still provides astonishing evidence of the vitality of the Society, and American literature has been enriched by the publication of 'The Story of Handbells,' an important and comprehensive book by Scott B. Parry. The American paper 'Saturday Evening Post' of December 22nd, 1956, published a lengthy and discursive article by N. M. Clark under the title 'The Loudest Music I Ever Heard.' The subject matter ranged from carillon playing to the Liberty Bell, and included references to handbell ringing and to the Whitechapel Foundry.

From Ireland we have noticed 'The Bells of Belfast' appearing in the 'Belfast News Letter,' and an interesting note on bell lubrication in the technical journal 'Scientific Lubrication.' Both articles are from the pen of Colin J. Robb. The 'Lurgan Mail,' under the title 'Where Change is Lightsome,' provided an illustrated article on Lurgan bells and ringers, with special reference to Mr. Thomas Livingstone and Mr. John Irwin. 'Ring out the Old—Ring in the New' is the title of a well-written article in the Irish Press. It details the history of the bells of the Augustinian Church, Dublin, and of Irish bell-founders.

The Australian journal, 'Woman's Day,' dated August 5th, contains an account by Sally Baker of the competitive ringing for the Joyner Cup. The illustrations are in colour and most of the names are familiar to us through the medium of 'The Ringing Towers.'

Among the publications of the year we have to report 'Church Bells of the Fens,' T. Bevis; 'Cheshire Bells, Part V,' C. W. Clarke; a reissue of 'Elementary Change Ringing,' the excellent treatise by E. F. Rigby; and 'The Manual of the College of Campanology' which appeared in August and was made available to all ringers at the modest price of 2s. 9d. That comprehensive book of reference, 'The Central Council Handbook,' has now been published. It is indispensable for Council members and will be found a treasure trove of information for every ringer.

Subsidiary ringing journals have come to hand as usual. They include 'The Irish Bell News,' beginning its third volume neatly clad in a new cover; 'The Belfry,' from the Maidstone District, and 'The Ringing Towers,' from

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the Antipodes. To the list this year has been added 'The Ringers' Magazine,' edited by Mr. William Butler, of Windsor. This is an extremely bright and enterprising quarterly, produced by an unusual process, and presenting in its type and its illustrations a most fascinating face. Its range is wide and it has already numbered among its contributors some of the leading experts of today.

Messrs. Viggers and Hodgson have maintained their high standard with 'The Ringers' Notebook and Diary,' and it is a gratifying tribute to the authors to find this little book already sold out.

Moving the adoption of the report Mr. Dukes said the national Press had given greater space to their interests, and the same applied to various magazines. In Ireland he had many telephone calls from national papers and free-lance journalists. They were very grateful to the people who sent articles to the Committee.

Miss J. Stewart seconded and the report was adopted.

SATURN T.B. DOUBLES NOT RECOGNISED

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The report, which was signed by Mr. Walter Ayre (convener) stated:—

Once again the committee are pleased to report an increase in the peals rung during the year 1957. There was a grand total of 2,488, with 2,336 on tower bells and 152 on handbells; an increase of 145 on tower bells but a decrease of 23 on handbells. (The Winchester and Portsmouth band did not function.)

The analysis shows as follows:—

	Tower		Handbells		Totals	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
Maximus	18	30	—	—	18	30
Cinques	37	21	3	3	40	24
Royal	116	99	8	14	124	113
Caters	70	83	9	8	79	91
Major	857	884	59	59	916	943
Triples	217	251	9	9	226	260
Minor	640	732	69	38	709	770
Doubles	236	236	18	21	254	257
	2191	2336	175	152	2366	2488

What would the Leicester Guild do without the Bell Foundry? They are once again at the head of the list, with Kent County moving into 2nd place, the Norwich Association following in 3rd place, with the Suffolk Guild rising out of the depths to 4th place.

The first six places are as follows: Leicester Diocesan 192, Kent County 154, Norwich Association 142, Suffolk Guild 135, Oxford Diocesan 131, Lincoln Diocesan 129.

No peals were recorded by the New South Wales Association, the National Police Guild or the Sheffield and District Society.

Outstanding performances.—On tower bells: 14,560 Yorkshire Surprise Major by the Bedfordshire Association; 16, 18, 22 and 25 Surprise Major methods (spliced) by the Chester Diocesan Guild; 25 extents of Minor (18,000 changes) by the Essex Association; and 42 Doubles methods by the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

Handbells: 57 Spliced Minor methods by the Yorkshire Association.

A 'peal' of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles by the Surrey Association is not included in the analysis.

The convener wishes to express his thanks to Mr. H. L. Roper (Adderbury) for his valuable assistance in this work.

The report was moved by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who said there were one or two slight alterations to the total number of peals, which was reduced to 2,486. That was because it was not noticed until after the report was written that three peals were duplicated in 'The Ringing World' and only one was spotted by the convener.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove: Can the committee tell us why they excluded Saturn T.B. Doubles?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: We have not discussed it. The first I knew was when I saw the report. The reason is that it is not in accordance with the rules.

Mr. Blagrove: As a method?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: Yes, not as a composition.

Mr. Blagrove said in the Decisions there were no requirements of an irregular method. An irregular method which had a repeated change could be included. There was also the question of jumping changes.

Mr. E. K. Lewis commented that it was not a question of making rules and regulations. The Exercise had not been built up by rules and regulations but by good taste.

Mr. Blagrove: I agree that is should be excluded, but if such peals were rung they must be included as they were not bound by any Decision of the Council.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott maintained that as there was no reason in the Decisions of the Council why the peal should not be included, if it was a peal it must be included to the discredit of the composer.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he was afraid if they included it they would cause a lot of trouble. The Analysis Committee had taken the right line.

Mr. J. H. Crampion: There are certain people who like to have a kick at the Central Council. I feel it was rung with that purpose.

Mr. Blagrove agreed that the method was false in the plain course. He thought they should divide such peals into 'accepables' and 'non-acceptables.'

The report was adopted.

RECORDS OF 770 WHO HAVE SERVED THE COUNCIL

THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

The report of the Committee, signed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, stated:—

The total number of past and present members in our records is now 770 and of this total 357 are at the time of preparing this report known to be deceased. The records of very many of these deceased past members are complete and already in the Album, a few without photographs, which so far we have failed to secure. Others are held up for important particulars which we hope to get by further research. A few are still on the sad list of those of whom we know nothing, or very little. Some of this category should perhaps be presumed deceased.

Notwithstanding the possibly gloomy sentence ending the previous paragraph, the work of the Committee is not all failure and frustration, and some progress is made. In recent years the rate of completion of biographies has been around 30 per year, which means that we have caught up with many of the arrears. It also means that our Album is very rapidly filling and must soon be followed by No. 2.

Some members may recall that our first Album was provided by a bequest of the late Mr. James Shepherd, and will remain a very fine memorial to an illustrious ringer who, although never a member of it, always wished the Council well.

It may be expected that this second Album will last much longer than its predecessor, because the entries must eventually be reduced to the six or eight deaths which have annually to be reported.

The report then recorded deaths of members, and apart from those remembered at the opening of the Council there were E. W. Marsh (Devonshire Guild), died January 23rd, 1946, and J. Holden (United Counties Association), died August 30th, 1899.

The 1957-58 Council was joined by 25 new members, 21 of whom, present at the Chelmsford meeting, were handed a copy of our Biography Form. At the time of preparing this report eight have been returned. The Committee, while grateful to those who promptly filled and returned the forms, would also point out to those who have not responded that the few details for which we ask have been found by experience to be the basic facts upon which the Council's record must in due course be built.

With great pleasure and thanks we acknowledge the assistance of a host of willing correspondents. Typical of all are the efforts of Mr. C. K. Lewis who secured details of the ringing career of the late William Gordon, which began with ringing for the victory of the battle of Alma, and ended in 1915 when World War I was in progress; of Mr. Jeffs who informs us of the deaths of the Rev. L. S. Clark and H. Chambers; Mr. Pipe, of the Suffolk Guild, who has helped us to get a photograph of the late Canon Raven, an original honorary member of the Council, who though never a ringer and never present at a meeting, was an illustrious scholar and author of books on bells and ringing.

The Biographies Committee would like to contact relatives or friends of the following past members for the purpose of completing the Council's records: (1) The late Mr. Albert Coppock, of Nottingham, who died March 28th, 1937—loan of photograph required; (2) The late Mr. S. J. Hughes, of Dudley and District Guild—date of death required; (3) The late Mr. R. T. Woodley, of Ancient Society of College Youth, died at Lowestoft on November 15th, 1943—loan of photograph required.

Please write to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

Mr. L. Stilwell moved and Mr. R. G. Blackman seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. T. G. Myers expressed surprise that the death of Mr. E. W. Marsh, of the Devonshire Guild, who died in 1946, had only just reached the Committee.

The hon. secretary said difficulties arose when people dropped out of ringing.

Mr. Myers: That did not apply in the case of Mr. Marsh, who died within three days of attending a meeting of his own Branch.

The President: We might do our best to get Associations to co-operate.

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BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

The report, which was signed by Messrs. H. J. Sanger (convener), J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, A. A. Hughes and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, stated:—

Following up two suggestions for Interlude items, we have had some correspondence with the B.B.C., who have finally informed us that Interlude items are being curtailed to a minimum and in their place trailers of forthcoming programmes put on. No new Interlude items are, therefore, being made. This is rather a disappointment but there is nothing we can do about it in the circumstances.

Broadcasting has in the main been confined to Sunday service ringing, and has on the whole been of a fair standard and covered most of the country. From Ireland we have news of several good broadcasts, including one from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Christmas Eve.

Again there has been criticism of the time allowed and of introductory remarks and the like taking place whilst ringing is in progress. We, for our part, agree that two or three minutes of uninterrupted ringing is the ideal, but we feel that whilst we are doing what we can in this direction, in the main the remedy lies with ringers at the time of broadcasting. If all bands took the initiative and approached their incumbent and the B.B.C. or I.T.V. engineers, prior to the broadcast, and voiced their desires, this problem would rapidly be solved. This business of ringing for broadcasting is no new thing, and all ringers should by now be aware of the standard generally desirable in every direction.

In other spheres the bells of St. Clement Danes' were recorded by I.T.V. when being tried out, and the attempts on the Major record at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile received much publicity. The first attempt in particular even had an interview with the arranger, Mr. Philip Mehew.

The Christmas broadcast was an excellent effort, and we are happy to say that whilst we had no part in the actual selection of towers, with the exception of our Northern Ireland representative, we were specially asked by the B.B.C. to let them have our comments on the broadcast. This we did and were duly thanked. Last year there were many letters of criticism of the broadcast and much controversy over the poor standard of ringing. We think it regrettable that the excellent effort this year received extremely little acknowledgment from ringers in our paper. Much good could also have been done had listeners expressed their appreciation to the B.B.C.

We have been asked by the B.B.C. to provide them with a list of first-class bells that are manned by good bands of ringers, capable of putting up a good performance should the occasion arise. The members of the Committee in England have co-operated and produced a fairly comprehensive list. This has been submitted to the B.B.C. who have thanked us very warmly for it. From time to time we propose adding to it as deemed desirable. Our colleague in Northern Ireland was of the opinion that the idea cut across an agreement held with the B.B.C. in that area, and which has been in existence since 1946, and therefore did not contribute to the list as he felt that the present very satisfactory position might be jeopardised.

In concluding, we would impress on all bands approached with a view to broadcasting how important it is that they set a good example and provide something worth listening to.

Mr. H. Sanger, in moving the adoption of the report, said since writing the report there had been a letter in 'The Ringing World' criticising the Hillingdon broadcast. It had come to his notice that had there been a little better co-operation between the ringers, parson and B.B.C., the result would have been better. The onus was on the ringers to co-operate in good time before the broadcast took place.

In regard to paragraph 6, a fairly comprehensive list had been submitted. They had been asked by the B.B.C. to submit a list of 25 towers in the British Isles which would give a good standard of ringing. Each member of the Committee submitted two or three towers from his area. At the same time, the Committee pointed out that there were many other towers that fulfilled the qualifications, and that from time to time the Committee would submit further towers.

A lot of questions had been asked about the ringing at three minutes to 9 of the bells of St. Peter's, Evercreech. They felt if the standard of all Sunday ringing was the same there would be nothing to complain of.

Mr. J. Dunwoody seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, captain of Hillingdon, said they had a rehearsal on the Saturday previous to the broadcast. Unfortunately, most of the leading ringers were unable to attend. Their broadcast was only for 45 seconds. They had previously discussed the matter with the Vicar and they expressed the view that they wanted uninterrupted ringing and not the bells as a background. The Vicar was only able to give them 45 seconds' uninterrupted ringing.

Mr. C. W. Pipe thought there was a great deal in co-operation between ringers and the parson.

Mr. Sanger asked that the name of Mr. Norman Chaddock be added to the Committee. This was agreed to and the report was adopted.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

The report of Mr. J. W. Clarke (convener) stated:—No further records have been received during the year. From recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' however, accurate details of a very interesting stone tablet in the tower of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, have come to light. The tablet records three peals of Grandsire Triples in 1733 and one of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and the contributor is to be congratulated on his perseverance in the task of deciphering the writing in very difficult conditions. There is some doubt, however, about the date of the Treble Bob peal, although the change made in the calendar in 1752, with its consequent confusion, suggests that the date should read 1757/8 rather than 1737/8.

It is interesting to note that the tablet is shortly to be restored at the expense of the local ringers.

The restoration of ancient peal boards, especially those which are made of wood with painted lettering, is sometimes a delicate operation calling for both knowledge and skill. The committee is prepared to advise in difficult cases, both in the matter of cleaning and, where it is absolutely necessary through continued neglect, of repainting. Tower-keepers especially are asked to keep an eye on these valuable and interesting possessions and to remember that the 'stitch in time' may well save something which is virtually a page in the history of ringing

The hon. secretary moved and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded the adoption of the report.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow asked members to keep a watchful eye on the preservation of peal boards in redundant churches.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow said in regard to the Hillingdon tablets that a signwriter had taken a copy of the original letters so that when the duplicate was written it would be an exact replica of what was there before.

The report was adopted.

GOOD NEWS FOR LEARNERS

THE 'BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK' COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. F. B. Speed and W. G. Wilson, stated:—

At its meeting at Chelmsford last year the Council agreed to our proposal that a book for beginners, on the lines of a draft submitted, be printed and placed on sale at as low a price as possible.

The draft has since been thoroughly revised, though we have retained the same layout, viz.: (*a*) a description of a bell and how to ring it; (*b*) elementary change-ringing; and (*c*) the duties of a ringer. We are grateful for the help and advice given by various members of the Council and have especially availed ourselves of the assistance of the Council's officers. Mr. F. Sharpe has provided photographs which, by their own merit, have taken the place of the sketches we first proposed to use, and Mr. E. A. Barnett helped by attending our meetings.

The revised draft is in the hands of the secretary, and we reiterate our plea that a sufficient number shall be printed to make it possible to sell very cheaply so that all beginners may have access to it.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, in moving the adoption of the report, said he was very much encouraged by the President's remarks about the tremendous demand for the beginners' book that corresponded with his own personal experience. There was one advantage of the delay—the book would contain some photographs taken by the President.

The report had one or two omissions. It did not mention the fact that they did not circulate copies of the draft to members of the Standing Committee. The officers decided for a very good reason—it would have cost a lot of money. The report also did not deal with the question of printing.

His opinion was that the Council could afford to order stock for ten years. At a rough estimate he felt that they ought to sell as near to 6d. a copy as possible with an initial order of 5,000 copies.

Mr. Speed seconded the adoption.

The President: There is a tremendous demand for such a book. I agree that we should print at least 5,000 copies. They should get estimates and empower the librarian to place the order.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin advocated the book being sold as cheaply as possible, even at a loss.

Mr. Peter Crook questioned too cheap a price. The strides being made in ringing might find the book out of date in ten years. He thought it should be revised after five years.

The report was adopted with thanks to the Committee for their work.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The report, which was signed by Messrs. W. E. Critchley (convener), C. W. Roberts, G. E. Feirn and A. J. Pitman, stated:—The work involved in collecting suitable material for the Stedman Caters and Cinques Collection is still continuing, still hampered to some extent by the lack of examples of the work of certain able composers. The committee feel it should be pointed out that a collection of this kind cannot be rushed into print, if it is to contain peals other than a few well-known peals on worn-out and hackneyed plans. By allowing sufficient time, the committee is sure that a book can be produced which will be really worth while buying, which will give conductors something interesting to call and ring, and encourage students of composition to investigate plans of composition which as yet have received little attention.

Mr. Critchley moved and Mr. G. E. Feirn seconded the adoption of the report, and this was agreed to.

ADVICE SOUGHT ON RESTORATIONS

TOWER AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

The report was signed by Messrs. F. Sharpe (convener), J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis, J. Osborn and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, and stated:—The work of this committee has again increased considerably. During the year 67 inquiries were received—an increase of 12 above the previous year. The inquiries came from 23 different counties. Several were dealt with by correspondence—the majority by personal inspections and reports. A summary of the work of each member is appended.

Mr. J. W. Clarke has been consulted by one architect regarding the building of a new tower, and all his recommendations were accepted. This tower, to be built in Cheshire, will one day house a ring of six. He advised on rehanging in one other tower and in collecting material for his 'Cheshire Bells' has examined many rings and made verbal reports on them. He is also a member of the Central Council for the Care of Churches.

Mrs. F. E. Collins has made inspections and reports on the bells in four towers in Kent, Essex and Hertfordshire, in all of which he has advised on restoration.

Mr. J. Freeman has dealt with four inquiries in Lincolnshire. In two of these he advised on rehanging; in the third on the provision of a new bell. In the fourth tower he advised rehanging two old bells in a new frame for six; on account of cost the P.C.C. wished to install an amplifier, but fortunately the faculty for this was refused.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott has been consulted in three instances in Devon and Somerset. In one tower he advised new gear and the rehanging of the bells in the existing frame; in another he advised a new frame and gear; the third concerned the restoration of two turret bells, one of them probably of late 12th century date.

Mr. W. Osborn has given advice on restoration work in 16 towers in Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire. One related to the augmentation of a ring, another to augmentation and rehanging in a new frame, three concerned rehanging bells in new frames, and another the rehanging of bells in an existing frame; in seven towers repairs were advised, and in three others work advised has been satisfactorily completed.

Mr. E. H. Lewis has been consulted on the restoration of bells in two towers, one in Northamptonshire and the other in Warwickshire.

Mr. F. Sharpe dealt with 36 inquiries, some by correspondence, the majority by inspections and reports. In three towers he advised recasting, in 19 rehanging, in 13 repairs, and the remaining case was one in which advice was sought on sound control. The inquiries came from 16 English counties and from two Welsh ones. He has given many lectures to architects and diocesan authorities during the year.

In November last the convener received a letter from the secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, in which, inter alia, she stated that the Standing Committee of her Council felt concern at the extent to which the 'Simpson' tuning of bells was being pressed on parishes, and she felt that to some degree this was being done by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. She was referring in particular to a case in Hertfordshire, and she asked for the official views of our Council. In reply the convener explained the position regarding the bells at Kings Langley, and asked for a list of those towers in which the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was alleged to have pressed for the unnecessary recasting of bells, stating that the contents of our Council's files gave no evidence of it. Copies of the Central Council for the Care of Churches' letter were circulated to all members of the Towers and Belfries Committee, to the bell-founders and to our secretary. Their comments, while not entirely unanimous, showed an overwhelming majority in agreement with our Council's policy, the broad outlines of which were communicated to the secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches. That Council eventually withdrew its opposition to the granting of a faculty for the recasting of the Kings Langley bells.

Moving the report, Mr. E. H. Lewis said that the Committee felt very strongly that good relations with the Central Council for the Care of Churches was essential. Talks should be at summit level between their president and the president of the Council for the Care of Churches, and that harm would be done by approaching at other levels.

Mr. F. E. Collins seconded.

Mr. Crampion said he had been asked by several incumbents in Essex to express thanks for the work done.

The report was adopted.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The report, which was signed by Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Marshall, stated that:—The committee beg to report the following new methods and progressive lengths rung during the year:—

Jan.	16.	5,040 St. Stephen's B.T. Norwich.
„	25.	5,180 Huncoat Alliance B. Maj. Lancashire.
Feb	14.	5,152 Arundel S. Maj. Middlesex.
„	28.	5,024 Exeter S. Maj. Middlesex.
Apr.	20.	5,024 Leominster S. Maj. Bedford.
„	24.	5,024 Immingham S. Maj. Lincoln.
May	2.	5,152 Whitchurch S. Maj. Middlesex.
„	26.	5,056 Hobart S. Maj. Oxford.
„	29.	5,040 Paston Bob Triples. Norwich.
June	6.	5,152 Ruislip S. Maj. Middlesex.
„	15.	5,152 Tythern Del. Leicester.
July	4.	5,120 Richmond S. Maj. Middlesex.
„	24.	5,008 Hedingham Bob Maj. Essex.
Sept.	12.	5,024 Edgware S. Maj. Middlesex.
„	19.	5,024 Harrow S. Maj. Middlesex.
„	28.	5,088 Wellington S. Maj. Guildford.
Oct.	26.	5,016 Roxbourne Little S. Maj. Middlesex.
Nov.	9.	5,024 Coggeshall S. Maj. Essex.
Dec.	12.	5,088 Cricklewood S. Maj. Middlesex.
„	27.	5,056 Haselbeech S. Maj. Peterborough.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS

Sept	21.	14,560 Yorkshire S. Maj. Bedfordshire.
Nov.	16.	18,000 Minor (25 methods). Essex.

HANDBELLS

New Method

July	22.	5,152 Belgrave S. Maj. Lancashire.

Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mrs. Marshall seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. Orland said there was some doubt about the spelling of Haselbeech.

The report was adopted.

Errata.—In the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee (see page 368) the hon. secretary proposed the *election* of Mr. W. N. Park and not his *co-option* to 'The Ringing World' Committee. He was *elected* to the Committee.

BOOK ON MINOR METHODS PROMISED AT EARLY DATE

METHODS COMMITTEE

The report was signed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (convener), Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis, and stated:—The committee has continued its work of producing completely new books on Minor methods and Triples methods and much of the necessary material for these is now to hand. In the autumn the members of the committee were able to meet for two days at Southampton. At this meeting we were able to plan the scope and contents of the books and to divide out the work. This has been going on during the winter months—the composition sections, of course, being the most difficult, since peals are having to be produced for methods never yet rung.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, in moving the report, said they hoped that the Minor book, which was given first priority, would be published before August. They had all the material except for one section on splicing, which was being written, and then there were minor details to do. In republishing the contents they were including the new Double Surprise methods and the Alliance methods, and they had to find names for most of them. There were a certain number unknown and shortly he would be sending a letter to 'The Ringing World' asking for further names and if there was a method under any other name. As a compliment to the six-bell towers of the country the unnamed would be selected from those six-bell towers. The composition section was being revised and they were also going to deal with the question of duplicated names. Members would know that many were known by unusual names.

In the Triples methods they would include all those that would produce a peal. A lot of those methods had not been rung. The Triples book would take a little longer to produce. They hoped that by this time next year the Triples book would be in print.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded.

The President: As librarian, I know there is a crying need for these books.

The report was adopted.

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Visitors from Dronfield and Chesterfield and friends from Handsworth were present at the meeting at Thryburgh on May 31st. Methods rung were Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford, and rounds for beginners. The local band served tea in the Church Hall and an attraction was Children's Hour television.

Mr. F. Brunt presided at the business meeting and asked the District to accept 10s. as Thryburgh's subscription as he had some young ringers whom he thought were too young to be made members of any of the three Societies in the District. The Ringing Master (Mr. Staveley) asked him to leave it for the time being as the committee would discuss the matter. Thanks were conveyed to Mr. Brunt and the local band for the excellent tea and to the Vicar for the use of the bells. The next meeting is at Campsall on June 28th.

Mr. Richard Churchward, of Dean Village, Buckfastleigh, Devon, desires to thank sincerely those members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild who recently rang a quarter peal 90th birthday.

Re page 338, May 23rd, 1958.—Who are these 'Raving Ringers'? They must be 'Odd Fellows.' They have their 'Bases Under Canvas' and no one knows whether they are 'In' or 'Out' of course.

CENTRAL COUNCIL TO PROBE SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

POSITION TO BE ANALYSED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The first motion before the Council was in the name of Mr. N. Chaddock and read:—

'That a committee be appointed to investigate the state of Sunday service ringing to find out the factors making for success and to report back their findings and recommendations so that together with the ringing Associations and Church authorities the Central Council may help to increase and improve Sunday service ringing.'

Mr. Chaddock said the idea of such a committee had been in his mind for a number of years, and recent correspondence had led him to realise that others held the same view and to the proposition to set up a committee of the Central Council.

Was there a problem regarding Sunday service ringing? Was the quantity and quality throughout the land what it could and should be? Was it capable of improvement?

'In my view there is a problem and improvement is possible, and I know many responsible ringers who hold similar views. Unless the Council is satisfied with things as they are it is its duty to take some action.

DEMAND IN YORKSHIRE

'In order that I might put concrete information, rather than just my own personal impressions, before the meeting, I recently sent out a letter and questionnaire on this subject to over 150 towers in my own county (Yorkshire) where I did not know what the position was in regard to Sunday service ringing.

'An analysis of the results proved beyond doubt that there is urgent need for action to be initiated by the Council through Associations, to bring about an improvement. One question I put was whether they thought the Central Council could help, and 75 per cent. said that the Central Council could, and 60 per cent. asked for the provision of instructors.'

He thought this condition was pretty general throughout the country. He sent the result to Archdeacon Ellison, president of the Yorkshire Association, and he wrote that he hoped the resolution would produce help. Since the motion had appeared a number of people had written to him welcoming it. It would seem, therefore, that the setting up of the committee would receive wholehearted agreement, particularly from towers and ringers in need of help.

PANELS OF TUTORS

What sort of thing could such a committee do working through the Societies and Associations? They could ascertain the extent of the problem, collect and circulate information regarding causes, suggest remedies, factors for success and generally act as a clearing house of information between Guilds and Societies. They could investigate the means of finding more leaders and instructors; persuade existing leaders to take on the instruction of an additional tower, possibly remunerated by the local educational authority. They could help to create a panel of tutors or instructors, of assistants, and a waiting list of requests for tutors and guidance.

Representatives should endeavour to convince educational authorities of the social and cultural value of ringing. Some form of course might be run for instructors. Links with schools and other educational bodies might be formed. The committee might advise to secure the co-operation of the rural dean in each area and to stimulate clergy to greater interest, e.g., through theological colleges and Church Assembly representation.

The results might provide useful statistics to show where the black spots were. Endeavours should also be made to get some news about ringing in every Church publication.

The Central Council had a committee on most things except the very reason for their existence. If established, the committee needed to be a vigorous one and its members people who were prepared to do a lot of hard work and who were likely to inspire others in the tremendous task to be undertaken.

ELLACOMBE'S NOTES

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, who seconded the motion in the absence of Mr. Philip Gray, who had to have an eye operation and rest for two months, said he had discussed the problem with Mr. Gray. It occurred to him that they had to be careful to point out what the problem was. It was the usual complaint that service ringing was not what it was. This was not true. Old ringers would say that they remembered when St. John's and St. Mark's bells were rung regularly and now they were silent on Sundays. He would point out that in many parts of England service ringing had been a comparatively recent development. If they looked at the notes on Ellacombe's chimes it was stated that it was to avoid unruly and disorderly men ringing on Sundays that he devised his chiming apparatus.

In certain parts of England service ringing had increased over the 70 years. He felt, however, that the Council did not concern itself with the very reason for its existence. One might ask how far were peals fulfilling the purpose for their ringing. A self-examination might reveal that the Council was failing to encourage service ringing and might by its policy be militating against such conditions. It might be that these findings would be helpful even if they were against themselves.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: All we have to do is to pass it over to the College of Campanology!

ASSOCIATIONS DOING THEIR DUTY

Mr. Fred Dunkerley thought the Associations were doing their duty regarding service ringing. Wherever they went in Ireland and the British Isles they would find that the topic of conversation was this question of Sunday ringing. It could not be said that this central body was not doing anything. That was what they were doing and doing well.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott: I should hate to imply that the Associations were not doing their job, but we feel if the committee could pool the experiences of the Associations and individual members we might be able to help the Associations.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston said he was in full agreement with Mr. Scott when he mentioned the individual. It all came back to the individual. They heard of Evercreech and how its ringing was heard by thousands. It was a small place, remote from a big centre of population and dependent entirely on its own efforts. How was it done? Hard work by those who ring there. He thought every good ringer should make a resolution to give one or two hours a week towards the instruction and improvement of beginners. If that was done the subject would be solved.

EXAMPLE FROM ISLEWORTH

Mrs. Rogers, who expressed herself as being entirely in agreement with the last speaker, said at Isleworth from 1949 to 1953 they had an excellent Surprise ten band. Two couples were married and went away until they were left with five or six people. They felt that something must be done about it. She had previously been asked to talk to various organisations in the Church, and as the result of two talks she gave to the Young Wives they had nine beginners, some boys 11 to 15 and two men. They had now a band of 14; most were beginners and they were now at the stage of Grandsire Triples and plain hunting On practice nights they rang Grandsire and on one evening a week they came to their house and were given instruction on handbells single-handed. 'While I think it would be nice to have a committee I think the personal touch would do very much more,' she concluded.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin said the Essex Association had a lot of sympathy with the motion because they had been thinking on the same lines. They had sent out a letter to all incumbents with bells asking if they wanted help. He felt that Essex was in sympathy with the motion if a body of select people from the Council could look at the problem and report back. It would be useful to correlate the experience of Associations and would let everybody see they were trying to face up to the problem.

Mr. D. Burnett, speaking for the Truro Guild, said a lot was due to the incumbents. One of their rules said the incumbent appointed the ringers. If an incumbent liked bells he would get ringers.

Mr. R. G. Blackman commented that they had already been told by three speakers that the greatest responsibility rested on the local ringers. Surely the idea was to collate the information and issue a report next year to help all those who had not been so fortunate as Isleworth and other places.

IRELAND'S PROBLEM

Mr. F. E. Dukes said Ireland was a very big problem as most of the churches had very few parishioners and in some cases the number of ringers were about 10 per cent. of the Church population. About ten years ago, when the Irish Association was reorganised, there were five towers without teams of ringers. Now there was not one tower without a team of ringers and that was due to the District officers. He was in sympathy with the motion.

Mr. A. A. Hughes quoted the case of St. Lawrence Jewry. When the bells were put in in 1927 they got a band from the choir and they had hung together.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow emphasised that in a live parish the various activities of the church should not consist of a number of individual groups but one big family of the congregation, where each was interested in the activities of the other. That was his conception of church life, and they had to have it in each parish if it was to survive. With such a family spirit, if the bells were silent everybody would want to know why.

Mr. F. E. Perrens also supported the motion.

The motion was then submitted and carried by a very substantial majority, about ten votes being cast against.

Appointed to the committee were Messrs. N. Chaddock, P. Gray, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, F. B. Lufkin and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, with power to co-opt.

(To be continued)

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On June 1st, 1,356 Plain Bob Minor: K. S. Hawthorn 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, A. D. Grant (first in method) 4, M. G. Lane 5, M. J. Palmer 6. Conductor's 25th double-handed quarter peal. Rung for the dedication service of Stanwell Branch British Legion (Women's Section).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RATCLIFFE-ON-WREAKE BELLS RING AGAIN

Dear Sir,—For at least ten years Ratcliffe bells have been silent. In Coronation year the secretary of the Syston District, Leicester Guild, visited the Rector to see if it were possible to get the bells ringing for the Coronation. The Rector refused to allow anyone to even inspect the bells.

Just before Christmas of last year we heard that there was a new priest in charge. Two members of the committee went to see him and were given permission to inspect and if possible get the bells ringing.

We found that apart from rotten ropes and nearly two feet of debris of the usual kind where windows are not covered with netting, there was not very much wrong. A strong-arm gang with shovels was recruited and one bright Saturday afternoon it all went out of the window. An odd experience to be excavating 60 feet up! We dug down to the mouths then found the sliders and rollers, all well preserved. All the repair necessary was one stay and one new slider. All bolts were tightened and bearings greased.

Meanwhile, all over the District efforts were being made to raise money to buy five new ropes.

Eventually all was finished and the bells rang out again—appropriately on Easter Sunday, when five District members rang a quarter peal. Since then we have rung for the induction of the Rector, and then a peal at Whitsun. After the peal the Rector led the band in prayer, and then they were royally entertained by the Vicar's warden.

Now for the real task—the teaching of a local band so that Ratcliffe bells will ring *every* week. —Yours faithfully,

B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics.

Mr. Ernest Morris writes: The bells were rehung by W. Sturmer and Son, of Syston, in 1923, at a cost of £122 4s. 8d., and the first peal rung on them on August 25th of that year, conducted by W. H. Clarke. Only two other peals have been rung—Grandsire, conducted by Arthur Mansfield (Syston), and Stedman by E. Morris.

PIDDINGTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—The first peal on the ring of five at Piddington, Oxon, was rung on May 24th. Prior to 1887 there were three bells hung on a mediæval frame for four. In 1887 Messrs. F. White and Sons, of Appleton, made additions to the frame and hung two new trebles and recast the original treble. These three bells were cast by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol.

The fourth was cast in 1738 and the tenor in 1729 by Edward Hemins, of Bicester. The tone of the tenor is unique in that its harmonic is a minor sixth above the strike note. — Yours sincerely,

CYRIL H. KINCH.

Bicester.

PEALS AT CRANLEIGH

Dear Sir,—With reference to your note in Belfry Gossip regarding the recent performance of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Cranleigh, which it is believed is the first to be rung there in 35 years:

I find that I took part on September 17th, 1927, in a peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major, of course, well within the period mentioned.

There are now but three survivors of the band who on that day, I think, rang the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Messrs. A. J. Bartlett, F. Bennett, R. Dawe, S. Radford and O. Sippetts have all passed to their rest.—Yours, etc.,

A. C. HAZELDEN.

Guildford.

FALSE COURSE ENDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. Chant, in his article on the Extraction of False Course Ends (sorry, Heads), introduces one or two time-saving devices. To save even more time a knowledge of complementary F.C.H.'s is useful, these being the F.C.H.'s which occur when the tenors are reversed in position (II in Mr. Chant's procedure). For reference I have tabulated the complementary F.C.H.'s opposite each other, and also divided the course ends into groups, such that if one of a group occurs so will all the others. This should be a useful check to anyone extracting the F.C.H.'s of a method.

As a matter of interest, I think it will be obvious from this table that the complement of the reciprocal F.C.H. is the same as the reciprocal of the complementary F.C.H.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS.

Orpington, Kent.

1.	24365	14.	56234 – 62534
2.	32546 – 46253		45623 – 35642
3.	53624 – 65432	15.	64235 – 52364
4.	32465 – 43265		45362 – 34625
5.	45236 – 32654	16.	23645 – 25463
6.	63542 – 56423		23564 – 26435
7.	26543	17.	53246 – 62453
	36245 – 42563		43526 – 36452
8.	25634		24653 – 25346
9.	34562 – 46325		26354 – 24536
	62345 – 54263		42356 – 34256
10.	65243 – 52643	18.	52436 – 63254
	46532 – 36524		35426 – 43652
11.	54326 – 64352		35264 – 42635
	56342 – 64523		
12.	54632 – 65324		
13.	63425 – 53462		

SIGNATURES

Dear Sir,—On Whit Monday this year the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers held their annual meeting and festival in Hereford. With other rings in the district our bells at Burghill were available for ringing at intervals during the day. Our visitors book shows that 54 unsolicited signatures were entered during the day. This figure is not claimed to be even approaching a record, but it would be interesting to hear whether any other country parish church belfry possessing a visitors book can claim to substantially beat this figure on any one day in any year.—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Hereford.

The Ringing Master

SOLEMN THOUGHTS ON BEING RE-ELECTED

With def'rence to ringers and respect for the Clergy,
He Doubles up steps with his restless energy.
In Minimus time the bells peal in the steeple,
To start with the 'lesser lights'—those Minor people.
He ignores not the learners, round ringers and such,
Like the Spliced Surprise ringers they all have their 'touch.'
The Major problems which cause others a spasm.
Just Triples his enormous enthusiasm.
In real Royal manner (this point do not miss),
He Cinques all his personal prejudices.
In Maximus ringing time (brief 'rise' and 'fall'),
With touching devotion he Caters for all.

H. CHANT.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. H. Hardy 1, F. G. Wheller 2, R. Beard 3, F. Gorringe 4, B. Aldridge 5, P. G. Braund (cond.) 6. For Ascensiontide and in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss S. Marlow.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District Formed

A general meeting of the Guild was held at Mansfield on May 31st, which was regarded as the first of the quarterly meetings resolved upon at the last general meeting. The fine bells of St. Peter's Church were available for ringing from 2.30 p.m.

At the business meeting, Mr. F. W. Midwinter took the chair, and altogether 39 members were present. The proposal to form a separate Mansfield District was the main item on the agenda and the chairman skilfully put forward the case for the Guild. He called upon Mr. B. A. Sollis for his views and he declared himself in favour of the idea and promised the goodwill of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association. Mr. Fossey, of Mansfield, Mr. Brown, of Mansfield Woodhouse, Mr. H. T. Rooke, of Warsop, Mrs. Woodhead, of Edwinstowe, and Mr. J. W. Raithby and Mr. W. L. Exton, of Newark, all spoke in favour of the idea.

Mr. F. A. Salter, of Nottingham, supported the proposition but deplored the proposed loss of Greasley and Eastwood to the new District.

Mr. B. N. Buswell, of Daybrook, did not feel the same sentiment as Mr. Salter for these towers and thought that the Nottingham District already had more than enough towers.

On a formal proposition being put to the meeting by Mr. B. N. Buswell, seconded by Mr. George Challans, and carried unanimously, it was resolved to proceed with the formation of a separate Mansfield District.

The following towers within the Diocese were tentatively agreed as being within the area covered by the Mansfield District, namely, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Cuckney, Warsop, Edwinstowe, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Selston, Hucknall, Eastwood, Greasley, Farnsfield and Teversall.

The following officers were elected for the new District: Chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey; hon. secretary, Mr. Douglas Rooke; committee, Mr. A. J. Brown and Mrs. Woodhead. The first meeting was fixed for July 26th at Edwinstowe, when it is hoped that Guild members generally will attend and encourage the new District.

The next Guild quarterly meeting was fixed for September 6th next at Attenborough.

J. W. R.

JOINT SECRETARIES OF ROVING RINGERS MARRIED

Many ringing friends were present at St. Mary's, Beddington, on May 17th to witness the wedding of Mr. Michael Chilcott and Miss Kathleen Weller, the joint secretaries of the Society of Roving Ringers.

The bride, wearing a dress of off-white heavy brocade, was escorted by her father, Mr. H. Weller, and the Misses Sylvia Napier and Mary Kidney acted as bridesmaids.

The reception was at The Grange, Wallington, where telegrams of congratulation were read by the best man, Mr. David E. Parsons, including greetings from members of the Roving Ringers and the Ancient Society of College Youths. Wedding gifts were received from the Beddington band, the Surrey Association and the Society of Roving Ringers.

Beddington bells were rung before and after the service by the local band and other Surrey Association friends, and as the couple left for their honeymoon the bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, were sounding a peal of Stedman Cinques, rung by College Youths to honour jointly this event and the wedding of the Society's Master which took place the same day.

A quarter peal of Cambridge Minor was rung by West Country R.R.'s at Nailsea, and on the following Saturday a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Beddington to mark the happy occasion.

NOTICES

New Scale of Charges

Meetings: 3/6 (minimum) for 30 words, afterwards 1½d. a word. Each additional insertion half charge.

Other Notices: 4/- (minimum) for 36 words, afterwards 1½d. a word.

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BIRTH

PIPE.—On May 26th, 1958, at Brighton Hospital, Victoria, Australia, to Diana (nee Matthew) and George Pipe, the precious gift of a daughter, Sarah Margaret, grand-daughter for Cecil and Sylvia R. E. Pipe. 2525

ENGAGEMENTS

DOWNS—GRAINGER.—The engagement is announced between Maurice Edward, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Downs, of East Malling, near Maidstone, Kent, and Angela, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Grainger, of Woburn, Beds. 2483

POYNER—PAYNE.—The engagement is announced between Harry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Poyner, of Leicester, and Mary Catherine, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Payne, of Syston, Leics. 2506

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

JONES—GRAY.—The marriage of Reginald Jones and Joan Gray will take place on June 28th at 2.30 o'clock at St. George's Church, Damerham. All friends welcome at the church. 2489

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston (secretary of Saxmundham District, Suffolk Guild), is now 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston, Suffolk. Telephone: Leiston 284. 2504

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chilcott is now 4, Princethorpe Road, Sydenham, S.E.26. 2520

The address of Mr. and Mrs. G. Francis is now Flat 5, Mayes Park, Warnham, Horsham, Sussex. 2484

SITUATIONS VACANT

SECRETARY.—The Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance has a vacancy for a secretary. Good shorthand and typing speeds essential together with a thorough knowledge of office routine for work of considerable variety. A commencing salary of £450 per annum will be paid to a girl with the right qualifications. Oxford being a good centre for ringing, this post might prove attractive to a lady ringer. Please apply in writing to Mr. A. R. Pink, Secretary to the Board, 88, St. Aldate's, Oxford. 2479

PERSONAL

MARRIAGE THRO' SOCIAL INTRODUCTIONS.—The only social service of its kind enjoying the warm approval of both Clergy and Press. It is completely confidential and operates throughout Great Britain. Interesting free brochure under plain sealed cover from The Bournemouth Bureau, 176, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. 1886

MISCELLANEOUS

CIRENCESTER.—Will visitors please note: Parish Church—First Sunday, ringing 8.45 a.m.; other Sundays, 5.30 p.m. Watermoor—First Sunday, 5.15 p.m.; other Sundays, 9.15 a.m. 2486

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING. — Members taking part please note. Coach will pick up at Staverton 7.5, Byfield 7.20, Charwelton 7.25, Badby (main road) 7.30, Newnham 7.35, Bugbrooke 7.50, Lower Heyford 7.55, Weedon (main road) 8.5, Daventry 8.15.—F. W. Hancock. 2512

CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY. — Will borrowers please return their books forthwith or, if they still require them, notify Mr. F. W. Perrens, hon. librarian, 68, Warwick Avenue, Coventry.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne, June 14th, 3 p.m. 2466

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Lindfield, June 14th. Names for tea to A. Drew, Church House, Lindfield, Haywards Heath.—C. A. Bassett. 2463

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington (8) on Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2464

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. 2414

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival.—Saturday, June 14th, Service at Hersham, 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Bishop of Guildford. Tea (nearby) 5.15 p.m. Towers open: Horsell (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; Chobham (8), 10.15 to 11.15; Ottershaw (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Chertsey (8), 11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.; Weybridge (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Oatlands Park (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Hersham (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Walton (8), 6.15 to 8; Esher (8), 7 to 9; Thames Ditton (6), 7 to 8.15; East Molesey (8), 7.45 to 8.45 p.m. 2416

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, June 14th. Refreshments provided. Buses from Preston 2 p.m. and 2.50 p.m., also from Liverpool, Southport and Oswaldtwistle. — L. Walmsley 2497

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W.1, Saturday, June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, business to follow.—C. E. Slade, 15, Kenton Road, Harrow. 2446

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Aston Abbotts on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business.—E. F. Gibbard. 2518

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Evening meeting, Farnsfield, June 14th. Bells (5) 6 p.m. Garden party at Vicarage in afternoon. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2472

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, June 14th, at Harting (6) 3 p.m. Tea at Rogate 4.45. Bells (6) available after. 2477

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Chew Magna (8) on Saturday, June 21st, at 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2497

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Aspley Guise, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. No service. Tea at garden party. The vicar requests some handbell ringing.—K. G. Spavins. 2487

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by June 18th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2522

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bidston, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea *free* for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2527

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Bedworth, Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Names, please.—D. A. Carpenter, 78, Earlsdon Avenue South, Coventry. 2524

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 21st, Hexham Abbey, 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 2496

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 21st, at Shirland. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. Mason, 1, Birkinstyle Lane, Shirland, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 2510

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay (6) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2519

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2523

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Saturday, June 21st, Olveston (8), quarterly meeting. Usual arrangements. All visitors and members welcomed. Numbers for tea before June 15th to F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 2501

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Lechlade, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by June 18th essential.—R. Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 2488

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting to be held at Duffield (10) on June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea by Wednesday, June 18th, to Mr. Foulk, 1, King Street, Duffield. Everyone welcome. 2499

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Whitefield, Saturday, June 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—J. Porter. 2491

LAVENHAM.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. All welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 2514

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District. — Meeting, Ulceby (6) on June 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by June 17th, to Mr. Walker, Front Street, Ulceby, Lincs. 2452

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL Open Day, June 21st. Ringing 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. St. Nicholas' 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. — J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 2481

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Sunbury, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Short business meeting. Further ringing in evening. See next week's 'Ringing World' for further details.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2511

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Notify for tea by June 17th Mr. Wisewell, Beech-Hurst, Victoria Road, Wargrave, Berks.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 2485

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Weldon (6) on Saturday, June 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please, to Mr. F. Ginns, Woodbine Cottage, Corby Road, Weldon.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec. 2490

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 21st, Great Bedwyn and Savernake, afternoon and evening respectively. For tea, names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 2515

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Lytchett Minster, Saturday, June 21st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by June 18th J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 2521

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2494

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 21st. Service at St. Michael's 3.45. Tea 4.30 in St. Michael's Church Room. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 2458

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh (8) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food—tea provided.—B. Crossman. 2507

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at North Wheatley (6) on Saturday, June 21st. Names for tea by 17th to Mr. J. Wright, Eastfield, North Wheatley, Retford.—H. Denman. 2508

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly district meeting will be held on June 21st. Thames Ditton bells 3 to 4. Service at Kingston 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Miss M. Lewis, 28, Ewell Road, Surbiton, by Wednesday previous, please. Kingston bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 2474

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, June 21st Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 18th, to Miss C. M. Jupp, 14, Martyns Close, Henfield. —Geo. North, Sec. 2447

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at Eling, June 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea in Church Hall 4.45. Names for tea, by June 18th, to J. Hartless, 17, Testwood Crescent, Salisbury Road, Totton. 2459

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Baughurst on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 17th to L. West, Church Green, Baughurst, near Basingstoke. — J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 2509

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 21st, at Lindley. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Thursday, June 19th, to Mr. A. W. Bond, 49/51, Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield. No. 71 trolleybus from Huddersfield.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2454

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Sunday, June 22nd, will be observed as Ringers' Sunday. There will be a Corporate Communion at 8 a.m. At Evensong special prayers will be said and the lessons will be read by members of the local Society. Visitors are cordially invited. Ringing times: 7.40 a.m., 10 to 10.50 a.m., 5.15 to 6.20 p.m. and after Evensong. 2493

DEVON GUILD.—Mid and South West Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 28th, at Dean Prior, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Buckfastleigh bells available 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 2503

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Prize contest and annual meeting, Thornhill, Saturday, June 28th. Entrance fee (10s.) by June 14th to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Manchester. For teas notify by June 21st D. Scargill, Shir-Lea, Chapel Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand. 2406

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brabourne, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. G. K. Finn, Holly Cottage, Brabourne. Bells at Stowting (6) available after tea.—C. T. H. 2516

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ruskington (6), Saturday, June 28th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 2526

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of address and reply to J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Rosemary, Freeland, Oxford. 2421

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Summer meeting and social, Saturday, June 28th. Bells available: Wootton, 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Roade, 2.30 to 4; Courteenhall, 3.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 7.30; Collingtree, 6.30 to 7.30. Service, Courteenhall, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names essential for tea by Saturday, June 21st, please, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. Social evening at Collingtree 7.30 to 11.30 p.m. Tickets available (2s.) from A. C. Cozens, 6, Grafton Road, Roade, Northampton, or from secretary. Refreshments available. 2482

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (established 1623).—The 335th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 4 p.m. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea arranged for those notifying me by Thursday, June 26th. This being carnival day, catering may be difficult, so a postcard is essential to L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 2513

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Brecon, Saturday, June 28th. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per person) in Parish Hall 5.15. General meeting to follow. The chair will be taken by the Lord Bishop. Ringing arrangements: Usk (8), 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Ebbw Vale (8) 2 to 2.45 p.m.; Brecon St. Mary's (8) 2.30 to 3.30 and 6.30 to 8.15 p.m., also St. David's, Brecon (6), 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2408

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Upper Arley (Arley-on-Severn), near Bewdley, Saturday, June 28th. 'Bus from Bell Hotel, Stourbridge, 2.30 p.m. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Please give this meeting fullest support—a good time is assured.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Old Farm, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2517

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Selby, Saturday, June 28th. Abbey bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Hawdon Institute 5 p.m. Names, please, by June 26th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Subscriptions due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2500

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch (6) on Saturday, July 5th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Special method, Cambridge S.M. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2492

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, July 5th. Bells available: St. Stephen's (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's (6), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 2 to 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. All three towers will be open after the meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 1st, please to Mr. B. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. No name, no tea. 2505

QUARTER PEALS

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean M. Jones 1, Margaret Ward (first 'inside') 2, Brenda M. Foster 3, Susan P. Nicholson 4, Mary R. Andrews (cond.) 5, J. L. Morris 6. For Evensong. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Judith R. Cox 1, Mary R. Andrews 2, Brenda M. Foster 3, Jean M. Jones (first 'inside') 4, Beverley A. Thompson 5, Susan P. Nicholson 6, J. L. Morris 7, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mark's Church, on May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Wylde 1, Pauline Sprackling 2, M. E. Downs 3, P. J. Bird 4, M. T. Sprackling (first in method as cond.) 5, A. J. Smith 6. Rung for the University Founders' Day celebration.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,309 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Monica Blagrove 1, K. Buckingham 2, A. Bird 3, J. Brooks 4, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 5, A. J. Painter 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. G. Welsh, wife of Mr. G. Welsh, Rector's warden.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, L. S. Woods 2, S. Penfold 3, A. Gargrave (first in method) 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances Johnson (first peal of Minor) 1, Maud Clarke 2, Hilary Johnson 3, S. Webb 4, H. Johnson 5, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6, B. Lewis tenor. Rung to mark the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson, parents of the ringers of 1, 3 and 5.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles (Morris's 240 and 10 different 120s): Mary Meynell 1, Violet I. Relf 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, W. P. Tickner 4, W. Prior 5, J. F. Burden (first quarter) 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Miss H. Pugh 1, G. Oliver 2, N. Carter 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6. First in three methods for 1, 2 and 4.

LANCASTER.—On May 18th, at St. Peter's R. C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): R. Crook 1, J. Woods 2, R. Warden 3, R. Rainford 4, H. Rainford (cond.) 5, J. Pye 6. Rung to celebrate the opening of the new Church of St. Bernardette, Lancaster, this day.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On June 1st, at St. Alfege's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Rooke 1, M. Hawkes 2, V. Sheppard (first in method) 3, T. Culver 4, R. Sheppard (first as cond.) 5, R. Johnson 6. Te Deum Laudanus.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On June 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Roberts 1, R. H. Tyler 2, B. Madeley 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, F. Price 8. Rung for the christening of Paul Hazeldine, son of the 4th ringer; also the conductor's wife's birthday.

READING, BERKS.—On April 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Cottrell 1, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 2, G. Holloway (first 'inside') 3, A. Diserens 4, Mrs. P. Lewington 5, W. Newton 6. N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, B. C. Stirland 8. Also on May 18th, at St. Laurence's Church, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, Mrs. W. Allaway 3, R. W. Rex 4, J. N. Diserens 5, B. C. Stirland 6, C. E. Lewington 7, F. W. Lewis 8, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 9, N. J. Diserens 10. Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael V. Chilcott and Kathleen Weller.

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 2528

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 21st, at Tewin. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Rose and Crown, 2s. 6d. per head.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2529

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

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Oxford T.B. Major.—5,120 at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on December 27th, 1718, by the Union Scholars.

Oxford T.B. Royal.—5,200 at St. Sepulchre's, London, on April 7th, 1741, by the Eastern Scholars.

Oxford T.B. Maximus.—5,040 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 12th, 1758, by the College Youths. Oxford T.B. was often rung under the title Union Bob or Union Treble Bob.

Kent Treble Bob.—This method was regarded as a variation of Oxford Treble Bob, and no doubt many early peals of Kent were recorded as Oxford. In the 'R.W.', August 27th, 1943, J. A. Trollope gives a good argument that the peals of Cumberland Treble Bob were actually of Kent Treble Bob.

Kent Treble Bob Major.—5,088 at Leeds, Kent, on June 5th, 1774, by the Leeds Youths.

Kent Treble Bob Royal.—5,760 at Leeds, Kent, on May 15th, 1784, by the Leeds Youths.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus.—7,200 at Birmingham on April 17th, 1820, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Cumberland T.B. Major.—5,504 at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on May 4th, 1795, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland T.B. Royal.—5,200 at Shoreditch on December 13th, 1794, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland T.B. Maximus.—5,232 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 9th, 1795, by the Cumberland Youths.

Stedman Triples.—Peals were rung at St. Peter Mancroft on October 25th, 1731, and at St. Michael Coslany on December 6th, 1731, by local bands of the Norwich Scholars.

Stedman Caters.—5,076 at St. John's, Horsleydown, Southwark, on May 28th, 1787, by the College Youths.

Stedman Cinques.—6,204 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on October 6th, 1788, by the College Youths.

Double London Court Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, on May 17th, 1735, by the College Youths. It is probable that the early peals of Court Bob in London and Kent were actually Double London Court.

Double London Court Bob Royal.—6,720 at Leeds, Kent, on January 25th, 1765, by the Leeds Youths.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Michael's Coslany, on March 9th, 1741, by the Norwich Scholars. Presumably the peals of Court Bob at Norwich were all actually of Double Norwich Court.

Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Peter Mancroft on April 7th, 1769, by the Norwich Scholars.

Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus.—5,016 at St. Peter Mancroft on January 20th, 1817, by the Norwich Scholars.

Having covered the standard methods—Plain, Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman and Court—we can now deal with the other methods rung to peals in the 18th century.

College Single Triples.—5,040 at St. Olave's, Southwark, on March 23rd, 1728, by the College Youths.

Fulham Triples.—5.040 at Fulham in 1748 by the Fulham Youths.

Middlesex Triples.—5.040 at Twickenham on January 21st, 1733, by the Twickenham Scholars.

New Bob Triples.—5,040 at Shoreditch on March 28th, 1750, by the Cumberland Youths.

Richmond Triples.—5,040 at Richmond, Surrey, on March 10th, 1742, by the Richmond Society.

Royal Triples.—5,040 at Dover on November 11th, 1750, and at Twickenham in 1751.

St. Dunstan's Triples.—5,040 at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, on January 27th, 1728, by the College Youths.

St. Simon's College Bob Triples.—5,040 at St. Bride's on April 12th, 1732, by the College Youths.

Union Triples.—5,040 at St. Lawrence Jewry on February 17th, 1728, by the College Youths.

Hick Triples.—Rung at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on September 9th, 1718; is the same as Grandsire Triples.

Hank Triples.—Rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on February 26th, 1738; is the same as Grandsire Triples.

London Union Triples.—Rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on December 28th, 1782; is presumably the same as Union Triples.

The following Triples methods, rung by the All Saints' Youths of Wakefield, are not known, the figures presumably being lost. They may, however, be only variations of Plain Bob or Grandsire Triples.

Wakefield Pleasure Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on February 15th, 1756.

Vauxhall Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on September 23rd, 1761.

Merry Wakefield Delight Triples.—5.040 at Wakefield on December 25th, 1762.

Wakefield Royal Bob Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 14th, 1763.

Wakefield Evening Delight Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 14th, 1764.

Barnsley Evening Pleasure Triples.—5,040 at Barnsley on February 23rd, 1773.

Wakefield Delight Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 21st, 1788.

Wakefield Surprise Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 21st, 1788.

New Bob Caters.—5,040 at Shoreditch on January 21st, 1770, by the Cumberland Youths. Morris gives this as Grandsire New Double Caters.

Union Caters.—6,410 at Shoreditch on December 26th, 1786, by the Cumberland Youths. Morris does not give this.

Cumberland Real Double Caters.—5,165 at St. Magnus', London, on December 10th, 1720, by the Cumberland Youths, and is Real Double Grandsire Caters.

Real Double Bob Cinques.—5,236 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on February 26th, 1776, by the Cumberland Youths, and is Real Double Grandsire Cinques.

(To be continued)

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

The meeting of the Kent Branch on May 24th was attended by some 21 members and friends. On this sunny Whit Saturday afternoon the really beautiful old Church of St. Leonard provided a delightful setting for the very enjoyable service conducted by the Vicar.

The eight bells were rung all the afternoon, but as several of those present had to begin long journeys home shortly after the business meeting, the ringing during the evening consisted of Grandsire on handbells in the churchyard and Stedman Doubles, Kent Minor and Grandsire Triples in the tower.

As the next meeting in Kent will be the annual general at Canterbury on July 5th, the next Branch meeting was arranged for September 27th, and Frindsbury was suggested.

S. M. D.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: D. H. Rooke 1, H. Prout 2, G. Challans 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, J. T. Rooke 6. For Ascension Day Evensong. Also on May 18th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob: Miss N. Wilcox 1, H. Prout 2, R. Lucas 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Successful Festival Held At Fowey

On May 17th the spring festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch was held at Fowey Parish Church, and was attended by about 90 ringers and friends from St. Mewan, St. Gorran, St. Stephen, St. Dennis, St. Ewe, Tywardreath, Newlyn East, Kea, and Truro Cathedral.

Guild officers present were vice-presidents Mr. W. H. Southeard, Canon F. F. Gilbert and Mr. H. J. Clark, also Mr. W. Moss, secretary of the Launceston Branch.

In the afternoon all the ringers rang at intervals before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Fowey (Rev. G. W. I. Coe). The Vicar preached a very appropriate sermon and welcomed the ringers to Fowey. Attending the service were the Mayor and Mayoress of Fowey. Tea was provided by the Mothers' Union and wives of the Fowey bell-ringers.

The B.B.C. recording car from Plymouth took some recordings of the bells and also interviewed the Vicar, the secretary, also Mr. H. Lander, of St. Stephen, and 15-year-old Michael Joslin, of St. Mewan.

Later in the evening all the bands of ringers took part in the test ringing, and several certificates were awarded. The judges were Mr. A. Locke, of St. Kea, and Mr. J. Keatte, of St. Merryn.

The festival concluded with a gathering in the hall, where refreshments were served, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, and the ladies for putting on such a splendid tea. The organiser was the Branch secretary (Mr. D. Burnett), assisted by Mr. H. Lander, of St. Stephen-in-Brannel.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District Meeting

A most enjoyable meeting of the Newark District was held at All Saints' Church, Winthorpe, on Saturday, May 17th. Although the attendance was rather small during the afternoon, it approached 40 after tea, and ringing ranged from rounds to a variety of Surprise Minor methods.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. F. Houghton, who also kindly took the chair at the business meeting. One new member, Mr. J. Hadley, of Sutton-on-Trent, was elected, and East Bridgford was confirmed as the place for the July meeting.

It was agreed to hold an experimental evening meeting at Farnsfield on June 14th, ringing to commence at 6 p.m. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 9s. 4d.

Many thanks are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers and their wives, who so kindly arranged and served an excellent tea.

W. L. E.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The annual meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Kelsale. The attendance was low, but the bells were kept ringing until almost 9 p.m. Methods rung included Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, and various rounds.

At the business meeting the hon. secretary and Ringing Master were re-elected. Mr. Leonard Minns, of Pulham Market, Norfolk, was elected a non-resident life member.

Next meeting: Peasenhall and Yoxford on July 12th.

5,120 Highgate Surprise Major

By MAURICE HODGSON

23456	M	B	W	H	
52436			—		
56234	2			—	A
43265	—		—	—	
64235			—		
65432	2			—	B
34256	—		—		
24365					A
42356					B
54326			—		
56423		X	—	—	
32465	—		—	—	
23456					B

Rung at Willesden, February 13th, 1958, conducted by J. R. Mayne.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Terry 1, Miss K. M. Walsh 2, C. Eades 3, B. E. Jemmett 4, B. J. Luck 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, N. Tumber 8. In memoriam Tom Easton Eades, for 48 years a faithful ringer at this church.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On May 19th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): M. Gartside 1, Lavina Hulford 2, N. Moxon 3, Eleanor Rose 4, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6, Katharine Burchnall 7, W. Rushby 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. A. Midwinter, whose funeral took place this day. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Katharine Burchnall 1, Lavina Hulford 2, D. Hough (first 'inside') 3, Eleanor Rose 4, B. Hough 5, M. Gartside (first as cond.) 6, R. Mumford 7, W. Rushby 8.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON SUNDAY RINGING

THE most practical thing that emerged from the Dublin Council meeting was the establishment of a committee drawn from Yorkshire, Bristol, Devon, Essex and Norfolk to investigate the state of Sunday service ringing, a subject which Mr. Fred Dunkerley aptly remarked was a topic among ringers in all parts of the British Isles. How the committee is to function remains to be seen, but an indication as to the work of a preliminary survey has already been undertaken by the Yorkshire Association by a questionnaire to over 150 towers in that county and by the Essex Association by a letter to all incumbents with bells, asking if they wanted help.

The normal and proper channel for such a survey is through the affiliated territorial Guilds and Associations. And these in due turn will carry the investigation through their respective districts. It is in the districts that an accurate understanding prevails as to the respective strength of each tower, its capabilities and the degree with which it is fulfilling its obligation by Sunday service ringing. These conditions change from year to year. The writer knows of a flourishing tower that is losing four experienced ringers in the space of one month, thus reducing a company with a good standard of ringing to mediocre until the six probationers are fit to qualify for membership. Such circumstances are not uncommon, and the survey to give any useful guide needs in consequence to be constantly under review.

The motion, that was carried by a substantial majority, went further than a mere survey; it wanted to know how the Central Council and others may help to increase and improve Sunday service ringing. The ideal is an enthusiast, who is a capable instructor, and has a happy relationship with the incumbent in charge of the tower. Where such circumstances prevail and the ringers are part and parcel of the big family of the church in the parish—a point made by the Rev. A. G. C. Thurlow—there is no question that ringing will flourish and a high standard of Sunday service ringing prevail. The onus is very much on the individual, and when one looks around the country at the flourishing towers, this is invariably the key to success. It is not only in training but moral leadership that instils not only a pride in good performance but a strong sense of duty and obligation to the church that results in having a company that will ring all the bells for each service.

Unfortunately leadership of such a high character is not general. There are, however, in most districts a number of key towers where Sunday service ringing is faithfully performed; the standard as regards methods might not be high—and here we would emphasise that for Sunday service ringing it is not the method but the general quality of striking that is essential. Sunday ringing should if possible be all-embracing. The probationer, as soon as he or she can ring rounds reasonably well should have a part—even a few minutes of rounds—to gain that sense of obligation and responsibility in the act of worship through ringing. This sense of duty to the church must be inculcated in all that take up ringing.

We hold strongly to the view that each individual ringer should be definitely attached to a particular church. Because of work and often home circumstances, a 100 per cent. attendance is not always possible, nevertheless each ringer should look upon one or two towers in the cases of those working away or at college as their home towers. We commend the view of Mr. W. B. Kynaston, that every good ringer should make a resolution to give one or two hours a week towards the instruction and improvement of beginners. Every ringer who enjoys his peals should be prepared to make his contribution. We rejoice to see ringers who are masters in a wide field of Surprise and Spliced ringing taking their place in a peal of one of the four standard methods to help and encourage others in the art. This is the basis of all true ringing and real progress, as a beginner's best start is when ringing with a band of wide experience.

The biggest problem of all is tackling the silent tower where there are only one or two ringers and no ringing on Sundays. The answer can only be found by the district providing an instructor if the incumbent can find the young people. Preliminary work is in the nature of a talk on bells and ringing generally presented in an attractive way so as to whet the inquisitiveness of human nature. If the lecturer has got his audience with him then should follow a practical demonstration in the belfry by a team of ringers. A class is thus formed, and with a patient and understanding instructor eventually the bells will be rung regularly again.

We implore district officers to co-operate to the full in collecting the necessary data for the survey. Some might regard what is proposed as unnecessary, but this we say with confidence: Sunday ringing can be improved enormously, and the method of success is in each individual ringer making his or her own personal contribution. Talk about the subject at your meetings, but don't merely talk—be prepared to help.

18 PEALS RUNG DURING CENTRAL COUNCIL'S IRISH VISIT

ALL PEALS FOR THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D.

*LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 250th peal of Surprise Major. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

RONALD D. SHORT	*Treble*	ERNEST ORLAND	5
DAWN ELSAN	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
DIANA PERRINS	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	7
DESMOND PAINTER	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

DUBLIN.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST.
A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	HAROLD W. ROGERS	6
WILFRID G. WILSON	2	THOMAS G. MYERS	7
MRS. OLIVE ROGERS	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	8
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

DUBLIN.
On Sun. and Mon., May 25 and 26, 1958, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	1—2	WILFRID G. WILSON	5—6
MARGARET E. BEAMISH	3—4	ANTHONY R. MANN	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.
Umpires: Members of the Central Council who were kept awake!
First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.
On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS G. MYERS	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
HARRY H. POYNER	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH.
On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	BRIAN D. THRLFALL	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

KILKENNY, CO. KILKENNY.
On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CANICE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 20 cwt.

KENNETH E. BALLINGTON	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
PAUL L. TAYLOR	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	7
BARNABAS G. KEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

DUBLIN.
On Tues., May 27, 1958, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*DIANA PERRINS	1—2	ANTHONY R. MANN	3—4
DESMOND PAINTER	5—6		

Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.
* First handbell peal.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.
On Wed., May 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

MARY C. PAYNE	*Treble*	THOMAS G. MYERS	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	HARRY POYNER	6
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
ARTHUR G. ROWLEY	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

FREDERICK E. DUKES	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
ELIZABETH YARDLEY	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
BARNABAS G. KEY	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

DUBLIN.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 45 cwt. 46 lb. in C.

*ALAN J. CLARKE	*Treble*	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	FRED E. DUKES	8
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	9
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW	4	TOM G. MYERS	10
*RONALD D. SHORT	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
JOHN G. GIPSON	6	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on 12 bells. First of Plain Bob Maximus in Ireland.

SOUTHERN IRELAND TOUR

WATERFORD, CO. WATERFORD.
On Wed., May 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

RONALD D. SHORT	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	5
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.
Miss Snowden is the first lady to ring the tenor to a peal in Ireland.

CORK, CO. CORK.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. FINBARRE.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 27 cwt. 20 lb. in C.

RONALD D. SHORT	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
MARGARET E. BEAMISH	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal on the bells.

LIMERICK, CO. LIMERICK.
On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE MONASTERY OF MOUNT ST. ALPHONSUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

ALAN J. CLARKE	*Treble*	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	6
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	7
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	8
GLADYS E. BARKER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES MOTTS. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung on the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Cathedral.

NORTHERN IRELAND TOUR

ENNISKILLEN, CO. FERMANAGH.
On Wed., May 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Macartan,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

Ralph G. Edwards	*Treble*	Geoffrey Pearson	6
*Kathleen M. Yeo	2	†‡John R. Cooper	7
Thomas E. Sone	3	Norman V. Harding	8
Arthur G. Mason	4	‡Thomas Cullingworth	9
Wilfred L. Robinson	5	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ 100th peal together. First of Plain Bob Royal in Northern Ireland. The 400th different tenor which the conductor has 'turned in' to a peal.

LONDONDERRY, CO. DERRY.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Columb,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in D.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	A. Patrick Cannon	6
Arthur G. Mason	2	Wilfred L. Robinson	7
Geoffrey Pearson	3	Norman V. Harding	8
*John R. Cooper	4	†Thomas Cullingworth	9
†Thomas E. Sone	5	‡Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal of Kent Royal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 500th peal. First of Kent Royal in Northern Ireland.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM.
On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*Freda G. Greaves	*Treble*	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Kathleen M. Yeo	2	Norman V. Harding	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
John R. Cooper	4	A Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. First of Double Norwich Court Bob on the bells.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Malachi,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Kathleen M. Yeo	*Treble*	John R. Cooper	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
Geoffrey Pearson	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Leonard Stilwell	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*Frederick G. Hooper	*Treble*	Geoffrey Paul	7
Diana J. Perrins	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	8
Jack L. Millhouse	3	*William L. Exton	9
Charles McGuiness	4	*James W. Raithby	10
Joan Beresford	5	Edmund Malin	11
Charles E. Brown	6	Peter Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal on 12 bells.
A compliment to Harry Poyner and Mary C. Payne upon their engagement.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

*Frederick G. Handley	*Treble*	*Francis Brotherton	7
Christopher Wallater	2	George W. Hughes	8
William Davies	3	*P. George Golder	9
*Stanley Prestidge	4	Edward V. Rodenhurst	10
*Albert D. Collins	5	Barnabas G. Key	11
F. Hector Bennett	6	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	*Treble*	†Martyn Hawkes	6
A. St. John Boyack	2	‡Dennis A. Hewitt	7
John M. Jelley	3	§H. Michael Williamson	8
*Patricia Doorn	4	‡Frederick P. Mead	9
*Gerald Penney	5	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Plain Bob. § First of Plain Bob Royal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
(Yorkshire Association.)
On Wed., June 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Philip Walker	*Treble*	Susan Chaddock	6
*Ian Tilling	2	*George S. Lee	7
Elizabeth A. Wardill	3	Fred Fisher	8
Margaret Mills	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Mrs. N. Chaddock	5	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Harold N. Pitstow	*Treble*	Hugh Neill	6
Susan Jackson	2	T. Reginald Dennis	7
F. Brian Cookson	3	A. Robin Heppenstall	8
Richard J. W. Housden	4	Chris. M. P. Johnson	9
William J. Ridgman	5	Ernest W. Pye	*Tenor*

Composed by D. N. Layton. Conducted by Harold N. Pitstow.
Rung for the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Anne E. Amor	*Treble*	Richard J. Castledine	6
C. Edward Jeffries	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Sydney Foskett	3	Philip Mehew	8
C. Michael Orme	4	Stephen Ivin	9
Jack S. Dear	5	*Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by John A. Burford. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* 200th peal. With congratulations to C. Michael Orme on his coming-of-age (June 11th).

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	*Treble*	TREVOR TAYLOR	5
JOYCE HALLIDAY..	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
PETER SCHOLFIELD	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
DEREK TAYLOR	4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. S. POWELL. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
First peal in the method for all the band.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS ..	*Treble*	FRANK E. DARBY	5
MRS. G. R. PARSONS.. ..	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	6
JAMES PHILLIPS	3	JOHN CHILCOTT	7
JOHN HILL	4	LEONARD A. REECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HILL.
Rung in honour of the marriage at this church on May 17th of Michael V. Chilcott and Kathleen E. Weller.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON ..	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ANDERSON.. ..	5
JOHN E. TURLEY	2	*IAN M. HOLLAND	6
*H. DAVID HOLLAND.. ..	3	*PAUL J. RIGBY	7
*CYRIL RUSBY	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) ..	*Treble*	J. SCHOFIELD (King's) ..	5
R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Scl.)	2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Scl.)..	6
P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) ..	3	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..	7
*P. H. LANGTON (Trinity)..	4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by H NEILL.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First in the method by all the band.

HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
(Yorkshire Association.)
On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in F.

DAVID FRENCH	*Treble*	GEORGE S. LEE	5
SUSAN CHADDOCK	2	FRED FISHER	6
MRS. N. CHADDOCK	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK ..	4	PHILIP WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
Rung to mark the 21st anniversary of the bells, which were installed in May, 1937

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 1, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

RONALD C. BURNS	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
DOROTHY J. BORER	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by PETER F. BORER.
Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. G. T. S. Prentice, Vicar of this church.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER ..	5
*AVRIL THACKRAY	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
*JACK P. KESTERTON.. ..	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	7
*RICHARD F. PRIME	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Charles Turner on the 40th anniversary of their marriage; also to Stephen Ivin and Avril Thackray on their engagement; and Mr. and Mrs. John Bramley on the birth of a daughter.

FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., June 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parkers' Twelve-part. Tenor 20½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.. ..	*Treble*	GILES C. GALLEY	5
JAMES H. EDWARDS	2	COLIN PAYNE	6
ANNE E. AMOR	3	SYDNEY FOSKETT	7
RICHARD HARRISON	4	*PETER PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal. First of Triples on the bells, and by all except the ringers of treble, 5 and 7.
Rung as a compliment to Stephen Ivin and Avril Thackray on their engagement.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

D. JOSEPH GOODMAN ..	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	4
*GILLIAN E. GRANEY ..	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
†RODERICK V. WALLIS ..	3	BRIAN M. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal and first attempt. † First 'inside.'

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., May 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	†CLIFFORD R. LOVETT ..	3
†RODERICK W. PIPE	2	†ERNEST G. PEARCE	4
		†ALAN CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. † First of Doubles.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*LESLIE W. PRICE	*Treble*	LEONARD C. PROSSER ..	4
†HOWARD C. TAYLOR ..	2	REGINALD G. POWELL ..	5
CHARLES PHILLIPS	3	*ALBERT W. MILLICHAMP..	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung for Empire Day.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Sandal Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT ..	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD..	4
ANNE C. GARNETT	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: (1) and (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) and (4) Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	*ALFRED E. HINMAN ..	4
J. HARRY COOK	2	*HAROLD T. BONSHOR ..	5
GRAHAM T. BALL	3	ROLAND H. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

Rung for the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Stella Ball, of Croft.

HESWALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*KENNETH C. EDWARDS ..	*Treble*	MRS. MARJORIE POOLE ..	4
*JOAN M. RICHMOND.. ..	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ..	5
*W. ANDREW D. GRIFFITHS	3	ERNEST T. CARVELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since being augmented.

Rung in honour of the birth of Beverley Ann, first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. R. Maddock, of Bebington.

IRNHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 26 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*A. COOPER	*Treble*	D. A. FRITH	3
†MISS P. A. HOLMES ..	2	F. W. PINCHBECK	4
J. M. SIMPSON	*Tenor*		

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First on the bells for over 40 years.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM ROGERS	3
BARWELL B. DIBBEN.. ..	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	4
WALTER H. DOBBIE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Doubles. First of Stedman Doubles by all. First of Stedman on the bells. The ringers of treble, 3, 4 and tenor have now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Vivian Mary Mason and George Francis.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Plain Bob, and three of Single Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*JANET J. BROWN	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
HENRY P. COLLIN	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ..	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Minor.

A birthday compliment to ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*IOLO D. DAVIES	*Treble*	†ARTHUR W. THOMAS ..	4
ANTHONY R. HUTCHINGS	2	ROBERT E. COLES	5
HAROLD G. BLICK	3	EVAN J. CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. COLES.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal and first attempt. The conductor's 100th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. E. D. Coles, and on the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coles. Also as a compliment to Cclr. and Mrs. G. McNeil on their appointment as Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*HENRY C. WEAVER	*Treble*	BARWELL B. DIBBEN ..	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	*RALPH BIRD	5
*RAYMOND P. WOOD.. ..	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal in the method.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRIEDA A. FROST	*Treble*	H. JOHN LARWOOW	4
VERA NELSON	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD ..	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

Rung for the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Cambridge Surprise, two extents St. Clement's, three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*RAYMOND HENMAN	*Treble*	*ARTHUR J. HENMAN ..	4
ALLAN R. JONES	2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	5
ROBERT S. ROBERTS.. ..	3	ROBIN V. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Michael R. Bennett.

PATRINGTON, EAST YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents Kent T.B. and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	†DAVID JOHNSON	4
JANET I. PORTER	2	JOHN J. TAYLOR	5
HENRY RODMELL	3	RONALD DUCKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

* 100th peal. † First peal at first attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Buxton College Society of Change Ringers.)
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 16½ in A sharp.

*JOHN R. KENNETT	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.. ..	3—4
		*R. BRENT WHERRY	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on handbells. First peal for the Society.

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FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT 68, ROCKFIELD ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 45 methods (extents 1 to 24 spliced): (1) Shipway's Pl. B. and Tandridge B., (2) Shipway's Pl. B. and Colnbrook Slow Course, (3) Westminster II B. and Knapton B., (4) Westminster II B. and Chesham Sl. C., (5) Blackburn Place B. and Lyng B., (6) Blackburn Place B. and Broughton Sl. C., (7) St. Hilary B. and Intwood B., (8) St. Hilary B. and Ockham Sl. C., (9) Plain B. and Boxford B., (10) Plain B. and Candlesby Sl. C., (11) St. Simon's B. and Braywood B., (12) St. Simon's B. and Rugby Sl. C., (13) St. Martin's B. and Welford B., (14) St. Martin's B. and Slapton Sl. C., (15) St. Osmund B. and Longworth B., (16) St. Osmund B. and Merton Sl. C., (17) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B. and Dorton B., (18) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B. and Raveningham Sl. C., (19) St. Nicholas B. and Fundenhall B., (20) St. Nicholas B. and Longford Sl. C., (21) Winchendon Pl. B. and Haddiscoe B., (22) Winchendon Pl. B. and Thornborough Sl. C., (23) St. Remigius B. and Harpley B., (24) St. Remigius B. and Hascombe Sl. C., (25) Reverse Pl. B., (26) Canterbury Pl. B., (27) Reverse Shipway's Place Bob, (28) Coxwell Place B., (29) St. Botolph B., (30) Stedman Sl. C., (31) St. Bartholomew B., (32) Reverse All Saints B., (33) St. Sebastian B., (34) Plain Bob, (35) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B., (36) Shipway's Place B., (37) Plain B., (38) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B., (39) Shipway's Pl. B., (40) Plain B., (41) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B., (42) Shipway's Pl. B.; 81 bobs, 174 changes of method. Tenor size 16½ in A sharp.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 3—4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First handbell peal in 45 methods, and first peal of Doubles in 45 methods by all, and for the Association. Most Doubles methods yet rung to a peal on handbells.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT 68, ROCKFIELD ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 55 methods (extents 1 to 30 spliced): (1) St. Vedast B. and Chipstead Sl. C., (2) St. Vedast B. and Bedingham B., (3) New Bob and Itchingfield Sl. C., (4) New Bob and Forncett B., (5) Huntspill B. and Oakley Slow Course, (6) Huntspill B. and Ellingham B., (7) Shipway's Pl. B. and Colnbrook Sl. C., (8) Shipway's Pl. B. and Tandridge Bob, (9) Westminster II B. and Chesham Sl. C., (10) Westminster II B. and Knapton B., (11) Blackburn Pl. B. and Broughton Sl. C., (12) Blackburn Pl. B. and Lyng B., (13) St. Hilary B. and Ockham Sl. C., (14) St. Hilary B., and Intwood B., (15) Plain B. and Candlesby Sl. C., (16) Plain B. and Boxford B., (17) St. Simon's B. and Rugby Sl. C., (18) St. Simon's B. and Braywood B., (19) St. Martin's B. and Slapton Sl. C., (20) St. Martin's B. and Welford B., (21) St. Osmund B. and Merton Sl. C., (22) St. Osmund B. and Longworth B., (23) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B. and Raveningham Sl. C., (24) Reverse Canterbury Pl. B. and Dorton B., (25) St. Nicholas B. and Longford Sl. C., (26) St. Nicholas B. and Fundenhall B., (27) Winchendon Pl. Bob and Thornborough Sl. C., (28) Winchendon Pl. Bob and Haddiscoe B., (29) St. Remigius B. and Hascombe Sl. C., (30) St. Remigius B. and Harpley B., (31) Reverse Plain B., (32) Canterbury Pl. B., (33) Reverse Shipway's Pl. B., (34) Stedman Sl. C., (35) Coxwell Pl. B., (36) St. Botolph B., (37) St. Bartholomew B., (38) Reverse All Saints B., (39) St. Sebastian B., (40) Grandsire, (41) Plain Bob, (42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob; 64 bobs, 2 singles, 206 changes of method. Tenor size 16½ in A sharp.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in 55 methods by all, and for the Association. Most Doubles methods yet rung to a peal on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Pickett 1, Kate Branson 2, M. Peterson 3, E. Boumphrey 4, R. Wilson 5, A. Best (first on working bell) 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, A. W. Lloyd 8. A farewell to Canon Sturrock Clarke, Rector of Alloa, who retired this day.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. Cooper 1, A. J. Clayton 2, Mrs. G. R. Parsons 3, D. E. Parsons 4, J. F. Galyer 5, E. G. Talbot 6, F. Jones 7, F. D. Jennings 8. F. E. Darby (cond.) 9, L. A. Reece 10. In honour of the wedding at this church the previous day of Michael V. Chilcott and Kathleen Weller.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Cadle 1, E. Phillips 2, Miss M. Tate (first quarter) 3, J. Phillips 4, S. Carter (cond.) 5, S. Butcher 6. For evening service.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cooper (first quarter) 1, Maureen Allen 2, Lucy Allen (cond.) 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. F. W. Allen 5.

BRISTOL.—On June 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Hull (first quarter) 1, Jane Cook (first quarter) 2, Paulinee Sprackling 3, D. Heighton 4, M. Sprackling (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On June 6th, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. Soden 1, J. Kevte 2, F. W. Soden 3, I. Harris 4, W. Dixon 5, T. Timms 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, H. Francis 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Empire Day, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. E. Taylor 1, S. Ponting 2, R. K. Russ 3, H. Oglesby 4, Miss M. R. Jaycock 5, R. E. Dean 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, D. Livingston 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 6. Arranged for S. Ponting (Sussex) after a lost peal.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on May 27th, 1260 Stedman Triples: H. R. French 1, L. V. Chamberlin 2, S. White 3, B. J. Luck 4, D. C. Chatfield 5, D. A. Chapman 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, T. C. Phillimore 8.

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

DYMOCK, GLOS.—On June 8th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Spiers 1, Joy Smith 2, L. Smith 3, R. Chew 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Bourne 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. For Evensong.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 1, M. D. Bishop 2, H. Smith 3, H. C. R. Vine 4, G. Bird 5, K. Knight 6. First quarter in method by all, who are service ringers at this church.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hart (first away from tenor) 1, L. Morrell 2, L. Mutter 3, D. Hart 4, W. D. Salter (first as cond.) 5, R. Mutter (first quarter) 6. First

HERTFORD.—On June 5th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Carter (first quarter) 1, J. W. Thorn (first 'inside') 2, E. J. Philips 3, A. S. Carter 4, C. Springham 5, J. Welch 6, C. E. Hayter (first as cond.) 7, P. W. Saunders 8. For Confirmation service.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. E. Turner 1, W. E. Turner 2, F. A. Strickland 3, R. P. Selway (cond.) 4, A. W. Dyer 5, S. W. White 6, W. G. Turk 7, M. Strickland (first quarter) 8. A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. F. A. Strickland, who has been a member of this tower for 62 years.

MELBURY OSMOND, DORSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Eastment 1, M. Wood 2, T. Stenhouse 3, D. Leech 4, R. House (cond), 5. First quarter by all, who are service ringers at this church.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 1, Margaret Westcott (first 'inside') 2, J. Rock 3, C. M. Bloomer 4, R. Goodman 5, Gillian Neal Smith 6. Rung by St. Matthias, Richmond, Guild of Ringers.

PULHAM MARY, NORFOLK.—On June 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. J. Minns 1, C. A. Thompson 2, E. A. Head 3, Miss M. J. Alden 4, R. Plummer 5, L. E. Etheridge 6, E. Whiting (cond.) 7, P. D. T. Gathercole 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Minns, parents of the treble ringer; also a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Elvin, married at Pulham Mary this day.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On June 8th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Turnbull (first quarter) 1, B. Coatsworth 2, E. Curson 3, L. Allen 4, G. Goodman (cond.) 5, D. Vivian 6. For Matins.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. Leighton 1, P. Hurcombe (cond.) 2, S. Pugh 3, C. Wixey 4, A. Wixey 5, F. Tranter 6. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Tranter 1, S. Pugh 2, Miss A. Cox 3, A. Wixey 4, P. Hurcombe (cond.) 5, C. Wixey 6. Both rung for morning service.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', Canterbury, Old Kennington and 300 Plain Bob): A. Osborne 1, Miss F. Curtis 2, Miss P. Neesham 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Denis Gerald Connolly, aged 22, killed in a road accident, May 28th.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Kimpton (first quarter) 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on June 8th, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, Mrs. Humphrey (first of Triples 'inside') 4, S. G. Peck 5, F. Gilbert (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, M. Stanyon 8. For Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hall (first quarter) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, B. Davis 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom 5, R. Stapleford (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On June 8th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, E. E. Holman 2, F. C. Maynard 3, H. Rumens 4, F. Sykes 5, W. Dowler 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, B. R. Downes 8, R. J. Chapman 9, F. C. Taylor 10. Conducting shared by R. J. Chapman and B. R. Downes. For Evensong.

WEST LAVINGTON, WILTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Daniels 1, Mrs. Trotter 2, A. T. Weeks 3, W. Bevan 4, S. G. Grant (cond.) 5, F. Nutland 6. For the Deanery Missionary Festival service.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob and 600 Canterbury): E. Rudkin 1, Miss F. Curtis 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, P. Amos 4, R. V. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Keith S. Manning and Miss Pamela R. Wright.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Rawlings 1, M. Sinden 2, Eunice Hiley 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, E. Jacobs 6, A. Bishop 7, F. Corfield (cond.) 8.

OUTINGS

BURY ST. EDMUNDS DISTRICT

Arranged by Mr. A. W. Rolfe, ringers from Hartest, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds, Pakenham and a holidaymaker from Coventry had an enjoyable outing on Whit Monday.

The party met at Horringer Church and rang on the light eight for about one hour. At Fornham All Saints Mr. C. Stannard met the party and joined in various 5-bell methods. The bells were ready for the visitors at West Stow. Some of the 5-bell ringers of the party excelled themselves with Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., with the help of Messrs. A. E. Moore and W. Stannard.

After lunch at Fornham St. Martin an hour's ringing was enjoyed at St. Martin's Church, and later on the lovely old six at Ixworth, where the District secretary (Mr. K. Brown) and some of his ringers were waiting, a good course of Cambridge was rung.

Mrs. Milton had arranged a lovely tea at Pakenham, and this was followed by ringing on the heavy-going five. A long run brought the party to Badwell Ash—another five with a long draught of rope which are seldom rung. Finally came an hour's ringing at Walsham-le-Willows. The party dispersed from Bury St. Edmunds, having enjoyed a good day's ringing, thanks to the kindness of clergy and ringers in host towers.

ROCHDALE, LANCS

Happy memories remain of the Rochdale ringers' outing on May 10th, which started at an unconscionably early hour. There was ringing first at the beautiful church at Bolsover, with a miner's lamp doing service in the sanctuary. Southwell was decked in lilac, and after a splendid meal the fine eight at the Minster were rung. Conditions were, however, a trial to the unexperienced, for ringing is performed in a narrow gallery strung round the inner sides of the tower walls with a clear view of the Minster floor dozens of feet below. The ropes are quite 10 feet apart (two to a wall) and fall anti-clockwise. Despite all this we were able to execute Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major to the satisfaction of our hosts.

At Nottingham, where a policeman was unable to tell us where St. Mary's Church was, we enjoyed ourselves when we found it, starting with a first-rate course of Stedman Caters. A very good high tea followed, and although a little behind time we were made right welcome by Canon Sprittles and his ringers at Bulwell. The last tower was Ripley in Derbyshire, where the Vicar is an old friend, having been incumbent at St. James', East Crompton. A jolly reunion took place. Best wishes and sincere thanks are extended to local clergy and ringers for an enjoyable day.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET

A tour of North Devon and Cornwall was the objective of this year's outing of Wellington Parish Church ringers on June 7th, when interesting churches were visited.

St. Mary Magdalene's, South Moulton, is a popular tower with touring parties, and these bells were soon pealing forth to the standard methods, including a good course of Kent T.B. Major. At Bideford the visit coincided with a wedding, and the bride and bridegroom were greeted from the service with a good rise in peal followed by a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples.

During an enjoyable lunch at the Globe Hotel, Bude, a presentation of a leather wallet was made to Mr. David North, the captain, in appreciation of his having organised all the ringers' outings since 1948. The afternoon was spent at this popular resort, and after tea ringing took place at Stratton and later at Holsworthy, a grand Gillett and Johnston eight, where the ringing included Cambridge and Spliced Treble Bob Major.

An incident on the homeward journey was the stopping of the coach by a local policeman who thought one member of the party sitting in the front seat resembled an escaped Dartmoor prisoner. The coach driver, however, vouched for his respectability, and Wellington was reached soon after 10 p.m. The outing was as enjoyable as ever.

TENTERDEN, KENT

Tenterden ringers were augmented by friends from Benenden, Bethersden, Cranbrook and High Halden for their outing on Whit Monday. A 'long hop' was necessary to the first tower, Lindfield, where under the guidance of Percy Relf there was an hour's ringing. Grandsire, Minor and rounds were rung at Steyning before an excellent lunch at St. Cuthman's Hotel.

At Henfield there was a pleasant surprise—our Vicar came into the belfry to greet us. Here, aided by two local ringers, we surpassed ourselves by 'tearing off' a good touch of Bob Major. Intoxicated by our earlier efforts at Henfield we again set off for a touch of Bob Major at Shoreham. It went all right for a few minutes until the conductor (foolish fellow) decided to call a single. This he did with wild abandon, the result being a crash that must have been heard in Tenterden! Tea was laid on at the Huntingdon Hall.

In the evening at Hellingly we were joined by Mr. Beney and his friends, and Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Stedman were rung in fine style. A special word of thanks to Violet Relf for a very pleasant trip.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of the ancient Priory Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, the oldest parish church in the City of London, will be heard prior to the service to be broadcast from there on Sunday, June 29th, at 9.45 a.m. in the Home Service, when the Archbishop of Quebec (the Most Rev. Philip Carrington), distinguished Canadian over here for the Lambeth Conference, will preach the sermon. The captain of the ringers is Reuben Byrne. These bells are the only complete set of five pre-Reformation bells in the City of London.

After Mr. Leonard Rodmell had rung his 100th peal, scored at Patrington on June 7th, the band was entertained to an excellent tea by Mrs. Rodmell, a kindness that was much appreciated.

The band who rang in the peal at Heswall, Cheshire, on May 31st would like to express their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith for their spontaneous and generous hospitality after the peal; also to Mr. W. Stone, the veteran tower-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

By special request of the Rector, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on All Hallows' bells, Harthill, on May 31st, to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the bells, which were installed in May, 1937. It was the first peal of Triples on the bells and the first peal rung open, as due to the excessive noisiness in the ringing chamber the only other peal on the bells was rung fully-muffled. Due to efforts of the new band, the volume of sound in the ringing chamber has been reduced. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Chaddock. Mrs. J. Bishop entertained the ringers to tea in the Rectory afterwards, and the Rev. J. Bishop commented how pleasant the changes sounded with the tenor behind.

Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe, of Fairfield, Buxton, has set up two new records in handbell ringing with 45 and 55 methods of Doubles. This was on June 7th. The first peal contained 24 extents spliced and the second 30 extents. Congratulations!

Members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths residing in the Midlands scored a peal for the Society on the bells of Lincoln Cathedral on June 7th.

Mr. Norman Chaddock has received requests for Belfry Prayers from 25 counties in England and also one from James R. Lawson, carillonneur, Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago.

Correction.—The number of changes of method in the 46 Treble Bob Minor peal at Fairfield on May 17th (page 361) was 74 and not 14 as printed.

The peal rung at Great Addington, Northampton, on Friday, April 18th, should read Colin M. Payne 2nd, and not Colin M. Walker as submitted.

In honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Helmingham, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung by C. W. Beecroft, P. M. Clarke, F. Ruffles, M. R. Page, R. G. Parker, W. Ruffles, W. W. Miller and L. G. Brett. A peal attempt was impossible owing to a repeat pageant in the evening.

Traditional melodies using 35 bells were played by Rotherham High School handbell ringers when they took part for the first time in the Rotherham Schools' music festival. Those in the team were Susan Chaddock, Elizabeth Wardell, Patricia Walker, Christine Rodgers, Mary Atkinson, Joyce Godber, Rosamund Barclay and Mr. N. Chaddock. Seven out of the eight are ringers at Rotherham Parish Church.

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NO ADDITIONAL LICENCE FOR DOUBLES PEALS

Mr. F. T. Blagrove moved:—

'That the conditions required for peals of Doubles shall be amended to read as follows:—

(a) Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
  (i) True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
  (ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 120, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 120 changes the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
  (iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).
(b) Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell, and no continuous leading bells are allowed.

That the conditions required for peals of Minor shall be amended to read as follows:—

(a) Peals of Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
  (i) True and complete 720's without interval between any two 720's, and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
  (ii) Round blocks of a multiple of 720, provided that such round blocks contain each of the different 720 changes the same number of times, without interval between such blocks and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
  (iii) Combinations of (i) and (ii).
(b) Peals of Minor to be rung on six bells.'

Mr. F. T. Blagrove said the purpose of his motion was to clear up some of the inconsistencies of the Council. As Decisions stood at the moment, in the composition of round blocks of Doubles the first 120 must be true to itself and the second must be true. The idea was that a round block of 240 should consist of all the changes twice and not necessarily in each 120. It was found that Pitman's and Morris' did not conform to that idea and an exception had been made. Although they could now ring Pitman's and Morris' they could not ring B. D. Price's. He wanted that inconsistency removed.

At the moment they could not ring a peal of Erin Doubles or Double Grandsire Doubles. They were contained in a book published in 1952 but they did not conform to the Council's Decisions. The reason was in the peal of Erin there were three different types of singles.

By passing the motion they would widen the scope of Minor ringing. They had twin hunt and plain hunt Minor methods which they could not put into a 720, but if they allowed round blocks they would be able to ring these methods to a peal.

The motion would firstly get rid of inconsistencies and secondly extend the range and scope in Doubles and Minor methods.

This year there was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung with two types of bobs, which he felt that as the rules stood at present should not be included. Also a peal of Erin Doubles, which most people regarded as a good peal but it was not included; it should have been included.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow seconded the motion.

The hon. secretary: The motion was considered by the Standing Committee and it was recommended that it be not accepted for reasons Mr. C. K. Lewis has been asked to put forward.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he had views which did not always agree with the Standing Committee. The Exercise had been built up on truth and the motion was an attack on truth. They had kept to truth, the only exception being in two Doubles cases. Mr. Blagrove had presented a very convincing case.

The Standing Committee thought they should adhere to truth and not lower the standard. He agreed that there were inconsistencies but they had grown up with the Council. Hitherto they had worked on good sense and good taste. If they were to be ruled by regulations the Exercise was going to go down. The decision they were asked to make in Paragraph 2 was a decision which came up at Chester which was thrown out. Fortunately he turned up an old 'Ringing World' where Mr. E. H. Lewis was speaking at the Snowdon dinner. His comment was that he did not like ringing a peal of Minor with two singles. That was a point made by the Standing Committee.

Mr. G. E. Feirn said he had done much Minor ringing. By the motion, instead of clearing up inconsistencies they were opening the field to free composition. He thought they ought to stick to the present rules.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said it was 21 years ago that day when he had the temerity to propose the basis of the motion for the Handbook which contained the Minor and Doubles methods. When they composed that book they had to put in a couple of exceptions with Morris' and Pitman's. They admitted those two items and closed the door quickly. A departure would mean the risk of letting in a lot more. The debate was not one for letting in Erin Doubles. If the Council wanted Erin Doubles in they should do so by amendment. But to open the door wide and leave it open wide was asking for trouble. He would like to see the motion rejected. If the proposer and seconder could produce good reasons for admitting a good exception they should do so.

Some Of Our Ladies



SNAPPED AT DUBLIN.—Five of the visiting lady ringers enjoy a joke demonstrated by handbells. Left to right: Miss Freda Greaves (King's Lynn), Miss Kathleen Yeo (Tenterden), Mrs. Olive Barnett (assistant secretary of the Central Council), Miss Margaret Beamish (Nuneaton) and Mrs. Olive Rogers (Isleworth). [*Photo by permission 'Irish Independent.'*

Mr. F. T. Blagrove in reply said the first thing was the question of truth. The only thing they could imply was a minimum of falseness. He failed to see in such cases where the truth came in. They could ring a peal of Grandsire with two singles, and who would say 'that the opinion of the Council that the publication of worthless methods reflects discredit on the composer'? They had allowed Mr. Wilson's inconsistencies. Most people outside would say they did not like inconsistencies and would like to see inconsistencies got rid of.

The motion was defeated.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. F. Dunkerley said he had great pleasure in inviting the Council to Lancashire and could promise the Council the same high standard as Dublin had set. The actual centre would be considered by his committee if the Council accepted.

The invitation was unanimously accepted.

ALTERATION OF RULES

The hon. secretary gave notice of an amendment of rules to be submitted to the next meeting to the effect 'that all reports to the Council shall be made in writing to the hon. secretary by March 31st.'

RECORDS OF FAMOUS PEALS

Under Any Other Business, Mr. C. W. Pipe said the Council had committees dealing with biographies of past members and records of old peal boards which would be kept to posterity. It occurred to him that they had no records of the more important things—the actual bells. He felt that the Council should have recordings of famous bells rung up and down the country. They had a perfect recording of the old Bow Bells, but how many knew what Yarmouth bells sounded like before the church was destroyed?

He thought the time had come when they should have recordings of bells up and down the country. One man had told him that a machine to make a perfect recording would cost about £80.

Mr. Paul L. Taylor said it was difficult to make a perfect recording. They could get quite a close approximation. That was all he was prepared to say.

ERIN DOUBLES

Mr. F. T. Blagrove asked the Council to give advice as to whether 5,040 Erin Doubles constituted a peal.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: If it is included in the analysis I would like to propose that peals of Erin Doubles be deleted.

Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded.

Mr. Blagrove: And what about Cambridge Surprise Major using two types of bobs?

Mr. Lewis contended that it was permissible.

Mr. Blagrove: But the Decisions of the Council stated only one type of bob.

After further discussion the Council agreed to the deletion of Erin Doubles.

Mrs. Barnett asked that the Peal Analysis Committee would state what peals they had thrown out.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead promised to refer the question to the convener.

ONE TYPE OF BOB

Another question from Mr. Blagrove was: Is it possible to alter the Decisions of the Council that only one type of bob be used?

The President asked if the Council wanted to discuss this question. As only Mr. Blagrove's hand was held up in favour, the question was not proceeded with.

THE ATTENDANCE

10 Associations fully represented, 20 members: 27 Associations partly represented, 52 members present, 46 absent: 18 Associations not represented, 33 members.

	Present	Absent
Life members	5	1
Honorary members	10	11
Representative members	72	79
Totals	87	91

'I think you will agree,' said Mr. Barnett, 'that the attendance figure has exceeded our expectations.'

VOTES OF THANKS

Mr. J. Dunwoody proposed a vote of thanks to the President for ably conducting the meeting, to Mr. and Mrs. Barnett for their work in compiling the agenda, and to Mr. Dukes for his hard work in making arrangements.

Mr. H. W. Rogers seconded and the motion was carried with acclamation.

The President then moved a vote of thanks to the Deputy Mayor of Dublin (Cclr. M. E. Dockrill), the Archbishop of Dublin (the Most Rev. G. O. Simms), the president of the Irish Association (Mr. W. Pratt), the representative body of the Church of Ireland for the use of the Synod Hall, the Very Rev. W. de Pauley (Dean of St. Patrick's), the Very Rev. E. H. Lewis-Gosby (Dean of Christ Church), and last but not least to the Irish Association for their kindness and hospitality.

'I think,' said the President, 'our members have enjoyed themselves very much in Ireland, and we thank Mr. Dukes who has done the lion's share, Miss Jean Stewart for doing the typrewriting and duplicating, and Mr. J. Dunwoody for his works. We also thank local incumbents and ringers for the use of their bells. Your excellent hospitality we have enjoyed: and may I conclude with the words of the Psalmist: "Truly it is a pleasant thing to be thankful".'

The motion was carried with enthusiasm.

THE SOCIAL SIDE

Presentations and Hospitality

The appreciation of visiting ringers to Mr. F. E. Dukes was expressed at the conclusion of the reception given by Bord Failte Eireann (Irish Tourist Board) at the Central Hotel, Dublin, following the Central Council meeting. The guests were received by Mr. E. P. Karney, manager of Bord Failte Eireann, and after tea he gave a very cordial welcome to the Council and visiting ringers.

'It is a very great pleasure,' said Mr. Karney, 'to welcome you this afternoon on the occasion of your annual meeting—the first to be held in Ireland since the foundation of the Council in 1890. It strikes me that with Ireland's association with Christianity and Christianity's association with bell-ringers we have now a congress of holy ringers. This week we have not only had to welcome your Council but also at Cobh the carillonneurs. With you in session here and the carillonneurs at Cobh together they constitute a unique occasion.

'I understand that for most of you it is your first visit to Ireland, and I trust it will not be your last, and that what you have seen has proved favourable and that before long we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you back again.'

The president, in replying to the welcome, thanked Bord Failte Eireann for their reception. 'We have had a delightful time and had the pleasure of ringing on some delightful Irish bells in your churches and cathedrals. To many of us it has been the most enjoyable Council we have had, set in such glorious surroundings.'

The president's remarks were endorsed by the vice-president (Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow).

Mr. Frederick Sharpe then made presentations to Irish friends, with the visitors' thanks for the wonderful service and arrangements they had made. To Mr. F. E. Dukes he presented a brief case, to Mr. J. T. Dunwoody a wallet and to Miss Jean Stewart a purse.

Mr. Dukes, in acknowledging the gifts, said it was their ambition that the Council should visit Ireland and the third time of asking was lucky.

Jean also expressed her thanks, and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody added: 'I must say Fred has done all the work—we just carried out his orders. Thank you for your kindness.'

Later in the evening the customary after-Council-meeting social was held. There was no lack of fun and plenty of handbell ringers. Highlights of the evening were contributions from clerical ringers—the recitations by the Revs. K. W. H. Felstead and J. G. M. Scott. The latter's topical verses concerning the adventures of 'A. P. C.' 'brought down the house.'

Two interesting visits were those to Messrs. Guinness' Brewery on the Saturday, when a company of some 80 ringers were most hospitably entertained to lunch, and on the Wednesday to Messrs. Jamieson's Distillery. The appreciation of the visitors at the former was expressed by the president and at the distillery by Mr. E. A. Barnett. On both occasions appreciation was expressed in a true ringer's fashion by well-struck courses on handbells.

A special report of the Northern Ireland peal tour will appear in our next issue.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 18th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1. Miss J. Croft 2. G. Cherry 3. L. Runnacles 4. S. H. Ashton 5. P. W. Croft 6. Also on June 1st, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss J. Croft 1. D. L. Gullick 2. S. H. Ashton 3. L. Runnacles 4. F. W. Croft (cond.) 5. P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

SOUTHERN IRELAND GAVE VISITORS A WONDERFUL RECEPTION

A tour of Southern Ireland in three days, including ringing at eight famous towers and attending the carillon festival at Cobh, appeared a formidable undertaking. All the same, a party of ten ringers in two hired cars left Dublin promptly after the C.C. meeting on Tuesday, with the intention of visiting Arklow, the one-time home of the famous James Washbrook. Here we found a magnificent church, high up on the hill and containing a fine ring of eight bells with a 22 cwt. tenor in E by Taylor. Then on to Enniscorthy where we had booked an hotel for the night. The enormous supper of ham and eggs and the famous Irish wholemeal bread and butter put everyone into wonderful spirit and we all slept like tops.

An equally wonderful breakfast and a five-minute stand on the age-old bridge and it was time to move on to Wexford, where hangs a glorious ring of ten bells (tenor 31 cwt. in D) by Gillett and Johnston. More good ringing and on to Waterford Cathedral, with its eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.), and quite a good ring too.

After lunch and a few touches, it was decided to attempt a peal, and Miss Hilda Snowden was offered the tenor and the privilege of conducting. The decision proved correct, and there was hardly a trip or a word spoken during the whole peal. The cheer from 20 to 30 locals who had gathered up on a gallery over the ringing chamber was a great tribute to Hilda's masterly handling of the tenor.

Cork was 80 miles ahead and we had to do 70 when the roads permitted to get to Cobh for the carillon festival, where some of the party were due to take part in a handbell demonstration, together with Mr. Fred Sharpe and Mr. Paul Taylor. The glorious cathedral and heavenly carillon music had to be seen and heard to be believed. Cork Cathedral is equally glorious, and its bells, with a 27 cwt. tenor in D flat by Rudhall, were the envy of all those who could not take part in a peal. Johnson's variation of Middleton's Cambridge was attempted and successfully brought round without a trip.

There was little time for delay as we were due for a reception at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, at 8 p.m., and a 65-mile ride in front of us. Good roads and lovely scenery were once again enjoyed, and we arrived strictly on time to be greeted by Father O'Donnell, the brothers of the monastery, and local ringers who had prepared a supper for us. The wonderful welcome we received would be hard to describe, and a conducted tour of this most beautiful building rounded off an evening we shall never forget. We stayed the night in Limerick and the next morning saw us up bright and early, ringing at St. Mary's (8, tenor reputed to be 24 cwt.).

Then back to Mount St. Alphonsus where hangs one of the nicest rings of ten by Taylor (tenor 21 cwt. in E) the writer has ever rung upon. A splendid peal of Plain Bob Royal was knocked off in 3 hours and 10 minutes, and we were soon heading eastwards for Kilkenny Cathedral, the last tower of the tour, where we were met by the Dean who requested us to fire the bells on the occasion of the engagement (to be married) of the 81-year-old Bishop. There is no difficulty in firing these bells, and we did real justice to the job.

Those of us who decided to embark on the three-day tour had no idea we would find such hospitality and friendliness. The scenery was delightful and the bells were magnificent. This tour was another sideline of Mr. Fred Dukes' arrangements, and we were all, and always will be, deeply grateful to Fred for all he did for us.

C. W. P.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A LEADING TOWER AND RECRUITMENT

Dear Sir,—John Vernon, in his admirable letter on page 319, has drawn attention to 'the bands of ringers renowned for their abilities, in whose towers the clappers are never tied,' but who draw their recruits from less accomplished bands in their locality. This is very true. Some years ago I remember asking a member of the Cathedral band in Leicester why they did not train their own ringers right from the very beginning instead of drawing upon trained ringers from other towers where they could do more good by teaching in their own belfries. His reply was that it was not their policy, and in any case if you wished to learn the violin you would not go to Sir Malcolm Sargent but to someone else first to learn to play.

I have discussed this attitude with several ringers, and I have yet to find anyone to disagree that this is a selfish and perhaps a snobbish attitude.

The Bishop of Coventry, in his Epilogue on B.B.C. television some weeks ago in 'Faithful Service,' said that it was usually the people in the background, whose names we very rarely heard, who kept things going in a quiet, unobtrusive way. I came across a tower last week with a band of learners who were being taught by a man from another county who cycled 18 miles twice a week. His name was quite new to me, and I was assured that you would never see his name in the glorious records of leading peal ringers, and yet, contrary to Mr. Bowley's contention that peal ringing is the best practice and means progress (page 191), the striking at this tower was some of the finest I have heard.

In February I wrote of a 12-bell tower with about 30 Guild members who could only muster six for Christmas Day Mattins. I was careful not to mention any tower by name, but both M. R. P. and Mr. Bowley knew to which I was referring. The excuse was that only ten minutes were available for ringing. No doubt if they only come for ringing it would not be worth while to them, to muster a band, but it would be nice to see more than one of these 30 at a service occasionally. However, I know what I am talking about regarding morning service ringing at this tower, and in spite of the writings of your correspondents, the eight bells have been rung more often than the 12 since my last letter. With nearly 30 members this is not consistent with what is known as a 'leading' tower.

To refer back to John Vernon's letter, and the need continually to fortify one's ranks with new blood, I am reminded of the story of the very full train which failed to negotiate a very steep gradient in South America. After the train had ground to a halt, the guard walked up and down the coaches shouting: 'First class passengers, sit still: second class passengers, get out and walk: third class passengers, get out and push.'

I am inclined to the belief that we suffer from too many first class passengers who are content to sit still and let the third class people do the work and push them to the top.

Congratulations to John Vernon's band at Stoney Stanton—20 of them all home-produced and all active and 'living' members of the Church. This is the work of the lesser-known third class passengers.

Finally, may I make mention of the passing of that faithful man Felix Sutton? It was the writer's privilege to be in his company several times at his home at Kegworth, and his devotion to his church was an inspiration to everyone. He was a humble man of God, and delighted, as far as his age and health would allow him, to do any work in the parish that he was asked to do.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leicester.

THE STRENGTH OF A TOWER

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. W. Cox is a wise leader in keeping the strength of his ringers at 'double the ropes' (page 369, 'R.W.'). In my experience it is an everlasting job of teaching recruits to maintain an efficient standard of ringing, particularly in the face of National Service demands.

A terrible pitfall for a band of ringers is to be self-satisfied with the few good ringers; for when, for any reason, loss takes place, catastrophic are the results.

I am with you all the way, Mr. Cox!—Yours faithfully, H. A. PRICE.

Yatton, Somerset.

P.S.—Our company at Yatton contain the following: Vicar's wife, sacristan, churchwarden, deputy churchwarden, lay reader, two servers, one chorister (boy) and, probationer, one choirboy. Is there another band containing a longer list of 'officials' than this?—H. A. P.

HISTORY OF CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I am not the least bit surprised to note that the sub-committee appointed by the Central Council to inquire into this matter failed to reach any conclusion. As stated, it would be a colossal undertaking: but the greatest difficulty would be to find a publisher willing to lay out the required money to bear the cost of producing such a book.

I have had lots of inquiries for copies of my 'History and Art' which has been out of print for many years, and copies are fetching fabulous prices from £3 3s. upwards. I approached several publishers — including 'The Ringing World'—with a view to a revised edition, but none would undertake it.

The cost of printing, advertising and all attendant items connected with publication today is prohibitive, especially for such a limited circulation.

If the Council can find a publisher willing to risk the enormous cost of producing such a book, I would be willing to *assist* in its production, but not to be responsible for its authorship. That would require someone much more capable and experienced than I.

It would—to be a full and complete history of the Art—run into more volumes than one. When I wrote my book, my biggest headache was how to reduce it to a reasonable size, yet give as full account as possible. My first effort would have filled two volumes, and I was told by the publishers to reduce it to the approximate size of its companion volume 'Bells through the Ages.'

I do not envy anyone who would tackle this work, and would wish him (or her) every success.—Yours, etc., ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

IRISH COUNCILLORS' THANKS

Dear Sir,—We, the Irish representatives on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, wish through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to thank all those who subscribed to the most useful gifts presented to us at the Bord Failte reception on May 27th.

We do appreciate very much the very kind thoughts, and feel that although the gifts were presented to us, they are an acknowledgment of the co-operation given by the bell-ringers of Ireland, and the clergy of the various churches who so readily placed the bells at our disposal. Without their help the Council's visit would not have been so popular. In addition, C.I.E., Messrs. Guinness, Jamieson and Bord Failte Eireann all, in their usual highly efficient way, co-operated in a very practical way to make the councillors and friends most welcome.

We trust that this expression of our sincere thanks will be accepted by all, and we can assure you that it was a very real pleasure for us to throw our weight into making the meeting in Dublin a happy and memorable occasion.

We hope that it will encourage you all to visit us again soon.—Yours sincerely,

FRED E. DUKES.
JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
JEAN STEWART.

R.A.F. GUILD OF RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter printed in the 'R.W.' dated March 28th, 1958: I would like to bring to the ringing fraternity the present progress to date.

I have had some very encouraging letters, and I have answered them all in turn and have given the general points for the formation of the Guild. The very broad outlines are as follows, and further comment is awaited.

1. The movement shall be known as the St. Clement Danes' Guild of Royal Air Force Bellringers.
2. The aim of the Guild shall be to encourage and maintain, through close liaison with all ringing circles, ringing in the R.A.F.
3. Membership will be given to all present serving R.A.F. ringers, ex-members of the R.A.F. and its ancillary services.
4. The Guild shall be formed into Regions, and a Regional Ringing Master of the Guild appointed to arrange with the local towers for the use of the bells on meetings, etc., and to report to the Guild ringing activities in his area.
5. Selection from its members for ringers to offer their services for ringing at St. Clement Danes' (the Guild headquarters) on such days as the Queen's Birthday, Battle of Britain Sunday, etc.

I hope that Mr. E. A. Barnett will revise his views on the 'closed shop' organisation, as membership will be open to hundreds of ringers if they are at present serving in the Royal Air Force, or have in the past served with the R.A.F. or in one of its ancillary services.—Yours faithfully,

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Membership Exceeds 1,100

THE festival and annual general meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Dorchester on May 17th. Proceedings opened with the A.G.M. in the Corn Exchange, Canon C. C. Cox (Master of the Guild) presiding, supported by Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. F. Slatford (hon. assistant secretary).

After prayers the following apologies were read out: The Mayor of Dorchester, the Ven. E. L. Seagar (Archdeacon of Dorset), Dr. C. Brown, Dr. Taylor, the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft (chairman, Dorchester Branch), Mr. Alan Macdonald and Canon Markby (vice-president).

In opening the meeting, the chairman mentioned a large jug which the Rector (Rev. P. J. Heaton) had placed before him: this pewter jug was presented by a benefactor in 1676 and carried the inscription: 'Given to remain for the use of the Dorchester Ringers for ever,' going on to say that the ringers probably did drain it occasionally and fill it up; he was sure the giver did not mean it to remain empty for ever.

The chairman then welcomed the members and visitors, many of whom had made a long journey to attend, the number attending being 165.

The names of the following members who had died during the past year were remembered and honoured: Mr. Harold Flewellin (Wootton Bassett), Mr. W. J. Brymer (honorary member), Mr. F. Price (Wimborne), Mr. W. Pester (Great Toller), Mr. Arthur J. West (Melksham), Rev. W. Mortimer (Okeford Fitzpaine), Mr. Peter Chapman (Westbury), Miss West (Devizes, honorary member), Mr. F. Precey (Bovington, late Ringing Master), Rev. E. J. Tarrant.

Matters arising from the minutes, which were confirmed, included various items of Guild papers, records and books, a list being before the meeting. It was decided to co-opt Mr. C. F. Andrews, to bring the peal book up-to-date and file old letters and other matters of interest with a view to starting a library.

The hon. secretary's report and treasurer's statement were accepted as printed in the new annual report.

The hon. secretary's report stated that during 1957 the Guild had gone beyond the 1,100 mark—1,090 ringing members, 17 honorary and 12 associate; total 1,119. In addition there were 36 life members. Congratulations were extended to the North Dorset Branch for their increased membership.

The number of peals rung during 1956 totalled 25. During 1957 39 were rung, a touring band in the northern part of the diocese making part of the number.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £251 8s. 11d. again £201 2s. 4d. at the end of 1956.

The retiring officers and members of the committee were re-elected, with Mr. W. C. Shute to fill the vacancy on the Guild committee; Mr. T. Merritt (Bishops Canning) was elected an hon. life ringing member.

EDWARDS MEMORIAL FUND

The hon. secretary informed the meeting that under the will of the late Rev. F. Ll. Edwards the Guild had been left £150, to be known as the 'Edwards Memorial Fund.' It had been recommended by the committee and endorsed by the meeting that £10 10s. be granted annually to the Fund, and that approved grants be made towards rehanging and bell repairs on application through the usual channels.

It was recommended and carried unanimously that £3 3s. be sent annually, without prejudice, to 'The Ringing World' when the report of the annual general meeting was submitted for publication. The hon. secretary then appealed for more subscribers to the paper: it was their paper and should be supported generally by the members of the Exercise.

Grants of £5 5s. each were made to Wareham and Pewsey, the Master suggesting that St. Martin's, Salisbury, defer their application until next year.

It was reported that a peal of Plain Bob Major had been rung at Melksham as a memorial and thanksgiving for the life and work of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. It was unanimously decided a peal board be obtained, and subject to permission being granted to hang the same in the belfry at Kington Magna.

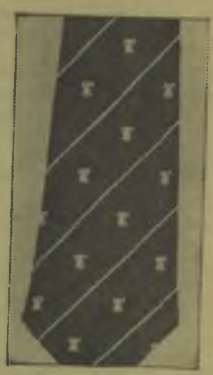
Thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting possible, especially to Mr. R. H. Duke who had so ably carried out the local arrangements.

The meeting then closed with Grace.

The festival service was held in St. Peter's, conducted by the Rev. P. J. Heaton, who also gave the address, the robed clergy present being the Archdeacon of Sherborne, Canon Cox, and the Rev. F. E. Brooks (Fordington St. George). The Lyme Regis ringers rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells during the service.

Tea was later served in the Corn Exchange, to which 150 sat down.

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NATIONAL POLICE GUILD MEMORIES

The peal of Stedman Caters rung a few weeks ago by members of the National Police Guild at All Saints', Loughborough, has revived happy memories of the first peal of Stedman Caters rung for the Guild or, indeed, ever rung by a police band. This was on November 4th, 1933, nearly 25 years ago, when at the same tower the same composition was called by Harold J. Poole, then a detective-sergeant.

Just before starting this peal, one could not fail to be impressed by the fact that Harold waited for each ringer to take a rope before he himself took the remaining one—the second. After what must have been well over two hours' excellent ringing, darkness was descending outside and the peal was well under way when, without any warning, the lights in the ringing room went out and remained out for some reason which cannot be recalled.

Although it was rapidly becoming impossible for the ringers to see each other and no one quite knew what was going to happen next, there was not the slightest trip, indeed, one would have thought that this was a most natural occurrence, so high was the standard of ringing.

The other ringers, however, soon became aware that their conductor had something 'up his sleeve.' Ringing his bell with one hand he reached for his coat, which fortunately was hanging behind him and, after what seemed an interminable length of time, he extracted a torch from a pocket. Turning round and still ringing with one hand (from recollection the other hand, however), he switched on the torch and placed it in an upright position on the table in the middle of the room, an operation which took some considerable time and which he performed with great care, coolness and skill. It soon became quite dark outside, but by means of the torch the ringers were just able to discern each other's movements and carry on with the peal.

Outside the tower, another party of police ringers who had been ringing at the Bell Foundry Campanile noticed that there appeared to be no light in the belfry, but came to the conclusion they must be mistaken: Dick Benson, of Manchester, remarking: 'No band could ring like that in the dark!' A very good peal was successfully brought round, the ringing room and ringers still being in semi-darkness.

One has the happiest recollections of ringing this peal; of the usual thoroughness and complete mastery of an unforeseen situation by one of the greatest conductors of our time, and not least of being right royally entertained afterwards and until 'the small hours' at the Leicester City Police headquarters. Only two of this band were in the recent peal—Messrs. Jenney and Butler, who, by a coincidence, rang the sixth and treble respectively in the former peal and treble and sixth in the latter peal.

This latter peal, too, which was rung at the second attempt, provided many pleasant recollections. Incidentally, it was not without some misgivings that, prior to the start, two members of the band overheard that an important band contest had been planned and, in fact, actually heard it commence in a building immediately underneath and adjoining the tower. How the contest fared is not known. T. R. B.

Lincolnshire Bells Ringable

Irnham, Lincs, bells, which are described in Dove's as unringable, have had their first peal rung on them for over 40 years. Mr. J. M. Simpson writes: 'In actual fact there are many worse rings about. The main trouble is that the belfry is very badly lit, and we had to ring this peal in the middle of a summer afternoon, by the light of three paraffin lamps. The bells do not go too badly, though they sound most unusual, being more like the front five of a six than a five tuned to a chromatic scale.'

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

ON Whit Monday the Hereford Diocesan Guild held its 72nd annual festival at Hereford, when about 150 members and friends were present, every District being well represented.

The Guild service was sung in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the retiring hon. secretary, the Rev. W. R. Thomas (Vicar of Marden). The lesson was read and the blessing given by the Archdeacon of Hereford, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. E. G. Benson, one of the vice-presidents of the Guild. It was a most impressive service and the singing was notably good—how well Psalm 98 sounds set to Dr. Hull's fine chant when a congregation mostly of men sings it vigorously.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S WEEK

Mr. Benson took as his text the words: 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord' (Col. iii, 23). He started by describing a vivid memory he had of walking up a village street on a bright, sunny morning a few years ago to assist at an early weekday Communion service during a C.U.G.C.R. ringing week. '. . . and ringing out clear and crisp in the early morning air came the steady, rhythmic beat of a perfectly-struck 720 of Cambridge Minor . . . so perfectly timed that the bells came into rounds just as we clergy were ready to leave the vestry to take our places in the sanctuary and so to complete the act of worship at the altar which was begun in the belfry. And at the climax of the service there were those same six ringers kneeling in a row at the altar-rails.' Seldom, he said, had he heard so impressively 'the bells rung for the services of the Church with the attractiveness of perfection.' And that, he reminded his hearers, was the primary object of the Guild—indeed those very words appeared on the cover of every Guild report.

He went on to say that he had chosen the same text as that used by the Rev. G. W. Turner (sometime hon. secretary) at the Guild festival at Ludlow in 1894, to remind the Guild 'its object is the same now as it was then—it is really twofold. Our ringing should be done *heartily* and also *as to the Lord*.'

By 'heartily' he meant aiming always at a higher standard of ringing, being satisfied with nothing less than perfect striking. But it must also be done 'as to the Lord.' A Guild member's ringing was always in its essence work for the Church—to proclaim the Gospel, to praise God 'with loud cymbals' to call God's people to worship.

The Guild, when it was founded in 1886, set before it this double object—to encourage the art of change-ringing and to link this up with the services of the Church and make ringers realise that they were in fact officers of the Church and should be recognised as such.

Before the Guild was formed conditions in most belfries were very bad. It was realised that the best means of bringing about 'belfry reform' (a phrase we never heard now) was to encourage change-ringing and Sunday service ringing. It was hard for us to realise the enormous transformation that had been brought about by the Guild. A visitor today might seek a 'Herefordshire (or Shropshire) interlude' in many another tower besides Ewyas Harold and find a local band striving hard to ring good Grandsire Doubles for a service on any Sunday of the year.

It was fitting for us, said Mr. Benson, on our annual festival to express our thankful remembrance of the founders of our Guild, and renew our resolve to carry out further and more fully the noble object that they set before us.

EARLY MEMBERS

He was, he said, proud as a vice-president of the Guild to be able to claim what probably very few other members could—personal contacts with some of the well-known ringers who figured in the early history of the Guild. He was a close friend of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies during the last few years of his life, and rang with him in his last peal at Tewkesbury in 1928. It was, too, his privilege to minister to him at his death. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, had been invited to speak at the inaugural meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild in 1886.

Another famous ringer connected with these early days was J. W. Washbrook, who was appointed the paid instructor of the Guild for its first year and conducted its first four peals. In 1922 Mr. Benson as a beginner had had the privilege of ringing rounds with him at Manchester Town Hall, a year before his death. He had also rung a peal in 1933—his first for the Guild—with W. H. Fussell, who had held the post of paid instructor from 1887-1895.

Mr. Benson felt that these personal contacts brought home to members at the Guild festival that sense of continuity with the past which should inspire present members to carry on the same aims and ideals of their founders.

An excellent tea was served in the College Hall, arranged by Mrs. A. W. Davis, wife of the Master of the Hereford District, and others, presided over by the Archdeacon of Hereford. The clergy present included the Dean of Hereford, Canon Moreton and Preb. Martin.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The annual general meeting followed the tea, under the chairmanship of the retiring Master, Mr. H. G. Thomas, of Bridgnorth. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved, the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Mr. F. A. Jaine, of Kimbolton, was unanimously elected Master and took the chair. Mr. Jaine had been conductor of his tower since 1912 and a Ringing Master of the Leominster District since 1929.

The Rev. W. R. Thomas wished to resign the post of hon. secretary, which he had held since 1954, and in his place Mr. H. G. Thomas, the retiring Master, was unanimously elected.

The other officers were re-elected and so was the committee, with the exception of Mr. R. T. Jones, who had left the diocese, and Mr. Albert Jones and Mr. Wilfred Overton, who had died.

The 72nd annual report of the Guild was presented and adopted, and copies were distributed to the District secretaries present.

The report shows an increase of towers from 77 to 80 in union with the Guild, but a small decrease in the number of resident members, there being now 24 honorary and 613 ringing members. There were 34 peals rung in 1957 (14 less than in 1956), including one of Grandsire Caters, six of Surprise Major methods, one of Minor in 12 methods and one of Doubles in eight. Seven members rang their first peal and two their first in Major. The District reports show that progress has been well maintained in meetings and Sunday service ringing.

Votes of thanks were warmly accorded to all the officers who had served the Guild during the year, the Dean and Chapter and the clergy who had allowed the use of their bells for the festival, Mrs. A. W. Davis and the ladies for the tea, the organist and the preacher.

Ringing was enjoyed at All Saints' (8) and the Cathedral (10) during the morning and afternoon, and parties going to and coming from the meeting made good use of the bells of Holmer (6), Marden (6), Burghill (8), Withington (6), Lugwardine (8) and Bodenham (6), which were kindly made available during the day.

It was decided to hold next year's festival at Berrington (8) in Shropshire.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR I. HOLMES

The funeral took place at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Edenham, Lincs, on May 24th, of Mr. Arthur I. Holmes, who died on May 20th, aged 80 years. He was a ringer at Edenham for 62 years and clerk and sexton for 36 years. Mainly due to his enthusiasm the Edenham bells were augmented from five to six in 1908, and to eight in 1931.

He rang about 150 peals, many of them with the Rev. H. Law James' band. This band rang the first spliced peal of Minor in 14 methods at Edenham in 1911. He used to tell how he often cycled 20 or 30 miles for a peal. He was a founder member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and a reader of 'The Ringing World' since its foundation, previously being a subscriber to 'The Bell News.'

He will be long remembered for his faithful service to Edenham Church. He was particularly keen on Sunday service ringing and on the quality of the ringing. It is said he had taught more ringers in Lincolnshire than anyone else.

He leaves a widow and two sons and a daughter, his son William succeeding him as tower captain. Following the funeral several half-muffled touches were rung by ringing friends.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

An example of enthusiasm comes from our Bolton correspondent, who tells of a meeting at Hoddlesden (6, 15 cwt.) on June 7th. The church has a large tower capable of holding a ring of ten, but there are only six bells, all being in one corner. One member of the Branch had the foresight to go early, and with the help of a local man and a spanner put the bells in a ringable condition.

The day before the meeting, the roof of the tower was removed, leaving the bells exposed to the sky. After a few touches a rope broke; this was spliced and ringing continued until the last touch before tea, when another broke.

During tea rain fell in torrents, and it was still raining when the ringers returned to the exposed tower with the floor one huge pool. Undaunted, the rope was spliced, and wearing their raincoats or sou'-westers the ringers continued to ring, although conditions were like one huge showerbath. Various methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung.

Bradford Cathedral Dedication

The new south wing of Bradford Cathedral was dedicated by the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. F. D. Coggan) on June 5th. The bells were rung before the impressive service and afterwards a quarter peal (720 of Kent and Oxford T.B., spliced, and 540 Plain Bob). Those taking part were E. H. Simpson 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Miss S. G. Schofield 3, J. Rhodes (Calverley) 4, H. B. Schofield 5, R. B. Coke (conductor) 6, T. Pedder tenor (covering). This was the first 720 of Spliced to be rung on the bells.

Leeds and District Society

The May meeting was held at Guiseley on the 31st. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued until 9 p.m., with short breaks for a wedding and tea. About 40 members made good use of the excellent ring of eight, and methods ranged from Plain Bob to Yorkshire. During the afternoon three visitors from Essex called in for a ring.

An excellent home-made tea was served in the Church Hall (formerly a tithe-barn), and at the business meeting membership cards, which had been kindly provided by Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe, were distributed.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. P. I. Chapman The New Master

'Well, I've had a very good day.' Comments in like vein were heard in the evening of May 17th, the day of the Guild's annual general meeting. Ringing at the dozen or so towers in and around Northampton provided practice from Doubles to Royal at various times from 11 a.m. until a late hour.

The local Branch secretary (Mr. G. F. Roome) and his committee gave careful thought to the necessary arrangements, and the smooth running of the day's proceedings reflected highly to their credit. The Rev. E. T. Hughes (Vicar of St. Giles') conducted the service in his church and gave the address. Also taking part were Canon Turner (Guild president), the Rev. G. F. Hales (Rector of Green's Norton) and the Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner (Rector of Harlestone).

Following tea in St. Giles' Buildings, where more than 100 sat down, the business meeting was held with the president in the chair, supported by his clerical brothers and Mr. B. P. Morris (Master).

The chairman first gave a warm welcome to visitors from neighbouring organisations, and also expressed his pleasure at seeing so many youthful members present. He was again elected to office as president, amid long applause, as was also the general secretary.

A ballot was necessary to elect the Ringing Master from the two nominations. The result was very close between Mr. P. I. Chapman and Mr. E. G. Orland, the former being elected. As a result of this the office of auditor is vacant until later in the year.

From the bell restoration fund two grants were made of £30 each to Boughton and Whittlebury.

After routine business had been disposed of the meeting considered the new Guild Office, which had been in preparation for some time and had been authorised by the Bishop for use in the diocese. Some members deplored the passing of the present form but the majority gave it a hearty approval. It had been felt that as new forms were needed in quantity the opportunity should be taken to make the ringers' service more acceptable to everyone.

The vote of thanks was in the hands of Mr. J. Skerritt and Mr. L. Priestley, who very ably expressed the members' gratitude for all that had been done for their pleasure.

The meeting ended with the Blessing, pronounced by the president.

FROM THE REPORTS

The Master in his report said there had been a number of first peals in a particular method for the Guild. This was very encouraging and such bands usually maintained a high standard of striking. However, such achievements did not contribute entirely to the healthy state of the Guild: this would come when they got Sunday service ringing at every possible tower.

Losses by death he mentioned were: Mr. A. J. Green (Wicken), Mr. W. H. Ashby (Northampton), Rev. J. O. Hichens (sometime president of Guilsborough Branch) and Mr. C. D. Nichols (Kettering).

The general secretary's report mentioned that in regard to peal ringing seven firsts had been rung for the Guild—Pudsey Surprise Major, Annable's London S. Minor, Gainsborough Little Bob and Plain Bob Major, St. Peter's Doubles, All Saints Doubles, Hinton S. Major and Hazelbeech S. Major. The last two methods were rung to a peal for the first time. Twenty-four members rang a peal for the first time. The total number of peals rung was 42.

The number of members resident in the diocese appeared to be maintained with a good number of new members replacing those who had left the Guild. A critical analysis of the membership lists would probably reveal a large number of inactive members. After making due allowance for reasons beyond personal control, there were still too many to be found under this heading. 'They are not getting the benefits which are to be had from the fellowship of a great body following the same pursuit and the Guild is being denied the full strength of their membership.'

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

The quarterly meeting of the Central District was held in bright sunshine on May 31st at St. Michael's, St. Albans. Good use was made of the light eight and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Harper) who, instead of a sermon, gave a brief but fascinating account of the items of interest in this lovely 1,000-year-old church. After an ample tea, the gentlemen present volunteered to wash up, leaving 16 ladies to hold a short business meeting. Mrs. Savory took the chair.

Eight new members were elected—four from North Mymms, three from King's Langley and one from St. Michael's, St. Albans. Some discussion followed before it was decided to forgo the August meeting and accept the invitation from Mr. F. W. Goodfellow to hold a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association and Oxford Guild at Hillingdon on October 18th.

Members were also reminded that the annual general meeting of the District is to be held at Stamford Hill on January 31st.

Votes of thanks followed, and the members then rejoined the gentlemen in the tower for further ringing until 8 p.m. J. D.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Thirty-six members attended the Northern District meeting at Knebworth on June 7th, when ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. Mr. A. Cutler presided at the business meeting, when Miss J. Dear, of Baldock, was elected a member and Mr. J. Hulme, of Clifton, Beds, a non-resident life member. The Rector (Rev. D. Howells) conducted the service with Mr. J. Pluck as organist.

A VISIT TO SALISBURY

Salisbury was visited by the ringers of Twerton-on-Avon and friends from Corston for their annual outing on June 7th, and it was a pleasure to meet Mr. Roger Fry, now studying at Salisbury Theological College, and Mr. Newman at the first tower, Wilton. The belfry, of Italian mediæval architecture, is 108 ft. high, and we enjoyed ringing on the six bells cast by Mears in 1831.

St. Paul's, Salisbury, the next tower, has a ground floor ring, which was augmented from six to eight in 1949 by Mears and Stainbank. After tea, the heavy octave of St. Thomas', cast by Wells, of Aldbourne, and rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1948, were rung. The visitors were joined by members of the local band in the ringing as it was their practice night. Sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Fry for his arrangements, and the local ringers for their welcome.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Curtis 1, Miss G. Smith 2, Miss A. Middleton 4, Miss J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. R. Maple 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. A. J. Head, interred the previous day.

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SILSOE, BEDS.—As from Wednesday, June 18th, the weekly ringing practice will be held on Wednesday evening from 7.30 to 9. 2555

TEIGNMOUTH, SOUTH DEVON.—Sunday ringing at St. Michael's on the sea front at 8.15 p.m. for 9 p.m. Holiday-makers' service during the summer in addition to the normal ringing at 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. 2557

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MEETINGS

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Western District.—Hexham Abbey *now cancelled*. To be held at Benfieldside, St. Cuthbert's, 3 p.m., Saturday, June 21st. Names to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 2536

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay (6) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2519

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2523

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 21st, at Tewin. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Rose and Crown, 2s. 6d. per head.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2529

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting to be held at Duffield (10) on June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. 2499

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Sunbury on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Tea—own arrangements. Further ringing 6.15 to 8.30 p.m. Special method, Double Norwich.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2543

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh (8) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food—tea provided.—B. Crossman. 2507

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, June 21st Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. —Geo. North, Sec. 2447

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Baughurst on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 2509

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined evening practice at Burstow (6) on Tuesday, June 24th. Bells 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2548

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, June 28th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30 p.m.—J. Chilcott. 2502

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Rowberrow on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 2532

CHESTER GUILD. — Stockport Barnch. — Meeting at Disley, Saturday, June 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise before Tuesday, June 24th, Mrs. E. V. Parker, Stanley Hall Farm, Disley—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 2560

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Belper on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—cafés nearby.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 2562

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Practice meeting at Clyst St. George, Saturday, June 28th, 7 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2558

DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Campsall, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Rev. Mr. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, near Askern, Doncaster.—George Watson, Sec. 2495

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 28th, Staindrop. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, Central Café, 5 p.m. Names by June 25th, please, to Mr. T. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 2533

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Childswyckham, June 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 2563

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, June 28th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. W. Arnold, The Manse, Itchel Lane, Crondall, Farnham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2546

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brabourne, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. G. K. Finn, Holly Cottage, Brabourne. Bells at Stowting (6) available after tea.—C. T. H. 2516

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod, Saturday, June 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Food can be purchased at 5 p.m. No business.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 2561

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Woodlesford on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 26th to Mr. J. N. Thorp, 91, Holmsley Lane, Woodlesford, Leeds. 2530

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Mountsorrel, Saturday, June 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday to Mr. R. Wilmore, 80, Hawcliffe Road, Mountsorrel. 2545

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ruskington (6), Saturday, June 28th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 2526

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Clewer, Saturday, June 28th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by 25th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. (Windsor 1484.) 2550

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (established 1623).—The 335th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 4 p.m. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea arranged for those notifying me by Thursday, June 26th. This being carnival day, catering may be difficult, so a postcard is essential to L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 2513

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Joint meeting on Saturday, June 28th, at Colston Bassett. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Yorkshire Surprise Major. Names for tea *must* be in by Monday, June 23rd, at the latest to Mrs. P. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton, Nottingham. 2538

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Chiddingly, Saturday, June 28th. Practice method, London Surprise Minor. Names for tea, please, to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 2539

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Brecon, Saturday, June 28th. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per person) in Parish Hall 5.15. General meeting to follow. The chair will be taken by the Lord Bishop. Ringing arrangements: Usk (8), 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Ebbw Vale (8) 2 to 2.45 p.m.; Brecon St. Mary's (8) 2.30 to 3.30 and 6.30 to 8.15 p.m., also St. David's, Brecon (6), 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2408

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District — A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Stacey on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Plough Inn. Names for tea by previous Monday, please, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester, Hants. 2541

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Upper Arley (Arley-on-Severn), near Bewdley, Saturday, June 28th. 'Bus from Bell Hotel, Stourbridge, 2.30 p.m. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Please give this meeting fullest support—a good time is assured.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Old Farm, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2517

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Selby, Saturday, June 28th. Abbey bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Hawdon Institute 5 p.m. Names, please, by June 26th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Subscriptions due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2500

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale (8), Saturday, July 5th, 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea at Church Inn, 4.45 p.m. prompt All welcome.—A. B. Cooper, H. E. Taylor. 2537

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Burnham meeting, July 5th, cancelled.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Sec. 2559

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, North Weald, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. King, 158, High Road, North Weald. 2552

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Paragon Cafe. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2564

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Dorset weekend meeting, July 5th/6th. July 5th, Bere Regis, 11.30 to 12.30; Kingston, 2 to 2.45; Swanage, 3 to 3.45; Wareham, 5 to 6. Sunday arrangements announced on Saturday. Names for meals to Dr. C. T. Brown, 14a, North Street, Wareham. 2478

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, July 5th. Bells available: St. Stephen's (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's (6), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 2 to 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. All three towers will be open after the meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 1st, please to Mr. B. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. No name, no tea. 2505

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Interim meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 2nd, certain, to Mr. A. W. Bird, Shrublands Cottages, Magdalen Way, Gorleston-on-Sea.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2553

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District.—Annual meeting at Deddington (8), Saturday, July 5th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify by July 1st H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. All ringers and friends welcome. 2556

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at East Ilsley (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 1st to C. J. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, Newbury. 2549

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting Saturday, July 5th, at Selly Oak. Bells (8) available 3.30 until 7 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. No tea arranged—cafés nearby.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. Phone: SPR 1025. 2544

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Nutfield (6) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, July 2nd, Miss N. Kempsell, Ringers Rest, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 2547

TRURO DIOCESAN FESTIVAL.—Saturday, July 12th, at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (2s.). Bells: St. Stephen (8), St. Mewan (6), St. Dennis (8), Roche (8), Ladock (8), St. Austell (8), from 5.45 p.m. Replies by Tuesday, July 8th, Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 2534

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Smith 1, H. Purchase 2, G. Sparkes 3, S. Bristow 4, E. Quicke (cond.) 5, R. Purchase 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

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SELF OR SERVICE RINGING?

A FEW months ago someone described ringing as a 'dedicated sport.' You know, there is a good deal of profundity in that statement if only we'd care to think about it.

Do you ring for sheer selfish pleasure and your own self-satisfaction, or do you ring for the service and glory of God? I wonder just how many of us could answer honestly? I am quite sure if we were asked that question out of the blue, in the case of most of us our haloes would glitter in the aura of self-righteousness which would shine round about us, and we would say: 'But of course, for the service and glory of God. How else could it be so?' But would it be true? Would it be true to say that we had never felt an immense surge of satisfaction to know that we could ring a certain method better than old so-and-so? Or that we had never hugged ourselves with secret glee because the so-called expert could not ring that certain method and we could? And what is that if not selfish pleasure and self-satisfaction?

No, I'm certain that if we look really closely at our ringing careers, we have all been guilty at one time or another. Some of us are worse than others, and those of us who *are* worse can sometimes make ourselves rather obnoxious, and not a little boring, to our fellow ringers.

I think it would be quite wrong of us not to admit that ringing in a lot of cases is a 'sport.' Peal ringing (whether it be quarter or extra long) is a sport, and one gets a lot of fun chalking the numbers up. Going round the countryside collecting towers is a sport, and one gets a lot of fun out of entering up the new ones in one's diary. But I do think we should keep it quite clear in our minds that it is a dedicated sport—dedicated to the work and worship of the Church, and from that it must surely follow that we will derive greater and purer pleasure from our ringing. If we considered our hobby to be dedicated, no doubt we would be forced to make our standard higher. Perhaps we would get a greater pleasure from hearing a really beautifully struck peal in a simple method which we knew we could ring well, and a greater sense of guilt from hearing a really badly struck peal in a more complicated method which we knew we could not ring very well but had tried merely to satisfy our own personal ambition. Perhaps we would be more ready to strive harder and only offer our best, whether we be ringing for personal pleasure or for Sunday service, because we were offering our skill, however small and humble, to God.

There is another thing. If we tried thinking more about ringing as a dedicated sport, we would be a really happy band of people. Maybe, too, we would find it easier to attract the much-needed recruits to our ranks. Aren't we sometimes to blame that we lose the interested beginner because we cannot sufficiently curb our own selfish aims and ambitions to allow the learner time to ring rounds and simple methods properly? Don't we sometimes crowd him out at ringing meetings because we want to shine before our fellows? Don't we sometimes tend to shove all the beginners in together and so get it over quickly, rather than take them one at a time and give them the full benefit of our greater knowledge and skill? Isn't that very often true? Come on now, let us be honest with ourselves and admit that it is so.

Yes, I'm afraid however much we try to bluster our way out, we *do* ring for selfish pleasure and our own self-satisfaction, almost without knowing it. When you come to think about it, it is a pity that we don't ponder more over this idea of ringing being a 'dedicated sport.' It's a solemn thought when you consider that if only we would try harder we could be better ringers and nicer people.

Heavens above! On reading this over it seems I've written something of a sermon. But I don't really care, because I must admit I've got a certain amount of selfish pleasure and self-satisfaction out of doing it!

NANCY KEMPSELL.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. BURTON	7
ALAN J. FROST	2	JAMES G. PRIOR	8
ROGER KEELEY	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	9
FRANK E. DARBY	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
WILFRED WILLIAMS	5	PHILIP F. CHALK	11
JOHN PHILLIPS	6	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains ten courses in the Whittington position.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*PATRICIA HOLMES	*Treble*	*FREDERICK S. PARSONS	6
*SIDNEY J. HAW	2	†J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	7
FRED C. WIGMORE	3	*TREVOR A. BEVIS	8
DENIS A. FRITH	4	WILLIAM ROSE	9
PETER E. PARRY	5	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER (C.C.C. No. 8).
Conducted by FRED C. WIGMORE.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	HAROLD MARCON	6
DEREK P. JONES	2	*GORDON A. HALLS	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	8
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
*PATRICIA A. M. FOSTER	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal together.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*JOHN HAYES	*Treble*	HAROLD HAYES	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
ALAN DUGDALE	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
*PHYLLIS HACKNEY	4	DENIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.
* First peal. Rung for the visit of H.M. the Queen Mother.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	†ERNEST J. LADD	5
ALAN CARVETH	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 100th peal. † 50th peal of Double Norwich. 350th peal as conductor.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
PATRICIA A. M. FOSTER	3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal of Cambridge Major.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Harry Poyner, of Leicester, and Mary C. Payne, of Syston, on their engagement.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First touch of Superlative.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*SHIRLEY A. MUDD (15)	*Treble*	*BRENDA WOOD (15)	5
*ANGELA M. SKIDMORE (15)	2	*CHRISTINE TATTERSALL (16)	6
*ARLINE A. ROUSE (14)	3	†JAMES E. BUCKLEY	7
HARRY MARSDEN	4	DAVID ATKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID ATKINS.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal on tower bells. First of Major as conductor.

Rung by the local band, and the first peal by them for the Association.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5376 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	†NIGEL J. MAGGS	5
RICHARD A. JACKSON	2	DERMOT J. ROAF	6
D. ROY STODDARD	3	GLYN F. JENKINS	7
*JEREMY A. M. SALTER	4	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. WILDE. Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. First on eight bells as conductor.

In memoriam Dorothy L. Sayers, honorary member of this Society.

The composition of this peal was adapted from one of those published in Miss Sayers' book, 'The Nine Tailors.'

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BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

A. William Bird	*Treble*	Michael J. Stokes	5
Edwin T. Chapman	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	6
Michael Solley	3	John W. Blythe	7
C. Jack Gibson	4	Peter Kindred	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by John W. Blythe.

Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. George Pipe on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Margaret.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 5 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 10080 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Maurice E. Downs	*Treble*	Brian J. Wylde	5
David Heighton	2	Michael T. Sprackling	6
Alan J. Smith	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Patrick J. Bird	4	Frank D. Mack	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by David Heighton.

The longest length yet rung by all in the band, and for the Society.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 London and Rutland, and 320 each Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Leslie Boumphrey	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	5
C. Kenneth Lewis	2	Brian Harris	6
*Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Peter Laflin	7
John Worth	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt.

Frank D. Bishop	*Treble*	*E. Russell Gotham	5
Michael J. Palmer	2	Robert W. Hinde	6
William A. Theobald	3	Frank C. Price	7
R. James Cook	4	William T. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Cook.
* First peal of Major. First of Cambridge Major as conductor.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mildred,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

William H. Prior	*Treble*	William P. Tickner	5
Violet I. E. Relf	2	Wilfred W. Ring	6
Kathleen M. Yeo	3	John R. Cooper	7
*Crawford T. Hillis	4	Mark W. Marshall	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Cooper.
* First peal of Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*Eve Pearson (18)	*Treble*	Trevor A. Cross	5
*J. P. McDermott (17)	2	†Peter G. Smart (17)	6
*Jill M. Lane (17)	3	*Douglas A. R. May (17)	7
†Peter A. Bird (15)	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on eight bells. First on eight as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Tessa Bunker and Alfred May, brother of the conductor, who were married this day at St. Mary's, Guildford.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)
On Sun., June 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Harry Sear	*Treble*	William A. Yates	5
*Peter R. Andrews	2	Donald J. Meager	6
Frederick J. Stonton	3	†Harry V. Sear	7
Frederick Vickers	4	Roger Cadamy	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Roger Cadamy.
* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of the treble ringer, Harry Sear, and Mrs. Sear, who were married in this church on this day in 1908 by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Charles W. Denyer	*Treble*	William T. Beeson	5
T. Mark White	2	Ronald J. C. Hagley	6
C. Ernest Smith	3	Colin A. Hopper	7
*Douglas A. R. May	4	Frederick A. Munday	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* First peal of Major in the method.

Rung for the consecration earlier this day at Canterbury Cathedral of the Rt. Rev. R. G. Clitherow, M.A., former Canon Missioner of this diocese, as Bishop of Stafford.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*Richard J. Clifton	*Treble*	Gordon A. Halls	5
Joseph W. Cotton	2	John A. Acres	6
Brian G. Warwick	3	*G. Ronald Edwards	7
Patricia A. M. Foster	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

Sidney Hough, jun.	*Treble*	Alex. Richardson	5
*Patricia A. M. Forster	2	Gordon A. Halls	6
*Ivor Jenkins	3	Neil D. Lomas	7
Derek Taylor	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*Phillip G. Erith	*Treble*	Frank B. Lufkin	5
*John F. Felgate	2	Felix H. Erith	6
*Gillian R. Brown	3	*Walter R. Felgate	7
George Waterman	4	Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*Shirley Stroud	*Treble*	‡Trefor Farrow	5
William H. Male	2	Harold Huxley	6
William Collett	3	Harry Windsor	7
†John Slack	4	*Philip Faulks	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Male.
* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First of Triples 'inside.'

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans'. Tenor 12¼ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
*JOHN H. FEILDEN	2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	6
GEOFFREY S. MILLS	3	HAROLD W. HAMER	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD W. HAMER.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman on the new bells.

Rung as a farewell to Canon John James Robinson on his retirement after 34 years' faithful ministry at All Saints', Farnworth.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 16, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*JAMES BARNES	*Treble*	F. ANTHONY ELSON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	BRIAN ROTHWELL	7
DAVID YOUNG	4	WILLIAM JOHN STOKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to F. Anthony Elson after studying at Bolton Technical College.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FORDHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MICHAEL J. TESTER	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER T. GRAVES	4
†C. REX WALLER	2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	5
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	3	ROGER J. PALMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

Rung by Soham Grammarians.

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	*MICHAEL SOLLEY	5
PETER KINDRED	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in seven methods.

ADVENT, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ADWENA,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, eight of St. Simon's, two of April Day, ten of Reverse Canterbury, ten of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 3 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	†ARTHUR F. BURLEY	3
*V. MARY MATTHEWS	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	4
JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

* First peal of Doubles in more than one method. † First of Doubles.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

*PATRICIA A. WARDLE	*Treble*	TERENCE L. ROPER	4
A. JAMES POYNOR	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal on six bells.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
DEREK M. SAWYER	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
ROGER A. BREWIN	3	GEORGE R. WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

A compliment to Mr. Harry Poyner and Miss Mary C. Payne on their engagement.

ENMORE, SOMERSET.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

JOHN S. WALTON	*Treble*	HERBERT POPLE	4
CECIL T. CLARKE	2	RONALD D. SHORT	5
*F. A. KEITH PRIME	3	HEDLEY E. BEST	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

* First peal of Doubles 'inside.' First of Plain Bob Doubles by all.

A wedding compliment to Mr. E. R. Hawkins and Miss B. I. Hill.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Canterbury, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*CHRISTOPHER M. ROBERTS	*Treble*	RAYMOND HENMAN	3
RICHARD G. CHATER	2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT	4
ROBIN V. BAKER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

* First peal.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven extents, viz.: (1) Kent T.B., (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4
*IAN R. PANTON	2	PETER J. EVES	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal 'inside.'

HASCOMBE, SURREY.
NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.
On Sun., June 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 SATURN TREBLE BOB DOUBLES

Being 21 240's. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in D.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	3
*ANNE C. GARNETT	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	4
WILLIAM S. DEASON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Doubles. First of Treble Bob Doubles as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis.

NOTE.—This peal is not recognised by the Central Council.—*Ed.*

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	JOHN W. BLYTHE	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	WALTER RUFFLES	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	PETER S. BEDFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER S. BEDFORD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Gibson.

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents of Kent T.B., one of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT	5
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

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

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

BRISTOL,
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Tues., June 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ANGELA GRAINGER	*Treble*	†PATRICK J. BIRD	4
MAURICE E. DOWNS	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
†MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	3	†TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal. † First in seven methods. First in seven Minor methods for the Society. The Society's 50th peal.

Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. Maurice Downs to Miss Angela Grainger.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., June 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*JEAN M. ADDICOTT	*Treble*	RICHARD A. JACKSON	4
*R. RACHEL CORNER	2	GLYN F. JENKINS	5
DERMOT J. ROAF	3	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Stephen Ivin and Avril Thackray on their engagement.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*ALFRED LOMAS	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	4
*JOHN FROOME	2	*BRIAN ROTHWELL	5
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	*DAVID YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID YOUNG.

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

Rung to welcome Glyn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cooper, both ringers at this church.

DALWOOD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., June 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 19 240's and four 120's. Tenor 8 cwt.

LESLIE MORRELL	*Treble*	*DENNIS HART	4
ALAN COOKE	2	WILLIAM WEBB	5
DONALD SALTER	3	RONALD TRICKEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

* First peal.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

T. CLAUD TEMPLETON	*Treble*	WILLIAM TALBOT	4
ALBERT LAWTON	2	G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
ERIC YOUNG	3	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

A 19th birthday compliment to Keith Moore, son of the conductor.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), ten of Grandsire (ten callings) and four each of Morris's 240 and Pitman's 240, and two spliced 240's. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE ARMITT	*Treble*	BARRY CORBISHLEY	4
IAIN DAVENPORT	2	ROY WORRALL	5
RICHARD CARTLIDGE	3	HECTOR ARDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY WORRALL.

Rung by the Sunday service band.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 27 methods, viz.: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (5) Westminster and Allendale; (6) London and Wells; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne; 124 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 50th peal together. First of Spliced Surprise in 27 methods by all and for the Association.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 25 methods, viz.: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham; (5) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne; (6) London and Wells; (7) York and Durham; 127 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal of Spliced Surprise in 25 methods by all, and for the Association. 100th peal as conductor.

A welcome home to the conductor on completion of National Service.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

*JILL PUTTMAN	*Treble*	*GEORGE WRIGHT	3
WILLIAM C. BROWN	2	ARTHUR J. MILLWARD	4
DEREK E. GRIFFIN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK E. GRIFFIN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Mann.

HANDBELL PEAL

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor size 15 in C.

*VIVIEN BARNES	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Grandsire on 1–2.

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ABSON, GLOS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gloria M. Newton 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Sandra Lewis 3, G. S. Sprules 4, J. W. Sprules 5, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. In honour of H.M. Queen's official birthday.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. A. Shaw 1, V. F. Gough (first 'inside') 2, Valerie Mepham 3, I. C. Forrest 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung for Evensong.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Payne 1, Miss F. Steel 2, R. Harrison 3, R. Walker 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, R. A. Ward 6. A birthday compliment to Miss E. Steel.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. V. Edwards 1, Miss G. Tinnims 2, Mrs. J. Francis 3, A. R. Bartlett 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, P. S. Gaisford 6.

BRISTOL. — On June 11th, at Christ Church, with St. Ewen, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Gillett 1, F. G. Leaker 2, Mary Hall 3, Ruth Bevan (first quarter on 8 bells) 4, A. A. Hilliar 5, P. J. Bird 6, J. M. Stallard (first as cond.) 7, E. F. Hancock 8. Rung for the Feast of St. Barnabas, A.M.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. Norris 2, J. Pares 3, E. Ashby 4, H. Hodgetts 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris 7, F. Morris 8. A farewell to the Rev. H. D. Jones, assistant priest.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sullivan 1, Jill Swanne 2, R. Sullivan 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, W. O. Farrimond 5, P. Rogers (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mrs. F. Hagenbuch.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On June 7th, at the Cathedral Church, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: W. J. Brunt 1, Mrs. L. D. Mills 2, Evelyn R. Cansdale 3, Janet M. Spurgin 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, B. W. Fairhead 6, D. L. Mills 7, L. D. Mills 8, E. E. Davey 9, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 10. First of Royal by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7. First in method by 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10. Rung during the Cathedral festival by members from North-East Essex.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Courtman 1, W. Francis (jun.) 2, G. Goodson 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, F. Hinton 7, A. Nurse (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late George Marsh, brother of Mr. J. Marsh, captain of the local band.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): R. Measures 1, Sheila Percival 3, Mrs. R. Measures 4, B. Sims 5, P. Tompkins 6, G. Mayes (cond.) 7, T. Dilley 8. Rung on the occasion of rededication of the Church School. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering): D. Newis 1, G. Mayes 2, Jill Mayes 3, Sheila Percival 4, J. Church 5, J. Hulme (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, S. Bywaters 8. For Evensong.

DENTON, LINCS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck 1, H. Grocock 2, H. Squires 3, F. G. Vickers 4, P. Parry (cond.) 5, L. Squires 6. Rung for Denton Feast.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): H. Hadwick 1, J. B. Budd 2, R. C. Warburton 3, W. Longbottom 4, F. Kennington 5, B. Doyle (first quarter) 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, T. H. Robinson 8. Rung for consecration of Ven. K. Healey as Bishop of Grimsby.

GRITTLETON, WILTS. — On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Billings 1, E. Truman 2, C. Lovelock 3, H. Heath 4, H. Blacker (cond.) 5, R. Tigwell 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Charles Gough, a ringer at this church for 72 years.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elaine Dudley (first quarter) 1, J. Armitage 2, Mrs. M. Thorley 3, J. P. Cooper 4, P. Whitaker 5, W. Dixon (cond.) 6.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On June 1st, 1,296 Slough Big Bob Doubles: Margaret Essen 1, Judith Essen 2, R. G. Leale 3, R. Woodcock 4, W. S. Deason 5, D. A. S. Hawkins 6. For morning service.

HENDON, MIDDLX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Pratchett 1, Sheila Wood 2, Ruth M. Foreman (cond.) 3, G. Ellis 4, J. Maltby 5, G. Pratchett 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edwin George Dickinson, father of J. O. Dickinson, a member of the local band.

QUARTER PEALS

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Harrabin 1, A. R. Crump 2, M. F. Hall 3, Miss E. M. Yardley 4, A. N. Stubbs 5, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the new bells and for all the band except Miss Yardley. For Evensong. Also on June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Harrabin 1, Miss E. M. Yardley 2, M. F. Hall 3, A. N. Stubbs 4, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. H. C. Johnson 6. Rung after a special service in memoriam Bishop J. H. Linton, sometime Rector of St. Mary's.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (360 All Saints, 360 Grandsire, 360 Reverse Canterbury, 180 Plain Bob): C. M. Godfrey 1, Janet Burroughs 2, B. Burrough 3, Shirley A. Richardson 4, B. B. Dibben (cond.) 5.—Also on May 25th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Janet Burroughs 1, B. Burrough 2, C. M. Godfrey 3, Shirley A. Richardson (cod.) 4, B. B. Dibben 5. For Whitsun.

MARGATE, KENT.—On June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Taylor (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, J. F. Atkins 3, R. G. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. Gadsden (cond.) 7, G. Whybrow 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Page. For 50 years Mr. Page has been a member of the K.C.A.

MATLOCK, SOMERSET. — On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Pearce 1, A. W. Dyer 2, R. J. Deen 3, R. J. Fox 4, D. Randall 5, W. E. Turner 6, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 7, T. J. Locke 8. Rung for the Queen's official birthday.

MAYFIELD, STAFFS.—On June 9th, 2,256 Whitley Surprise Minor: J. W. Cotton 1, G. Halls 2, Patricia Forster 3, B. P. Morris 4, D. R. Carlisle 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. First in method by all. Believed longest length on the bells and in the method.

MILDENHALL, WILTS. — On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. C. West 1, W. A. Theobald 2, W. C. Shute (cond.) 3, A. E. Woods 4, W. C. West 5, J. Ralph (first quarter) 6. Rung after the rededication service for restoration of church and bells.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles, being 3 extents each of Stedman and Plain and 540 Grandsire: Miss P. Hutton 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, F. V. Gant (cond.) 3, A. Gargrave 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, A. Grainger 6. Rung at the request of the Rector for the garden party.

NORTHAMPTON.—On May 19th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, R. A. Eldridge 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, J. C. Rainbow 8. Rung as a welcome to the verger (Mr. Fuller), and on the occasion of his marriage, which took place prior to this touch. Also on June 1st, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Doubles (in five methods): Judith White (first quarter) 1, G. F. Roome (cond.) 2, E. Billings 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, R. S. Roberts 5, E. Rudkin 6. For morning service.

OTHERY, SOMERSET. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): W. Monckton 1, J. Drew (cond.) 2, F. Welch 3, G. Monckton 4, T. Lock 5. First Doubles for 1 and 4. Rung for Empire Day.

OXFORD.—On June 1st, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Maior: P. R. Sanders 1, R. A. Jackson 2, N. J. Maggs 3, Ruth S. Hodgson 4, J. A. M. Salter 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6, R. A. Hodgson 7, J. H. Pailing 8. First of Surprise for 2, 3 and 5.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Costessy, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Besthorpe, 60 Grandsire) 7, 6, 8 covering: Rev. G. W. Ruming 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, C. Rouse 3, Miss W. Bird 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, H. Nichols 6, W. Richards 7, L. Bennett 8. First in 11 methods for all except 2 and 4. In memoriam Miss C. Lewis.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Best 1, K. Prime 2, J. Walton 3, K. Lane 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5, R. Short 6. Arranged for K. Lane, of Kingsbury, Warwickshire.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On June 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. N. Marlow 1, M. J. Best 2, Audrey Bailey 3, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 4, Jessie M. Kippin 5, W. E. Cheater 6, R. R. Savory 7, L. F. Cobb (first of Surprise as cond.) 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hobbs (first quarter) 1, C. White (first 'inside') 2, G. Northway 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, J. Page 5, K. Jacobs 6, A. Fry 7, I. Templeton 8. Rung for Trinity Sunday, which was also Mayor's Sunday.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On June 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: R. S. Long 1, B. Balderson 2, S. Philbrick 3, F. Ward 4, A. P. Knights 5, D. Holland 6, R. Wildgoose (first 'inside') 7, J. Seager 8, R. Birch 9, B. Holland 10, G. K. Chaddock 11, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 12. Rung to celebrate the Queen's official birthday.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): F. J. Newman (first quarter) 1, H. Luscombe 2, H. Smith 3, M. Rose 4, D. Lee (first as cond.) 5, P. A. Newman (first quarter) 6, J. Mitchell (first quarter) 7, F. Nicholls 8. Rung for the marriage of the Rev. K. Rex (curate) and Miss Sheila Moody, and as a farewell to them on their departure for Cheshunt.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury and 300 Grandsire): C. M. Godfrey 1, Valerie I. Phillips 2, Janet Burroughs 3, Shirley A. Richardson 4, B. B. Dibben (cond.) 5, G. Francis 6. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. S. Morris 1, R. K. Stretton 2, E. Morris 3, S. Burton 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, P. Norman 8. For Parish Communion during which service David Andrew (son of the conductor) was baptised.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On April 20th, 1,259 Doubles (120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 360 Plain Bob, 779 Grandsire): Margaret Wheat (first quarter) 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, K. W. Cooke (first 'inside') 3, A. Sharples (cond.) 4, R. Bryan (first 'inside') 5, H. Martin Breary (first quarter) 6. First quarter in three methods by all. Rung for Evensong and to commemorate the 85th birthday of Mr. David Holland. Also on May 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Wheat (first of Minor) 1, S. Barbara Cooke 2, Margaret Ross 3, D. Young 4, A. Sharples 5, T. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service, also as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

UPPER CLAPTON, E. — At the Church of St. Matthew, on June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Steele 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. A. Hales 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 15th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: A. J. N. Boyack 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, P. D. Chapman (first 'inside') 4, R. J. Chapman 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, T. Hawkings 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS. — On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Gloria M. Newton 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Sandra Lewis 3, J. S. Sprules 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, P. G. King 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Shirley Brooks, of Warmley, and Mr. Malcolm Parr, of Exeter, married this day at Warmley.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON. — At St. Margaret's Church, on May 18th, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. Sanders 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, W. Hewett 4, W. Rawlings 5, M. Oakshett 6, J. Marks 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8, R. Sanders 9, F. Peett 10.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—At All Saints', on June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bell 1, Miss J. Scrutton 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, J. Tomsett 4, G. Harvey 5, T. Corfield 6, W. Wilson 7, L. Bell 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, Anne Garnett 2, Susan Jacobs (first as cond.) 3, J. Tomsett 4, M. Sinden 5, E. Jacobs 6, F. Corfield 7, F. Wicks 8. A 70th birthday quarter for the tenor ringer, a former member of the band.

WITNEY, OXON.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Coggins 1, B. Coggins 2, E. Hill 3, E. Townsend 4, Miss M. Welch 5, D. J. Smith 6, B. J. Coggins (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. Cornish 8. First of Triples for 1, 2 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. Charles, chorister.

DEDICATION
Mildenhall, Wilts

A big restoration scheme costing over £5,000 has been carried out at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Mildenhall, Wilts. The work includes a new bell frame and a new treble bell, the other bells being retuned. These bells have been silent for 21 years.

The tenor at Mildenhall is dated 1594, and was recast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, in 1801, who added four more bells at that time. The new treble has been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

This ancient church was filled to capacity with parishioners and ringers from far and near for the dedication service, performed on Sunday, June 8th, by the Archdeacon of Wilts (Ven. C. A. Plaxton). The opening rounds were rung by W. Theobald 1, T. A. Palmer 2, N. Tilley 3, J. Fuller 4, A. Smith 5, O. Wherrell 6. Immediately after the service 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by W. Theobald 1, F. Cook 2, L. Kutt 3, R. Johnston (conductor) 4, H. Gummer 5, V. Gilbert 6.

By kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. E. G. Courtman) the 250 people present had tea in the Rectory grounds. A further sum of £450 is needed to discharge the debt on the church. Another responsibility is the recruitment of a new band as there is only one experienced ringer in the village.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the annual meeting of the Reading University Society the following officers were elected for the 1958–59 session: Master, Miss Lucy Allen; secretary, Miss Mollie Tilbury; treasurer, Miss Pat Buss; lay members, Miss Angela Mullock and Mr. John Coates.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO MR. GEORGE PRESTON

On Monday, June 9th, a moving little ceremony took place in the belfry of Christchurch Priory when the Vicar (Rev. Canon R. P. Price, M.A.) unveiled and dedicated a tablet to the memory of the late Mr. George Preston.

The memorial to the late captain of the Priory Ringers records that he was a ringer and subsequently captain of the band for nearly 70 years (just a few months short of that time), and the Vicar paid tribute to Mr. Preston's devoted service to the Priory.

Upwards of 40 people had climbed the belfry steps to be present that evening, and the company included the two churchwardens, Mr. J. Galton and Mr. S. W. White (himself a ringer), Mr. Harry Preston (brother), and members of the Priory band who were Mr. George Preston's colleagues for many years. These included Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Witt and Miss Barnes, and Messrs. L. Stone, F. Sparshott, G. Scragg, H. Harrison and R. Broadest.

The Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were represented by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Godfrey) and several members, some of whom rang in the peal to Mr. Preston's memory performed on February 9th, 1957, on the Priory bells, and details of which are recorded on the memorial plaque. It will be recalled that the late Mr. George Preston served the Guild as District secretary for 37 years.

After the ceremony, Mr. J. Galton, churchwarden, said it was his first visit to the belfry during ringing time, although in his capacity of warden he often climbed the tower. They all greatly appreciated the value of the late Mr. George Preston's loyal service among the bells. In Mr. Lenstone he felt the Priory band had a worthy successor as captain of the ringers.

THE LADIES' GUILD
Yorkshire District

In the beautiful parish church of Doncaster, the few ladies who attended the meeting on May 17th made good use of the very fine ring of eight bells, along with the members of the Yorkshire Association, under the guidance of Mr. H. Chant.

The service was conducted by Canon Herklots and the chief organist accompanied the singing on the fine organ which is reputed to be the largest for many miles around and has 6,000 pipes. An excellent tea was served in the nearby Memorial Hall, and at a short business meeting Chesterfield was suggested for a joint meeting with the Midland District.

Then a gallant effort was made to climb the 100-odd steps to the belfry, where further ringing took place, ranging from Bristol to rounds.

Our thanks go to the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Eric Critchley and the local company, as well as to Canon Herklots and the organist.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The last meeting of the Society, held at Penistone on June 7th, was well attended, and amongst the visitors was Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who commented how encouraging it was to see so many youngsters present. Though a variety of methods up to Surprise Major was rung, the best ringing was probably a touch of closed-lead Treble Bob Minor and a musical touch of Stedman Triples.

At the business meeting 14 new members were elected and it was announced that the next meeting would be at Dore on July 5th. The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks for an excellent tea and the use of the delightful ring of eight bells. N.C.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The members of the University of Bristol Society who rang the 10,080 Plain Bob Major at Longney on June 7th are interested to know whether this is the longest length yet rung by a University Society.

Eight teams competed for the Barnsley District shield competition at Silkstone on June 24th. Friezland were the winners, followed by Cawthorne.

Congratulations to Hemyock (Devon) on ringing their first quarter as a band. They have only been ringing the 'scientific' methods a few months. The quarter peal of Grandsire was conducted by one of the band, Donald Salter.

The Rector of Loughton has expressed his appreciation to the Essex Association for ringing a quarter peal with a high standard of ringing on the occasion of a High Mass attended by the Archbishop of Central Africa. Loughton has only a band of learners, and the visit was much appreciated.

Youth rang the call to worship at Rotherham Parish Church for the youth service on June 8th. A service touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung in good style by four boys and four girls (average age 17 years). The performance was quite good for bells of this weight (tenor 34¾ cwt.).

Many ringers will remember Mr. and Mrs. P. Page, of the Canterbury District. For the last six years he has been a regular member of St. John-the-Baptist's tower, Margate, and it was here that a quarter peal was rung on June 8th in honour of his and Mrs. Page's golden wedding anniversary. The actual date was June 6th, and on that day a golden wedding party was held at their daughter's home at Ashford. Our congratulations to this veteran of the K.C.A. with 50 years' membership, and also to Mrs. Page who is an honorary member.

Mr. Wm. Cheeseman, who died recently at the age of 74, was one of a famous family of Kent ringers. It was mainly through his efforts that the bells of Stowting were augmented to the present delightful little ring of six, and it was here that an in memoriam peal was rung. Mr. Cheeseman was buried within the precincts of the church.

We are informed that the tenor ringer in the quarter peal at Cranford, Middlesex (see page 407), was Josephine Pole and not Josephine Speake.

An Exeter ringer wishes to congratulate a Huntingdon bachelor on ringing his first peal on ten bells with an unmarried lady on either side of him. What memories of Ireland!

At 6 a.m. on Sunday, June 8th, a ringer, well known in the East Midlands, was observed walking towards Heckington. He had been to a Loughborough District meeting and missed the last train from Nottingham (44 miles from home). He is not discouraged!

At the end of June, Mr. R. Newman, a regular ringer at St. Mary Magdalene's, N.7, is retiring from work on reaching the age limit, after 39 years as a male nurse. He is looking forward to continuing his service in the church as a ringer for as long as possible.

About £900 is needed for the restoration of Putney bells. This Thomas Mears octave of 1836 is to be turned, tuned and rehung with new fittings including clappers. While ringing is suspended, arrangements have been made for practices and Sunday ringing. For details see our Notices column.

THE 'CHANT' OF ADMIRERS

There is an old man called Chant,
Who thinks he can scan but he can't;
He tries to write verse,
But he only gets worse,
And his poems are such that they aren't.

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NORTHERN IRELAND PEAL TOUR

A Wonderful Four Days

'North, East, South, or West,
The welcome in Ireland is—None but the best.'

WHEN, at Chelmsford in 1957, the Central Council decided to visit Dublin, quite a number of delegates and friends thought that it was well worth making a full week of it. Knowing that there would be a party visiting Southern Ireland, the writer thought that it would be only fair to visit Northern Ireland, and accordingly gathered together some 12 ringers and two wives for a four-day tour. The arrangements, from the Irish end, were most kindly and carefully made by Messrs. Fred Dukes and John Dunwoody, those two pillars of Irish ringing. All those taking part would like to thank Fred and John for the splendid organisation, both for ringing and travelling, which enabled everything to go off without a hitch. The generous hospitality was unforgettable, the bells all first-class, and the enthusiasm of the local ringers was a fine example to many English bands.

Our adventure started at Euston Station on Friday, May 23rd, when ten of us boarded the 11.25 p.m. 'relief' train for Holyhead. The train was nearly empty, and although seats had been reserved there was enough room for everyone to have a compartment to themselves to try and snatch some sleep! We saw the sun rise over the Welsh mountains, and arrived in Holyhead at 6.10 a.m., to catch the 5.20 a.m. boat! Fortunately, the boat waits for passengers, and we had a smooth crossing to Dun Laoghaire, arriving in Dublin at 10.30 a.m.

Six of our party, with the addition of Messrs. E. A. Barnett and J. G. Gipson, had the pleasure of ringing a first-class peal of Yorkshire on the magnificent bells at Bray, cast by Taylors in 1880. The speed of the ringing was a steady one, and although there was some 'leg-pulling' about the 3 hours 40 minutes time, we would have been quite happy if another ten minutes had been taken. As a well-known Cheshire humourist said: 'Let the harmonics get clear'! It is mainly poor bells which need fast ringing, and Bray are undoubtedly among the best ten 'eights' in the British Isles. Previous to the ringing, the Rector (Canon E. H. F. Campbell) had conducted a short service for us, and at the finish the local captain led us round to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pretty-Perry, where a very nice tea was awaiting us.

For the next three days we all took part in the arrangements so ably made for everyone, and enjoyed ringing on some excellent bells. However, by Tuesday night, May 27th, most of us went to bed a little earlier, so as to be fresh for an early start for Northern Ireland on Wednesday.

ENNISKILLEN

On Wednesday, May 28th, everyone was up at 6 a.m., and with a cup of tea and some sandwiches, we were on our way to Amiens Street Station by taxi, to catch the 7.30 a.m. train for Portadown, en route for Enniskillen, 116 miles away. A fine breakfast was served on the train, and it was noted that the railway feeding was much ahead of British Railways, both in the quality of the food and in the cheerful service. (Will members of the Railwaymen's Guild please note!)

We had to change at Portadown for Omagh, and here the writer had to use a little Irish 'brogue' to make the jolly porter understand that we wanted Omagh, and not Armagh! An hour's run to Omagh, and we changed to an Ulster Transport bus, drawn up outside the station, for our last stage of the journey, the 25 miles to Enniskillen. The very helpful inspector knew all about our visit, and much amusement was caused when, noticing that he was training a new conductor, one member of the party offered to give him a few tips!

Generous Hospitality



ANOTHER DUBLIN PICTURE.—Some 80-odd ringers were present at the luncheon given by the directors of Guinness's Brewery. Copies of this photograph, published by the permission of the Brewery, may be obtained from Lensmen, 9, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, price 4s., each plus 6d. postage. Please quote photograph No. A/701/3023.

On arrival at Enniskillen at 12.20 p.m., we were greeted at the bus station by the Rector (Canon T. Clements) and Messrs. J. Johnson and C. Paine, of the local band. A fine lunch had been prepared for us at the Imperial Hotel, on the kind invitation of the Vicar and local ringers, and a very happy hour was spent discussing Northern Ireland. In 1935 Messrs. Taylors recast three of the old bells, and added two trebles to make a fine ring of ten. The ringing chamber is just under the bells, and consequently they are a little noisy, but are a well-balanced ring. Our peal of Bob Royal went off without incident, and afterwards we were again entertained by the local ringers, this time to tea in the Parish Hall. Before tea, four of the very keen local band were 'put through' a course of Bob Triples, and much credit is due to them, as the nearest assistance is 90 miles away, in Belfast.

This peal gave great pleasure to the conductor, as his father, an Irishman, was at school at Portora from 1871 to 1874, and he has long had an ambition to ring a peal there. Our bus left at 6.40 p.m. for Omagh, and we were seen off by those who had met us. Thank you, Enniskillen, for such a wonderful welcome.

LONDONDERRY

After a night's rest at Omagh, we were off at 8.15 a.m. for Londonderry. We were very lucky to all be on the train, as at 8.15 we were still waiting for five of our party, the station being half-a-mile from the hotel. However, the guard kindly delayed the start until 8.20, and the late arrivals bundled into the train just as he blew his whistle!

The journey to Londonderry is 60 miles, and the line passes through some splendid scenery, mostly following beside the River Foyle. Mr. A. Fielding, the secretary of the local band, was waiting for us at the station, and took us straight to the City Café for coffee and cakes, kindly provided by the Dean and Chapter.

The Dean (Very Rev. L. R. Lawrenson) was waiting to greet us on the steps of the Cathedral, which is situated on high ground above the City walls. The belfry, octagonal in plan, has large lancet windows on three sides, and the bells are a fine ring of ten, cast in 1929 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Circle and draught of rope are excellent, and the sound of the bells just comfortable. An excellent peal of Kent Royal was duly completed, Ralph Edwards being highly delighted to travel some 340 miles to score his 500th peal on the third heaviest tenor in Ireland. The bells came round at 2.45 p.m., just giving us 30 minutes to catch the 3.15 p.m. train for Coleraine.

COLERAINE

We arrived at Coleraine at 4.7 p.m., and were greeted on the platform by the Curate (Rev. S. Simpson), Mr. Samuel Morton and Mr. E. Hamilton. They had another lovely meal ready for us, and at the finish of this, Tom Sone presented the writer with a nylon-covered umbrella, with thanks from the party for his part in arranging such an enjoyable tour. This was to replace one left in Shandon belfry on Monday! Many thanks, everyone; I shan't lose this one!

The beautiful church has a battlemented tower of graceful proportions, surmounted by four handsome corner pinnacles—the only church of eight we had visited without a spire. It is dedicated to St. Patrick, and the bells are a good eight, cast by Taylors in 1893, with a tenor of 20¼ cwt. in E flat. We rang Yorkshire, Bristol and two touches of Stedman Triples. The Rector (Canon L. V. Uprichard) came into the belfry while we were ringing, and said how delighted he was to see us. Our train for Ballymena departed at 6.30 p.m., and the local band escorted us back to the station. We thanked them for their very kind and generous hospitality, and promised to send them some books of instruction, to assist them with learning change-ringing.

BALLYMENA

Arriving at Ballymena at 7.7 p.m., we were again met by the local company, headed by Mr. V. C. Patterson, who had also met Mr. W. H. Fussell's party in 1931. The church, another one dedicated to St. Patrick, contains a good ring of eight (tenor 17¼ cwt.) cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1895. The well-kept ringing room

NORTHERN IRELAND—Cont.

has a good circle and draught of rope, and we enjoyed ringing Stedman, Superlative, Bristol and London. The local ringers also rang call-changes for us, but we could not persuade any of them to join us in method ringing, though they had received some instruction from Mr. George Skinner, of Exeter.

Afterwards we were entertained to a fine buffet supper in the Parish Hall, and were joined by the Rector (Rev. C. H. B. Craig). Thanking us for our visit, he said he hoped we would visit them again soon; and we, in turn, thanked him and his very keen band for their lavish hospitality. Mr. R. Letters had kindly advised the bus company of our 10 p.m. departure, and although we had intended travelling by an earlier train, the bus company accepted our tickets, and we arrived in Belfast at 11.10 p.m. and made our way to the Kensington Hotel, after an unforgettable day, in which we had travelled 135 miles.

CARRICKFERGUS

On Friday, May 30th, our destination in the morning was only a mere 12 miles, and we caught the 10 a.m. train from York Road Station for Carrickfergus, which is beautifully situated on the north shore of Belfast Lough, the train following the coast from the city.

The musical ring of bells, cast by Gillett and Johnston in 1920, are housed in a detached campanile, as the old tower and spire was considered too weak to bear the strain of a ring of bells. The tower and bells were erected as the town's war memorial, and the bells are rung from the ground floor and 'go' well.

We were met by Mr. J. Palmer, with whom the writer rang a quarter peal of Grandsire here in 1934, and it was decided to ring Double Norwich, partly to enable Miss Freda Greaves, of King's Lynn, to score her 'first in the method,' and partly to let the writer 'bag' a new country for his favourite method! We found that the seventh had just had a new stay fitted, which was a little too large. The result was that it would not set, and Tom Cullingworth rang it splendidly with a light touch.

After the peal, Mr. Palmer took us down to the Parish Hall, where lady helpers had prepared an excellent lunch. We were joined by the Rector (Canon J. Rutherford), who gave us a hearty welcome, and incidentally had done the same to Mr. W. H. Fussell's party in September, 1931, and another touring party in September, 1936.

The lunch was so nice that we were a little later than we expected in leaving, and as we were due at Holywood 'as soon after 3.30 p.m. as possible,' we very regretfully had to miss ringing at St. Thomas's, Belfast. However, one of our party, Wilf Robinson, who did not come to Carrickfergus, represented us, and was joined by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Oatway and Roy Davies, of Croydon, so they were able to ring the back six. We apologise for being unable to get there.

Ralph Edwards unfortunately had to leave us after a pull at Carrickfergus, as he was booked on a party flight by plane from Dublin. However, although only ringing two peals, he was well satisfied, as he had rung the tenor for the 'plum' of the tour. It will cost him a few English tenors for this, as a reward!

HOLYWOOD

A short taxi ride along the south shore of Belfast Lough brought us to Holywood, and we alighted at a maypole, said to be the only survivor in the British Isles. Mr. John Dunwoody, who had done so much for our tour, welcomed us, and we started for Cambridge on a light ring of bells, supplied by Taylors in 1891. Unfortunately, a broken treble rope, after two hours, brought our only failure. However, it brought some compensation, as we were able to spend much longer at St. Mark's, Dundela, later in the evening.

The surroundings of Holywood Church, dedicated to SS. Philip and James, are very pretty, with tall trees bordering a well-kept lawn.

The local ringers had a splendid tea ready for us, and we were officially welcomed by Mr. William Pratt, president of the Irish Association. Among those present were Mr. Harry Brown, local captain, and late of Pontefract, Yorks, Miss Jean Stewart, of St. Donard's, Belfast, well-known at Council meetings, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers, of Isleworth. A very happy hour was spent, which only had to be terminated because we were due at Dundela, and it was then 8.25 p.m.

ST. MARK'S, DUNDELA

Escorted on the bus by John Dunwoody and Jean Stewart, we arrived at Dundela at 8.40 p.m. The church is a modern building, with a very tall tower and spire, and the ten bells, cast in 1955 by Taylors, with a tenor of 12¼ cwt., are undoubtedly the finest ten with under a ton tenor in the British Isles. Owing to the height of the tower, they are wisely hung on plain bearings, and sound and 'go' is just perfect.

Most of the local ringers were there to greet us, and it was a pleasure to renew acquaintance with Mr. F. E. Fagg, late of Milton-next-Sittingbourne, Kent, who is a great help to the band, who are mastering Plain Bob and are very keen. We rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, the first Cambridge Royal on the bells, and finished up with three leads of Oxford Royal, in which John Dunwoody and Jean Stewart joined us.

Afterwards we went to the nearby Parish Hall, where the Rector (Rev. E. G. Parke) gave us a very cordial welcome. The usual Irish 'cup of tea' was served to us, and we were so full at the end of the day that even the chance of a 'late' peal would probably have been regretfully refused!

It must be mentioned here that the Irish 'cup of tea' is an extremely modest description of a first-class spread! Regretfully, we had to say 'Goodbye' to Dundela at 10.30 p.m., but we hope we shall be allowed to return for a peal, once the local district ringers have scored the 'first on the bells.' We wish them 'very good luck.'

HILLSBOROUGH

Saturday, May 31st, arrived, and meant packing everything up, and catching the 8.30 a.m. bus for Hillsborough, the seat of the Governor of Northern Ireland. The church is a most striking building, approached by a long avenue of trees, and has twin towers on each side, in addition to the fine ringing tower and spire.

Mr. David Rogan (local secretary) and Mr. F. McBride (captain) met us off the bus, and took our luggage to a local café. The ringing chamber is ideal, being lit by three large windows, and the circle is perfect, a big improvement to when the tenor used to hang in the centre! The bells were originally cast by Rudhall in 1774, but were all recast by Taylors since 1945. The draught is a fairly long one, with no guides, and as the seventh sounds out louder than the others, we rang at a very steady beat for an 18¼ cwt. tenor. Nevertheless, a good peal was scored in exactly 3 hours 30 minutes, the bells coming round at 1.5 p.m.

Immediately we had finished, Mr. Rogan took us to the nearby café and, once again, a really splendid lunch was kindly provided by the local ringers.

Owing to leaving Hillsborough much later than anticipated, due to the generous hospitality received, it was with very great regret that we just could not visit Lurgan, as the local band was expecting us. A phone call was made by Mr. Rogan, but was too late to notify them, and they were apparently awaiting us. We did not leave Hillsborough until 2.10 p.m., and only just caught the 3 p.m. train back to Dublin, on which we were booked with reserved seats. We hope Mr. J. P. Irwin, and his kind friends, have accepted our sincere apologies, sent by letter, and that we may meet him later.

ACROSS THE SEA AGAIN

We reached Dublin at 5.50 p.m., travelling the same route from Portadown as we had come on Wednesday, and again sampling an Irish Railways meal—too good to miss! Leaving our baggage at Westland Row Station, we were able to do a little shopping before catching the boat train for the 8.40 p.m. steamer ex Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead.

A quiet crossing, several courses of Grandsire Triples on Geoff Pearson's handbells on the top deck, and the sun setting over dear old Ireland brought a memorable week to a close.

Once again, it is most difficult to thank sufficiently the local bands for their splendid welcome and unbounded generosity. All of us got the impression that the Irish ringers everywhere are very proud of their bells and belfries, and will spare no pains to make any visitors really welcome. For the record, we had travelled some 1,540 miles in the week.

Thank you, Ireland, for a wonderful week, which will never be forgotten.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Errata to C.C. Report.—For Haselbeech read Haselbech, page 386. On page 384, second to last paragraph should read: 'He thought they should divide *methods* into "acceptable" and "non-acceptable" for peal ringing.'

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GUILDFORD GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL

THROUGH the initiative of Mr. Roy Collins, and supported by officers of the Chertsey District, the Guildford Diocesan Guild summer festival was revived on June 14th, and despite the bus strike 120 ringers were present, including a coach-load from Aldershot. Thames-side towers of Weybridge, Walton, Oatlands Park, Thames Ditton and Hersham were open to the visitors, as well as Chobham and Horsell.

It was at Hersham that the company foregathered for the service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. L. St. C. Gower Williams), with the Lord Bishop of Guildford (Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins) as the preacher.

This was the first meeting of the Bishop with the Guild as president. He recalled a meeting some years back at Dunsfold, where he came to stay with the then Rector for a quiet weekend. The bells rang until it was dark, and after that he could not sleep because of the nightingales!

There was something essentially English, said the Bishop in his sermon, about their church bells. When one went abroad and listened to the bells of continental churches they sounded tinny and uncontrolled: there was no depth or mellowness in those bells. What better sound could there be than to hear the bells ringing out over the Surrey hills? and as he went around the diocese he sometimes heard the bells guiding him to some church. For this he was truly grateful. Sometimes he was honoured by a special peal, and although he must confess that he could not distinguish what was rung, he could distinguish good and bad ringing. He wished there was a great deal more ringing for the ordinary services of the Church.

Bells primarily reminded them of spiritual influences and spiritual duties, and it was on that note that he would talk to them. The first message of the bells was spiritual. They found in their towns and villages rising above houses or trees church towers or steeples reminding them that the things of God were on an eternal foundation, and the things of man were materialistic. They told them that they had to depend on spiritual things, and it was because man had neglected or ignored that message that the world was in its present position. After the first world war they were determined that there should be no more wars. What happened was that man tried to run the world for his own ends and left out God's purposes. Selfishness, greed and lust for power were the things by which man lived for. God was left out to make room for political expediency. They knew there was little chance of peace and security unless and until spiritual things were given a chance to work, and alas, they could not look on the national or international situation today without anxiety. Whenever they saw a church tower or heard church bells they should remember that spiritual values were the only true values.

'May I call your attention to a practical point that concerns you all? It is all very well to ring church bells; you do it because you enjoy the experience of ringing, and you can treat it as a hobby. How often just before the service one hears the ringers clattering down the tower steps —but not to worship. I hope it does not happen in this diocese, but I do know it happens. It means that spiritual values have been ignored. It is all very well to talk about service ringing—it is the service that matters, and it is all the better when the two go together.'

The second message of the bells was that they were a call to personal holiness. The bells proclaim the holiness of God and also proclaim to all those who call themselves Christians. 'We are all made in the same mould,' but, he would add, some were mouldier than others. If we are to be worthy of our calling and worthy of the present opportunity which is ours and worthy of the generations to come, we must try day by day in the common ways of life to be the best Christians it is possible for us to be. We all know we are far from perfect—it is very difficult, so difficult that many people say it is impossible, and they settle down to what is second best. Jesus never asked us to do the impossible. We may stumble again and again but we must all honestly try; failure is the fault of not trying.

Lastly, the bells remind us we are not sufficient by ourselves. The call to worship reminds us of our spiritual duty and also of the need of His Grace. The times we live in are fraught with great responsibility and also great opportunity. We shall only succeed in our tasks if we seek the Grace of God. And it can only be gained by worship, prayer and the sacraments as an integral part of our daily experience. Every time you hear the bells they ask are you putting spiritual things first, are you trying to live a life of holiness, are you relying on the Grace of God?

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand:
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Tea followed in the Church Room, at which the Bishop attended. Mr. C. W. Denyer (Master of the Guild), in a word of welcome to the Bishop, said of those who rang bells in the diocese 99 per cent. were Church people.

In reply, the Bishop said he was very glad to see so many young people present and to know that they were taking part in the ringing.

The Master also thanked Miss Hancock and Mr. Roy Collins for getting the summer festival once again on its legs. 'Chertsey District, we thank you very much,' he concluded.

Mr. W. Shepherd thanked the ladies who had prepared the tea, and Mr. Johnny King for all his work.

The programme of ringing was then resumed.

ST. ALBANS DIOCESAN RINGERS HOLD JOINT FESTIVAL

The joint summer festival of the two Associations within the St. Albans Diocese took place on June 14th, the hosts this year being the Bedfordshire Association.

Taking advantage of the fine spell of weather, ringing was under way from 9 a.m. at Maulden and Luton until 9 p.m. at Woburn. In between times coaches and assorted vehicles travelled to take members to ring at Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Aspley Guise, Totternhoe, Husborne Crawley, Eversholt and Flitwick.

As 4.15 p.m. arrived, over 200 people had gathered for the service at St. Mary's Church, Woburn, conducted by the Rev. T. N. Gunner, assisted by the Dean of St. Albans. The Rev. Elliot Wigg, in his sermon, stated his belief that bell-ringing was one of the purest possible forms of worship. Preceding the sermon, a combined band rang Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' One of the outstanding parts of the service was the singing of the joint choir.

Immediately after the service a group photograph was taken, followed by tea at Woburn Town Hall, the guest of honour being the Duke of Bedford.

In his speech the Duke said that having become an authority on skiffle, as a result of being photographed with a washboard, the photograph taken with handbells before the service would no doubt lead to his being considered an authority on handbell-ringing.

The Bedfordshire Association would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. T. N. Gunner for his hospitality and conducting the service, also the Dean of St. Albans, the Rev. Elliot Wigg, the Duke of Bedford, the clergy who allowed ringing at their churches, and all who helped to make such an enjoyable and memorable day. J. W. S.

BULLDOGS AND CHAMPAGNE

'Well, did you win? '—this question from his non-ringing room-mate always used to greet a certain member of the Cambridge University Guild upon his return from the Oxford University Society's dinner. There *is* a certain subtle rivalry between the two Societies, of course, consisting in such things as attempts to undermine the other side's morale by furnishing it with false peal compositions, but for the most part peaceful co-existence is a welcome reality in their relations with each other.

A pleasant manifestation of this was the repetition on May 31st of last year's successful joint meeting. This year Bedford was chosen, and the arrival of Roger Morris's hearse, 'Charon,' with a body (if that is the right word) of C.U.G. members, found the Oxford contingent taking lunch in Bromham churchyard. The inner man (and woman) satisfied, the combined parties ascended the tower, where among mostly indifferent ringing a presentable touch of spliced was brought round.

At St. Peter's, Bedford, the next tower to be visited, the Cambridge party excused themselves at the end of the ringing in order to sample the champagne which the fortunate winner of the St. Andrew's Bell Fund draw had come to collect: this was duly drunk out of the handbells (it is not recorded who snatched the tenor for the occasion). Needless to say, your correspondent was only told about the celebrations after they were all over.

After tea, ringing took place on the ten at St. Paul's, Bedford, but except for a full course of Cambridge Royal, in which the striking was above the day's rather poor average, the band did not do justice to the fine bells. This may, of course, have been due to the champagne, in which case the O.U.S. is exonerated. After leaving the tower, the ringers felt in need of legal advice, following the principle of a certain litigation clerk who has been heard to say that in the evenings he always consults his solicitors, Messrs. Draught Worthington and Co. The meeting accordingly adjourned over the river, where the ringers were able in the appropriate manner to celebrate the end of Tripos, or, as the case might be, to fend off the immanent shadow of Schools.

Soon the parties began to wend their respective ways homeward, and when the Oxford people had departed for their train the Cambridge band set off in 'Charon.' A further short halt was called at Caxton where, with the hearse appropriately parked beneath the gibbet, the members of the Guild brought their drinks outside and sat in the twilight ringing handbells. A course of Bob Royal staggered round, but three attempts for a touch of Grandsire Caters came to grief—the first because the conductor forgot the calling, the second because someone got lost, and the third because about half way through a bulldog, pursued by a breathless lady, carcered round the corner of the inn, circulated for a few panic-stricken seconds among the ringers and finally disappeared under a bench, where it lay glowering out between the legs of an ex-Master of the Guild (somewhat to the latter's discomfiture). In the end the animal was led, protesting, away, peace returned, and the Guild completed its journey to Cambridge without further incident. It is to be hoped that the O.U.S. members had an equally pleasant, if perhaps less eventful, journey home; and that they felt with the Cambridge band that the continued success of these informal meetings augurs well for similar occasions to be held in the future. J. D. P.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. Minns 1, Miss M. J. Alden 2, A. H. Roberts 3, E. Whiting 4, A. F. Ellis 5, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Dunstan, Archbishop. First quarter on the bells since completion of repairs to tower.

HANDBELL MUSIC

By Colonel M. D. Bell, Ashtead

In the issue of 'The Ringing World' of May 2nd last, it is said that there is a definite need for a simple book of instructions in handbell music for schools and youth clubs, if some enthusiast will produce such a textbook.

For the past eight or ten years I have run a handbell class for choir boys, who on voice-break pass on to the tower ropes, and some four years ago I discussed handbell music with the present president of the Central Council. Mr. Sharpe is, of course, an acknowledged expert on handbells and their music, and a profound authority on such modes of notation as 'Dorian,' 'Phrygian' and 'Mixolydian.' Scott Parry, in his American book, writes of polyphonic variations, 'Bennington selections bearing the influence of oriental music with its pentatonic scale and parallel fourths.'

But of what practical use is all this to youth clubs or 'sing-by-ear' choir boys?—categories apt to be allergic to concentration. Hence the devising of what I would call the 'Morse Code' notation, whereby the majority of simple carols, hymn tunes and ballads present little difficulty. For most of such tunes the minim, the crotchet and the quaver suffice. Instead of musical notation the actual *number* of each bell represents its own individual note. A minim is denoted by a 'dash' under the number, and a quaver by a 'dot'; a bell number without either 'dot' or 'dash' is a crotchet—twice as long as a dot, or half as long as a dash. The dots and dashes, of course, govern the action of the bell *following* that so marked—the following bell therefore holding up a beat after a dash or cutting down more quickly after a dot.

For ringing in harmony, chords are denoted by vertical lines thus:—

1	2	1
—	·	—
4	4	4
6	7	6

the dot or dash covering the bell striking the melody or air of the tune, and the other bells in the chord following suit as soft background only.

The following examples are given for an octave of eight bells in the key of F:—

CAROLS:

'The First Nowell'

6, 7, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4 } Repeat
3, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1, 4, 5, 6, }

6, 7, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4

1,	2,	3,	4,	3	2	1	4	5	6			
						—						
-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	6	3	4		
						7	6	8	8	8		

(2) 'Whence comes that goodly fragrance'

6,	6,	7,	8,	4,	1,	4,	3,	6,	Repeat
—			—		—				
5,	4,	8,	7,	6,	4,	6,	7,	8,	
				—			—		
1,	1,	2,	3,	4,	1,	3,	4,		
			—			—	—		
6,	6,	7,	8,	7,	6,	5,	4,		
			—	—		—			
6,	6,	7,	8,	4,	1,	4,	3,	6	
			—			—			
5,	4,	8,	7	6	4	6	7	8	
				—	·	—	—		
-	-	-	-	4	-	4	2	6	
-	-	-	-	8	-	8	4	4	

Half-a-dozen tunes can be printed on a fair-sized page or card—which is far from being the case with the academic 'modes.'

With 12 bells in the band (an octave plus four above it) innumerable carols, hymns and ballads are possible. (See appended example.) Music, or rather this 'Morse Code' notation, for a great many of these is available and could doubtless be printed quite cheaply, should sufficient demand be forthcoming.

'O come, all ye faithful'

5, 5, 8, 5, 4, 8 — 3, 4, 3, 2, 3, 4

5, 6, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 6, 7, 8

1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4, 3, 5, 4, 6, 7, 8

pp. 5, 5, 6, 5, 4, 5, 8

cr.	3	3	4	3	2	3	4	2-bell chords
						—		
	5	5	6	5	4	5	7	
f.	3	2	3	4	5	6	5	2	3-bell chords
	—					—		
	5	4	5	7	8	8	8	4	
	8	7	8	9	10	11	10	7	

ff.	3	4	5	5	4-bell chords
	—	—	·		
	5	6	-	8	
	8	8	-	10	
	10	11	-	12	

IN CONSTABLE COUNTRY

The eighth annual outing of the St. Giles', Totternhoe, bell-ringers took place on May 31st to the 'Constable country' of Essex and Suffolk. The first tower was Thaxted, where the bells are as good as the lovely old church would lead us to hope, and here the day was started well with a course of Yorkshire. This was, however, excelled at the next tower, Great Dunmow, where a practically faultless course of Cambridge even led to us being applauded by the non-ringers, and quite confounded a small member of the party, who had been heard to refer to us as the 'Totternhoe bashers'! At Halstead a tripless course of Bedfordshire proved that the frenzied studying of the method which had taken place in the coach had not been in vain, and we left for lunch at Colchester with an air of conscious virtue.

Having missed the turning to Ardleigh, and with difficulty navigated the narrow lanes through the fields, we were yet in time to ring a really good touch of Stedman. Stoke-by-Nayland, the next tower, we shall remember partly for a stately course of London which we rang there, and partly for the stir that a certain tenor-grabber caused by being locked in the tower with a lady member of the party. His exploit was commemorated to the tune of a well-known hymn later in the evening.

After tea at the Woodpecker Restaurant, Sudbury, the next tower was Lavenham, where we all admired the famous tenor. Another beautiful church this, as was also the last of the day, Long Melford; but ringing here had to contend with the Long Melford fair, held on the green near the church, for the ringers' affections, and the ringing was less good. However, we all enjoyed the hot-dogs and coconuts!

Our thanks are due to Jack Scott, who organised the outing even down to the printed programmes, to the incumbents, to those who met us at the towers, and to the coach-drivers. A really memorable outing—good company, good bells, good ringing, and even good weather!

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On May 30th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Mills 1, R. Larkin 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, F. Bradley 5, D. Armstrong (cond.) 6. First in method for all except 5 and 6.

CUMBERLANDS JOIN THE ESSEX AT PRITTLEWELL

On June 7th the current trend of Societies to intermix was taken another step forward when the S.W. District of the Essex Association and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths held a joint meeting at Thorpe Bay and Prittlewell.

News of the local bus strike which had started the previous Thursday somewhat curtailed the attendance, but at 2.30 p.m. the Thorpe Bay bells struck up merrily to the tune of Stedman Triples, and a goodly company enjoyed an hour of Surprise and standard methods on this easy-going and tuneful ring.

At 4 p.m. 'Pip' Sadler was waiting to greet us at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Prittlewell, where good use was made of this handy ten with ringing from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

In the unavoidable absence of the Ven. E. N. Gowing (Vicar, and vice-president of the Essex Association), who was convalescing in Devon following a recent operation, the Rev. D. Morris conducted the service, and won the respect of all by the strength and purpose of his address in which he stressed the importance of church bells and the duty of ringers to ring for service no matter how few meet in the tower.

A traditional shrimp-and-cockle tea was enjoyed by some 50 members, with the exception of one who up to then had been unusually subdued.

The respective Masters, Messrs. J. Crampion and F. Cullum, were supported by officials of both companies. In welcoming the Cumberlands Mr. Crampion drew attention to the unique occasion and also recalled that a link between the two Associations was forged in 1892 when an Essex band rang their first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, the headquarters of the Cumberlands, and it was conducted by Mr. F. C. Newman, a prominent member of both. In reply, Mr. Cullum emphasised the necessity for all Associations to pool their resources so that the greatest effort possible can be directed to our main object—that of maintaining service ringing.

A message of sympathy and good wishes was forwarded to the Vicar, and thanks accorded to all those who had contributed to what had proved to be a very successful meeting.

C. E. W.

BOOKS WANTED

Dear Sir,—It may be that some students of bells feel they have little use for some of their books, and would be willing to sell them to one who has real need of them for current use. Now that the following are out of print, I should be glad to hear of the possibility of purchasing them, for my own sole personal use:—

J. L'Estrange's 'The Church Bells of Norfolk,' a book on Essex bells, and some of Ellacombe's county books.—Yours faithfully,

A. T. NIXSEAMAN (Rev.).

Cringleford Hall,
Norwich, Norfolk.

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER SEAR

A former Bletchley resident and member of an old local family of ringers, Mr. Walter Sear died on May 14th. Since his retirement and in failing health he had been in Glasgow with his only son, Raymond. Cremation took place the following Saturday and the ashes were brought to St. Mary's Church, Bletchley, for burial on Whit Sunday.

A good number of ringers of the North Bucks Branch were present to pay their last respects to their former secretary, as Mr. Sear held this office for 25 years until 1939. During his secretaryship the Branch became one of the foremost in the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

A BACHELORS' TOUR AROUND ENGLAND

SHORTLY after mid-day on Friday, May 22nd, a green and grey Bedford was to be seen speeding eastwards from Truro. It was the start of yet another ringing tour organised by that intrepid Cornishman Alan Carveth who, in company with Robert A. Southwood, of Plymouth, and Cyril A. Wratten, of no fixed abode (but at present resident in the Darley Home for the aged and infirm at Cheltenham), was looking forward to a good week's ringing.

The scene of the first fray was at Lambourn in Berkshire. This was reached after first visiting East Hagbourne with its ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.) and Blewbury which has eight bells (tenor 19¼ cwt.). Lambourn has an extremely fine church with a lofty, unbuttressed central tower, which unfortunately 'walks around the churchyard' when the bells are rung, thus making them a little difficult to manage. We started the peal, the method being Stedman Triples, and all went well for the first hour until the 25 cwt. tenor started to go badly and in spite of all efforts on the part of Ernie, the attempt had to be abandoned.

After suitable refreshment we proceeded to Wallingford, where we were the honoured guests of Jack Berry for the night. On Sunday morning we went with Jack to ring at Wallingford Church (eight bells, tenor 21 cwt.). It was then time to take leave of our friends and travel on to Reading.

Once in Reading we made for the home of Mr. Albert Diserens and his family, and in spite of the fact that many of the local ringers were taking part in a peal that afternoon he managed to round up enough to provide us with some new towers. Ringing was enjoyed on the light eight at Highclere (tenor 11 cwt.), Woolton Hill (6, tenor 7 cwt.) and the good eight at Thatcham (tenor 13 cwt.). After a sumptuous tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Diserens, we enjoyed ringing on the fine eight at St. Mary's, Reading (tenor 25 cwt.) and at St. Laurence's (12, tenor 23 cwt.). Cyril also managed to bag St. Giles', and returned blissfully babbling about the most attractive band of ladies with whom he had rung. A convivial evening then followed, with Mr. Diserens recalling past ringing experiences.

UNDER CANVAS

Monday found us speeding past Kentish hopfields to Marden, with a delightful little ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.). A peal of Double Norwich was successfully rung, conducted by Mr. Tom Sone. Then followed our first night under canvas, followed by a delicious open-air breakfast of bacon and eggs. Later that day we visited the 'birth-place' of Mr. Wratten, at Saltwood, near Hythe, and Alan at last fulfilled a lifelong ambition of riding on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch light railway.

Another successful peal was rung in the evening at Brenchley, with a good eight (tenor 18 cwt.). Yorkshire Major being rung in 2 hours 54 minutes. That night, at the invitation of Mr. Tom Sone, we erected our camp beds in the pump house of the Mid-Kent Water Board, certainly an unusual place to sleep; our course of Minor 'in hand' rung before retiring must surely be the first in such a place.

Most of Wednesday was taken up with a long ride through London and Stamford to Epworth in Lincolnshire. Here we were greeted by Jack Millhouse and other ringers from Lincoln, and in spite of the fact that Alan had not previously studied Bristol, quite a passable peal of it was rung on the excellent eight (tenor 17 cwt.).

On Thursday evening, after a good peal of Oxford T.B. Major on the merry little eight (tenor 12 cwt.) at Burton-on-Stather, we were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray. We were very interested to hear Mr. Bray's reminiscences of past peal tours in Cornwall and to sample some of Mrs. Bray's cakes and sandwiches (a biennial treat). The next morning, after a quick visit and a drink with our old friend Phil Barnes, who unfortunately was not in the peal the previous evening, we made tracks for Conisbrough in Yorkshire, a pleasant eight with a 13 cwt. tenor. Here we had the pleasure of ringing with John Gilbert and other ringers from Sheffield and Rotherham. Unfortunately, our peal of Yorkshire Major could have been a lot better —I think the strain must have been telling on our mental processes.

After a night spent in an hotel in Sheffield, we collected other ringers and proceeded to Dore in Derbyshire, where Ian Holland conducted what proved to be the best and also the fastest peal for the week, Little Bob Major being rung in 2 hours 37 minutes. The bells are an ideal peal-ringing eight with a tenor of 11 cwt. On leaving the church we discovered that a canopy had been set up over the path and a blue carpet laid down. We did not discover whether this was in our honour or in preparation for a wedding!

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AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

After depositing our Yorkshire friends back in Sheffield and bidding them farewell, we proceeded via a roadside tavern and some excellent ale and sandwiches to Manchester. Unfortunately, no practice had been arranged for the afternoon at the Town Hall, but we discovered two of the ringers busy raising the bells in preparation for ringing the following day, and we are very grateful to them for allowing us to ring some Doubles on the middle six. That night was spent among the Derbyshire hills, and the following morning we had the unique experience of ringing for Mattins at Ashbourne. We were warmly welcomed by the local ringers and each issued with a little black 'ringer's smock.' Cyril looked most incongruous in his, with sleeves short enough to show vast expanses of hairy forearm.

After visiting some of Alan's relatives and partaking of an excellent lunch, we proceeded southwards to ring on the glorious ten of Lichfield Cathedral. Alan and myself had quite an argument as to whether these bells are musically better than those of Truro Cathedral. (We would be grateful if other ringers could give us their views on this matter.) We were very pleased to find that Joan Beresford, who knew we were coming, had fixed up some more ringing for us on the pleasant little six at Little Aston (little brother to Big Aston, Birmingham). The tenor here is a mere 9 cwt., and we enjoyed a pleasant half hour on them. Back then to Lichfield to enjoy some of Joan's home-made sponge and a spot of handbell ringing, and then on to ring on the eight at St. Mary's, Lichfield. Later in the evening, a quick ring on the pleasant eight (tenor 12 cwt.) at Alrewas, and it was then time to say farewell to Joan and Peter and be on our way once more. (Joan, please tell us what the Vicar of St. Chad's said to you!)

IN MONMOUTHSHIRE

Monday was our last day, and we had the pleasure of joining Paul Field, Bill Stoat and other notorious tower-grabbers in a tour of the Newport, Mon, area. Towers visited were Shirenewton (6, tenor 7 cwt.), where the Vicar was pleased to hear the bells rung, Penhow (6, tenor 6 cwt.), rung from just inside the south door, and Caldicot (8, tenor 13 cwt.), where the stays are missing from the treble and second. After a quick ale-and-sandwich lunch, accompanied by some more handbell ringing, we proceeded on to Mathern (6, tenor 10 cwt.), Tidenham (6, tenor 11 cwt.), Hewelsfield (5, tenor 11 cwt.)—another chancel ring, St. Briavels (8, tenor 11 cwt.), Newland (6, tenor 16½ cwt.)—an excellent ring, and Staunton (6, tenor 10 cwt.)—yet another chancel ring.

This officially finished the tour, but those who know Bill Stoat will realise that there is always time for one more tower, and we are very grateful to the Vicar of Westbury-on-Severn for allowing us to ring on the fine old ring of six (tenor 21 cwt.).

R. A. S.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A well-attended meeting of the Peak District was held at Bakewell and Youlgrave on May 17th.

Blessed with a fine, sunny day, ringers and friends came from Cheshire, Nottinghamshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Staffordshire to join a very strong force of our own District and Association members. Methods up to Bristol, and also rounds, were rung during the day.

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SOME OF THE OUTINGS

ASHTEAD, SURREY

Ashtead ringers, together with a few more experienced ringers from neighbouring towers, spent a very successful day in Kent on May 31st. The outing was blessed with magnificent weather, and this fact, together with some very good bells, made the day a memorable one.

The towers visited in the morning were Staplehurst, Frittenden and Tenterden. Unfortunately a broken rope at Tenterden reduced the ringing time to a bare half-hour, but a touch of Bob Major on these majestic bells made the visit worth while. Lunch was taken at Tenterden, after which the party proceeded to Rolvenden and Hawkhurst. Tea was served at Goudhurst and the last tower of the day was at Horsmonden. Here time permitted of a full hour's ringing.

Apart from numerous rounds for the less proficient, methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge. Thank you, Kent, for a happy day.

J. T. S.

GRANTHAM, LINCS

The weather was cloudy, although the sun was making some attempt to brighten the day for the annual outing of the Grantham ringers on Whit Monday. By 8.40 a.m. some 40 ringers and friends were on their way.

The first stop was at Hucknall, where we were met by the Vicar, who was kind enough to show us some points of interest in his church. We were able to ring here on this melodious new eight for nearly an hour.

By 10 o'clock the day was much brighter and the 'cruise' through the delightful Derbyshire dales was much appreciated. Whilst among this scenery we rang on the octaves of Matlock, before lunch, and Bakewell, after lunch. Unfortunately, we had fallen behind schedule and arrived at Bolsover later than intended. (Our apologies once more to the two ringers who so kindly waited for us.)

The last tower was the six at Blyth, where the majority of the party seemed to have difficulty in catching the fourth rope, which never appeared to descend in the same place twice.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major and Minor.

In closing, we would like to express our appreciation to the incumbents and ringers of the churches visited and our appreciation to the organiser for a most enjoyable day.

L. H. and P. E. P.

PINCHBECK, LINCS

A damp day greeted Pinchbeck ringers and friends when they set out for their outing at 7 a.m. Although an hour was spent at Daventry real justice was not done to this anti-clockwise ring. Various touches of Minor were rung at Henley-in-Arden, and there was more 6-bell ringing at Broadway after a picnic lunch.

Burford, in Oxfordshire, proved to be a real musical box; some good ringing and a touch of Lincolnshire made this a tower to be remembered. After being refreshed by tea at Witney, the visit to this well-known tower was much enjoyed. At Wicken, Northants, Mr. George Green met the party, and the ringing on this delightful octave was a highlight of the day.

There was a stop for supper and refreshments and also handbell ringing at Towcester. The journey home must have been done in record time, although it was 1 a.m. before some members were set down on their doorsteps. Grateful thanks are recorded to all who made this delightful day possible.

ST. PETER MANCROFT, 1958

Past Hethersett's church with ring of eight.
By Wymondham's Abbey tower great,
Spires, towers, churches small,
Flower decked cottage, village hall;
Attleborough, Thetford, Bury,
Long Metford thro' to Clare,
To Finchingfield's Church of Saint John
We stopped, its loveliness to share.

'I sweetly sing,' one bell's inscribed,
One, 'I am calling "Come" ':
And 'Music, medicine for the mind,'
One the Vicar's name of John:
Eight bells, they call to worship still,
To sacrament, prayer and praise,
From the church that stands upon the hill.
Their loud, clear tones they raise.

Then on thro' Essex's county fair
To Bocking's Church of St. Mary,
Eight bells again their tones to share
Our methods, too, to vary;
London, Bristol, Stedman too,
Superlative some rang and true.
The bells their courses kept, but come
A 'bob's' been called and brought them home.

A tiny church, a spire, too,
Amongst the houses comes in view:
A 'meeting' here, six bells at Stisted,
The cottage chimneys are built twisted;
At Halstead next we rang: and then
Saw the famous ringers' jar
At St. Andrew's Church: it was made when
The Puritans were in full power.

At Coggeshall, St. Peter's stands,
It tells a different story
Of bombers from another land
Who robbed it of its glory.
But now, the bells ring clear and loud,
The church rebuilt, from tower proud.
They call us all to prayer and praise,
Thanksgiving still to God to raise.

Our last call now that day is done,
St. Mary's Church at Bures:
The last rays of the setting sun
Spreads glory to the viewers:
Bells and church, their story telling
From treble and from tenors swelling.
Keep them ringing, every band
'In England's green and pleasant land.'

DOROTHY L. MOORE.

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DEATH

MORRIS.—On June 16th, 1958, at Kettering General Hospital, Eleanor Mary Morris (of Warkton), mother of Burley P. Morris, aged 75 years. R I P. 2602

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MISCELLANEOUS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Committee meeting on Monday, June 30th, at 7.30 p.m. in St. John's belfry, Albion Street.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2569

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.—The weekly practice of this Guild will take place at St. John's Church, Newcastle, on Tuesday, July 1st. On Tuesday, July 8th, it will be held at the Cathedral, and so on alternately at these towers until further notice 2588

PUTNEY.—Ringing suspended, pending rehanging. Tuesday practice and Sunday ringing at Holy Trinity (West Hill), Wandsworth, by kind permission of the Vicar. Thursday practice at Mortlake as usual. 2586

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, June 28th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30 p.m.—J. Chilcott. 2502

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Barnch.—Meeting at Disley, Saturday, June 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 2560

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Belper on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—cafés nearby.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 2562

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, June 28th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2546

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brabourne, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells at Stowting (6) available after tea.—C. T. H. 2516

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Clewer, Saturday, June 28th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. (Windsor 1484.) 2550

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (established 1623).—The 335th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 4 p.m. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. This being carnival day, catering may be difficult, so a postcard is essential to L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 2513

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Joint meeting on Saturday, June 28th, at Colston Bassett. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method. Yorkshire Surprise Major. 2538

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Evening practice meeting at Clare, Saturday, June 28th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. (Melford bells not available.) 2592

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton Stacey on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Plough Inn. 2541

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Upper Arley (Arley-on-Severn), near Bewdley, Saturday, June 28th. 'Bus from Bell Hotel, Stourbridge, 2.30 p.m. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Please give this meeting fullest support—a good time is assured.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Old Farm, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2517

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday next, July 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. 2581

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting, Marsden (10), on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 2 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by July 4th.—Mr. D. Cater, 7, Lane Ings, Marsden, Huddersfield. 2578

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Goathurst on July 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 2605

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The quarterly business meeting will be at Stagsden on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Bennett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.—Miss P. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting, Henley-in-Arden, Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Aston Cantlow bells available 6 to 8 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea by July 2nd, please, to H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby. 2599

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale (8), Saturday, July 5th, 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea at Church Inn, 4.45 p.m. prompt All welcome.—A. B. Cooper, H. E. Taylor. 2537

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 2nd to Mr. N. I. Wright, 10, De Merley Road, Morpeth, Northumberland. 2587

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Burwell (8) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2575

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, North Weald, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. King, 158, High Road, North Weald. 2552

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Paragon Cafe. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2564

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, June 30th, to Mr. F. Newton, Lyncroft Cottage, Bourton-on-the-Water. Visitors welcomed.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec. 2574

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, July 5th, Emmanuel (8). 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Study Superlative.—A. Bennett.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Dorset weekend meeting, July 5th/6th. July 5th, Bere Regis, 11.30 to 12.30; Kingston, 2 to 2.45; Swanage, 3 to 3.45; Wareham, 5 to 6. Sunday arrangements announced on Saturday. Names for meals to Dr. C. T. Brown, 14a, North Street, Wareham. 2478

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Wallington, Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2598

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, July 5th. Bells available: St. Stephen's (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's (6), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 2 to 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. All three towers will be open after the meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 1st, please to Mr. B. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. No name, no tea. 2505

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, July 5th: St. Leonard's, Padiham, 3 to 5 p.m.; St. Peter's, Burnley, 6 to 8 p.m. No arrangements for tea. —Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2584

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Hornby, Saturday, July 5th. Ringing 2.30–7.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to T. Fisher, 19, Main Street, Hornby.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 2604

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Buckminster (6) on Saturday, July 5th. Visitors welcome. Tea in Village Institute after service in Church at 4 p.m. Names by Wednesday, July 2nd, to Canon H. V. Williams, The Vicarage, Buckminster. 2566

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Notts District).—Joint meeting. Breedon-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Robinson, Cloud View, Breedon. 2597

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Interim meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 2nd, certain, to Mr. A. W. Bird, Shrublands Cottages, Magdalen Way, Gorleston-on-Sea.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 2553

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Scarning on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Short ringers' service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. 2572

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District.—Annual meeting at Deddington (8), Saturday, July 5th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify by July 1st H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. All ringers and friends welcome. 2556

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at East Ilsley (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 1st to C. J. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, Newbury. 2549

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Dorchester, Oxon, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by July 1st.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Special meeting, Walgrave, Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 2567

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Oxendon, Saturday, July 5th. Names for tea essential by Tuesday previous to me, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Islip, Saturday, July 5th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 2591

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting Saturday, July 5th, at Selly Oak. Bells (8) available 3.30 until 7 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. No tea arranged—cafés nearby.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. Phone: SPR 1025. 2544

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Abbotsbury, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Number for tea by July 2nd to J. H. Hayne, 4, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 2577

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Westbury (8), Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting, service and tea. Names for tea to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 2582

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dore, 3 p.m., Saturday, July 5th. Cups of tea available—bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 2585

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Nutfield (6) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, July 2nd, Miss N. Kempsell, Ringers Rest, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 2547

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fairwarp (8), Saturday, July 5th. Names by previous Tuesday to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, July 5th. Business meeting in the Chantry Hall (opposite St. Mary's Church) at 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea in the Chantry Hall 5.15. Bells available: St. Mary's (Southampton), 11 to 12 and 6 to 8.30; St. Michael's (Southampton), 7 to 9; Bitterne Park, Southampton, 7 to 9; North Stoneham, 7 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 2589

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Exford, July 12th, 3 p.m. Tea for number notified by 8th.—A. R. Tudball, Dis. Sec. 2606

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 12th, at Harrietsham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. L. Cook, Southlands, East Street, Harrietsham. 2595

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Kibworth (8) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 9th to Mr. Albert Martin, 54, Fleckney Road, Kibworth, Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2570

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Aylsham (10) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norfolk.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 2565

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Great Brington, on Saturday, July 12th. Names for tea by previous Monday, please, to me.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 2580

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Joint festival at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's (10), 1 to 2 p.m. and 6.45 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Chad's (12), 3.15 to 4.25 p.m. and 6.45 to 9 p.m.; Candover (8) and Berrington (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service 4.30 at St. Chad's. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Chad's Parish Hall. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, July 8th, to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 28, Montague Place, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. Very definitely—no name, no tea. 2596

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Peasenhall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Yoxford (ringing evening) on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Peasenhall.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 2573

TRURO DIOCESAN FESTIVAL.—Saturday, July 12th, at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (2s.). Bells: St. Stephen (8), St. Mewan (6), St. Dennis (8), Roche (8), Ladock (8), St. Austell (8), from 5.45 p.m. Replies by Tuesday, July 8th, Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 2534

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on July 19th. Service in the Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting in the Chapter House, 12 noon. Lunch in Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 6s. 6d. each, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, before Tuesday, July 15th.—M. R. Cross. 2600

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OLD CHARLIE

WHEN his parish church had a ring of eight bells installed in the tower, Charlie said he would like to be one of the band to learn change-ringing, and soon he was busy trying to master his bell on lashed practice nights with varying degrees of success.

Although the circle was a good one and well spaced, Charlie found difficulty in getting his rope to land conveniently, which caused the ringers on either side of him to set their bells hastily and get out of the danger zone. His frantic grip of the sally was very firm, too firm in fact, for his continual grasping soon shewed marks where his strong but nervous hands had worn the tufts away in one particular place.

Progress was slow because the band, plus half-a-dozen or so late entrants, were all learners; but the instructor happened to be one of the highly skilled kind with many years of experience in the finer arts of teaching ringers correctly, and I leave the ringer to imagine the trials and difficulties of the first twelve months.

Charlie took method ringing very seriously, and his two weak spots in Grandsire Triples were thirds and 4-5 down, for in the former position he would miss the hunt bell and sometimes call out 'Who's in the hunt?', while in 4-5 down he would complain that 'nobody would dodge with him.' Once he held up over the tenor and said: 'I'm lost.' In spite of the many pitfalls, Charlie went by stages to 504, then 1,008 and a quarter peal, but for some unknown reason he would not start for a peal and when the time came to tackle Stedman he said it was 'too complicated,' and 'he didn't like the look of it.'

It took Charlie a long time before he resolved to try his hand at something different, and he had quite a string of questions to ask the instructor regarding the various terms used, such as 'whole pull wrong,' 'thirds before going slow,' 'the whole and half turns,' etc.; but Charlie could not seem to grasp the slow work at all.

Having the treble to guide him for making thirds in Grandsire, he could not understand why Stedman wanted ringers to make thirds on the way down to lead and without the treble for a guide! He also failed to see why the first lead in the slow should be a wrong one before having to do a right one. Another puzzle was the making of thirds place five times so soon after leading in four different ways. When Charlie began to see some of the reasons for the terms used in Stedman he was shown how to divide the slow work into four portions, and he soon began to master the front work with more confidence even though he would worry at what he called his four different turns.

'I do five whole turns and one half turn at work each week,' he would say with a smile, for Charlie, who was a skilled wood-carver by trade, finished at mid-day on Saturdays. On Sundays he would confine himself to Grandsire but at practice he would have just one try at Stedman, which usually resulted in being lost 'somewhere in the slow.' In order that Charlie should have a change from Grandsire, after banishing Stedman from his mind he was invited to try Plain Bob; but here again he found snags, the chief one being he had no tenor to lead from!

I lost sight of Charlie for two or three years, but one day when in his neighbourhood I happened to look through the doorway of his workshop, and he hurried forward to greet me with his usual call, 'Whole pull wrong,' his eyes twinkling with merriment. 'Some day,' he said, 'you and I ought to ring a peal together'; and when I asked him which method was his favourite, he replied sadly: 'I have only one method, my good old Grandsire.'

That same evening I went to conduct a peal of Grandsire Triples at Charlie's home tower, and on entering the ringing chamber I beheld Charlie adjusting his rope to the correct length and a happy smile on his face. We rang a well-struck peal and afterwards spent a happy half-hour having a friendly drink and chat together, during which time I ascertained from Charlie that had he started ringing earlier in life he might have successfully tackled Stedman.

Taking his pipe from his mouth he told me that what little he could do in the way of service to the church he preferred to do sincerely and well in his own humble way, for it is not the method that matters most but the striking that listeners find most pleasing to the ear.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
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CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	LESLIE T. HANSELL	7
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PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	*ERIC EDMONDSON	9
*PATRICIA DOORN	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	10
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REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	3	*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	8
NELIA M. LEAHY	4	*DON C. EXELL	9
*MICHAEL V. WHITE	5	JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

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CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEORGE CHAMBERS	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
*MARY BARLOW	2	DENNIS SMEDLEY	6
†‡JAMES T. ROOKE	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	7
*LESLIE BARLOW	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Major. ‡ First of Kent.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JACK P. KESTERTON	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5
*MICHAEL VERNON	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
DOREEN D. DUTTON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Mary Groom and Mr. John A. Smith. Also to Mr. Harry Poyner and Miss Mary Payne on their engagement.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb.

MICHAEL J. BEST	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	*COLIN CONWAY	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*PHILIP N. TUBBS	4	†LEWIS F. COBB	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First in the method 'inside.'

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958. *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	*Treble*	JAMES THORLEY	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	LEONARD DRAKE	6
VALERIE M. MASSAM	3	DOUGLAS THORP	7
GEORGE WARD	4	IRVIN SLACK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.
Rung for the jubilee of the ordination of Canon F. E. Mercer, M.A., B.D., in Ripon Cathedral on June 14th, 1908.

EXETER, DEVON.
On Wed., June 18, 1958. *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK WREFORD	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WILLS	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	MICHAEL HOOD	6
CHARLES T. WILLIAMS	3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN	7
HEATHER HOOD	4	GEORGE SKINNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Biffin, of Exeter.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part Tenor 15¼ cwt.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY	*Treble*	*STEPHEN J. BOULDEN	5
MAISIE VANTOM	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	6
MRS. R. WRATTON	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
ROBERT SWIFT	4	A. LEWIS TERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAISIE VANTOM.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells, and first peal on the bells conducted by a local ringer. First as conductor.
Rung for David John Boulden, Mr. S. J. Boulden's first grandchild.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Thurs., June 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 23¼ cwt. in D.

J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	*Treble*	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
DONALD H. NIBLETT	2	FRANCES A. WHITE	6
ROBIN N. PITTMAN	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
JAMES H. PAILING	4	GRAHAM H. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Ian Beecham.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JUNE SINFIELD	*Treble*	GILES C. GALLEY	5
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	RONALD J. SHARP	6
RICHARD CASTLEDINE	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
First peal in the method by the Association and by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the seventh.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*ANGELA GRAINGER	*Treble*	KEITH C. FLEMING	5
ROBERT R. CHURCHILL	2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	6
HENRY B. WHITNEY	3	MAURICE E. DOWNS	7
*BRUCE GRAINGER	4	IVOR N. PETT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. C. W. KNIGHT. Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a compliment to Angela Grainger and Maurice Downs upon their engagement.

DERBY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.

IAN M. HOLLAND	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	5
*FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	†JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
†PAUL J. RIGBY	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
VIVIENNE M. HORTON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 275th peal. † 25th peal together. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	*LEWIS F. COBB	6
*ANN BACON	3	*†MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
*MICHAEL J. BEST	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First in the method on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
WILFRID G. SAUNDERS	2	ROBERT PLUMMER	6
E. AUSTIN HEAD	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
LEONARD J. MINNS	4	WILLIAM J. FLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

WALTER W. MILLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
FRANK RUFFLES	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
CHARLES W. BEECROFT	4	WALTER RUFFLES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*SHEILA HODSON	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
*GLENDA ROWLEY	2	WILLIAM TALBOT	6
ALBERT LAWTON	3	†ERIC YOUNG	7
HARRY HODSON	4	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.
* First peal. † First of Triples.
Rung for the bicentenary of the above church.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*JACK P. KESTERTON	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
*AVRIL THACKRAY	2	ERNEST RAWSON	6
†DOREEN D. DUTTON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First in the method as conductor.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sun., June 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	COLIN A. TESTER	5
EDWARD J. JENNER	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	6
GEORGE FRY	3	STANLEY JENNER	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
A birthday compliment to H. Vaughan, the tower captain.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in seven extents: Cambridge Surprise, College, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	RONALD APPLEWHITE	4
JOHN F. PEARSON	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
WILLIAM R. PARKER	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

WALGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, All Saints, Kennington, Norfolk, Old, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

GEORGE F. FAWCETT	*Tenor*	TERRY M. HAINES	3
ROBERT S. ROBERTS	2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT	4
		ROBIN V. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.
First peal in 14 methods by all the band.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Ryton, St. Columb, Clifford's Place, Little Aston, All Saints, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Norfolk, Old, Kennington, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Seighford, Fortune, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE F. FAWCETT .. *Treble*	TERRY M. HAINES 3
ROBERT S. ROBERTS 2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 4
ROBIN V. BAKER .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.
Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss P. F. Curtis.

OCKLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six different callings). Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. *Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT.. .. 4
ANNE C. GARNETT 2	BRIAN J. LUFF 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON 3	ROBIN G. LEALE.. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANCES NEWMAN .. .. *Treble*	*GORDON BROWN 4
*JOHN SMITH 2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 5
*LEONARD MILLS 3	†HAROLD E. RAXTER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Single Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JEAN ROBERTSON .. .. *Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS 4
*VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	RICHARD HOBBS 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung in memoriam John T. Bartram. of East Retford, who died June 9th, 1958, aged 74 years.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

ALEC T. DENSON .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4
*GRAHAM A. TURNER.. .. 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 5
MICHAEL D. S. HOOD .. 3	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.
* First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) London Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. *Treble*	JACK PILGRIM 4
RAYMOND PECK 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
PETER S. BEDFORD 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
Rung as part of the programme of the 11th Aldeburgh festival of music and arts.

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 4 qr. 7 lb. in A.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT.. .. *Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON 4
BRIAN J. LUFF 2	WILLIAM S. DEASON 5
ROBIN G. LEALE 3	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The conductor's 650th peal (conducted 339).

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Court, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. *Treble*	*RICHARD HOBBS 4
HAROLD DENMAN 2	GEORGE CHALLANS 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
*First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 1,200 April Day, 1,680 Plain Bob, 1,680 Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. F. J. CHEAL .. .. *Treble*	ALBERT DUNK 3
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 4
WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
First peal of Doubles in five methods by all the band.

STOWTING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

WILFRED W. RING .. .. *Treble*	G. KEITH FINN 4
DAVID STAPLES 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
E. PATRICIA LEWIS 3	MARK W. MARSHALL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.
First peal as conductor.
Rung in memory of W. Cheeseman, for many years a ringer at this church and recently laid to rest within its precincts.

WORMHILL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

*DEREK P. JONES .. .. *Treble*	PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	ALEX. RICHARDSON 5
GORDON A. HALLS 3	NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 325th peal, conducted 150, and 50th this year.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G sharp.

*SHEILA A. SHACKELL .. *Treble*	DAVID J. BARBER 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	CECIL L. LONGHURST .. 5
*F. RICHARD VERRELL .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents: four variations of calling.
Tenor 12 cwt. 42 lb. in F sharp.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
GEORGE SAYER	2	*BERT GOGLE	5
*GEORGE P. ADAMS	3	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CANTERBURY SURPRISE MINOR
Being composed of seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE
First peal in the method.

LLANGATTOCK-VIBON-AVEL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

PATRICIA H. JONES	*Treble*	*GEORGE WARD	4
JACQUELINE S. KING	2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ..	5
JOHN E. MORGAN	3	DAVID J. KING..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a welcome to the overseas bishops who were visiting the diocese during this week. Also as a compliment to the ringers of the second and tenor on their first wedding anniversary.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London, with seven varied callings.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

THOMAS COOKE	*Treble*	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ..	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
*ERIC N. HARRISON	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Stedman and Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS.. ..	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	4
*MARY H. HALL..	2	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING ..	5
ALAN F. LEE	3	FRANK D. MACK..	*Tenor*

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
* First peal on less than ten bells. The first peal of Doubles on the bells.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*KEITH D. WAPLES	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	4
JOE HOBBS	2	RODERICK V. WALLIS ..	5
*MIKAELA F. C. ERIK ..	3	BRIAN M. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal and first attempt.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 mehtods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (4) London and Wells, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON..	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	4
*MARY DOWSETT	2	‡PETER J. EVES	5
*†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* 50th peal together. † 150th peal. ‡ 100th peal and first in 14 Surprise.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

MICHAEL SELBY	*Treble*	LEONARD MILLS	4
*SHEILA KEYTE	2	COLIN B. LONGMORE.. ..	5
*WILLIAM B. POMEROY ..	3	HAROLD E. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to welcome the visiting bishops attending the Lambeth Conference to the Evesham deanery.

CHIEVELEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being three extents of Ready Money Bob, Norfolk and Old Doubles, six extents of Kennington, 11 extents of April Day and 16 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*LEONARD T. W. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND ..	4
C. JOHN CASTELL	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	5
S. FRANK TUFFLEY	3	*RICHARD H. C. CANN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal. First of Doubles on the bells. Believed to be the first time that all the variations of Bob Doubles have been rung in one peal.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 extents in 62 methods, each having its own plain course, being one extent each of Uffington, Stowe Place, Datchet, St. Alphage, St. Andrew, St. Gregory, Union, St. Faith's S.C., St. Julian Reverse New, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Vedast, Reverse St. Nicholas, Reverse Winchendon Place, Reverse St. Remigius, Reverse St. Simon's, Reverse St. Martin's, Reverse St. Osmund, St. Bartholomew, Reverse All Saints, St. Sebastian, St. Botolph, Coxwell Place, Stedman S.C., Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Plain Bob, Grandsire, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, Stedman, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, and the following spliced extents: (1) Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C.; (2) St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund; (3) Raveningham S.C., Reverse Canterbury, (4) Candlesby S.C., Plain Bob; (5) Westminster II, Ockham S.C., Broughton S.C., Chesham S.C.; (6) New Bob, Chipstead S.C., Oakley S.C., Itchingfield S.C., (7) Huntspill and St. Vedast; (8) Winchendon Place and St. Remigius; (9) St. Nicholas, Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C., Longford S.C. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. V. GRIFFIN	*Treble*	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4
ERIC SUTTON	2	VICTOR GRIFFIN	5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ..	3	J. RODERICK LEES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
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ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Geraldine Piper (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, J. T. Symonds 3, Diana Prynn (first 'inside') 4, E. A. Lewis 5, Cherie Payne 6, J. Beams (cond.) 7, D. Oakshott 8. Rung following the wedding of Mr. P. Villiers and Miss Jill Preston, and in honour of the wedding the previous Saturday of Miss Rosemary Symonds (former ringer at the church and daughter of Mr. J. T. Symonds) and Mr. A. C. Mace.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Armitt 1, Roy Worrall 2, Ivor Jenkins 3, Barry Corbishley 4, Neil D. Lomas 5, Sidney Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Fred Cartlidge, verger and bellringer of this church for many years.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): D. Ellisdon 1, F. C. Limb 2, J. Bagnall 3, W. T. Turner 4, H. Barnes 5, R. A. Wilton 6, N. M. Newby (cond.) 7, P. Tyson 8. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary during the procession of witness round the parish.

BATHEALTON, SOMERSET.—On June 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Dorothy G. Taylor (first quarter) 1, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 2, B. Jean Stevens 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On June 18th, at the Cathedral, 1,320 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob): A. Ashton 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, H. B. Schofield 3, Miss S. G. Schofield 4, F. Rayment 5, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 6. For the visit of the overseas Bishops to Bradford.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. E. Jones (first or Minor) 1, J. Jones 2, R. Jones 3, A. J. Henman 4, R. Henman 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. For morning service.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Briggs (first quarter) 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, G. C. Jackson 3, P. C. Pitchford 4, J. E. Brown 5, C. T. Rodgers 6. For children's festival.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary, Redcliffe, on June 12th, 1,319 Grandsire Cinques: E. F. Hancock (cond.) 1, Ed. F. Hancock 2, J. M. Stallard 3, F. C. Mogford 4, D. Heighton 5, M. Downs 6, F. Hansford 7, T. Edwards 8, J. Waugh 9, F. Mack 10, R. Hooper 11, S. Gillett 12. First of Grandsire Cinques for 2, 9 and 12. A farewell to Mr. Downs.

CHERITON, KENT.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. M. Wellard (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Godderidge 2, M. J. Martin 3, A. Jackson 4, A. Berry 5, J. F. Wellard 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Jewell 1, Miss J. Battin (first 'inside') 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, Miss J. Parsons 4, C. J. Brown (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, F. Battin (first quarter) 6. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. L. Hannam 1, C. J. Brown 2, Miss J. Battin (first of Triples) 3, Miss J. Parsons (first of Triples 'inside') 4, S. G. King 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. A. Jewell (first of Triples) 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, T. S. Baker 2, P. J. Woodgyer 3, A. D. Grant 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rose Ann Sadler.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,288 Grandsire Triples: J. Statham (cond.) 1, Miss B. McClelland 2, C. Moore 3, R. Moore 4, E. Freeman 5, M. Osborne 6, C. Morris 7, D. Freeman 8. First of Grandsire Triples for all except 7. First quarter of Triples by a local band for over 40 years and possibly first ever by a local band. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Susan Foskett and Mr. J. Sloan.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. — On May 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Blake 1, R. Hayden 2, R. C. Heazel 3, B. Burton 4, K. Wood 5, C. Sams 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. First in method for 1, 5 and 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the Master of the Essex Association, Mr. R. C. Heazel.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, H. S. Peacock 2, A. J. Davey 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. R. Nichols 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on June 22nd, 1,440 Spliced Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. R. Nichols 2, D. F. Murfet 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Cope 1, W. D. Ashdown 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, J. White 4, D. Callard 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hall 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, B. Davis 3, T. J. Milsom 4, C. J. A. Brown 5, S. Carter 6.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Finch 1, A. Thorogood 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, A. Hurst (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. E. C. Dewick, killed in a road accident and cremated this day.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Crampion 1, R. Smith 2, J. Crampion (cond.) 3, L. S. Woods 4, E. Smith 5, C. Willmington 6, J. Waugh 7, D. Riley 8. Rung for a High Mass attended by the Rt. Rev. J. Hughes, Archbishop of Central Africa, for the Loughton Union of Churches.

MARGATE, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Taylor (first in method) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Fage 3, R. Dadds 4, T. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 6, F. Gadsden 7, G. Whybrow 8. For Evensong.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, A. A. Livings 3, B. G. Burton (cond.) 4, K. Wood 5, G. Blake 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

NORTHAMPTON.—On June 9th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. M. Desponds 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, B. J. Linnell 8. A compliment to the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson on his 25th anniversary as Vicar of this parish.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Buchanan 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. A 29th wedding anniversary compliment to the mother and father of the ringer of the 5th. Also on June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, N. Carter 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Stirland 6. First in four methods for 2, 3 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

OXFORD.—On June 15th, at New College, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Christine Woodward 1, J. H. Pailing 2, J. A. M. Salter 3, R. A. Jackson 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, P. R. Sanders 6, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 7, R. N. Pittman 8. For Evensong. Also at St. Aldate's Church, on June 8th, 660 Grandsire and 600 Bob Doubles: E. Venn (first quarter) 1, Margaret Pearce (first quarter) 2, N. Chamberlain 3, R. Alsworth 4, F. Barrett (cond.) 5, A. Ivings 6. Also on June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Venn 1, Margaret Pearce 2, J. Pearce (first quarter) 3, R. Alsworth 4, J. Venn 5, F. Barrett (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the engagement of Margaret Hankinson and John Pearce. Also on June 22nd, 660 Grandsire and 600 Bob Doubles: E. Venn 1, N. Chamberlain 2, F. Barrett (cond.) 3, R. Elsworth 4, J. Venn 5, S. Benstead 6. Rung to celebrate the christening of Mark Andrew Benstead, son of Irene and Sid Benstead. Also at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Miss A. M. Gould 1, Miss C. M. Woodward (cond.) 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker 3, C. J. B. Taylor 4, G. Jenkins 5, R. James 6.

PRESTEIGNE, RADS.—On St. John-the-Baptist Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. H. Wood 1, Mrs. Chandler 2, Miss J. Green 3, A. B. Ellsmore 4, A. T. Wingate 5, A. W. Davis 6, Rev. E. G. Benson (cond.) 7, C. A. Brown 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Seldon 1, A. Gooding 2, A. Tapley 3, Miss S. Cope 4, J. White 5, F. Willmington 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8. For morning service.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Jabber 1, J. M. Wilcockson 2, T. Carless (first 'inside') 3, B. Matthews 4, K. Goddard (first of Minor) 5, G. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6. A farewell to K. Goddard. Also on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Howells (first quarter) 1, J. Jabber (first 'inside') 2, T. Carless 3, J. M. Wilcockson 4, B. Matthews 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 8th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (448 London, 288 Rutland, 160 Bristol, 96 each of Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 64 each of Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative): Mrs. A. Diserens 1, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 2, A. Diserens 3, J. N. Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, R. F. Diserens 6, C. E. Lewington 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First of eight Spliced by all except 8. Rung by the local Sunday service band.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. H. Butler 1, Miss D. M. Hesbrook (first 'inside') 2, Miss L. Butler 3, J. Allen (cond.) 4, 4, H. Butler 5, H. Butler (sen.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Holmes.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On June 18th, 1,568 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative, with 42 changes of method): E. Wadman 1, G. Salmon 2, A. J. Sanger 3, M. Rose 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, D. E. Lee 7, E. J. Chivers 8. Also on June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7–6–8 behind): J. Newman 1, H. Smith (cond.) 2, C. Scull 3, D. Lee 4, M. Rose 5, P. Newman 6, F. Nicholls 7, J. Mitchell 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. F. W. H. Bentley as assistant Curate.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on June 22nd, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, J. E. G. Roast 3, P. J. Eves 4, W. Prockson 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, G. McKay 7, R. F. Deal 8, A. R. Ling 9, B. F. Baker 10, T. H. Francis (cond.) 11, C. A. Hughes 12. For Evensong.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Dalziel 1, Pamela Lumbers 2, Mary Arkinstall 3, R. G. Black 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. M. Morris, mother of the conductor.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY, LONDON.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. B. Peck 1, W. S. Langdon 2, H. Belcher 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, G. W. Cecil 5, C. G. Watts 6, J. Phillips 7, J. H. Crampion 8. For the silver jubilee service of the R.A.M.C., at which H.M. the Queen Mother was present.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel, on June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hobbs (cond.) 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, M. King 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Jackson 5, T. Randall 6. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower to quarter peals. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. John Baitman, of East Retford, a regular visitor to this tower.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On May 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson (cond.) 2, D. Murfet 3, D. E. R. Knights 4, G. A. Lucas 5.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Avery 1, R. Hazel (first of Triples) 2, A. Newton 3, A. Foxall 4, N. Cornwall 5, S. Bailey 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, P. Harris 8. For Confirmation service.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): E. Jacobs 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bishop 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Hull 1, B. Crook 2, R. Dorking 3, J. Warner 4, B. Rice 5, E. W. Bright 6, W. S. Butler (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. A first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Hull.

WHITSUN IN EAST ANGLIA

A party of 15 ringers from Kent and Lancashire joined forces for a ringing holiday in East Anglia during Whit week.

The tour started on Saturday at Swaffham before the arrival of the organiser of towers, Mr. Peter Bond. Ringing here came to an abrupt close when the clapper fell out of the seventh during a course of Cambridge. Other towers visited that day were Necton (famed for its angel roof), Holme Hale, Ashill, Saham Toney (where John Barnes met the party), Walton, Grinston; Caston, Rockland All Saints, Great Ellingham, Hingham and Barnham Broom (where two of the stays of the five bells were missing). The night was spent at Norwich, where Mr. Peter Schofield had arranged accommodation.

On Sunday we were made very welcome at St. Peter Mancroft, and the band was able to ring together a course of Grandsire Cinques. For Matins, ringing was at St. Giles'. Later in the day came Sall, Heydon, Saxthorpe, Gressenhall, Gaywood, and St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, for evening service. Some of the band also rung at Terrington St. John and Wigenhall.

Despite Monday being a very wet day, the tour was continued with visits to the following towers: Clenchwarton, Tilney All Saints (the best six of the weekend), Terrington St. Clement's, Walpole St. Peter, Walpole St. Andrew. After a picnic lunch, Lincolnshire was visited with calls at the following churches: Lutton, Long Sutton, Gedney, Fleet (a detached tower), Holbeach, Whaplode and Moulton. Here the party split up, one half going home and the other to ring at Surfleet.

We thank everyone for making us so welcome and also the organisers.

AN APPRECIATION OF KENWYN RINGERS

On Thursday o'er the evening air
There falls upon the listening ear
Fair chimes from Kenwyn's strident peal,
Which makes some listeners wince, and feel
The urge to flit to towns afar,
Some on foot but most by car!

They hasten from their homes and haunts,
Flinching from the bitter taunts
Of those who are more fully blest
By living north, south, east or west
Of Kenwyn tower by leagues enough
To dull the blast of this 'ere stuff.

And so the evening weareth on,
With bells a-peal and natives gone
To pastures new in other climes,
Waiting for those better times,
When ringers, having done their best,
Hurry home to food and rest.

Then homeward come the motley throng,
To raise their voice in praise and song
To vicar, verger, choir and organ,
Congregation and churchwarden;
They drink their health and wish them well,
As long as they don't ring a bell.

We regret to learn that Mr. L. H. Bywaters, secretary of the Biggleswade District, is in hospital.

To compensate a band, which included well-known ringers, after losing a peal at Darley Dale, Derbyshire, on Sunday, June 22nd, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood kindly entertained them to tea at a local hotel. His kind hospitality was much appreciated by everyone.

MR. G. E. FEIRN'S 400 PEALS

An interesting list containing a wide variety 'in hand' has Mr. George E. Feirn, of Kirton Lindsey, Gainsborough, in his first 400 peals.

TOWER BELLS

Doubles.—2 (2).

Minor.—1–7 methods 85 (53), 8–49 15 (12), 50–99 3 (3), 100–125 4 (4).

Triples.—Grandsire 12 (3), Stedman 11 (1).

Major.—Plain Bob 8 (3), Little Bob 2 (1), St. Clement's 2 (1), Original 1 (1), Double Norwich 17 (4), Winchester Bob 1, Wymondham 1 (1), Spliced Plain 2–12 methods 2 (2), Kent Treble Bob 8 (3), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and Oxford 4 (2), Cambridge Surprise 16 (3), New Cambridge 1, Superlative 4, Yorkshire 6 (3), Bristol 3 (1), London 10 (2), Rutland 2 (1), Lincolnshire 2 (2), Lincoln 1, Spliced 4 4 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 3.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 2, Yorkshire Surprise 3, London Surprise 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 17 (1).

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 3, Yorkshire Surprise 2. Total: 265 (111).

HANDBELLS

Minor.—1–7 methods 6 (6), 8–49 5 (4), 50–99 4 (4), 100–106 2 (2).

Triples.—Grandsire 7 (4), Stedman 2, St. Clement's 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 11 (7), Little Bob 7 (4), Gainsborough Little Bob 4 (3), Double Bob 4 (2), St. Clement's 2, Double Norwich 8 (6), Double Oxford 1 (1), Hereward Bob 1 (1), Spliced Plain 2–9 methods 12 (12), 10–25 methods 13 (13), 26–50 methods (9), Kent Treble Bob 7 (4), Kent and Oxford 2 (2), Cambridge Surprise 2.

Caters.—Grandsire 8 (3), Stedman 2.

Royal.—Plain Bob 8 (4), Little Bob 1, Spliced 2 methods 2 (2), Spliced 3 methods 3 (2).

Cinques.—Stedman 1. Total: 135 (95).

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We feel Yorkshire ringers will give a warm welcome to Mr. F. A. Munday, conductor at Holy Trinity, Guildford, since 1951, who is making his future home in Bradford with the Post Office telephones. His keenness for a good peal is only excelled by his faithfulness as a Sunday service ringer.

Mr. C. H. Kippin informs us that he called the first seven-method peal at Longparish (see page 326). This was one of a series of five peals in a day.

The Rector and ringers of St. Michael's, Stone, thank Mr. Arnold Moore for conducting the peal in honour of the bicentenary of the church, and also congratulate Miss Sheila Hodson and Mrs. Glenda Bowley on being the first local ladies to ring in a peal.

The Very Rev. W. de Pauley, Dean of St. Patrick's, who celebrated Holy Communion on the Central Council meeting day, has been appointed Lord Bishop of Cashel, Waterford and Emly Diocese. He was mainly responsible for the restoration of St. Patrick's Cathedral bells.

A ringing member of the Irish Association, Canon Alan Buchanan, of St. Coomgall's, Bangor, Co. Down, has been appointed Lord Bishop of Clogher Diocese. Of the 14 Bishops of the Church of Ireland, two are ringers. The Lord Bishop of Cork (Rt. Rev. Gordon Perdue) is learning the art at St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork.

The ringers of St. Michael's, West Retford, wish to express their appreciation of the valuable help given to the tower by the late Mr. John Bartram, of East Retford. He had been a regular visitor since ringing recommenced five years ago, and he helped to train most of the present band, including those who rang the half-muffled quarter peal to his memory on June 20th. His presence will be sadly missed.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Sowton on June 8th was rung as a farewell to Mr. J. White and Miss S. Cope, both members of the local band, who are marrying shortly and emigrating to New Zealand where Mr. White has obtained a position with the Ministry of Agriculture. Before morning service the couple were presented with a salad bowl and servers, a gift from their fellow ringers. On the same evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was also rung at the neighbouring village of Honiton Clyst, where the couple regularly attended to ring for evening service on Sundays.

Of those taking part in the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Middle Littleton, Worcestershire, on June 21st, the ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are present pupils and those of 4, 5 and 6 past pupils of Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham. This is believed to be the first 'Henricians' peal.

The Goscote Society of Change Ringers have lost their president by the departure of the Rev. T. Howell Evans from Hoby to his new living at Brent Pelham, Herts. He was a great friend to the ringers, and all who have enjoyed the hospitality of the Rev. and Mrs. Evans at the annual ringers' dinner will wish him God speed in his new living.

The jubilee in Holy Orders of Canon F. E. Mercer was commemorated by a peal rung at Rothwell, Yorks, on June 14th. He was appointed Vicar of Rothwell in 1949, and in 1950 he made an appeal for the restoration of the bells, and these were recast in 1951 with new frame and fittings. Canon Mercer retired in 1955 to make way for a younger man but still lives in the parish. His 50 years' ministry includes nine years in Canada, five in Tokyo, and Vicar of Armley, Leeds, from 1933 to 1949.

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BELLS IN CHELMSFORD'S FESTIVAL OF ARTS

IT has now become an annual event to hold the festival of art, music and drama at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd, Chelmsford, commencing in Whitsun week. This is one of the Cathedrals where the ringing of church bells is accepted as one of the noble arts and sciences, and is always given a place of honour in the actual festival programme.

The fifth annual festival commenced on Thursday, May 29th, with an attempt for a peal on the Cathedral bells. Owing to certain of the Association's leading peal ringers being across the sea on other ringing business, the method selected was Cambridge Royal. All appeared to be going well until the end of the eleventh course, when the conductor noted that there had been a shift and called 'Stand' at the course end.

On Friday the festival opened with a service in the Cathedral, followed by a lecture in the Shire Hall on 'Music in the Life of the Community,' by Dr. Thomas Armstrong, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music.

On Saturday the ringing of a quarter peal of 1,260 Stedman Triples in 58 minutes on the heavy bells preceded the summer festvial service of the Friends of the Cathedral: the ringers were drawn from the North Western Area. Frederick Whitby treble, Benjamin Burton, Reginald Hayden, Henry Bird, William Wheeler, Robert Heazel, Stanley Clark (conductor), Edward Rochester tenor. Following the annual meeting of the Cathedral Friends, a recorder and harpischord recital was given by Carl Dolmetsch and Joseph Saxby.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, June 3rd and 4th, the Colchester Repertory Company presented 'A Sleep of Prisoners,' by Christopher Fry, in the nave of the Cathedral. These productions were preceded on Tuesday by a quarter peal of 1,344 London Surprise Major on the heavy eight by members from the Northern Area: Harry G. Felton treble, Lewis W. Wiffen, Frank Clayden, John A. Warner, Alan R. Syder, Hilda G. Snowden, Terry Earle (conductor), Walter Arnold tenor.

Members of the South Western Area rang a quarter peal of 1,166 Grandsire Cinques on the Wednesday. Thomas G. Fox treble, Adrian J. N. Boyack, Brian J. Howard, Harry Turner, Ernest W. Furbank, Edward D. Smith, Frank V. Gant (conductor), Donald M. Salisbury, John H. Crampion, Charles E. Willmington, Peter Eaves, Andrew J. Salisbury tenor.

On the Saturday, preceding an organ recital by Dr. Ivor Keys, Professor of Music, University of Nottingham, members from the North Eastern Area rang a quarter peal of 1,296 Little Bob Royal. William J. Brunt treble, Mrs. Leslie Mills, Evelyn R. Cansdale, Janet M. Spurgin, Allen W. Cansdale, Bernard W. Fairhead, Donald L. Mills, Leslie D. Mills, Edward E. Davey, Harry J. Millatt (conductor) tenor.

The ringing on the two Sundays covered by the festival was in the hands of the Cathedral ringers, who rang methods and touches to suit all their members and visitors, including a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, before the pianoforte recital given in the Cathedral on Thursday evening by Colin Horsley.

Those taking part in the festival ringing came from all over the diocese: the effort and the final results are worthy of their great calling. It is no mean achievement to travel long dissances after daily work to arrive in good time and then ring to call others to worship or to join with others to appreciate 'Craftsman's Art and Music's Measure' as it can only be portrayed by gifted stars.

The ringers of Essex are honoured to be included with all those who worked to make the effort a great success. R. C. H.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

THE annual festival of the Guild was held at the Parish Church, Llanelly, on June 14th, when the bells were available at 2 p.m. Members came from Pembroke, Tenby, Carmarthen, Llanstephan, Burry Port, Llandilo, supported by the Llanelly ringers. It was good to see many of the honorary members present, and also the members of the Southern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. The Vicar (Rev. Howard Williams) officiated at the service, and the Archdeacon of Carmarthen (Ven. J. Richard Pugh) gave the address, deputising for the Bishop who had to attend to another important meeting.

At a really wonderful tea at the Parish Hall, 80 members thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After the tea, the usual business meeting was held, at which the Archdeacon presided. Before the meeting started a testimonial was presented to Mr. Chris. Hawkins by the Archdeacon, on behalf of the members of the Guild, for his services as secretary to the Guild. Mr. Chris. Hawkins very briefly replied, thanking the members of the Guild, and said it would inspire him to carry on the good work the Guild was doing.

The Archdeacon then declared the meeting open, and the usual touch on the handbells was given by Messrs. Gwyn Thomas, A. Hoare, Gwyn Lewis and R. Scudamore. Mr. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby, was elected Master of the Guild, and Mr. Harry Jenkins, of Tenby, Ringing Master. The secretary, treasurer and auditor were re-elected. The Archdeacon then placed the badges of office on the new officers, and the outgoing officers were thanked for their services by Mr. J. Webb.

A statement of accounts was given by Mr. W. P. E. Sage, the treasurer, and Tenby was selected for the competition in 1959. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £2 2s. The Vicar (Rev. Howard Williams) accepted the invitation to become a vice-president of the Guild; there were also eight honorary members and three life ringing members made.

Before the meeting was closed by a prayer, appropriate votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed to the festival, especially the ladies ('the big five') who were responsible for the tea. Further ringing in the tower concluded a very successful meeting. C. H.

MR. F. A. MUNDAY LEAVES GUILDFORD

Mr. Frederick A. Munday, who has been captain of Holy Trinity, Guildford, since 1951, left the town last weekend for Bradford, Yorks, on promotion in the Post Office telephone service. Twenty of his fellow ringers entertained Mr. and Mrs. Munday to supper on June 25th, and they were the recipients of presentations from the company.

Mr. T. W. White, who presided and made the presentations, referred to Mr. Munday's faithful service to the tower, which he joined in 1946. He was appointed sub-conductor in 1949 and succeeded Mr. A. H. Pulling as conductor in 1951. Mr. White also referred to other impending losses to Holy Trinity—Mr. and Mrs. J. Tate, who were going to Manchester, and Mr. W. J. Robinson to Olney.

Mr. Munday, in thanking the company, said he had been ringing for 26 years and remembered coming on a visit to Holy Trinity, Guildford, as a boy in 1932. He had rung in 46 peals at Holy Trinity; he had 'circled the tower' twice to peals and had called a peal from each bell in the tower twice. He hoped that Trinity bells would never be silent in the future.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bentley for arranging the supper. Handbells were rung during the evening, including touches of Grandsire Caters.

THE BACK-ENDER'S DOOM

A Ballad Respectfully Dedicated To A. P. C.

(Tune: 'Vilikins and his Dinah')

Of a young man named Patrick this sad story tells,
Who made his life's work ringing dirty great bells.
The biggest and roughest to him were ideal,
He would grab them and turn the things in to a peal.
Singing toorali-oorali-oorali-ay.

Three ringers one day who were evil inclined
Decided together some method to find
Of bringing our Patrick's career to a smash,
And they'd stop at no villainy to settle his hash.
Singing &c.

Next Sunday, their wicked intentions to gain,
They went to the market in Petticoat Lane,
And bought an old five from a barrow-boy's stall [Great Paul].
With a tenor five-hundredweight more than
Singing &c.

They built them a tower designed for to sway
No less than two feet and six inches each way;
The frame was of rubber, the gudgeons were square,
And the headstocks slacked off with a half-inch to spare.
Singing &c.

They made an announcement when once they were hung:
'A peal in this tower has yet to be rung';
And laughed when our Patrick sent word for to seek
For permission to go for a peal the next week.
Singing &c.

They went into changes with Pat fresh as paint,
With a bag full of raisins in case he felt faint;
While the villains stood sniggering outside the tower,
For the six-scores each lasted a good quarter-hour.
Singing &c.

When just ten hours later the fortieth was o'er,
Pat shouted: 'Let's strike it, there's only two more';
But see how his spirits they suddenly flag,
When he finds he's got no raisins left in his bag.
Singing &c.

He struggled and sweated, he puffed and he blew,
Until the last two-forty changes were through:
Then managed expiring to gasp: 'This is all,'
Then down on the floor like a doornail did fall.
Singing &c.

Below on his tombstone you'll find written:
'Stranger,
Of being unready observe here the danger;
For here on the grave of Pat Cannon you're gazin',
Who came to his death all for want of a raisin.'
Singing &c. J. G. M. S.

First performed by the author before members of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers, Dublin, 1958.

ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH

For some time there has been anxiety about the condition of the stonework of the central tower of Rotherham Parish Church. Parts of the surface inside and out are badly eroded due to weather and atmospheric pollution. Work has now started on cutting out and replacing badly-affected parts and on repainting. This work will proceed for a year or so, within limits of the funds available. It is not expected that ringing will be affected at all since the repairs concern the surfaces of the stonework only. Some of the pinnacles will be renewed.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 391)

The following corrections should be made to the Triples methods on page 391.

Wakefield Delight Triples.—Rung on May 14th, 1788, and is some form of Treble Bob Triples.

Wakefield Surprise Triples.—Rung on May 14th, 1788, and is actually Oxford Single Triples. Presumably the first peal of Single Oxford Bob Triples.

The following additions should be made to the 18th century Triples methods on page 391.

Bob Major Triples.—5,040 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on May 20th, 1738, by the Union Scholars. This method is a variation of Original Triples. Other peals so titled are presumably all Plain Bob Triples.

Crown Bob Triples.—5,040 at Halifax, St. John-the-Baptist's, on October 10th, 1787, by the Bradford Society.

Double Union or Crown Bob Royal Triples.—5,040 at Leeds, Yorks, on March 1st, 1771, by the Leeds Society. Presumably the first peal of Double Union Triples.

Morning Pleasure Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on January 1st, 1789, by the Wakefield Society.

New Grandsire Triples.—5,040 at Horsham, on November 16th, 1777, by a local band of Cumberland Youths. Morris gives 5,040 at West Bromwich on April 21st, 1877. See Reverse Grandsire on page 253.

Royal Union or *Crown Bob Triples.*—5,040 at Leeds, Yorks, on September 22nd, 1769, by the Leeds Society. 'Consisting of three peals, viz.: College, London and Oxford Triples.' Presumably Spliced College Single, Fulham and Single Oxford Bob Triples.

Sheffield Triples.—5,040 at Rotheram in April, 1782, by the Sheffield Society.

Wakefield Royal Double Bob Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on January 29th, 1771.

The following Major and Royal were rung in the 18th century, in addition to the standard methods on pages 253 and 391.

Cambridge Surprise Major.—5,088 (false) at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 30th, 1780, by the London Youths. 5,152 (false) at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on February 23rd, 1783, by the College Youths. 6,048 at Sheffield on May 11th, 1787, by the Sheffield Society.

Cumberland Bob Major.—5,040 at Shoreditch on May 12th, 1753, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland Fancy Major.—5,760 at Shoreditch on January 26th, 1761, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland Pleasure Major.—5,040 at Whitechapel on April 1st, 1755, by the Cumberland Youths.

College Exercise Major.—5,056 at Hackney on December 26th, 1760, by the College Youths.

College Single Major.—5,040 at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 24th, 1737, by the College Youths.

Eastern Bob Major.—5,040 at Shoreditch on December 27th, 1747, by the Eastern Scholars. This method is incorrectly known as Yorkshire Court, and Morris gives 5,040 at Cargrave on September 20th, 1882.

Double Eastern Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 12th, 1752, by the Eastern Scholars. Morris gives 5,088 Double Yorkshire Court at Selly Oak on January 6th, 1913.

Eastern Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Sepulchre's, London, on February 19th, 1750, by the Eastern Scholars.

Imperial III Major.—Rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on November 17th, 1760, by the Norwich Scholars, who also rang 6,048 at St. Michael Coslany on May 24th, 1772.

Maidstone New Bob Major Royal.—5,000 at Maidstone on April 21st, 1794, by the Maidstone Society.

Morning Pleasure Major.—6,720 at Leeds, Kent, on February 10th, 1757, by the Leeds Youths.

Morning Pleasure Royal.—5,400 at Leeds, Kent, on February 2nd, 1756, by the Leeds Youths.

Morning Exercise Major.—5,120 at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on December 28th, 1737, by the College Youths.

Oswald Delight Major.—5,184 at Leeds, Kent, on December 23rd, 1775, by the Leeds Youths, under the title New Morning Exercise. C.C. give 5,056 at Frodsham on January 17th, 1947.

Treble Place Bob Major.—5,376 at Leeds, Kent, on November 26th, 1770, by the Leeds Youths.

Leeds Double Treble Place Bob Major.—5,376 at Leeds, Kent, on April 28th, 1771, by the Leeds Youths.

New Treble Place Bob Major.—5,184 at Leeds, Kent, on February 10th, 1778, by the Leeds Youths.

This concludes the standard methods and those methods rung to peals in the 18th century.

(To be continued)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

There was a fairly good attendance at the half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch at Bishopstone on June 14th, and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major. No service was held owing to the absence of the Vicar, and Dr. Craig presided at the business meeting. One new member was elected and it was proposed that meetings be held at Hannington, Castle Eaton and Blunsdon, and Purton during the quarter ensuing. The Branch secretary gave a report of the Central Council meeting held in Dublin. Towers in the Branch were well represented and there was one visitor from Bedford.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Eight teams competed for the 29th annual shield contest, held at Silkstone on June 14th. Results and order of ringing were: Wakefield 10 penalties, 123 faults, total 134; Handsworth 25, 77, total 104; Sandal 5, 65, total 70; Shelley 64, Cawthorne 44, Thornhill rung out, Meltham rung out, Friezland 29. Friezland won the shield, and it is hoped to give a prize to the runners-up, Cawthorne.

The business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, was presided over by the Rev. G. H. Firth. Twelve new members were elected, and Shelley, near Huddersfield, was selected for the next meeting.

Mr. Noel F. Moxon proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, to Mr. Harry Mann and the local ringers for making the local arrangements, and to the ladies for the tea. The shield was received by Mr. Joseph Burgess on behalf of Friezland ringers, and each member received a gent's hair brush and comb.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. & MRS. E. W. BIFFIN

Their fellow members of the Devon Guild and the St. Thomas', Exeter, band were pleased to extend their good wishes in the form of a peal to Mr. Edward W. Biffin and Mrs. Biffin, of 17, Sydney Road, St. Thomas', Exeter, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. The thanks of the band are herewith recorded for the entertainment which followed the first attempt (a failure).

The service which 'Ted' has rendered ringing in general in the Exeter District, St. Thomas', Exeter, and the Devon Guild in particular, 'will take some beating.' He came to St. Thomas', in 1923, was elected Ringing Master in 1926, and from 1946 has also held the post of steeple captain and Ringing Master combined. The reason why St. Thomas' has survived the rest in Exeter with a performing 'method band' is entirely owing to his ceaseless efforts to teach.

His other offices include Branch Ringing Master and past Central Council representative.

Good wishes from all for health and happiness in the future—on to the diamond!

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT BURTON-ON-TRENT

June 22nd was observed as Ringers' Sunday at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. The first ringing of the day started at 7.30 a.m., when members attended the service of Holy Communion. An hour's ringing before the 11 a.m. service brought friends from South Derbyshire, and Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Caters were rung. When ringing commenced at 5.20 p.m. for Evensong, more than 20 ringers were in attendance.

At the service lessons were read by Brian Deakin and June Key, and in place of an anthem a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by the following: A. G. Foster 1-2, G. Harrison 3-4, B. G. Key 5-6, Mrs. B. G. Key 7-8.

In his address the Rev. W. Willis Price made mention of bells and ringers. He stressed how all members of a team are equally important and should be united in offering all their ringing to the glory of God.

After the service more ringing took place, and further visiting ringers were welcomed from Derbyshire, Lichfield and Birmingham.

The Vicar and members of the congregation also climbed the 92 steps to the ringing chamber to watch the proceedings. At one time over 60 people were assembled in this fine belfry.

5,056 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

By D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ST. ALKMUND'S, SHREWSBURY

Dear Sir,—St. Alkmund's bells were rehung in 1909 and rung regularly until 1913, when the first peal of Stedman Triples in Shrewsbury was rung on them. The band unfortunately split up and most immigrated to St. Chad's, where they got the bells recast and hung in less than 12 months. While we are given to understand there was a considerable sway on the steeple, no one seems to be able to say that it was condemned by any responsible architect as being in danger for ringing to take place. However, this seems to have been the reason put forward by the band for ceasing to ring there.

The bells were silent until 1921 when the late W. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, took a band there during a Guild meeting. It was doubtful if official permission was either sought or granted for this.

On Easter Sunday morning, 1926, the late C. Lilley persuaded some of the younger members of St. Chad's to go with him to St. Alkmund's and ring for early service. Again, it is doubtful if permission was obtained. One of the company still rings at St. Chad's.

Around this time the top part of the steeple was reconstructed and three strong copper bands put around the top. However, there was still no ringing.

After the last war Mr. W. A. Farmer, who was then living in Shrewsbury, made repeated efforts to have a go on them, but the different vicars always backed out after promising to think about it.

St. Alkmund's now has a vicar who is keen enough to find out if his bells are ringable or not. After considerable work in cleaning out pigeons, etc., ropes were borrowed from St. Chad's and St. Mary's, and on Tuesday evening, June 10th, the bells were rung for a few minutes.

The Vicar had arranged for Mr. Bertram Miller (an architect from Liverpool who is also in charge of other work for the parish) to be there. There was certainly a sway on the top part of the spire, but no one could say if it was greater or less than before. The Ringing Master of the Shropshire Association (Mr. A. Pritchard) was present, and other ringers came from as far as Birmingham.

Mr. Miller thought that another opinion should be sought, and I understand that the Vicar is going to ask Mr. F. Sharpe if he can help us.

The bells went well considering they had not been rung for 32 years, and they are a very pleasant eight by Bryant (tenor 13 cwt.). We are all looking forward to ringing them again for further inspection.

F. G. BEDDOW.

CARTER'S ODD BOB

Dear Sir,—It might be of interest to your readers to mention that Mr. G. N. Trice called the above composition from each pair of handbells. The dates were as follow: July 4th, 1905; March 3rd, 1906; July 18th, 1906, and August 28th, 1906.

Mr. Henry Hodgetts, of Oxhey, took part in all the four peals, William Hodgetts and Hubert Eden three peals, Mr. F. W. Brinklow two peals, and the late Charles F. Winney one peal.

Mr. Trice always had umpires for handbell peals, and for the first peal the umpire was Hubert Eden, the second peal Arthur W. Dix, the third the late Harry R. Pasmore and the late J. W. Golding (this peal was rung at the Coffee Pot), and for the fourth the umpire was the late Alfred D. Bates.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN JENNINGS.

Braintree.

CAPE TOWN RINGER'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—When I look back at the calendar, I am surprised that my stay in England was so short, for I seem to have done so much.

I came, having rung in three towers; I left with 20 times that number; and in remembering each of them and the happy hours in your company, in and out of the tower, I find a realisation of the brotherhood of ringers uppermost in my mind.

The phrase 'ringers' hospitality' is a byword; to experience it, a heartwarming revelation. That I was deeply sorry to have to leave England is a sure measure of the good time I've had, and my sincere thanks go out to everyone, ringer or no, who made us so very welcome.

For the immediate future, I can only hope that in Cape Town we shall be afforded opportunities to uphold this spirit of hospitality and friendship, not only as a traditional part of the South African way of life, but as an outpost of 'we happy few, we band of brothers.'—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Cape Town.

Another Tower Functioning

June 22nd was a great day at St. Margaret's Church, Whitwash, Leamington Spa, when the first quarter peal was rung by members of the tower and church. This has never before been achieved since the bells were hung in 1892.

The story of their training goes back two years. Mr. P. A. Oram, the captain, has now a band of 16 *beginners, each of whom, he writes, could easily be of peal standard by the end of the year.*

He expresses his sincere thanks to ringers of neighbouring towers for their help in teaching the band.

The quarter peal, 1,260 *Grandsire Doubles, was rung by Ann Trindall (first quarter)* 1, *Christine Sanders (first quarter)* 2, *Jean Addicott* 3, *P. A. Oram* 4, *Ian Maycock (conductor, first quarter)* 5, *Derek Bedford (first quarter)* 6.

FALSE COURSE ENDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. John L. Morris's reference to false course *ends* will be appreciated by all who are used to this type of nomenclature. His table of complementary and reciprocal False Course Ends (sorry, Heads) is excellent.

In connection with the article on this subject may I point out that if 64235 is substituted for 12345 on Scale B the final step (3) may be eliminated in both procedure I and II, as the rows, say, 65324 and 64352, etc., may be obtained direct.

I apologise for not spotting before that which, like Dr. Tarrasch's trap in the Ruy Lopez, is so obvious *afterwards*.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Central Bucks Chairman Retires

A record gathering of the members of the Central Bucks Branch honoured their revered chairman, Canon G. Dixon, by electing him as their first president at their annual meeting at Aston Abbots on June 14th.

Canon Dixon had been chairman of the Branch since its inauguration at Granborough in 1928, and after 30 years in the chair he decided to 'step down' to make way for a younger man. Saying what a wonderful chairman Canon Dixon had been, Mr. J. W. Hall made the proposition that he now become their president, and Mr. G. Edmans seconded.

Miss Marie Cross, the hon. general secretary of the Guild, also spoke very highly of the valuable work of Canon Dixon to the Branch and the Guild, and how the continuity of service of the officers of the Central Bucks Branch (the hon. secretary, Mr. F. Gibbard, having also done nearly 30 years' sterling service) had ensured the success of the Branch. She warmly thanked Canon Dixon on behalf of the Guild executive, and suggested that his name go forward to the annual meeting of the Guild for election as vice-president of the Guild. A resolution to this effect was later passed with acclamation.

To mark the occasion and to make the day complete, the Rev. F. J. Amies, who inaugurated the Branch in 1928, came to preach at the service.

Many old members whom Mr. Amies taught to ring in the Winslow area were present, and were seen reminiscing with him before and after the meeting. As Miss Cross aptly put it, Mr. Amies must have been justly satisfied to see in such a gathering the fruition of his work begun 30 years ago.

The treasurer and hon. secretary, Mr. F. Gibbard, reported a satisfactory balance of £21 7s. 10d., 135 members having paid up last year.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. C. E. Last; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Gibbard; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Hall; Ringing Masters, Mr. F. Gregory and Mr. G. Edmans; Branch representatives in Guild committee: Mr. G. Edmans, Mr. L. J. Gregory, Mr. J. W. Hall.

The meeting concluded with Canon Dixon thanking the meeting for the honours they had bestowed on him, and also the Vicar of Aston Abbotts for allowing the Branch to hold the meeting there, and the Rev. F. J. Amies, the local foreman Mr. F. Hines, and the caterers for such an excellent spread.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A meeting of the Halesworth District was held at Southwold on June 14th, attended by about 30 members and visitors, and supported by Mr. L. G. Brett (Ringing Master of the Guild) and Mr. J. W. Blythe (general secretary). Ringing ranged from Bob Minor to Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, everyone being provided for.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Macfarlane) with Mr. F. W. Drew as organist. The lesson was read by the general secretary.

The Vicar extended a warm welcome to the members and gave a most interesting address, which was much appreciated.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and organist and Mr. R. S. Payne (District secretary) for the arrangements. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Yoxford either the last Saturday in September or the first Saturday in October.

STORIES FROM SOME OF THE JUNE OUTINGS

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON

If the ingredients for a perfect outing include good company, good bells, weather, time-keeping, coach comfort, meals and, above all, perhaps, the welcome extended by the local incumbents and ringers, then we had all these and more on June 14th, when over 40 ringers and friends spent a happy day.

Arriving at St. Nicholas', Arundel, at 9 a.m., the pleasant eight with tenor of 13¼ cwt. were soon ringing out, whilst the non-ringers were busy with cameras focused upon the splendid edifice of the Castle. By some misfortune, we had omitted to bring our handbells, but Mr. Daughtrey and the local ringers most kindly loaned us theirs for the day. Later on, good use was made of them to touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major.

On to Portsmouth Cathedral, where the recently-restored ten were rung to various methods, including, as at all towers we visited, rounds for the 'new hands.' Here we had hoped to see Fred Burnett, a frequent visitor to St. Peter's, but business prevented him from welcoming us in person. Lunch at 'Kimbells' followed, and a well-contented party later boarded the coach for Curdridge. This melodious eight, with tenor of 26 cwt. in D, seemed to go best to Cambridge, although other methods were rung with varying success.

Thus to St. Mary's, Southampton, where the ringers alighted for an hour's enjoyable ringing whilst the non-ringers continued to the Docks for a sight-seeing boat trip of dockland. The party reunited for tea, after which, refreshed and replete, our return journey was via Shedfield, where we were met at the church by Miss Daysh. Here, with its cosily-circled ring of eight and its 12½ cwt. tenor, we were compelled to ring in relays through lack of elbow room. We were indeed sorry to leave this friendly little belfry, but time was pressing. Calling at Arundel to return the handbells, we later made the usual halt for refreshment, arriving at Brighton at a very respectable hour.

A. W. B.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

The longest day, June 21st, was the date chosen for the Cathedral company's outing. The weather was not too kind. An 8 a.m. start was made by coach, from the Cathedral, by ringers and friends. Mr. Harry Parkes, who had just completed some work on the Cathedral bells, also came.

The first tower visited was St. Edward's, Leek, Staffs, where an hour's ringing on the light ten was much enjoyed. The venue for lunch was Stafford, followed by an hour's ringing at St. Mary's, also a nice light ten. A short run took the party to Uttoxeter, where an excellent high tea was followed by an hour's ringing at the Parish Church. These bells are a very fine and tuneful octave; the back six, we were told, were cast by Rudhalls.

The run to Ashmoor was by way of country lanes, and the party were met by the Vicar. After raising the bells, and at his request some rounds, shots and queens rung on the octave for the benefit of a wedding party in the village, the usual method ringing followed.

Most of the ringing during the day was quite good, and included up to Cambridge Major and Stedman Caters, also a touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal. A pleasing feature was the raising and lowering in peal.

Some of the Staffs and Derbyshire choicest scenery was seen, and the party arrived back home at 10.15, tired but happy. We extend our thanks to the tower-keepers and local people for their co-operation in making our outing a success.

H. O. C.

PORTISHEAD AND WRAXHALL

With their friends from Wraxhall, over the hill,
The Portishead ringers a coach did fill;
To the lovely Wye Valley they were bound,
Where glorious scenery and bells are found.

The first stop was Thornbury, a very good ring,
But the ropes still retain considerable 'spring';
Tho' ten years (we're told) already they've [served—
Perhaps bells aren't rung so oft as deserved?

Ross-on-Wye, what a magnificent peal!
Here, Mr. Webb met us and made us feel
Quite at home; to him, 'Thanks very much'
For joining in Stedman and calling the touch.

Our outings wouldn't be quite the same
Unless we had a drop of rain;
So at Symonds Yat we didn't encroach
On the River Wye—but remained in the coach!

At Monmouth, we had some time to spare,
To wander round and stand and stare;
Then to the church, and soon found employment
In ringing the bells to the shoppers' enjoyment.

Then Tintern, on very banks of Wye,
Appetites we sought to satisfy;
And we must find room in this little ballad
To mention the ham, the tongue, and the salad!

Some round the Abbey then did wander,
On glory of towering walls did ponder
But one, who anonymous remains,
Made a tour of inspection of all the drains!

Then on to Lydney: we took our stand,
When emerged from aloft, with grease-gun in [hand
A figure—who need not here be named—
But in Police Force as well as in belfry he's famed.

Perhaps he had heard that our strength was fast burning,
Or maybe he was greasing the tenor he'd 'turn in.'
Whatever it was, we know that without him
We shouldn't have had such a wonderful outing.

A. J. G.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS

The annual outing of the Sutton-on-Trent ringers with friends from Gamston, North Muskham, Newark, Retford, Southwell and Winthorpe took place on June 7th. The venue this year was Lincolnshire.

Leaving Newark at 8 a.m., the first tower to be visited was Stow. After climbing the 64 steps (the largest number of the day) ringers enjoyed these bells for an hour before leaving for Ouston, followed by ground floor ringing at Epworth and Broughton.

High tea was enjoyed at the Lord Nelson. After tea Caister was visited and then the village of Walesby. After climbing the hill for about one mile the tower was reached, but needless to say, some of the ringers were in need of bath chairs and not bells. Nevertheless, there was some good ringing after members had regained their breath. The final tower of the day was Nettleham, where ringing was completed at 9 p.m., and the party then left for home.

During the day Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Single Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's were rung.

Thanks are expressed to incumbents, tower captains, Mr. F. W. Midwinter (who kindly acted as Ringing Master), and anyone who helped to make the day so enjoyable.

B. H.

BROMHAM RINGERS IN RURAL SUFFOLK

The Bromham, Beds, ringers had their annual coach outing on June 7th to Suffolk, and they were joined by ringers from St. Paul's, Bedford, and other neighbouring towers. The driver's weakness in map-reading resulted in a late arrival at Bures. Our apologies for keeping Mr. Mills waiting! Consequently our time here was restricted to half-an-hour, in which we rang a course of Cambridge Major on this recently-augmented anti-clockwise eight. The beautifully-kept belfry was well noted!

The coach travelled by narrow country lanes to the church in the park at Assington, near the burned-out Manor House. Here the usual standard Minor methods were rung. We popped our noses into Essex to ring at Great Horkesley, where the mellow but rather rough-going bells are rung from a dark cell-like belfry illuminated by candlelight. Those who started their lunch here were soon interrupted and had to finish on the coach, and finally at Stoke-by-Nayland! Here one member strained the hospitality of mine hostess at the local hostelry by spreading his four-course meal out in the lounge, and then not ordering even a ginger beer! A prompt start was made on the recently retuned and restored bells (1956, by Taylors) and ringing included Double Norwich, Stedman and Duffield.

The really handy, musical light six at Polstead resulted in some very good brisk ringing with an all-ladies' band effort. A very welcome salad tea had been prepared at Hadleigh, and it was quickly disposed of by a hungry party! The handsome church with spire contained quite the roughest-going ring of the day, although the mellow grandeur of the bells couldn't be faulted, the tenor of 28 cwt., by Miles Graye in 1686, was the heaviest of the day. The tricky 'go' here didn't permit any very inspiring ringing. The bells at Monks Eleigh were reputed to be rather a humpy ring, but this did not prove to be so. Here an impromptu course of Double Stedman Slow Course Minor was successfully brought round.

And so finally to the highlight of the day—the famous tower at Lavenham. How superb the church looked against the setting sun! These bells are so well known for their magnificent and impressive tone that little need be said here; the tenor is, of course, another Miles Graye bell of 1625. The anti-clockwise ring did not hinder us in ringing some Double Norwich Kent T.B. and Cambridge Major and Stedman. We were very pleased to be able to extend our visit here, thanks to Mr. Stedman Symonds. Home was reached at 11.45.

All our thanks for a most enjoyable and well-organised day to Miss Mary Tysoe; many thanks, too, to the incumbents and everyone who met us.

'CAMPANAMANUAL.'

SUTTON-ON-THE-ISLE

A day's tour in Northamptonshire was enjoyed on the first Thursday in June by Sutton ringers and friends. Before lunch at Thrapston, ringing took place at Wilby, Isham and Finedon. In the afternoon Cranford St. John, Woodford and Great Addington were visited before reaching Irthlingborough for tea and a ring on the eight bells. The last tower of the day was Stanwick. Then came a call at the local for supper, and home was reached shortly after 11 p.m.

The thanks of the company are due to Mr. Donald Knights for making the arrangements and finding eight pleasant rings of bells. Incumbents and local ringers are also thanked.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Foster 1, A. Smith (jun.) 2, B. J. Wild 3, H. Hamer 4, M. Fishwick 5, D. Butterworth (cond.) 6. For the school's anniversary.

OUTINGS—Continued

BARKING, SUFFOLK

Some 30 Barking ringers and friends spent May 17th in Bedfordshire. Arlesey was reached in good time for the Rector to point out some of the interesting features of the church before the ringers made good use of the bells. Henlow proved to be a grand six. Afterwards at Biggleswade a good touch of Stedman was the highlight.

The first tower after lunch was Northill where, after ringing on the heavy six, Mr. Waggstaff kindly conducted us to the church museum where a course was rung on his set of saucer bells. The other two towers of the afternoon were Old Warden, where beautiful church carvings were admired, and Southill. After tea there was ringing at Elston, where there was much competition to ring the fifth—Bunyan's bell; Willington, and Blunham, a glorious ring, where the day's ringing was brought to an end with a good course of London and a lower in peal.

After one stop on the way, home was reached at approximately 12.30 a.m.

Methods rung during the day ranged from Plain Bob to London and Cambridge Minor, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

The thanks of the party are extended to R. E. Lester for his organisation of the tour, to J. B. Morley for his services as Ringing Master, to Ron Sharp, of Maulden, for his assistance, and to all clergy and local ringers L. N. M.

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

On the longest day of the year, with the weather trying hard to mar our enjoyment, 30 members, including wives and friends, met at 8 a.m. to board a coach which was to take them to various Essex villages en route for Clacton-on-Sea.

The first stop was at Tarling, where the church has a ring of five bells, recently rehung, so were in excellent going order. A pleasant surprise was a reception after ringing, the party adjourning to a very fine 'old world' house for drinks and biscuits at the invitation of Mrs. Whitehead and Mrs. Roalt.

Reluctantly the party took the road to Great Tey, where various methods were rung until 11.30 a.m. By this time appetites were beginning to develop, so the long run to Clacton was taken, where lunch had been reserved. All having been satisfied, the majority of the ladies and the non-ringers spent the time before tea on the sea front dodging showers of rain, whilst the ringing enthusiasts paid visits to Kirby-le-Soken and Great Bentley. Both these rings have tenors of about 10 cwt. and are in very good condition.

On the journey home stops were made at Coggeshall and Felsted. The former tower has been rebuilt, replacing the original which was destroyed by enemy action. It is a very solid-looking structure, well worthy of the magnificent bells it contains. The tenor weighs 19 cwt., and the Double Norwich which was rung was probably the best touch of the day, these bells emphasising the musical qualities of this method. Felsted bells are shortly to be rehung, and although the going is rather bad, several touches were brought round. After half-an-hour's conviviality, the return was made, everybody being quite satisfied that another St. Mary's outing had been well and truly enjoyed.

Thanks are due to incumbents and Ringing Masters, with a special mention to the ladies who so hospitably entertained us at our first stopping place. H. R.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Armitage 1, A. Smith (first quarter) 2, R. Hughes 3, Jill Birch 4, Penelope Welch (cond.) 5, G. Marchant 6, J. Woodham 7, M. Bennett 8. For the inaugural service of the Llandaff Cathedral Festival Week of Music and Drama.

WARMINSTER, WILTS

For the past three years the Warminster ringers have combined their annual outing with a reunion with the former secretary of their tower, Mr. Norman Pearson, now headmaster of Haslemere C.E.P. School. Once again Mr. Pearson arranged their outing, and June 14th, the chosen date, was a beautiful day for the occasion. The ringers came up in three cars, meeting the Pearson family at Basingstoke. That is to say two cars arrived, the third having broken down on the way, suspiciously enough, with the only lady in the Warminster party!

The party rang on the famous nine at All Saints' and the fine eight at St. Michael's, the delays somewhat curtailing the time allowed. Lunch was taken at Aldershot, and then ringing was enjoyed at the Parish Church, where the party was welcomed by Major E. J. Bragg, Mr. W. Viggers and Mrs. Stewart.

A lovely run through the Surrey and Hampshire countryside was followed by ringing at two beautiful village churches—Frensham, where Mr. Heath, the captain, met the party, and Blackmoor, one of the most delightful settings one could wish to see, where the Vicar (Canon Somerset-Ward) was waiting. After ringing at Aldershot, Mrs. Pearson had dashed back to Haslemere, and when the party arrived there punctually at 5 it was to find tea waiting on the lawn of the School House. After tea another beautiful village and church were visited—Steep, Hants, where Miss Roberts gave the ringers a warm welcome.

As there was a preponderance of beginners, Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung mainly, though some Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round. The Warminster captain's 'pièce-de-résistance'—a touch of Plain Bob Minor—however, failed to come round!

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE

On June 14th the clans began to gather for the eighth annual outing organised by the St. Peter's ringers.

The first call was at Banbury, where the pleasant ten were put to good use. On to Bicester, where after mastering the peculiarities of the tenor rope, some very enjoyable ringing was produced. By this time we all had a large appetite—which was perhaps as well, as we were faced with an extremely large lunch.

The slightly uncomfortable 'full' feeling was worked off on the beautiful eight at Ambrosden (tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.). Here again the ringing was good—as it deserved to be. The large, airy belfry at Buckingham tended to put off some of our more timid members, especially when they saw the height of the tenor box. Perhaps the organisers knew what they were doing when they put the heaviest ring of the day just before tea.

The last tower was Stoney Stratford, where we lost half of the company to the fairground next to the church.

Thanks are due to all who made the day such a memorable one.

KINGSBURY, LONDON

On June 14th ringers and friends of St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, went by motor coach for a tour through the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire countryside. Stops for ringing were made at Twyford, Witney, Wantage, Piddington and Wendover, where everybody enjoyed ringing bells new to them.

Thanks are due to incumbents, ringers and tower masters who made everyone welcome.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On June 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Stafford 1, M. Mackay (first of Treble Bob) 2, F. Osbaldiston 3, B. Groves 4, W. H. Dowse 5, A. McFall and R. Smith (conducted) 6. For evening service, and for the ordination of the new curate the same day at Chester.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Record Attendance At Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Society was held as usual at Lichfield on June 21st. The showery weather did not affect the attendance, 124 sitting down to tea, the largest number at an annual meeting for some years. Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at the Cathedral and St. Mary's and St. Michael's churches. A break with tradition was the holding of the service at St. Michael's, the beautiful little church on Greenhill. This service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. Allen) who also gave a most interesting address. Tea was served in St. Michael's Church Hall, and a bountiful meal was provided by the Lichfield ringers.

At the meeting which followed, an apology was received from Mr. F. Colclough, of Bilston. Mr. F. Brotherton (hon. treasurer) presented the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £68 15s. 7d., this being an increase of £4 6s. 4d. on the previous year.

Giving the committee's report, Mr. F. Bennett (lay secretary) mentioned that the attendances at the Society's meetings during the year under review had averaged 78 per meeting, a figure which compared favourably with those of any other Association in the country. It had been very encouraging to see the large number of young ringers attending the Society's meetings. In October a joint meeting had been held with the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, and this had been a most enjoyable occasion.

Mr. G. Hughes (Ringing Master) reported that the number of peals rung was 43 compared with 47 the previous year. Sunday service ringing had been well maintained.

Mr. B. G. Kay (Central Council representative) reported on his recent visit to the Central Council meeting in Dublin.

The chairman (Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford) said it was obvious from the reports he had heard that the affairs of the Society were moving along smoothly. He was particularly pleased to hear of the interest being shown in ringing by the members of the younger generation.

The officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. Clive Smith; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton; clerical secretary, Rev. C. H. Barker; lay secretary, Mr. F. Bennett; peal secretary and auditor, Mr. E. E. Speake. A new appointment was that of Mr. D. Tranter to be assistant secretary.

Meetings for the next 12 months were provisionally arranged as follows: August, Barton-under-Needwood; October, Brewood; January, Bradly or Coseley; March, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; May, Hoar Cross; June, Lichfield (annual).

Mr. E. E. Speake then presented the proposed alterations to the Society's rules which he and his sub-committee had drafted. The formal proposition to accept these was duly carried. After an interesting discussion a proposal that the annual subscription be increased from 2s. to 3s. was carried by a large majority.

Thanks to the Archdeacon of Stafford for taking the chair, the Rev. H. Allen for taking the service and the use of his church hall and bells, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sedgwick, Miss Jill Morgan and the Lichfield ringers for providing such an excellent tea, the Cathedral authorities and Preb. Cresswell for the use of their bells, brought the meeting to a close. F. C. A. B.

OBITUARY

MR. H. PRICE

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Harry Price, of Beeston, at the early age of 49 years.

Son of the late Percy Price, of Beeston, he joined the Midland Counties Association in 1925, and at that time Beeston had one of the best change-ringing bands in the Midlands.

He was Ringing Master at Beeston Parish Church until the bells went out of action; since then he had been a regular ringer at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

Mr. Price was building and maintenance manager for Boots Pure Drug Co., and his work took him to various parts of the country. He also took a lively interest in Freemasonry, and was Worshipful Master of the Old Priory Lodge No. 2594 in 1956.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. F. M. Price, and one daughter, Miss G. F. Price. Cremation at Wilford Hill was preceded by a service at Beeston Parish Church, attended by members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and conducted by the Rev. A. H. Wyatt. S.A.

MR. WILLIAM PAGE

With regret we announce the death of a pioneer of change-ringing in South Wales by the death of Mr. William Page, at the age of 80, in the little village of Pentrie, Rhondda Valley.

For approximately 40 years Mr. Page had rung at St. Peter's Church, Pentrie, and the sound of the muffled bells announced his passing to the village, where he was greatly beloved.

Mr. Page had rung about 70 peals, including the longest peal in Wales (6,120 changes at Llantrisant). The funeral service was on June 14th, and in brilliant sunshine handbells were rung at the graveside to his memory.

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON, DEVON.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Inele (first quarter) 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Baker 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 6. Rung on the visit to Honiton for Evensong of the Bishop of Nyasaland.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Davies 1, C. Hill 2, B. Shedel (cond.) 3, W. Hill 4, R. Jones (first on working bell) 5.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Smee 1, A. H. Winch (cond.) 2, G. Marriner 3, A. S. Harris 4, G. Peters 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. V. Young 8. Rung to mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. C. Marshall. Also on June 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. H. Winch 1, Patricia Smee 2, G. Marriner 3, J. Ledsham 4, A. S. Harris 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. H. Smith (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. The ringer of the 4th at present at Headley Court and stationed near Folkestone.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Culham (first quarter) 1, E. Leggett 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, A. Cansdale (cond.) 4, B. Gibbons 5, J. C. Macbeth 6. The treble ringer belongs to the newly-formed company at Little Horkesley.

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.—There will be a few vacant seats on the coach for the annual outing to be held on Saturday, July 26th, in Norfolk. Anyone wishing to join the party please communicate with Mr. J. Quinney, 164 Hills Road, Cambridge. Cost 15s. 2642

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Langdale, July 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Birkett, Braegarth, Elterwater, near Ambleside.—N. M. Newby. 2641

NOTICES

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—No practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 15th, and all ringing there is suspended until further notice.—John Chilcott. 2637

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On and after June 28th, John F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Bolton, will be temporary treasurer, and the address of Peter Crook will be 29, Pleasant View, Brampton, Ontario, Canada, until November 12th next. 2629

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Burwell (8) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2575

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, North Weald, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. King, 158, High Road, North Weald. 2552

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Paragon Cafe. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2564

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Wallington, Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2598

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, July 5th. Bells available: St. Stephen's (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's (6), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 2 to 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. All three towers will be open after the meeting. 2505

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Notts District).—Joint meeting, Breedon-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Robinson, Cloud View, Breedon. 2597

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Swynnerton on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 2621

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Scarning on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Short ringers' service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. 2572

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Warborough, Oxon, on Saturday, July 5th. Dorchester bells not available. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 2583

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting Saturday, July 5th, at Selly Oak. Bells (8) available 3.30 until 7 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. No tea arranged—cafés nearby.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. Phone: SPR 1025. 2544

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dore, 3 p.m., Saturday, July 5th. Cups of tea available—bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 2585

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, East Bridgford, Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark. 2622

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fairwarp (8), Saturday, July 5th.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, July 5th. Business meeting in the Chantry Hall (opposite St. Mary's Church) at 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea in the Chantry Hall 5.15. Bells available: St. Mary's (Southampton), 11 to 12 and 6 to 8.30; St. Michael's (Southampton), 7 to 9; Bitterne Park, Southampton, 7 to 9; North Stoneham, 7 to 9 p.m.

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.—Rededication service following the retuning and rehanging of the six bells in the tower of St. Nicholas' Church, Oakley, near Diss, on Sunday, July 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Dunwich. 2617

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Towergrab, Monday, July 7th. Church Lawton, 6.50 p.m.; Alsager, 7.30, and Barthomley, 8 p.m. (all approximately). All welcome.—F. Stenson.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 7th, at 7 p.m. 2608

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 12th. Teas—please notify not later than July 9th Mr. Frederick Brook, Back Lane, Shelley, near Huddersfield.—J. W. Buxton. 2633

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bathford (6), on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Rev. Flenley, The Vicarage, Bathford. 2609

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Meare, on Saturday, July 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea before Tuesday July 8th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 2614

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Branch) and DEVON GUILD (North East Branch).—Joint meeting, St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 2612

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Old Warden (6) on Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 2634

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—South Shields, Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 9th to Miss M. A. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields. 2620

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6), Saturday, July 12th. Tea at Dorset Arms. Names to me. Look up Beverley Surprise.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 2618

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Kington St. Michael, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and Tea. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 2630

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 8th, to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. No name, no tea. 2607

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 12th, at Harrietsham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. L. Cook, Southlands, East Street, Harrietsham. 2595

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to P. Barton, 33, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne, Kent. 2628

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Joint meeting with Wigan Branch, Lancashire Association, at Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by July 9th to Mr. J. Lunham, 30, Liverpool Road, Aughton.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2619

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Milnrow, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to D. Butterworth, 21, Moorland Avenue, Milnrow.—Hudson, Sec. 2611

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Branch meeting at St. Nicholas', Halewood, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 2nd, to Mr. J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Hallwood.—T. E. Radcliffe, Hon. Sec. 2636

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, July 12th. Bring own food. A6 road. Frequent P2 buses from Preston town centre to Lightfoot Lane.—L. Walmsley. 2632

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild, Christ Church, Aughton, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by July 10th Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk.—M. E. Ridyard.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Kibworth (8) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 9th to Mr. Albert Martin, 54, Fleckney Road, Kibworth, Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2570

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District) and HERTFORD ASSOCIATION (Watford District).—Joint meeting at St. John's, Stanmore, Saturday, July 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea following. Ringing at All Saints', Harrow Weald, 3 to 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by July 10th to Miss J. Wilcockson, 23, Wemborough Road, Stanmore.—C. E. Slade and K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Secs. 2616

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Aylsham (10) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norfolk.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 2565

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mapledurham (6), Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided—bring own food. —R. F. Diserens. 2623

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Benefield (6), Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 2626

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 12th, at Deeping St. James. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, July 15th, to Mr. J. W. Haw, 31, Eastgate, Deeping St. James. 2639

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Joint festival at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's (10), 1 to 2 p.m. and 6.45 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Chad's (12), 3.15 to 4.25 p.m. and 6.45 to 9 p.m.; Candover (8) and Berrington (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service 4.30 at St. Chad's. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Chad's Parish Hall. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, July 8th, to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 28, Montague Place, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. Very definitely—no name, no tea. 2596

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Peasenhall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Yoxford (ringing evening) on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Peasenhall. —A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 2573

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 12th, at Bosham (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 8th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2635

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Scarborough, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, July 10th, to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2624

TRURO DIOCESAN FESTIVAL.—Saturday, July 12th, at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (2s.). Bells: St. Stephen (8), St. Mewan (6), St. Dennis (8), Roche (8), Ladock (8), St. Austell (8), from 5.45 p.m. Replies by Tuesday, July 8th, Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 2534

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, July 19th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those notifying by July 16th Mr. F. D. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington. —John Chilcott, A. W. J. Butler, Hon. Secs. 2638

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Tillingham, Saturday, July 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bus (Kemps Coaches) outside Maldon Bus Station at 2.45 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2610

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Little Horkesley on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Great Horkesley (6) also available from 6.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 16th, to Mrs. F. Culham, Rose Cottage, Little Horkesley, Colchester. 2627

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 19th, Newdigate. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea, King's Head, Capel, 5. Capel bells available from 6 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 17th Mrs. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking. 2631

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Meeting, Epworth, Saturday, July 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 2625

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on July 19th. Service in the Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting in the Chapter House, 12 noon. Lunch in Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 6s. each, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, before Tuesday, July 15th.—M. R Cross. 2600

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chilmark, on Saturday, July 19th. Meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.40 p.m. to suit bus to Barford for evening ringing. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by July 15th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2601

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at East Sutton on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. All members welcome—non-members cordially invited.—Mrs. Pamela J. Usborne, Sec. 2594

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BELLS AND A UNIVERSITY

CEREMONIES commemorating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of Alice Freeman Palmer memorial chimes in Mitchell tower of Chicago University took place on June 9th. The ceremonies included the dedication in the ringing chamber of a bronze plaque in memory of Roy B. Nelson, who was the first chime master, holding the office from 1909 until 1919. The bells were also re-dedicated. Before and after these ceremonies chime concerts were given by James R. Lawson, University carillonneur and present Mitchell tower chime master, and Bruce Cushna, a student chimer.

The Palmer memorial bells were cast at the Whitechapel foundry and brought to Chicago University and dedicated on June 9th, 1908. For the past 50 years the bells have been rung an average of three times a day. At one time the bells sounded every 15 minutes mechanically, and the old clock mechanism still stands in the ringing chamber with other objects of the campanological museum. The mechanism was, however, turned off in 1932 when the Parsifal chime of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel was employed as the regular time-keeper for the University.

Also silent today is the change-ringing, which makes the Mitchell tower unique among the bell towers of the United States. The Mitchell tower was modelled after Magdalen tower, Oxford, with ten bells installed for change-ringing. For a brief period change-ringing was actually practised at this tower by a band of eight ringers imported from England. On November 21st, 1908, the first extent was rung on the bells — 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 minutes. One of the original band, Francis J. Rumens, is still living in Chicago. By 1911, however, change-ringing had stopped. A letter from David A. Robinson, secretary to the president, written in 1914, contained the following commentary: 'We were never able to do much with change-ringing owing to the nervousness of our neighbours.'

Tune-playing, on the other hand, was practised from the first and never allowed to lapse. Each night at 10.5 one of the members of the Society Campanariorum (Society of Bell-ringers) rings the 'Alma Mater.' This is done in compliance with a request made by a former coach, Amos Alonzo Stagg, who in 1904 gave the University a cheque for 1,000 dollars for a 'good-night chime' for U.C.'s athletes. Stagg hoped the chime's 'sweet cadence' would serve as a 'last word with them before they fell asleep; to speak to them of love and loyalty and sacrifice for their University, and of hope and inspiration and endeavour for the morrow.'

Although the days of Chicago's football fame are history, and it is doubtful that today's athletes are in bed by 10.5, the tradition is still maintained. (Rumour has it that Stagg set the curfew at 10.30, thus the gridmen had 25 minutes to go from their girl friends' homes to the dormitories or fraternities.)

Listeners to this bell benediction may occasionally hear immediately following the 'Alma Mater' an Alpha Delta Phi fraternity song, for the ringing has been performed for several years by student chimer Cushna and other members of this fraternity.

The Chicago bell-ringers try to maintain a campanological link between Mitchell tower and its Magdalen tower prototype. Annually, on January 30th, the tenor of 2,443 lb. in the Mitchell tower is tolled to commemorate the anniversary of the beheading of Charles I. Oxford in those days was predominantly a Royalist University. Each spring, during the University Festival of the Arts, the Society sponsors the 'Mitchell Tower Spring Ceremony.' This is patterned on the annual May Day Morning ceremony at Magdalen, which involves the singing of the Latin hymn 'Hymnus Eucharisticus.' At Mitchell tower the ceremony is re-enacted with chime music, brass choir and English handbells.

This summer Mr. Lawson will be in Europe playing concerts on an electronic carillon installed at the Brussels World Fair. While abroad he hopes to visit Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and study means of reactivating the Mitchell tower bells for change-ringing.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	HERBERT LOWMAN	8
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	9
CHARLES McGUINESS	4	JAMES H. RAITHBY	10
JOHN WALDEN	5	RAYMOND F. SMITH	11
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	6	GEOFFREY A. PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
Rung in honour of the visit to the Cathedral of H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

TEN BELL PEALS

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt.

*JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Treble*	*GEORGE HAWKINS	6
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	7
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	BRYAN PATTISON	8
*JUNE SINFIELD	4	*RICHARD KENDALL	9
*ARTHUR J. SMITH	5	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Canon W. Davison, M.A., R.D., on his silver jubilee as Vicar of Luton.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20½ cwt.

*MOLLY TROMANS	*Treble*	†ARTHUR PEAKMAN	6
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	2	†FREDERICK JUKES	7
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	8
WILLIAM H. COOPER	4	*RAY SMITH	9
HAROLD J. SHUCK	5	*DAVID GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.
* First peal of Caters. † 25th peal together. First of Caters as conductor.
Commemorating the visit of bishops attending the Lambeth Conference, and a tenth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, of Stourbridge.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	IVOR JENKINS	6
ROBERT B. SMITH	2	NEIL BENNETT	7
BERNARD GROVES	3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	8
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	9
WILLIAM A. SMITH	5	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
First peal of Royal as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Derek Ogden and Joyce Halliday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	7
DEREK P. JONES	3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	8
GORDON A. HALLS	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
PATRICIA A. M. FOSTER	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 250th peal of Surprise.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 25, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	THOMAS R. BUTLER	6
*ALLEN P. SANDFORD	2	ERNEST F. BENNETT	7
JOHN F. GROVE	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
THOMAS W. HESKETH	4	JOHN E. SPICE	9
JOSEPH RIDYARD	5	JACK N. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell.
A welcome to the Rev. Christopher Pepys, the new Rector of Liverpool.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 27, 1958, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

JAMES H. KIRBY	*Treble*	DAVID CUBITT	6
FRED BENNETT	2	†KENNETH PARK	7
DAVID ATKINS	3	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	8
*HAROLD CHANT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
PETER WOODWARD	5	JOHN E. KIRBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 150th peal for the Association. † First peal on ten bells.
Rung to welcome the Rt. Rev. J. A. Ramsbotham, Bishop of Wakefield, after his enthronement.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR J. HART	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
ALBERT W. BOND	2	RAYMOND P. WOOD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	8
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	FRANK H. HICKS	9
GEORGE FRANCIS	5	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 12). Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also a birthday compliment to W. Arthur Riddington and also for the birth of Susan Jacqualine, third grand-daughter of Mr. W. Rogers.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM WILSON	*Treble*	JOHN H. FIELDEN	6
J. BARRY PICKUP	2	LAWRENCE D. CLEMENTS	7
HAROLD W. HAMER	3	NORMAN SMITH	8
DEREK BUTTERWORTH	4	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	9
J. COLIN ASHWORTH	5	PETER SCHOLFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
First peal of Kent Royal by all except the ringer of the seventh. First on ten bells as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

*RICHARD A. PORTER	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ELLIS	6
†MICHAEL D. FROST	2	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	7
*JOHN THWAITES	3	RICHARD G. BELL	8
A. ROWLAND TYSOE	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	9
GERALD PENNEY	5	STANLEY HUCKLE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal and first attempt for a peal on ten bells. † First of Caters in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival, and also as a compliment to R. G. Bell, a past president of this Association, on his silver wedding.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE E. CRISP	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
*PETER F. WINDLEY	2	*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	6
*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	3	*†HUGH NEILL	7
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

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

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
PETER H. LANGTON	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	6
*JILL I. MARTIN	3	PETER F. WINDLEY	7
*MICHAEL D. S. HOOD	4	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

M. SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	2	F. BRIAN COOKSON	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	*HUGH NEILL	7
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by HUGH NEILL.
* First peal in the method.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb.

A. WILLIAM BIRD	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	3	PETER KINDRED	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.
Rung in honour of the Queen's official birthday.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., June 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 WILTSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST R. KILBY	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
JOHN HILL	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal in the method.
The method (Corrigan's No. 335): 38—38 6 56 38 14—14 5 16 7.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	HAROLD CHANT	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	CYRIL RUSBY	6
JAMES THORLEY	3	GIBSON JACKSON	7
DAVID G. JACKSON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., June 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	ROLAND BENISTON	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal of Major in the method as conductor. A compliment to Harry Poyner and Mary C. Payne upon their engagement.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
GILES C. GALLEY	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E flat.

*COLIN R. MILTHORP	*Treble*	W. GEORGE TURNER	5
NORMAN SMITH	2	*J. COLIN ASHWORTH	6
*JOHN H. FIELDEN	3	PETER SCHOLFIELD	7
PHILIP DUNDERDALE	4	JOHN PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. WILSON. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome and pre-enthronement peal to the Rt. Rev. John Ramsbotham, enthroned Bishop of Wakefield June 27th, 1958.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

A. JAMES POYNOR	*Treble*	TERENCE I. ROPER	5
ERNEST J. JELLEY	2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	6
ROGER K. STRETTON	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
RUSSELL S. MORRIS	4	ALBERT J. COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Rung for the Feast of the Nativity of St. John-the-Baptist, and in honour of the installation and induction of Rev. Dr. H. Lockley (vicar) as Canon Chancellor of Leicester Cathedral, which took place while the peal was in progress.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Treble*	FRED W. BROWNLOW	5
MRS. PHILIP J. HUDSON	2	JOHN ASHCROFT	6
DAVID YOUNG	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
*JAMES CUNLIFFE	4	†JOSEPH WARBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal for 26 years.
Rung to welcome Judith Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cunliffe, of Westhoughton.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

HUGH NEILL	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	5
CHARLES A. HUGHES	2	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	6
BRIAN MARTIN	3	HARRY TURNER	7
BRIAN DOWNES	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
Rung for the Patronal Festival, and to cemmemorate the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
*CELIA D. COWLEY	2	HAROLD MARCON	6
G. RONALD EDWARDS	3	VINCENT A. HEMMING	7
*REV. ALBERT WEBB	4	COLIN HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Kent Major.
Arranged for the ringers of treble, fourth, fifth and seventh.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., June 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	LESLIE G. BRETT	5
WALTER RUFFLES	2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
*PETER KINDRED	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Superlative.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD	*Treble*	ANN M. COX	5
AUDREY WHITE	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
DOUGLAS A. R. MAY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Anthony Brooks Firestone, of Beverley Hills, California, U.S.A., and Miss Catherine Foss Boulton, second daughter of the Provost of Guildford and Mrs. W. Boulton. Also for the forthcoming wedding on June 28th of the bride's sister, Miss Julia Boulton, to Mr. John Findlay Scott, of Johannesburg, at St. Mary's Church, Guildford.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., June 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOLBOROUGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB	5
HEATHER HOOD	2	MICHAEL D. S. HOOD	6
HERBERT C. SPENCER	3	†DONALD J. ROBERTS	7
*ROYSTON BLACKLER	4	†PETER J. S. SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 CLACTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	BRIAN BLADON	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
Believed to be the first true peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	6
J. BARRY PICKUP	3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	7
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	4	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
First peal in the method, for the Association, and by all the band except the ringer of the second.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	PETER F. BORER	6
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	DEREK WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
This composition, containing all 67s at backstroke, is now rung for the first time.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR G. BUTTON	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	6
CHARLES A. ANDREWS	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
ROY DUESBURY	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE SYMONDS.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*ROGER TOMKINS	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. BEDFORD	4
JOHN H. THOMAS	2	JOHN CLEMENTS	5
*W. GARRY CLINTON	3	GEORGE CORBETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.
* First peal.

BENTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E.

ANNE C. GARNETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	4
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	BRIAN J. LUFF	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*MARY SOLOMON	*Treble*	‡A. WILLIAM BIRD	4
†TERENCE G. PAGE	2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	5
†MICHAEL J. STOKES	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
* First peal of Minor. † First in the method. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung in honour of the Queen's official birthday.

NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in B flat.

*G. COLIN JACKSON	*Treble*	*FREDERICK DERRY	4
*J. EDWARD BROWN	2	†PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD	5
WILLIAM L. EXTON	3	†JOHN J. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal in two Doubles methods. † First peal.

BUNNY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

*LESLIE HARRISON	*Treble*	CHARLES W. TOWERS	4
FRED PRIESTLY	2	SYDNEY ADAMS	5
JAMES BUTLER	3	*HARRY HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY ADAMS.

* First peal of Doubles. First as conductor.

A compliment to Miss Margaret E. Hill and Mr. J. A. Pollard, and also to Miss E. Franks and Mr. D. Chapman on their weddings this day.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PAMELA CLARKE	*Treble*	*BRIAN MILLS	4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	2	DAVID CLARKE	5
JOHN MEREDITH	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal at first attempt. First in five methods for all but the ringers of 2 and 6.

Rung to welcome the 'Lambeth' bishops to the Diocese of Southwell.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., June 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	*GRAHAM T. BALL	4
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	2	†HARRY HARPER	5
LEONARD TREVOR	3	JOHN VERNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* 25th peal. † First in three methods. First peal on the bells after being recast in 1953.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

RAYMOND F. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN L. GIRT	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	5
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ROSEMARY D. BRAY	*Treble*	REGINALD G. POWELL	4
*REGINALD J. HERBERT	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
LAURENCE J. MAINWARING	3	PHILIP POWLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal 'inside.' First of Doubles on these bells.

Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. Ebenezer Dimreari, Bishop of the Niger Delta, who preached the sermon at the M.U. Deanery Festival at this church immediately before the peal.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 BAMBOROUGH SURPRISE MINOR

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

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
DENNIS LAUD	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	HAROLD E. CLAYTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

Rung to celebrate the visit to Edgware of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

PLYMTREE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., June 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 20 240's and two 120's. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANCIS PARR	*Treble*	W. DONALD SALTER	4
*LESLIE V. MORELL	2	WILLIAM WEBB	5
CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB	3	W. RONALD TRICKEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

* First peal 'inside.'

WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's and 30 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY POWELL	*Treble*	*THOMAS G. PHILLIPS	4
MONICA E. FRAY	2	MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN	5
DONALD E. COBB	3	HERBERT HARDWIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. COBB.

* First peal of Doubles. First as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

TERRENCE A. THORNBER	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	*JOHN A. ACRES	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal of Grandsire 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*DON C. EXELL	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3—4	†JOHN L. QUEEN	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal on eight handbells. † First peal 'in hand.'

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. F. Gough 1, D. A. Shaw 2, Valerie Mepham 3, I. C. Forrest (first as cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, Pamela R. Gough 6. For Evensong.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On June 29th, 1,1260 Stedman Triples: J. Marsh 1, W. Rimmer 2, J. Lunham 3, Mrs. A. L. Pearson 4, E. Ashcroft 5, H. Poyner 6, A. L. Pearson (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pearson on the birth of their second son; and also to Harry Poyner and Mary C. Payne on their engagement.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: M. V. Chilcott 1, A. Clayton 2, E. G. Talbot 3, Mrs. M. V. Chilcott 4, D. E. Parsons 5, J. Galyer 6, M. Williamson 7, F. Jennings 8, F. E. Darby (cond.) 9, L. Reace 10. For Evensong, and as an 82nd birthday compliment to Alfred Clayton, ringer of 2nd.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On June 10th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Rolt 1, Miss D. Walton (first 'inside') 2, A. Chilton 3, S. R. Wilson 4, B. H. Dalton 5, L. P. Wilson (cond.) 6. A farewell to Miss D. Walton, the first local lady to ring a quarter 'inside.'

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On June 26th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, W. Sparks 2, W. Webb (cond.) 3, J. Broadhurst 4, H. Netherway 5, F. Parr 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Keene.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. Norris 2, J. Pares 3, E. Ashby (cond.) 4, C. Cook 5, T. Norris 6, L. North 7, F. Morris 8.

COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—At St. Michael's Church, Stoke, on May 18th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: Joyce Brassington (first quarter) 1, R. D. Hayne 2, F. Brassington 3, D. Sibley 4, R. Robinson 5, H. Folwell 6, W. Stote 7, N. Haille (first as (cond.) 8.

CREECH, SOMERSET.—On June 29th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Jeanes 1, F. Matravers 2, M. Long 3, H. Floyd 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5, W. Priddle 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for a very successful week of festivities for the Church Fabric Fund.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On June 28th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Beatrice Oldham 1, J. R. Kennett 2, D. A. Mellor 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, G. H. Paulson 5, H. E. Taylor 6, R. H. Bullen 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. Rung after a peal failure.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Audsley 1, Mrs. Merritt 2, Mrs. Hall 3, D. Hall 4, F. Walker 5, S. Ball 6, R. Rayfield (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, J. Merritt 8. A compliment to Miss J. Bailey (of local band) on her 19th birthday.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On June 30th, 720 Oxford, 600 Merchants: J. Smith (cond.) 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, F. White 4, J. Burgess 5, H. B. Schofield 6. Rung at the same time as one of the company, Arthur Farrand, was attending his first Council meeting at Mossley Town Hall.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon, St. Nicholas' and St. Bartholomew, 240 Grandsire, 300 Plain Bob: W. Rickwood 1, E. Bishop 2, A. F. Balham 3, L. Sharp 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLX.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Grice 1, D. Shaw 2, F. S. Baker (cond.) 3, F. R. Scott 4, M. J. Palmer 5. For practice night.

HECKINGTON, LINCS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Severs 1, A. R. Pocklington 2, A. Dixon 3, W. Weston 4, W. Jackson 5, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 6, A. H. Hennett 7, R. Stephinson 8. Rung for the rededication service of the church organ.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: H. White 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, J. Hazelby 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5, F. Rumming 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of Andrew White, on May 15th, first grandson for ringers of 1 and 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Maybrey 1, Pamela Bird 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. Chinnery (first 'inside') 4, J. King (cond.) 5, D. George (first quarter) 6. For St. Peter's Day Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On June 22nd, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Garrett 1, Miss E. M. Ricketts 2, J. B. Sansom 3, P. Ruch 4, W. W. Webb 5, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 6, G. Ruck 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. For Confirmation service.

HINTON ST. GEORGE, SOMERSET.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. G. Monckton 1, Margaret M. Strickland (first quarter) 2, J. W. Drew (cond.) 3, G. E. Monckton 4, R. J. Gillard 5, J. Stenner 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On June 27th, 4.280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, J. Martin 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, N. Carter (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. L. Barker (first quarter) 1, G. Monckton 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Dean 4, T. Hill 5, J. Stenner 6.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Crook 1, R. Warden 2, H. Rainford (cond.) 3, R. Rainford 4, S. Jeffery 5, J. Pye 6. Rung to commemorate the golden jubilee of the Lord Bishop of Lancaster (the Rt. Rev. T. E. Flynn), celebrated June 13th, 1958.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Leat (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Knight 2, G. Northway (cond.) 3, C. White (first 'inside' of Doubles) 4, H. Wilton (first quarter) 5, A. Fry 6.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On June 1st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. E. Crisp 3, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 4, D. Murfet 5, P. H. Langton 6, G. A. Lucas cover. For Confirmation service.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on April 27th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: June M. Spice (first quarter) 1, P. J. Hayward (first 'inside') 2, J. S. Whibley (first 'inside') 3, J. T. Mannering 4, G. Pearson (cond.) 5, M. L. Howe 6. For morning service. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Woodruff (first quarter) 1, P. J. Hayward 2, M. L. Howe 3, J. T. Mannering (cond.) 4, G. Pearson 5, M. J. Hedges 6. For morning service. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June M. Spice 1, Evelyn M. Ray (first quarter) 2, J. T. Mannering 3, P. J. Hayward 4, G. Pearson 5, M. L. Howe (first as cond.) 6. For evening service. First in method 1 and 4. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Kerchey (first quarter) 1, G. Pearson (cond.) 2, Olive D. Couchman 3, J. T. Mannering 4, M. L. Howe 5, P. J. Hayward 6. For morning service.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, W. C. Budd 2, T. J. Frodsham 3, J. R. Haycock 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. L. Clarke 6. For Evensong on Wake Sunday, also for St. Botolph's Day.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 22nd, 1.440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bridges 1, Daphne Hvams 2, Janet Evans 3, Colin Bingham 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. At Matins as a compliment to Colin Bingham and Janet Evans on their engagement.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss M. E. Fray 1, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 2, M. J. Horseman 3, R. F. Diserens 4, W. Newton 5, D. E. Cobb 6, N. J. Diserens 7, C. E. Lewington (first as cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire Surprise Major for 5 and 8.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On June 22nd, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. George 1, G. Gray 2, C. George (cond.) 3, Miss A. Banks 4, J. Eagles 5, M. Godfrey 6.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On May 26th, 1.260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Small 1, M. Winter 2, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 3, C. H. Knowles 4, D. Jackson 5, R. A. Hodgson 6, D. Hodgson 7, S. Skinner 8. First of Triples for 2 and 4. For Whitsuntide and Mayoring. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Bagley (first quarter) 1, C. H. Knowles 2, Noreen Winter 3, Rosemary G. Hicks 4, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 5, J. Small 7, R. Chadwick 8. 7–8 cover. For Matins on Trinity Sunday.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On June 27th, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Lord (first quarter) 1, W. Bains 2, H. Judd 3, Mrs. Hewitt 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, A. H. Hewitt 7, F. Lord (cond.) 8. First of Major 2 and 4. Also 1.260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bains (first of Triples) 1, Jas. Thorley 2, F. Lord (cond.) 3, H. Judd 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, A. H. Hewitt 7, S. Bircham (first quarter) 8. Rung on the occassion of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. and Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh to Scunthorpe on this day.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On June 29th, 1.440 Doubles (an extent each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Plain, 240 April Day, 360 Grandsire): R. Mills 1, J. Meredith 2, D. Armstrong 3, B. Mills 4, F. Bradley 5. A farewell to the Rev. R. Lacey, who is leaving for Bawtry.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On June 15th, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, D. E. R. Knights 2, E. J. Parish 3, W. Ransome 4, C. Goodyer 5, H. S. Peacock 6. Rung in honour of the visit to Somersham of the Bishop of Wangaratta.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Sherrell (first quarter) 1, G. Creed 2, H. F. Creed 3, F. L. Andrews 4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5, A. Rapson 6.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 29th, 1.260 Plain Bob Triples: R. P. Selway 1, F. Welch 2, J. Cornelious 3, R. Dean 4, G. E. Monckton 5, R. Welch 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, W. H. G. Monckton 8. First in the method by all. For Evensong for the patronal festival.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On June 8th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: A. N. Presdee (first quarter) 1, Margaret Thompson 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, A. D. Barker (cond.) 4, D. Wight 5, P. Maskrey 6. A farewell to A. N. Presdee, who has now gone to Northamptonshire.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on June 22nd, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, Jill Tombs 2, J. G. Pusey 3, W. H. Cooner 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6, R. J. Chance 7, P. W. Webb 8. Rung for 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, and as a tenth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, both ringers at this church.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. W. Leavett (Tollesbury) 1, L. Foster 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. D. Lister (cond.) 4, C. Snowden 5, E. A. Cracknell 6, O. G. Barnard 7, E. E. Davey 8. Rung before Matins for the visit of the Bishop in Jordan, the Lebanon and Syria.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Wykes (first quarter) 1, G. Wykes 2, Jill Puttman (first 'inside') 3, J. Griffen 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

STONE, STAFFS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Sheila Hodson 1, H. Hodson 3, Glenda Rowley 4, W. Buckley 5, J. Poole 6, E. Young (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Purslow 8. First in method by all except the conductor. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Lichfield for the bicentenary of this church.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On June 28th, 1.260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Rushton (cond.) 1, R. J. Scott 2, E. J. Munday 3, R. J. Sharp 4, J. G. Newman 5, R. Kendall 6, S. Ivin 7, G. Hawkins 8. Rung for the visit of Bishop C. C. T. Woods.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.—On June 29th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Miles 1, H. R. French 2, S. Walter 3, B. J. Luck 4, S. White (cond.) 5, E. Wood 6. For Matins, and the 48th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Walter.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Rawlings 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett (cond.) 3, Susan Jacobs 4, P. Devenish 5, A. Bishop 6, F. Corfield 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKS.—On June 16th, on the Curfew Bells of St. George's Free Chapel, after the Garter service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Monica Blagrove 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, K. Buckingham 4, J. Brooks 5, A. J. Glass 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, A. J. Painter 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Stedman on the bells.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Price 1, Miss Barnard 2, Mrs. Beechey 3, P. H. Marshall 4, R. Brice (cond.) 5, S. Smith (first 'inside') 6, H. A. Price 7, R. Gard 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Ashford District

The old Norman church of Brabourne, peacefully situated in a large but thinly-populated parish, was the scene of meeting of the Ashford District on June 28th. Ringing began shortly after 2.30 p.m. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. O. W. Thompson Evans). Mr. G. Keith Finn read the lesson, and Master A. Finn was at the organ. After the service the visitors were the guests to a most lavish tea, kindly given by the Brabourne ringers and served on the lawn of Mr. L. B. Finn's home.

A short business meeting, at which three new members were elected, was followed by Grandsire Caters on Mr. Pearson's handbells. We gather that these have recently been heard in various parts of Ireland, and Mr. Pearson pointed out that they originally came from Brabourne.

Mr. J. R. Cooper, speaking on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, and the Brabourne band, especially the Finn family, for their generous hospitality.

Afterwards ringing continued at Brabourne until about 8.30, and at the even more remote tower of Stowting until 9. C. T. H.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The June meeting was held at Woodlesford on the 28th. The attendance was small, but the six bells were kept busy during the afternoon and evening, and a variety of methods from Plain Bob to London were rung.

A short break was made for tea and the business meeting. The home-made tea at a moderate charge was much enjoyed by all present, and Mr. J. F. Hodson expressed the Society's thanks to the local company.

The next meeting will be held at Calverley on July 26th.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

The June meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held jointly with the recently-formed Nottingham University Society at Colston Bassett. Although ringing was not possible until after tea, the eight bells were put to good use until about eight p.m. A variety of methods were rung and a good standard of striking was maintained. The special method for the meeting (Yorkshire Surprise Major) was successfully brought round several times. All members agreed that the meeting had been very successful. This was emphasised by the good attendance.

P. C. C.

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RUDDINGTON LADY RINGER'S WEDDING

The weekly practice on June 20th at St. Peter's, Ruddington, Notts, was marked by a very pleasant interlude, when Miss M. E. Hill (Margaret) was presented with a handsome little clock and breadboard and knife on the occasion of her wedding on the following day to Mr. J. A. Pollard (Jim), of Nuthall.

The tower captain, Mr. Sydney Adams, said how much the ringers had appreciated the time and skill which Margaret had brought to the tower, and what a great help she had been in the successful performance of the several peals in which she had taken part.

Mr. Bartlam, in presenting the gifts on behalf of her ringing friends, not only in Ruddington but amongst the neighbouring towers, said that he was proud to think that he had some small part in introducing her to the belfry and to the art of change ringing, and that he hoped she would look on these gifts as a tangible token of the goodwill and affection of her ringing friends, and an expression of their good wishes for a happy and successful future with her husband.

Her wedding on the following morning was celebrated by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Shrimpton) and was supported by the organist and choir, as well as the belfry.

She wore a beautiful white figured brocade dress, and her bridesmaids were her sister, her cousin and the niece of the bridegroom, whose best man was his brother. After the reception at the Trent Bridge Hotel the happy couple left for their honeymoon at Eastbourne.

The occasion was suitably marked by the ringing of a peal at the neighbouring village of Bunny on the same evening. S. A.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and also of the Cathedral ringers, had the honour of being presented to H.M. the Queen and Prince Philip during their visit to Lincoln Cathedral on June 27th. The royal visitors asked him several questions about the bells and ringers. The visit was followed by a peal of Stedman Cinques in honour of the occasion.

The tenor ringer to the quarter peal at Pulham Mary on June 5th was Mr. P. D. T. Cattermole, and not as printed.

After a quarter peal in honour of their silver wedding, Mr. Cecil Matthews (captain of Waltham ringers) and Mrs. Matthews hospitably entertained the band. Unfortunately, a peal attempt failed.

There was a record attendance of 132 at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Canterbury last Saturday. Mrs. Lock was re-elected president and Miss D. Colegate hon. secretary. A new office, that of hon. treasurer, was made with the appointment of Miss Joan Beresford.

The peal rung at Weston-in-Gordano on June 25th was arranged as a 21st birthday peal for the conductor. The tenor ringer is now in his 40th year of ringing.

Mr. Joseph Wanby, who has joined the Westhoughton, Lancs, tower, rang his first peal for 26 years on June 25th at St. Mary's, Deane. His previous peal was of Double Norwich at Preston. He is still a young and healthy man and should prove a good asset to his new tower.

A Bedfordshire correspondent writes regarding the shorter skirts now in fashion as seen on a recent outing: Is bell-ringing a form of beauty culture hitherto unappreciated, or whether all the ladies of Bedfordshire are specially endowed with charm!

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Liverpool Parish Church on June 25th as a welcome to the Rev. G. C. C. Pepys, who was inducted and instituted Rector of Liverpool two days previously. During the ringing for the induction the tenor clapper broke, and it was a rush job to get it welded in time for the peal. This was done through the good offices of Mr. T. S. Horridge, a member of the local band. Apparently it was an ardent Roman Catholic who actually did the job, and his comments were said to be somewhat biting! Ringers will be interested to know that Fr. Pepys learned to ring while he was a student at Cuddesdon, and he can hunt the treble. Also, the latest addition to the staff of Liverpool Parish Church is the Rev. Ian Campbell, well known to Merseyside ringers as a very useful man in the tower. Have an incumbent and one of his curates ever taken part in a peal together on their own bells? Perhaps they will at Liverpool soon.

Who was the conductor who talked so fast recently in Stedman that he got a whole pull in front of the changes? enquires a correspondent from Buckinghamshire.

Will those intending to be present at the Peterborough Branch meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at Deeping St. James please note that the date of this meeting is Saturday, July 19th, not July 12th as stated in our issue of July 4th (page 439).

An anonymous donor to our Gratefully Acknowledged column writes: 'With best wishes to "The Ringing World" and to the "Brass Hats" of ringing from a ringer who has had "The Ringing World" for 35 years except for Friday, May 7th, 1926, has rung a few good peals and has rung for thousands of Sunday services.'

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STEEPLE CHASING WITH A DIFFERENCE

By GEORGE P. ELPHICK

MOST of us like visiting new towers, to ring on different bells and to enjoy the company and friendliness of the local ringers; making new contacts and renewing old, all the time strengthening that bond of friendship that is the crowning glory of our Exercise. The author has recently enjoyed a holiday, officially in Dorset, but including expeditions into Somerset, Wilts and Hants. The difference is that he not only enjoys meeting new ringers, but the bells they ring as well. To attempt, by studying their works, to ferret out the founders' techniques; to admire good craftsmanship and relate it to the spirit of the times in which they lived, so building a mental picture of the character of the men who cast them.

Ringers often talk about 'long-waisted' bells—a term that is very flexible, far too flexible to be of any real use to the archæologist. Perhaps bells of archaic shape convey one's mental picture of some early bells to a better degree. For the truly long-waisted bell is very far from the conventional form, although it occasionally, by means of the layman's hazy ideas on bell shape, finds its way into some badges.

The bells one has in mind are very old, so old in fact that in attempting to place them in the historical scale one has to feel forward through the misty period before the 13th century, where signposts to help us are few and far between. It is as though one is traversing a valley filled with the mists of time and the sun shining on the high ground on either side. From the glory of the early 14th century founders established at London, Gloucester, Bristol and Leicester we enter the mists and the period when the present general bell shape was evolved. Our signposts will be varied and occur in the most unexpected places. It has to be experienced to understand the thrill one gets when the blinkers drop off and a new technique is revealed by minute marks on an ancient bell.

NEW TECHNIQUE

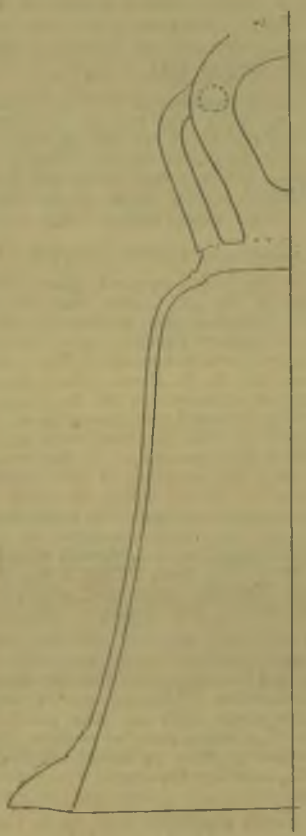
The bellfounders' window at York Minster, as a signpost, shows the technique of the lathe-turned cores and models, also the use of a smoothing iron on moulds forming bells with a very high crown. No bells of that period (c. 1330), at least in the southern part of England, show such marks, so we must assume that this is an early method that had lingered on at York, whereas the more advanced southern founders used to strickle up their moulds in the same position as we do today. It may be considered as a signpost that is not telling us the whole truth. Were we to find a signpost half way across our valley with no numerals, as is often the case, it may indicate a development half way between our known fixed points, but not necessarily half way in a time scale. It is like some Dorset posts indicating a distance, yet one often finds half-a-mile further on the same distance is shown.

From the early 14th century, when the internal curve was continuous from lip to crown, we move down to when its lower end was a straight line across the soundbow section as our first signpost at Claughton, dated 1296, shows. A pair of bells at Thorley by their inscription can be placed between 1260–85, and have the same type of internal curve as Claughton. They are much longer but not archaic; yet some 60 years earlier Caversfield (1207–19) shows a bell of totally different shape. The sloping straight line of the soundbow area has become horizontal.

We have by now arrived at two signposts, which while not showing the same numerals, are exaggerated in the opposite direction to our Dorset example. One of those short miles a tired traveller longs to see. It would appear that Thorley is an early example of its shape, and Caversfield a late one, indicating late 12th century fashions in bell design. These are the last of our datable examples, and our signposts as the mist thickens will assume several different forms. One will not, as previously, have to study the shape of letters and founders' marks, but signs indicating what materials they used for their moulds, how they formed their models and head moulds, how they joined them together, their use of moulding wires and how they set out their bell's shape.

A ROMAN BELL

On the other side of our valley standing out of the mists of time we have some firm posts rooted in the Celtic Church. Across an even deeper valley on the far-distant side, one tiny, solitary bell, said to date back to Roman times, remains. It is now in the Pitt Rivers Museum close to the village of Farnham nestling in a secluded Dorset valley. It was a most unexpected find while steeple-chasing—a small, diminutive cast bronze bell, not more than one-and-a-half inches in diameter, of the old-fashioned beehive shape. Its founder of long, long ago appears to have formed three rings of wax of diminishing size, stuck them together, smoothed the inside and fastened a loop on top to form the wax model of his intended bell. He then covered it with clay, and after baking it to remove the wax poured in the molten metal, the result being a tiny bell, like those used by the Babylonians and Greeks.



HANFORD, DORSET
Half Sectional Drawing
of Bell.

Now on the highest peak across our valley are the sheet-iron bells used by St. Patrick and other Celtic saints. Just like the clucket sheep bells that used to sound over our English downland—straight-sided bells of equal thickness and rectangular in plan. St. Patrick died about 463, which gives us a firm date for his bell. By the next century it appears that bells of the same shape were cast of bronze by the waste wax process, like their distant Roman predecessor. One of our next signposts is St. Finan's bell. It is cast in bronze and has a most important difference—a lip to strengthen the part that so easily cracked in the earlier bells. The incredible thing is that there still are many bells left in our land, in that foggy, historical valley, with soundbows of identical section. Half-a-century later, in the late 7th century, we find another cast bronze bell at Dumbarton, not rectangular in shape as the others, but approaching that of an octagon.

AN 11TH CENTURY MS.

Here we enter the mists, until the 11th century where, on a solitary peak, we have a glorious view provided by a manuscript written by a master craftsman, who was also a craftsman of explicit instruction. He tells us all his secrets in the designing of cymbals, moulding, casting and tuning church bells of no mean size. Circular bells, whose cores were turned in a lathe, whose models were made from sheets of wax of equal thickness, and whose soundbows were joined to the waist by means of a hot iron, leaving marks similar to that of the workers in lead in joining their sheets and pipes of a century ago. Except for two brief notes by 13th century monks, these were the first and last written instructions on the bell-founders art until the 19th century—a gap in documentary evidence of 800 years.

A post of direction which is easily missed in the Saxon period indicates that their founders moulded everything by the waste wax process; they do not appear to have been acquainted with piece moulding as were the Bronze Age peope that built the strongholds and earthworks that litter Dorset and Wilts. Back on our side of the valley, a similar post is the fresh surge of inspiration provided by the Early English architecture with its parallel—the development of the traditional bell shape. Does it not suggest that there is a little-known signpost somewhere just after the mid-11th century, telling us that the Norman founders brought the art of piece moulding to this land? If we find it, then one may assume that bells entirely moulded by the waste wax process are pre-1066, and partially piece moulded bells after that well-known date. Of course, one would have to allow a reasonable overlap of the two techniques.

TELL-TALE MARKS

If one is walking over the hills, through woods or lanes covered by mist, it is fascinating at a turn of the path to find a vista enriched by a shaft of sunlight piercing the gloom. The views that are fascinating, when one is steeple-chasing in our misty valley, are the signs of new techniques such as the canons at Brympton formed over a bundle of straw, the surface textures that tell one if the casting was done in sand or loam, tell-tale marks as Richard Tunnoc's smoothing iron at Sutton Bingham, and the blotchy surface at Bramshaw with its grain shucks and apparently crumpled threshed ears of barley that protruded from the model. Bells with signs that their moulds were parted at the lip, as to us is normal, can tell us many things—still more, when they were parted elsewhere. Soundbows of all shapes: straight-sloping interior faces, horizontal and even tilting so that the interior edge is lower than the lip—all for a purpose, that are signposts in our misty valley. Canons moulded in a variety of ways, moulding wires that tell us why they were formed and how; all are signposts in our search for knowledge.

All these thoughts were occasioned by the countryside which one has been visiting, by its few inaccurate signposts and by a few bells scattered among their mediæval sisters and later generations stretching down to today. They were triggered off by a bell that surely must be well up the other side of our misty valley, toward that 11th century peak or even beyond—who knows?

A family church, so secluded that one can wander round the mansion that has nurtured it and still miss it within a clump of sheltering trees. A church crowned by this small bell, not even carrying an inscription, and usually lumped together with all uninscribed bells as uninteresting. That may be so, until the blinkers drop, and one sees through the eyes of an 11th century monk—a master craftsman at work. Bells of that period appear to have been the property of the priest, as were the chalice and missal. They may or may not have wandered from their original home, but the one in mind rests in that secluded church nestling by the water meadows between the Iwerne and Stour. Hanford is its name.

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Steeple Chasing With A Difference—Continued

EARLY MOULDING WIRES

The sectional drawing tells us many things, as do other bells of the same type. The straightness of its sides of unvarying thickness, the shape of its soundbow, as was described by that 11th century monk. Its model was made entirely by wax as is proved by the projections on either side of the mouth and lip, shown dotted. Projections caused by the founder piercing his one-piece mould through the wax model soundbow, to let the air in as the wax was melted out during the baking process. Here, too, we have the origin of the now familiar moulding wires. Where the wax soundbow section met that of the waist, this artist in metal covered the joint with a wide band of wax, its edges being again masked by two narrow, very flat strips. Our modern bells still have three moulding wires at the junction of soundbow and waist. Their first use fading and altering to serve in holding the later loam models to the cope, and still surviving the changing scene when the use of loam models disappeared, being still retained today—just because men liked them. Fortunately, the monstrosities without these ornamental bands are very few, and rarer still are bells that have suffered in the turning machine by not only having their interior surfaces ploughed but their entire outside surface, with grooves where moulding wires should be and inscriptions engraved.

Again at Hanford, where the head mould joins the waist, we have another narrow band—the forerunner of the moulding wires found on the crowns of our modern bells. The argent and canons are complete and show signs of distortion as the loam was pressed round their wax patterns. 'Straws indicate the way the wind blows' is a true saying. It is the little marks on the mould, the bending stresses that show on the surface of the loam as it was fitted over the model that tell us much—just as much, if not more than the finest Lombardic lettering. They tell of the spirit in which the mould was made, the character of the man who made it, often rough and crude, sometimes refined. They often themselves prove to be signposts pointing the way through the valley of time, onward and upward to the source of all knowledge—the author of all things.

GEORGE P. ELPHICK.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

An experimental evening meeting was held at the Church of St. Michael, Farnsfield on June 14th.

The bells were raised in peal soon after 6.15 p.m., and ringing in a wide variety of Doubles methods continued, under the direction of the District Ringing Master (Mr. J. D. Clarke) until 8.30 p.m.

The success of the meeting may be judged by the fact that the attendance of 25 ringers represented no less than ten different towers, and no less than 12 Doubles methods were rung or attempted. A collection for the bell repair fund realised 10s. 7d.

The Rector (Rev. K. B. Frampton) joined the ringers later and welcomed them to his church, and the thanks of the ringers was conveyed to him by the secretary. W. L. E.

SAHAM TONEY BELLS

By JOHN S. BARNES

ONE of the finest rings of six bells in Norfolk is that at St. George's, Saham Toney. The tower, standing on rising ground overlooking the village, was completed about the year 1480, and the earliest mention of bells occurs in the 1552 inventory when the commissioners found three, weighing 12, 14 and 18 cwt. During the next century their number was increased to five, and in 1841 a sixth was added, being placed in a separate frame resting on the old frame. Charles Newman recast the third in 1697, Messrs. Warners the fourth in 1898 and Dobson the fifth in 1812.

Such was the position in 1934, by which time repair of the fabric had become necessary and the play in the joints of the old oak frame made it unsuitable for further ringing. Two bells needed recasting—the treble and the fifth, one of them having been badly damaged through a clock weight having fallen on it.

MR. E. H. LEWIS' VIEWS

Considerable discussion took place regarding the future of the old frame, and the church authorities consulted the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings as to its value as a specimen of craftsmanship. On behalf of the Society, Mr. E. H. Lewis visited the village and made an examination of the frame. By measurement he found that the width of the pits was sufficient to take the three bells mentioned in the Edwardian inventory. In particular, the diameter of a bell weighing 18 cwt. would have been about 3 ft. 10 in., whilst the width of the largest pit was 4 ft. 1¼in. He concluded that the frame was that which contained the bells in 1552, and further, as no renewal would have been required in so short a time, it was the first frame put into the tower and probably contemporary with it, and should be preserved.

Mr. Lewis also reported that the fine 17th century bells could not weigh more than 43 cwt. and that this corresponded with the 44 cwt. of metal listed in the 1552 inventory. It appeared to him that about 1614 the three pre-Reformation bells were recast into five without the addition of metal in order to satisfy the desire for more bells, and that the frame was mutilated to take them.

If the parish wanted its bells to be rung and not chimed, as indeed it did, there arose the question of the means of preservation. Both the British Museum and Norwich Castle Museum were unable to find room for a somewhat cumbersome bell cage, and a suggestion that it should be stored in the churchyard was abandoned, because even under cover it would have led to more rapid decay. Eventually it was decided to remove the 1841 addition and to raise the structure some 15 feet in the tower at a cost of £73, and to support it on four 11×11 in. pine stilts.

There it stands today, a fine example of mediæval craftsmanship, particularly interesting because its older portions consist of a 3-bell frame of 'post' type with an early and unusual type of bracing.

From the 1841 addition a model was made of the original frame, and this is now in the St. Peter Hungate Museum, Norwich.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, was entrusted with the task of installing a new frame of teak, of recasting the treble and fifth, of retuning the remaining bells and of rehanging all six on plain bearings.

CRACKS IN TOWER

Before the frame could be installed the tower, cracked on its western side from top to bottom by a settlement, had to be stitched by reinforced concrete. In addition, a secondary crack was beginning on its eastern side, and in order to bind the walls together two rings of reinforced concrete were placed around the interior of the bell chamber, one immediately below where the new frame would stand and one just under the roof. This work was carried out by Messrs. Keeke Vout, of Watton, a local firm. The architect was the late Mr. John E. Burton, of Norwich, himself a ringer, and whose death occurred in 1957, the incumbent being the Rev. M. H. Richmond. Canon Richmond is still Rector of Saham Toney, and has in fact given considerable assistance in the preparation of this article.

Dedication took place on October 18th, 1936, by Dr. Pollock, Bishop of Norwich. No ringing was possible on that day due to the amount of concrete in the tower not being properly set, and none took place until several weeks later.

Inscriptions and weights of the present ring are as follows:—

Treble: Thomas Mears, Founder, London, 1841. Rev. W. H. Parker, Rector, gave this bell. Recast by Bowell of Ipswich 1936. (4 cwt. 106 lb.)

2nd: Anno Domini 1622. (5 cwt.)

3rd: Charles Newman made mee 1697. Charles Swan, Tho. Forby. (5 cwt. 91 lb.)

4th: Recast by John Warner & Sons Ltd, London, 1898. Hung by G. Day & Son—Eye Iterum Refecta Sono MDCCCXCVIII. (8 cwt. 10 lb.)

5th: The Rev. V. David Williams, Rector, 1812. Rev. Robert Rolfe, Curate and Ch. Wdn Hugh Boughton the other Ch. Wdn. Recast by Bowell, Ipswich 1936. (10 cwt. 56 lb.)

Tenor: + Per me Fidelis Invocatur ad Preces Anno Domini 1618. (13 cwt. 84 lb.)

On their crowns, 2 and 6 have three shields: Norwich City, Brayser, and A B. W

So great is the antiquarian value of the mediæval frame and so fine is the standard of 20th century bell-casting, tuning and hanging at Saham Toney, that ringers on tour in Norfolk ought to try and include the tower in their programme. They would be well rewarded.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Morris 1, R. G. Perry 2, R. Baker (first as cond.) 3, J. Baker 4, B. Vine 5, H. Churchill 6. A farewell to Prebendary and Mrs. C. W. Trevelyan on his retirement.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SATURN TREBLE BOB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Your postscript to the peal of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles, rung at Hascombe on June 8th, is quite correct. The peal does not conform to the Decisions of the Central Council

However, the reason given by the Peals Analysis Committee for the exclusion of the first peal of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles, rung last year, is not valid. Methods which are false in the plain course **can** be included in peals. The peal is not recognised because the blocks of 240 changes do not conform to the Practical Conditions Required for Peals.

Methods which are false in the plain course and also methods which have jumping changes can be included in peals, provided that the composition satisfies the Practical Conditions Required for Peals.

Personally I am in agreement with those who say that such methods should **not** be included in recognised peals. However, as the Decisions stand at the moment, such methods **must** be recognised. For this reason I think the following should be added to the Practical Conditions Required for Peals:—

'On all numbers of bells the methods rung must be Acceptable Methods

An Acceptable Method is such that:—

(i.) It is defined by a round block of changes called the Plain Course;

(ii.) The Plain Course is true within itself;

(iii.) The Plain Course contains no jumping changes.

The use of different types of bobs with only one Plain Course does not give rise to several methods. Each Plain Course defines one method only.'

Such as amendment to the existing Conditions would mean the exclusion from the Peals Analysis of methods false within the plain course and also those having jumping changes. It would also mean that the Central Council recognises that Plain Bob and April Day Doubles are one and the same method.

Regarding the peal of Erin Doubles rung last year. This was included in the analysis, which was accepted by the Council when the Peals Analysis Committee presented its report. Under 'Any other business' it was proposed that the peal should be deleted, even though the Council had already accepted it. This motion was, quite rightly, rejected. But those who proposed, seconded and voted for it, showed their ignorance of what they were voting for when they accepted the Peals Analysis report.

The 5,040 Erin Doubles, rung at Shepperton on November 23rd, 1958, by the Middlesex County Association, is recognised and accepted by the Control Council as a proper peal. —Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

Dear Nancy Kempsell,—Thanks for your article, 'Self or Service,' for there is a lot to be learned and felt towards each other, which, in my opinion, could be more of an equal spiritual feeling.

I myself am always glad to fix up for any fresh tower snatchers, quarter or peal ringers, and to make their acquaintance for spirit's sake, which, to me, is towards the Glory of God amongst our fraternity. And, as you state, a beautifully struck peal in a simple method is more glorious to me than haphazardness.

I must have been blessed to have been taught under circumstances as I was, at 15 years of age, when my clothes would not allow me to go into church for worship. I followed the ringers into the tower and learned to give my services to the Glory of God on the bells.

To you and all who desire to visit our tower for a ring, you will be joyfully received.

JOSEPH BURGESS

Friezland.

IN DEFENCE OF AN EPIC

Dear Sir,—I was greatly surprised that anyone should find it necessary to write so facetiously about my epic poem 'The Ringing Master.' I am replying in prose as it is obvious that poetry is a medium entirely beyond their comprehension.

My poem was written in a moment of inspiration on the back of an envelope, as the Editor of 'The Ringing World' can testify. (I can vouch for 50 per cent of the above statement—it was an otherwise perfectly good envelope.—Ed.)

After a long and tiring ringers' outing I can think of nothing more moving (apart from the bus) than these immortal words, rendered in seven-part harmony (one treble, two tenors, three basses and a Worthington), sung 'con spirito' by the heavy-bell men with a tuba obbligato.

The tune, if the words could be made to fit (which I am afraid is impossible) could be either the well-known Irish air, 'Will ye noo dodge 3-4 doon?' or that equally delightful Welsh melody, 'The handbells are ringing. Hurrah! Hurrah!'

A young poetic friend of mine (I still have a friend) remarked on reading my masterpiece that 'My name would be remembered when Shakespeare's was forgotten!' although he is reported to have muttered into his beard as he turned away, 'But not before.'

I am still wondering what he meant.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

P.S.—The limerick doesn't scan anyway.—H.C.

Wakefield.

BIRTHDAY WISHES PREMATURE

Dear Sir,—It was with great amusement that we read of Mr. Leale's generosity towards Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, but imagine our delight when the latter informed us of some slight misconception on the part of five members of the Exercise regarding the actual date of his birthday. Perhaps Mr. Leale would like to repeat his performance on August 23rd, when it would be more appropriate.—Yours faithfully,

NEIL BENNETT

Ashton-under-Lyme.

RINGERS HOLDING OTHER CHURCH OFFICES

Dear Sir,—I was particularly interested to read the letter of H. A. Price in 'The Ringing World,' as our band of ringers at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, includes one deputy churchwarden, two servers, one sidesman, three senior choristers and three choirboys.

Entrance to the ringing chamber is at the north-east of the church, which necessitates walking through the entire congregation for exit.

It has often been said to me that there should be another means of exit. To this I disagree, as I absolutely insist that all new recruits become regular church attenders, which more or less assures that ringing here is performed as an act of worship. (Leading article in 'The Ringing World,' June 27th.)—Yours sincerely,

S. HARRISON,

Ringing Master, St. John-the-Divine.

P.S.—We have five conductors for Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles—one a boy 11 years of age.—S.H.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. C. Bailey 1, M. J. Stokes 2, T. G. Page 3, H. A. Mitson 4, T. N. J. Bailey 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6. Rung after peal failure.

'SELF OR SERVICE RINGING'

Dear Sir,—The author is to be congratulated upon another most entertaining article, but this time I think she is a little severe.

Firstly 'sport' is hardly the best definition for ringing. Later in the article 'hobby' is quoted which I feel is more suitable but not entirely correct. Why should we not enjoy our ringing or at least most of our ringing? Should we not obtain enjoyment and satisfaction from everything we do, whether at work or at play? Probably some ringers are self-satisfied, but in my experience to date I have yet to meet one.

I feel that our ringing could be divided into sections.

(1) Service Ringing.—This is, of course, our duty as ringers, but I would point out that it is not always a real pleasure, although it should be, to ring (say) Grandsire Doubles on the back six. There are, however, many ringers who do just this as a duty to the Church on many occasions.

(2) Peal Ringing.—For the more ambitious and/or the perfectionist, is this not a climax of many hours' study and practice? Probably it is the only opportunity for them to satisfy the desire for good, or fairly good ringing, but it is hoped that *all* peal ringers are regular service ringers and attend all local practices.

(3) In all probability visits from a touring band may awaken a dormant ringer and encourage him to renew his interest, and it may even be the beginning of the formation of a new band where there has been none. The writer has on several occasions heard a local inhabitant remark how lovely the bells sounded after such a long silence. Surely there is a good chance that some good may be achieved and certainly some pleasure may be given to a few.

(4) Monthly Practices.—Such functions create a spirit of comradeship amongst district ringers: they provide the social side and help to preserve the interest of many of us.

Are we not a happy band of people? Surely true friction is rare.

May be that we are to blame for the loss of recruits, but this is mainly due to the lack of organisation and co-operation between towers and not to ringers as individuals.

I know many ringers who would travel miles to help beginners if beginners' practices were organised as such. True beginners are often neglected but not intentionally. It may be that the tower captain feels that he must foster the interest of the more advanced ringers as well as the beginners. The only answer to this problem is to organise 'beginners' practices' at different towers just as 'advanced practices' are arranged.

It is hoped that this will prove to the author that we do not always ring for selfish pleasure.

It is easy to criticise. Ringers are often condemned from the pulpit for what they do *not* do while too little encouragement is given for what they *do* do: the latter may obtain the better result.

Circumstances resulting from the modern mode and speed of living, which must be followed by the majority, are not fully appreciated by those who condemn.—Yours faithfully,

A. H. CROSS.

Old Windsor.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Church of the Saviour, on June 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Froome 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, J. Rigby 3, D. Young 4, G. Fothergill 5, J. L. Wright 6, P. Crook (sen., cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8. Rung as a farewell to Peter Crook (sen.), who leaves Bolton for a holiday in Canada; and a farewell to James L. Wright, who retires to the Isle of Man.

RINGING IN AOTEAROA

By PETER G. RICHARDS

FROM 1951 to July, 1957, I was fortunate enough to live in Aotearoa (Land af the Long White Cloud), or as it is more commonly known, New Zealand. During this period I had a most delectable time getting to know something of the country, and the wonderful people who live there. I was also fortunate in that I was able to participate in quite a lot of ringing.

To my knowledge there are six rings hung for ringing, but only two of them are in a ringable condition. There is also a very fine carillon of 49 bells in Wellington. I believe there are also two rings of bells in Dunedin and one in Nelson; unfortunately, I was unable to visit these two cities to verify it. Of the six rings that are hung *correctly*, one is in Auckland at St. Matthew's (8, tenor 18 cwt. in F, cast by Mears and Stainbank). These bells are said to be unringable because of a crack in the bottom of the tower, but personally I find it hard to believe, for I have rung bells in far less stable towers. I think I am correct in saying there has never been a peal scored on these bells, and I believe only one quarter, which was rung on September 20th, 1914, and the method Grandsire Triples. The ringer of the seventh was Mr. A. J. White, who is now an octogenarian, and I have had the pleasure of ringing with him when he has visited Hamilton.

The bells at St. Matthew's are only on loan; they actually belong to the Cathedral, the foundation stone of which was laid last year, so it is to be hoped that it won't be too far distant before the bells are in the new tower. At the moment, Auckland Pro-Cathedral is the original wooden building erected by Bishop Selwyn, New Zealand's first bishop. The Pro-Cathedral is a very magnificent building, and as fine an example of the Selwyn type of church as is to be found in the country. Bishop Selwyn was undoubtedly the finest architect for building in the Gothic style, with only wood as the material for construction.

Like most of New Zealand's visitors we will travel from north to south, so that after leaving Auckland we head for Hamilton, 80 miles distant. But before we arrive at this fair city we have a pleasant surprise in the little town of Pokeno, which is about half way between the two cities. At the little Church of St. Mary are three bells in a nice little tower; and I am sure it could take a very light ring of five, which I dearly hope will hang there.

HAMILTON'S FINE RING

The fine Cathedral of St. Peter, Hamilton, has a glorious ring of eight bells (tenor 20 cwt. in E, cast by Mears). The tenor bell was placed in the tower in 1933, but it wasn't until Dean Chandler undertook the monumental task of organising the bell appeal in October, 1948, that it became apparent that before long Hamilton would have its full ring of eight. It was only two months after the commencement of the appeal that the order for the bells was dispatched to England, and by Christmas Day, 1949, the full amount of the appeal, £1,394, had been collected—a most praiseworthy effort. The third bell (6 cwt. in C sharp) was given by the Hebrew congregations of Christchurch and Auckland. The gift was completely unsolicited, and the founders at the time of casting said that they had never in all their long experience known of such an unusual gift.

The bells are all mounted on ball-bearings on a steel frame. The frame was constructed in Hamilton, and the installation of the frame and bells was supervised by Mr. A. C. Caldwell, who is a ringer at the Cathedral. The 'go' of the bells is really superb; in fact I would go so far as to say I haven't rung bells that have gone better than St. Peter's. This is undoubtedly due to the capabilities of Mr. Caldwell as an engineer: he also installed the clock and chiming apparatus in the tower.

As far as I know there have only been three peals rung on the bells; the first was Plain Bob Minor on the back six, rung on October 23rd, 1950, to commemorate the dedication and opening of the bells, conducted by Albert J. Lancefield (who wrote a fine piece of poetry for the occasion: see 'The Ringing World,' Vol. LI, No. 2291). There was no more peal ringing until 1954, when there were two in quick succession, the first being 5,040 Bob Minor, rung on October 23rd to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the opening. For the ringers of the treble, second, third and fourth it was their first peal. They were all regular Sunday ringers, and started to learn the ancient art only after the bells had been installed. To be self-taught as they were, and to have reached peal-ringing standard in such a short time I think is most commendable. This peal was conducted by Colin Ward, who is the first New Zealander to conduct a peal in New Zealand. The third peal was 5,040 Grandsire Doubles and was rung on December 11th; and I thank the St. Peter's Society for allowing me to ring in this peal, and thereby to score my first.

Twelve miles from Hamilton is the very pretty town of Cambridge. At St. Andrew's Church there are six steel bells, believed to be cast by Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd. (tenor reputed to be 19 cwt.). These bells were installed in 1887. If the weight of the tenor is correct then it is understandable why the bells are only chimed, for they are housed in a wooden tower. I have visited the church twice, and both times my efforts to reach the bells have been thwarted; the first time by the lack of a ladder, and the second by an obstinate, unyielding padlock.

WELLINGTON'S TWO TOWERS

In the capital city of Wellington we find two towers of interest to the campanologist. Firstly there are eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) in the wooden tower of St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral. The story here is identical with Auckland. The foundation stone of the new Cathedral was laid by H.M. the Queen when on her historic visit in 1953–54, and again it is to be hoped that the bells before long will be housed in a tower that is worthy of them. Secondly, there is the National War Memorial with its magnificent carillon of 49 bells. The Bourdon weighs 4 tons 19 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G, and as is the tradition, this bell is specially decorated with a frieze of fern leaves and the New Zealand flax as the national emblems of the country; upon its shoulder it also has the Union Jack, and on a blue background it has four red stars edged with white, representing the Southern Cross constellation, as in the Arms of the Dominion. This bell is very aptly named 'Reo Wairua,' which being interpreted means 'Spirit Voice,' and underneath the dedication lines bears the words 'Ana! He Tangi Aroha.' the translation being 'Hark! A Cry of Love.'

The lightest bell in the carillon weighs 9 lb., and the total weight of the whole is 31 tons 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. It is a great pity that at least eight, preferably 12, of these bells weren't hung for ringing. The carillon is ideally situated, being on the southern shores of the Wellington Harbour, and is encircled with hills, those to the north being the snow-clad Tararuas. The whole scene is of a gigantic amphitheatre with the finest source of music available to man at its heart. The bells of the carillon were cast in 1927 by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, England, the founders of many fine carillons on the American continent and also in Europe. Before the bells were shipped to New Zealand, they were exhibited at the Newcastle upon Tyne exhibition, and also in Hyde Park, London.

THE OLDEST BELL

This completes the campanological phenomena of the north island, except maybe for a bell that is to be found in Whangarei, and this is undoubtedly the oldest bell in New Zealand. Whangarei is approximately 100 miles north of Auckland city, and in the region that the locals call the winterless north; but don't be fooled into going there in the winter without the fur coat and some means of attaining internal warmth. Still, whatever time of the year it is I think it is definitely worth a visit, particularly from the historic angle. Firstly, Whangarei is only a short distance from Russell and the Bay of Islands, this area being the cradle of civilisation in New Zealand. The bell at Whangarei is known as the 'Tamil Bell,' and its arrival in New Zealand certainly predates that of Captain Cook and also very likely that of Tasman. This bell is thought to have come from a wreck at Raglan on the west coast of New Zealand. Raglan is about 30 miles due east from Hamilton city, so the bell is now about 210 miles from its place of origin. The wreck is at the moment buried under sand, but has from time to time reappeared when wind and tide have decreed.

The bell has Dravidian inscriptions similar to the rivets from the wreck, and I feel along with many others that this very ancient and interesting bell is undoubtedly from this elusive wreck.

(To be continued)

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OCTOGENARIAN

By B. SHARPLES

The short article commencing 'An example of enthusiasm . . .' by a Bolton, Lancashire, ringer regarding a meeting held at Hoddlesden on June 7th, brings to mind the first visit of Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, ringers in October, 1895. We decided to accept an invitation from the Hoddlesden ringers to try for a 720 Bob Minor on their bells, we having scored our first on Immanuel bells.

A walk of three miles in the country brought us to the church—a first visit for all. Owing chiefly to the long draught and heavier bells, we failed. After a very substantial supper at the home of one of the local ringers and an hour or two of billiards at the nearby Conservative Club, the three-miles' walk back home, minus any moonlight, was reached eventually, sometimes matches being struck to avoid hedges or ditches. The captain of Hoddlesden ringers at that time was the village schoolmaster (I forget his name); he had a club foot and it was difficult for him to mount circular stairs.

We Immanuel ringers went occasionally in the summer on a Sunday to ring for 3 p.m. Evensong; there was no later service probably because of the scattered population of the village. I had always longed to have a go on the tenor for a peal: we were told its weight was 16 cwt., and an opportunity came during a cotton strike in January, 1912. We started off in a slight snowstorm, and scored a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods in 3 hours 13 minutes—the one and only peal on the bells. Snow was still falling as we wended our way home on the edge of darkness.

My next visit for ringing was one Sunday in June, 1944. I had gone back to live at Oswaldtwistle when the ban on church bells was lifted in 1943. I recruited three boys from the Sunday School, and with the help of older ringers we went along to ring for 3 p.m. Evensong, ringing Grandsire Doubles. After the service the Vicar kindly gave us afternoon tea, and I told him of the bad state of the louvres, many being broken and the bells exposed to the elements. Now the report says ringing was carried on in the rain with raincoats on owing to no roof on the tower. Well, well!

I may add I always had a soft spot for Hoddlesden bells. Two of the schoolboys rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles in January, 1945, one on the treble and one covering on the tenor (11 cwt.) at Immanuel.

OUTINGS

DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

Ringers from Erith, Bexley, Lewisham and Northfleet, together with Dartford, made up the party for this year's outing to Sussex on June 14th, which turned out to be one of the best ever for ringers and friends alike.

The first call was at Paddock Wood for refreshments, after which Mr. T. E. Sone piloted us to the tower at Horsmonden. This fine-toned eight (19¼ cwt.) gave the younger members a little difficulty, the result being that our ringing was not up to the usual standard. However, some useful experience on strange bells was obtained.

Lunch at Hastings preceded a visit to All Saints' Church (8, 12¼ cwt.), where we were welcomed by Mrs. Levett, deputising for her husband, who has been ill for some time but is now happily recuperating. Ringing here, unfortunately, had to be curtailed owing to a wedding. Whilst here, two ringing friends from Rye made up the first eight for a good touch of Grandsire and this was followed by Plain Bob and yet more Grandsire.

At Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, two of the local band were waiting to meet us. This church and tower was judged by most as being the best of the day, and certainly our ringing here was exceptionally good. The eight bells (20¼ cwt.) were rung to standard methods and a well-struck course of Cambridge.

Across country to Heathfield, where tea was taken at the Star before meeting Mr. Dann, who was waiting at the tower and had the eight bells (11 cwt.) all ready. Once again everybody enjoyed whatever was called for.

The final church was Buxted, situated in a beautiful park. Again this eight (15 cwt.) were kept going to various methods until time came to make our way homewards.

The beautiful countryside, enriched with rhododendrons, particularly at Buxted Park, made one non-ringing member of the party say 'A rhododendron tour could not have been better arranged.'

The thanks of the party go out to all who made this outing so enjoyable. R. G. R.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT

Saturday, June 21st, saw the ringers of Newark Parish Church, accompanied by the Vicar and friends from the surrounding district, departing early for their annual outing. A traffic hold up whilst crossing the Cat and Fiddle Pass in Derbyshire caused a late arrival at St. Peter's Church, Macclesfield (8). These bells were very much enjoyed to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major.

The next tower was the wonderful church and bells of the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin, Eccleston (tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D). Here again, standard methods including Little Bob Major were rung, and the fine quality of the bells much appreciated.

Returning towards Chester, the bells of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Handbridge, were next raised in peal and rung before dispersing to look around the shops.

After tea the bells of Chester Cathedral (10) were rung, commencing with a fine touch of 305 Grandsire Caters. The last tower on the way home was the anti-clockwise ring of bells at St. John-the-Baptist's, Knutsford (6). The bells, cast by Rudhalls, were rung to various methods, finishing with a good course of Cambridge Minor.

Many thanks are due to incumbents and ringers who met us at towers, even when we arrived late; also to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, who once again arranged a most perfect day. W. L. E.

OUT AND ABOUT IN SOMERSET

It so happened that when the diaries were produced and dates arranged for two Saturday afternoon ringing expeditions, they fell on two consecutive Saturdays, and this combined report represents both a financial and journalistic saving!

The trip on May 30th was primarily arranged to be all new towers for one member of the party and was fairly local in character. We were pleased to welcome Keith Lane, of Sutton Coldfield, who was on holiday in the area, and also a lone ranger from the Bridgwater Branch.

After ringing at Burrington, the party went to the fine, heavy six at Chilcompton, where Norwich and London Minor were successful, two local ringers joining us in the latter.

A picnic tea in a convenient field preceded ringing on the six at Camerton, where Oswald Delight proved difficult to ring and where the tenor not only hangs very close to the wall but sounds as though it might have hit it at some time! Timsbury tower is obviously well-looked-after, and we enjoyed ringing here. The final call was at Queen Charlton, where the five bells (front five of an eight) are rung from the crossing. A pleasing feature was the welcome we received from the local ringers at the various towers, and at two of them we were greeted by the incumbent.

The following Saturday an outing arranged by 'J. B.' found more or less the same band journeying to Kingsdon in South Somerset to ring on the magnificent heavy six there. After ringing at Norton-sub-Hambdon we had tea on the green in front of the church wall—much to the surprise of at least one of the older inhabitants. Fortified in no uncertain manner from portions of a very long Vienna roll and from the newly-acquired N.S.T.G. monster teapot, we then journeyed to Merriott with its fine ground-floor ring. Another ground-floor ring, this time a light one, was at Seavington St. Mary, and it was here that two fugitives from a successful peal attempt joined us as we were letting the bells down; we were, however, able to give them a pull before going to Puckington, a good six, where combined Kent and Oxford and a course of London went well.

We should like to say a big 'thank you' to all the people who met and welcomed us, and hope to have the privilege of entertaining them in North Somerset some time in the future.

M. J. H.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Joint Meeting at Dean Prior

The Mid-Devon and South-West Branches held a joint meeting at Dean Prior, near Buckfastleigh, on June 28th in ideal weather conditions. The younger members who were present had a large share in the ringing, and in addition the more experienced ringers rang some excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

After an excellent tea at the Buckfastleigh 'headquarters,' a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the vicars of Dean Prior and Buckfastleigh for the use of their bells, after which general ringing matters were discussed. Incidentally, this was the first joint meeting without the presence of the late Mr. J. E. Lilley, and had he still been amongst the members he would have given his usual efficient support. The duties of Ringing Master were in the capable hands of Mr. T. G. Myers, of Plymouth.

Ringing after tea took place at Buckfastleigh Parish Church, where some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, not forgetting some well-struck Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six before the bells were lowered in peal. Those who were left spent a very pleasant hour together before dispersing to their various homes. A. L. D.

SOUTH DEVON RINGING FESTIVAL

THE longest day—and well might it be! Lustleigh's bells—a ring of six with a 12¼ cwt. tenor—were going from 1.30 p.m. until just after 9 o'clock, apart from the half-hour break for service at 4 o'clock. It was the now annual invitation festival, organised by the South Devon Ringers' Association, and this year was in aid of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. A full entry of 20 teams, each ringing 'sixty-on-thirds,' competed for the George Middleton Shield and six certificates.

The team from nearby Bovey Tracey were drawn to ring first, and so opened the festival, and in turn the other 19 teams followed. The four judges—Messrs. J. J. Brewer (Alphington), T. G. Darch (Torrington), J. Down (High Bickington) and R. M. Elliott (Bridford)—were installed out of sight in the village school which overlooks the church. Down St. Mary's with a near-perfect peal were the winners with no more than 17 faults, with Kingsbridge (23¼ faults), Kenn (32), Widecombe-in-the-Moor (48), Dartmouth, St. Saviour's (49½), and Upton, Torquay (57), forming the first six teams. A particular welcome was given to the new team representing Babbacombe (All Saints'), under their captain, Mr. D. J. Roberts, which contained the only lady ringers competing; and their entry was especially sporting in view of their not having participated in call-change competition work before. The whole festival was, in fact, marked by a wonderful atmosphere of enthusiastic co-operation and a spirit of 'all for the good of the cause.'

68 Years A College Youth

Mr. Adolphus Roberts attained the ripe age of 88 years on Sunday, June 29th. He has been a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 68 years, and a member of the Stoke St. Michael's (Coventry) band for 50 years (30 years as Ringing Master). Unfortunately he is unable to take part in any ringing at present, as last Christmas he had an accident and injured his shoulder.

In honour of his birthday, for Evensong on June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung on Stoke St. Michael's bells. Ringers: E. Sibley (conductor) 1, F. Brassington 2, W. Stote 3, D. Ellender 4, R. Robinson 5, H. Folwell 6, N. Haile 7, R. D. Hayne 8.

The presence of the Bishop of Crediton, after his long illness, 'crowned' not only the service but the whole event. His address to the capacity congregation of ringers in church was based on the equal dimensions of the City of God as seen in the Revelation, and he developed the theme to apply to the Church and churchmanship of today. The Bishop was attended during the service by the Association's president, the Vicar of Kingsbridge, and the service itself was conducted by the Rector of Lustleigh (Rev. N. McGee).

East Allington was the last team to ring and, after the results had been announced and the awards made by Mrs. McGee, the chairman and hon. secretary made up a 'six' with the judges to enable them to have a peal—a good one although we say it! The day made, after the deduction of expenses, about £22 for the Trust. Each team paid 10s. entry fee; donations were received; the service collection shared with Lustleigh Church; teas made a profit; there was skittling for a pig and a 'pick-the-winner' competition.

The Association records with deep appreciation the gift from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers towards the cost of furnishing the George Middleton shield awarded at this annual festival.

A BOTANIST ON A RINGERS' OUTING

As usual, very efficiently organised by Ron Sharp, the Maulden outing took place on the longest day of the year, when a large party, including the Rector of Maulden (Rev. H. R. Cousins) and Mrs. Cousins, with many ringers' wives and friends, set out on what proved a trip which will be long remembered by all. We made our happy way to Old Windsor, where Mr. Welling greeted us, and where the pleasant ring of eight, in this peaceful corner of Berkshire, was much enjoyed. And here a special word of thanks to our old friend Bill Butler, who had put in some good work at short notice.

Next came St. Lawrence's, Alton, where some very good ringing took place, a course of London and a touch of Bob Major being particularly well struck, and where we were very sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Hedger. Another local captain welcomed us at St. Mary's, Liss. Mr. Riley was soon shepherding us into the rather unusual belfry, where we found the bells a little difficult to handle but none the less enjoyable. Next came what is always a very much appreciated item—lunch; and very nice, too!

Afterwards we proceeded through beautiful country to Haslemere, where we missed the jovial faces of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden, but where their able deputy did the honours to a nicety. At Godalming we encountered a little more metal, and the heavier ring of eight gave general satisfaction; and here Miss Susan Steer, who had kindly arranged tea, met us and joined in the ringing, afterwards congratulating us on having such an accomplished party.

The last tower was Stoke Poges, which has associations with the poet Gray. Here we were met by Mrs. Barker, and here we had perhaps the best ringing of the day, the highlight being a touch of Six-spliced Surprise Major, which was brought round in fine style.

But the day was not finished yet, and when your party includes an eminent botanist with perhaps a slightly eccentric turn of mind, unexpected things are liable to happen; and here, behold, the coach was stopped at a point where the verdure was most profuse to enable our enthusiastic friend to examine the local plant life more closely, and having selected a rare specimen of the local flora, to bear it triumphantly to his seat! A. E. R.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Will outstanding quarterly and half-yearly postal subscribers please remit *at once* to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: quarterly 7s. 6d., half-yearly 14s. 6d., annually £1 8s. New subscribers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Selby on June 28th, and was attended by over 30 ringers from 12 towers in the District. Good use was made of the ten bells in the Abbey. The service in the Abbey was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. P. Keat). Tea was served in the Hawdon Institute by wives of the local ringers, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers).

Five new members were elected: Miss P. Crimmon, Mr. P. Stipetic, Mr. I. Tinkler, of Hull, Miss I. Piper, of Sutton-on-Hull, and Miss Margaret Pinkney, of Queen Margaret's School, Escrick. Mr. S. H. Steel was re-elected Ringing Master and Messrs. A. B. Cook, L. M. Woodhead and J. J. Taylor were all re-elected to the committee for a further three years. Hedon was selected as the next place of meeting on October 4th, if convenient. The usual votes of thanks were passed. A collection for the Associan Bell Repair Fund realised 17s.

WOODFORD (ESSEX) RINGERS MARRIED

Warm and bright weather on June 14th provided a suitable background for the wedding of Miss Patricia Welsh and Mr. Keith Gardner at St. Mary's, Woodford. The Rector officiated in the presence of a large congregation, and as bride and bridegroom are both ringers at St. Mary's it was fitting for the ceremony to be rounded off by a merry peal on the bells of this ancient Essex Parish Church.

Accordingly, some assistance was provided by the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: Miss M. March (first quarter) 1, R. G. Cousins 2, Miss V. Hester 3, C. A. Hughes 4, H. Neil 5, E. D. Smith 6, V. A. Waugh (conductor) 7, C. A. Wilmington 8.

Some days later, on the occasion of the annual ringers' outing, Patricia and Keith were presented with a gift cheque as a wedding present from their fellow ringers.

5,120 Spliced Surprise Major

(In six methods)

By STEPHEN IVIN

23456	M	W	H	
43652	—			R Y L
35426	2	2		R B Y B R
42356		—	—	L Y R
65324	—	—	—	B B C L
36524			—	L S R
53624			—	R S L
25634		—		L S L
26354		—	2	L C R B
35264		—	—	R C B B

Four times repeated.

Contains 1,280 each London and Rutland, 1,120 Bristol, 480 each Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire.

5,024 Yorkshire Surprise Major

By E. W. TIPLER

23456	B	M	W	H
35264	X			
63254			—	
52436		—	—	3
23564	X			
62534			—	3
23645	X			
42635			—	3
42356	X			—
65324		—	—	—
35426		—		3
52364	X			
53624			—	2
34625		—		2
23456	X			2

First rung at Basingstoke, Hants, March 8th, 1958, conducted by Alan R. Pink.

LATE NOTICES

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Staines, Saturday, July 19th. Ringing at St. Peter's, 3 to 4.30; St. Mary's, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Dis. Sec. 2680

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Mundford, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 22nd, to Mr. H. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford. 2679

NOTICES

New Scale of Charges

Meetings: 3/6 (minimum) for 30 words, afterwards 1½d. a word. Each additional insertion half charge.

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BIRTH

CRAWLEY.—On June 30th at Chelmsford, to Betty (née Payne) and John, a son (Alan John). 2645

MARRIAGE

OGDEN—HALLIDAY.—On Saturday, June 21st, at St. Peter's Church, Swinton, Lancs, by the Rev. J. S. Leatherbarrow, Mr. Derek Ogden to Miss Joyce Halliday. The future address will be 8, Carlyn Avenue, Sale, Manchester. 2676

IN MEMORIAM

POOLE, Harold J., passed away July 14th, 1955; also Phyllis. With love and gratitude we remember them. 2657

ACCOMMODATION

PLYMOUTH.—Bed and breakfast. Private house. Occasional meals if required. H. and C. Fifteen minutes' walk to city centre. City shops, moors and sea all easy reach. Several good rings.—Thomas, 15, East Park Avenue, Mutley, Plymouth. 2655

MISCELLANEOUS

BOOK WANTED.—'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' by Ernest Morris.—H. Baker, 1, Bourner Cottage, Frittenden, Cranbrook, Kent. 2643

ONLY SIX ROPES in our tower, but no one need 'stand out' at the fete at Kimpton on August 9th in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund. Kimpton bells available 3 to 8 p.m. at District meeting on this day. Dance, with licensed bar, 8.30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Watch for further notice.—J. G. Cull, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. 2667

VISITORS TO SUSSEX.—One or two ringers are wanted—preferably with cars—to make up band for evening 'tower-grabs.' August 12th and 13th, Brighton area. Contact A. W. Bond, 130, Poplar Avenue, Hove, 3. Phone: Hove 39183. 2677

YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK.—Two ringers required to take part in about ten peal attempts between August 10th and 16th. Should be experienced at Minor. Accommodation provided. Contact J. Martin Thorley, 146, Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, Yorkshire. Telephone: Horsforth 4573. 2644

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bathford (6), on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Rev. Flenley, The Vicarage, Bathford. 2609

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Branch) and DEVON GUILD (North East Branch).—Joint meeting, St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 2612

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6), Saturday, July 12th. Tea at Dorset Arms. Names to me. Look up Beverley Surprise.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 2618

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 12th, at Harrietsham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. L. Cook, Southlands, East Street, Harrietsham. 2595

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2628

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Joint meeting with Wigan Branch, Lancashire Association, at Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2619

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District) and HERTFORD ASSOCIATION (Watford District).—Joint meeting at St. John's, Stanmore, Saturday, July 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea following. Ringing at All Saints', Harrow Weald, 3 to 4 p.m.—C. E. Slade and K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Secs. 2616

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mapledurham (6), Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided—bring own food. —R. F. Diserens. 2623

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 12th, at Bosham (6) 3 p.m. 2635

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Scarborough, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2624

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, July 19th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those notifying by July 16th Mr. F. D. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington. —John Chilcott, A. W. J. Butler, Hon. Secs. 2638

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Norton St. Philip, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2650

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Barton-le-Clay, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. G. Spavins. 2659

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Leamington Spa Parish Church, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at Pattisons Restaurant 4.45. Service 6 p.m., followed by meeting in the ringing chamber at 6.30 p.m. Good attendance requested.—J. L. Garner Hayward, Hon. Sec. 2660

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, July 19th, at Pleasley. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Thursday to Rev. R. A. Doncaster, Kelvin Dale, Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley, Mansfield, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 2662

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bassingbourn (6), Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Litlington also available after tea. —E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2661

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 19th, at Hemingford Grey (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots (6) after tea. Hemingford Grey also available.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2672

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea available.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2673

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Tillingham, Saturday, July 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bus (Kemps Coaches) outside Maldon Bus Station at 2.45 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2610

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Little Horkesley on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Great Horkesley (6) also available from 6.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 16th, to Mrs. F. Culham, Rose Cottage, Little Horkesley, Colchester. 2627

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Coalpit Heath (6), Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea advise F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5. 2666

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 19th, Newdigate. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea, King's Head, Capel, 5. Capel bells available from 6 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 17th Mrs. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking. 2631

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, July 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. Gardner, Ivy House, The Sands, Farnham.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2675

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Hastings, Saturday, July 19th. St. Clement's, 3 p.m.: All Saints', 6 p.m.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 2658

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting at Wigmore, Saturday, July 19th, 3 p.m. Please inform of numbers requiring tea Thomas Davies, Sec., 1, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms, Salop. 2663

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bromfield and Stanton Lacy, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6), Bromfield, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 2652

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 19th, at Barnet, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2670

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Margate, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, not later than Wednesday, July 16th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2646

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, 3 p.m., Saturday, July 19th. Business after tea. Names before 16th to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley. No name, no tea.—R. Benson. 2678

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Whetstone, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. H. Burbage, 1, Charnwood Avenue, Whetstone, near Leicester. 2669

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Illston, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 2681

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—Meeting, Epworth, Saturday, July 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 2625

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting, St. Mary-at-te-Bow East (8), Saturday, July 19th. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Short business meeting, vestry, 6 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. —L. W. Bullock. 2671

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on July 19th. Service in the Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting in the Chapter House, 12 noon. Lunch in Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 6s. each, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, before Tuesday, July 15th.—M. R Cross. 2600

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 19th, at Deeping St. James. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, July 15th, to Mr. J. W. Haw, 31, Eastgate, Deeping St. James. 2639

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chilmark, on Saturday, July 19th. Meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.40 p.m. to suit bus to Barford for evening ringing. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by July 15th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2601

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Chardstock on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 14th, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 2656

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Anthony R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 2674

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Royal Oak. Notify numbers by Monday, July 14th, Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 2648

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—A ringing afternoon and evening will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, July 19th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage Room for all who let me know by Wednesday, July 16th. All welcome.—H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 2668

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Second revived cricket match/ringing meeting at Tanfield, Saturday, July 26th. Wickets pitched 2.30 p.m. Newcastle buses Marlborough Crescent: No. 2 to Tantobie Crossroads, or No. 10 to Crookgate Banktop. Names for tea without delay to K. Cheeseman, Church House, Tanfield Village, Co. Durham. 2647

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Lydd on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss M. Vantom, 2, Tarts Cottages, Skinner Road, Lydd.—C. T. H. 2653

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. George's, Beckenham, Saturday, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by Monday, 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2654

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather (8), on Saturday, July 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 23rd to Mr. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 2665

SUFFOLK GUILD — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Kedington, Saturday, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse. Names to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 2649

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Don't forget the summer festival is in Rutland on Saturday, September 6th, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eighteen towers open—everyone welcome. Details to follow.—Jean Hoy, Hon. Sec. 2664

5,184 NORTHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

By D. KNOX

23456	M	I/F	W	H
45362	—	X	—	—
65324	—	X	—	
32546	—	X	—	—
54263	—	X	—	—
26435	—	X	—	—
43652	—	X	—	—
53624	—	X	—	
62345	—	X	—	—
34256	—	X	—	—

Twice repeated.

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42635
52436
35426
42356
34256
32546
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24365

First rung at Willesden on April 10th, 1958.

CORRECTION TO PEAL COMPOSITION

Page 424: 5,184 Coslany Court Major. The composition is to be three times repeated.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Brunt 1, Miss C. Green 2, Miss B. Marchant 3, B. Giblin 4, S. Wright 5, B. Heppenstall (cond.) 6. A farewell to S. Wright on leaving the district.

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1957 WITH THE LADIES

THE greatest change in ringing in the last 60 years has been the introduction of women to the belfries. There will be few who will disagree with Mr. John Willis, who made this statement in welcoming the Ladies' Guild to Canterbury for their annual meeting on July 5th. Women have come to stay in our belfries: indeed without them Sunday ringing would be in a sorry plight in many of our towers.

The presence of the Ladies' Guild is a natural corollary to this entry. Compared with the main territorial Guilds the ladies are at a disadvantage: there is not a District to correspond with each territorial Association, and hence Guild meetings involve travel. But in the last few years there has been a trend for expansion, and some 13 Districts submitted reports to the annual meeting.

Organisation on a national scale is no easy matter. There is, however, a spirit of enthusiasm among those who are leading the Guild, and within the Districts there is a determination to resist any attempt to let activities dwindle and decay. Throughout, the spirit of independence is strong; and while many meetings are joint occasions with territorial Associations, the ladies take great care to preserve their identity and individualism.

What is the story these Districts have to tell? The Beds and Northants, which has just completed its first year, has a ringing membership of 41, its own Surprise band in Minor methods, and ladies' bands capable of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Major. One of the oldest Districts is the Central, and from this new Districts have been created; nevertheless, it has 83 members. Kent District, which was formed in 1954, carried out its programme and is planning to hold six meetings a year in order to cover the six Districts of the Kent County Association. The paid-up membership is 48.

Mrs. A. Richardson, who is secretary of the Lincoln District and one of the Guild's Central Council representatives, reported quite a good year with a membership of 56. The Midland District, where there is a change of secretary, held five meetings. The year 1957 was an outstanding one for the North-Eastern District, whose members showed enterprise in money-raising to ensure adequate hospitality for the Guild's annual meeting at Newcastle upon Tyne.

The North-Western District held meetings at Manchester, Southport and Chester during the year, and has a membership of 8 honorary and 60 ringing, a decrease owing to 17 members allowing their subscriptions to lapse, although there were 11 new members. The Southern District, with 10 honorary and 69 ringing, had a small programme of two meetings. A vigorous District is the South Wales, with Mrs. J. S. King as secretary. Fifteen new members were elected and there is a paid membership of 45.

Sussex is able to report all the four meetings of 1957 being well supported and quite a high standard of ringing maintained. The membership is 37. The Western District, which embraces six counties, has quarterly meetings. It has been customary of late for at least one coach-load from Bristol and Bath to attend one meeting with ringing en route. Nurtured in the atmosphere of Birmingham, the West Midland District reports that ladies' bands achieved Cambridge Major at Clent, Cambridge Royal at Solihull (with the assistance of the president, Mrs. K. Lock), London Minor at Great Barr and Stedman Triples at Yardley, where several members took part in touches of Spliced Surprise.

1957 proved to be a good, successful year for the Yorkshire District, and although two of the most staunch members were lost, a quarter peal and a full peal were scored. The new secretary, Miss E. A. Wardill, writes: 'We shall try to have an equally successful year in 1958.' And so may it be for the whole Guild.

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TEN BELL PEALS

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

John Walden	*Treble*	John Worth	6
Norah M. Bibby	2	George H. Randles	7
Basil Jones	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
John Freeman	4	Jack L. Millhouse	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Freeman.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Gillian R. Parsons	*Treble*	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Kathleen E. Chilcott	2	Bryan C. Stirland	7
Michael V. Chilcott	3	Cyril E. Lewington	8
David E. Parsons	4	Ronald F. Diserens	9
Gordon P. T. Peters	5	Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers as a wedding compliment to John N. Diserens and Mary Owens.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

Ernest H. Simpson	*Treble*	David Cubitt	6
*B. Gillian Schofield	2	Frank Rayment	7
Thomas W. Strangeway	3	Fred Seager	8
Fred Bennett	4	J. Martin Thorley	9
Peter Woodward	5	Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by George W. Debenham.
Conducted by Roy Bettley-Cooke.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate 500 years of worship in the present building.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27¼ cwt. in D.

Howard Scott	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley	6
*Maurice J. Thurmott	2	Leslie W. G. Morris	7
Milton C. Fowler	3	Gordon Benfield	8
Alexander E. Marsh	4	J. Henry Fielden	9
William Barton	5	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* First touch of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and first peal on ten tower bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

George Coussins	*Treble*	‡Margaret L. Gibson	5
*Pamela M. Jervis	2	Walter A. Peck	6
Linda J. Kew	3	William Birmingham	7
†D. Kenwyn Walters	4	Alan E. Hartley	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Alan E. Hartley.
* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First in the method.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

Walter H. Poole	*Treble*	James E. Looker	5
Mrs. M M. Godley	2	Henry G. Keeley	6
Dennis A. Chapman	3	Harry J. Gaylard	7
G. Stedman Morris	4	*Francis G. Knight	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry J. Gaylard.
* First peal.
Specially arranged for Dennis Chapman on holiday from Canterbury.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

William J. V. Conduct	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
John A. Anderson	2	Peter Border	6
Ruth M. Border	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
Paul J. Rigby	4	William T. Shelton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the formation of the parish of Erdington.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

John Wiseman	*Treble*	Claudia A. Critchley	5
*Colin A. S. Harwood	2	*Patricia M. Bourn	6
*Jill Mayes	3	*Richard J. Castledine	7
G. William Critchley	4	*Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*T. Roger Sullivan	*Treble*	Arthur F. Burley	5
Rev. Arthur S. Roberts	2	Robert A. Southwood	6
*Jill Swanne	3	Dr. Richard E. Price	7
Alan Carveth	4	Geoffrey W. Taysom	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. Arthur S. Roberts.
* First peal.
A compliment to Alan Carveth and Mary Cork on their engagement, to David Penrose on his 21st birthday, and the conductor's mother (87 on June 29th). Rung on the Eve of St. Peter.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Clive M. Smith	*Treble*	Arthur Pritchard	5
Eric E. Speake	2	*Roderick J. Lees	6
Fredk. E. Wilshaw	3	Peter Beresford	7
Richard J. Warrilow	4	Edmund A. Malin	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and first of Surprise on the bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

H William Barrett	*Treble*	Michael Solley	5
George W. Howlett	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	6
Stanley W. Copling	3	*Edwin T. Chapman	7
Peter Kindred	4	*A. William Bird	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Harrison. Conducted by Edwin T. Chapman.
* 25th peal together. Mr. Bird has now 'circled the tower.'

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CRISP	5
KITTY WILLERS	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	7
RUTH M. BORDER	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WANTAGE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR SAYERS	*Treble*	ROBERT A. REEVES	5
CHARLES COLES	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	6
ALAN R. PINK	3	HARRY WHITE	7
PETER G. DAVIES	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
Rung for the Feast of St. Peter.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,016 Cambridge, 1,536 Yorkshire and 1,536 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

*ERNEST E. BRAY	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	5
*ANTHONY J. SANGER	2	*VICTOR ROBERTS	6
*MICHAEL ROSE	3	*GWILYM SALMON	7
*RICHARD J. CRAGO	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW (adapted). Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor. First of Spliced Surprise Major for the Association by a band resident in the diocese.
With compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald A. Higgins upon the occasion of their silver wedding.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

MARGARET A. LADD	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
*STANLEY JENNER	2	EDWARD J. JENNER	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
HENRY TOOKE	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
KENNETH L. BROWN	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
CHARLES H. MOORE	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the rebuilt chancel on St. Peter's Day. The church was rebuilt about 1350 and the chancel had been in ruins since 1537.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	*PAUL J. RIGBY	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of London.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

*NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	6
†MARION CAPEY	3	†GEORGE S. DEAS	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by K. ARTHUR.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. First in the method on the new bells.
Specially arranged to celebrate the baptism of Stephen Irwin Wright, infant son of the treble ringer.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Thurs., July 3, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	*Treble*	JACK F. HODSON	5
DOROTHY HOGG	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
FRED SEAGER	3	RONALD H. DOVE	7
HAROLD SCHOFIELD	4	IRVIN SLACK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.
Specially arranged and rung on the appointment of the Vicar of Leeds (Canon C. B. Sampson, M.A.) as Chaplain to H.M. the Queen.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6-cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

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

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method.
Named after the town of Xenia, Ohio, U.S.A., and rung on the eve of Independence Day as a tribute to our American comrades.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

PERCY J. SPICE	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
ROBERT COLLINS	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR
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DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
First peal of London on these bells.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
ALAN J. FROST	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
This is the first peal in the method, and was rung at the first attempt.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
W. A. Cave's variation of J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	JOHN WALDEN	5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
MARY C. PAYNE	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
HARRY POYNER	4	ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
A birthday peal for Miss Mary C. Payne.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

ROY D. TOMLIN	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	FREDERICK E. CULLUM	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. L. MORRIS. Conducted by FREDERICK E. CULLUM.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WELLS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	EDWARD HOWES	5
CECIL V. EBBERSON	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	6
GEORGE A. COOKE	3	TONY OWEN	7
HERBERT LASKEY	4	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 2 and 3.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in 28 methods: (1) Penistone, Royston, York Minster and Bolton Abbey Treble Bob; (2) Hemsworth, Gladstone, Campanulla and Crofton Treble Bob; (3) Dronfield, Retford, Spalding and Minehead Surprise; (4) Beighton, Redcar, Hayfield and Appleby Surprise; (5) Boston, Selby, Staveley and March Delight; (6) Felkirk, South Kirkby, Barnsley and Havercroft Treble Bob; (7) Luton, Ripley, Thorne and Rhyl Surprise; 27 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb.

JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	BERNARD GROVES	4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
First peal in these 28 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

FLITWICK, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD J. SHARP	*Treble*	STEPHEN J. IVIN	4
*JUNE SINFIELD	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. SINFIELD.
* First peal in seven methods. First on the bells since augmentation. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sinfield.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in 55 methods: (1) Ely, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Knutsford, Bogedone, Balmoral, Skipton, Chepstow and Fotheringay Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (2) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple, Taxal, Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Elston and Clarence Delight, and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Combermere, Crowland, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; (4) Lincoln and Coldstream Surprise; (5) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, Pontefract, Donottar, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (6) Westminster and Allendale Surprise; (7) Chelsea, Peveril, Melandra, Beeston and Leasowe Delight; 135 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	BERNARD GROVES	4
*WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* 50th peal together. First peal of Minor in 55 methods by all the band, and on the bells.

SHOTESHAM ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores each of St. Simon's Bob and St. Martin's Bob, and 22 of Plain Bob, each in four variations of calling. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Treble*	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	3
*ALAN F. ELLIS	2	PETER M. ADCOCK	4

PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE .. *Tenor*
Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.
* First peal on five bells and other than Plain Bob. The fastest peal on the bells.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Wed., June 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ROY EASSON	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4
ROBERT L. PIRON	2	ROY A. WARD	5
ANNE E. AMOR	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

LLANOVER, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being two extents of Stedman and ten extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*REV. I. J. RICHARDS	*Treble*	DAVID J. KING	3
JACQUELINE S. KING	2	*BRYAN JOHNS	4

*GEORGE WARD .. *Tenor*
Conducted by GEORGE WARD.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Helen Walker, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Walker, on the occasion of her Confirmation, which took place on Wednesday, June 18th, 1958.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN ..	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING ..	4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	3	*ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 50th peal together. First of Surprise Minor as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the second ringer.

WHEPSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETRONELLA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN E. IVINGS	*Treble*	*RAYMOND D. HART	3
†GEORGE W. JENNINGS ..	2	ARTHUR W. ROLFE	4
LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal. † First in the method. First of Doubles as conductor.

STANGROUND, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, four extents Grandsire and 36 extents Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*PAUL D. SIMMONS	*Treble*	†RONALD F. PATTRICK ..	4
*LESLIE J. WARD	2	ROLAND W. MORANT ..	5
†JOHN M. ROFFE	3	*MICHAEL J. MOSSENDEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND W. MORANT.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER.. ..	*Treble*	PETER J. COLES	4
BARBARA E. SPICER	2	MICHAEL J. DYER	5
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ..	3	*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

* 25th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second upon joining the W.R.A.F.s; also to the ringer of the fourth upon his demobilisation from the R.A.F.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of London Singles, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Union Bob, St. Columb, Fortune, Kennington, Old Doubles, Chase, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury. Tenor 11 cwt.

*RAYMOND HENMAN.. ..	*Treble*	ANTHONY A. FORD	3
*ARTHUR J. HENMAN ..	2	ROBIN V. BAKER	4
ALLAN R. JONES..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by RAYMOND HENMAN.

* First peal in 14 methods. First as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. J. Kightley, a member of the local band.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.
On Thurs., July 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising two six-scores of Plain Doubles and 40 extents of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

REV. RICHARD A. SLUMAN	*Treble*	*REV. JOHN B. T. HOMFRAY	4
REV. ALBERT WEBB	2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS..	5
REV. PETER HEARN	3	†REV. G. W. RUMING ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by THE REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First of Doubles for the Guild.
Rung to mark the beginning of the Lambeth Conference.

HORSELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 21 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAZEL PUGH	*Treble*	*NEIL CARTER	4
GEORGE TALBOT	2	ROY COLLINS	5
HAZEL HANCOCK	3	*BRYAN PRIESTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY COLLINS.

* First peal.
A farewell compliment to Neil Carter who is shortly leaving for Canada.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*†ERIC P. SPARKS	*Treble*	‡PETER BARRAND	4
ALAN MEADOWS	2	PHILIP DUNDERDALE ..	5
*JOHN H. OWENS	3	STANLEY WALMSLEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY WALMSLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First in the method. ‡ First peal. First as conductor.
Rung for the Sunday School anniversary.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WARREN (1947–57) ..	*Treble*	ROY R. TIFFIN (1950–) ..	4
COLIN M. TIFFIN (1952–)	2	HUGH NEILL (1947–55) ..	5
JOHN W. G. PIDGEON (1940–54)	3	ROBIN N. PITTMAN (1946–54)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN N. PITTMAN.

Rung by past and present members of Brentwood School to commemorate the granting of a Royal Charter 400 years ago this day to Sir Antony Browne, licensing him to found this school. He lies buried in this church.

HANDBELL PEAL

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Buxton College Society of Change Ringers.)
On Sun., June 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT 68, ROCKFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callngs). Tenor size 16½ in A sharp.

JOHN R. KENNETT	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3—4
R BRENT WHERRY	5—6		

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in the method by all the band. First in the method on handbells. 50th handbell peal for the Association.

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ALFRETON, DERBYS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Smithson 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, W. Swain 3, W. Riley 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 5, A. E. Wheeler 6, E. J. Sterland 7, R. J. Stretton 8. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples by the same band. Rung in honour of the visit to the Deanery of the Bishop of Accra (the Rt. Rev. C. Read), and the Rt. Rev. G. Sinker (Bishop of Nagpur, 1949–1954), before the festival service.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: W. P. Blake 1, T. G. Phillips 2, D. E. Cobb 3, Monica Fray 4, L. Derrick 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 7, J. Brain 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On June 21st, 1,304 Little Bob Major: Cyril Wright (cond.) 1, L. Coe 2, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 3, H. Wagstaffe 4, G. Davison 5, D. Cooper 6, A. B. Cooper 7, J. Saxton 8. Arranged for the visit to Bolsover of the Rt. Rev. R. Roseveare (Bishop of Accra).

BRISTOL.—On May 15th, at St. Ambrose's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. R. Hussey 1, Miss M. Smith 2, F. Skidmore 3, D. J. Hunt 4, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, B. Shackleton 6. First of Doubles 1, 2, 3 and 6. For Ascension Day Communion service. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Godsell (first quarter) 1, N. Denson 2, A. C. Baker 3, D. J. Hunt 4, R. G. Hooper 5, F. R. Hussey 6. First of Doubles 2 and 3. Alternate 120's conducted by D. J. Hunt and R. G. Hooper. For public baptism service.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. P. White 1, Miss A. White 2, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 3, F. L. Andrews 4, H. G. White 5, R. P. Rawlings 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. White. Also on April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. White 1, Miss A. White 2, W. P. White 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, H. G. White 5, G. White 6. For Evensong. Ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 6 are brothers.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On June 22nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, E. C. Hynard 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, J. H. Edwards 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, L. D. Mills 8. For Evensong.

CARLTON, BEDS.—On July 2nd, 1,440 Minimus (being 240 each of New Little Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure Bob: Mrs. G. Robinson (first quarter) 1, J. Hilson 2, A. Franklin 3, P. Wakeman (cond.) 4.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 780 Plain Bob): Mary Solomon 1, J. B. Gorrod 2, P. G. Tovell 3, R. T. Tovell 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. First in two methods by all except conductor. For the patronal festival.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Helps 1, H. F. Creed 2, Mrs. L. Sherrell 3, G. Creed 4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Helps 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. For morning service.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith 1, J. Pannell 2, N. Martin (cond.) 3, D. Parker 4, D. Manger 5, C. Rowe 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of David Croucher, killed this morning coming to ring for morning service.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On June 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat J. Laycock (first quarter) 1, R. Wake 2, J. T. Finey 3, B. V. Vick (first 'inside') 4, E. Treagus 5, A. R. Tysoe 6, E. Winifred Keys (cond.) 7, W. G. Challen 8. Rung for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution Special Evensong.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On June 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. E. S. Moreton 1, Miss D. J. Clarke 2, A. H. Beamish 3, J. Dravcott 4, L. Trevor 5, G. A. Bell 6, J. A. L. Thompson 7, H. Harris 8, J. F. Clarke (cond.) 9, J. E. Lloyd 10. Rung for the Sunday School festival.

DUXFORD, CAMBS.—On June 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Halls (first away from tenor) 1, M. Stracey (first in method as cond.) 2, I. Stracey (first quarter) 3, C. Bowtell (first quarter) 4, G. Lilley 5, F. Wallman (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells by an all-local band. Rung for the last service at the church for the Rev. J. B. Joyce after 15 years.

QUARTER PEALS

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Renshaw 1, Miss C. Linfoot 2, P. Birkett 3, F. Linfoot 4, A. Rogers 5, W. Sykes 6, R. Senior 7, J. Pearson (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 7. Rung for the Sunday Schools' Whitsun procession.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Stephens 1, B. Smalley 2, Miss J. Bradley 3, W. J. V. Conduct 4, W. Shelton 5, J. Beech 6, H. Jenkins 7, A. Bragington 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Wendy Foulger, aged 18, who passed away June 15th.

FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—On June 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Slater 1, Dorothy Skelton 2, Rosemary Hick 3, Susan Pettingell 4, B. Turnbull 5, E. Johnson 6, A. Johnson 7, L. Drake (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Bryan Turnbull on his graduation at Leeds University with the degrees M.B., Ch.B.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On June 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 Combined Kent and Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. Prophet 1, Mrs. T. W. Crowe 2, Mrs. K. Arthur 3, J. A. Ainsworth 4, T. Sewell 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6. A compliment to Norman H. Hewett and Lorna Aitken, who were married at this church the previous day.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Burley (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Deacon (first 'inside') 2, Miss C. Puttock 3, A. N. Robinson 4, E. E. Breed (cond.) 5, H. Goldsmith 6.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of April Day, Seighford, Kennington, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Clifford's Pleasure, All Saints', Old and 60 Reverse Canterbury): R. V. Baker (cond.) 1, M. R. Bennett 2, R. G. Chater 3, R. Henman 4, A. R. Jones 5. For Evensong.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turner (first quarter) 1, F. Fulwell 2, Miss P. Rayner 3, P. Ruch, M. Hawkins 5, A. Grant 6, G. Ruck (cond.) 7, P. Bettridge 8. For Evensong.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's Bob and 540 Plain Bob), with 7–8 covering: A. Crabtree 1, R. Maher 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, J. P. Partington 4, K. Abbott 5, G. S. Mills (cond.) 6, C. S. Taylor 7, J. Mills 8. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary; for the first birthday of Ian Geoffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Mills; a welcome home to J. P. Partington at the end of his university career; and a compliment to Mr. G. Partington and Miss Clarice Sharratt, and to Mr. P. Butterworth and Miss Helen Standring, on their marriages.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At the Church of All Saints, on July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Cox 1, Sheila Wallace 2, Margaret Tilbury (first quarter) 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, P. J. Evans 5, R. Biggs 6, D. Cornwall (cond.) 7, S. M. Bailey 8.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On June 23rd, 1,440 Minor (one extent each of Plain Bob and Single Court): Doreen Armstrong 1, R. Larkin 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For the annual service of the Nottingham Oddfellows Friendly Society.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wright 1, F. Benfield 2, J. W. Felce 3, S. F. Earl 4, J. Payne 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

LEICESTER.—On June 29th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Bowley 1, A. Cattell 2, J. E. Cook 3, Alan Cattell (cond.) 4, C. V. Cattell 5, E. R. Whitehead 6, J. P. Partington 7, P. Davis 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to John P. Partington on his successful completion of studies at the University of Leicester. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—On July 1st, at the Church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): C. Popple 1, H. Hurst 2, A. Melton (cond.) 3, J. A. Freeman 4, J. Bundy 5, A. Elliott (Kelvedon) 6. A farewell to Mr. A. Elliott after spending a holiday in Lincoln.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Young 1, Heather Bonner 2, Jill Cook 3, Evelyn Gibson 4, J. T. Clay 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, E. Silvey 8. For Evensong as a farewell to Canon D. J. Amies, B.D., M.Th., Vicar of Marlow since 1938, on his retirement after 43 years in the Ministry.

MONMOUTH.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7–6–8 covering: Miss G. Goodwin (first quarter) 1, L. H. Jones 2, Mrs. K. Smith 3, Mrs. D. Stafford 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, T. H. R. Browning 6, K. Goodwin 7, E. Goodwin 8. For the Monmouth festival service.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Saunders 1, N. Garrard 2, Miss B. Syrett 3, F. C. Arnold 4, W. E. Garrard 5, C. F. W. Phillippo (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Symonds on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Willey 1, Daphne Hyams 2, Wendy Bowak 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Daphne Hyams and J. McPhail.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Clarke (first away from tenor) 1, Nancy Kempsell (cond.) 2, W. Dunn 3, A. R. C. Clarke 4, G. Olliver 5, S. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled to the beloved memory of the Rev. T. P. Owen, a previous Rector of Nutfield, whose funeral service was held at Nutfield on this day.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on June 22nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: E. Talbot 1, Mrs. P. Wright 2, A. Lewry 3, P. Wright 4, G. Peters 5, J. Cook 6, T. Cross 7, C. Wood 8, J. Euston (cond.) 9, D. Randall 10. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on July 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. Crowe 1, E. Talbot 2, M. Williamson 3, J. Cook 4, R. Hinde 5, J. Euston (cond.) 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Jelley 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On June 29th, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): D. W. Gray 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, J. Hales (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. Also on July 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor (with tenor covering): J. M. Steele (first of Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, J. Hales 7. Rung to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Friswell and the first birthday of Gillian Wilkings.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On June 28th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): Miss J. Kirkman 1, J. H. Cook 2, R. A. Hill 3, P. Minchin 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung, after a peal attempt had failed, as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. Cecil Matthews (captain of the Waltham ringers) and Mrs. Matthews.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wenda Monk (first quarter) 1, J. Powell (first 'inside') 2, B. Ferris (cond.) 3, P. Delaney 4, J. Ferris 5, M. Webb 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1, 2 and 5.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On June 24th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,304 Plain Bob Triples: R. Renn 1, Monica Blagrove 2, W. Butler 3, E. S. T. Farr 4, A. C. Wenban 5, A. J. Glass 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8. For the patronal festival.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On June 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Anne Spavins 1, Angela Grainger 2, I. N. Pett 3, K. C. Fleming 4, A. E. Butcher 5, M. E. Downs 6, P. Newing (cond.) 7, K. G. Spavins 8. For the Feast of St. Alban. Also on June 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Angela Grainger 1, Mary Tapley 2, Mary E. Stephens 3, H. B. Whitney 4, K. C. Fleming 5, B. Grainger 6, I. N. Pett 7, M. E. Downs (cond.) 8. Rung to congratulate the conductor on obtaining a degree.

WOOTTEN WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gower 1, Miss J. Morrison 2, J. Green 3, A. C. Morris (cond.) 4, P. Bennett 5, J. Stockley 6. Rung for the visit of the Coventry and Warwickshire Car Club and St. Peter's Day.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on June 21st at Lindley, near Huddersfield by the kind invitation of the local company. The attendance of about 30 members was considerably below average and no doubt partly due to the poor weather.

Under the able supervision of the Ringing Master (Mr. Vernon Bottomley) full use was made of available ringing time, equal opportunities being given to both learners and more experienced ringers.

The Vicar addressed a few words of welcome to the visitors in the Parish Hall, where he and the churchwardens joined the ringers in an excellent tea arranged by the local company.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. L. W. G. Morris in the unavoidable absence of the vice-president. After the reading of the minutes, the company stood for a short period of silence as a mark of respect to three recently deceased members of the District—Mr. G. W. Slack, Mr. F. W. Bradley (who joined the Association in 1893) and Mr. A. E. Hancock.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to all those who had shared in the organisation of the meeting.

The following officers, due to retire, were re-elected en bloc:—Ringing Master, Mr. V. Bottomley; Committee, Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, A. W. Bond and J. Pearson. In proposing their re-election, the chairman said that the District was ably served by its present officers and he saw no reason for change.

Miss Margaret Clark and Messrs. David Smith and Edgar Drake were elected members.

It is to hoped to hold the next meeting on September 13th at Ilkley and Addingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Banbury and District Branch

The annual meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Deddington on July 5th and was well attended, nearly half the members of the Branch being present. The service was conducted by the Vicar and the address given by the Rev. C. O. Moreton, the retiring Branch Chairman. The Deddington handbell ringers accompanied the hymns together with the organ.

An excellent tea was served in the Schoolroom followed by the business meeting at which the Rev. T. W. Griffiths was elected Branch Chairman. Miss Cross, the General Secretary, on behalf of the Guild, expressed thanks to Mr. Moreton for his services to the Guild and wished him and Mrs. Moreton a long and happy life in retirement. The other officers were re-elected except that Mr. Stretton replaces Mr. Burton on the Guild Committee.

Six new members were elected including four from Mollington, one of the earliest towers affiliated to the Guild (1885) and, unfortunately, one of the earliest to drop out (1894). The bells there have been put in order and the Branch voted a grant of five guineas towards the cost.

It was agreed that the autumn meeting should be held at Wroxton and Hanwell on October 4th, and the next monthly practice at Lower Heyford on August 30th.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: J. Brain 1, Monica Fray 2, M. J. Horseman 3, E. Brown 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, D. E. Cobb 6, E. Naylor 7, E. J. Chivers 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

AN EVENING TOWER-GRAB IN CHESHIRE

'George and Bernard, what time are you coming, Bill?—be ready for 6.15 p.m.'

'Half a mo'—I only leave the erecting shop at 5.45!'

But George—the driver—who also works in the railway erecting shop, picked us up at 6.20, and 'the Dean' three minutes later.

We were turning in left by the church at Lawton at 6.45—not bad going. The same time Shelagh, David and the party from Stafford followed us in by the right. Bob was waiting for us on the church step, with the bells up.

Thirty-five minutes' ringing and we were on our way again to Alsager, where Arthur was waiting for us, but said: 'Get the bells up and get going; we have some work to do up there' (new ropes, I believe). Here we were joined by Fred and Bill from Market Drayton, who improved the ringing. We had just fallen the bells on the last chime when down came the tenor rope. 'There you are,' said 'the Dean,' 'there's one down for you, Arthur.'

Then on to the tit-bit of the evening, Barthomley—six of Rudhall's best, augmented to eight, and almost a perfect match. Here the party was augmented by two from Northwich. It was also practice night at Barthomley; but I think the local ringers chose the better part, sitting out on the green listening.

At 8.30, the real object of 'the grab,' Ronald Dove, of Guide fame—for which the Exercise owes him so much—took leave of the company to catch the 8.57 p.m. to Leeds.

Judgment: Much better than peal ringing; and 'the best night in my long association with ringing,' said 'the Dean'—and he should know.

Our best and grateful thanks to all incumbents and local ringers. 'OWD BAT-ER.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The 240's of Double Grandsire Doubles, rung to a 5,040 at Neath, Glamorgan, on July 5th, were produced by Mr. A. J. Pitman after some talk about the method at a local practice. The band were given the figures many months ago with the advice that they might ring and publish it if they wished, but as he was afraid that it might not conform with the Central Council's requirements as a peal, they must do so on their own responsibility.

The peal at Ockley was rung on June 14th, and not May 31st as published. The conductor sends his apologies to all concerned.

The quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Westminster Abbey on June 24th was for the diamond jubilee of the Royal Army Medical Corps, not the silver jubilee as stated in our issue of July 4th.

This week we announce the first peal of Scientific Triples (composition on another page) rung at Hampton, Middlesex on July 5th. The band extend a friendly challenge to the Cheshire band to ring a peal of it.

In future, any visitors who stand in a peal with the band who rang at Willersey should not be worried if they hear: 'Do you think they'll last? '. It is not the stamina of the band, or the ropes, but Wilf's trousers! He hitched them up so often during a recent peal that the rest of the band offered to subscribe towards the cost of a pair of braces!

The five bells at Dickleburgh Parish Church, Norfolk, have been brought to the ground preparatory to their journey to Loughborough for general overhaul and augmentation to six. Towards the cost of over £1,000 the sum of £800 has been raised, and a generous person has offered—if the fund reaches £1,000 by Christmas—to meet the rest. A little something from friends would enable this kind offer to be accepted.

Supt. Claude Rush reports that the restoration fund for Eye, Suffolk, bells now stands at £982, and £426 of this has been raised by collecting and selling 78 tons of paper, rags and old sacks. The work is pressing on without let-ups, so £1,000 should be reached by the beginning of September.

Errata.—F. C. E. for Ilkeston Surprise Major (see page 295); 24365, 62345,, 34562, 46325, 54263.

Whepstead ringers desire to congratulate Mr. R. D. Hart on his grim determination to ring his first peal. After two fruitless journeys to Whepstead, Suffolk, and Coventry, he with John Ivings scored a good first. Who said ringing was a dying art?

Mr. Alan R. Elliott of Kelvedon, Essex, desires to express his sincere thanks to all the ringers at the Cathedral, St. Peter's, and St. Giles', Lincoln, for the very friendly welcome extended to him on his recent visit to that city, which made his stay so enjoyable.

Miss Susannah Smith, a member of the Godalming (Surrey) bell-ringers' band for 11 years and the present captain, was married on July 5th at Godalming to Mr. Raymond Stanley. The bells of Godalming Parish Church were rung before and after the service by ringing friends. The bride is also a part-time member of the Auxiliary Fire Service.

The peal at Carbis Bay celebrated much as the footnote tells, and most of the band went on to Truro for David Penrose's birthday party in the evening. His uncle called the peal. It also enabled Jill Swanne, who has recently gained her B.Sc. at Southampton University, and Roger Sullivan, both of Carbis Bay, to ring their first peal in their own tower. Congratulations to both. A welcome was extended to Dr. R. E. Price who was on holiday in Cornwall.

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LADIES' GUILD HAVE RECORD ATTENDANCE AT CANTERBURY

WOMEN IN BELFRY GREATEST CHANGE IN 60 YEARS

THE loyalty of members of the Ladies' Guild was demonstrated in a remarkable manner at the Guild's annual meeting at Canterbury on July 5th when there was a company of 132 at tea. This was a record gathering for any meeting of the Guild.

Ringing took place at St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's in the morning and the Cathedral Belfry was crowded in the afternoon which preceded the Cathedral Evensong. Special seats were reserved in the choir for the Guild at Evensong, and the Dean (the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson) before reading the second lesson extended a welcome to the Guild. He recalled, while in Cheshire when the Armistice was declared in 1918, taking five young girls into the belfry and showing them 'how to make a big clang on the bells and the whole town was full of joy.'

The ladies were the guests of the Kent County Association to tea after the service and Mr. John Willis in his welcome described his guests as 'charming, accomplished, beautiful, athletic ladies.' As vice-president of the Kent County Association it was his privilege to welcome them and to hope they were enjoying the hospitality of the Association and also their visit to this lovely old city.

AN 1896 MEMORY

His ringing memory was long enough to go back to 1896 when Miss Alice White was the first lady ringer to ring a peal on tower bells. 'I remember the utter astonishment with which we mere boys (I was a boy in those days) viewed the introduction of women into the belfry. It seemed the last place one would expect to find them. But conditions have changed; the great reduction of manpower brought about by the first World War was the opportunity for the ladies and the Ladies' Guild was formed. You have been led by some able lady officials and it is all to the good.

'If anyone asked me what was the greatest change in 60 years of ringing I would say the greatest change had come about by the introduction of ladies to bell-ringing and the formation of the Ladies' Guild, because in our early days men quarrelled among themselves very bitterly both in Association meetings and the towers. These troubles seemed to have disappeared and I think that a very great deal is due to the ladies whom we have now with us.'

One other thing. He had often looked at certain ladies ringing in the belfry and he had been rather surprised that a set fashion had not been evolved for lady ringers because it was rather disconcerting when the arms went up at rope end to see a gap between the waist and the skirt. He thought the most graceful attire would be something that hung straight down all in one piece. He had no doubt that the president and secretary would be putting their heads together and be issuing paper patterns before long. [Laughter.]

On behalf of the Kent County Association he offered the Guild a sincere welcome on the first meeting of the full Guild to Canterbury.

Mrs. T. J. Locke, the president, thanked Mr. Willis for his welcome and the Kent County Association for their hospitality. 'We have all had a wonderful time and will enjoy ourselves this evening.' She thanked Mr. Bert Luck for his untiring efforts in making all the arrangements and the incumbents of St. Alphege's, St. Dunstan's, St. Saviour's and the agent of the Cathedral for permission to ring.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

There was a representative and large gathering at the business meeting presided over by the President (Mrs. Lock), supported by the hon. secretary (Miss D. Colgate). Members were present from as far afield as Nottingham, Birmingham, Lincolnshire, Leicester and South Wales.

Before the proceedings started the company stood in silence in memory of Miss Margaret Rhodes (vice-president of the Yorkshire District for several years), Mrs. Phyllis Poole (of whom it would probably be true to say was more widely known, liked and respected than any other member of the Guild), and Mrs. Mack (probably better known as Miss Dora White, who was the first lady to ring a tower bell peal of Stedman Triples).

New members elected were: The Misses J. Steed, Gay Williams and Smith (Benenden School), Mrs. Evans (Hythe), the Misses Evelyn Cumberworth (Rainham), Christine Remmer and Alison Macfarlane (St. Albans), Doreen Harfleet (Guildford), Harriett Trevelyan (Steep), Margaret Crate (St. Albans), Mrs. Yvonne West and Miss Mary Dowsett (Danbury), Miss Judith Corby (Sevenoaks). Hon. member:—Mrs. Collins (Guildford).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Miss Colgate announced that no nomination other than that of Mrs. Lock had been received for the office of President. She proposed her election and Mrs. Mitchell seconded.

Thanking the members for her election, Mrs. Lock said she would remind the Guild that she was entering her third year as president and they would have to find someone else to take her place in accordance with the rules. If she had not visited their District would they send her an advance notice of their meeting. 'I wish there were seven Saturdays in a week.'

Regarding the election of hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Lock said last week the good lady who had held office for seven years 'dropped a bombshell' saying she was not seeking re-election. She suggested that the two offices should be divided. This was agreed to.

Miss Colgate was then elected hon. secretary on the proposal of Mrs. Barnett seconded by Mrs. Percy, and Miss Joan Beresford hon. treasurer on the motion of Mrs. Barnett seconded by Mrs. Hart Miss Audrey Bailey was re-elected hon. auditor.

The secretary's report for 1957 stated that a number of new members had been elected and most District secretaries reported well-attended meetings. Receipts from subscriptions were lower and an inspection of the register reveals that a number of members owed one or two years' subscriptions. As the result of these arrears and also the dinner held in October expenditure exceeded income. They trusted that this would be rectified in 1958.

In spite of many difficulties, including illness and last minute cancellations, the dinner was enjoyed by all who attended and thanks were due to the President who worked hard for its success.

TWO PEALS

Two peals had been rung—Plain Bob Major at Handsworth by members of the Yorkshire District and Plain Bob Major at St. Michael's, St. Albans, by the Central District. Both bands were congratulated.

In expressing grateful thanks to all District secretaries, special tribute was paid to Miss W. Oliver, who was secretary of the Southern District for many years but owing to home ties has had to resign. They were glad to know she retained her connection with the District as vice-president. Mrs. De Jong, of the Western District, Miss Diana Perrins, of the West Midland District, and Miss Kathleen Yeo, of the Sussex District, had also to give up their work as secretaries for various reasons.

The report recorded appreciation of the wonderful welcome given to the Guild by members of the North Eastern District on the occasion of the annual meeting at Newcastle. Everything was so well organised that Mrs. Lea and her committee must have worked hard to achieve such a successful result.

The report was adopted.

The accounts show a loss of £5 14s. 4½d. of which £5 7s. 11d. was the deficit on the dinner. Mrs. Staniforth proposed and Mrs. Speake seconded the adoption.

NEXT MEETING

The hon. secretary reported that the committees of the North Western and West Midlands had met and agreed that Liverpool would be an excellent centre for the next meeting. Miss Rudyard, whose father was now ringing Master of Liverpool Cathedral, had offered to provide personal contacts. It was decided to hold the 1959 meeting at Liverpool.

A vote of thanks to the president for taking the chair was proposed by Mrs. Barnett and carried with acclamation.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The first week-end meeting of the Guild took place on July 5th and 6th, in East Dorset. Ringing began at 11.30 on Saturday on the fine heavy six of Bere Regis; the ringing was not quite up to the standard of the bells perhaps, but we were a scratch lot, and had not all recovered from the fatigues of the road there. However, this was speedily put right after the party had been entertained to lunch by Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Brown, at Wareham.

The first call of the afternoon was at the noble octave of Kingston. Even the fact that the magnificent view was shrouded in mist did not prevent some worthy ringing, notably a good course of Cambridge. Moving on, the convoy made its way to Poole, and had just time to park on what appeared to be the side of a cliff, and get in position to send off a wedding party in the proper fashion, with Stedman Triples. After tea at Wareham we were to have rung there, but just a week before the bells had disappeared to Loughborough, so instead we went to the little church at Wool. Here we were fortunate to be joined by some very young ladies of the local band, who showed us how Grandsire Doubles should be rung. Saturday finished with an excellent dinner at Wareham, and a handbell session until bedtime.

Those members who had stayed the night met in the belfry at Poole next day, to ring with members of that tower for morning service. Grandsire Caters went quite well, but Bob Royal was anything but regal; we saved our faces with a final touch of Stedman Triples.

All members taking part would wish to take this opportunity of saying 'thank you' to all incumbents and ringers of these Dorset churches for their kind hospitaliy, and to our guests who came and made such a success of the meeting. That it was a success however is really due to the organiser, C. T. Brown—we are most grateful to him, not least for his offer to do it all again next year. Members therefore please note that the first weekend in July, 1959, is booked for Dorset.

D. L. G.

RINGING IN AOTEAOROA

By PETER G. RICHARDS

(Continued from page 452)

CHRISTCHURCH BELLS

We now have to cross the Cook Strait to the south island, and travel to the very English city of Christchurch, with its glorious cathedral and 10-bell ring (tenor 32 cwt.). These bells and the Society are the oldest in New Zealand: they celebrated the 75th jubilee on October 31st, 1956.

The bells for St. Paul's Cathedral, London, were cast by the Loughborough foundry in 1879, and at the time they were said to be the finest ring ever cast, so the Christchurch Cathedral authorities immediately ordered from the same foundry a ring that was to be an exact replica of the London bells. Such an excellent reproduction was executed that, if you were to be blindfolded and walk down Colombo Street, Christchurch, whilst the bells are ringing, you would swear that you were walking down Ludgate Hill.

Eight of these fine bells were the gift of R. H. Rhodes, and two trebles from E. P. W. Miles. The bells carry very apt inscriptions to commemorate these two noble benefactors:—

'Through all the ROADS of life the best
We'll strive to be your guide;
And let our notes do your behest
By tolling far and wide.
We've crossed the seas to this fair land,
To do God all the honour;
From clime to clime we'll ring our chime,
And tell of RHODES the donor.'

'We two little bells to complete the chime,
Were nearly left out too late,
When Miles to the rescue but just in time.
Added us on to the eight.'

The bells were installed in the year 1881, but the Society founded in 1880, and they have moulded themselves on the Ancient Society of College Youths; this is more than just a sentimental desire to follow in the footsteps of the most celebrated of English Associations. The first bell-ringers at All Saints', Christchurch, were taught by members of the A.S.C.Y., and each successive generation has kept to the strong traditions of its foundation members.

The 75th jubilee celebrations saw the largest gathering of bell-ringers and those interested in the art ever in New Zealand: about 70 in all attended the three-day function.

Mr. Caldwell and I attended from the St. Peter's Society, and we were intrigued by a little red ensign fluttering from the belfry window, as the great bells thundered out over the city. On enquiring we were told that like a lot of bell-ringers it was an emigrant from the homeland and that it had flown at Windsor Castle at the Coronation of King George VI. It was brought back to the Society of Bell-ringers by Mr. W. H. Fussell as a gift from the Castle authorities, and is now flown from the belfry windows only on very special occasions.

The Christchurch Cathedral Society were forced by Mother Nature to abandon the ringing of the Cathedral bells for a while. Around the turn of the century there occurred quite a violent earthquake which resulted in the collapse of the top of the 210 ft. spire. The ringers, however, being true to the Exercise, didn't forsake the art and lean on their haunches; instead they mounted their penny-farthings and rode out to the little ring of five (tenor 6 cwt.) at St. Paul's Church, Papanui.

Papanui is the final tower of our tour. Unfortunately the bells here are very rarely pealed, the reason once again is that they are housed in a wooden tower, which age has weakened. The bells are at present chimed, but it is to be hoped that before long the tower will be strengthened sufficiently to allow the ancient art to be regularly practised.

To conclude this treatise on New Zealand, I will mention the facts that will, I hope, be useful to the intending visitor.

St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, North Island. Practice night: Wednesday, 7 till 9 p.m. Sunday ringing: 8.30 till 9 a.m. and 6 till 7 p.m. Mr. Caldwell is the Master, and an enquiry at the Deanery in Bridge Street will soon locate him.

All Saints' Cathedral, Christchurch. Practice night: Tuesday, 7 till 9 p.m. Sunday ringing in morning and evening on alternate Sundays as at St. Paul's, Melbourne. An enquiry to Mr. Harry Mee, at 96, Kerrs Road, Wainoni, Christchurch, will soon see the visitor with a rope in his hands.

OUTINGS

ST. AMBROSE, BRISTOL

The ringers of St. Ambrose, Bristol, together with wives and friends, had their annual outing on June 14th to Lyme Regis. On the outward journey a stop was made for coffee and ringing at Martock, with its very large ringing chamber.

Both lunch and tea were enjoyed at Lyme Regis and also ringing on the musical eight in the Parish Church. Our English summer took place that day and those not ringing had a restful afternoon on the beach.

A two hours' run through some of the best scenery in the south brought us to Midsomer Norton. Some excellent ringing including a near perfect rise was had on the eight bells which are rung from the ground floor. A very good supper at the Greyhound Hotel followed, and after a few brief speeches of thanks the homeward journey was made. Methods up to Cambridge, Double Norwich and Double Oxford were rung under the able captaincy of Mr. R. G. Hooper, ringing Master for Bristol Rural.

CARDIFF

Motor-bikes, trains, buses, a lorry, a car (and tired feet!) conveyed eight young Cardiff ringers on an eventful outing on June 28th. The first stage of the journey led to Aberdare, where the fine eight bells were soon 'tapping out' touches of Triples and Bob Major. (Many thanks, Aberdare!)

The party then split up and made their own way to the Swansea and Brecon festival, at Brecon, three members taking a short 'bus ride and then hitch-hiking the rest of the way. Thus our youngest ringer covered 23 miles on 3½d.!

After meeting several old friends and making use of the bells available, the party made their separate ways back to Cardiff. G. R. M.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

New Bishop At Summer Festival

In glorious weather, and ideal surroundings, this year's Annual Festival, held at Brecon on June 28th, proved a great success. The attendance was excellent, and visitors came from as far away as Surrey, Crewe, Eardisland, Gloucester and Cardiff.

In many ways a service held in a cathedral always seems to be more impressive, and this occasion was no exception. For the first time since the creation of the Diocese a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells immediately before the service by four members of the Guild, standing at choir stalls.

Evensong was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. Edward Jones), and the Bishop gave the address. The theme he took was 'Priority.' Priority in building and rebuilding churches. In deciding these factors, we have always to use a sense of proportion in saying which was necessary, and which was not necessary—and he went on to say that we must not forget that without the church there would be no stained glass windows, no organ, no bells, and none of the arts so well known in our cathedrals and churches. He was quite sure however, that the people of Swansea would see that a ring of bells was put in the stately tower in the centre of the town, before very long.

After tea in the Parish Hall, the business meeting was opened by the general secretary, with a warm welcome to the Lord Bishop, Dr. John Thomas, the new president. We do not, he said, fully appreciate the honour bestowed on us by the presence of the Bishop at our meetings, and would suggest that we show our appreciation by seeing that all rings of bells in the Diocese are rung regularly for Sunday service.

The Bishop replied by thanking everyone for their warm welcome, but he was afraid that he would have to have the help of the Master and general secretary on any technical matters relating to the Guild.

Both the general secretary's and the Master's reports told of a general improvement in ringing. It was a great pity however, that Knighton, Dolou and Bronllys were not yet affiliated to the Guild, but it seemed one couldn't do anything about it.

The statements of accounts were presented by the treasurer, with the happy results of increases in bank balances.

All officers were re-elected including the five committee members.

It was agreed to hold the 1959 Festival at Brecon again, and the date and time to be decided later. A proposal to hold it always in Brecon was withdrawn, as on some future date it may be necessary to hold it at St. Mary's, Swansea.

The Ringing Competition was again postponed, and a proposal for a Guild's Badge was left to the committee to draw up details for the 1959 meeting. Together with the Bishop, seven life members and three resident ringing members were elected.

The Dean thanked everyone for giving towards the Cathedral Appeal Fund

The meeting proved undoubtedly that Brecon was very central for everyone, and as far as ringing is concerned there are many towers available if required. J. A. H.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HANDBELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—I hesitate to write again after occupying so much space in the 'R.W.' in recent weeks, but I feel that the article on Handbell Music by Col. M. D. Bell merits some attention, and perhaps the word of an 'old man' may be respected!

Quite frankly, although I realise that the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof, I am not greatly impressed by his method. The one used by Mr 'Billy' Barton of Pudsey, which incorporates what is best in Col. Bell's, is, I consider, far superior.

Three or four years ago I was asked to teach a group of the G.F.S., belonging to the local church, tune-ringing on handbells. After trying various methods without much success, I approached Mr. Barton who gave me much advice and a sample of his 'music.'

His method, like Col. Bell's, is to use numbers in place of ordinary notation and to write these out in tonic sol-fa.

By this method *any* rhythm may be set down and, of course, no knowledge of musical notation is required. Mr. Barton also has separate copies for each ringer containing his (or her) own bells (e.g., 1-2, 3-4, etc.) with the melody notes underlined in red and bass notes in blue.

This latter device is, I think, very necessary, as too often we hear performances by reputable bands in which the melody is swamped by the inner parts.

HANDSTROKE ONLY

Again, following Mr. Barton's advice, I taught the girls to ring their bells on handstroke only, no backstroke being used at all. It was surprising how quickly they learnt to cut out the 'double-tap' and with what speed and efficiency they could execute repeated notes after a little practice.

I may say that after a few weeks they were performing at concerts. My wife, who teaches at a Secondary Modern School, has 'borrowed' the handbells (as wives will), and has used this method successfully in her music lessons, where it is quickly grasped even by the lower streams.

I found it better to make my own arrangements as quite frequently the full harmonics of 4-part writing are overpowering if continued for any length of time. The procedure (if anyone is interested) is as follows.

(1) Write the arrangement in staff notation. (If one has knowledge of harmony, this is better done *away* from the keyboard, although it may be done there by trial and error if desired. Concentrate largely on 3-part harmony, using 4-part sparingly, e.g., cadences, final choruses, etc.)

(2) Make a master copy in tonic sol-fa, using numbers instead of the customary notation.

(3) Write out separate copies for each pair of bells containing only their own.

ST. GEORGE'S, DAMERHAM

Dear Sir,—It has been found that the 3rd bell in our ring of six is cracked, and we are advised to have it recast. At the present time, we have had heavy expenses on our church fabric and we find it very difficult to face this further financial crisis. Many of you in your ringing tours of Hampshire have visited our tower and we feel you might care to help us in some way by sending us stamps, postal orders or even cheques. Rev. A. Philips will be most grateful to receive help from anyone wherever you may be.

M. F. MACKENZIE (Miss).

The School House, Damerham.

Semitone bells for modulation purposes can be shown by 2 sharp, 9 sharp or 6 flat, etc., and need not necessarily be used by the ringers of 2, 6, or 9 respectively, but can be fitted into any ringer who is not busy at that particular moment. A table with a cloth on can be used to hold the 'music' and the unused bells.

Mr. N. Chaddock's excellent band at Rotherham use music proper, I believe, and a word from him on this subject would be most interesting.

Here is an example of this type of notation for a range of two octaves.

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   11 8 8   - 7 6 6   - 4 3 3   - 2 1 1
:|: 13:13 |-: 9 8: 8 |-: 6 8: 8 |-: 7 6: 6 etc.
    15 -  11 -15 - 11 -12 - 14 -15 -
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No. 3 and 4 would appear:

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|:|:   :|:   :|:   :|:   :4 3: 3 |-:   :etc.
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The bars could be numbered for use in practices. Students should be made to count (audibly at first), throughout the piece, or this may be left to the instructor.

I wish it to be understood that this method is Mr. W. Barton's and not mine, but I have found that it produces excellent results in a short time.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

By JOHN CARTER

1234567

5,040

By ALBERT J. PITMAN

	2 3 4 5 6	4	18	20	
2135476					
2314567					
3241657					
3426175	4 1 5 2 6 3	—	—	D	
4362157	2 1 3 4 6 5			—	
4631275 —	3 6 5 2 1 4			D	
6413725					
6147352 —	6 4 2 5 3 1	—	—		
1674532	2 3 1 6 4 5	—		—	
6147523	6 5 3 4 2 1		—	—	
6415732	3 1 2 5 6 4	—	—	—	
4651372	2 6 4 3 1 5	—		—	A
4563127	3 5 6 1 2 4		—	—	
5436217	5 4 1 6 3 2	—	—		
5342671 —	4 2 6 1 5 3	—	—		
3524761	1 3 2 5 4 6		—	—	
3257416 —	1 4 5 2 3 6	—			
2375146					
2731564	5 6 3 4 1 2	—	—	—	
7213546					
7125364	1 2 3 4 5 6		A		
1752346					
1573264 —					

	First Double	Second Double
5137624		
5316742 —	2 5 6 3 7 4 1	2 5 1 4 7 3 6
3561472	5 2 3 6 4 7 1	5 2 4 1 3 7 6
3654127	2 5 3 4 6 1 7	2 5 4 3 1 6 7
6345217	5 2 3 4 6 1 7	5 2 4 3 1 6 7
6432571	2 5 3 6 4 7 1	2 5 4 1 3 7 6
4623751	5 2 6 3 7 4 1	5 2 1 4 7 3 6

Six times repeated for the plain course

At a Bob, thirds place is made instead of firsts at any of the positions indicated; bobs are invariably made in pairs as shown. The course thus contains 21 possible calling positions.

First rung at Hampton, Middlesex, on Saturday, July 5th, 1958, conducted by Robin G. Leale.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Southampton on July 5th. Mr. F. D. Rogers (Master) presided and some 60 members were present from a wide area of the Guild. Visitors from London were Messrs. W. Theobald and W. Williams.

The recorder reported a big drop in the number of peals rung—from 113 in 1956 to 39 in 1957. This was largely because the handbell bands at Portsmouth and Bournemouth had been depleted.

The librarian reported a great year for the library; two gifts of books had been received: (1) from Southampton University Ringers; (2) from an anonymous donor. The Guild handbells had been in constant use, chiefly by the Southampton University Guild.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. F. W. Rogers; treasurer, Mr. R. Reed; general secretary, Mr. J. King; auditor, Mr. L. Bailey; librarian, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

The recorder of peals, Mr. M. Lakin, announced that he was not seeking re-election, as probably he would be leaving the area shortly. He was thanked for his services. Mr. D. Matkin (Bournemouth) was elected recorder.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Portsmouth on July 4th, 1959.

Mrs. Kippin said that in recent years a great deal of time had been taken up at their meetings over alterations to rules, and she felt that an overhaul was needed. It was decided to set up a sub-committee comprising: Admiral Everett, Mr. C. Kippin and Mr. R. Reed to go into the matter, and report back.

The service was held in St. Mary's Church, the preacher being Rev. R. O. Stephenson (Bitterne Park). Tea was afterwards taken in the Chantry Hall.

The rings of ten at St. Mary's, St. Michael's and North Stoneham and the ring of eight at Bitterne Park were available to members during the afternoon and evening.

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5,088 Xenia Surprise Major

By STEPHEN IVIN

W	B	M	2 3 4 5 6
—	4	—	6 5 3 2 4
2		—	3 2 4 6 5
—		—	4 3 5 2 6
—		—	5 4 6 3 2
—		2	2 5 3 4 6

Repeat twice.

First rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, July 3rd, 1958, conducted by D. P. Jones.

This composition is also suitable for Ilkeston Surprise Major.

BISHOP'S LONG JOURNEY TO REDEDICATE OAKLEY BELLS

ON Sunday evening, July 6th, the six bells at Oakley, a Suffolk-Norfolk border parish, were rededicated after general overhaul by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The oak frame, put up by Geo. Day and Son, of Eye, in 1879, has been taken away, although in good general order, and a steel frame erected some ten feet lower in the tower. The fourth bell has been recast, and all have been turned, retuned and supplied with fresh fittings at a cost of about £1,200, less than half of which has so far been raised. But this is Oakley Bell Year and, by the end of it, it is hoped that the debt will be well reduced.

The houses in Oakley are scattered: there is only one near the church, and this is the Rectory. It is, therefore, one of those churches where, without fear of complaint from householders, the full sound of the bells could be allowed to go across the surrounding countryside.

A good gathering of Suffolk and Norfolk ringers rang the bells after the service and found how well they went. The recast fourth fits in with its fellows and, so far as being a new bell goes, is undetectable. The 10-year-old treble has some shrillness still. They are rung from the ground floor.

The church was full for the service, conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. D. Tyson). There was a large choir of both sexes and all ages. There was evident enthusiasm and determination in all who had arranged and practised for the service, which included no less than six full-bodied hymns, as well as the Bell Carol, which was sung by the choir. The lesson was most clearly and beautifully read by Margaret Bourne, a member of the choir and a ringer like her sister.

NOT HALF-WAY

The Vicar said that they had been able to pay off £500 the day before—not quite the half-way mark. So far, they had asked for no help from diocesan sources. He praised the way women helpers had cleaned the church for the service, as two days before everything it it was smothered in dust and dirt as the incidental builders' work in the tower had taken longer than anticipated, and the tower is open to the church.

The dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of Dunwich. He also preached the sermon, and had taken part in the service in St. Paul's Cathedral (nearly 100 miles away) that morning, when some 400 bishops from all over the world attended preparatory to the beginning of the Lambeth Conference.

Bells, he said, take part and have a place in our national as well as parochial and private life—a mouthpiece for stirring the minds and emotion according to the event. He had particularly noticed the ringing before and after the service in St. Paul's that morning.

Ringing means much to the community. Take ringing on New Year's Eve—bidding penitence for mistakes in the old year and a forward look with a prayer into the new one. We are told in our prayer books to pray, and a bell to be rung twice a day—not on Sundays only.

Bells are messengers of God proclaiming His Gospel unto the world. To ringers he would say: 'Exercise your sacred ministry and be sure that your own lives accord with what you are preaching.' Bishops, priests and deacons should not only preach but should act according to what they preach to evade condemnation of being called hypocrites. Ringers should act likewise by going to church to worship after they have called others to do so. Sometimes there are people who ring and then go to the nearest 'pub.' 'To me,' continued the Bishop, 'that is the work of a hypocrite. You cannot summon those others to do something and then not do it yourself. . . . If the congregation believed in the message of the bells the Rector would have no difficulty in getting the rest of the money now needed, but it would be useless to pour out all that money for the overhaul if peple did not listen to them and hear their message.'

The six ringers who rang rounds immediately following the dedication, with the Bishop in the midst of them, did their job extremely well. There was no unevenness throughout and a perfect 'stand' was effected. The local ringers are enthusiastic, with Mr. Flack training the newer ones, and the tower should be a live one.

THE BELLS

Treble (4 cwt. 1 qr.).—Inscription: *The gift of Hon: Mrs. Douglas-Hamilton who resided first at Brome Hall and later at Oakley House: 1885–1947.*

Second (5 cwt. 2 qr.).—*Iohn Goldsmith Fecit 1711 St. Margaret. mr I K bC W.*

Third (5 cwt. 2 qr.).—*Iohn Goldsmith Fecit 1711 St. Thomas.*

Fourth (6 cwt. 1 qr.).—*William Dobson Founder Downham Norfolk* 1828. Additional inscription: *Recast* 1958. *John Taylor. H. D. Tyson, Rector. H. Barlow, A. Flatt, Churchwardens. F. Flatt, Capt. of the Tower.* (This bell was cracked and had to be recast.)

Fifth (7 cwt. 3 qr.).—+ *Sum O Rosa O Pulsata O Mundi O Katerina O Vocata.* (This bell was made by William Dawe, of London, and is dated between 1380 and 1408. The inscription is very badly mutilated.)

Tenor (11 cwt.).—*Iohn Goldsmith Fecit* 1711 *mr Iohn Kett mr Brown Turner Church War–s.*

University Of Bristol Society's Summer Tour, 1958

ON Friday, June 13th, 20 members of the University of Bristol Society met at Bridgwater for the start of the annual summer tour. Of those taking part, all were cycling and Youth Hostelling except three whose previous contact with Youth Hostel beds had not been too comfortable.

After ringing at Bridgwater we went to Wembdon, Cannington and Stoke Courcy. At the last named tower the third has been rehung by a local ringer and proved rather difficult to handle. The dash to the Hostel followed but this was rapidly reduced to a crawl when it was discovered that Holford Youth Hostel is near the top of a rather high hill. At breakfast next morning the warden sized-up the Master with the admirable description of a 'chatterbox.'

Saturday's ringing started with two fives—West Quantockshead and Sampford Brett. We then pressed on to Old Cleeve, where the Vicar took some of us into the village club, of which they are very proud. After lunch followed by ringing at Carhampton we moved on to Minehead. Here we managed Stedman Caters and also suffered the first of a series of punctures. Dunster was next on the list and after ringing on the eight there we visited Timberscombe. Exford was the Hostel for the night and was finally reached after much walking up hills.

A BUSY SUNDAY

We crept out of the Hostel soon after 7.15 on Sunday morning to ring on the fine six at Exford before Communion. Ringing for matins was arranged at Winsford but some of those with long Hostel duties only arrived in time to hear an exhibition touch of Cambridge Minor. However, after adding our musical talents to those of the rest of the congregation, we rang for a while after service. At the Vicar's invitation we ate our lunches on his lawn. One or two were sufficiently brave to bathe in the stream flowing past the end of the lawn. Very reluctantly we left Winsford to visit Exton. Ringing for Evensong was at Dulverton and we had a glorious ride of several miles down the Exe valley with its beautiful wooded slopes and colourful clumps of rhododendron bushes. We spent the night at Bampton Hostel—an old malthouse conveniently situated in the middle of the town.

Ringing on Monday started at Bampton, where we were met by an old member of the Society, and we then cycled to Tiverton. Before ringing on the fine eight we had time for coffee in an hotel that possessed a fabulous collection of beer mats. We also had lunch in Tiverton and despite our strange attire we gained admission to a very respectable restaurant. After ringing on the ten at Cullompton we visited Uffculme, Sampford, Wiveliscombe and Uplowman before returning to Bampton for well-earned refreshment and rest.

HOSPITALITY.

On the following morning we said goodbye to Bampton and made our way to Huntsham, the home of the Troyte family. Here a course of Bristol was rung, the aged and infirm having at last remembered enough of the blue line to fill in the gaps. Ringing at Ashbrittle and Rockwell Green followed and then the party swept into Wellington to have lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Bird, the parents of the Society's secretary. Twenty ringers finally disappeared into the house and enjoyed a delightful lunch served by Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Slocombe. Even the local press took notice and we were duly photographed and interviewed. After lunch we rang at Wellington before going on to Milverton. That night found us in Crowcombe Hostel which has the air of a country club about it. Here we had our first (and last) real sing-song before trying to sleep on the creaky bunks.

The last day started with the anti-clockwise six at Crowcombe before going on to Bishop's Lydeard, a ring we found difficult to handle because of the tower sway. Taunton St. James' was the last tower before lunch and here we met Mr. W. G. Gigg. After lunch we visited St. Mary's, and found the bells rather a handful. The engaged couple in the party had rather taken us by surprise with the announcement a week earlier but we made amends at this stage by presenting them with a very serviceable rolling pin. St. George's, Wilton, was the scene of our last ring together and the party then split up to go their various ways.

Our chief memories of the tour will be the unbelievably good weather, the lovely countryside and the large number of beautiful carved screens we saw in the churches. We are most grateful to the secretary of the Society, Mr. P. J. Bird, for organising the tour, to the incumbents and tower captains for their hospitality and to Mrs. Bird for the way she 'fed the five thousand' when we descended on Wellington.

M. S.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On July 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Ellison 1, S. A. Longbottom 2, J. Rhodes 3, C. Sutcliffe 4, H. Wild 5, H. B. Schofield 6, P. Dawson 7, S. Longbottom (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the christening this day of Helen Elizabeth, daughter of Sam Blundell, a member of the local company.

STORIES FROM OUTINGS

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE

The last Saturday in June has now become the traditional date for the outing of the Bolsover Parish Church ringers and friends, and after several days of very heavy rain it was a very pleasant change to have a reasonably fine and warm day for the visit to several towers in the Coventry and Warwick District.

It was necessary to make an early start and calls were made at Cresswell and Warsop to pick up old friends, including Harry Prout who rang at Bolsover many years ago and has now retired to live in Warsop.

The first stop was at Nuneaton where Mrs. Beebe was waiting to meet the coach. The allotted time passed very quickly. It was only a very short journey to Bedworth where slight difficulty was experienced with the new ropes. The red sallies reminded us of home and the ground floor ringing was appreciated by all. The writer was very much impressed by the fine high altar and reredos and it was encouraging to find the Curate and one of the churchwardens taking such a keen interest in the visit. A number of the non-ringers had gone forward by service bus into Coventry and all assembled at the Wine Lodge Hotel for a very substantial lunch.

In the early afternoon a visit was made to Allesley and we were pleased to meet Mr. Taylor. The light bells were moved along at a merry pace and the visitors showed considerable interest in a table with a glass top covered with extracts of pages from the 'Ringers' Diary.' It was noted that this was the home tower of W. A. Stote who is a regular visitor to meetings of the Derbyshire Assocation.

The afternoon was devoted to the two towers of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas' in Warwick. Two of the local ringers had very kindly raised most of the bells of St. Mary's and the party were very pleased to make the acquaintance of Mr. Wm. Collett who has been connected with the tower for more than 60 years. For many it was their first experience of ten bells but a good touch of Kent Treble Bob was brought round. A course of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on the back eight, Little Bob and Plain Bob Royal on the full ten. There were divided opinions on the comparison between these bells and those at Chesterfield.

Mr. Collett accompanied the party to St. Nicholas' and the new ring of eight was very greatly appreciated by all. A young lady kindly deputised for Mr. Garner-Hayward (away in Italy) and joined in a course of Bob Major. The bells here were very easy to strike and were heard to great advantage in a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Tea was taken at the Warwick Restaurant and the last call was at Tamworth where Mr. Peers very kindly waited approximately 30 minutes to meet us. The heavy eight proved to be the highlight of the day and in spite of a long and tiring tour the striking was up to the best standard, particularly in touches of Stedman Triples, St. Clement's Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Some of the best ringing of the day was heard in a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major with Herbert Rooke on the tenor. The Vicar of Tamworth visited the coach and had a kindly word with members of the party.

It was approximately midnight when the last of the party reached home but all agreed that this was one of the best outings ever arranged. The writer would particularly like to thank Mr. Garner-Hayward and members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild for their ready assistance with suggestions for the tour. A. B. C.

SWINDON RINGERS SELECT MIDLAND TOWERS

A prompt 7 a.m. start was made on June 28th by the Christ Church, Swindon ringers on their customarily superbly organised annual outing. Joined by friends from neighbouring towers, a total of 43 ringers, including an eleventh hour 'gate-crasher,' filled a luxurious coach en route for the first tower at Bromsgrove (Worcs.) with an historic ring of ten. Some excellent Stedman Caters redeemed a rather disappointing full course of Cambridge Royal, while the beginners rang some creditable Grandsire Caters on these mellow bells.

An early salad lunch awaited a ravenous party at Dudley—where the temptation to foist some members of the party on the famous zoo had to be resisted! A beautifully musical and sweet-tuned ten were found at St. Thomas's Church, and the customary Caters and Royal methods were rung, including a Bob course of Kent and also some Little Bob. At Walsall our all-too-short ringing time was sadly curtailed by a wedding for which the sun had obligingly appeared. However it produced probably the best ringing, of Stedman Caters, of the day. A neat touch of Stedman Cinques had full justice done it with some excellent and almost faultless ringing, which gave much satisfaction to everyone.

Tea was to follow next, in Lichfield. To everyone's regret the glorious bells at the Cathedral were not available, but we had an enjoyable time on the mellow eight at St. Mary's. Cambridge, Double Norwich, St. Clement's Major and Stedman Triples were among the methods brought round. Thus we were soon en route for our last tower of the day at Coleshill (Warwicks). A very tuneful light eight here were put to good use, and Superlative and St. Clement's were brought round although on the whole the anti-clockwise ring did not produce very distinguished ringing. Another group photo to follow the one at Walsall was taken here in the evening sun—it's to be hoped everyone managed to get some part of themselves into the photo!

All aboard again via Kenilworth and Warwick for supper and drinks at the Home Office Fire Training Centre at Moreton-in-the-Marsh. The superb 'facilities' and refreshments here made the perfect end to the day. Everyone was well satisfied with the Resident Recording Engineer who had done 'sound' work during the day recording the ringing at the various towers on the tape recorder, when our efforts were played back to us.

Swindon was reached just before 12.30 a.m. at the end of a long but exceptionally satisfying and thoroughly enjoyable day. Everyone's most sincere thanks are due to Eric Sutton for his thorough and painstaking organisation, to Frank Wilton for his excellent arrangements at Moreton, and to all the tower captains and incumbents for the privilege of ringing upon their bells. 'CAMPANAMANUAL.'

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX

For their outing on June 28th, 15 ringers from North Weald went and sampled the bells at half-a-dozen towers in North Essex. This was something of an adventure, for North Weald had not done anything like that for a long time.

The first tower was Newport, where everybody had a go from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. Then followed Wendans Ambo, Littlebury and Elmdon, where a fine tea was had at the King's Head. Chrishall, with its long draught and small circle, took some getting used to. The tourists visited Clavering, where the best ringing of the day took place.

BURGHILL, HEREFORD

Last year our Vicar—a Salopian—at our request, planned for the Burghill, Hereford, ringers a very interesting ringing tour mainly in Shropshire. We were agreed that another trip into this lovely county would please both the ringers and the non-ringers. Our band on June 7th was strengthened by the Rector of Presteigne, the Rev. E. Geoffrey Benson, a former Vicar of Burghill, who was able to act as navigator: Mr. Austin Wingate, of the Hereford Cathedral band; Mr. W. Jones, for many years a member of our band and now resident in Gloucester; Mr. T. Stokes, father of our captain, and Bill Adams, of St. Nicholas', Hereford, a rooted tenor-man.

At Claverley we found a nice mellow and tuneful ring of eight bells (15¼ cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston (1929). Two members of the local band met and rang with us and we felt we were being made very welcome (this experience was felt at all the towers visited). Claverley has a keen Sunday service band and with *very* few exceptions the bells have been rung for morning and evening service for the last 16 years.

Our second tower was at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth. Here we again found a lovely ring of eight bells, a very fine 21 cwt. Warner tenor, and the ladies a fine shopping centre. We were met here by Mr. H. G. Thomas the retiring Master and newly-elected secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Our third tower was to have been at St. Michael's, Madeley, but owing to our late arrival and a wedding time would not permit.

At Broseley we were welcomed by the Rector and one of his ringers, and we quickly had this tuneful octave (13 cwt.) by Mears in action. We arrived at Much Wenlock in time to have a leisurely booked tea before ringing. The massive stone tower contains a ring of eight bells. The back six are by Rudhall, 1729, trebles added by Taylor, 1931. The 'go' and tone of the 16 cwt. tenor is such as would please the most exacting campanologist.

Our last tower was Cleobury Mortimore—our only six of the day and the Rev. E. G. Benson's 621st tower. It was his only 'new' tower on this outing. The bells are by Abel Rudhall, 1757. We had asked for the use of the bells for 30-40 minutes but the Vicar, who met us, and who has no Sunday service band, appeared to be so enthusiastic at hearing his bells ringing again that we felt we could have stayed longer had time allowed us to do so.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Minor and Major. From a ringing point of view the 279 Grandsire Triples at Broseley and the two courses of Bob Major at Much Wenlock were the best efforts. Our thanks are due to the six incumbents for giving us permssion to use their bells and to the ringers who were waiting at each tower to meet us.

F. M.

50 Years After At Llantwit

On Monday, June 29th, 1908, the bells of St. Illtyd, Llantwit Major, were rededicated after being recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They were originally a six, cast in 1722 by Abraham Rudhall.

On Saturday, June 28th, ringers came to the tower from as far away as Cardiff and Bridgend, and according to the Parish Magazine 'We were treated to a variety of ringing from rounds to methods hitherto unheard at Llantwit Major.' Afterwards they, together with old and present ringers of the parish, held a short service in the church, which was followed by tea and more ringing with renewed vigour.

On Sunday, the actual day of the anniversary, there was Festal Evensong with special hymns and lessons.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Northampton Branch

The village of Courteenhall is situated 1¼ miles off the main Northampton—Stony Stratford road, and with a population of about sixty, it has no bus service or village pub. It was at the beautiful church dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul that the Northampton Branch held its summer meeting on June 28th. The weather on this day was exceptionally kind. Before ringing commenced at Courteenhall, the bells of the neighbouring parishes of Wootton and Roade were made available. When all had assembled at Courteenhall, and the service touch duly rung, the Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector of Courteenhall with Collintree (Rev. C. L. Dunkerley), who also gave the address. The local organist, Mrs. W. Gosnald, was in attendance. Afterwards, a stroll through the park was necessary, for tea had been arranged in the only convenient place —the Old Grammar School, a well kept building, some 200 years old. Tea was served to 64 ringers and friends.

As this was a non-business meeting, it was necessary for the secretary to give notice of a change in date of a special meeting to be held at Walgrave to enable the enrolment of new members from this tower. The secretary said he was pleased with the state of Branch towers, and that nearly all had a band of ringers. New members were also forthcoming from Pitsford, where training of young people was in progress.

On behalf of members and friends present, Mr. G. F. Roome thanked the Rev. C. L Dunkerley (Rector), the organist, and ladies for the tea arrangements. Replying, the Rector said he could not help but notice the young people present, and stated that on looking down from the pulpit, he could not see one bald head! The bells of Courteenhall were again ringing across the park to complete a beautiful scene.

A social evening later took place in the Church Hall which was attended by over 100 ringers and friends. The evening consisted of dancing to the music of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and a selection of popular games. Entertainment was given by Miss Diana Papworth with a selection of tap and Scottish dancing, and the 'Planets' Skiffle Group. Refreshments were served by the church ladies. During the evening the secretary thanked all who had taken part in the entertainment and for the excellent arrangements made.

Mr. B. E. Frost (Branch Ringing Master), is to be congratulated on the way he carried out the duties of M.C. According to a local resident it was the liveliest 'do' in the village since the Coronation.

At Loughborough Foundry

A start at 6.30 a.m., and for some even before, was necessary for the Framsden (Suffolk) and Diss (Norfolk) outing to Loughborough. At the foundry we were met by Mr. Paul Taylor, and Mr. John Fidler escorted us round, which was greatly appreciated. At the Campanile, after a few bumped stays, Cambridge Royal and Yorkshire Major were rung. Some asked: 'Why all the shelves in the Campanile?'

After lunch All Saints' Church was visited, and a good course of Cambridge Royal was rung. Many of the party preferred these bells to those of Grantham.

We apologise for our poor attempt to raise in peal at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, but Cambridge Royal was well rung. After tea the handy eight at Aylestone and South Wigston were visited. Home was reached after an absence of 20 hours. We thank especially Mr. Brian G. Warwick for his valuable help in organising the outing.

S.

A DAMERHAM WEDDING

The wedding took place on June 28th, at St. George's Church, Damerham, of Mr. R. T. Jones, of Ross-on-Wye, and Miss J. M. Gray, of Damerham. The Rev. A. Phillips officiated at the choral service.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white figured brocade with a shoulder length veil held in place by a circlet of imitation orange blossom.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Evelyn Gray, who wore a full length dress of yellow net over taffeta, with a matching headdress.

The best man was Mr. K. Walker.

At the conclusion of the service touches were rung on the bells by the local band of ringers.

The reception was held at the Compasses Hotel, Damerham.

After the reception a peal of Plain Bob Minor was attempted by members of the Salisbury District ringers. Unfortunately it came to grief after ringing for 1½ hours. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was then attempted and was successful. The band was:—P. Waterman 1, J. Baverstock 2, Miss A. Bacon 3, A. Haines 4, P. Morgan 5, H. H. Abrahams (conductor) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN T. BARTRAM

The death took place in Worksop Victoria Hospital on June 9th of Mr. John T. Bartram, of East Retford, aged 74. He was to have undergone an operation but unfortunately passed away before it could be carried out. For many years he had lived at Misterton and was churchwarden there. He had learnt to ring at North Wheatley and at one time was attached to the Gainsborough tower.

He joined the North Notts Association in 1906 and for years would cycle miles to meetings. He also had been a member for many years of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. On his retirement from work he came to live at Retford and joined the East Retford band in 1949.

Mr. Bartram assisted West Retford on practice nights, and often rang there on Sunday mornings before going to his own tower. Of a quiet nature, he had rung less than a dozen peals; to him Sunday service ringing seemed to be the object.

The funeral service took place at East Retford on June 13th, Canon W. E. A. Pugh officiating and the interment was at Ordsall; his wife predeceased him some years ago. Ringers attended from East and West Retford and North Wheatley and the bells were afterwards rung half-muffled.

Although East Retford has a fair number of young learners, 'Jack,' who was well respected, will be greatly missed and will leave a gap that will be hard to fill.

May he have rightly earned his reward.

H. D.

QUARTER PEALS

BELPER, DERBYS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. G. Nicholson (first quarter) 1, Patricia A. M. Forster 2, J. K. Fox (first quarter) 3, P. Davies 4, G. A. Halls 5, W. A. Morley (cond.) 6. Rung for Sunday School anniversary and patronal festival.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny George 1, V. Cott 2, J. Parker 3, D. Parker 4, N. Martin (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong. Also on April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith 1, N. Martin (cond.) 2, V. Cott 3, D. Parker 4, J. Parker 5, D. Manger 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Cott 1, N. Martin (cond.) 2, Jenny George 3, J. Parker 4, D. Manger 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong.

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BIRTH

THOMPSETT.—On July 8th, 1958, at St. Woolos', Newport, to Vivien and William, a son (Simon). 2712

MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM CHANGE RINGING SOCIETIES

If you will be 'up' next year, as fresher or as professor, whether you can handle a bell or conduct Surprise, please contact:—

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ONLY SIX ROPES in our tower, but no one need 'stand out' at the fete at Kimpton on August 9th in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund. Kimpton bells available 3 to 8 p.m. at District meeting on this day. Dance, with licensed bar, 8.30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Watch for further notice.—J. G. Cull, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. 2667

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—Owing to repairs to tower and spire all ringing is suspended until further notice.—F. V. Gant. 2702

WITNEY RINGING SOCIETY.—Tuesday practices suspended during August. Visitors welcome on Sundays at 10.15 and 5.30. Practices restart on September 2nd at 7.30. 2705

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, July 19th. Ringing 3.30 p.m.—John Chilcott, A. W. J. Butler, Hon. Secs. 2638

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Norton St. Philip, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2650

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cucklington, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Stoke Trister bells after meeting. Names for tea.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 2682

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Leamington Spa Parish Church, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at Pattisons Restaurant 4.45. Service 6 p.m., followed by meeting in the ringing chamber at 6.30 p.m. Good attendance requested.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 2660

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bassingbourne (6), Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Litlington also available after tea. —E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2661

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 19th, at Hemingford Grey (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots (6) after tea. Hemingford Grey also available.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2672

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch,—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea available.—J. E. Fox. Dis. Sec. 2673

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Tillingham, Saturday, July 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bus (Kemps Coaches) outside Maldon Bus Station at 2.45 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2610

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Little Horkesley on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Great Horkesley (6) also available from 6.30 p.m. 2627

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 19th, Newdigate. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea, King's Head, Capel, 5. Capel bells available from 6 p.m. 2631

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, July 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2675

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Hastings, Saturday, July 19th. St. Clement's, 3 p.m.; All Saints', 6 p.m.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 2658

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 19th, at Barnet, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2670

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Margate, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2646

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow East (8), Saturday, July 19th. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Short business meeting, vestry, 6 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock. 2671

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Staines, Saturday, July 19th. Ringing at St. Peter's, 3 to 4.30; St. Mary's, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Chardstock on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 2656

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon, Saturday, July 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Anthony R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 2674

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, July 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Royal Oak.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 2648

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Abbots Ann, on July 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Parish Room. 2683

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Combined evening practice at Blechingley (8) on Wednesday, July 23rd. Bells 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2694

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on July 26th at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park.—John Chilcott. 2703

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Uphill (6), on Saturday, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall.—David H. White. 2684

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Portishead (8) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 2690

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Practice meeting at East Budleigh, Saturday, July 26th, at 7 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2706

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barnby Dun, Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Russell Stephenson, Estoperpetoa, Stainforth Road, Barnby Dun.—George Watson, Sec. 2698

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, July 26th, Chipping Campden (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Ebrington (6), 6.15 p.m. Names by July 22nd.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 2692

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Northleach, Saturday, July 26th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 23rd.—Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 2685

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Avening, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. each). Names for tea, by Tuesday, July 22nd, to S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 2700

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at North Nibley (6), July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by July 23rd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2693

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Cranleigh (8) on Saturday, July 26th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. O. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green, Cranleigh.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 2689

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Lydd on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss M. Vantom, 2, Tarts Cottages, Skinner Road, Lydd.—C. T. H. 2653

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. George's, Beckenham, Saturday, July 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by Monday, 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2654

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.— Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, July 26th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (bring own food). Business 6 p.m. Evensong (said) 7. Rudhall eight here, ton tenor, excellent 'go.'—Thornley, Sec. 2688

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton Parish Church on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 2710

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Calverley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Dawson, 16, Salisbury Place, Calverley, Pudsey, Yorks. 2696

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, by the Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2704

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather (8), on Saturday, July 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 23rd to Mr. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 2665

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Hoar Cross, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. All welcome. 2708

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Mundford, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 22nd, to Mr. H. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford. 2679

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Hughenden (8), July 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. (Windsor 1484.) 2691

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Meeting at Yardley Hastings, Saturday, July 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to John E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 2709

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Lyneham (6), July 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Mr. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 2697

SOUTHWWELL DIOCESAN GCILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Edwinstowe, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service evening. Names for tea (5 p.m.), by Tuesday, July 22nd, to Mrs. Woodhead, 12, Church Street, Edwinstowe, Notts.—D. H. Rooke. 2686

SUFFOLK GUILD — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Kedington, Saturday, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse. Names to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare 2649

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Coddenham, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Henley (8) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, Wednesday, 23rd, to W. J. Button, Hon. Sec., Stonham Aspal. 2701

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Pot-pourri practice meeting at Eastbourne, July 26th. St. Saviour's handbells 3 p.m., Tower bells 3.30 p.m. Service and tea. All Saints' after tea.—H. Reynolds, 10, Eastern Avenue, Polesgate. 2687

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — A practice meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 2707

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mickleton, Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names, by July 22nd, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 2695

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Kilndown on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash (2/6) please, by Tuesday, July 29th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 2699

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD. — Advance Notices.—The autumn meeting will be held at Norwich on September 27th. Full ringing arrangements will be announced in good time. The annual general meeting, 1959, will be held in London (Southern Region) on April 25th, and the autumn meeting at Newport, Mon., on September 26th, 1959. 2711

5,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

BY NOLAN GOLDEN

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5,024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER

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62435			—	
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34526	—			
23546	—			3
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Repeat once.

Rung at Deddington, Oxon, July 24th, 1954, conducted by Alan R. Pink.

LLANGYNYWD, GLAM.—On June 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. Davies 3, T. E. Hiddins 4 W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, C. A. Gerrish 6. For the Festival of Wales service.

PENYFAI, GLAM.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Preece 1, J. Hale 2, C. A. Gerrish 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5. Rung for the Induction of the new Vicar.

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TAKING STOCK

'THE RINGING WORLD' has been running steadily since 1911, and with one break due to industrial troubles in the newspaper and periodical Press, has not failed to make a weekly appearance. It is well under such circumstances for the Editor to take stock. Looking back to the publication in 1946 when the present Editor assumed office, there have been various improvements in lay-out and technique generally and to present such ringing news available in an attractive manner without sensationalism. But 'The Ringing World' differs from most publications; its ownership is not individual but collective, and every ringer who is a member of one of the affiliated associations shares in that ownership—not for any personal profit but for the general enrichment of the Exercise.

The purport of 'The Ringing World' is to knit the great body of ringers into one big brotherhood. And there is this to be said for ringing generally—there is no body of lay church people where the family spirit is more manifest, where individuals are known to a very wide circle, if not personally, by their deeds and accomplishments. Towards this family spirit a start was admirably made by the founder, and his example has been in front of the Editor during these past 12 years.

But a family cannot stand still, neither can 'The Ringing World.' There are big gaps. On the one side there are towers that are silent on Sundays, and on the other there are many ringers who are not subscribers to the journal. Our experience has been that there is a change in subscribing membership of approximately 6 per cent. a year. Fortunately, newcomers of late have counterbalanced losses, and we are a little to the good.

What are the reasons, apart from deaths and marriages? In the first place, young ringers lose interest in the Exercise, often through leaving home. Secondly, there are many ringers who are not really in the family. Their ringing is confined to their own tower; they rarely go to meetings and their only contact with the big outside world of ringing is when an itinerant ringer or a coach party comes to their tower. They take the journal for a season and give it up. And when one's vision is restricted to Grandsire Doubles and there is an absence of outside social contacts it is understandable.

Then we have the fluctuating readers who take the journal for one quarter, drop out for one or two quarters and then rejoin for another period. But a glance at our peal and quarter peal columns indicates that they are still keen on their ringing; they are invariably readers of the journal through belfry or friends' copies. In many cases the lapse arises through being 'too busy' to buy a postal order. Last week-end, for example, we sent out 144 overdue subscription reminders, asking for a reply. The 'too busy' section didn't even reply.

Finally there are those to whom the journal fails to make an appeal. Some complain about the four pages devoted to peals, others that compositions and letters on theory are Greek to them and a waste of space. (Incidentally, one subscriber told the Editor that the only thing he read in 'The Ringing World' was compositions.) There are complaints that reports of outings are curtailed, others think some of the contributions are too flippant, or again 'The Ringing World' is far too stodgy and the special articles too heavy. The Editor to some is too dictatorial and to others not 'having the guts' to use the waste-paper basket. It is obvious that 'The Ringing World' will not please all its readers, but we go so far as to say that the majority find it a very welcome arrival on a Friday.

What is the remedy? The answer is surely the greater postbag the more varied the contents. We welcome everything though not necessarily for publication. We need good articles of interest to ringers and also suitable contributions for the front page of the journal. To those who send reports of outings or tours remember that 'Bert' or 'Shelagh' is not sufficient identity. A report of an outing has to be written for the interest of 5,500 readers, not for the 20 or 30 in the coach party.

Now for a few grouses. All journals get bad copy—difficult to decipher. A fancy signature at the end of a letter or contribution has caused many wasted minutes—searching guild reports and other means to establish the identity of the sender. It may be a protection against forgery on a cheque, but the good old-fashioned block capitals are still the best.

Names in peals and quarter peals cannot be accurately printed unless plainly written. Do not economise in paper—write on one side only, especially peals and quarter peals. When submitting a report of any performance, have a copy of 'The Ringing World' in front of you and see how it is set up. There are great men in the Exercise who feel that the number of the bell should be printed before

the name of the ringer and the sign for a footnote afterwards. Then there is a proper sequence for footnote signs, starting with an asterisk. This has been traditional since 1911.

As to the future, the Exercise can only have the newspaper it requires in relation to the degree of co-operation from its readers. The individual reader's enthusiasm is the crux of everything: he or she can get new subscribers and can add to the interest of its pages. And now for bumper postbags and more subscribers.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 lb.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	8
*MARY H. HALL	3	†FRANK D. MACK	9
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	4	†TUDOR P. EDWARDS	10
*PATRICK J. BIRD	5	REGINALD G. HOOPER	11
*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	6	FRANK E. HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Grandsire Cinques.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

J. F. SMALLWOOD (1951)	*Treble*	JOHN S. MASON (1956-57)	7
E. P. DUFFIELD (1934-35)	2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK (1958)	8
ALFRED B. PECK (1910)	3	JOHN CHILCOTT (1954)	9
JAMES G. A. PRIOR (1952)	4	JACK A. WAUGH (1949)	10
THOMAS G. FOX (1950)	5	FREDK. E. COLLINS (1953)	11
G. W. CECIL (1947-48)	6	CYRIL G. J. WATTS (1955)	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP A. F. CHALK. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung by the Master, Senior Past Master and Past Masters of the Society.

TEN BELL PEAL

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Fri., July 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE	*Treble*	†PETER GARDNER	6
*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	2	†ERIC P. SPARKS	7
†JOHN H. OWENS	3	*JAMES BLACKBURN	8
‡STANLEY WALMSLEY	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	9
‡PHILIP DUNDERDALE	5	†JACK HIGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First in the method and first of Caters. ‡First in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter Barrand (a ringer at this tower) and Enid Taylor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

PETER R. SANDERS	*Treble*	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	5
D. ROY STODDARD	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
JEREMY A. M. SALTER	3	JAMES H. PAILING	7
GLYN F. JENKINS	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
First peal of Stedman Triples.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*E. ALAN JACQUES	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
†WILLIAM A. LACEY	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
‡DOREEN D. DUTTON	3	ANTHONY S. JESSON	7
GORDON H. ARGUILE	4	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † First in the method away from the treble. ‡ First of Major in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Ralph Elkington, now with the R.A.F. in Malta, on his 21st birthday.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

IAN M. HOLLAND	*Treble*	MRS. J. E. TURLEY	5
JOHN S. CHETTLEBURGH	2	JOHN S. SEAGER	6
MARGARET JOHNSON	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
MARION ANCHER	4	CYRIL RUSBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL RUSBY.
First peal of Major as conductor. The ringers of treble and tenor have now 'circled the tower.'
Specially arranged for John S. Chettleburgh, home on a month's leave from serving with the R.A.F. in Cyprus.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*LEWIS HEMSTOCK	*Treble*	LESLIE BACON	5
*MRS. JOAN CROSBY	2	†JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	6
GEORGE CHAMBERS	3	*DENNIS SMEDLEY	7
HERBERT T. ROOKE	4	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 4). Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. H. Rooke.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES A. BASSETT	*Treble*	EDWARD J. JENNER	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	JOHN O. WELLER	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	STANLEY G. PONTING	7
MARGARET A. LADD	4	STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
First peal of Plain Bob Major as conductor. Mr. C. A. Bassett and Mr. E. J. Ladd have now 'circled the tower.'

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	EDWIN J. UPTON	5
RONALD W. R. PICTON	2	*D. JOSEPH GOODMAN	6
WALTER AYRE	3	†RODERICK V. WALLIS	7
*MIKAELA F. C. ERIK	4	BRIAN M. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal on eight and first attempt. † First of Major. First peal on the recast bells, which were dedicated by the Bishop of Bedford the previous evening.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

*PETER F. T. SMITH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	‡WILFRED W. RING	6
†DAVID STAPLES	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.' ‡ 150th peal.
Rung to commemorate the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Wye for the 511th anniversary of the founding of Wye College.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., July 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*JAMES A. HILL	*Treble*	JOHN VERNON	5
JOHN H. BAILESS	2	†HARRY HARPER	6
†RODNEY RICHARDSON	3	GRAHAM T. BALL	7
†GEORGE E. VERNON	4	MICHAEL VERNON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.
* First peal. † First of Major. 125th peal on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., July 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 ORWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
*IAN H. ORAM	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	†PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* 50th peal for the Association. † 300th peal for the Association. The conductor's 250th peal on the bells.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
(Yorkshire Association.)
On Fri., July 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	*Treble*	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	5
MILTON FOWLER	2	*JOHN SEAGER	6
*SUSAN CHADDOCK	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
*MARY C. PAYNE	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	6
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (30). Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Superlative Surprise.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	FRANK G. OLIVER	6
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	3	†BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	7
*WILLIAM J. BRUNT	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, except the treble ringer.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Ernest J. Butler, of Colchester.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	*Treble*	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
HARRY D. LISTER	2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	6
RONALD G. BUGG	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
IVAN COOPER	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
A compliment to Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, on his 83rd birthday.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

ARTHUR J. HART	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
LEONARD STILWELL	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	5
*A. REX AGG	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
†WILLIAM F. TODD	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
C. ANNE AGG	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Charles V. Hare (80) and C. Michael Orme (21).

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

HARRY BOSWELL	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
MURIEL REAY	3	PAUL J. RIGBY	7
RUTH M. BORDER	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
A birthday compliment to Henry H. Fearn.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Roger Tomkins	*Treble*	Frederick J. Bedford	4
John H. Thomas	2	John Clements	5
*W. Garry Clinton	3	George Corbett	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 23 methods, being four extents each of St. Osmund, St. Vedast, Huntspill, New Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent each of Stedman and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Jill I. Martin	*Treble*	Alan L. M. Shepherd	4
Pamela Latchford	2	Derek E. Sibson	5
Derek E. Latchford	3	Harry F. Churchman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in 12 Doubles methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

KENTISBEARE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., June 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and ten 120's. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Francis Parr	*Treble*	W. Donald Salter	4
Leslie V. Morell	2	William Webb	5
Christopher D. J. Webb	3	W. Ronald Trickey	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Webb.

First peal on the bells since being rehung.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*Roy Easson	*Treble*	Bryan Pattison	4
Anne E. Amor	2	Sydney Foskett	5
Keith Fleming	3	Roy A. Ward	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

* First peal.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of Cambridge and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Derek C. Jackson	*Treble*	†Howard Collings	4
Marjorie Legg	2	‡Henry C. Clarke	5
*David White	3	George Prescott	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First of Minor in three methods. ‡ First peal.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

Being three six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four six-scores of April Day, 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, and two twelve-scores (Morris's arrangement), two twelve-scores (Pitman's arrangement) and ten six-scores (ten callings) of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

*James Goodfellow	*Treble*	Jeffery W. Wallace	4
†Adrian F. R. Hartley	2	Anthony M. Coombs	5
Brynley Taylor	3	David N. Hoare	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony M. Coombs.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Longest peal on the bells, and by the band.

Rung as 21st birthday compliments to E. J. R. Hartley and G. Harding, ringers at Penarth.

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. combined, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

W. Russell Read	*Treble*	*Roy Stephenson	4
*†Fredk. W. Pinchbeck	2	*J. Michael Simpson	5
*Patricia Holmes	3	†Denis A. Frith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † 25th peal together. First in seven methods on the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Brian J. Luff	*Treble*	Barwell B. Dibben	4
Robin G. Leale	2	Trevor A. Cross	5
Alan J. Frost	3	Ralph Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

First peal in 13 methods on the bells, and for the Association.

KINGSCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

William S. Deason	*Treble*	Brian J. Luff	4
Alan J. Frost	2	Robin G. Leale	5
Geoffrey K. Dodd	3	Ralph Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells.

PENHOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

*Patricia H. Jones	*Treble*	Eric T. Lee	4
Jacqueline S. King	2	Cyril A. Wratten	5
David J. King	3	E. Trevor Newbury	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Patricia H. Jones and John E. Morgan on their engagement.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Rodney J. Musson	*Treble*	William R. Marsh	4
Percy D. Baldock	2	*Barry Brown	5
Ronald Russell	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

In memoriam Arthur I. Holmes, of Edenham, Lincs.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and one 240 Grandsire (Morris's). Tenor 12 cwt.

*David J. Warren	*Treble*	George F. Roome	3
George F. Fawcett	2	Michael R. Bennett	4
Robin V. Baker	*Tenor*		

Conducted by George F. Roome.

* First peal.

A compliment and farewell peal to Mr. R. C. H. Sibley on his appointment as registrar in Chester.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 30, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 22 methods: Two extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob; one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place and Spliced Stedman and Grandsire; and two Spliced extents each of the following: Grandsire and Chase, Grandsire and Union, St. Simon's and Rugby S.C., St. Simon's and Braywood S.C., St. Martin's and Slapton S.C., St. Martin's and Welford S.C., St. Nicholas' and Longford S.C., St. Nicholas' and Fundenhall S.C., Winchendon Place and Thornborough S.C., Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe S.C., Reverse Canterbury and Dorton S.C., Reverse Canterbury and Raveningham S.C., Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C. and Boxford S.C.; 172 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

JAMES BROOKS .. .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER 4
*JENNIFER SHUTTLE 2	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal. † First in more than one Doubles method.

Arranged and rung especially for the ordination and first Mass of the Rev. A. F. Treadwell, ordained priest at Christ Church, Oxford, the previous day.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Double Oxford and two each of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

PERCY SWINDLEY .. .. *Treble*	GEOFFREY PARTING 4
JOHN S. DEAN 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 5
JOHN F. HUGHES 3	JOHN T. TILSTON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hughes, wife of the Rector of Hope.

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes*,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

ROBIN V. BAKER .. .. *Treble*	ROBERT S. ROBERTS 4
*RAYMOND HENMAN 2	JIM C. RAINBOW 5
ALLAN R. JONES 3	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. *Treble*

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

HARRY HALL .. .. .. *Treble*	C AUBREY HARRISON .. 4
*RICHARD HALL 2	JACK BRAY 5
RONALD CHAFER 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of St. Simon's, ten of Plain Bob, ten of Reverse Canterbury and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*ANN WHITE .. .. .. *Treble*	FRANK PARRAMORE 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
HAROLD HOOPER 3	*JOHN HOOPER .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate a year's ministry by the Vicar.

SOPLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Ten different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

MICHAEL J. BEST .. .. *Treble*	JAMES E. DANIELS 3
COLIN CONWAY 2	FRANK L. HARRIS 4

LEWIS F. COBB .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal of Stedman Doubles for all, except the ringer of the second.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 73 methods: (1) Peveril, Melandra, Beeston, Leasowe, Chelsea, Oswald, Barham, Kentish, Edinburgh, Pembroke and Berkeley Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob; (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley and Berwick Surprise, Burslem and Waltham Delight; (3) Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London Surprise; (4) Balmoral, Chepstow, Skipton, Fotheringay, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Knutsford, Bogedone and Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (5) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate, Marple, Taxal, Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood, Braintree, Humber, Elston and Clarence Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel, Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, Pontefract, Donottar, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight; (7) St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Combermere, Crowland, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight; 165 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KENNETT .. .. *Treble*	BERNARD GROVES 4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in 73 methods by all the band, and for the Association. Average age 16½ years.

This is the maximum number of Treble Bob methods that can be spliced into seven extents, and was first rung on these bells on June 12th, 1937, conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Rung as a compliment to William A. Smith, a ringer at Fairfield, on attaining his Ph.D. degree (Manchester), and also as a 15th birthday compliment to William H. Dowse.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and one of Kent and Oxford T.B. combined. Tenor 13 cwt.

H. LESLIE SQUIRES .. .. *Treble*	JOHN E. COOK 4
PATRICIA HOLMES 2	DENIS A. FRITH 5
FREDK. W. PINCHBECK .. 3	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* 25th peal. First in nine methods by all, except the conductor, and his first in nine methods as conductor.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. *Treble*	†ERIC W. BIRKETT 4
EDWIN C. BIRKETT 2	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 5
*BRAITHWAITE RIGG 3	FRANK BIRKETT .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal. † First in three methods.

Rung to mark the centenary of the church and the centenary of the casting of the tenor bell.

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HALF PEAL

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At S. Nicolas' Church, on July 10th, 2,520 Plain Bob Royal: Monica E. Collins 1, Ann M[d] Cox 2, J. L. Queen 3, J. P. McDermott 4, A. V. Queen 5, P. G. Smart 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, A. R. Tysoe 8, D. A. R. May 9, T. A. Cross 10. First on 10 for 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9. A farewell compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Puntis. The Rev. H. A. Puntis (curate of S. Nicolas) is leaving to take up a living in Devonshire.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Margaret Ward (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, Joan Beresford 2, Mary R. Andrews (first of Yorkshire Major) 3, Beverley A. Thompson 4, S. J. Woodcock 5, J. L. Morris 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8. For Matins and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ward.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Albury (first of Minor) 1, P. Payne (first 'inside') 2, Mary Tysoe 3, R. Harrison 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, R. A. Ward 6.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On June 14th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): Olive D. Couchman 1, M. L. Howe 2, L. Mannering 3, G. Pearson 4, C. A. Tester 5, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Mary Hollands and Mr. Peter J. Hayward, married this day at Wilmslow, Cheshire.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. B. Schofield (aged 11, first of Triples) 1, Miss B. G. Schofield 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, H. B. Schofield 4, F. Rayment 5, A. Ashton 6, E. H. Simpson 7, T. Pedder 8. Rung for the 500th anniversary service attended by the Lord Mayor, at which the Archbishop of York preached.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, on July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Stalham 1, G. North 2, Florence Martin 3, S. G. Ridge 4, A. W. Gravett 5, C. W. Riddlestone 6, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 7, F. J. Lewis 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to William J. Webb (87), a member of this tower for 31 years, from his fellow-ringers of Brighton.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Cotterell 1, Doreen Gibbons 2, S. Moody 3, W. Upton 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Long 6, C. A. Drake 7, C. F. Guy 8. For Matins, and birthday compliments to the conductor and W. Upton.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss K. Bell 1, L. Trevor 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, J. Draycot 4, G. A. Bell 5, J. Gibbons 6, H. Harris 7, H. Harper 8, J. F. Clarke 9, J. A. L. Thompson (cond.) 10. Forst quarter in method for 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8. For Evensong.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob Minor and Doubles: Margaret Shuttle 1, Jennifer Shuttle 2, A. J. Bird 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, W. Birmingham 5, J. Brooks 6. For Confirmation.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Kennington, Canterbury, and 540 Plain Bob): D. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Curtis 2, I. Markham 3, A. C. Cozens 4, K. D. Perkins (cond.) 5. Also on the same day 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Norfolk, All Saints', Canterbury, Kennington, and 300 Plain Bob): J. Powell (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Curtiss 2, Miss P. Neesham 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,312 Bristol Surprise Major: Joan Beresford 1, Beverley A. Thompson (first of Bristol) 2, A. G. Mason 3, J. L. Morris 4, I. H. Oram 5, S. J. Woodcock (first of Bristol) 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Bereford (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the Divisional Guide service.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On July 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Hilary Johnson (first of Major) 1, Avril Thackray 2, S. J. Ivin 3, S. F. Webb 4, A. A. Chown (first of Major) 5, M. J. V. Chown 6, S. G. Osborne 7, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mrs. E. P. Pinfold, who has completed 65 years as teacher and superintendent of the Sunday School.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On July 6th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. F. Carter 1, D. E. R. Knights 2, M. J. Dyer 3, D. F. Murfet 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Preston 1, W. W. Wright (cond.) 2, P. N. Murgatroyd 3, G. S. Joyce 4, R. C. Turner 5, A. E. Lifford 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. For Evensong and the 21st birthday of the treble ringer.

HARTHILL, YORKS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Bishop (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, I. Fraser 3, I. Tilling 4, D. G. French 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, D. Fraser 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all the band.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—At St. John's Church, on July 6th, 1,260 Double Court Triples: M. J. Seymour 1, F. C. Price 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, A. R. Turley 4, T. G. Bannister 5, N. W. Robinson 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, C. A. Ashford 8. First quarter in method by all the band. For Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Mrs. J. W. Sinfield 1, A. R. Agg 2, P. Mehew 3, A. E. Rushton 4, F. J. Plummer 5, J. W. Sinfield 6, C. M. Orme 7, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 7. Rung for St. Mary's patronal festival.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Stokes 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, Miss J. M. Clements 3, E. Fosberry (cond.) 4, S. A. Paice 5, I. Windwood 6, D. Mitchell 7, J. Smith 8. For Whitsun Evensong. Also on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. St. C. Langton (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. M. Trott 2, Miss J. M. Clements 3, Miss E. J. Langton 4, S. A. Paice 5, D. Mitchell 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung to welcome the Rt. Rev. A. Partridge, Bishop of Nandyal, India, to the parish this week-end, and for Evensong.

LEAMINGTON SPA, WARWICKS.—On July 9th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Allen 1, P. Oram (first of Triples) 2, J. L. Allen 3, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 4, R. J. Edden 5, C. H. Grindley 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, L. F. Kinchen 8. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. R. Howell, priest-in-charge of St. Alban's in this parish, died July 5th, 1958.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, A. T. Palmer 2, W. Moore 3, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Moore 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Creasy on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary. Mr. Creasy being a bellringer at March.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Medland (14, first quarter) 1, E. For 2, Esther Hambly (15, first 'inside') 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hambly 6. A farewell to the ringer of 2, who is leaving for National Service.

NORTHAMPTON.—On June 29th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: K. D. Perkins 1, R. S. Roberts 2, A. R. Jones 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, E. Billings 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, R. V. Baker 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 5 and 6. For Evensong on the festival of St. Peter as a farewell compliment to the Rev. V. Reynolds and a birthday compliment to Eric Billings.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Kempsell 1, G. Olliver (cond.) 2, Valerie Hawkins (first 'inside') 3, R. Bird 4, E. Carvell (first 'inside') 5, Freda Hankey 6. For Evensong.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Glover (first quarter) 1, J. Ayres 2, C. J. Turner 3, E. J. Manley (cond.) 4, E. H. Marks 5, C. C. Turner 6, R. T. Wood 7, J. A. Price 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): R. Gale 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, H. Hardwidge 4, A. Gould 5, P. Walters 6, R. Way 7, G. Rowbotham 8. For the Feast of St. Peter.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET—On July 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Welch 1, R. Welch 2, H. Bungay 3, R. Dean 4, J. Drew (cond.) 5, G. Monkton (first 'inside') 6. Conductor's 100th quarter peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, H. Worboys 2, G. Blower 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, P. Coward 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Peett 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. Rung for Evensong.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of All Saints', Canterbury, April Day, Old and 300 Plain Bob): R. Keeves (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, H. Curtis 3, A. Osborne (cond.) 4, A. C. Cozens 5.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: Mary Powel 1, D. Cobb 2, Monica Fray 3, K. Prime 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7–8 covering): Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Linda M. Southerden (first 'inside') 2, M. Winter 3, Noreen Winter 4, J. Small 5, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 6, A. L. Terry 7, R. Chadwick 8. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Powell (first quarter) 1, A. Cox 2, A. Westwood 3, H. Yardley 4, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 5, C. Parker 6, J. Pinfold 7, H. J. Turner 8. For the patronal festival Evensong.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Cobb 1, E. H. Smith 2, Monica Fray 3, Lesley Roberts 4, M. J. Horseman 5, F. G. Henbest 6, D. E. Cobb (first as cond.) 7, F. Bonsey 8. For the patronal festival and as a 21st compliment to the conductor.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. G. Elliott 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, R. A. Brown 3, G. R. Crisp 4, B. E. Matthews 5, P. H. Langton (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for St. Peter's Church garden festival.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Hoby (13) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Linda Kew (13) 3, Pamela Jervis 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, M. Harbord 6, J. C. Birt 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8. For the patronal festival and the visit of the Bishop of S.W. Tanganyika.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Fletcher 1, K. R. Foot 2, Alma Greaves 3, J. Corbett (first of Triples as cond.) 4, Mrs. C. A. Barron 5, J. K. Foot 6, C. A. Barron 7, J. W. Perrins 8.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Marian Mills 2, F. Harvey 3, P. Mills 4, I. Cooper 5, W. Downs 6. For morning service.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On June 29th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: H. Prout 1, J. T. Rooke 2, R. Lucas 3, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For patronal festival.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss T. M. Lloyd 1, Mrs. S. J. Haines 2, S. J. Haines 3, T. E. Harrold 4, A. J. Williams (first of Triples) 5, K. A. Roe 6, J. S. Carter (cond.) 7, A. R. Carter 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams on the birth of a son (Paul Julian).

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Barnes 1, A. Gowen 2, G. Sharpe 3, J. Bird 4, L. Harvey (cond.) 5, E. Shippey 6. First quarter for 1 an 2. Rung after morning Eucharist. Also on July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Green 1, Mrs. J. Parker 2, J. Bird 3, G. Sharpe 4, M. Parker 5, L. Harvey (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 4. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Sharpe (tower captain).

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Single Oxford: H. Haynes 1, E. Tebbut 2, J. Newton 3, C. W. Hall 4, N. James 5, F. Chambers (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for 3 and 5. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey P. Druitt).

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On June 30th, 420 Grandsire, 840 Plain Bob Doubles: M. C. W. Seymour (first quarter) 1, A. W. Cansdale 2, A. E. Leggett (cond.) 3, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 4, B. E. Gibbons (first in two methods) 5, D. G. Davison 6.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. R. Gilling 1, H. Yeates 2, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 3, W. Kingcott 4, Mrs. W. Kingcott 5, R. Brice 6, G. Prescott 7, S. Smith (first 'inside') 8, H. Knight 9, M. Board 10. Rung after the christening of George Sidney, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Collins, both local ringers.

5,024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE

BY D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS

B	M	W	H	
x			—	23564
		—	3	62534
x			—	62345
		—	—	34625
x			—	34256
		2	2	52436
	—		3	42635
x			—	42356
		—	3	54326
	—		2	46325
	—		3	36524
x			2	23645
x			—	23456

Rung at Ripley on April 12th, 1958.

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE

BY ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B 39)

23456	B	M	W	H
35264	x			
63254			—	
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23564	x			
62534			—	3
23645	x			
42635			—	3
42356	x			—
65324		—	—	—
35426		—		3
52364	x			
53624			—	2
34625		—		2
23456	x			2

First rung at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on March 8th, 1958.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at All Saints', Westbury, on July 5th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Galloway.

After tea in the Institute the business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. T. Weeks (chairman), who welcomed visitors from Backwell (Somerset), Chippenham, Clutton, Corsley, Frome, Malmesbury, Nailsea, Salisbury and Brother Ronald of the Order of St. Francis (Dorset). Seven new members and one honorary member were elected. Thanks were extended to the Vicar, the organist, and to the ladies who provided the tea.

The next three meetings were arranged for Steeple Ashton, Longbridge Deverill and Bradford Holy Trinity. Methods rung during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

RINGING PROGRESS AT HARTHILL

Appreciable progress towards establishing a change ringing band has been made at All Hallows' Church, Harthill, Yorkshire, where the ring of eight bells (tenor 18¼ cwt.) has for the past two years been rung fairly regularly for both morning and evening services.

Six members of the band have now taken part in 720 Bob Minor, which qualifies them to become members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. On July 14th three of these six rang in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples (1,260 changes): they are Hugh Bishop and Ian and Donald Fraser, and the other three who have qualified for the Yorkshire Association are Jean Pemberton, Patricia Hartley and Janet Meek. N. C.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

Barnsley District ringers outing on July 5th was into Derbyshire, and a 7.15 a.m. start was made to pick up ringers and friends at Silkstone, Cawthorne, Shelley and Ecclesfield. Owing to floods the route to Clowne was diverted, and despite arriving one and a half hours late a warm welcome was received from Mr. Cooper. The six bells were soon ringing to Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.

At Bolsover Mr. Cooper and Mr. Joseph Saxon not only made us welcome but joined in the ringing. An excellent lunch was served at the Diamond Horseshoe Hotel.

The afternoon's ringing was at Fairfield, where Mr. Richardson had made arrangements for tea, provided at the Pavilion Gardens Restaurant. The last tower was St. Matthew's, Hayfield, where Mr. D. Johnson made us welcome. The outing was well organised by Mr. Noel F. Moxon and our thanks are accorded to him, the incumbents and everyone who met us. J. W. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

At Sharrow, Yorkshire, the Gainsborough ringers on their outing were surprised to see a stained glass window recording a peal. Is this unique?

Featured in the July issue of the British Railways Magazine (North-Eastern Region) is the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers at York.

The ringer of the treble in the quarter peal at Penarth (see page 346) was E. J. R. Hartley and not R. T. Escott, as printed. Our correspondent's apologies.

During the University Whitsun tour a valuable fountain pen was left in the belfry of Crookham Church. If the owner will send 1s. 6d. to Mr. T. Fowler, Crookham, Berks, it will be returned by registered post.

During ringing for Evensong at St. Martin's, Dorking, Surrey, on July 6th, the bells were rung by eight ladies, all resident in the parish. There must be few parishes which can emulate this feat.

The peal of London Surprise at Daventry (page 460) was rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Webb, of Staverton, on the birth of a son and heir.

The Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of more than ordinary interest at Croydon on July 12th, when the band was composed of the Master and 11 past-masters. Perhaps some other Society will also try to emulate this perofrmance among its past-masters as apart from an officers' peal.

The Army peal at Richmond, Yorks, on July 9th was the culmination of 23 months' waiting by Mr. J. R. Taylor, of Bedford, who is doing his National Service. The peal was finally possible by the posting of Mr. Bruce Grainger to Catterick on a two weeks' course. The band hope that more Army peals will be forthcoming.

Mr. P. E. Preston, a member of the Farnborough (Hants) Parish Church team, celebrated his 21st birthday by taking part in his first quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on July 6th. It was also the first quarter for Mr. A. E. Lifford, and the eighth successful quarter this year for the Farnborough band.

Handing over the Central Council Library was no light task. It involved Mr. Frederick Sharpe moving 12,000 books—and it was not a 'ground floor ring.'

The peal at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, on June 18th (page 426) should be credited to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The Railwaymen's Guild's slogan for 1957 'On to the Century' was exceeded; the slogan for 1958 is 'On to the Double Century.'

Good fellowship abounded at the joint meeting of the Shropshire Association and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at Shrewsbury on July 12th. A company of 76 attended.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild made 265 new members during 1957. Some members would like to see Mr. Cupid banned from the belfry! Marriage is one of the reasons for loss of members.

His friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Philip Gray has recovered from his serious eye trouble that has involved two operations and has prevented him working since the end of April. He hopes to start work next week.

A feature of the Oxford Diocesan Guild Festival on Saturday was the dedication of a beautiful banner for the Guild by the Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg. Designed by Mr. F. G. Edmans, of Great Horwaard, Bucks, it was woven by Mr. M. Jamieson and embroidered by Miss E. Irving. The pole for the banner was made by Mr. Edmans from the old oak bell frame of Great Horwood Church, dated 1660.

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GREAT RINGING DAY AT SAFFRON WALDEN

The 335th anniversary of Great Ringing Day was held on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing commenced at 11.15 a.m. with visitors from Bedford, and others. The Oxford Diocesan Guild arrived about 11.45 on their annual outing and commenced their ringing with Stedman Cinques, followed by Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques. They all went to the Oulde Hoose at 12.30 for lunch. By this time a party from the South-West Division of Essex Association, under the leadership of the Master, Mr. John Crampion, arrived and went to their lunch at the Abbey Hotel.

After lunch the party from Oxford said 'Farewell' and continued their journey on their outing, and the South-Western ringers made their way to the tower, where other visitors had gathered. The bells were kept going all the afternoon. Stedman Cinques appeared to be the favourite method, but a half-course of Cambridge Royal was successfully brought round.

The festival service was held at 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (Canon M. R. Sinker), the preacher being the curate (the Rev. W. Uden). Tea was taken at 5 p.m., some going to the Abbey Hotel and some to the Oulde Hoose.

It is much regretted that the key to the tower could not be found after tea and we express our sincere regrets to those visitors who could not ring. We trust they enjoyed watching the carnival procession. We now know that the key made a journey to Surrey. On the whole it was a very enjoyable day, with some good 12-bell ringing. There were over 100 visitors during the day. L. E. P.

A Visitor's Impressions

For the second successive year, 'S.W.' has meant the occasion of the Essex Association's lively South-Western Division outing to Saffron Walden's Great Ringing Day on the last Saturday in June.

Composed largely of the younger generation from Waltham Abbey and Walthamstow, with friends from Leytonstone and Epping, and the largest Cumberland, from Tunbridge Wells, the coach set forth equipped with handbells and hunting-horn, the latter to warn sleepy Essex villagers of the impending shattering of the deep peace which is, alas, so rarely disturbed by the sound of their own bells.

En route, Peter Bond and Hugh Neill beguiled us with a well-rung course of Bob Major, perfectly synchronised. At Ickleton the excellent octave was put to good use from rounds to Bristol. A very unusual feature here is that, whereas other churches' Norman arches are their treasured 'oldest feature,' Ickleton goes one better and has its Norman arches supported by *Roman* columns!

Saffron Walden was 'en fete' and the sound of the bells, well rung by a party from Bedfordshire, mingled with that of fairground organs. After lunch at the Abbey Hotel we were welcomed at the tower by Mr. Pitstow and ringing, delayed by a funeral (last year it was a wedding), started off with a well-struck touch of Stedman Cinques. Rounds on 12, more Cinques, Royal and Caters followed, with a service at 4 p.m. and tea.

Leaving Saffron Walden abandoned to the spirit of carnival (in a damp English way) we set off for Radwinter. A difficult eight, with some ropes hanging down against the walls and others discovered hiding coyly behind beams and clock-case. A continuous and alarming rumble overhead was found to be due to an incredible swinging movement of the entire bell frame. Here the aforementioned largest Cumberland, frustrated in casting aside the tenor box by finding it screwed to the floor, knelt sideways upon it to ring. It is pleasant to see him adopt such a devout posture occasionally, even if only for reasons of comfort.

The road to the last tower took us through Thaxted, where the famous horn-dancers, in white knee-breeches, were performing slow and solemn gyrations before the Moot Hall. Lionel Woods' thoughtless greeting on the hunting-horn produced from them the sort of hostile glare which was only to be expected from anyone wearing antlers on hearing such a sound.

Hatfield Broad Oak's pleasing octave sounded well, and a good lower in peal concluded the day's tower ringing.

Once again the Good Intent at Sawbridge provided a vast buffet-supper and the well-remembered draught cider. Music on handbells and piano brought our stay all too soon to an end and the journey home was resumed, during which one noted with interest an increase this year in the number of closely-paired heads!

Our grateful thanks are given to Lionel Woods for organising this happy day—a particularly difficult job since he is at present on National Service.

In view of the curious correspondence about Cumberland Youths and a 'new beat' which followed the writer's last report of an outing, he desires it to be known that on this occasion no untoward incident or odd striking (apart from a course of 'Howling Bitch' Grandsire Doubles on handbells, 1, 2, 5, 4, 6, 3) was attributable to the Cumberland Youths present, even the largest of whom behaved as well as could be expected.

A. St. J. B.



SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES. — The band who rang the peal of Scientific Triples at Hampton, Middlesex, on July 5th (left to right): Michael P. Moreton, Robin G. Leale, Brian Bladon, David A. S. Hawkins, John M. Jelley, Alan J. Frost, Frederick R. Scott and William S. Deason.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On July 12th. 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne (cond.) 3, H. Clarke 4, R. J. Truin 5. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the treble ringer.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on July 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Murden 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, A. Barlow 3, C. Underwood 4, P. Howitt 5, P. Fisher 6, J. Underwood 7, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Peck.

KIMPTON SAGA

'Tis nearly four years since the game was begun
And ringers assembled to plot
How Kimpton Church bells be retuned and rehung,
The verdict—six hundred the lot!

The Vicar looked grave as the tale he was told,
For where could the money be found?
'The fabric and organ come first'—we resolved
To work for it, penny and pound.

Our jumble and handbells soon saw light of day,
The sales and the carols went well,
A concert, a social, all helped on the way,
And then the misfortunes befell!

The new Village Hall was completed at last
'Mid cheers—and a whacking great debt.
Folk rallied to pay it—formidable task—
Alas! they are rallying yet!

The Methodist Church then a kitchen required,
Two ringers with babies were blessed,
Three youngsters apiece made the parents so tired,
The Bell Fund was given a rest.

Now slowly and surely the money comes in,
Till three hundred pounds we record:
O, soon may our bells cease their odd-striking din,
And worthily ring to the Lord!

Halfway, and new hope, so a fete we did plan
For August, the ninth of this year;
So Herts and Beds ringers do come if you can,
If only to drink up the beer!

There's sports, dance and baby show, something for all
(And ringing, we hardly need say),
So mind you're at Kimpton (the School Field and Hall)
In time to enjoy a good day. H. P.

THE HALIFAX OPENING IN 1787

By DAVID CUBITT

'In 1787 a visit was paid to Yorkshire. . . . The band (of College Youths) . . . went first to Halifax, where a new ring of eight was opened on October 19h, and on the next day they rang 5,088 Oxford Treble Bob Major. . . . They claimed this as the first peal ever rung in that county, but the claim is not a sound one. Two years previously 5,120 in the same method had been rung at Sheffield. . . .'—J. Armiger Trollope, 'The College Youths,' 1937.

Early in 1787, the inhabitants resolved that the eight bells at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Halifax, should be replaced. It was decided that the money for the scheme should be secured by voluntary subscription and not by a rate levied on the parish, 'to avoid all litigation, as to any townships, districts or places, being, or not being, liable to contribute thereto.' The old eight were a miscellaneous lot. The treble had been cast (or recast) in 1660: the second bell bore the date 1722: the third and fourth bells were dated 1720: on the sixth was inscribed 'Gero nomen Sanct. Johannis D 1599 F': on the seventh 'Thomas Fourness of Halifax the first founder of this bell 1472 recast 1639': the tenor, called Stancliff, was dated 1691, and had been cast by Samuel Smith at York.

QUAINT INSCRIPTIONS

A moderate estimate of the cost of the work involved was £350, and promises of subscriptions, including one of 20 guineas from the Halifax ringers, were quickly received. In due course the new bells were cast at the Whitechapel foundry, transported northwards and installed. The names of the founders appeared on the seventh bell; the other bells each carried two lines of doggerel; for example, the third:

'Let Parker's liberal deeds be known
To future ages yet unborn.'

(A Mr. Parker gave 20 guineas.)

The fourth:

'Ye ringers who would happy be,
In concord live and unity.'

While on the tenor the inscription from Stancliff was repeated:

'All ye who hear my mournful sound,
Repent before you lie in ground.'

and the names of the wardens, who had together given five guineas, were added.

It was arranged that the bells should be opened in October, 1787. The opening, in fact, took place early that month, and occupied two days, but which two it is difficult to discover. Mr. Trollope said the opening day was the 9th: Parson and White's 'Annals, History and Guide of Leeds and York, etc.,' and John Mayhew's 'Annals of Yorkshire,' both gave the 10th as the opening day: a 'History of Halifax' (the printer of which was E. Jacobs,' but no author's name or date of publication—though I think it was about 1790—appeared in the copy I saw) gives Wednesday, October 11th, as the first day of the opening—October 11th that year was, however, a Thursday.

On the first day, whichever it was, early in the morning, the Halifax ringers raised the bells in peal, rang a touch of Bob Major, followed by a lower in peal, taking 40 minutes.

CROWN BOB TRIPLES

Bradford ringers followed them with a peal of 5,040 Crown Bob Triples in three hours and ten minutes. Crown Bob on six bells (as rung, for example, at Rotherham in 1752 and Addingham-in-Craven in 1759) was a combination of Oxford Treble Bob, College Treble Bob and College Pleasure. Similarly, Crown Bob Triples was a combination of College Triples, Oxford Triples and London Triples, and a peal described as 'Royal Union or Crown Bob Tripples' and as 'perhaps, the first Peal of the Kind ever rung in this Country,' had been rung at Leeds on September 22nd, 1769.

The Wakefield Society next rang a peal of Triples—method unidentified— in three hours and twenty-nine minutes.

The third and last peal that day was rung by the Leeds Society—5,040 Bob Triples in three hours and sixteen minutes.

The next morning, the College Youths were first up the tower and rang the peal referred to in the opening quotation, in three hours and thirty-five minutes. The ringers were:—Robert Donkin, treble: Thomas Blakemore, second (conductor): John Inville, third: Joseph Monk, fourth; William Lyford, fifth; George Webb, sixth: Joseph Holdsworth, seventh: and Samuel Muggeridge, jun., tenor. It was unpardonable arrogance to claim the peal as the first in Yorkshire: but a peal in the method would be new to some, and perhaps all, of the ringers assembled at Halifax that day.

Ringers of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society were next, and a peal of Triples—method unknown — was rung in three hours and three minutes, after which the Sowerby ringers started for a peal of Triples, but failing light forced them to call off their attempt after about 4,500 changes.

SACRED SYLVA'S PRAISE

So ended two full days of ringing, and while the other visitors travelled homewards the College Youths moved on to York.

Soon after the opening the following verse appeared:—

Artists from the Metropolis to you,
The laurels of the day are doubtless due:
'Tis granted all your brethren have done well,
But my opinion ye far excel.
Accept the honour Halifax bestows,
Expect it too from all but fools and foes.
A very high degree of praise is due,
Ashtonia's artists, as I think to you:
Grudge not the praise to London Ringers given,
The merit of your work was nearly even!
Ye both excel somewhat in different ways,
Let both accept of sacred Sylva's praise.

('Sylva,' I find, was the name once given to a collection of literary pieces, especially poems: thus, in 1787, was published 'Sylva: or the Wood: being a Collection of Anecdotes, Dissertations, Characters, Apophthegms, Original Letters, Bons Mots, and other little things . . . by a Society of the Learned.')

Less than a month later, on November 5th, in commemoration of the Gunpowder Plot, a peal of 5,088 Bob Major was rung on the new bells in three hours and thirty-three minutes, by: James Green (conductor), treble; John Fawcett, second: Samuel Firth, third: Joseph Flather, fourth; Samuel Pearson, fifth; John Crowther, sixth; John Fournise, seventh; and William Taylor, tenor.

LATER PEALS

The College Youths' peal inspired the Leeds and Bradford Societies each to ring a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, as two paragraphs in 'The Leeds Mercury' of Tuesday, June 10th, 1788, show:—

'On Wednesday last (being the anniversary of His Majesty's birthday) was rung at our Parish Church, by the Society of Ringers there, an Abstract of Union Treble Bob, consisting of 5,088 changes, in three hours and twenty minutes, being the first time it was ever rung in this part of the kingdom, except by a select set of ringers from London, who rang the same peal at the opening of Halifax new bells.

'On Wednesday the same peal was rung at Bradford on the same occasion, by the ringers of that place in three courses complete; and was performed in three hours and six minutes (though the tenor weighs 20 cwt.) in a most masterly manner, to the satisfaction of all lovers of that music, who had the pleasure of hearing them.'

The words 'in this part of the kingdom' in the report of the Leeds peal are intriguing; for if synonymous with 'Yorkshire' they would, of course, mean that the Sheffield peal of Oxford Treble Bob in 1785 was unknown to ringers in the woollen towns of the county—in which case, I suppose, the College Youths might have been justified in calling their peal at Halifax the first of **Treble Bob Major** in Yorkshire.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

After 30 years Sandal have again won the annual prize contest of the Halifax Association. Their success took place at Thornhill, near Dewsbury, on June 28th, against four other teams.

The judges—Mr. Harry Marsden, of Hanging Heaton, and Mr. Dyson Scargill, of the local company, gave their decisions as follows:—Sandal 100 (five penalties, 95 faults), Shelley 161 (10 penalties, 151 faults), Meltham 215 (215 faults), Batley 290 (five penalties, 285 faults). Friezland rang out (five penalties, 96 faults).

Mr. G. Cutts, conductor of the Sandal team, proposed a vote of thanks to the judges and recalled that it was 30 years since they had won the trophy. It had really been a case of 'If at first you don't succeed try, try, try again.' He regretted that Mr. Will Moxon was not in the ringing team, as he had competed so often and had persevered in his work of training, advising and helping the present band. Mr. Cutts also thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the ladies for the splendid tea, and the local company for their hospitality. Mr. J. W. Buxton seconded and the Vicar suitably replied.

The audited accounts were then presented and showed an increased balance of £1 5s. 1d. The officers were re-elected en bloc and the secretary was instructed to contact Crofton for the next meeting on October 18th. A vote of thanks to the officers for their work during the year was proposed by Mr. G. Crompton and carried with acclamation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SAD PLIGHT OF HULL

Dear Sir,—This is a very urgent appeal from Holy Trinity, Hull. We have ten excellent bells, the tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb., and two experienced ringers: we sometimes manage 120 Grandsire Doubles on Sundays if we are lucky. Are there any good friends in this area who will help to get the back eight going for Triples or Major? There must be half a dozen good ringers in this city of 300,000 who could come and help us out. It is more than disappointing and sad to see the bell ropes hanging and no ringers to man them, so if there are any kind friends willing to help out we shall be more than pleased to have them. I pray to God sincerely that my letter will be answered as we wish it to be.

This lovely old church—and it is lovely—is the largest parish church in England and dates back some 600-700 years or more. Churches aren't built like this any more, mankind appears to be more interested in seeing how quickly they can destroy them to-day. Our church stands as a symbol of Christianity. With its massive tower reaching skywards it belongs to us—men and women of God, we Christians.

Surely there are a few men and women who will come and aid us and let the sound of the bells be heard by all.—Yours faithfully,

AUSTIN STONE.

Hull.

TANTNEY

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any reader could give me any information on the following:—

When I was a lad, at the village church I attended the last bell, after chiming for service, was chimed alone for some three or four minutes, and this was called the 'Tantney.'

Several times since both my sister and I, in various parts of the country, have tried to find how it ever got the name of 'Tantney,' without success.

I should be very pleased if anyone could give me some knowledge of this title 'Tantney.'—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE F. KNIGHT.

Irthlingborough.

HENRICIANS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—I would refer to an item of 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue of July 4th, stating that a peal at Middle Littleton on June 21st was believed to be the first 'Henricians' peal.

Your informant should be referred to the following peals rung for the Worcestershire Association: (1) On April 23rd, 1955 (No. 3240) and (2) on July 8th, 1955 (No. 3252).

It is quite possible that other 'Henricians' peals were rung prior to those noted above.—Yours, etc.,

MAGIC MOMENTS.

INCUMBENT AND CURATE RINGING PEALS TOGETHER ON OWN BELLS

Dear Sir,—There have been two instances of an incumbent and his curate ringing a peal on the bells of their own church. The first was on August 5th, 1912, when the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey (president of the Cambridge University Guild) and H. S. T. Richardson (brother-in-law of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis) rang their first peal of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. The second instance was in Wales a few years ago. — Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Note.—We thank other correspondents who have given an answer to our reader's query.—Editor.

PRAISE FOR LONDON UNIVERSITY GUILD

Dear Sir,—Being far from satisfied with the standard of striking generally, I have been waiting for someone to give credit to the members of the London University Guild, who at Whitsun rang at many towers in this area and did truly give an object lesson to most.

I was present at Burnham (8, 12¼ cwt., Hitcham (6, 6 cwt.), Bray (8, 26¾ cwt.), Langley (6, 18 cwt.) and Slough (10, 17¼ cwt.) and thoroughly enjoyed the ringing at these towers, as did many local ringers with me.

If all visiting bands to other towers would only attempt what they are capable of they would leave a much better impression behind them. May I appeal to all to leave the experimenting in methods beyond their capabilities to their own towers or area. I am not trying to be rude.—Yours sincerely,

Burnham, Bucks. GEORGE GILBERT.

'IN DEFENCE OF AN EPIC'

Dear Sir,—Reading a letter in 'The Ringing World' of July 11th, 'In Defence of an Epic,' I was reminded of another ringer—Lewis Carroll's Bellman:—

The Bellman perceived that their spirits were low,
And repeated in musical tone
Some jokes he had kept for a season of woe—
But the crew would do nothing but groan.

Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT
(One of the Wakefield Crew.)

P.S.—If you don't recall the writer of the letter to which I refer, 'Musical Tone' might, I suppose, be used as a clue to his name. —D.C.

GAINSBOROUGH & DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

Few June days could have been so wet and dismal as Friday, the 27th, the day the Queen came to Lincolnshire, and the Saturday dawned little better. However, by the time the bus had picked up from the villages and got well into Yorkshire, a beautiful day developed.

Wetherby, with a nice ring of eight, was the first call for coffee and ringing. Lunch en route to Kirby Hill, and here we found a good light ring of six and a delightful church. We would have liked to have rung at Ripon but a service made this impossible and so Sharrow was substituted: a very good substitute it turned out to be. The ringing chamber will long be remembered as an example of how one should be. The stained glass window recording a peal is most unusual and beautiful.

Time was found for a pause in Ripon for shop window gazers, Cathedral gazers, etc., and so on to Knaresborough for a delicious tea. Then a brief sample of what this lovely spot has to offer in the way of scenery and boating on the river. What a shame the bells are not rung! Leaving late, the driver certainly coaxed the miles per hour out of the luxury coach to Chapel Allerton—Dove's tower, and in the news recently through the Bishop of Ripon. Every man, woman and child declared this to be the best ring of six they had heard or rung. The bells are a credit to Messrs. Taylor, the local people and the Nonconformist lady who gave them.

More speeding was necessary to reach All Saints', Pontefract, by 8 p.m. The tower, surmounted by an octagonal lantern, contains a musical, good-going ring of eight. We rang Stedman, Grandsire, Bob Major and Kent, with rounds for the non-change ringers. All too soon the outing was over. Where next year?, is the burning question. G. S. C. L.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch At Gorleston

The Eastern Branch held an interim meeting at Gorleston-on-Se. on July 5th, the first for several years and since the recent renovation work carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. All tastes and ringing talents were catered for and favourable comments were heard as to the improved sound of the two trebles.

In the absence of the Vicar (on holiday) the service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. J. H. Squibb), who also joined the members at tea.

At a short emergency business meeting two young local ringers, Joseph Bradley and John Soames, were elected to ringing membership of the Association, and the date of the autumn meeting was changed to October 11th, at Pakefield.

The members were given a brief account of the Dublin meeting of the Central Council by their president, Mr. Nolan Golden, with suitable asides from the new vice-president of the Council!

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. J. H. Squibb, Mr. Mayland (the organist) and Mr. A. W. Bird (local Ringing Master), who, together with Mrs. Bird and other ladies, had provided an excellent tea.

North Norfolk Branch

Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung at the quarterly meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at St. Michael's, Aylsham, on July 12th.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Evans) conducted the service and in his address he spoke of copper and tin fused together to make a bell: and that human lives could be compared to a bell, as we were fused together by a spiritual and mortal life. Their aim, whatever our job, was the same as a bell, to ring true. The lesson, taken from Psalm 15, was read by the chairman, Mr. A. G. Bason.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the chairman welcomed the new president, Mr. F. N. Golden, and spoke of the work he had already done for the Association and ringing as a whole, and he was confident in his new capacity this high standard would continue. He also paid tribute to the services of the retiring president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston) and wished him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Golden thanked the chairman for his remarks and the honour which had been given him: he also expressed thanks to the Rev. F. B. Evans for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, Mrs. Wells for playing the organ, Mr. Pumphrey for arrangements made, and to Mrs. Howard for serving the tea.

The next meeting will be at Mulbarton on Saturday, September 18th.

After tea it was a pleasure to welcome ringers from Beccles on their annual outing.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Marks 1, F. Stonton 2, R. Cadamy 3, W. Yates 4, J. Meager 5, R. Howson 6, G. Holland (cond.) 7, H. Sear 8. Rung to mark the 80th birthday of the tenor ringer, after peal attempt failed.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): D. E. Leigh 1, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 2, E. C. Leigh 3, B. F. Jeffrey 4, S. Jenner 5, L. Fox (first quarter) 6, N. V. Greenaway 7, J. Warner 8. 7, 6, 8 cover. For the patronal festival.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Griffith 1, Joan Cheney 2, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Grant 5, L. G. Pickering 6.

ST. ATHAN, GLAM.—On July 12th, 1,296 Bob Minimus: G. R. Marchant (cond.) 1, W. H. Harford 2, B. Taylor 3, D. J. Llewellyn 4. First of Minimus by all.

ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY

THE two towers of Fulham and Putney standing on either side of the Thames by Putney Bridge must be a familiar sight to many readers. The embattlemented tower of Putney Church is 80 feet high and was built of Kentish ragstone in about 1450. It is a fine, solid-looking structure.

There have been bells in this tower for many centuries, for in the Inventory of Church Goods made in the reign of Edward VI it is stated:—

'Item in the steple V belles,'

and in a later return

'Fyve belles in the steple and a saunce bell'

Up to the year 1836 the tower contained a ring of six bells with the following inscriptions:—

1.—'This bell was first cast by Mr. William Throckmorton, Churchwarden, and re-cast by Mr. Humphrey Graves, Churchwarden. Anno, 1674'

2, 3, 4.—'Robertus Mot me fecit 1586'

5.—'Robertus Mot made me 1582'

6.—'Feare God 1642'

From the Churchwarden's accounts it appears that Number 1 was cast by William Eldridge at Chertsey. The total weight of the ring was 46 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

In 1836 all these bells were recast and the octave completed. They are now inscribed:—

1–7.—'Thomas Mears of London, Founder, 1836'

8.—'The Six Old Bells were recast and Two Treble Bells added A.D., 1836 The Revd. Christopher Thomn(?)*s Robinson, Minister Mr. James Miller, Mr. William Thompson, Churchwardens 'Thomas Mears of London, Founder'

* Founder's mistake for an 'a.'

Their total weight is 70 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs. The tenor weighs 16 cwt. 25 lbs., and is in the key of F. Its diameter is 46 ins. and that of the treble 28 ins.

These bells were all rehung in 1911. They must now undergo a thorough restoration. They will be rehung one-eighth turned and tuned to bring out their already good tone. They will be supplied with completely new fittings and rehung in the oak frame of 1836 which is still in good condition. This will cost about £900 and it is the hope of all Putney ringers that the bells will be ringing, as they have done for so many centuries, at Christmas.

There must be many ringers who have rung in this tower and still more who have passed outside it, not least on Boat Race Day. To all these and ringers in general we appeal for a donation, however small, towards the work of restoration.

A. Clayton, 126, Kenilworth Court, Putney. S.W.15.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): Linda Forward 1, Christine Woodward 2, A. Marian Gould 3, C. R. C. Coussmaker 4, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 5, R. James 6. For Sung Mass.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Stratford 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Dorothy Stratford 3, R. Brandrick (first 'inside') 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. For Evensong by Sunday service band.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A very enjoyable meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held on July 5th at Christ Church, Dore, and good use was made of the melodious, light ring of eight bells during the afternoon. After tea and a short business meeting, members adjourned to the tower, where rounds and methods ranging from Plain Bob Minor to Bristol Surprise Major were rung. Much time was also devoted to learners.

S. C.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY TOUR

THE Birmingham University week-end tour took place in Bedfordshire on June 27th-31st. The tour started on a bad note when a car load of students got lost while on the journey from Birmingham to Arlesey and did not arrive until 11 o'clock on the Friday night.

The two graduates in the party travelled to Bedford by train, arriving at 10.15 p.m., but when they were picked up about midnight to complete the journey to Arlesey, they were thinking of catching the next train back.

The male members of the party intended to sleep in tents, but were forced indoors by the weather. Mrs. Charles, the wife of the Vicar of Arlesey, kindly allowed us to use a room in the vicarage as a tent.

On the Saturday morning, it was found that transport was required for seven. Six were squeezed into a Morris Minor, leaving one. It was decided to use a bicycle, each male taking a turn on the saddle. Paul Webb, the society's chairman and driver of the car, hurriedly explained that the car was only insured for him to drive and the two 'young ladies' could not be asked to ride a man's bicycle, so this left four very unwilling pedallers.

Alex Simpson took first turn on the bicycle (endearingly known as 'Penelope') to the first tower, St. Mary's, Henlow. Here we were greeted with the sad news of Lewis Bywaters' sudden illness. We send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Graeme Hughes took 'Penelope' to Clifton, where the Rector and some of the local ringers welcomed us and joined in the ringing—the only eight-bell tower of the day. Methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

'Penelope' took Arthur Crump to All Saints', Southill. The ringing here was not of very high standard, probably due to the great thirst of some of the party (it was getting on for 1 p.m.). Packed lunch was eaten outside one of Southill's public houses, although some spent more time in it.

Old Warden was the next tower and it was Warrick Rich's turn to manœuvre Penelope through the woods of Southill Park (oh: for a tandem!). Having been refreshed, the ringing at Old Warden was much improved and a good touch of Cambridge Minor was rung. The only complaint was from Arthur Crump, who said that he kept catching the wrong sally.

The last tower was at Northill. It was a delight to ring this heavy but easy going six. When the bells had been stood after a well-struck extent of Cambridge Minor, we were surprised to hear the sound of bells ringing below in the church. On investigation, we found that the Vicar of Northill had recorded our ringing on his tape-recorder and later he recorded a touch of Grandsire Doubles and an extent of Bob Major rung on Mr. Wagstaff's handbells.

A very enjoyable tea was had in a nearby public house, and then we were taken around the church museum where Mr. Wagstaff's collection of 'bicycle-bells' was rung to Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Mr. Wagstaff kindly showed us his handbell workshop and we are grateful to him for looking after us while we were at Northill.

The band rang for the morning and evening services at St. Peter's, Arlesey.

Two interesting points were brought to light during the week-end. The retiring chairman, Graeme Hughes, failed to set the tenor at the word 'stand' in all six towers rung in during the week-end. If anybody is thinking of becoming his wife—think again. He snores louder than anybody else I know.

A. S.

(Continued in preceding column)

A COLLECTION OF SUMMER OUTINGS

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX

Sixty ringers and friends formed the party for the 28th annual outing into Kent on June 28th. A 7 a.m. start was necessary, but we were punctual at Rainham and enjoyed the welcome refreshments at the White Horse Hotel, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Cheal, to be followed by ringing on the good bells in the tower across the road.

An hour's ringing followed at Ospringe and then came the best ringing of the day at Faversham and a welcome from Mrs. Palin. An excellent lunch was served at the Delbridge House Club.

A stop was made at Canterbury but as a service was in progress we were unable to see round the Cathedral. At Chilham, the Vicar (the Rev. Sir Reginald Champion) gave us a hearty welcome to his lovely old church. Tea, another first-class meal, was at the Church Hall, Ashford, and an hour and a half was spent at the fine old parish church with its lovely bells. Brentwood was reached at 11.30 p.m. Thanks are accorded to those who helped to provide us with such an enjoyable day in Kent.

J. H. S.

HORNCHURCH

There cannot be many counties where such a grand collection of bells are to be found in such a small area as in Suffolk.

Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower), Helmingham, Debenham, Woodbridge and Cecil Pipe's musical box at Grundisburgh thrown in for good measure was the Hornchurch itinerary on July 30th.

It has been reported that the younger members of the party refused 'Mum's' supper when they got home, and this surely speaks for some grand Suffolk hospitality.

What are we to remember of the day? Well the writer remembers George Symonds at Ipswich pointing out with pride the fine collection of Maximus peal boards and remarking wistfully, 'They don't ring 'em like that now.' This was before we had rung: what he thought afterwards I'm not so sure. Well, George, we might not have rung them as well but we had a good time and it was a pleasure and joy to meet and ring with you all. Thank you very much.

F. V. G.

RYE, SUSSEX

Rye Church ringers held their annual outing on June 21st. Twenty-one ringers left Rye by coach at 1 p.m., and for four beginners it was their first outing.

Hailsham was the first tower visited and this lightweight was much appreciated and a successful touch of Plain Bob Triples was managed.

The next two towers were both eights, being St. Mary's and All Saints', Eastbourne. We took some time to get used to the former but settled down to the pleasant ring at All Saints' in order to ring for a departing wedding party. At this tower we enjoyed some of the best ringing of the day, despite a considerably longer draught than we are accustomed to. Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples were rung.

High tea was enjoyed at a nearby restaurant and everyone had a look round Eastbourne before rejoining the coach to travel to Westham (6), near Pevensey, the last tower of the day, where the Vicar called in to see us ringing. Ground floor ringing and outsize sallies made ringing quite a handful, but we managed Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

We extend our thanks to all incumbents and to the local ringers who met us.

S.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE

The dull morning of June 28th saw Coleshill ringers, with friends and relatives, off for their annual coach tour Following refreshments and touches on the six at Towcester, a move was made to Wicken. Here they enjoyed the fine eight, and were reluctant to leave for lunch at Bedford and ringing at St. Peter's. A pleasant drive brought them to Rushden, where another fine ring of eight was kept going for the time allowed.

At Northampton tea was taken and then the ten at St. Giles' claimed attention for a while. Weedon was eventually reached and train-spotting, Cambridge and simpler methods were accomplished. With an all-ladies' touch at Staverton the programme for the day was completed and Ham's Hall soon came into view.

Thanks are expressed to incumbents for permission to ring, and to all those who helped in various ways.

HUNTINGDON

The annual outing of the Hunts District ringers and friends took place on July 5th, the venue being Essex. Huntingdon was left at 8 a.m. and the first ring of the day was at Great Yeldham (6), and on to Bocking St. Mary, where we were met and introduced to the fine eight: here our limited time passed all too quickly. By this time we were looking forward to lunch, which proved to be excellent.

Kelvedon (6), where hangs a Festival of Britain tenor (21 cwt.) and Witham, with a very nice handy eight, were visited before tea.

At Boreham a well-struck course of Cambridge Major was the highlight, then on to Springfield (6), and afterwards our last stop at Broomfield (6), where hangs in this delightful round tower the most musical ring of the day

Ringing finished at 8.30 p.m. and then the course was set for home. On the way we were provided with somewhat light entertainment by the blended harmony of Ely's Sutton Singers Choir, etc., who tried to sing some of their native folk songs.

During the day, Grandsire, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major, St. Clement's, Kent, London, Norwich, Beverley and Ipswich Minor, Cambridge Major and Minor were rung.

The thanks of the company are due to Mr. H. S. Peacock, who arranged yet another successful tour.

M. J. D.

LYME REGIS

Members and friends of the St. Michael's Guild enjoyed their annual trip on July 12th through Somerset and Wiltshire with Swindon as the farthest point. The ring of eight at Mells had been hoped for, but this not being available Shepton Mallet was substituted and, after a break for coffee, the musical eight there were kept going for an hour.

Westbury was reached a little late, but Mr. Grist was patiently waiting for us and the heavy bells were up in readiness. Some good ringing resulted here. On the 33 miles run to Wootton Bassett, passing the historic Avebury Stones on the way, a short break for picnic lunch was welcome. At the tower the veteran, Mr. L. A. Wilson, and Mr. Brooks greeted us and the easy-going ring of eight was much appreciated. The lovely ring of ten at Christ Church, Swindon, provided, perhaps, the greatest joy of the day. Dr. Craig and others of the local band gave us kindly welcome and were not too critical. Indeed, the Caters were quite respectable, while our novices performed well in their first experience on ten bells. Our send-off from this tower was accompanied by some beautifully-struck Kent Minor with tenor covering.

Another long run on some busy roads and down the picturesque Avon Valley via Upavon and Enford, brought us to Amesbury, where all did full justice to an excellent tea. Mr. Harvey was waiting for us here and the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Hazelton) visited the tower during the ringing. This quite good ring of eight was easily handled, albeit the tenors rather predominated through the opening for the clock weights. Rain held up a little for a brief visit to Stonehenge, where the restored transom stones are now in position again.

All then settled down for the 46 miles run to Yeovil, touching the pleasant Wylye Valley and getting some splendid glimpses of the rolling Plain country. A short break taken for refreshments at Yeovil as the evening drew in, and then an uneventful journey home, which was reached soon after 11 p.m.—only about half an hour behind schedule.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Royal, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major.

The warm thanks of all are expressed here to those who met us at the various towers; to the incumbents for their permission to ring: to the coach driver; and, not least, to Mr. G. S. Morris for his capable organisation.

C. C. C.

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OUTINGS—Continued

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH

On Friday, July 10th, at 4 p.m., Emmanuel ringers set off with wives and friends for their annual outing, this being the most ambitious tour undertaken by the band in some 28 day and half-day trips since 1944, being an overnight affair.

The weather was ideal and the journey to Bristol in our usual 33-seater coach belonging to Messrs. Pridham was greatly enjoyed. We had several old friends with us—Mr. T. G. Myers, of St. Andrew's, who has never missed one of our trips, and Mrs. Joe Woodley, whose late husband was for a number of years the captain of Emmanuel ringers, and who was well known to many Bristol ringers in the 1920's and early 1930's.

We were due at Chewton Mendip at 8 p.m. and arrived a few minutes ahead of schedule. Ringing on these grand bells was a good start. We arrived at our hotel in Clifton about 11 p.m.

Mr. Bert Perkin took on the job of 'knocker-up,' at least for the top storey, and we were all set going at 7 a.m., but I think he overlooked the fact our party occupied 17 bedrooms! However, breakfast at eight and 'all present,' and Mr. Lavers' bugle was not required!! And what a day! It rained and rained, but did that damp our spirits? No, and neither did it prevent our wives and friends from having a good look round Bristol both in the morning and afternoon, whilst the ringers did the rounds, meeting at our hotel for lunch and tea.

We were off to a good start at 8.50 at St. Ambrose's, there to be met by several members of the local band. Miss Smith, one of our newest recruits, who had spent four years at Bristol University, did a grand job in piloting us from Clifton through parts of Bristol unknown to her. Here we were joined by our old friend, Mr. R. J. Bowden, who then became our pilot, although to reach our next church, Holy Nativity, Knowle, he took us up a hill about one in two!! Next to St. Thomas', with that grand old ring of eight and its 29-cwt. tenor, where we were greeted by Mr. Mack. Here we had to say goodbye to 'Dick' and wish him well; we shall miss him in Plymouth.

Back to our hotel for a good lunch, then off again to St. Stephen's, and although ours is an eight-bell tower, we were very pleased with the job we made of Grandsire Caters, thanks to the help of Mr. Tom Myers, and to our being able to visit St. Andrew's and ring on the 10 bells at any practice night. On to SS. Philip and Jacob's, where there was a wedding, and the bride and bridegroom left to the strains of Stedman Triples. A visit to Emmanuel Church, Clifton, concluded our ringing in the city, and at 4.30 we were back at our hotel for tea and were soon on the homeward journey—still raining!! The journey home was pleasantly broken to ring at Burnham-on-Sea.

During the trip we rang at eight churches. The ringing was, for some reason, not our best, someone so often wanting to take the wrong turn, although we had at least one good touch at each church, and in our 'rises' and 'lowers' we were complimented at several places. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung, also rounds.

A short halt was made at Chudleigh for the usual 'end of trip' refreshments, and it was here that that well-known ringer from St. Andrew's beat the secretary back to the coach for the first time for the day! Plymouth was reached at 11 p.m. Mr. J. B. Sims, the captain of Emmanuel ringers, had quite a job on to see that everyone had his or her share of ringing, and he made a success of this.

At tea thanks were accorded by Mr. Sims to Mr. Pridham, our driver, the proprietors of the hotel and Mr. H. H. Thomas, hon. secretary, who had made all the arrangements. Regret was expressed that Mr. W. Collier and Mrs. Owen Thomas were unable to be with us, both being ill, with the hope for their speedy recovery.

Through 'The Ringing World' sincere thanks are expressed to the Vicars of all the churches visited, local ringers and Mr. 'Dick' Bowden. H. H. T.

GAMSTON, NOTTS

Fine weather favoured this outing on July 5th into Northamptonshire. Ringers from East Retford, Rampton, Worksop, Tuxford and Sutton-on-Trent joined, and Retford was left at 7.15 a.m. A short stop was made at Stamford for cups of tea before continuing to Titchmarsh. It was at Oundle that flood notices were out but the driver thought he would take the risk, and after going through about two feet of water we emerged safely. On account of this, Titchmarsh was reached a quarter of an hour late, but 45 minutes were enjoyed on this grand octave. Rushden was next on the list, and here the males had to listen to rounds and Queen's rung by the fair sex, who did it to their satisfaction. We should have liked to have stayed with these grand bells longer.

Earls Barton has a lovely Saxon tower and the belfry is reached by a long wooden ladder. A good course of Cambridge Minor on the back six was rung. St. Giles', Northampton, was reached late owing to the driver taking a 'wrong turn,' but these ten bells are a pleasure to ring and hear. Some rang their first Grandsire Caters and some their first rounds on ten. The Holy Sepulchre eight followed and a good touch of Oxford Bob Triples was brought round.

Tea followed and afterwards a call was made at Moulton (8), where some of the locals joined in and a good hour was spent. It was here we said goodbye to Margaret, who was on her way to join the Manchester University Guild tour.

Thanks must go to Mr. G. H. Roome for his kind help in arranging the outing, the local clergy and local ringers who met us on arrival.

Thank you, Northamptonshire, we shall be pleased to see you again in Notts. H. D.

LUTON

The Cotswolds! There's magic in the very name of this fair stretch of England, and here it was that the Luton ringers took their wives and friends for this year's outing.

The first stop was Dorchester, where, owing to the bell mechanism, we were unable to ring, but we enjoyed a look round the ancient Abbey and a cup of coffee. At Stroud, after an excellent lunch, we made good use of the very pleasant ring of ten bells, and then on to Painswick, set in the heart of some glorious scenery, and with 12 splendid bells—something for everyone!

Next came tea at Northleach (well up to standard!) and more ringing on the recently-restored ring of eight at Bourton-on-the-Water before the journey home via Chipping Norton and Bicester. Altogether a lovely day.

Looking back, there was not much amiss with the Bristol at Bourton, and at Stroud, Cambridge Royal was going well until . . . !!! Perhaps some day I shall have the pleasure of hearing the remarks of the conductor of an orchestra when interrupted in the middle of a performance. But there it is, it's all in the game, and our only real regret was that once again Mr. A. King was unable to be with us.

Our sincere thanks to the incumbents and local ringers who met us and so contributed to our enjoyment of this very successful trip. A. E. R.

OBITUARY

THE REV. A. OGLE

Many friends in East Ilsley and district will learn with regret of the sudden death on July 4th of the Rev. Arthur Ogle.

Coming from a living at Maidstone, Kent, he was Rector of East Ilsley for 30 years and retired seven years ago to live at Clanfield, on the Thames, where he spent many happy hours boating, which was one of his favourite hobbies.

Mr. Ogle spent his boyhood in Lancashire and his University years at Magdalen College, Oxford. A scholar and a gentleman, he was always ready with help and advice for anyone who sought it.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, East Ilsley, on July 9th, when a large number of friends and parishioners attended. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the local band: J. W. T. Hibbert 1, Miss P. E. Hibbert 2, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 3, E. T. Sneller 4, Miss E. M. Wilson 5, J. W. Wilson 6, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 7, H. R. Wells 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

MR. WILLIAM J. WEBB

The death at 87 of Mr. William J. Webb, severs the last link with the original band, formed in 1927, when the tower was opened with its new ring of bells at the Good Shepherd, Brighton. Since that date he had been a consistent and regular ringer, both for Sunday service and practice alike.

As a youth, employed in the gardens of Hever Castle, Kent, he learned to ring with the local band at the parish church, where the limit of their capabilities at that time was the 'old 120' of Grandsire Doubles. Becoming employed on the railway and moving away from Hever, ringing was given up until at the age of 58 the new tower and bells at the Good Shepherd were opened on the hill above his home in Preston.

Beginning again, almost from the start, and by persistent practice at other towers, including constant attendance at Association meetings, he finally realised his ambition of ringing the Surprise methods. Although having rung only three peals, two of Stedman and one of Bob Major, it was his never-vacant rope in the tower on Sunday that commanded our respect. Until three weeks before his death in hospital after an operation, William Webb regularly climbed the steepest hill in Brighton and then the tower steps almost on hands and knees in order to make the band complete.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of the Good Shepherd (the Rev. R. J. Hills) and was preceded by the bells rung half-muffled by representatives from the three Brighton towers as the coffin approached. To the many who had gathered to honour his memory, the Vicar paid a high tribute to his unfailing qualities as a churchman and ringer, his constancy of character and never-failing devotion. In the evening a representative Brighton band successfully completed a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples.

The tower of the Good Shepherd has lost a devoted servant, and his fellow ringers a valued companion and an old friend.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. J. Butler (79) 1, Brenda M. Balls 2, E. P. Duffield 3, W. J. Brunt (first of Surprise Major) 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5, F. G. Oliver 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, E. E. Davey 8. Rung on St. Peter's Day for the patronal festival.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On July 13th, at the Church of Christ-the-Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Palmer 1, Miss F. Brown 2, Mrs. H. M. Price 3, Miss J. Scrutton 4, G. Harvey 5, F. Ranson 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, H. M. Price 8. For Evensong.

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BIRTHS

HAW.—On Tuesday, July 15th, 1958, to Ruth (nee Morgan) and Jim, 31, Eastgate, Deeping Saint James, Lincs, a daughter (Carol Shirley). 2736

TAPPENDEN.—On July 17th, 1958, at 46, Court Avenue, Old Coulsdon, to Helen (nee Gorringe) and Roy, the gift of a daughter, Jane Elizabeth. A sister for Roger William.

ENGAGEMENT

CARVETH—CORK. — The engagement is announced between Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. N. Cork, 11, Frances Street, Truro, and Alan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. N. Carveth, Shenfield, Falmouth Road, Truro. 2717

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

BORER—HIGHLEY. — The wedding will take place at All Saints' Church, Frindsbury, on Saturday, August 2nd, 1958, at 1.30 p.m., between Peter, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Borer, and Jennifer, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Highley. All ringing friends welcome at church. Ringing 12.45 p.m. 2720

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

LELANT, CORNWALL. — Will visiting ringers please note that ringing practices have been suspended for the present. 2726

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN, will not be holding any practice nights during August.—A. D. Herbert, Sec. 2713

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—No meeting this month.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 2734

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on July 26th at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park.—John Chilcott. 2703

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Cranleigh (8) on Saturday, July 26th, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 2689

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Lydd on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2653

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Hoar Cross, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. All welcome. 2708

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Hughenden (8), July 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. (Windsor 1484). 2691

SUFFOLK GUILD—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Kedington, Saturday, July 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the White Horse. Names to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 2649

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Coddenham, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Henley (8) 6.30 p.m. 2701

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — A practice meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 2707

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mickleton, Saturday, July 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. 2695

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Upton, Aug. 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2733

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Histon (6) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2721

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch.—Stoke Bishop (6), Aug. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Method, London.—A Bennett. 2729

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ottershaw (6) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Otter. Names for tea not later than previous Tuesday.—Mrs. H. Hancock, Malshanger, Chobham Road, Ottershaw. 2715

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Abbots Langley (6) on Aug. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 2719

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Kilndown on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash (2/6) please, by Tuesday, July 29th, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting will be held at Ribchester on Aug. 2nd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 2730

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Steeple Ashton (6), Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 2722

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Anston on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 29th, to Mr. H. M. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, Sheffield.—J. Seager, Sec. 2727

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Aug. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by previous Wednesday certain, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 2723

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Lymington (8), Aug. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 30th, please.—Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 2724

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 4th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea at nearby cafes, owing to building new Church Hall. Bells available in evening.—A. H. Smith, 9, Dorking Road, Great Bookham. 2725

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Norton, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 2718

OBITUARY

THE REV. C. J. HANCOCK

The Rev. Charles John Hancock, who died in his sleep on June 12th, had been Vicar of Kimpton for 6½ years and was very active until his sudden death at the age of 54.

Soon after his induction at Kimpton he was taught to ring. He would never have become a great ringer (although he was nephew to Walter Buckingham, a well-known St. Albans ringer), and never to our knowledge rang out of his own tower, but here he was most regular for practice and service ringing, until recently, when the band became strong enough to manage without him. (He conducted at least four services and Sunday School every Sunday.) We believe he enjoyed ringing, but definitely as 'service.'

Visiting ringers were always welcome at Kimpton, and those fortunate enough to have met him will mourn his passing.

Mr. Hancock was an exceptional priest, with a friendly manner which made him welcome and 'at home' anywhere. He was a tireless visitor, especially to the sick of his parish, whatever their religion. Last November he was made Rural Dean of Welwyn.

Twenty priests and the Bishop of St. Albans walked in procession at his funeral service in Kimpton Church on July 17th: the church was crowded. A course of 120 Bob Doubles was rung on the half-muffled bells by Maurice Butterfield 1, Shirley Dyer 2, Robin Arnold 3, Helen Price 4, Donald Price 5, John Gatward 6.

A memorial service is to be held in Kimpton Church on Sunday, July 27th, at 6.30 p.m.

5,024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

BY P. G. K. DAVIES

23456	B	M	W	H
24536			—	2
43265	x			
64235			—	3
52436		—		—
23564	x			
62534			—	3
35426		—	—	3
52364	x			
53624			—	2
32546	x			
32465	x			—
34625			—	2
23645			—	3
23456	x			—

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DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. John's Church, on July 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. M. Killingley 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, G. R. Parker 3, F. Hodgson 4, T. Cox 5, P. Wishart 6, W. E. Mashiter 7, T. Cooke (first as cond.) 8. First in the method for 2 and 7. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mashiter on the birth of a son (Michael John).

HOBY, LEICS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. A. Burnham 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, H. Stonehouse 3, A. E. Hinman 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. D. V. S. Asher) and his family, who arrived in the parish earlier in the day.

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M	W	H	23456
1			52364
	2	1	24365
2	1		26435
2	2	1	64235
			35426
2	1		32546
2		1	24536

Twice repeated.

A lead of Oxford is rung in every course when the tenor would be making Kent places to go 'in slow'; otherwise Kent is rung with normal bobs, as indicated.

Contains 6th extent in 5-6 without 2nd in 6ths at 15 course-ends, all the 7x86's, 867's, 6837's, 6847's, 6857's, 7683's, 7684's and 7685's.

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5,184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

BY STEPHEN IVIN

B	M	W	H	23456
		—	—	45236
	—		—	62534
x			—	62345
		—		46325
	—		—	53624
x				32546
x				24365
		—	2	23645

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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

THE length of time since the last article in this series means that some of the items mentioned are not quite as 'recent' as usual! But better late than never, I hope. As usual, we first turn to landmarks. Pride of place must go to Debenham, where we can safely say the 300-peal mark has now been passed. Which peal *was* the 300th will probably never be known, since a few were rung prior to 'Bell News' (I have five such). However, the peal on March 15th last was the 300th since 1881. Lavenham is another tower where there was an odd peal before 1881 (I have recorded three), so that the peal on May 24th, which was the 150th to be published in the ringing press, is possibly the 153rd.

In mentioning that the next peal on the bells at Burnham, Bucks, is the 150th on the bells, one is on safer ground, since the first peal there was not rung until 1897. Several towers have reached or are about to reach the century mark. Measham's 100th peal was on March 8th (the first was rung in 1913); Erdington (R.C. church) had its 100th on April 21st. According to the footnote, the first peal ever in the town was on these bells on January 15th, 1883. There appear to be only two R.C. churches where 100 peals have been rung—this one and Birmingham, St. Chad's Cathedral, which has had 132. Then I can confirm the 100th peals at Milton-next-Gravesend and Portsmouth Cathedral. Congratulations to all these towers.

I believe Dorchester, Oxon, has also become a centenarian. I have recorded 99, but I think there were one or two earlier than 1881. Darley Dale's next peal will be the 100th. As for 50 peals, we have Woburn (1st in 1887), Sutton-on-Trent (1st in 1925), Headingley, St. Michael's (1st in 1892), and Wrotham (1st in 1883) reaching that number, whilst Buxton, Norfolk, Manchester Town Hall, Barwell and Heckington do so with their next peals. Marston celebrated its 25th peal in fine style with 12,600 Doubles!

Amongst 'First peal on the bells' one has noted Upton, Wirral; Lyng, Norfolk; Freckenham; Bottisham; Eriswell; Thruxton; Heswall; Paddington; Bradford (Devon). Some of these were claimed and some were not. Unless the bells had been recast, the peal at Holme Pierrepont, Notts, was not the first on the bells; a peal of Doubles in three methods was rung there in 1921.

Of towers that have had previous peals, the one which appears to have had the longest silence since the last article is Holbeck, R.C. church. It was almost exactly 50 years since there had been a peal there—March 7th, 1908 (the recent one was on March 1st). There were eight peals here from 1896 to 1908. Two other towers appear for the first time since the first world war—Bristol, St. Thomas's, which was last seen in 1913 (I confirm four peals in all here) and Colsterworth, in 1914 (there were nine peals from 1911 to 1914). Pershore, St. Andrew's, had a silence of nearly 40 years—the three previous peals were rung in 1913, 1914 and 1920. Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake had three peals from 1923 to 1925, and there have been none since until this year. Cranleigh's last peal was in 1927. There were nine just before the first war and six from 1917 to 1927. Only three of these peals were of Major, and none of these Surprise Major. I expect that will soon be altered now that the bells are in order again! Hose also had its last peal in 1927. There was one before that in 1911.

It is just 30 years since Winlaton appeared in the peal columns. The four previous peals here were rung in 1893, 1902 and 1928 (2). Four towers were last heard in a peal in 1931. They are Great Milton (eight peals in all—first in 1902); Hardingstone (also eight peals, first in 1911); Kilndown (first peal 1905; then four from 1912-1914 and 13 from 1920 to 1931), and Enmore (three peals now, 1906, 1931 and 1958). Orwell and Irnham had previous peals in 1932. The former had only had this one before, but Irnham also had one in 1930 (the footnote to the recent peal—first peal for over 40 years on the bells—was not quite accurate, therefore). In the case of Walsden, the footnote—first on the bells for 20 years—erred the other way. It is 25 years ago, in 1933, that the last peal was rung here. Before that, peals were rung in 1872, 1890, 1914 and 1926. The only previous peal at Stoke Abbott was in 1935, whilst at Padworth there have been two peals before the recent one, in 1912 and 1936.

Two towers have had a peal silence since 1937. They are Hampton in Arden and Exning. The first now has a total of four peals, there being others in 1908 and 1925, whilst the latter has only these two, 1937 and 1958. In the last six months, there have been four towers which were last in the peal lists 20 years ago. Oadby was the first, and there were six peals here spread out fairly evenly from 1908 to 1938. Then came Great Barford, celebrating its fourth peal with one in 21 methods. The previous ones were all in two methods, in 1923, 1936 and 1938. Thirdly, Storrington, where I can confirm that the only previous peal was in 1938; finally, Uffington, Berks, with exactly the same history. There is another Uffington in Lincolnshire which had its last peal in 1903!

It will probably be of interest to some to mention a few more towers which appear infrequently. Southgate has had its second peal since the war and yet at one time it was a very popular peal-ringing tower. It passed the 100 peal mark in 1901, 150 in 1909, and had reached 170 by the first war. There were only 19 between the wars, so the grand total is still less than 200. Bristol, Christ Church, has a similar record, though with fewer peals. We have just had the second peal since the war. There were 39 here from 1910 to 1914, then one each in 1918 and 1919, then silence until 1953. Mortlake, until the recent peal, had only had one other since 1925 (which was the only one between the wars, by the way). That was in 1948. Two or three peals a year were rung here during the 1890's.

Blaenavon has had only five peals since the first in 1912. All are of Grandsire Triples or Doubles, so a 'Major' peal can be expected here soon! The only previous peal at Harthill, Yorks, was Yorkshire Surprise Major in 1945. One would have expected to find many more than that in this peal-ringing centre around Sheffield. Pitsford (five) has had five previous peals. They were all Grandsire Doubles and rung in 1913, 1924, 1926, 1930 and 1944. Willingham by Stow was last seen in 1946. There had been eight peals commencing in 1931 before the recent one. It is ten years since there was a peal at St. Anne's-on-Sea. There have been 12 in all now, the first in 1891. The recent peal was the first of Surprise on the bells. The first peal on the augmented bells at Thurnby suggested to me that the ringers might be interested to know that there had been three peals there when it was a five-bell tower—in 1921, 1937 and 1951. Whilst talking of five-bell towers, Little Houghton is to congratulated on reach-

ing double figures since the last article appeared. There are now 25 such towers, so the number is gradually increasing.

Concerning a couple of footnotes, Longparish had a peal in seven Minor methods in 1946, so the recent peal was not the first such on the bells; Lewknor had a peal of Doubles in 1947. It was in 19 methods.

Then a final item of peculiar interest. The peal at Dersingham was the 19th consecutive peal of Plain Bob Minor since 1951! There had been six peals in 20 years before then. The local band must be fond of the method!

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., July 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

KEITH WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
STELLA HUGHES	2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	7
M. JILL FISHER	3	ERNEST STITCH	8
HOWARD HOWELL	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
Arranged for the 21st birthday of Keith Williams.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.
A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	JOHN S. BARNES	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS	8
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	9
GEORGE SAYER	5	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED ROYAL
In three methods, comprising 4,660 changes of Plain Bob, 176 of Little Bob and 168 of Gainsborough Little Bob, with 72 changes of method.
Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	MAURICE E. DOWNS	6
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	†COLIN A. TESTER	7
ROBIN A. HODGSON	3	JOHN R. COOPER	8
THOMAS E. SONE	4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
GEOFFREY PEARSON	5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Arranged by GEOFFREY PEARSON. Conducted by THOS. CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal in three methods for all the band and for the Association. First peal of Spliced Royal for the Association on tower bells.

SWINDON, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

FRANCIS G. WILTON	*Treble*	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	6
WALTER H. TRUEMAN	2	ALAN F. LEE	7
VICTOR GRIFFIN	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	8
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	z9
ERIC SUTTON	5	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by all except the ringers of the third and tenor, and the first in the county and for the Association. First peal of Yorkshire Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)
On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*C. WHYLES	*Treble*	*DAVID STAINSBY	5
MRS. ATKINSON	2	LEONARD BLANCHARD	6
HORACE M. DAY	3	FREDERICK FRENCH	7
CECIL WADE	4	ALBERT SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal.
Rung in memoriam Arthur Holmes, interred at Edenham on Saturday, May 24th.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	*Treble*	*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
*MRS. B. HOLMES	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	6
CYRIL WRIGHT	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
ARTHUR B. COOPER	4	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN F. MURFIN	*Treble*	JOHN ANDERSON	5
VIVIENNE M. HORTON	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS.
Conducted by D. R. CARLISLE.
First peal in the method for all and for the Association.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HACKINGTON,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

*NICHOLAS J. DAVIS	*Treble*	DAVID STAPLES	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
DEREK C. CHATFIELD	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal on eight bells.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*PAUL W. WEBB	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
*ANN BARR	2	†*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*WILLIAM A. LACEY	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	*S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. † 400th peal.
A compliment to S. Anthony Jesson and Peta P. Cole on their engagement.

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LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	5
LESLIE G. BRETT	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
JOHN W. BLYTHE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*LEWIS F. COBB	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	*MICHAEL J. BEST	6
*JOHN HARTLESS	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
First peal of Bristol on the bells.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*JOHN B. LONG	*Treble*	†R. FRANK BAKER	5
*JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
*ANNE E. AMOR	3	BRYAN PATTISON	7
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4	KEITH WAKEFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*DEREK FOWLES	*Treble*	*H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	5
FRANK E. BISHOP	2	DENNIS R. RANDALL	6
DAVID N. ROBINSON	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
R. JAMES COOK	4	J. DESMOND PAINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours* 5 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
EDWIN BROMLEY	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	CHARLES A. BASSETT	7
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 25th peal and first peal in the method. Mr. E. J. Ladd has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.
Rung for St. Swithin's Day and a birthday peal for Mrs. H. Baker, G. Kenward and the conductor.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

WILLIAM ARNOLD MORLEY	*Treble*	IAN M. HOLLAND	5
JAMES H. PAILING	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. A. HALLS and D. R. CARLISLE.
Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
JAMES M. BAILEY	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
JACK PILGRIM	3	PETER S. BEDFORD	7
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
A birthday compliment to Christine Bailey, granddaughter of 2nd ringer.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
*HAROLD F. WHITE	2	*THOMAS PRICE	6
*WILLIAM H. TYLER	3	†EDMUND MALIN	7
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.
A farewell to the curate, the Rev. J. J. Hogan.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt., 18 lb.

FRED PRITCHARD	*Treble*	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH	5
JOHN MEADOWCROFT	2	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	6
*MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Derek Ogden and Joyce Halliday.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	*GUY PICKAVANCE	5
*ANN ELLIS	2	†GEOFFREY PARTING	6
JOHN S. DEAN	3	*MICHAEL HART	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. 150th peal as conductor.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Treble*	*GEORGE A. SPENCER	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
*JILL MAYES	3	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
†CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	*JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Grandsire and 10 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM LAKE	*Treble*	EDWARD M. THRESHER	3
JOHN H. WILLIAMS	2	ALBERT COOPER	4
MICHAEL F. AMOS			*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.
* First peal.
Rung by members of the local band for the Festival of Whitsun.

HOBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), and ten of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES H. BURNHAM	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	3
RICHARD E. MANTON	2	HAROLD T. BONSHOR	4
ROLAND H. COOK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung as a farewell tribute to Rev. T. Howell Evans and Mrs. Evans, who left the parish the same day for their new home at Brent-Pelham, Herts.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

FREDA HANKEY	*Treble*	LEONARD A. TIDY	4
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 twelve-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.

EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	4
ALFRED HANNINGTON	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	3	JOHN T. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

With Grandsire calls at the lead-ends only.

POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

STANLEY H. WALLIS	*Treble*	*PETER G. SMITH	4
*JOHN P. HULME	2	ALAN S. SMITH	5
SHEILA I. SMITH	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells and first peal on them since 1933.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 15 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Union, Chase, Seighford, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, April Day, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in G.

TERRY M. HAINES	*Treble*	*RAYMOND HENMAN	3
ROBERT S. ROBERTS	2	*ALLAN R. JONES	4
ROBIN V. BAKER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

* First peal in 15 methods. Longeth length by all the band.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	ROY S. WILSON	5
*BARRY BROWN	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in seven methods.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's wife, and to daughter Beverley, on her third birthday.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY W. MILLS	*Treble*	SAMUEL TWITCHETT	4
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	*MICHAEL A. MILLS	5
IVAN COOPER	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL A. MILLS.

* First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLERSEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LEONARD MILLS	*Treble*	††ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	4
†ROBERT C. COLE	2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	5
†COLIN B. LONGMORE	3	†HAROLD E. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent Treble Bob Minor ‡ 25th peal. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

Rung as the quarterly peal for the Association; also a birthday compliment to Mr. Anthony J. Brazier.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 15 methods: (1) Spliced Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, 26 changes of method, (2) London and Wells, 12 changes of method; (3) York and Durham, 12 changes of method; (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, 11 changes of method; (5) Beverley; (6) Netherseale; (7) Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REG. E. J. SHEPPARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
*†JOYCE A. GOOD	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
†WALTER AYRE	3	KEITH B. GOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in more than seven methods. † 175th peal together.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

MERTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 11 methods, viz.: Four extents each of All Saints', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and two extents of Stedman. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in B.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	3
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	4
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 20 120's and 11 different 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

RODNEY J. MUSSON	*Treble*	JOHN H. SMITH	4
WALTER WESTON	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
HENRY P. COLLIN	3	JOHN F. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. George H. Smith, sidesman and member of St. Denis's Parochial Church Council, who was laid to rest in the afternoon.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six extents, each of seven methods, being Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*TROOPER BURLEIGH HAYCOCK (16/5th Lancers) .. .. .. *Treble*
†TROOPER MICHAEL C. GATHERCOLE (5th Royal Tanks) 2
2/LIEUT. BRUCE GRAINGER (Royal Signals) 3
2/LIEUT. JAMES R. TAYLOR (Royal Signals) 4
SIGNALMAN GEOFFREY R. PARKER (Royal Signals) .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung by National Servicemen of Catterick Garrison on the front five of this ring of eight.

TREDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods (21 variations), being 240 each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. John, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Andrew, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES ROUSE .. .. *Treble* | WENDY BIRD 3
E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 2 | *CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4
ROBERT DOWDESWELL .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* 100th peal on tower bells (conducted 25). First peal in nine methods for all, except the conductor.

Rung as a welcome to Martin Paul Buckley, grandson of the ringer of the second.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, All Saints, Little Aston, Southrepps and Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb.

ALLAN R. JONES .. .. *Treble* | PATRICIA A. NEESHAM .. 3
*PATRICIA F. CURTIS .. 2 | MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 4
ROBIN J. BAKER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.

* First peal in seven methods.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*WALTER MEAD .. .. *Treble* | *J. EDWARD BROWN .. 4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER 2 | *HAROLD STEVENSON .. 5
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. 3 | *MARK W. LEWIS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First in three Doubles methods.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*G. COLIN JACKSON .. *Treble* | †FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 4
CLARENCE G. BRIGGS .. 2 | †F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER 5
*FREDERICK DERRY .. 3 | WILLIAM L. EXTON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. K. Roper, Vicar of Norton-Disney, who leaves on July 14th to take up a living in the South of England.

BENTWORTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. *Treble* | *WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3
ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. 2 | GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 4
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 25th peal together. The ringer of the tenor has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and St. Clement's College Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. *Treble* | FRANK C. PRICE 4
MONICA BLAGROVE .. 2 | MICHAEL HATCHET 5
JAMES BROOKS .. .. 3 | FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DENIS A. S. SYMONDS .. *Treble* | ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4
*IAN R. PANTON .. .. 2 | ROBIN N. PITTMAN 5
MARY DOWSETT .. .. 3 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE *Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal in seven methods. A 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING .. .. *Treble* | ALBERT LAWES 4
*ALAN FLATT .. .. .. 2 | GEORGE FILBY, JUN 5
†FREDERICK FLATT .. .. 3 | L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since rehanging by John Taylor and Co.

STANDON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

ELIZABETH E. ROBERTS .. *Treble* | ALBERT H. LAWTON .. 3
HAROLD ROBERTS .. .. 2 | WILLIAM TALBOT 4
G. ARNOLD MOORE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

First peal of Bob Doubles by all the band. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to Arthur Talbot, on joining H.M. Forces.

UPTON GREY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in A.

ANNE C. GARNETT .. .. *Treble* | S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT 4
ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 2 | GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3 | ROOGER BALDWIN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	JOHN W. SMITH	4
MARY STEPHENS	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
RICHARD W. STEPHENS	3	JOHN E. CANNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

Rung to welcome Robert Ashton Cannell, son of John and Susan Cannell, born June 25th. 1958. Also rung as a fifth wedding anniversary compliment to Brian and Francis Threlfall. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1956.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sun., July 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Double Court and Plain Bob and one 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent.
Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER FORD	*Treble*	TONY OWEN	4
HERBERT F. LASKEY	2	DERICK W. PARDON	5
JOHN R. SMITH	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

ELFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., July 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in C.

ERIC EDGINGTON	*Treble*	FRANCIS A. SEDGEWICK	4
*PAUL J. RIGBY	2	*JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
CLIVE M. SMITH	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal in the method by all the band, for the Society, and the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung on St. Swithin's Day, and also as a birthday compliment to Derek P. Jones.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores.
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

HAROLD PREECE	*Treble*	D. WALFORD DAVIES	4
THOMAS E. HIDDINS	2	*EDWIN E. SMITH	5
WILLIAM T. PETTY	3	DAVID L. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the Festival of Wales.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 11¾ cwt. in G.

ERNEST J. LADD	*Treble*	*KEVAN S. HOHL	4
JANET FRENCH	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	3	STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* 50th peal.

Rung as a welcome to Kevin S. Hohl on his return from National Service in Aden.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Woodbine T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. RIDGMAN	4
HENRY W. SHARP	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	5
DONALD F. MURFET	3	ARTHUR YARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

An 84th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ABBOT'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss B. Harris (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Erik 2, Miss J. Seabrook 3, J. Easley 4, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 5, T. Evans (first quarter) 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. A. Shaw 1, V. F. Gough 2, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 3, Diana M. Gough 4, R. D. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung to welcome the birth of a son to Beryl and James Sexton. Beryl was a former ringer in this tower.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On July 15th, 1,344 Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major: H. G. Keeley 1, W. H. Poole 2, G. Gaylard 3, C. W. Powell 4, R. Keeley 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, W. H. Yates 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

BASSINGHAM, LINCS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): G. Davis (first quarter) 1, F. Derby 2, W. L. Exton (cond.) 3, J. E. Brown 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, G. C. Jackson 6. First in three methods 2 and 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. K. Roper, Vicar of Norton Disney.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. R. Crisp (first of Triples) 1, Miss J. M. Clements 2, Miss E. J. Langton 3, D. R. Mitchell 4, B. E. Matthews 5, R. A. Brown (first of Triples away from tenor) 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, B. W. G. Elliott (first of Triples) 8. Also on July 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. J. Langton 1, G. R. Crisp 2, B. E. Matthews 3, R. A. Brown 4, H. Wood 5, P. H. Langton (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Rt. Rev. Fesito Olang, Assistant Bishop of Mombasa, to the parish.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. E. Cobb 2, Monica Fry 2, D. J. Hunt 3, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. H. Gilbert 5, L. Derrick 6, J. Brain 7, M. J. Horseman 8.

BRADLEY, STAFFS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Whatmore 1, E. E. Speake 2, Miss E. Wright 3, K. W. Knowles 4, A. Mills 5, F. Barraclough 6, J. D. Holden (cond.) 7, F. Holden 8. First quarter on the recast bells. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. A. Dentith, Vicar, by whose efforts these bells are ringing again after 50 years' silence.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): C. Langland 1, A. R. Jones 2, F. Attewell 3, R. Jones 4, P. Jones 5, G. Care (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Battison, former ringer at this church.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. C. Jackson 1, P. C. Pitchard 2, J. E. Brown 3, F. Derry (cond.) 4, C. T. Rodgers 5, J. J. Marshall 6. To celebrate the birth of Robert John Brown, son of the ringer of the third and captain of local band. Also on May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Marshall 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, P. C. Pitchard 3, J. E. Brown 4, G. C. Jackson (first 'inside') 5, C. T. Rodgers 6. For Whitsun. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. Chilton 1, F. Derry 2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, J. E. Brown 4, P. C. Pitchard 5, G. C. Jackson 6. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Isaac Wyer, former local ringer and faithful church worker.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maria Kirby (first in method) 1, Helen Thoday 2, Gwen Silor (first 'inside') 3, D. Martin 4, P. Spice 5, M. K. Oakshett (cond.) 6, D. Kirby 7, B. Threlfall 8. Rung by their fellow-members to mark the wedding this day of Patricia Ann Bullen and Malcolm K. J. Powell.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 1, J. R. Haycock 2, Joan Cheney 3, W. C. Budd 4, T. J. Frodsham 5, Wendy Griffiths 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hall 1, Mrs. H. White 2, A. Hall 3, H. White 4, D. Overton 5, L. Hall 6, H. Shuck (cond.) 7, T. Jacob (first quarter) 8. For the Sunday School festival.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): R. Keeley 1, W. H. Poole 2, G. S. Morris 3, G. Gaylard 4, H. G. Keeley 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, W. H. Yates 7, J. T. Locke 8. Non-conducted.

QUARTER PEALS

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 480 Little Bob and 60 Plain Bob): B. Johns 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, Delia Smith 3, Mrs. D. Johns 4, G. L. A. Lunn 5, G. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 6, A. Gilbert 7. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to N. D. Marshall, a great public worker and one of nature's perfect gentlemen.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On July 6th, 1,320 Minor (600 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob): Deborah Hopkins (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Marshall 2, L. E. Duffield 3, J. H. Edwards 4, J. H. L. Blick 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. For the annual Sunday School rose service, and also to mark the 731st anniversary of this church.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On June 1st, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: Miss J. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 6th, 720 Oxford and 720 Plain Bob Minor: G. Cherry 1, Miss J. Croft 2, L. Runnacles 3, B. W. Lake 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On July 20th, 720 each of Norwich and Ipswich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, H. S. Peacock 2, D. F. Murfet 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For service on Feast Sunday.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hart 1, L. Mutter 2, L. Morrell 3, R. Trickey 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, R. Mutter 6. A farewell to the Rev. H. W. T. Stamp, who is taking up an appointment at Trull, Somerset.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On June 28th, 1,360 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Brand 1, R. G. Bugg 2, W. B. Duncan 3, I. Cooper 4, R. E. Lester 5, G. R. Goodship 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. D. Lister (cond.) 8. For the local church fete.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Bird 1, J. Mabrey 2, H. Colcombe 3, F. Lewis 4, Eunice Hiley 5, J. King (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Rothwell (first quarter) 1, J. P. Partington 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills (first as cond.) 3, R. Maher 4, G. S. Mills 5, A. Crabtree 6.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On July 22nd, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Payton 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, R. Newman 3, M. Rowe 4, A. J. W. Buller 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. Turner (cond.) 7, L. Dennis 8. For patronal evening service.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss N. Pugh 2, N. Carter (cond.) 3, Miss P. Drury 4, J. Martin 5, B. Priestley 6. A farewell tribute to the curate (the Rev. J. Hunt), who is leaving to be Vicar of Crondall.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. M. Barker 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, Miss G. Graney (first as cond.) 3, C. E. Havter 4, D. J. Goodman 5, K. D. Waples 6. For Evensong.

LEICESTER—On July 20th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Minchin 1, Jean Kirkman 2, E. Morris (cond.) 3, W. Tanser 4, T. H. Bent 5, J. Adams 6, G. A. Olliffe 7, W. P. Walker 8. For the patronal festival.

LONDON, S.E.—On July 20th, at St. George's-in-the-Borough, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. Rae 3, M. Hawkes 4, J. A. Hales 5, F. P. Mead 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, R. Newman 8. For Evensong and an 81st birthday compliment to Thos. H. Taffender.

LONGCOT, BERKS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 1, J. Hut 2, M. Edney 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie 5, C. Timms 6. A wedding compliment to Jean Strawford and Frederick Lovegrove.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, Mrs. N. Dart 3, T. Jefferies 4, W. Wayman 5, W. Richings 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, J. W. Jefferies 8. For the patronal festival.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On July 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and Double Oxford Bob Minor: L. Mitchell 1, Hazel V. Dadson 2, Kathleen M. Walsh 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, G. Kenward 5, S. B. Dobbie 6. Rung on the 21st birthday of Hazel V. Dadson, ringer of 2, who is honorary secretary of the local company.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. R. Hartley 1, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 2, G. Stickland 3, B. Taylor 4, W. J. Palmer 5, J. W. Wallace 6, E. J. R. Hartley 7, R. Escott 8. First of Triples for 1, 4 and 7 and as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the procession of witness of the combined churches of Penarth during the festival of Wales.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Loveland 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss H. Hancock 3, J. Martin 4, N. Carter (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—On July 21st, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 540 St. Clement's and Childwall Bob): Rachel Corner 1, Christine Woodward 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker 3, J. Pusey 4, R. A. Jackson 5, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 6. For Solemn Evensong of the patronal feast.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On July 12th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: F. G. Wilton 1, Miss L. Hawes 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, E. Sutton 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, V. Griffin 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. V. N. Cooper), who has been appointed assistant secretary to the Church Pastoral Aid Society.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. B. Nicholson 1, Shirley Guymer 2, Pamela Cox 3, M. L. Mann 4, H. Dove 5, H. W. Cox (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for 2 and 3.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Bains (first quarter) 1, W. Bains 2, G. Thompson 3, F. Lord (cond.) 4, F. Lacey 5, B. Buttery 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's Church, on July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hurst 1, R. Birch 2, J. Brightmore 3, L. Smith 4, B. Holland (cond.) 5, J. Dunn (first quarter) 6, D. Holland 7, L. Leach 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Herbert Hudson, who was for some time curate at St. Marie's and for the last 14 years chaplain to St. Elisabeth's Little Sisters Home for the Aged, Sheffield.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Channon (first quarter) 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, M. Stanyon 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, H. Miller 6. Rung for the children's service on the dedication festival.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—In the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Church, on July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. D. Grant 1–2, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 3–4, M. G. Lane (first in hand) 5–6. Rung ot celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the conductor's parents.

STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on July 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Hughes (first on 10) 1, H. Knauss (first 'inside') 2, D. A. Hewitt 3, L. Fox (cond.) 4, H. Weedon 5, M. Cubitt 6, A. Lewry 7, R. Sumner 8, C. Wilmington 9, G. Boomsma 10. For Evensong, attended by the Archbishop of Cape Town, formerly Bishop of Stepney.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On July 20th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: C. Miller 1, C. Snowden 2, L. Sharpe 3, R. E. Lester 4, J. L. Girt 5, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 6, G. R. Goodship 7, W. W. Miller 8. For Evensong to honour the visit of the Bishop of Auckland, N.Z.

WARWICK.—On July 20th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Faulks (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. L. Stain 2, W. Collett 3, H. Huxley 4, F. C. Lyne 5, J. Price (cond.) 6, W. H. Male 7, W. Clement 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Collett.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wright (first quarter) 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Throsby (first 'inside') 3, W. Lee 4, M. Stracey (cond.) 5, A. Hammond 6. Rung for Evensong on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On July 16th, 1,440 Treble Bob (extent each Oxford and Kent): Miss R. Tidey 1, E. Rapley 2, Miss J. Clements 3, D. Mitchell 4, C. Longhurst 5, G. Francis (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rawlings 1, Susan Jacobs 2, Anne Garnett 3, E. Jacobs 4, A. Bishop 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. J. S. Hawkins (London), a past Master of the College Youths, happened to be staying in Cheltenham when his 79th birthday came round. To mark the occasion a band of College Youths from Gloucester, Cheltenham and Swindon met at St. Mary's Church, Cheltenham, on July 22nd, and rang a quarter peal of Stedman Caters with the veteran himself on the treble. A social hour and supper followed at the Tivoli Inn, when the health of Mr. Hawkins was proposed and honoured in the usual manner. Thanks were expressed to mine host (whose birthday fell on the same day as Mr. Hawkins') for his welcome and for making the necessary arrangements.

The peal at Great Gaddesden on July 19th was rung during a memorial service at Little Gaddesden for Miss Kathleen Talbot, who did much to stimulate rural music in West Herts. The peal was a tribute to her memory.

The stoppage in the publication of 'The Ringing World' between February 14th to March 7th, 1947, was through the Government's fuel emergency order, and not arising from an industrial dispute, as stated in our issue last week.

In connection with the peal at Wilburton, Cambs, the rest of the band would like to congratulate Mr. H. W. Sharp on the way he rang in the peal on his 84th birthday. His perfect ringing, using a minimum of effort, was a model to the younger members of the band.

We have received a chatty letter from Denis J. Woodham from Cooma, New South Wales, who is helping to plan a £60 million hydro-electric project. His last ringing was at Sydney at Christmas, but at times he chimes the bell at the Presbyterian Church. Through 'The Ringing World' he keeps in contact with the happenings of the Exercise.

Seven on the band who took part in the peal of Yorkshire Royal at Swindon had never struck a blow in Yorkshire Royal before. The band are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Sutton for their kind hospitality before and after the peal. The peal was the 50th together by Reginald Hooper and Eric Sutton, and the 25th together by Eric Sutton and Roger Fry.

The peal at Brenchley on May 20th ('Ringing World,' page 410) was 5,056 changes and not 5,088, as printed.

Mr. Ernest Morris has had his manuscript on 'Tintinnabula' (the subject on which he did a recent television broadcast and radio talk) accepted for publication in book form by Robert Hales, Ltd., of London. The work will be profusely illustrated by line drawings and photographs and will be published in the early autumn.

After a break of 50 years, Bradley, Staffs, bells are ringing again. The bells have been recast and were rededicated last November. It is a pleasure to record that with the help of Messrs. A. Mills and F. Barraclough (not forgetting Francis) and Mr. E. E. Speake, these bells have rung out for every service since their installation. Local ringers now being trained will make every endeavour to maintain this record.

On Sunday, July 6th, members from St. Peter's, Dorchester, Wyke Regis, Abbotsbury, Buckland Newton and Yetminster tried out the bells at Piddletrenthide after rehanging. Recordings were made and the ringers and villagers were generally pleased, and expressed their approval. The work had been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The dedication of the bells will take place in October. These bells have been silent for nearly 50 years.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

GUILD BANNER DEDICATED — REPRESENTATIVES' EXPENSES AT DUBLIN — SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

THE annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on July 18th will go down in the long history of the Guild as a year to be commemorated. In the presence of a larger congregation than usual the Guild's banner was dedicated at the service in Christ Church Cathedral by the Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg). Mr. F. G. Edmans, who two years ago proposed that the Guild should have a banner, and later designed it, carried it for the dedication ceremony. He was escorted by Mr. M. Jameson, who wove the banner, and Miss E. Irving, who undertook the embroidery.

In the centre of the banner is embroidered in silver a bell, and superimposed on it is the arms of the Diocese. Worked in gold thread against the blue background are the words 'Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.' The staff, which was turned by Mr. Edmans, is from oak taken from the old bell frame of Great Horwood Church, and dates back to 1660. The banner is of great beauty and it is believed that Oxford Diocesan Guild is the first Guild to have a banner.

The Bishop of Reading preached at the festival service, which was conducted by the Master. The lessons were read by the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) and Mr. Wigg.

RINGERS IN THE CHOIR

The Bishop of Reading, in his sermon, said with the skill and craft of their Guild, what could be finer than making a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob? What could be finer than summoning people to the worship of His Church? Many times he had been driving through the lanes of Berkshire and Oxfordshire and, drawing near to a church long before he could see it, had heard the bells.

And, as so often happened, when he reached the church and went into the vestry and was all ready to start the service, the Vicar would say, 'Do you mind waiting a minute or two while the ringers come down and put on their cassocks to sing in the choir?' There was sometimes the other side of ringers' conduct, but, thank goodness, not often.

An unfortunate occurrence was to find in an obscure corner of the vestry a gramophone where a needle was scratching out bell music. That was an example of the Church using the things of science in the wrong way. The Church could use the things of science in a good way, and an instance of that came to him when he was in St. Paul's Cathedral for the opening service of the Lambeth Conference. There a television camera recorded all the service so that people looking in at home could see the whole of the service on their screen and hear every word of the preacher and the celebrant at Holy Communion.

'Down through the centuries had come that still quiet voice "Follow Me." You, as ringers, are serving God to the best of your ability in making this very cheerful and supremely beautiful noise to the God of Jacob. You know how many hours of practice you have to put in to bring your ringing up to such a standard of perfection as it is in this country. Looking back over the past years we thank God for the work of your Guild and the devoted lives of its members. Looking to the future, we hope that in God's keeping the bells of the Church will always be ready to summon His people to His worship.'

After the singing of the hymn, 'Thy hand, O God, has guided,' the Bishop pronounced the Blessing. The new Guild banner was carried in the procession by Mr. Edmans as the choir and clergy left the service.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held in the Chapter House with the Master in the chair, supported by the Deputy Master, the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the hon. secretary (Miss Cross) and the hon. librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper).

Arising from the minutes, Mr. P. Walker said the general committee had revised the rules but he felt that members should have sufficient time to discuss them. He proposed that the revised rules be considered at the autumn meeting. This was seconded by Mr. A. Diserens and agreed to.

Among the apologies was one from Mr. E. F. Gibbard, and the meeting heard with regret that he was ill with pneumonia, particularly as his daughter was being married that day.

The general secretary stated that the printed reports had not yet been received. They were presented in a duplicated form to the committee and approved. She proposed that they be accepted in the duplicated form.

The same applied to the audited accounts, and in reply to a question, Mr. A. D. Barker said there was over £100 left in the Bell Restoration Fund. The accounts were approved on the proposition of Mr. Castle, seconded by Mr. Edmans.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The Deputy Master said only one nomination was received by the appointed time for the office of Master—the Rev. C. E. Wigg. He thanked the Master for all he had done for the Guild in the past year. The election was ratified amidst applause.

The other officers were re-elected with expressions of thanks for their past services. The election of the 12 members of the committee was left till after the adoption of the rules at the autumn meeting, as there was a proposal to reduce the number to six.

REVISION OF SERVICE BOOK

Mr. David Smith reported on the progress in revising the Guild's service book. He had made a collection of ringers' hymns, and various people were selecting the top 10. The meeting suggested that Mr. Smith should consult the Archdeacon of Oxford, who was a ringer, as to the order of service.

The Master said he used some of the prayers collected in the service that morning.

AUTUMN MEETING

The General Committee recommended that the autumn meeting be held at Reading on September 27th. The service would be at St. Lawrence's Church. Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens were arranging the towers and tea.

It was decided that the 1959 festival be held at Oxford on July 18th.

ALL SAINTS', WOKINGHAM

The General Committee recommended a grant of £50 for All Saints', Wokingham. Mr. B. C. Castle said the proposal was for the bells to be rehung on ball-bearings, and other work The cost was just under £400, and the Sonning Deanery Branch had made a grant of £25. The church had a big reconstruction scheme and was struggling to raise the necessary £5,000.

An amendment to limit the grant to £30 was defeated, and the committee's recommendation adopted.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S DUBLIN MEETING

The General Committee recommended that second-class travelling and board while in Dublin be paid to the Guild's Central Council representatives who attended the recent meeting, and that Branches be asked to make a contribution towards the expense.

Mr. A. D. Barker (a representative) said there was one amount voted towards the account of £5. At one Branch, when the matter was raised, a member was very uncomplimentary. When he heard the matter discussed, the adjectives he used could be associated with glorious technicolour. Others remarked, 'A fine holiday at the Guild's expense,' which showed how little they knew of the Central Council and its work. The motion did not mean expenses for a whole week or longer. He suggested fares and two or three days' bed and breakfast.

Mr. F. Vickers proposed the recommendation and added: 'We should be very proud that our representatives were able to go to Ireland.'

Mr. B. T. Lister said members had asked what did the Exercise get from the Central Council. He suggested that the Council meetings be held once every ten years, like the Lambeth Conference. He complained that their representatives never presented a personal report on the meeting.

Mr. Roaf suggested that the meeting delay passing the resolution until they knew what was involved.

A member said when the matter came before the committee a figure of £10 was mentioned.

Mr. Barker: 'If you want to know my expenses I should advise you to go out and get some brandy, because the Guild could not afford to pay.'

Mr. Roper: 'Our representatives certainly went to Ireland under the impression that this was what the Guild would pay. I think it would be niggling if we failed to ratify it.'

Mr. F. Vickers proposed, and Mr. Roper seconded, 'that the committee's recommendations be adopted.' This was carried.

In regard to Mr. Lister's other point, that representatives give a report, Mr. Sharpe said the Guild proposed on one occasion that these should be deleted because members said they had read it all in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. W. Birmingham suggested that one of the representatives should write his impressions in 'The Ringers' Magazine.' 'I have known people walk out as soon as the Central Council is mentioned.'

The meeting agreed that Mr. Butler should print the impressions of Mr. Barker or Mr. Lock.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. E. G. Foster, past-secretary of Reading Branch, Canon G. Dixon, 30 years chairman of the Central Bucks Branch, and Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins were elected vice-presidents of the Guild. Supporting Mr. Wilkins' election, Mr. George Gilbert said 55 years ago Mr. Wilkins gave him his first lesson in ringing.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

The meeting approved of a grant of £5 to Mollington, and an application on behalf of Cumnor was deferred until the autumn meeting.

265 NEW MEMBERS

The secretary asked for the confirmation of 265 new members elected since last year.

Mr. T. Fowler said they were getting these hundreds of new members, but the Guild did

OXFORD FESTIVAL—Cont.

not increase in membership very much. He thought many were made members before they were qualified.

The Master: 'I think the principle of tower foremen is that recruits be nominated after 12 months in their tower.'

Mr. W. Birmingham: 'It is only by heavy recruiting that we will keep our numbers up.'

The Secretary: 'I have lost eight girls in the last two years and they have all gone out of the parish and not one is now ringing. Some are married, one has gone to Canada and another to London.'

Mr. Sharpe: 'Is there anything to be done to lock Cupid up?'

The Secretary: 'That is the trouble.'

The election of the new members was ratified.

THE SEARS OF BLETCHLEY

The general secretary reported receiving a letter from the Rector of Bletchley stating that Mr. Harry Sear was celebrating his 80th birthday and golden wedding. The family had been ringing at Bletchley for 100 years, and they proposed to put up a memorial window to Alan and his three sons.

The Master commended the project and it was decided to defer any contribution until the autumn meeting, when the cost would be known.

The vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, the preacher, organist, clergy and ringers of Oxford and district for use of their bells was proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker.

THE LUNCHEON

A company of 142 sat down to luncheon in the hall of Christ Church with the Master in the chair. The principal guest was the Bishop of Reading.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) said probably there were no Societies more loyal to the Church and State than ringers, and they publicly expressed their loyalty.

Among their ringers they had a good many who appreciated the difficulties of the clergy. These were days when parishes had been grouped together in twos and threes and some six and seven. He had been a churchwarden for 27 years and for four of those years there had been no incumbent. Such difficulties provided an opportunity for laymen to come forward and he was very pleased to say that they were coming forward better than in the past.

'I have served on the Towers and Belfries Committee and have visited more than 2,000 churches. That means that I have heard 2,000 stories of parochial life and sometimes the Vicar told a very different story from the clerk about the life of the parish. In my recent travels I have noticed a greater desire on the part of the laity to take part in Church government and Church work and there is a greater interest than 20 or 30 years ago.

'We have had correspondence in "The Ringing World" about ringers holding other offices in the Church. In my own parish of Launton the ringers provided one churchwarden, one lay reader, ten choristers and six members of the Parochial Church Council.'

The Rector of Slough (the Rev. Mr. Perkins) responded.



Many of our readers have not seen a thatched tower but there are a number in Suffolk—Butley, Brampton and Theberton (where the bells were rededicated last December). The picture sent to us by Supt. Claude Rush is of Thornham Parva tower, near Eye, Suffolk. It contains one bell—by Thomas Newman, 1727. Supt. Rush inquires whether anyone has compiled a list of thatched towers.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Mr. David Smith, in proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' particularly welcomed Mr. Philip Gray, of Bristol, with whom he had had some correspondence regarding Sunday service ringing, which was brought up at the Central Council meeting at Dublin. Mr. Gray had had a trying time in hospital over the past two months with his eyes, and they all hoped he was better.

Visits to other towers, in his opinion, were very important—one learned new things. While they did not suppose they could teach their distinguished visitors anything, they liked to learn from them.

Mr. Philip Gray said he learned to ring in the Oxford Diocese and lived there for many years—in fact he had rung more peals for the Oxford Diocesan Guild than any other Guild. It was a pleasure to be with them because he had so many happy memories of their Guild.

As they knew, this year at Dublin the Central Council passed a resolution to look into the matter of Sunday service ringing. This was done for two reasons. Firstly, all ringing associations had an obligation towards Sunday service ringing. It was a primary consideration and concerned every one of them. The other was that Sunday service ringing in the county was not quite what it ought to be. They assumed that rather less than half the churches in the country with rings of bells had adequate Sunday service ringing. This was not a situation with which they ought to be pleased about, and they ought to consider what went towards making a Sunday service band.

What, he said now, was his own personal opinion? He believed the crux of the matter was the integration of a band of ringers into the parochial organisation as a whole. Unless they had that there was not much hope of a good Sunday service band. Where the ringers were part of their church organisation there was generally no cause for complaint. But the ringers were often apart from the rest of the church. The belfry was upstairs and out of mind and the ringers were not always regarded as part of the church. Unless the ringers were part, there was not much prospect of getting a good Sunday service band.

GUILD'S RESPONSIBILITY

Where the Guild came in was to help with the technical instruction to make people ringers. They would all agree that ringing was not easy—it took perseverance, skill and hard work. Very few people could become ringers on their own. They had to have the help of an association. If there were no Guilds like theirs the state of Sunday service ringing would be far worse than at present.

He hoped they would organise their efforts to get the best Sunday service ringing possible. They were short of instructors and they could not afford to waste the efforts of those they had. They might think that it was better for ringers to receive instruction in their own tower than come to another on a Saturday. He asked members to talk about it at their Branch meetings. Mr. Gray concluded by proposing the toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild.'

The Master, in reply, thanked Mr. Gray for his suggestions. 'In my own parish, as an example of what should be done, we always insist on one of the ringers being a member of the Parochial Church Council. That was a first step and it should be taken in every parish.'

The Master mentioned that the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund that day amounted to £5 5s. 6d. He thanked the voluntary choir for singing at the festival service, and especially Mr. Coles, who succeeded in getting some boys at short notice. They would all agree that it was a very fine service, and the Bishop said afterwards he thought it was a homely and family service.

Ringing in various towers in Oxford and neighbourhood followed.

A request has been received at Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts, from bellringers in the Peak District for the use of the bells for a peal attempt from 10.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. on a day this month. Permission has been granted provided the peal starts at 10.30 a.m.

The band who rang the quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Blagdon, Somerset, recently, would like to thank the Vicar and his wife for their hospitality at the Rectory after the attempt. At present the bells are not rung regularly but the Rector is hoping a local band may be re-formed this winter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRUE RINGING ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—In view of recent correspondence in your columns from Mr. Chant, I take it that his latest letter on how to teach handbell ringing is also intended to be amusing. In the unlikely event, however, of his being serious, it would (when one remembers their excellent booklet on this subject) be interesting to know the views of the Central Council on the abolition of the back-stroke, since traditional English bellringing surely consists of causing the clapper to strike at **each** end of the swung arc?

One would also like to know the proportion of Youth Clubs and similar organisations who can afford several octaves of bells (and intervening semitones), as well as the cost of printing their music in three colours—which Mr. Chant regards as 'very necessary.'

One or two other points:—

(1) The 'Morse Code' notation was expressly designed for the simple tunes of which 8 and 12 bell sets are capable, and for young ringers devoid of any knowledge of musical writing: the introduction of bars merely complicates ultra-simplicity, and, as we here have shown, is not required for simple tunes which are well known. All the ringers want to know is when to strike their notes and some handbell equivalent of 'rope-sight.' If Mr. Chant wants anything more advanced, many such modes are already available.

(2) We here have been endeavouring to start youngsters off for ultimate **tower-ringing**—tunes being a welcome relief from plain hunting: Mr. Chant appears to be mainly concerned with **stage-chiming,** like the variety stage artiste running feverishly from end to end of a long table loaded with handbells. But, as I suspect, he may be merely joking!—Yours sincerely,

M. B. BELL (Col.).

Ashtead, Surrey.

A PEAL AT EGHAM

Dear Sir,—The peal rung at Egham on May 24th was, I think, of the lowest standard I have been called upon to ring in. I do not call 3¼ hours' bad ringing a peal, even if it is the first for one member of the band.

The first peal should be an example for the recruit to follow, and the conductor should place his band to the best advantage for the recruit.

Egham Church is in the middle of the town, and it is hard to get the bells for peals. If the ringing is bad the conductor should set the bells.

Apart from the bad ringing, the 3 and 6 had been crossed for some time before the conductor, Alan Hartley, and his co-pilot, Bill Birmingham, with the peal figures on the wall, put them right.

My name was printed without my consent. I do not think the conductor should have let it go on in his home town. If Alan calls that a peal, I would be ashamed to say I kept a record of my peals.—Yours sincerely,

G. COUSSINS.

Old Windsor, Berks.

TANTNEY

Dear Sir,—Replying to your correspondent, Mr. George F. Knight (page 483), this bell is so called for the following reason. In many places the 'ting tang' (or the treble of the peal where they had no special bell) was known as the 'Priest's bell,' as it was supposed to warn him that it was time to put in an appearance. Many of these bells, cast in the West Country by Rudhall, of Gloucester, bear appropriate inscriptions, such as 'Come away—make no delay.'

Some successors of the 'sanctus' bells are now used as 'priests' bells' or ting-tangs. Their numbers vary very much — Lincolnshire has about seventy; Leicestershire very few; in some counties, especially in the North and South of England, they are rarely found. In Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire it is almost the rule, rather than the exception, to find them, and the adjoining counties have a fair proportion.

Sometimes these little bells are the sanctus or saunce bells of mediæval days, a fair number of which survive, although they are often uninscribed and therefore difficult to date. Most of the 'ting-tangs' now in use are either recasts of old bells or additions of the seventeenth and later centuries. One 'priest's bell' is mentioned as such in Edwardian Returns of Church Goods—at Ware in Hertfordshire: '1552 one lyttle belle to calle for ye priste, clarke, or sexton when they are absent.' This bell is sometimes called the 'Tantoney bell' or Saint Anthony bell, the name being derived from the emblem of that saint—a small bell being attached to his tan-staff, or suspended from the neck of his accompanying pig. The small bell at Lichfield Cathedral is so called, so was one at Lamport, Northants, and another at Weedon Bec in the same county. The writer found one at Wigston Magna, Leicestershire.

Again, in 1552 the sanctus bell at Oldham, Lancs, was called the 'Anthem bell.' In 1528 the churchwardens at Leverton, Lincs, paid 'for a littel sanct antony bell ijd,' and at Lamport (mentioned above) in 1747, 9d. was charged for 'a Tantony bellrope.' The small bells attached to the necks of cattle in Northants were often called 'tanthony bells,' and at Great Oakley the bell is known as 'tintanny,' which may be derived from St. Anthony or ting-tang.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

We thank other contributors who have replied to this query.—Ed.

5,040 DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Dear Sir, — Re 5,040 Double Grandsire Doubles rung at Neath, Glam., Saturday, July 5th. The band that took part in this peal, together with Mr. A. J. Pitman, being here assembled to-day (July 26th), request, after discussion, that this be published in 'The Ringing World' as a peal rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR M. RODERICK.

Porthcawl.

See adjoining column for compositions of Double Grandsire Doubles by Mr. A. J. Pitman.

NAMES OF ALLIANCE METHODS

Dear Sir,—In connection with the revision of the Minor Methods book which the Methods Committee of the Central Council is undertaking, I should be most grateful for the help of your readers in naming the Alliance methods which we are including in full in this edition. At the moment, we have the following names:—

Harlington, Cromer, Walsingham, Steventon, Lammas, Ellacombe, Buxton, Holbeton, Springfield, Wordsley, Harmondsworth, Clyst, Alperton, Perivale, Stratton, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Hayes, Chalfont, Fulmer, Tibenham, Olney, Finchley, Iver, Northaw, Penshurst, Leyland, Burstow, Kimberley, Balcombe, Lavington, Albury, Shenfield, Weston, Cotgrave, Mitcham, Ringstead, Norwood, Hampstead, Blaxhall, Stonehouse, Lamberhurst, Bramfield, Amersham, Yaxley, Winterton, Attleborough, Clapham, Malmesbury, Cottenham, Rothwell, Merrow, Clandon, Stapleford, Thornham, Merstham, Wakefield, Mendlesham, Darlington, Eccleston, Normanton, Calverleigh, Kelly, Wilburton, Adwick, Allesley, Scawthorpe, Wrentham, Chelford, Sutton, Poynton, Denton, Morland, Bigby, Bassingham, Tattershall, Butterwick, Leake, Wrangle, Alford, Frampton, Whaplode, Candlesby, Freiston, Langton, Benington, Elsham, Dunholme, Gosberton, Gedney, Surfleet, Sibsey, Spilsby, Spalding, Bicker, Pinchbeck, Gunby, Wainfleet, Copt Oak, Charnwood.

If anyone knows of Alliance methods with other names than those given above, I should be most grateful if they would let me know. Please include the figures of the method (in case it is one of the above rung under a different name) and, if possible, the origin of the name (e.g., found as such in an old ringing book called '———').—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton.

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Twelve-scores by Mr. A. J. Pitman, in which each change is rung at hand and back with all calls at the lead-ends as in Grandsire Doubles.

No. 1		No. 2	
2345		2345	
			5324 — 3
S.	5423 — 2	S.	2354 — 1
S.	3254 — 2		5423 — 2
	2534 — 1	S.	3254 — 2
	5324 — 1	S.	2435 — 3
S.	2354 — 1		4325 — 1
	3524 — 1		Repeated
	2435 — 2		
	4325 — 1		
	2543 — 2		
S.	4523 — 1		
	5243 — 1		
S.	3452 — 2		
	4532 — 1		
	5342 — 1		
S.	4352 — 1		
	3542 — 1		
	4235 — 2		
	2345 — 1		

Nineteen variations of No. 1 and two of No. 2 were rung at St. Thomas', Neath, Glamorgan, on Saturday, July 6th, 1958.

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LETTERS—Cont.

THE MAN FROM PHILADELPHIA

Dear Sir,—Some notes under this heading appeared in 'The Ringing World' about two years ago, describing the experiences and tremendous pleasure which ringing gave to Morris Alfred Turner after 47 years' absence in the United States.

After this re-awakening of the long dormant love, it is hardly surprising that Mr. Turner is back again for more—a five-month holiday with his brother, Mr. Robert F. Turner, the Ringing Master at Kettering Parish Church. Naturally, when on a visit to Kettering on a recent Sunday, the writer expected to see the Turner brothers side by side at the ropes for service ringing. But Morris Alfred was not there.

After the service I called at his brother's home to hear the full story; and what a terrible disappointment the two have had! After a week or two back in the tower, 'getting his hand in' again, Morris Alfred was told by his doctor that he must not ring at all, because of 'ticker' trouble. Now, all hopes of increasing his peal total, started in 1903, with such great promise, abandoned in 1909 and increased by two in 1956, seem to be past. We had in mind for this year a peal of Cambridge Major—not a popular method in the days when Mr. Turner rang (with the old Kettering band) his peals of Double Norwich and Superlative.

However, he still fully intends to join in a tour in the Canterbury area this summer and a trip to York Minster later on, if only to listen to others ringing and to join in the fun which inevitably goes with ringers and ringing on such occasions.

The writer was very interested to hear at first hand of Mr. Turner's visits to Kent School, in the beautiful Connecticut Hills, since he was last here in 1956. He says he was made a great fuss of and given a very happy time on each occasion, passing on in return several hints and corrections to the speed of ringing, etc., which had slowed down at Kent School over the generations of boys, who are not there long enough to progress very far. Several are able to ring elementary changes, and the ten bells were rung to rounds—and a lovely ten they are, too, according to my informant.

Mr. Turner also visited the tower in Philadelphia again recently, and says that ringing would not now be possible, even if there were ringers, as an organ has been built so as to obstruct ringing.

Though a very jovial type, even after such disheartening news, Mr. Turner feels that young ringers of to-day do not take ringing seriously enough, and that progress would be much quicker if it were a little more disciplined and the social side of ringing kept strictly separate.

We in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild wish Mr. Turner, who has rung peals under the conductorship of people as far apart as the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Stephen Ivin, improved health and a happy stay in this country.—Yours, etc. P. I. C.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Plain Bob Major which I conducted at Aspenden on November 9th, 1957. The composition, which is on the back of the Hertford County Association Annual Report for 1957 (by G. Lewis), has been proved false in the second half of the peal. My sincere apologies to all ringers concerned.—Yours faithfully,

C. A. S. HARWOOD.

Baldock, Herts.

BELLS WELCOME PRINCESS MARGARET TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

H.R.H. Princess Margaret arrived Saturday, July 12th, at Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia, by a direct flight by air from London. On her arrival in Victoria the bells of Christ Church Cathedral rang out a welcome from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. As the Royal car drove up to the Empress Hotel, the temporary residence of the Lieut.-Governor of the Province, the bells were fired 21 times.

The ringing consisted of touches of Grandsire and Victoria Surprise. Ringing recommenced at 8.30 p.m. and continued until 9.30 p.m., and on this occasion was televised, showing the ringers ringing and views of the bells in action from a position in the belfry looking down on the bells. A touch of 1,260 Grandsire was rung on this occasion. The striking was very accurate in spite of the disturbing influence of the T.V. operators.

On Sunday morning the Princess attended Matins, and ringing continued until she entered the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Special tickets had been issued to the congregation previously and the front pew of the West Gallery reserved for the ringers and their wives.

After the service, as the Princess came out of the Cathedral, the bells rang out again and continued to 12.30 p.m. with touches of Grandsire and Bob Major. As the Princess left she was presented with a bouquet of flowers by one of the Cathedral Sunday School children, who were lined up on the steps outside the west doors.

There have been very many favourable comments regarding the ringing and also the T.V. broadcast and sound recording.

The ring of eight bells was supplied by Mears and Stainbank in 1936 and are approximately the same weight as those of Westminster Abbey, and tuned to the same scale of D flat.

The 7th and 8th bells are of special interest, as they were christened Queen Mary and King George V. by special permission of the late Queen Mary, and have the following inscription cast on them:—

7th bell Queen Mary
God bless Queen Mary
I hail the festal day
8th bell King George V.
God save the King

Christ Heaven's King be pleased with this ring

The Cathedral ringers taking part were: Patricia Horne, Margaret Horne, Margaret Izard, T. Arkell, C. Millard, B. Guthrie, Dr. Longridge, Godfrey White, D. Boniface, V. Donaldson, A. Izard and E. W. Izard.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Perhaps the most interesting things about the meeting held at St. Peter's Church, East Bridgford, on July 5th, were the most generous welcome extended to us by the Vicar, the Rev. G. R.'D. Mclean, his most interesting sermon, tracing the history of bells, and the variety of the ringing on these most enjoyable bells.

Although the attendance was rather small, only reaching some 30 ringers, the ringing was if anything rather better than usual. Methods rung included London, Cambridge, York and Westminster Surprise, Sandal, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, interspersed with a variety of rounds and plain methods, under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. J. D. Clarke.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold an evening meeting at Coddington on August 9th and the next district meeting, to be jointly with the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, at Eagle and Harby.

A hearty vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by Mr. F. W. Midwinter.

W. L. E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

Ringers visiting Norton St. Philip on July 14th for the Frome Branch quarterly meeting enjoyed an afternoon which the organisers of the fete the previous week must have envied, and among the apologies for absence was one from Hinton Blewett tower, whose members were engaged in haymaking! About 30 members and friends attended and visitors were welcomed from the Bath and Wells Branches and from Kent for ringing from rounds to Surprise.

The chairman, the Rev. N. Mitchell, of Radstock, reported that the Corporate Communion and breakfast at Nunney had been well attended. He congratulated Mr. D. Hoare and his band on ringing the first peal of Spliced Surprise for the Association, and thought that interest might be stimulated and financial stability increased by inviting friends of ringing to become honorary members of the Association—though associate members might be a better name. Three performing members from High Littleton were elected—Mr. M. and the Misses V. and F. Ormond. Mr. K. B. Williams, of Stockbury, Kent, became a life member.

Mr. D. Hoare (the Diocesan secretary), while making no proposition, reminded members that for more than 30 years both Frome and Bath Branch meetings had been held on a second Saturday (this one had to be postponed a week) and up to now neither side were willing to change. He wondered if the Frome Branch would take the lead by considering a change to the first Saturday of the month. A few members thought that the tradition should still be respected, but many were for a compromise as they would enjoy the opportunity of attending both meetings. Mr. Prescott, Ringing Master of the Bath Branch, said that he would like to see both Branches of the Association working together. It was agreed that the matter should be put to the vote at the annual meeting at Chewton Mendip, after time for discussion in the towers. The next meeting will be at Camerton on October 11th, subject to the necessary permission.

The meeting ended with votes of thanks to the ladies who prepared and served the tea, to Mr. A. H. Angell, tower captain, and to the Vicar, the Rev. O. W. Johnson, for conducting the service and the use of the bells, and to his daughter, who was organist. In his sermon, Mr. Johnson said that the ringing of bells was an act of praise such as no other religion had: they shout out aloud to praise God. E. D. O.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK

The Universities' Association's ringing week starts on Friday, August 8th, with the weekend being spent in Yeovil. Afterwards the headquarters will be the Half Moon, Sherborne.

The party consists of the Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville, R. Roger Savory (Birmingham), A. York-Bramble (Bristol), Geoffrey Dodds, C. M. P. Johnson, Edwin H. Lewis, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie (Cambridge), Joyce Dodds (Durham), A. Rex Agg, Ronald W. M. Clouston, Shelagh R. Collins (London), Wilfred L. Robinson, C. Anne Agg, Ruth M. Border (Manchester), A. R. Pocklington (Nottingham), Peter Border, Harry Miles, Wilfred F. Moreton (Oxford), Marie R. Cross, Audrey Gladwell and M. Jo. Moreton (Reading), Paul L. Taylor (Sheffield), John H. Gilbert, Margaret E. L. Beamish, Jill Swanne (Southampton).

There will be three peal attempts — Ilminster, Drayton and Martock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Wedding Present For Mr. H. Ford

When the Dorchester Branch held its summer quarterly meeting at Abbotsbury, a cheque was presented to Mr. H. Ford by the chairman (the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft) on behalf of the Branch members, as a wedding present. In thanking the members for their kindness, Mr. Ford said he would give all the help he could in his capacity as Ringing Master.

Five new members were elected from St. Andrew's, Leigh, and the chairman welcomed members from this tower back into the Guild after a lapse of many years.

The hon. secretary (Mr. R. H. Duke) reported that the bells of Piddletrenthide were now rehung and ready for ringing, and a request had been made for a band of ringers to go there and try them out. This would now mean another five-bell tower in the Branch after a lapse of nearly 50 years.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wyke Regis some time in September. The hon. secretary said he was sorry to learn of the impending removal of the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft from Abbotsbury to Ower Moigne, as his new parish had no bells, but that he would now have closer contact with him as he would be under the Dorchester Deanery. He hoped that, in spite of no bells, he would continue as Branch chairman. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Rowcroft every happiness in their new parish. Mr. Rowcroft thanked Mr. Duke for his remarks and said he would be pleased to continue as chairman for as long as possible.

The Guild service was conducted by the Branch chairman, who is Vicar of Abbotsbury. In his address he pointed out how bell-ringing, if done in the right spirit, helped to spread the Kingdom of God. Tea was served in the Flower Bowl Cafe.

West Dorset Branch

The West Dorset Branch held its quarterly meeting at its Devonshire church, St. Andrew's, Chardstock, on July 19th. Members arrived to find a new set of ropes which had been fitted a little over a week. This, combined with a long draught, made good striking impossible. One well known ringer was heard to remark that his bell would place-make when he wanted to dodge! Two young ringers of the Lyme Regis band gave a good display of bell control, and credit to their tutors for correct handling. They were Miss Charlotte Brown and Sidney Brixton, and both were elected members of the Guild later in the day. There were visitors from Bridgwater, Yeovil and Nottingham. Numbers were sufficient for Cambridge Minor to be rung by two different bands, while later London Minor was rung by a third.

As Chardstock was without a Vicar, Preb. E. V. Cox conducted the Guild service, and Canon C. Carew Cox read the lesson and gave the address on Love the Brotherhood and how we should be Christians first and ringers after. Mrs. Wilson played the organ.

Tea was served in a nearby hall, to which 25 sat down. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Hawkchurch on September 27th and a by-meeting at Thorncombe.

Canon Cox, on behalf of the Guild, thanked Preb. E. V. Cox for taking the service, Mr. Pratt and the ladies for providing the excellent tea and all arrangements, and Mrs. Wilson for playing the organ. Canon Cox was thanked for his very helpful address.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7-8 covering): Grace Burchnall (cond.) 1, Lavina Hulford 2, B. Hough 3, Eleanor Rose 4, M. Gartside 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, R. Mumford 7, W. Rushby 8. For Evensong.

JOINT MEETING AT SHREWSBURY

July 12th was the occasion of the third joint meeting of the Shropshire Association and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The venue for this meeting was Shrewsbury, that interesting town almost surrounded by the River Severn. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was obtainable at St. Chad's and St. Mary's Churches in Shrewsbury and also in the outlying towers of Berrington and Condover, and good use was made of these facilities by the many ringers attending the meeting, and others who were just wandering around tower grabbing.

The service held at St. Chad's was conducted by the Rev. B. M. Harris, senior curate, who also gave the address.

Tea, very kindly provided by the Shrewsbury ringers, was served in St. Chad's Church Hall, and 76 sat down to a bountiful meal. Following tea, Mr. A. Pritchard, Ringing Master of the Shropshire Association, and Mr. F. Bennett, lay secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, thanked Messrs. F. Beddows, E. Willcox and H. Bennett for their efforts in arranging this very enjoyable meeting, the Shrewsbury ringers and their wives for providing tea, the lady helpers who served the meal, the various incumbents for the use of their bells, the Rev. B. M. Harris for taking the service and Mr. Harwood for playing the organ

Altogether it was a most enjoyable day with good fellowship abounding and the 'Staffords' will look forward to the next of these joint meetings, when it will be their turn to act as hosts to the members of the Shropshire Association. F. C. A. B.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Diocesan Festival was held at St. Stephen-in-Brannel on July 12th. There were present Mr. A. Carveth (the President), Mr. D. Burnett (the Ringing Master), Mr. Southeard (vice-president), and about 70 ringers, including a band from another St. Stephen's, Launceston, and several ringers who were on holiday in Cornwall.

It was unusual to hear more method ringing than call changes and rounds, as the Truro Guild is composed mainly of call-change ringers. The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon Gilbert, and the Diocesan Secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, preached. The proposed Guild ringers' service was used and prayers were said for the souls of Mr. Henwood, of St. Columb Minor, and Mr. Rowe, of Stoke Climsland, two members of the Guild who had recently died through accidents. Mr. Rowe had written to say that he would be at the Festival with the Stoke ringers.

The secretary, in his sermon, said that he discovered a few days before that they had come to St. Stephen's a year early; they should have come in July, 1959, when St. Stephen's bells in their present form would be fifty years old.

A sumptuous tea was provided by some of the ladies of the parish, after which many of the ringers went off to neighbouring towers, which were also open for ringing.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CUMBERLANDS JOINT MEETING

The two oldest Societies in the Exercise held a joint meeting at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Beddington, on July 19th, and in honour of the occasion the clerk of the weather supplied one of the few good days of this summer.

Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a splendid tea furnished by the local band at the Social Hall—more than enough for even ringers' appetites.

Mr. Frederick J. Cullum, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, thanked the Master of the College Youths and all those who had helped in bringing the meeting about, and hoped that it might become an annual event. He thought that the two Societies should get together more and see what could be done about churches where little or no Sunday ringing was being done. He felt that there was a lot they could do in this direction.

The Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Philip A. F. Chalk, said he was enjoying this get-together; it was 25 years since the two Societies had last met, and that was at cricket, but although he thought it ought not to be another 25 years before they met again, if it became an annual occasion it might lose its interest. He added that perhaps they could have another social meeting in another sphere—rugby instead of cricket, perhaps!

Ringing continued after tea, ending ten minutes earlier than scheduled, owing to the breaking of a rope in the hands of a member of the weaker (?) sex. So ended a memorable day; a delightful ring of bells in a lovely setting, a fine day, many old friendships renewed and reminiscences exchanged—a very pleasant meeting indeed.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Eight towers were represented at the monthly meeting at Shelley on July 12th. After tea in the school, the Rev. A. Crow presided at the business meeting. Arising from the minutes of the June meeting, which was the Shield contest, Cawthorne offered the prize they should have received for the Hoylandswaine Cup contest at Hoylandswaine on September 13th. Five new members were elected, viz., J. Whitehead (Marsden), Shirley Greenwood and the Rev. A. Crow (Shelley), B. Mills and J. Meredith (Holme Pierrepont). The next meeting will be a joint one with the Yorkshire Association at Thryburgh on August 9th. Mr. Herman Rusby proposed the vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwarden, the local company and the ladies responsible for tea.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Selly Oak on July 5th. Owing to various other attractions the meeting was poorly attended and was very brief.

The secretary reported that a smaller room at the Imperial Hotel had been reserved for the Johnson Dinner, which will be held on March 7th, 1959.

The Guild practices at St. Martin's on Tuesday evenings were discussed, but no substantial reason could be found for the diminution in the numbers attending and it was decided to continue for the time being.

The next meeting will be held at Aston on October 4th.

EXPERIENCES ON OUTINGS

INTO SOUTH BUCKS

The morning of July 12th saw three cars carrying a party of 12 ringers on an outing, aimed at ringing in various towers in South Bucks with a few from nearby counties.

Ringing commenced at St. Paul's, Langleybury, where Mr. Ken Dunstan met us and joined in a course of Bourne; this light six go well. Our first eight, King's Langley, have only recently returned from the Loughborough foundry and, as usual, Taylors have done an excellent job, the only criticism being a stuffy belfry. We were pleased to have Mr. Walter Ayre stand in a course of London, though our ringing here didn't do justice to the bells.

After these two Hertfordshire towers we entered Bucks, having a short ring at Aston Clinton, followed by the five from the Croydon foundry at Weston Turville, thought by some to be one of the best fives in the country. Prior to lunch London was successfully rung at Stoke Mandeville. After the first touch here the stay of the fifth fell out, having been attached with only a couple of nails.

Replenished by a picnic lunch, we had the interesting experience of a ring on the steel bells of Waddesdon, where we were met by Canon Dixon and Mr. Copcutt. Though these bells are a little out of tune they are by no means as harsh as might be expected, and went well to Cambridge. A little time in hand provided an opportunity for a pull at Quainton; this ring of five is of very fine tone, the tenor weighing 19¾ cwt., and the bells hang in the order 13254, anti-clockwise. The ringing circle is surrounded by ornamental statues, which, coupled with the long draught, makes the bells tricky to handle. A pleasant drive through narrow lanes brought us to another anti-clockwise ring of five at Nether Winchendon, where the appropriate Doubles were rung. The ring of eight at Haddenham sounded better outside the tower than in. A course of the special eight-bell method of the day, Glasgow, reached just over three leads before collapsing. Another attempt progressed a further lead at Thame (Oxon), where the bells are a very poor ring for such a fine church.

Before ringing at Tetsworth we enjoyed tea at the local fete. The ring of six by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank has a tenor of 4½ cwt., and everyone enjoyed it very much. Permission had been obtained for a pull at Aston Rowant (5, 13 cwt.) but on arrival at the church a large boiler was found in the ringing chamber directly beneath the tenor rope. However, the tenor was raised with extreme difficulty, and rounds rung on this anti-clockwise peal of good tone, though the 'go' left a lot to be desired. The bells had just been lowered when the Parochial Church Council secretary rushed in to tell us the tower was condemned as unsafe in 1922, since when the bells had not been rung.

Our ringing at Chinnor was curtailed when the second's rope broke, but a short splice remedied matters, and an interesting touch of Spliced Minor was rung. Re-entering Bucks, we visited the heavy ring of five at Bledlow and, later, West Wycombe, where a final onslaught on Glasgow produced six leads.

Grateful thanks are extended to all those who helped to make this outing so successful.

I. H. O.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on July 19th, 1,777 Erin Cinques: D. Heighton 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, F. Hansford 3, D. J. Marshall 4, P. J. Bird 5, Miss P. M. Bourn 6, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 7, I. Goulter 8, R. J. Bowden 9, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 10, T. P. Edwards 11, F. D. Mack 12.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD

The local company had not had an outing for several years so a few impetuous fools this year persuaded everyone that it would be a good thing, and arrangements were duly put in hand. This means that our patient tower captain arranged coach, towers, eating places and a period delicately described on the itinerary as 'social activity.'

Prompt at the appointed time, four people arrived at the rendezvous. About a quarter of an hour later the last members of the party turned up still rubbing sleep from their eyes, and just as some were giving up hope, the bus came as well, so we were able to depart only about 20 minutes late, although we soon caught this up en route.

Having got more or less settled in, the handbells were produced for a 'quick' course 'in hand,' but we arrived at Grantham before this came round so we rang a few courses of various things on the noble ring of ten instead, J. E. T. and 'Our Kid' doing great things on the tenor.

Some signed the visitors' book underneath some more illustrious names than ours, of the previous outing, and then we all 'embussed' for Surfleet. Here we had a great time where, because of the leaning tower, the ropes appear to descend at 30 degrees to the vertical, and the way some of us performed at 30 degrees to the horizontal. Afterwards it was generally agreed (by at least five gentlemen) that the highlight of this visit was some Doubles on the top five.

During ringing here, one or two of the more thirsty members disappeared, and the feeble excuse of those who went to 'hurry others up' didn't really fool anyone, but eventually we all set off for lunch at a hotel in Spalding.

We finally left Spalding in peace for Sutterton, where we astonished ourselves by ringing a course of Lincolnshire Surprise in Lincolnshire on this delightful eight. One thing of note occurred here and that was the 'turning in' of the tenor to some Stedman Triples by one of our ladies, otherwise we all enjoyed some good ringing.

Next we arrived at Boston Stump, where we rang some Grandsire Caters nearly at cloud base and where one of our many comics remarked that these must be a heavenly peal because of the height we had to climb to ring them. By now perhaps the pace was beginning to tell, as we did not ring these bells as well as we should have done, although we did bring all the touches round.

Magically we all, or nearly all, recovered for another long climb at the organisers' 'pièce de résistance,' Lincoln Cathedral, but the bells were well worth it and so was the view from the balcony! Much has been written about Lincoln, but mere words cannot describe the grandeur of this beautiful building from foundation stone to the highest pinnacle. After some of the best ringing of the day we took our leave and began our journey home. We stopped on the way, of course, to sample some of the much vaunted 'social activity,' which proved most acceptable.

Our thanks include the coach driver, who performed miracles, and our tower captain and organiser, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, who should have been a psychologist, and, of course, local captains and clergy for their kind co-operation.

D. H.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS

York was the destination of the annual outing of St. Michael's, West Retford, which took place on July 19th. The outing was blessed with a really good summer's day, and at 8 a.m. 36 ringers and friends from Sutton-on-Trent, Rampton, Gamston, East Retford and Bawtry left the church.

Selby (10, tenor 25 cwt.) was the first tower on the programme and the lovely bells were enjoyed by all. The best ringing here was a touch of Spliced Triples.

At Escrick (8, tenor 13 cwt.) we found that the clappers of the treble and second were tied and unfortunately this wasted a bit of time. After the opening rounds a touch of Plain Bob Major was brought round. Oxford Bob Triples went well, and then a ladies' band, assisted by 'Miss Denman,' rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. Little Bob Major was rung and then the bells were lowered.

The first tower after lunch was Acomb (6, tenor 10 cwt.). Although the bells are very loud in the ringing chamber they are easy to ring and some good ringing was accomplished. The Institute of Architectural Study (6, tenor 8 cwt.) was next on the list, and difficulty was experienced here in striking these very old bells.

After tea we made our way to the Minster (12, tenor 59 cwt.), where, after the bells had been raised, we started with rounds on 12. Unfortunately we broke a stay, which reduced ringing to 10. We then rang rounds on 10, with Mr. Williams making a very good job of the tenor. Oxford Bob Triples and Grandsire Triples were rung on the back eight. Although we enjoyed hearing these majestic bells we did not do justice to them with our ringing.

The last tower of the day was Carlton (6, tenor 6 cwt.). This nice light ring was very much enjoyed by all. Double Oxford went particularly well. An all-ladies' band rang a touch of Bob Minor.

The customary stop was made on the way home and we arrived home just after 10.30.

Methods rung were Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Oxford Triples, Plain and Little Bob Major and Grandsire Caters.

Thanks are extended to all incumbents concerned, to the Dean of York and to local tower captains for meeting us.

R. H.

GLOUCESTER RINGERS' OUTING

Some 41 ringers and friends participated in the North Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association's outing in North Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire.

Good bells had been selected. First came the recently rehung eight at Hanbury, followed by Aston Cantlow (6) and Wootton-Wawen (a very interesting old church). Lunch was taken in picnic fashion at Stratford-on-Avon and, after a brief rest, the coaches left for Wellesbourne Hastings and Kineton. Tea followed at Banbury. The last tower was Hook Norton, a good eight.

During the day methods rung included Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, St. Dunstan's and rounds for beginners at each tower.

Grateful thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers for their co-operation and to the Ringing Master, Mr. Wilson, of Redmarley, who planned the route; also Miss J. Smith, Secretary, for organising the tour and tea at Banbury.

E. W. S.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

PAWLEY.—To Margaret (nee Starbuck) and Julian, a daughter (Sarah Margaret) on July 13th, at Leicester. 2742

TAYLOR.—On July 6th, 1958, at King Edward VII. Memorial Hospital, Bermuda, to Daphne (nee Lloyd) — Chester Cathedral Society — and Derek, the gift of a daughter, Carol Diane. 2740

DEATH

BEDFORD.—On July 24th, at his home at Corfe, Somerset, after a short illness, William Maynard, dear father of Edna Grabham. 2762

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MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE.—A copy of Charles Lynam's 'Church Bells of the County of Stafford' (1899). Fair condition, although the covers are a little motheaten. Any offers?—A. A. Upton, 1312, Warwick Road, Knowle, Warwickshire. 2738

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no monthly practice at St Martin-in-the-Fields during August. Sunday ringing as usual.—A. W. J. Butler. 2749

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.—Tuesday practices postponed during holiday season. Recommencing date will be advertised. 2746

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—Owing to an open-air theatre festival being held close to the church, we regret that we can have no ringing practice during August.—John L. Findon, Hon. Sec. 2761

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Next meeting at Claverdon on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 2754

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Histon (6) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2721

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ottershaw (6) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Otter.—Mrs. H. Hancock, Malshanger, Chobham Road, Ottershaw. 2715

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Abbots Langley (6) on Aug. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. —K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 2719

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Kilndown on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2699

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Parbold, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Cups of tea provided. —M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 2743

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Anston on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, at 3 p.m. —J. Seager, Sec. 2727

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Aug. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2723

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 4th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea at nearby cafes, owing to building new Church Hall. Bells available in evening.—A. H. Smith, 9, Dorking Road, Great Bookham. 2725

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Northill (6) on Saturday, Aug. 9th at 3 p.m. A peal board will be dedicated at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wagstaff, Ickwell Green, Northill, Beds.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 2735

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Next meeting of the Branch will be held at St. Mary's-within the-Walls, Chester, on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in School Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, **not later than first post, Wednesday, Aug. 6th,** to Miss E. Price, 6, Paradise Row, Chester.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec. 2728

DEVON GUILD.—North West Branch.—summer meeting at Bideford on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Own arrangements for tea.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 2751

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Balcombe (8), Aug. 9th. Names for tea to J. H. Gardner, 35, Newlands, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett. 2748

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Cherryhinton on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4,30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bottisham available after tea.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2757

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Evening meeting, Blunsdon (6), Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells from 5.30.—W. B. Kynaston. 2750

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to F. Moorhouse, Suncrest, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 2758

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at North Mymms, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea, business, 5. Buses 242, 340, 343 and Green Line 717 pass near church. Ringing at Northaw in the evening.—C. E. Slade, Sec. 2747

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Guilsborough, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 2755

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Evening meeting, Coddington (5), Aug. 9th. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome. —W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2745

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at South Anston (8), Saturday, Aug. 9th, **not** Harworth. Names for tea, by 7th, to Mr. H. M. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, Sheffield.—H. Denman. 2756

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Thakeham (6) on Aug. 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. B. W. Farhall, New Cottages, Thakeham, Pulborough, Sx. 2739

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Thrybergh, near Rotherham, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Names, by Aug. 7th, to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, Rotherham. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert and J. W. Buxton. 2753

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 16th, at Kentisbeare. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Aug. 10th, to L. G. Leatt, 1, Silver Street, Kentisbeare. 2741

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Old Coulsdon (5) on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea, by the previous Wednesday, to Miss R. Naylor, 6, Hartley Way, Purley. 2744

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — Ringers' celebrations of the City of Carlisle's 800 years of civic independence, Oct. 18th. Full arrangements announced in good time.—J. W. Brownrigg, Sec. 2760

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner wil be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 15/6 each, now available from Mr. P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Accommodation is limited to approximately 105, so early application is advised. 2759

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On June 29th, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Mrs. F. Houghton 3, R. Houghton 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service and festival of St. Peter.

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RHYTHM

From 'The Irish Bell News'

THOSE Irish readers who had the privilege and honour of listening to or ringing with the members of the Central Council no doubt were struck by the perfect striking by the various teams. As the various towers will be getting into their stride after the summer holidays, in preparation for the competitions, some notes on striking will not be out of place.

Perfect rhythm necessitates an equal space between each pair of bells. There is no other way to achieve this than by listening to one's own bell striking. There are many ringers, including some of the most prominent ringers, who are unable to pick out their bell when ringing. Having picked out your bell, it is necessary to use your sight and to estimate the time-lag after the bell you are following, in order that the bell will strike at the correct moment. To enable that to be done the correct pull must be given to the rope to enable the bell to swing to the correct height and to permit the clapper to fall at the right part of the bell's swing, to strike the bell also at the correct degree, whilst the bell swings up again.

These three faculties are all necessary in achieving perfect rhythm. They apply equally to a perfect ring of bells and to a ring which has odd-struck or difficult running bells.

Let us now examine the time element. For a ring of eight bells of, say, 20 cwt. tenor, the average number of changes or rows is 24 per minute, for simplicity. The time for ringing every two rows, i.e., 'hand' and 'back,' is 5 seconds. There are 16 notes in each whole-pull, plus a gap for the open-handstroke lead. This gap is the equivalent of one bell, or a silent 17th note. The time between any two bells, except the tenor at back and treble at hand, should, therefore, be about 0.3 sec. Assuming 0.3, therefore, as the actual time interval, this would give an open handstroke lead of 0.6 sec.—in other words, the gap between bells should be slightly less than $\frac{1}{3}$ sec., and at treble handstroke lead of less than $\frac{2}{3}$ sec.

To the 'layman' these times seem incredible to achieve, yet the finalists of the Murphy Cup very nearly achieved it. The 'experts' from England generally did achieve it. Supposing all bells were ringing in perfect rhythm, except one bell, and its time varies up to 0.1 sec. or 33⅓% of the time element. The time of ringing would, therefore, be, assuming No. 5 was the culprit: Treble 0.3 sec., second 0.3, third 0.3, fourth 0.2, fifth 0.4, sixth 0.3, seventh 0.3, tenor. It will be seen that the fifth is too close to the fourth and the sixth has a big gap after No. 5.

We are now talking in terms of 1/10th sec.—such times are big for bell-ringers. If No. 5 ringer is 3/10th sec. out of time, we will get something like this: Treble 0.3 sec., second 0.3, third 0.3, fourth and fifth 0.6, sixth 0.3, seventh 0.3, tenor. Here we have a clash of fifth on fourth and a gap equivalent to two bells for the sixth or if the fifth holds up to the extent of 3/10th sec. we get this: Treble 0.3, second 0.3, third 0.3, fourth 0.6, sixth 0.3, seventh 0.3, tenor. The sixth if it maintains its time has to clash with the fifth, but what generally happens is for the sixth to pull in if the fifth is too close to the fourth and hold up if the fifth is too slow, with the result that the rhythm throughout is upset.

In the case of the open handstroke lead, we should, for perfect rhythm, get this: Tenor (back) 0.6, treble (hand) 0.3, second 0.3, third 0.3, fourth 0.3, fifth 0.3, sixth 0.3, seventh 0.3, tenor 0.3, treble (back). If the treble is unsteady, even up to 0.2 sec., its lead will either be too quick or too open. The rhythm is generally upset throughout because the second will try to cut in after treble where it is too close to tenor or to hold up if the lead is too open, again upsetting the rhythm.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 21, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF WYE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*JACK P. KESTERTON	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	2	HARRY POYNER	8
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	9
JOHN BRAMLEY	4	JOHN A. SMITH	10
DOREEN D. DUTTON	5	†PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	‡HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal on 12 bells. † 100th peal on these bells. ‡ 100th peal on these bells and 100th 12 bell peal.
First peal of Wye Surprise Maximus by all.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, *in* 4 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	7
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	*TONY PRICE	10
*BRIAN BLADON	5	FRANK C. PRICE	11
*WILLIAM T. COOK	6	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb in C.

*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
†BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
DEREK P. JONES	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
GORDON A. HALLS	4	†ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
ERNEST MORRIS	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of New Cambridge. † First of New Cambridge Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	PETER LAFLIN	7
JOHN WORTH	3	BRIAN HARRIS	8
ALAN A. POTTS	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
Rung for the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of the Deputy Master of the Guild, Mr. A. R. Elkins and Mrs. Elkins.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	†TERENCE I. ROPER	6
*ROGER K. STRETTON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	
GORDON A. HALLS	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
RUSSELL S. MORRIS	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.
A first birthday compliment to Julie Hemming, niece of the treble ringer. Derek P. Jones has 'circled the tower' for the third time.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	‡ALAN J. FROST	6
*VERNON PRATT	2	§RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	8
†PETER R. JOHNSON	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
*GEORGE H. HEBBORN	5	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ 50th peal. § First peal of Royal in the method.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to William H. Clarke

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Sat., July 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	J DENNIS HOLDEN	6
ERNEST STITCH	2	*DAVID W. FRIEND	7
HOWARD HOWELL	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
JAMES H. PAILING	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
PAUL J. RIGBY	5	STELLA HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Stedman and of Caters.
The tenor ringer is the first lady to 'circle the tower.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., June 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

PETER G. RICHARDS	*Treble*	GRAEME W. HEYES	5
BRENDA L. SHEPPARD	2	ARTHUR H. FISHER	6
KENNETH J. MINCHINTON	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
ERNEST H. HUGHES	4	JOHN J. F. ROPER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
Specially arranged in honour of the birth of Sarah Margaret Pipe, daughter of Diana and George Pipe.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	†BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	2	*TERENCE I. ROPER	6
†JOHN R. SMITH	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	7
*A. JAMES POYNOR	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Major in the method. † 50th peal together.

BIRMINGHAM
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
PAUL J. RIGBY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation No. 1. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON	*Treble*	E. ALAN JACQUES	5
DOREEN D. DUTTON	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
*JACK P. KESTERTON	4	GEORGE BROUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Stedman Triples on an 'inside' bell.
Rung 'In Memoriam' to Harold J. Poole, July 14th, 1955.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th obs.) Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	G. HARRY BRAY	5
CHRISTINE WAKEFIELD ..	2	TERENCE I. ROPER	6
*A. JAMES POYNOR	3	RUSSELL R. MORRIS ..	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'
Rung on the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles which completed the octave.

BAMBURGH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

MARION CAPEY	*Treble*	*GEORGE S. DEAS	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	2	THOMAS M. COX	6
CHARLES N. LEA	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
DAVID PRIESTLY	4	DENNIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'
First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.
These bells are the most northerly ring of church bells in England, and this is only the third peal on them.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

TREVOR TAYLOR	*Treble*	ALAN J. FROST	5
*DIANA M. LAWLESS ..	2	DAVID W. JAMES	6
†JENNIFER S. GILES ..	3	BARRIE HENDRY	7
‡MARGARET ROSS	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	ALEXANDER E. MARSH ..	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ..	2	*NORMAN SMITH	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	*JOHN W. GIBSON	7
J. HENRY FIELDEN	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5024 CLARENDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	HARRY R. HAMPTON ..	6
PAUL J. RIGBY	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON ..	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by PETER BORDOR.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS ..	5
*LUCY ALLEN	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	6
*DONALD F. MURFET ..	3	HUGH NEILL	7
JOHN SCHOFIELD	4	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. GIPSON.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ERNEST F. WILLCOX ..	*Treble*	*HENRY G. KEELEY ..	5
*CUTHBERT W. POWELL ..	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	6
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	ROGER KEELEY	7
*WILLIAM S. DEASON ..	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method.
The first peal in the method on the bells. Rung for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY ..	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	6
*HILARY SYMMONS ..	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
ROBERT B. SMITH	4	BASIL JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPHARD. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 24, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

CHARLES CLEGG	*Treble*	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ..	5
ROGER LEIGH	2	PETER SCHOLFIELD	6
*GEOFFREY SALMON (14)..	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
†GEOFFREY KERSHAW ..	4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 24, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

ANN M. COX	*Treble*	FREDERICK OLDROYD ..	5
A. PATRICK CANNON ..	2	*PETER G. SMART	6
SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
*PETER A. BIRD	4	HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. A. Puntiss, lately Curate of St. Nicolas', who was inducted as Vicar of Honicknowle, Plymouth, on that evening. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. A. May.

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ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb in E.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	*RAYMOND P. WOOD	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
*ERNEST TREAGUS	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First touch in the method.

CARDIFF,
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's twelve-part (7th obs.). Tenor 27 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. HARFORD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY MARCHANT	5
JAMES DANIELS	2	THOMAS YEOMANS	6
FRANK ROWSELL	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
TREVOR LEWIS	4	WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
*First peal.
Rung to mark the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to Cardiff for the closing ceremony of the 6th British Empire and Commonwealth games, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The fastest peal of Triples on the bells.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	GEORGE A. SPENCER	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
JILL MAYES	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 1 qr. 23 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	DENNIS C. BOWEN	6
CHARLES COLES	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung for the Patronal Festival, and also as a compliment to Ruth S. Hodgson and Donald H. Niblett on the occasion of their marriage.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK CHIDGEY	*Treble*	RONALD W. HAYWARD	5
HERBERT H. WALKER	2	PHILIP N. TUBBS	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
*FRANK MATRAVERS	4	WILLIAM T. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung for the Patronal Festival of the Church. Also a birthday compliment to the tenorman.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Mnutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

*WILFRED C. GODWIN	*Treble*	REGINALD TUCKWELL	5
*NORMAN CHAMBERLAIN	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	6
MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	3	FRANK ABSOLOM	7
FRANK GODDEN	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
* First peal on eight.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Rosemary and Frank Absolom.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., July 14, 1958, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

ALDEBY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one extent each of Haddiscoe Bob, April Day, Old Doubles, St. Peter's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, two extents each of Grandsire, Norfolk Doubles, and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, one extent each of Spliced St. Nicholas' Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Spliced St. Martin's Bob and Plain Bob, and Spliced Winchendon Place Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, two extents of Spliced St. Simon's Bob and Plain Bob, and 24 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in G minor.

A. WILLIAM BIRD	*Treble*	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	3
MICHAEL J. STOKES	2	TERENCE G. PAGE	4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.
First peal in 12 Doubles methods by all.

GREAT-WITH-LITTLE-WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

*JAMES LYONS	*Treble*	DAVID C. URQUHART	4
FRED A. GINNS	2	ROY W. SPENCER	5
ROBERT W. SHAW	3	RICHARD A. WEBSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.
* First peal .
Rung to commemorate the visit of the Lord Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney. Also as a compliment to Pat Ginns, daughter of the Ringing Master, on her 21st birthday.

ALWALTON, HUNTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 14 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 28 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

PAUL D. SIMMONS	*Treble*	JOHN M. ROFFE	3
*MICHAEL J. MOSSENDEW	2	RONALD F. PATTRICK	4
ROLAND W. MORANT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROLAND W. MORANT.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung to congratulate Mr. J. W. Haw on the birth of a daughter.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49¼ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¾ cwt. in A.

*GEOFFREY KERSHAW	*Treble*	JOHN H. FIELDEN	4
J. BARRY PICKUP	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*MICHAEL WHITING	*Treble*	JEAN BLACKBOURN	4
FRANK LORD	2	BRIAN BUTTERY	5
†JOHN ELLERTON	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung to welcome the Rev. P. M. Freeman, who was inducted to the living on the previous evening.

PASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge, Double Court, Oxford and Kent, and three 720's of Plain. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS FRANCIS	*Treble*	DERICK W. PARDON	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
RAYMOND W. BALLS	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	4
ALFRED A. RUSHTON	2	C. MICHAEL ORME	5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
Rung in association with the Patronal Festival and in thanksgiving for the restoration and enlarging of the organ, built in 1868.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

*FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	†JAMES A. HILL	4
RODNEY RICHARDSON	2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON	3	GRAHAM T. BALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GRAHAM T. BALL.
* 175th peal for the Guild. † First peal 'inside' and on six bells. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Maureen Charlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Charlton, of Croft.

GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	EDWIN J. UPTON	4
RONALD W. R. PICTON	2	*BRIAN K. CURRINGTON	5
*ROBERT J. PICTON	3	BRIAN M. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal and first attempt.
In memoriam Miss Kathleen Talbot, M.B.E.

NUNBURNHOLME, E. YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19,, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	CLEMENT R. ROBINSON	4
JANET I. PORTER	2	*DAVID JOHNSON	5
HENRY RODMELL	3	RONALD DUCKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.
* First peal in the methods.
A 21st birthday compliment to David Johnson and Anthony J. Broughton.

WOOTTEN WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

*WILLIAM L. GOWER	*Treble*	*PETER S. BENNETT	4
*JAMES J. GREEN	2	ANTHONY A. UPTON	5
A. CHARLES MORRIS	3	*JAMES STOCKLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CHARLES MORRIS.
* First peal.
Rung to commemorate the dedication of the new organ and the Yorke memorial wnndow. Also a birthday compliment to James J. Green.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Tues., July 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	CHARLES A. BASSETT	4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
STANLEY G. PONTING	3	*ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 300th peal, and 100th as conductor.
Rung as a farewell peal to S. G. Ponting, who is leaving the district.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DENNIS A. PIKE	*Treble*	DAVID T. NORTH	4
*IVOR G. HUGHES	2	GEOFFREY J. GAMMON	5
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	3	GORDON WALFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.
* First peal of Minor.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one of St. Clement's, one of Kent, one of Kent and Oxford, and three of Plain Bob Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	4
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTON	5
*ARTHUR F. BURLEY	3	DAVID N. PENROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., July 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*BARRY J. PERKINS	*Treble*	*ANDREW J. STRATHDEE	4
*MARGARET PRITCHARD	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES	5
CLIVE M. SMITH	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Minor.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., July 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 19 240's and 4 120's. Tenor 8 cwt.

LESLIE MORRELL	*Treble*	RONALD TRICKEY	4
WILLIAM SPARKES	2	WILLIAM WEBB	5
ALAN COOKE	3	*WILLIAM HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.
* First peal.

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ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Kent Treble Bob, two extents Oxford Bob and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*†DAVID NEWIS	*Treble*	*JOHN HULME	4
*‡MARTIN MAJOR	2	GEOFF MAYES	5
*JILL MAYES	3	PERCY W. TOMPKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY W. TOMPKINS.
* First peal in three methods. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Minor 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Major of Henlow.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings).
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*BRIAN S. J. WARNER	*Treble*	VICTOR GRIFFIN	4
†CAROLINE HOWLETT	2	THOMAS F. STONE	5
‡MRS. V. GRIFFIN	3	CYRIL R. SHAILES	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles 'inside.'
Rung to welcome a Church Army Mission to the parish.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6
ALFRED BALLARD	3—4	COLIN HARRISON	7—8
		*CELIA COWLEY	9—10

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First handbell peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal 'in hand.'

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. New (first quarter) 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, Christine Wakefield 3, T. Bolingbroke 4, H. Bray 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, A. J. Poynor 8. For morning service.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Tomlinson (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Longhurst (first quarter) 2, Mrs. D. Stoppes (first in method) 3, C. Stoppes (first quarter) 4, A. Street 5, F. Tomlinson 6. Rung in honour of the rededication of St. Mark's Church after restoration following a fire.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On July 22nd, 1,500 Doubles (408 All Saints, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): D. Borley 1, R. W. Barker 2, H. Butler 3, A. E. Barker (cond.) 4, G. Bradbury 5, E. Borley 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 1 and his brother, also a birthday compliment to W. Benton, for many years ringing master.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On July 27th, 1,340 Stedman Triples (Heywood's Variation): B. F. Baker 1, S. Rayfield 2, A. Dunk 3, T. Beaumont 4, W. R. Manser 5, C. E. J. Norris 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, R. E. Norris 8. A compliment to Prince Charles on his creation as Prince of Wales. Rung after a peal attempt for Plain Bob Major.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On July 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. S. Hawkins 1, C. W. Martin 2, H. W. Bishop 3, C. A. Wratten 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. J. Berry 6, A. L. Barry 7, G. Kilmister 8, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, T. Boreham 10. A compliment to Mr. J. S. Hawkins on his 79th birthday.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Bishop (first as cond.) 1, H. D. W. Bishop 2, H. Smith 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, G. Bird 5, K. Knight 6. Rung half-muffled following a memorial service for 2nd Lt. the Hon. Charles Stephen Fox-Strangways, killed in Cyprus on July 8th.

HATCH BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Stedman, 300 Grandsire): W. H Tarr 1, G. Sage 2, F. Matravers 3, P. Tubbs 4, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 5. First in four methods for 1, 2 and 3, also on the bells. Rung for the 7th anniversary of the treble bell.

HAVANT, HANTS.—At St. Faith's Church, on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marian K. Johnson 1, Christine M. Ford 2, H. J. Allberry 3, M. H. Johnson 4, S. L. Ford 5, P. W. Richardson (first away from treble) 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, C. E. Parsons 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. Arranged by young members for the conductor's birthday. Also on July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marian K. Johnson 1, D. Body (first quarter) 3, M. H. Johnson 4, H. J. Allberry 5, P. W. Richardson 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, C. E. Parsons 8. For morning service and as a birthday compliment to the Rector (Canon P. H. Duke Baker) and senior curate (the Rev. J. C. Venus).

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON, DEVON.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Preb. E. V. Cox 1, C. W. J. Webb 2, G. Betts 3, J. L. Glanville 4, A. Hodge 5, C. J. Turner (cond.) 6, W. Webb 7, J. Real 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Mallett 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, M. Bland 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, A. Grainger 5, J. Fowler 6, D. Salisbury 7, A. Salisbury (cond.) 8.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On July 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. W. Bond (cond.) 1, D. Ingleby (first of Major) 2, D. Sharples 3, F. Linfoot 4, J. Huntley (first of Major) 5, A. Rogers 6, W. Sykes 7, J. Newton 8. Rung after a wedding service.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Minor (360 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): A. Grainger 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

PYWORTHY, DEVON.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Prockson 1, Mabel Prockson 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, J. Tomsett 4, R. Sanders 5, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 6. Rung at St. Swithun's Church on St. Swithin's Day.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diane Southam (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. A. Naylor 2, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 3, F. J. Cheal 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, J. Hale 6, C. Norris 7, W. A. Knight 8. For the patronal festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. House 1, W. Ward 2, F. May 3, M. Hatch 4, P. Coward 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Hatch (first quarter) 1, G. Sandwell 2, H. Worboys 3, R. Goodship 4, E. J. Blower 5, M. Hatch 6, M. Hallett (first as cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Matins. Also 1,256 Little Bob Major: H. Worboys 1, M. Hallett 2, B. Howard 3, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hatch 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On July 23rd, 1,800 Grandsire Caters: I. Tilling 1, Elizabeth A. Wardill 2, Susan Chaddock 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Margaret Mills 5, D. G. French 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, G. S. Lee 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, P. Walker 10.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): W. Beard 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, L. H. Jones (cond.) 3, E. W. Penn 4, Mrs. K. Smith 5, T. Wilce 6, H. Meek 7, Harold Meek 8. Rung following the wedding of the daughter of the tenor ringer, and christening of the Vicar's son.

SAVERNAKE, WILTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Rolfe 1, N. Tilley 2, L. Rutt 3, A. Palmer (cond.) 4, G. Newman 5. To mark the induction of the Rev. G. M. Neill to the parish of Great Bedwyn and Savernake. F. Rolfe's first away from tenor. First quarter for 2.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on July 27th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Harte (first of Stedman Caters) 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, C. A. Hughes 3, R. D. Tomlin 4, T. H. Francis (cond.) 5, R. F. Deal 6, A. R. Syder 7, F. E. Hawthorne 8, B. F. Baker 9, T. Earle 10. For Evensong.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Stella Allen 3, F. G. Sparks 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Vicar's elder son (Mr. T. E. J. Hayter) to Miss A. Braxton, at St. Michael's Church, Yeovil, this day.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rachel M. Graver 1, Celia F. Whitfield 2, P. J. Addison 3, G. F. Cartwright 4, G. F. Parsons (cond.) 5, A. C. Winn 6. For Matins.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. Piper (first quarter) 1, Miss J. I. Poitor 2, Miss M. James 3, Mrs. R. Ducker 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung for St. James' Day service.

TALGARTH, BRECON.—On July 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. James 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. Rung for Evensong and in honour of Her Majesty's announcement to appoint H.R.H. Prince Charles as Prince of Wales.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Michael's Church, on July 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Capt. A. R. Poyntz 1, W. E. Maulden 2, Heather Hood 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, H. H. Yeates 5, G. H. Clift 6, W. Simmonds 7, H. C. Spencer 8. First quarter in method for 3 and 5. Rung at the end of an open day in which the church silver and vestments were displayed and parties were conducted to the bells and the top of the tower.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Taylor 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, F. Harvey 3, I. Cooper 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, P. W. Mills 6. For morning service.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On July 16th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: E. Brown 1, E. E. Bray 2, J. Walton 3, K. Prime 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. Salmon 7, E. J. Chivers 8. First in the method for 2, 4, 6 and 7.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. B. Bloyce (first quarter) 1, A. W. Cansdale 2, B. E. Gibbons 3, A. E. Leggett (cond.) 4, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 5, D. E. Culham 6. The treble ringer is a member of the recently-formed company of the restored church at Little Horkesley.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District's Good Start

The first meeting of the newly-formed Mansfield District was held at Edwinstowe on July 26th with 50 ringers and friends attending from East Markham, Bolsover, Daybrook, Nottingham, Newark, Gamston, Greasley, Holme Pierrepoint, Mansfield and Warsop, with the local band.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and the bells were kept going to a variety of methods until an excellent tea was taken in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. kindly provided by the local ladies.

At the short business meeting, the chair was ably taken by Mr. S. W. Fossey, Mansfield District chairman, and 16 new members were elected to membership of the Guild. By kind invitation of Mr. B. A. Sollis, hon. secretary of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, it was decided to hold the next meeting as a joint meeting with that Association at Sutton-in-Ashfield on October 25th. The Bell Fund collection realised the sum of £1 3s. 0d. Mr. H. T. Rooke, of Warsop, was elected Ringing Master. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Edwinstowe for the use of the bells and the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

Ringing again took place after tea until 7.30 p.m. when the ringers joined the Rev. Mr. Pickles in saying Evensong. Ringing followed until just after 9 p.m. when the bells were lowered in peal. Methods rung during the day included rounds for the learners, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Oswald Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise and Annable's London Surprise. D. H. R.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Saxmundham District

A meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Peasenhall and Yoxford on July 12th. The attendance was low, but, thanks to visitors, the bells were kept ringing until almost 9 p.m. with many methods being rung at both towers. The visitors included Mr. F. W. Lalk, of Hunts, Mr. and Mrs. Marriott, of Ipswich, Mr. Alan Clarke, of Grundisburgh, and one from Waltham Abbey. The Rev. Mr. Thickett took the service at Peasenhall and gave an interesting address. The Rector's wife, Mrs. Thickett, kindly arranged and provided tea at the Rectory. Next meeting: Tunstall with Blaxhall, September 20th. A. R. B.

LAVENHAM OUTING

Ringers from Lavenham and District held their annual outing into Hertfordshire on July 19th.

The morning ringing was at Bennington and St. Peter's, Hertford, after which the party did ample justice to the lunch at the White Hart. This was followed by further ringing at All Saints', Hertford.

A short run brought the party to Bengeo to enjoy ringing on the light eight. After partaking of tea, also at the White Hart, Hertford, tracks were made for the last tower of the day, Epping. Methods rung were Grandsire Caters, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge Surprise.

Many thanks are due to incumbents and ringers who met us, also to Mr. F. Mortlock for arranging such a happy day.

M. T. S.

LETTERS

(See also page 515)

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer my congratulations to Mr. Robin G. Leale and his band, for accomplishing a peal of Scientific Triples at Hampton recently. From a mental point of view, this is undoubtedly the acme of Triples possibilities, especially in view of the fact that, when the method was first published by John Carter in 1908, it was regarded as too hard to ring! His original composition was also a harder one, and liable to put anyone off! Mr. A. J. Pitman is also to be congratulated on producing an easier one.

There seems little left to do now in Triples ringing, except to go to a meeting and hear a well-struck touch of Grandsire.—Yours sincerely, A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

TUNES ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—I agree that a book on handbell tune ringing would be very welcome, especially if it could start with an octave of bells and then 10, 12, 15 and on to the highest numbers. There must be many systems in use, from one bell in each hand, using figures to table ringing from music with over 100 bells.

I have access to a book on table ringing, also a catalogue of handbell music by the late William Gordon, of Stockport, but I expect they are now both out of print and would not be economical to reprint.

However, a collection of systems such as used by Messrs. G. E. Symonds, A. D. Barker, F. Sharpe, H. Chaddock and others could be made, also figured tunes for various numbers, so that a choice could be made to suit requirements.—Yours faithfully,

St. Albans. H. V. FROST.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A loss to the East Grinstead Guild is the impending departure of its chairman, Mr. S. G. Ponting, from Ticehurst to Milford, Surrey, where he has been appointed headmaster of the local school. Mr. Ponting came to Ticehurst nine years ago and there learnt to handle a bell and his change ringing at Wadhurst. He quickly progressed through plain methods to Surprise Major. Mr. Ponting will be missed particularly by local peal ringers as he was always willing to take part and provide transport for others.

The ringer of the seventh in the peal at Thorpe Bay, Essex, on July 5th was Mr. Frederick J. Cullum and not Mr. Frederick E Cullum, as stated.

Comments a correspondent in sending a quarter peal from Devon: 'Our joy knew no bounds as we crashed into rounds.'

Mr. Joseph Thornley of Farnworth, Lancashire, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers, of Isleworth, Middlesex, and other London ringers (all Guilds) for a very warm welcome extended to him during his recent holiday in the London area.

Apropos the stained glass window at Sharrow, Yorkshire, Mr. H. V. Frost writes that in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, there is a stained glass window depicting bells and ringers recording a victory peal in 1945. A picture of this window was reproduced in 'The Ringing World' of May 9th, 1952.

After an absence from the art for about 14 years, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wright rang in two 720's of Plain Bob Minor for morning and evening service at St. Mary's, Rougham, Suffolk, on July 27th. This arose not only from the strong persuasions of the conductor, Mr. R. Rose, but because their 14 year old daughter wants to take the right course and learn to ring.

Those friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Edwards who have enjoyed hospitality at 140, Beeches Drive, Erdington, Birmingham, will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Edwards is at present in Birmingham General Hospital, after having been knocked down by a car. We are pleased to hear that she is making good progress, and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

The surnames in a quarter peal rung at Cannock, Staffs, on July 22nd all began with a letter 'B.'

Churches dedicated to St. Lawrence should note that Sunday, August 10th, marks the 1,700th anniversary of his martyrdom, writes Mr. R. Collins. His church, St. Lawrence's, Chobham, has no less than 11 lady ringers, all residents and communicants.

Ringers from London, Kent and Nottingham who have been holidaying at Stratton and Bude, rang quarter peals at Stratton and Pyworthy and 'grabbed' many new towers, Mr. M. F. Oakshett, on behalf of the band, desires to thank local ringers and incumbents for permission to ring and especially Charles Sangwin and Harry Stacey, who have the amazing ability in being able to get that extra tower at a moment's notice.

Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, has left England for a four month holiday in Ontario, Canada. Mr. Crook recently lost his wife and has gone to visit his married daughter, Mrs. G. Annie Paine, and her three children. Before emigrating to Canada Mrs. Paine, as Annie Crook, rang many peals for the Lancashire Association and conducted several. She also took part in a Father and Daughters peal of Grandsire Caters at Manchester Cathedral some years ago. Mr. Crook also has a son, Peter, jun., who is a ringer. Father and son are both members of the National Police Guild of Bellringers.

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WIDENING THE SCOPE OF BELL MUSIC IN CHANGES

THE question, 'How many rings of bells have you in your tower?', would seem to most ringers, no doubt, a bit odd; and a typical answer might be, 'I don't know what you mean, but we've got a nice ring of eight.' But if to this came the reply. 'Ah, eight bells? Then you've got at least twenty-three rings!' —it's pretty certain it would be regarded as some sort of a poor joke. Nevertheless it would be, in a sense, quite true; and not merely theoretically so; because the realisation of these possibilities in ringing can be interesting musically as well as useful practically; at least for all other than peal ringing.

The possibilities arise from two factors—the attendance of fewer ringers than bells in the tower, and the nature of the occasion of ringing—joyous or sad; and these considerations are quite apart from the cases where a 'semitone-bell' has been added to a tower ring to provide a 'light eight' or 'minor eight,' etc.

As to the first—for example, in meeting short—it is important to realise that the necessarily silent bells need not be those at the upper end of the ring. Rings of rather more interesting groups of notes may be derived by careful selection; and in some the retention of the tower treble may be found to be an advantage. Even in a 5-bell tower selections of rings of less than five bells are possible, it being assumed that ringing will proceed with as few as four attending. Depending on the nature of the occasion at least one such selection might be considered preferable to the ring of five. Of course, the more bells in the tower-ring, the greater the possibilities. The table below gives some of the possible selections on rings from five bells upwards. It should stimulate interest in appropriate circumstances. The 'Code' or number-letter in the left-hand column indicates, by the figure, the number of bells employed, and identifies, by the letter, the particular selection for that number of bells. (If a selection omits bells, *i.e.* there are gaps in the normal sequence, the ring is referred to as 'open.')

As to the second factor—occasions of mourning or memorial—it is possible to select rings in a minor mode, according to the number of ringers available. Such rings are distinguished in the table by a star against the code. They do not necessarily furnish the exact notes of a minor scale, but they do yield cadences with a distinctly nostalgic atmosphere, and sometimes of an almost haunting sadness.

The number of selections included in the table may seem surprisingly high, but, even so, they have been chosen for their musical characteristics, which become the more apparent when changes are evolved. It is recommended that 'rounds' of the various rings be tried out on, say, a piano keyboard, or tapped on handbells. Those finding most favour could then be marked for trial in changes. Some selections, particularly on the higher numbers, may be considered to yield surprisingly attractive effects as the course ends roll up. But every selection or 'ring' has its characteristic tone effects.

To avoid possible selection-error in using the table, which, to save space, has not repeated in any one group the selections set out in the preceding group, it should be borne in mind that if a selected ring is taken from a bell-group of *other*, i.e. *lower*, number than in the tower itself, then the bell numbers given in the table must be adjusted accordingly. They must be regarded as 'from the back,' since the highest number always refers to a tenor bell. For example, if, in a six-bell tower, only four ringers turn up, and it is decided to select a ring from the 5-bell group, say, No. 4A, where the bell numbers are given as '1 3 4 5,' then these numbers, applied in the six-bell tower, become '2 4 5 6.'

TO USE THE TABLE

Refer to the group appropriate to the tower ring, and, if desired, from there to lower groups. For example, if in an 8-bell tower, refer to Group III primarily. Pick out the code number of the number of bells to be rung, either in this or in previous groups, as determined by the number of ringers (and by bells in the case of broken ropes or stays) available. In the present case suppose a requiem touch is to be rung and only seven ringers are present, then either of rings 6H (group III) or 5E (group II) may be selected for the particular purpose. But if all ringers are to be used, and music in a minor mode is not the prime consideration, then any of the major-6 or major-7 rings in group III may meet the case.

In practice, it may be helpful to post up in the ringing chamber as much of this table of rings as is appropriate to the tower ring; and to refer to it whenever the full ring cannot be employed. Variety in musical effect is then always available.

TABLE OF SELECTIONS OF RINGS—FIVE BELLS AND UPWARDS

GROUP I: 5-BELL TOWERS (FOUR RINGS)

Code No.	*Kind of Ring*	*Selection*	*Bells used*	*Methods effectively rung*
4A	Open Major-4	Omit 2nd	1 3 4 5	Singles covered. Minimus.
4B	Major-4	Back Four	2 3 4 5	,, ,, ,,
4C*	Minor-4	Front Four	1 2 3 4	As above—sad occasions.
5A	Major-5	All	1 2 3 4 5	Singles with 4/5 dodging. Minimus covered. Doubles.

GROUP II: 6-BELL TOWERS (NINE RINGS)

Of these nine rings, four may be selected from or upon the back five bells of the tower ring, being those given in Group I above, where the numbering is, of course, as for a 5-bell tower. The other five rings are as under:

Code	*Ring*	*Selection*	*Bells*	*Class of Method*
5B	Open Major-5	Omit 2nd.	1 3 4 5 6	As in 5A in Group I
5C	Open Major-5	Omit 3rd.	1 2 4 5 6	,, ,, ,,
5D	Open Major-5	Omit 4th.	1 2 3 5 6	,, ,, ,,
5E*	Minor-5	Front Five	1 2 3 4 5	As above—sad occasions.
6A	Major-6	All	1 2 3 4 5 6	Doubles covered. Minor.

GROUP III: 8-BELL TOWERS (TWENTY-THREE RINGS)

Of these 23 rings, 9, as given above in Group II, may be had from the back six bells of the tower ring. The other fourteen rings are as follows:—

Code	*Ring*	*Selection*	*Bells*	*Class of Method*
4D	Major-4	Front 4	1 2 3 4	Singles covered. Minimus.
5F	Open Major-5	Omit 3 5 7	1 2 4 6 8	As in 5A in Group I.
6B	Open Major-6	Omit 2 and 3	1 4 5 6 7 8	Doubles covered. Minor.
6C	Open Major-6	Omit 2 and 4	1 3 5 6 7 8	,, ,, ,,
6D	Open Major-6	Omit 3 and 5	1 2 4 6 7 8	,, ,, ,,
6E	Open Major-6	Omit 4 and 5	1 2 3 6 7 8	,, ,, ,,
6F	Open Major-6	Omit 3 and 6	1 2 4 5 7 8	,, ,, ,,
6G	Open Major-6	Omit 5 and 7	1 2 3 4 6 8	,, ,, ,,
6H*	Open Minor-6	Omit 2 and 8	1 3 4 5 6 7	As above—sad occasions.
7A	Open Major-7	Omit 2	1 3 4 5 6 7 8	Minor covered. Triples
7B	Open Major-7	Omit 4	1 2 3 5 6 7 8	,, ,, non-covered.
7C	Open Major-7	Omit 5	1 2 3 4 6 7 8	,, ,, ,,
7D	Open Major-7	Omit 6	1 2 3 4 5 7 8	,, ,, ,,
8A	Major-8	All	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Triples covered. Major.

GROUP IV: 10-BELL TOWERS (FIFTY-NINE RINGS)

Of these 59 rings, 23 as in Group III, may be had on the back eight bells of the tower ring of ten (adjusting the bell numbers accordingly). A further, and quite different, 9 rings, as given in Group II above, may also be had from the **front** ring of six of the tower ring of ten. The remaining 27 rings are as follows:—

Code	*Ring*	*Selection*	*Bells*	*Class of Method*
5G	Open Major-5	Omit 2 4 5 7 9	1 3 6 8 0	As for 5A in Group I
5H*	Open Minor-5	Omit 1 3 4 6 0	2 5 7 8 9	,, ,, ,, ,,
5J*	Open Minor-5	Omit 2 5 7 9 0	1 3 4 6 8	,, ,, ,, ,,
6J*	Open Minor-6	Omit 1 3 4 0	2 5 6 7 8 9	,, 6A ,, ,, II
6K*	Open Minor-6	Omit 1 4 6 0	2 3 5 7 8 9	,, ,, ,, ,,
6L*	Open Minor-6	Omit 1 4 7 0	2 3 5 6 8 9	,, ,, ,, ,,
6M*	Open Minor-6	Omit 1 7 9 0	2 3 4 5 6 8	,, ,, ,, ,,
6N	Open Major-6	Omit 2 3 6 8	1 4 5 7 9 0	,, ,, ,, ,,
6O	Open Major-6	Omit 2 4 5 7	1 3 6 8 9 0	,, ,, ,, ,,
6P	Open Major-6	Omit 2 4 6 8	1 3 5 7 9 0	,, ,, ,, ,,
6Q	Open Major-6	Omit 2 4 7 9	1 3 5 6 8 0	,, ,, ,, ,,
6R	Open Major-6	Omit 2 5 7 9	1 3 4 6 8 0	,, ,, ,, ,,
6S*	Open Minor-6	Omit 3 7 9 0	1 2 4 5 6 8	,, ,, ,, ,,
6T	Open Major-6	Omit 4 5 7 9	1 2 3 6 8 0	,, ,, ,, ,,
6U*	Open Minor-6	Omit 4 7 9 0	1 2 3 5 6 8	,, ,, ,, ,,
6V*	Open Minor-6	Omit 5 7 9 0	1 2 3 4 6 8	,, ,, ,, ,,
7E*	Open Minor-7	Omit 1 4 0	2 3 5 6 7 8 9	,, 7A ,, ,, III
7F	Open Major-7	Omit 2 4 8	1 3 5 6 7 9 0	,, ,, ,, ,,
7G	Open Major-7	Omit 3 4 6	1 2 5 7 8 9 0	,, ,, ,, ,,
7H*	Open Minor-7	Omit 7 9 0	1 2 3 4 5 6 8	,, ,, ,, ,,
8B	Open Major-8	Omit 2 4	1 3 5 6 7 8 9 0	,, 8A ,, ,,
8C	Open Major-8	Omit 3 6	1 2 4 5 7 8 9 0	,, ,, ,, ,,
8D*	Open Minor-8	Omit 4 0	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9	,, ,, ,, ,,
8E	Open Major-8	Omit 4 5	1 2 3 6 7 8 9 0	,, ,, ,, ,,
8F	Open Major-8	Omit 4 7	1 2 3 5 6 8 9 0	,, ,, ,, ,,
9A	Open Major-9	Omit 4	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 0	Triples covered by 8/0. Major covered. Caters.
10A	Major-10	All	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0	Caters covered. Royal.

(Continued overleaf)

HANDSWORTH RINGERS VISIT SHROPSHIRE

On July 19th a party of thirteen ringers from St. Mary's, Handsworth, Birmingham, arrived at Claverley on the first stage of their yearly outing. The fine tone of the pleasant eight here made a good start to the day and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were duly brought round. Before going on to Bridgnorth the party visited Worfield, where the long draught tends to obscure the fact that the six bells certainly go well enough, with care. Here Plain Bob Minor and the inevitable Grandsire were cautiously rung.

The first tower at Bridgnorth was St. Leonard's, which has a truly magnificent 18 cwt. ring of eight. The noble tone of the bells, the pleasant and spacious ringing chamber and the welcome of Mr. H. G. Thomas combine to make this the sort of tower one could ring in all day. Despite the encouragement the bells provided, Bob Major could not be induced to sort itself out. The other Bridgnorth tower was the beautiful church of St. Mary Magdalene, which has a light eight and a tiny ringing chamber. It was very kind of the Rector of St. Mary's to compliment us on our ringing, and, recovering from surprise, we pushed on to Chelmarsh and ate a picnic lunch before ringing at St. Peter's.

The bells here proved to be a pleasant country six which only need to be rung more often to be very good, and several Doubles methods were rung. After this we visited Highley, which yielded a bumpy and intriguing six which delighted by their novelty. The fourth and fifth are the original 14th century bells, the fourth particularly being a fine bell, and Kent Minor.

The next tower was Cleobury Mortimer which proved to be a medium-weight six and which went well despite having no local band to ring them. The Vicar is very keen to hear his bells rung and visiting bands are most welcome. By this time everyone was quite used to ringing all sorts of bells and the competition to conduct Grandsire Doubles was much keener here than in the home tower.

After a high tea at Cleobury we went on to Rock, the last tower of the day and the only one of the trip in Worcestershire. By this time exhaustion was becoming apparent, and if the highlight of the day was the Stedman at Claverley then the lowlight was certainly the rise at Rock which only succeeded at the second attempt. Touches of Grandsire Triples here tended to get out of hand at about the fifth consecutive single, and we did not really do justice to the excellent bells.

The courtesy shown us by the incumbents and tower captains at every tower was much appreciated indeed and certainly made the Ringing Master's task lighter than it would otherwise have been. There was one thing, however, that we could not help noticing at every tower we visited—even the most petite of our ringers had half a yard of backstroke over and above her requirements. Can it be that the Wee Folk ring in Shropshire towers while Shropshire Lads are fast asleep?

M. F. H.

REDENHALL AND DISS OUTING

The annual outing of the Redenhall and Diss ringers was held on July 19th with a visit to Ely and Cambridgeshire. After picking up Miss Reeve and Harry and Mrs. Fuller at Thetford the party of 32 first stopped to ring at Hilgay, then moved on to Littleport. Arriving at Ely 12.30 p.m., a brief look round the lovely Cathedral preceded lunch, after which ringing took place at St. Mary's Parish Church.

The next call was at Soham where the ten bells were rung. On to Cambridge for tea where all agreed that the 91 steps to the tea room was the highest climb of the day but the meal was very welcome.

Ringing took place on the recently rehung eight at St. Andrew the Great and finally at Trumpington. On the return journey a stop was made ot Newmarket for supper, and Diss was reached about 11.30 p.m. The thanks of the party go out to Mr. William Flatt who again organised the outing, also to all ringers who met us and to the incumbents.

A. G. H.

WIDENING SCOPE OF BELL MUSIC—Continued

GROUP V: 12-BELL TOWERS (SEVENTY-TWO RINGS)

Of these 72 rings selected for Group V, 59 rings, as given in Group IV, may be had on the back ten bells of the tower-ring of 12. The remaining 13 rings are as follows:—

Code	*Ring*	*Selection*	*Bells*	*Class of Method*
5K	Major-5	Front Five	1 2 3 4 5	Selectively, as all in Group I
6W*	Minor-6	Omit 1 and back 5	2 3 4 5 6 7	As for 6A in Group II
6X	Open Major-6	Omit 2 4 6 7 9 e	1 3 5 8 0 t	" " " "
7J*	Minor-7	Omit back 5	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	" 7A " " III
8G*	Open Minor-8	Omit 1 3 6 t	2 4 5 7 8 9 0 e	" 8A " "
8H	Open Major-8	Omit 2 4 6 8	1 3 5 7 9 0 e t	" " " "
8J	Open Major-8	Omit 1 6 7 8	2 3 4 5 9 0 e t	" " " "
9B	Open Major-9	Omit 3 5 7	1 2 4 6 8 9 0 e t	" 9A " " IV
9C*	Open Minor-9	Omit 3 6 t	1 2 4 5 7 8 9 0 e	" " " "
10B	Open Major-10	Omit 2 4	1 3 5 6 7 8 9 0 e t	" 10A " "
10C	Open Major-10	Omit 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 8 9 0 e t	" " " "
11A	Open Major-11	Omit 4	1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 0 e t	" " " "
12A	Major-12	All	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 e t	Caters covered by 0/t. Royal covered. Cinques. Cinques covered. Maximus.

Some selected rings may have an instant appeal: but, of course, tastes vary.

Such rings may include the 'MAJESTICS,' i.e., Nos. 5G, 6Q and 6X, especially when rung to a slow rhythm: also some of the minor modes, e.g., 5H, 5J, 6J, 6K and 7E, with their nostalgic atmosphere: and the 'ECHO' rings—8J and 10C, especially if these two last are rung to 'repeated' minimus and 'repeated' doubles, respectively. At all events, plenty of scope will be found for imaginative selection. (The table is not exhaustive.)

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE POWER OF CONCENTRATION

..'Course the treble's not a bad bell when you think about it. Don't really think I could have managed inside tonight—it's too hot for one thing!

Treble's going! She's gone! Now we're away. I really must concentrate tonight. I'll try and look like one of those supercilious ringers who never even look at you when they're ringing.

Dodge-lie-dodge, down to 3-4—must say I'm striking this well. More than I can say for Bill—fancy missing that dodge with me!

Lead at hand—now over the three. Can't think what made Pam wear that skirt tonight—it doesn't suit her at all. Perhaps she didn't have anything else clean. Lead full—now at back. Phew! Isn't it hot? Can't say nylon's very good for ringing. Suppose I ought to have worn my—Oh blow! Missed 3-4 up and there's Pam glaring at me!

I really must pull myself together. After all, I'm only ringing the treble! 3-4 down, now into lead, lead full. Just got that last lead in right. Thank goodness I'm not tone deaf! 'Course old Vi is. Can't think how she's got as far as she has! Dodge-lie-dodge at the back with Ruth. I must lend her my Vitapointe—her hair is just like straw tonight! Must be the weather! Oh my goodness! Was that the second dodge behind or the first? I'm all right—don't panic! Pam's frowning like mad, so I must be dodging with her! Phew! that was a near thing—nearly tripped!

It's really too hot for a peal. Mum would think I was crazy if she knew! Still it will look jolly good in 'The Ringing World'! 3-4 down with Barbara. Wonder where she got that blouse? Looks like Marks to me!

Dodge-lie-dodge behind—dum-de-dum. Anyone would think Pam was calling 55 methods instead of Kent! Still I couldn't do it, can't concentrate—that's my trouble!

3-4 up with Bill. Nice boy. Pity he's so young—Oh my gosh! Now I'm lost! Oh someone help me out! This is the third time I'm leading—I must have finished at the front! Good old Pam! Can't think how she knows what I'm doing—puts you right just like that!

Dodge-lie-dodge—dum-de-dum. We'll never keep this pace up—it's too hot for one thing. Probably the fastest on the bells or something. 'Course that would look good in 'The Ringing World.'

Hello! Bill seems to be fiddling around! Why he doesn't concentrate I can't think! Oh dear!—that's two of them now. I must keep right—they ring by the treble. Lead full, now at back. Over me, Bill! (I hope that's right!) That was a near thing! Pam's the only one who hasn't made a trip now. We must have rung over half-an-hour. What's this? Pam's saying 'Go round!'? Go round! Whatever for? The 720 was false! Stand!

You know I can't think why these conductors can't concentrate!

J. K. B.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOUTH DEVON RINGERS AND 'TAKING STOCK'

Dear Sir,—The front page article in a recent issue inspires me to write—not so much in connection with the problems of circulation of 'The Ringing World' as with the stated aspiration to 'knit ringers into one big fellowship.'

As you know, call-change, as distinct from change ringing is the predominent feature of the 'ringing world' in the West Country. In a recent issue of the journal I was naturally interested to read that, at the invitation of the B.B.C., a list of towers where good ringing may be expected was submitted to the Corporation. My reaction, somewhat naturally, was to wonder whether any call-change towers had been included. With this in mind I wrote to the secretary of the Central Council to express the hope that as call-change ringers are, after all, church bell ringers too, some consideration was given to us of that 'persuasion.' I also asked whether there might not be room on the Central Council for call-change representation.

The answer to my question regarding the inclusion of Devon call-change towers in the list submitted to the B.B.C., I quote, 'would be "no" . . . as change ringing is the Council's main consideration.' To my enquiry regarding representation the answer was in effect that were it granted 'offence' (!)—my exclamation—would be given to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Incidentally, my own personal experience gainsays that supposition. This attitude surely is a mistaken one and does not help me and several others on both sides of the 'fence' here in Devon who are working to achieve and maintain a happier relationship of better understanding between the two schools of thought. Prebendary E. V. Cox, John Scott (now Vicar of Clawton) and Maurice Atkins, well-known figures in the Guild, share my endeavours in this direction, and it seems so much the greater pity and frustration that the Cenral Council of Church Bell Ringers—and I emphasise the appellation 'Church Bell Ringers' in the title—should pretend to the non-existence of call-change towers and non-qualification for consideration, except when its members wish to ring in our towers!

Surely the purpose and overruling consideration is for the Glory of God and the service of His Church and this should be the inspiration of enlightened thought on both sides of our metaphorical 'fence.

Mr. Barnett ventured to commend me for my interest in the 'wider field' but I could only point out that that qualification 'cuts both ways.'

Be assured that this letter springs from no sense of ill-feeling. My great desire is to have our church bells rung Sunday by Sunday and rung well and, whether in call-change or 'scientific,' to see the great brotherhood 'all one in Christ Jesus.'—Yours truly,

B. E. BARTLETT,
Hon Secretary,
South Devon Ringers' Assoc.

5,120 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

(See page 504)

The last course of each part should be called W. H., not M. H. as printed

SHAROW WINDOW

Dear Sir,—With reference to your query in 'Belfry Gossip' about the uniqueness of the stained glass window in the belfry of Sharow church may I make a few comments.

Firstly Sharow is a parish adjoining Ripon city, Sharrow, the name given in 'Belfry Gossip,' is a district in Sheffield: some confusion frequently arises through the misspelling of the names of the two places.

The window was provided by Thomas Clarke, the conductor of the peal; he was a retired road surveyor, a good ringer and a man of a very hospitable and generous nature.

Clarke's enthusiasm was unbounded. He kept a horse and wagonette which he used for conveying his ringing friends to local churches and local inns. Unfortunately his generous habits brought him into reduced circumstances and he died in a Poor Law institution.

At the inaugural meeting of the Yorkshire Association in 1875, Clarke was present and it was due to his influence that the bells at Sharow were augmented from six to eight and the Cathedral ring increased from eight to ten.

The window at Sharow commemorates the Golden Jubiee of Queen Victoria in 1887.

In the previous year the city of Ripon celebrated a thousand years of municipal independence and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at the cathedral. Clarke rang in the peal and a stained glass plaque was placed behind an existing window in the cathedral ringing room recording the peal, Clarke was the donor of this plaque.

Thomas Metcalfe, a great figure in North Yorkshire ringing circles for many years, was born in Sharow parish and scored his first peal in the jubilee peal at Sharow. Almost fifty years later he paid a visit to Sharow and called another peal of Kent Major on Sharow bells. I rang the seventh to this peal.—Yours faithfully, EDWARD HUDSON.

Sharow, Ripon.

ST. ANTHONY'S BELL

Dear Sir,—'Tantney' or 'Tantony' bells, according to H. B. Walters, are usually old priests' bells named after St. Anthony the Hermit, who had as one of his emblems a small bell attached to his tanstaff or suspended from the neck of his attendant pig. The small bells attached to the necks of cattle in Northamptonshire used to be called Tanthony bells. As Walters also refers to instances at Weedon Bec, Great Oakley, Stanford and Lamport in Northants, it would seem that your correspondents will easily be able to get further information not far from home. At Stanford, St. Anthony and his pig may be seen in a window.—Yours, etc.,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

THE PAYMENT!

Dear Sir,—At a recent wedding of a landowner's daughter in a church with three bells the ringers were a boy and a girl of 12 and two boys of 16. No payment was made but a carton was found in the belfry containing six bottles of ale with a note 'For the bell-ringers!' —Yours truly, H. B. MAKINS.

Bruton, Somerset.

DIFFICULTIES AT HULL

Dear Sir,—Not knowing what difficulties, if any, exist at Hull, it would appear that Mr. A. Stone should contact his Vicar immediately and ask him to make it known through all parochial organisations that ringers are urgently needed.

A band raised from young local churchpeople would be far more satisfactory than one formed from the 'good ringers' to whom Mr. Stone appeals; in any case if it's a Sunday service band he wants no good ringers would be available, they would all be occupied in their own towers.

What a wonderful opportunity Mr. Stone has.—Yours truly, R. G. BELL.

Watford, Herts.

Dear Sir,—While wishing success to Mr. Austin Stone in his appeal through your columns for ringers to man the bells of Hull Parish Church, I cannot help feeling that he is trying to find an easy way out of a nation-wide problem, and he will eventually have to accept the fact that there is only one solution—go forth into the world and recruit and train.

Let him take two London towers as examples:

Stamford Hill. Until recent years only a modest Grandsire Doubles band existed. 'The Ringing World' columns have shown the result of the past few years of intensive recruiting and training—two more bells and a band (including a girl of 12) capable of ringing Glasgow Surprise.

Walthamstow. A parallel case to Hull, a ten-bell tower reduced five years ago to Grandsire Doubles on Sunday mornings, evening ringing 'by arrangement,' and no practice. The intervening years of recruitment are now bearing fruit in the form of Double Norwich and Stedman Caters for morning service and a quarter-peal attempt most Sunday evenings (Stedman Caters recently with six 'firsts').

So go out, Mr. Stone, talk to church and other youth clubs, scout and guide groups, and make useful contacts such as school-teachers who may be a possible source of recruits. It's a long job, with disappointments and frustrations, and only by looking back over the years is it possible to see the length of the path which has been travelled and the heights so far attained, and then look forward to more unremitting effort continually to recruit and train. But it's immensely satisfying and *it's the only way.*—Yours faithfully, A. B.

Westcliff-on-sea.

PRINTING OF COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—In 1946, at the Norwich C.C. meeting, I moved a resolution to the effect that compositions should be printed with the notation before the C.E. It found no favour with the Council, probably owing to my poor presentation, for I have not that facility of expression which some people so happily have.

Now today I find that the idea is gaining favour, and in your issue of July 25th four composers have compositions printed there, which to my mind is the logical way. No amount of argument can controvert the fact that the calling comes *before* the C.E. Moreover one does not first put the answer to a sum before its working out.—Yours faithfully,

Ipswich. CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

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A RINGING EPISODE OF 100 YEARS AGO

The Aberdeen Opening in 1858

By DAVID CUBITT

AT the Reformation, the three bells at the Church of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, became the property of the Town Council. To these, two more were added by the Council between 1795 and 1802 and they remained five in number until 1858. In 1857, the inhabitants ('prompted by the revived musical taste of the town' according to 'The Dundee Advertiser') decided to add three bells to complete the eight and sought advice from Mr. E. B. Denison (later Lord Grimthorpe), who told them that the proposed octave would make a more perfect ring than any other in Scotland. A Bell Committee was formed and a subscription list opened. Mr. John Smith, a Leeds banker and a native of Aberdeen, gave the price of the new treble, sixty guineas.

The new bells, two trebles and a tenor, were cast at the Warner foundry in London and on Saturday, April 3rd, 1858, were brought up to St. Nicholas' steeple amid the clangour of the bells they were to join. The tenor weighed rather more than 32 cwt. and Smith's treble over 7 cwt.

Through the instrumentality—and generosity—of Mr. Smith, the St. Peter's Company of Ringers of Leeds were invited to open the augmented ring and stay in Aberdeen for a week. The St. Peter's Company, however, could not muster more than six of their number to make the journey and William Milnes and Joseph Paul Healey, of Wakefield, were asked to join the party. In fact, nine ringers went to Aberdeen—six from Leeds (Kendall, Hubbard, Iles, Priestley, Gawkrodger and Bird), Milnes and Healey from Wakefield and a Shropshire man named Brooke.

They travelled at the end of August, 1858, with William Gawkrodger, President of the Leeds Company, in command.

They first rang on the bells at St. Nicholas' on Saturday, August 28th, finding the bells less of a handful than they thought they would be. 'The Aberdeen Journal' of September 1st, after noting that during the previous four days 'a variety of peals of change ringing' had been performed, went on to say: 'Although the surpassing beauty of this bell-melody of "merry England" seems to be duly appreciated, and indeed has excited many feelings of the utmost pleasure and admiration, yet among those who are ignorant of the character and capabilities of change-ringing we have heard some feeling of disappointment expressed that no regular tunes have been played. In explanation, it may be mentioned that change-ringing is quite a distinct art and its professors are not necessarily musicians in the usual sense of the term. They consider, too, that church bells are not adapted for playing tunes, and that to do this is quite illegitimate and inferior use of of them . . .!

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The extent of the ringers' repertoire during their week in Aberdeen was Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, and their longest length 1,260 Grandsire Triples, rung on the Monday of their visit. After this quarter, the following notice was issued:

Aberdeen, 30th August, 1858.

'The St. Peter's Company of change-ringers, Leeds, do hereby certify that the peal of eight bells in St. Nicholas Church, Aberdeen, are for power and richness of tone, the finest peal of bells, of their weight, in the United Kingdom. They also consider them in perfect tune. Should a company of young men from eighteen to twenty-five years of age come forward and place themselves under the tuition of Mr. Hubbard, there is no doubt of Aberdeen being put in the possession of as good a set of change-ringers as any other town in the Kingdom can boast of.—William Gawkrodger, President of the Company.'

Hubbard was retained by the Aberdonians as tutor to aspiring change-ringers, who, 'The Aberdeen Journal' pointed out, 'will have no fees to pay,' and who would not disturb the townspeople unduly as the chief part of the instruction would be given on handbells.

The ringers had, incidentally, taken a set of 12 handbells with them and on two evenings they 'gave performances (gratuitously on their part) on the handbells, which were enthusiastically applauded by respectable and numerous assemblages.'

On Friday, September 3rd, the ringers returned to Yorkshire, leaving behind 'a very favourable impression as to their professional ability and personal character'—'Aberdeen Herald.'

Although Hubbard had been engaged to teach ringing in Aberdeen, it would seem he did not remain there long, for soon after returning to Wakefield Healey was asked to act as instructor. He returned to Aberdeen, taking his wife and family with him, and remained there for five and a half years.

Healey was then 32 years old. He rang his first peal (8,000 changes at Liversedge) when 17 years of age and his last (5.004 Grandsire Caters at Wakefield) on November 15th, 1883. His peals included the last on the bells of St. John's Church, Wakefield—5.056 Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by Joseph Tebbs, conducted by Henry Senior, and rung on Sunday, February 18th, 1844.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Successful Meeting at Scarborough

A very successful meeting of the Northern district of the Yorkshire Association was held at Scarborough on July 12th, about forty ringers taking part in the day's proceedings.

Amongst those present were the ringers of Richmond Parish Church, who combined attendance at the meeting with a day's outing to Scarborough; unfortunately they were not favoured with good weather.

The bells of the parish church were rung in a variety of methods ranging up to Yorkshire Surprise Major, which was made possible by the attendance of members from the Southern and Eastern Districts of the Association. These members proved to be very helpful and welcome visitors to a district not rich in change-ringers.

Evensong was rung in the very fine old parish church, recently enriched by the addition of a new east window.

The Scarborough ringers and their wives provided a very bountiful tea in what must be one of the finest parish halls in the Northern Province. The Vicar of Scarborough and his wife were very welcome guests at tea and it is of interest to note that the Vicar has previously held two other livings in Yorkshire with rings of bells, Ossett and Acomb.

At the business meeting thanks to the Vicar and local company were expressed and Mr. Fred Hodgson was elected Ringing Master for the Northern District. The meeting was undoubtedly the most successful held in the District for some years.

ACTIVITIES OF THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District Outing

The English summer honoured us by returning for the Maidstone District ringers and friends' outing on July 19th. An 8 a.m. start was made and after picking up various people en route, the coach nosed its way westwards to invade the neighbouring county of Surrey.

Our first call was Shalford where we were joined by our rearguard of two cars and a motor cycle from the remote parts of the Maidstone district. Ringing on the eight musical bells under their metal spired tower was much enjoyed and we were surprised to find how quiet the bells sounded outside. Guildford, with its cobbled streets, was our next objective. At the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity we were welcomed by Mr. W. J. Robinson who joined with us to ring a course of Cambridge on these lovely-toned bells. A sandwich lunch was partaken by the river at Guildford.

Owing to a slight misunderstanding we arrived at Frensham some twenty minutes late having journeyed through pleasant countryside, passing Frensham pond, which looked cool and tempting. At the church we found our rearguard had 'leap-frogged' us and were taking full advantage of our late arrival on the mellow six. We then crossed the Hampshire border to ring on the light eight at Grayshott. These bells proved to be rather tricky for the less experienced. Here we rang the special method of the day, Montgomery Bob Major. Striking was not of a high standard, which was a pity because the bells sound very loud outside.

Tea at 'The Sally Lunn,' Hindhead, was welcomed by everyone. The final tower of the day was St. Bartholomew's, Haslemere. The beautiful little ring (tenor 10 cwt.) was put to full use, but the ten bells did not receive the striking they so fully deserved. Plain and Kent Royal and Grandsire Caters were reasonably performed, but Stedman galloped to its miserable end and 'Monty' was again flogged on the back eight. We were indeed very sorry to leave these lovely bells but time had to be allowed for the long journey home.

We arrived in Maidstone at the respectable hour of 11.15 p.m. after dropping Dr. Hatcher and shorts (together) at Offham. All agreed it had been a splendid day. Our thanks are extended to those who made it so, particularly to all incumbents and ringers who welcomed us to their towers.

M. L. H.

Canterbury District at Margate

That the Canterbury district's quarterly meeting was to be held at Margate no doubt encouraged members, who had visions of a breath of sea air, as well as ringing at the parish church, to turn up in force. Eighty members were present, representing sixteen towers in the district. It was also one of the finest and warmest days of the year, thus adding to the general enjoyment. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the usual service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S. A. Odom, who was assisted by his curate.

At the Church House members were entertained to an excellent tea by the local ringers, their wives, mothers, and friends of the Mothers' Union. Arriving at tea time were the ringers from Birchington, who had spent the afternoon at Quex Park, recording for the B.B.C.

Mr. J. A. Russell occupied the chair for the business meeting at which six new members were elected, Herne was chosen as the place for a by-meeting (September 6th), and the collection given to church funds. Of interest to all Kent County members will be the news that the district decided to recommend the association to hold its annual general meeting at Margate, this tower getting a two to one vote against Canterbury. Grateful thanks were expressed to all who had entertained the members to tea.

B. J. L.

SOUTHAMPTON AND READING UNIVERSITIES TOUR THAMES VALLEY

On July 6th past and present members of Southampton University were wending their way towards Oxford Youth Hostel. Almost everyone arrived with their bicycles in time to ring at Headington (6) for Evening Service, but distances actually cycled ranged from four to 84 miles! The tower captain here very kindly let us borrow his handbells for the evening, resulting in many interesting questions from American hostellers.

Members from Reading University, being less energetic, arrived at Cowley (6) the next morning by car and motor bike; the school-children here must have wondered why their playtime had been extended! After some welcome refreshments, we carried on to Radley (6) where Miss M. R. Cross welcomed us. It was as well that lunch had been consumed before we rang the first ten of the tour at Abingdon as some members found them hard to manage. Later, our efforts at St. Nicholas' (6) were unexpectedly curtailed when a policeman walked into the belfry and asked us to stop as the Assize Court was sitting next door.

After some good ringing on the handy eight at Drayton, we journeyed on to Long Wittenham (6) where the untuneful ring hardly does justice to the rest of the church. The cyclists stayed the night at the local youth hostel. The Reading contingent returned to Radley where they were hospitably entertained by Miss Cross, Her helpfulness in finding accommodation was much appreciated.

A BOILING SUN

Meeting together again at Dorchester Abbey the next morning, we were disappointed we could not ring on this octave due to a broken stay; instead we spent the time profitably by exploring that wonderful building before proceeding to Wallingford. One of the finest eights of the tour, Watlington, was enjoyed before the climb over the Chilterns beneath a boiling sun. When the position of West Wycombe church on the top of yet another hill was viewed, one wondered whether everyone would have enough energy to reach the belfry, but some good ringing, includng a course of Surprise, showed that there was plenty of stamina left. Many people had their first experience of twelve bells at High Wycombe and we were grateful for the help the locals gave us. After a pleasant ring at Marlow, the cyclists went to Henley where they did not do justice to the bells, due to the exhausting day, while the others went to the practice at St. Mary's, Reading.

The next day began at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (8), and afterwards, even though we were directed to miss the centre of the town, some people managed to find it! However, we all eventually reached St. John the Baptist, Windsor, but one member liked the place so much that, on arriving at Old Windsor, he discovered he had left his jacket behind, so had to retrace his steps. Lunch was consumed at a spot on the Thames near Datchet, ideal except for one thing—the nearest public house was miles away! We enjoyed ringing on Slough's lovely ten and only wished we could have stayed longer; however the energetic ones carried on to Uxbridge (8) and took it in turns to ring and buy ice lollies. Afterwards, it was a relief to leave the main roads behind and reach the picturesque village of Fulmer, where a course of Beverley Surprise Minor was rung on the pleasant six. The final tower of the day was Beaconsfield where we were joined by Mr. Cyril Lewington. At this tower 'Treble's going' was NOT followed by 'Treble's gone' to Jill's great surprise! Here Southampton's indefatigable Master and Secretary decided it was time they sampled luxury travel and tried to leave in Mary's car, but as they could not find the ignition key Reading victoriously left for Ruislip where they stayed at the home of Mary's parents, while the rest had to be content with the amenities that Jordan's Youth Hostel could offer.

MADE NEWS FOR LOCAL PAPER

The ladies' pet aversion—an almost vertical ladder—confronted us at Rickmansworth (10) the next morning. Our ringing was unfortunately not up to standard here, but we made up for it later on Watford's magnificent ten. A reporter was so interested that our visit appeared in the local paper the following day. By the time we reached Hemel Hempstead (8), we were beginning to wilt again in the heat, and both here and at the next tower St. Michael's, St. Albans (8), the ringing suffered. Here we were joined by a past member whom we were pleased to see for the rest of the week. After tackling the heavy going ten at St. Peter's, replenishments fortified us for the long climb up to the ringing chamber at the Cathedral. Methods were rung on all numbers from six to twelve. Then the campaign of 'car rides for all' was renewed, this time Southampton winning, as the two undaunted members were squeezed in and taken to Hatfield practice. The less fortunates travelled there by bus and bike, but it was noticed that after actually experiencing Mary's driving, the enthusiasm waned considerably. That night Reading had the experience of staying in the guest house of a convent, (the male member inhabiting the chaplain's lodge).

The old church of St. Stephen in St. Albans was visited first the next morning followed by the journey to Harpenden—a very pleasant town and equally pleasant bells. The ten at Luton were also a joy to ring but we did not really do justice to them. After lunch we came to the ancient priory at Dunstable (8) where Jill's explorations nearly left her stranded on the outside ledge above the west door. Several local ringers joined us at Leighton Buzzard (10) and we were glad of their assistance. The last ring of the day was on the erratic six at Ivinghoe. The 'go' was such that the person on the tenor having asked for Minor hastily shouted, 'Go Grandsire Doubles.' Fortunately, or unfortunately whichever way you look at it, we were all together on the last evening as the motorists were allowed to stay at the hostel by special permission. After a cross-country walk to give the luxury travellers unaccustomed exercise, and a drink at the 'local,' some people thought the fire escape between the men's and women's dormitories admirably situated

Saturday, the last morning of the tour, saw us setting out promptly for Tring (8). The church was beautifully decorated in readiness for a wedding and the bells must have sounded very melodious outside. Capes had to be worn for the first time for the journey to Wendover (6) and also to the picturesque village of Monks Risborough (6). At Thame a number of Triples methods were rung before we reached Wheatley (6) near Oxford; our final tower. It hardly seemed possible that we had rung in six counties during the week—Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Middlesex. Goodbyes were then said, everyone making their separate ways home, but most people hoped that such a joint tour would become an annual event.

We would like to thank all incumbents and ringers who met us at all the towers; all who arranged accommodation for us; Don Exell for taking charge and last but not least our organiser David Blackwell, without whose efforts there would have been no tour. M. B.

THE RINGERS' CROSSWORD — No. 2

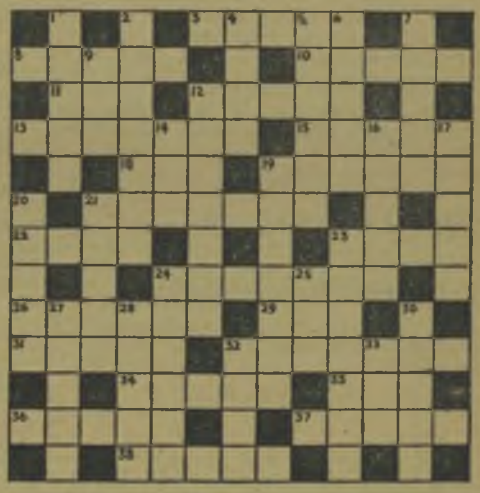
By BERT SUTTON

CLUES ACROSS

3, 11 & 12. New recruit's first business in the belfry.
8. Prominent 19th century ringer, grandfather of Charles Henry Hattersley.
10. Lectern provides us with a ring of 6.
11 & 12. See 3.
13. Method of bell tuning introduced in 1885.
15. First organising secretary of the Bournemouth Rally.
18. Fruit of the dog rose.
19. A Cornish peal of 6.
21. An insect having '14 down' feet.
22 & 14 Down. For purposes of Twin-Bob composition in Stedman Triples this can be either 'bobbed' or 'plained.'
23. His pilgrims progress on annual tours.
24 & 26. Founder, donor of the Bell-founders' window in York Minster (1330).
29. Adds brightness we are told.
31. Here, bells are swung round and round.
32. Strong desire.
34. Roman magistrate whose chief business was to superintend public buildings of all kinds.
35. Keen resentment.
36. Big Ben has been described as the this of London.
37. A kind of broad linen tape.
38. No wedding bells when they do this.

CLUES DOWN

1. A composition of copper, lead, tin and silver, of which Roman coins were made.
2. St. ——, one of the three parishes of Fenchurch ('The Nine Tailors').
4. An officer of 'The Yeomen of the Guard.'
5. Channelled and ridged as bells are below the 'shoulder' and, usually, above and below the 'sound-bow.'
6. Pertaining to the nose.
7. Scottish town with ruins of a once-magnificent cathedral, the 'Lantern of the North.'
9. Unit of resistance (electricity).
12. Club-formed and thickened toward the end.
14. See No. 22 across.



16. If all participants are not members, the peal may not be this.
17. She participated in the first peal by a band of ladies: now president of the Bedford Association.
19. A Devon peal of 6.
20. Special form of single introduced into Grandsire Triples composition about 1755.
21. Tropical shrub used by Easterns for producing orange dye.
23. Necessary sequel to composition of peals.
24. Short poem with a recurrent refrain.
25. Eucharistic wine flagon.
27. St. Leonard's or on-Severn there's an octave there.
28. Brother's or sister's daughter.
30. 'Here lies the body of Samuel ——. That for fifty years pulled the tenor bell' ('The Nine Tailors').
32. Ring too close.
33. To give pain to: weary.

DEDICATION

ALDBOROUGH, NORTH YORKS

On Sunday morning, July 6th, in the presence of a large congregation, the ring of six bells at St. Andrew's Church, Aldborough, was re-dedicated by the Dean of Ripon (the Very Rev. Frederick Hughes).

The bells were removed from the tower in September of last year by Taylors of Loughborough, who have recast the treble and third, retuned the second, and rehung the six on a new iron frame. All fittings are new, the fourth, fifth, and tenor have been fitted with cannon retaining head-stocks. A new floor has been put in under the bells, and the old wooden bell frame which was infested with the beetle has been scrapped. The bells, which are rung from the ground floor, have rope guides fitted and are a first class Taylor job.

During the dedication they were chimed by members of the Aldborough band, assisted by ringers from Boroughbridge, Ripon, and Stillington. Included in the band were two ladies. The bells were rung by the same band for a short time after the service.

The restoration of the bells and tower has cost over £1,000, and the last £300 was raised by a garden fete on the previous Saturday. On view at the fete, and also at the dedication, was a model ring of six bells, loaned for the occasion by a Stillington ringer, the plan of the bell frame being the same as the one in the tower. Many people present at the fete and service, who were unable to climb the tower, were thus able to see what the actual work looked like.

The inscriptions and weights are:—

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B. H.

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The quarter peal rung at Southwark Cathedral on Sunday, July 6th, for morning service was the first for morning service since the bells were rehung in 1946. Service times have been altered for the first Sunday in the month in future, and for those interested the starting time is 9.15 a.m.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE

By the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. William R. Catchpole of Buxton, Norfolk, at the early age of 48, the Norwich Diocesan Association has lost one of its keenest members. Ever since a boy he had served his church loyally as a chorister and ringer. He was taught to ring in 1925 by Mr. W. C. Duffield and in 1950 was elected Ringing Master.

His enthusiasm was infectious and it was mainly due to his efforts that the last year or two has seen a revival of interest in ringing in North Norfolk. He was genial and lively, always willing to help others.

Pressure of work prevented him from taking part in many peals early in his career, but he had rung nearly 50 in the last 18 months. He rang, in all, 81 peals, conducted 18, ranging from Doubles to Surprise Major. Only three weeks ago he made a 300-mile journey to achieve one of his ambitions, which was to ring a peal at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

The bells were rung half muffled before and after the funeral service on July 29th and handbells over the grave. A half-muffled peal of Plain Bob was rung in the evening.

His kindness, his helpfulness and his Christian charity were qualities which made him so valuable a member of the community, and we are all the poorer by his passing. Our sympathy goes to his wife, son and daughter.

J. R. S.

MRS. W. GORRINGE

We regret to learn of the passing of Mrs. W. Gorringe, wife of Mr. W. Gorringe, of Milton-next-Gravesend, and mother of Mr. W. Gorringe, jun. of Hawkhurst.

To her memory at St. Lawrence's Church, Hawkhurst, 672 Grandsire Triples was rung on July 27th by M. Collins 1, Miss L. Wood 2, L. J. Jarvis 3, W. Gorringe, jun. 4, A. H. Kemp 5, Mrs. M. Cloke 6, M. Cloke (cond.) 7, E. Baker 8.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A Guildford District meeting was held at Cranleigh on July 26th when the Rector, the Rev. H. L. Johnston, welcomed the ringers and conducted the Guild Office.

After the service, tea was taken in the Church Room and this was followed by a short business meeting in which John Parsons, of Cranleigh, was elected a junior member. The bells were available afterwards and ringing continued in a variety of methods; directed by the District Ringing Master, Mr. T. Mark White.

Guild members were pleased to welcome visitors from outside the diocesan area—including an Oxford Bob Triples contingent from Crawley, Sussex.

D. A. K.

5,088 Cornwall Surprise Major

BY P. G. K. DAVIES

	O	H	I	P
23456				
45236	—		—	
62534	—			—
63254	2		—	
26435	3	x		
43265	—		—	
36245	3		—	
23564	3	x		
52436	3	x		
53246	2		—	
34256	3		—	
23456	2			

Contains the 144 roll-ups: no 82's or 83's. Rung at Daventry, Northants, by the Peterborough Guild on March 22nd, 1958; conducted by Bryan Pattison.

OUTINGS

ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON

On June 28th the Hillingdon band, together with friends, visited four West Country towers. The first stop was at Wantage (8, 21 cwt.) where ringing started encouragingly with a course of London but then degenerated rapidly on the call of coffee and cakes in a nearby cafe.

An hour and a half in the coach brought us to an excellent lunch at Paganhill followed by ringing at St. Lawrence's, Stroud (10, 20 cwt.). Although a little odd-struck and difficult to hear the bells yielded to treatment and gave forth some very good Caters and even a half course of Cambridge Royal.

The most memorable stop was to ring the fine twelve at Painswick; the bells went well and the band rang very creditable touches of Stedman Cinques and Kent Maximus. Our success at Painswick, however, was not maintained on the twelve at Cheltenham: and some choppy Stedman Cinques was soon abandoned in favour of tea and the journey home.

All who attended the outing will want to express their thanks to the incumbents concerned for the use of their bells and also to Fred Goodfellow for his masterly organisation.

N. D. R.

GRIMSBY, LINCS

It was a glorious day, July 19th, as Grimsby ringers met for their outing. Together with ringers from Ulceby, Walesby and Goxhill we set out for Loughborough at 7 a.m. After stopping at Newark for coffee, train spotting and ice lollies, we arrived at the foundry at 10.30 a.m. to be met by Mr. P. L. Taylor. Several ladies got their toes dirty inside the foundry due to wearing sandals, and how interested our tenor ringers were in the bell rung up by electricity!

As to the foundry bells, where the tenor goes easier than our treble, after a few bounces, we managed some Grandsire and St. Clement's

A tremendous lunch followed and we then proceeded to Oakham by way of Rempston, stopping to watch a steam engine rally. It was so hot at Oakham that several ringers spent more time on the church roof than in the ringing chamber!

From Oakham to Spalding for tea. The driver, in league with two of 'the boys,' sounded his horn at every young lady between Oakham and Surfleet where we rang after tea. For many of us it was our first twelve bell tower and we were sorry that all we could manage on all twelve was rounds.

We then made our way to Boston and its 285 steps. Our congratulations to our oldest ringer on reaching the top!

The return journey was made all the more enjoyable by the choir of five voices; one bass, two tenors, and two fine sopranos. Grimsby was reached at 10.30 p.m. after a truly enjoyable day. Our many thanks to Frank Kennington for his excellent arrangements, to Mr. Paul Taylor for the interesting tour of the foundry, to all incumbents for use of their bells and to everyone who so kindly met us. Hurry up 1959.

M. and B.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 27th, 1,272 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Jacobs 1, Susan Jacobs 2, J. Tomsett 3, A. Bishop 4, M. Sinden 5, F. Corfield 6. First quarter Spliced for all the band and on the bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 27th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Rumens 1, T. Hawkings 2, Miss G. E. Newcombe 3, F. C. Maynard 4, F. W. Sykes 5, E. E. Holman 6, A. J. N. Boyack (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 7, B. R. Downes 8, D. Hewitt 9, B. Collard 10. First of Stedman Caters for 2, 3, 5, 8, 9 and 10. A 15th birthday compliment for F. W. Sykes. For Evensong.

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BIRTH

CHAPMAN.—On Tuesday, July 22nd, 1958, at 66, Pilgrims' Way, Canterbury, to Elizabeth (nee Bate) and Dennis, the gift of a daughter, Elizabeth Mary. 2789

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Robin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Willis, of Swindon, Wilts, and Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Brook, of March, Cambs. 2714

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MISCELLANEOUS

TO ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.—The 1959 Ringers' Notebook and Diary will shortly be going to press. Will Association secretaries who have not already done so kindly forward *without delay* the usual details for insertion. May I please have names and addresses of Master or president, general secretary, treasurer and all District secretaries: also names of Central Council representatives, together with dates (if known) of 1959 A.G.M., annual dinner, etc. —W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 2763

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Notices of motions to be included in the agenda for the autumn general meeting of the Guild should be received by the hon. general secretary by August 16th.—M. R. Cross. 2782

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Balcombe (8), Aug. 9th. Names for tea to J. H. Gardner, 35, Newlands, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett. 2748

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Cherryhinton on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bottisham available after tea.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2757

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Kimpton, Saturday, Aug. 9th, 3 p.m. Also fete and dance, in aid of Kimpton Bell Fund. Fete starts 2.30 p.m. Bells (6) 3 to 8. Dance 8.30 p.m. Please give this your full support.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2777

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Procter, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Sec. 2766

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at North Mymms, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea, business, 5. Buses 242, 340, 343 and Green Line 717 pass near church. Ringing at Northaw in the evening.—C. E. Slade, Sec. 2747

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Evening meeting, Coddington (5), Aug. 9th. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome. —W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2745

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Thakeham (6) on Aug. 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. B. W. Farhall, New Cottages, Thakeham, Pulborough, Sx. 2739

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Guy, 16, Cypress Road, Newport. 2768

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Thrybergh, near Rotherham, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert and J. W. Buxton. 2753

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Dundry (6), Saturday, August 16th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 2776

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting, Toddington, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 2779

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Tarporley, Saturday, Aug. 16th, *not* 30*th*. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by August 13th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2774

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Whorlton (Swainby) on Saturday, Aug. 16th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Aug. 14th, to L. A. Nelson, High Street, Swainby.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., C. and N.Y.A.C.R. 2765

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Kenilworth, Saturday, Aug. 16th, at 3 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. H. Royal, 33, Waverley Road, Kenilworth.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 2770

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6) on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 Service 6 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2784

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bell(s) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2785

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Corsham, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 2773

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 16th, at Kentisbeare. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Aug. 10th, to L. G. Leatt, 1, Silver Street, Kentisbeare. 2741

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting at Burwash, Saturday, August 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Names to The Admiral Vernon, Burwash, Etchingham, Sussex.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 2786

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Refreshments provided. Names by Wednesday, 13th, to Mr. E. Baldwin, The Bungalow, Ashfield Road, Anderton, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 2722

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Medbourne, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at Horse and Trumpet 5 p.m. Names for half-day outing Sept. 20th.—L. W. Alen. 2780

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Saturday, Aug. 16th, at 3 p.m. Cafés nearby. All welcome.—R. Benson. 2791

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—J. Porter. 2778

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Evening meeting at Brentford, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (6) available 6 to 9 p.m. Special method Double Court.—W. T. Cook, Dis. Sec. 2790

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sonning on August 16th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice, Superlative Surprise.—B. C. Castle. 2771

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Mildenhall, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2783

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Old Coulsdon (5) on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea, by the previous Wednesday, to Miss R. Naylor, 6, Hartley Way, Purley. 2744

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, Aug. 12th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 2752

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Heydour, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2775

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — Ringers' celebrations of the City of Carlisle's 800 years of civic independence, Oct. 18th. Full arrangements announced in good time.—J. W. Brownrigg, Sec. 2760

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner wil be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 15/6 each, now available from Mr. P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Accommodation is limited to approximately 105, so early application is advised. 2759

LATE NEWS

As we were going to press news was received of the death of Mr. Herbert P. Cliff, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, aged 46 years.

QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On July 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: 1. Garvie (first quarter) 1. F. W. Perrens 2. L. M. Parker 3. R. Harris (first of Major) 4. H. V. Sear 5. P. Stone 6. R. Winter 7. J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRADLEY, BILSTON, STAFFS.—On July 20th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Maureen M. Fellows 1. Muriel Reay 2. H. H. Fearn 3. A. V. Pearson 4. B. D. A. Woolley 5. S. O. Holloway 6. R. G. Edwards 7. G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Perkins (first quarter) 1. J. W. Perkins 2. J. Slack 3. J. Green 4. H. M. Windsor (cond.) 5. H. Crook 6.

5,152 CLACTON SURPRISE

By JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	F	I	H	O
43652		—	X	
64235			X	
26543			X	
56342		—	X	
36245		—	X	
23564			X	
32465	—			—
25463	2			—
54263	3			—
42563	3			—
43526	—		X	
35426		3		—
34256		2		—
42356		3		—
23456		3		—

First rung at Willesden on June 26th, 1958, conducted by J. R. Mayne.

5,056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. L. MORRIS

23456	M	B	W	H
62534		—	2	2
35264			2	2
24653	2	—	2	2
52436		—		2
54326	1	—	2	2
36245	2	—	2	2
32465			1	2
53624		—	2	2
26354			2	2
54263	2		1	
63425	1		2	2
64235	1	—	2	2
25346	2	—	2	2
23456			1	2

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'NE PLUS ULTRA'

EGERTON and Charing could, quite profitably, form a little enclave of their own with Pluckley and Little Chart; our boundaries (if any) with the Hawkhurst and District Guild remain undefined; Smarden may secede, and Stowting come out in sympathy; but there is no doubt about our seaward boundary. Here geography has declared the confines and, as our title says, there is 'nothing beyond.' Nothing, of course, except the sea. For we must not forget that Lydd is the first tower visible to the returning exile as his ship picks up her pilot off Dungeness.

This (Ashford) is the most southerly of the six Districts which form the Kent County Association. Most of it lies off the beaten track. Many features we share. Tenterden is in the same Weald as Tonbridge. Brabourne and Stowting nestle against those Downs on which stand Boughton Monchelsea and Wrotham. Folkestone doesn't rhyme so easily as Dover, but it has the same 'White Cliffs.'

Our aforementioned mariner may not so easily pick out Aldington, Lympne and Cheriton, but these towers have seen ships since before the Armada (unless, of course, the ships happened to be bringing uncustomed kegs and bales to be secreted in their towers, with or without the connivance of the parson!).

We have no rings of ten, but the Tenterden tenor, of 30 cwt., is the heaviest for an 8-bell tower in Kent. Given the choice, Mr. Cullingworth would rather turn *it* in to a peal than the Woodchurch tenor. (Has he rung the fifth at Brabourne?) At the other extreme is our newest ring at Little Chart (tenor 6 cwt.), recast and rehung in the new church after Hitler and thieves had done their worst. Stowting, too, is 6 cwt., and a favourite resort of ringers of the District owing to the quietness and seclusion of the church.

Probably the oldest bell in the District is the fourth at Bethersden. This bell was cast in the 14th century, and is thus older than the present tower. Burmarsh faithfully abides by the resolution passed by the Central Council in preserving its pre-Reformation bell on the floor inside the church door.

Great Chart are hoping to emulate their Little namesake in getting their bells rehung. Their ringers are making every effort to raise funds. On the other hand, within a few miles there is an equivalent ring, with potential ringers, but indifference and defeatism reign.

Standards of ringing, as in all Districts, vary from tower to tower. Outstanding is Willesborough, with a record for service ringing unequalled in the county, perhaps in the country. Perhaps this is due to the influence of Mr. Edward S. Ruck, sole surviving founder-member of the Association, now in his 92nd year. Perhaps it is because all the members of the band ring, or have rung, peals. Or is it team spirit? Most likely it is a combination of all these things. Often ringing at a particular tower is associated with one family—Finns at Brabourne, Relfs at Tenterden, Marshalls at Bethersden. Usually, however, it is a case of one or two devoted individuals struggling to teach a television-ridden generation that if a thing is worth doing it's worth doing well.

We will finish, as we began, at Lydd. Inside the commodious ringing chamber the band has met for Grandsire Triples. For the umpteenth time Miss Maisie Vantom is to attempt to call Parker's Twelve-part. The ringing proceeds sweetly. The striking is good, and with no other hitch than a timely correction from veteran Bob Swift or an occasional querulous call to an errant dodging partner, the peal comes smoothly round. But outside, the Guards are off to Cyprus. Lydd is the last Church of England they see before climbing into the plane. Lydd bells are the last sound they hear of the England of the Church before the roar of the Dakotas drowns the ringing of the bells.

C. H.

(From 'The Belfry.')

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WEST COUNTRYMEN'S TOUR OF YORKSHIRE

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A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

LEWIS F. COBB	*Treble*	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	6
REGINALD W. REX	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	GWILYM SALMON	8
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
ROGER KEELEY	5	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 28, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

RONALD D. SHORT	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	5
*S. ARTHUR READ	2	RONALD N. MARLOW	6
ANTHONY J. SANGER	3	GWILYM SALMON	7
GEORGE FRANCIS	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 28, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb. in C sharp.

MICHAEL J. BEST	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
*LEWIS F. COBB	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method and 25th peal.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 28, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

ANTHONY J. SANGER	*Treble*	ROGER KEELEY	5
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	6
*RONALD D. SHORT	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*GWILYM SALMON	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* 50th peal First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 29, 1958, *in* 4 *Hours,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	6
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	ERIC NAYLOR	7
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	9
ROGER KEELEY	5	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 30, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

RONALD D. SHORT	*Treble*	LEWIS F. COBB	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	6
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	*ERIC NAYLOR	7
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

ERIC NAYLOR	*Treble*	S. ARTHUR READ	6
REGINALD W. REX	2	RONALD D. SHORT	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	3	*LEWIS F. COBB	8
*ANTHONY J. SANGER	4	GEORGE FRANCIS	9
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. Mr. R. D. Short has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

BOROUGHBRIDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F.

RONALD N. MARLOW	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	4
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	ROGER KEELEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER KEELEY.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 31, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

S. ARTHUR READ	*Treble*	*DAVID HOARE	5
*ANTHONY J. SANGER	2	MICHAEL J. BEST	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Bristol.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

LEWIS F. COBB	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	6
REGINALD W. REX	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	7
FRANK L. HARRIS	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	DAVID HOARE	9
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 4 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	8
ALAN F. THIRST	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	9
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5	PETER BORDER	11
JOHN WORTH	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	8
BASIL JONES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	9
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	10
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5	MICHAEL P. MORETON	11
WILLIAM T. COOK	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

TEN BELL PEALS

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	PETER F. WINDLEY	6
*COLIN REEVES	2	*MICHAEL MASKILL	7
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	3	*JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	8
SEDMAN H. STEEL	4	SYDNEY ELWICK	9
MARGARET E. WILKINSON	5	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
* First peal of Royal.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

ANNE E. AMOR	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	JAMES H. PAILING	7
AVRIL THACKRAY	3	FRANK A. BARRETT	8
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	4	C EDWARD JEFFRIES	9
RONALD J. SHARP	5	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by EDW. C. GOBEY. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
An 81st birthday compliment to the composer, who is a native of Bedfordshire.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
AND
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24½ cwt.

ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	*Treble*	CYRIL RUSBY	6
SUSAN CHADDOCK	2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	3	*H. DAVID HOLLAND	8
SAM SCATTERGOOD	4	*IAN M. HOLLAND	9
JOHN S. SEAGER	5	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. WOOD. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* 25th peal together.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON	*Treble*	JOHN A. WARNER	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	†ROBERT J. LINSELL	6
*ANDREW T. BECKWITH	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
ALAN R. SYDER	4	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal. † First in the method.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
A. Craven's Three-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	*Treble*	KENNETH ARTHUR	5
DAVID PRIESTLEY	2	GEORGE S. DEAS	6
*MARION S. CAPEY	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
ERIC N. HARRISON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung in memoriam Herbert P. Cliff, a former Ringing Master of this church.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., July 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

*CHARLES W. MILLER	*Treble*	CLAUDE SNOWDEN	5
LESLIE FORSTER	2	DAVID BRAND	6
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	4	OLIVER G. BARNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. W. B. Duncan, a regular Sunday ringer at this tower for the past 12 years, who is leaving the district.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 25, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	*Treble*	DERMOT J. ROAF	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4	ROBIN A. HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
A compliment to Donald H. Niblett and Ruth S. Hodgson on the eve of their wedding at Rye, Sussex.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Rung to commemorate Mr. P. J. Lees' 50 years' service as organist ot the above church.
The first peal of Surprise Major to be rung on the bells.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*PETER G. SMART	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
REGINALD A. REED	2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
†TREVOR A. CROSS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in method. † 150th peal (147 on tower bells).

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
AND
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY	*Treble*	*MARGARET JOHNSON	5
CYRIL RUSBY	2	*CYRIL WRIGHT	6
JOHN S. SEAGER	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J PITSTOW. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome Elizabeth Mary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman, of Canterbury. Also a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

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COTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Alfred Lockwood	*Treble*	Leslie Forster	5
Robert E. Lester	2	Frank Sterry	6
Arthur E. Cook	3	Thomas W. Lockwood	7
John L. Girt	4	Gilbert R. Goodship	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank Sterry.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur J. Coleman, for over 50 years a ringer at this church.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Joseph Wm. Cotton	*Treble*	H. George Hart	5
Marion J. Skinner	2	Joan Beresford	6
Elsie K. Hart	3	Alick Cutler	7
Joan M. Wilcockson	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method in the county, for the Association, and by all the band except the treble ringer.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

Rosemary J. Seabrook	*Treble*	†Walter A. Perry	5
Allen W. Cansdale	2	‡Peter Mayle	6
*Evelyn R. M. Cansdale	3	Sam J. Twitchett	7
Bernard W. Fairhead	4	Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.
* 25th peal. † First in the method. ‡ First in the method 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Mr. G. W. Perry.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Ernest Whiting	*Treble*	Charles R. Catchpole	5
Leonard J. Minns	2	Robert Plummer	6
Betty Syrett	3	John L. Girt	7
Lewis J. Batley	4	L. Edward Etheridge	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Ernest Whiting.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F sharp.

William C. Porter	*Treble*	Godfrey G. Walpole	5
George W. Howlett	2	Edwin T. Chapman	6
William B. Duncan	3	Thomas Cooke	7
*Michael Solley	4	Henry Tooke	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Bason. Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal in the method.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Roger Leigh	*Treble*	†Colin Wignall	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Barry Pickup	6
John Halliwell	3	Charles Clegg	7
*Peter Cockshott	4	Laurence J. Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Laurence J. Williams.
* First peal. † First of Major.
Rung to commemorate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Golden, prominent workers for the above church.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*George F. Nix	*Treble*	Neil Bennett	4
Trevor Taylor	2	†Barrie Hendry	5
Brian A. Tomlinson	3	Derek Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.
* First peal. † First of Minor in one method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., July 14, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Richard J. Clifton	*Treble*	Brian G. Warwick	4
Ernest Morris	2	*Russell S. Morris	5
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Double Oxford, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Lionel H. Pink	*Treble*	*Peter E. Cumberland	4
*Brian P. Mogg	2	William C. Shute	5
Philip W. Mogg	3	†Albert E. Woods	*Tenor*

Conducted by William C. Shute.
* First peal. † First in three methods.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents of Grandsire, ten extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Charles H. Blake	*Treble*	T. Charles Browne	3
C. Frank W. Phillippo	2	Paul D. T. Cattermole	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	*Tenor*		

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Henry P. Collin	*Treble*	†Brian M. Bentley	4
Ronald Russell	2	William R. Marsh	5
*Percy D. Baldock	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* 100th peal of Minor. † First of Minor.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, each called differently.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

John J. Prentice	*Treble*	Raymond F. Taylor	4
John L. Girt	2	David Brand	5
Alice E. J. Lester	3	Robert E. Lester	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.
A compliment to Miss Hazel Lister and Mr. Gerald Rice, married at this church earlier in the day The bride is the daughter of Mr. H. D. Lister, well-known Suffolk ringer and conductor.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. .. *Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN 4
*DELIA SMITH 2	CHARLES H. BAKER 5
JOHN M. BLAIKIE 3	JOHN B. NICHOLSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Knights to Lea.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

PEGGY WILLIAMSON .. .. *Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH 4
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER 2	WALTER C. MEDLER 5
HANBURY F. CARTER .. 3	DERICK W. PARDON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to William R. Catchpole, chorister and Ringing Master of this church, who was interred this day.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORTHUMBERLAND SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single and Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CHARLES E. BROWN .. .. *Treble*	JOHN HALL 4
HARRY HALL 2	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON .. 5
JACK BRAY 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

In memoriam F. W. Stokes.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

*STANLEY HENSON .. .. *Treble*	CYRIL A. GERRISH 4
D. WALFORD DAVIES .. 2	THOMAS E. HIDDINS 5
WILLIAM T. PETTY 3	HAROLD PREECE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY .. .. *Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4
LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
G. FRED TERRY 3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung to mark the completion of 50 years as a regular service ringer at this tower by Mr. E. Dodsworth Tune.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. *Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 3
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 4
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Doubles in three methods.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS R. COLLINS .. *Treble*	VICTOR GRIFFIN 4
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 3	BRIAN BLADON .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells, and by all the band except the tenor ringer. Believed to be the first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods for the Association.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. (C.C.C. 102, 49, 36, 151, 150, 149, 144). Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. *Treble*	†CHARLES WEBB (15) .. 4
*DAVID JONES (14) 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL .. 5
*PETER JONES (15) 3	‡GEOFFREY DAVIES (16) .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

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

HANDBELL PEAL

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., July 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 35, MARKET STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

*DIANA J. PERRINS .. .. 1—2	DENNIS BERESFORD .. .. 5—6
PETER BERESFORD .. .. 3—4	CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

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ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Avery 1, G. Lewis 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, G. Ward (cond.) 4, N. G. Ward 5, B. Thomas 6. For Evensong and in honour of Prince Charles being made Prince of Wales.

ALCONBURY, HUNTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, D. F. Murfet 3, K. Prime 4, H. S. Peacock 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. G. F. Davies, Vicar of Alconbury for the past five years.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On July 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, D. Mitchell 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, F. V. Gant 6, G. Cottis 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. A farewell quarter for Miss P. Hutton, who is leaving the district.

BARTON STACEY, HANTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. White 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, C. Herbert 4, J. Page 5, A. Fry (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor for all. Rung by a Romsey Abbey band.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Ann Shiels 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, D. Lamb 4, J. Harrison 5, J. Meads 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. Rung in honour of Prince Charles being created Prince of Wales.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER. — On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hughes (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Ross 2, H. Lonyon 3, Miss J. Cordwell 4, G. D. Fearnehough 5, A. Ward (first of Minor as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Hughes.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On July 13th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, J. Fielding 2, J. Froome 3, A. E. Sandiford 4, T. Bratby 5, W. Tyson 6, P. Crook, sen., (cond.) 7, J. W. Kay 8. For Evensong as an au revoir to the conductor, who is leaving for a four months' visit to Canada.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading alternately): H. Preece 1, T. Froley 2, S. Henson 3, D. W. Davies 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, C. A. Gerrish 6, E. M. Smith 7, D. Bryant 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Edmunds on the birth of a son (Michael Peter).

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Stedman, 600 Grandsire): R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, E. J. Chivers 2, D. Targett 3, A. P. Beck 4, R. E. Beck 5, K. B. Williams 6. Rung for the benefit of the tenor ringer, who hails from Stockbury, Kent.

CLAWTON, DEVON.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Sangwin 1, Pamela Clarke 2, B. M. Buswell 3, T. O. Greasley 4, Rev. J. G. M. Scott 5, J. D. Clarke (cond.) 6. Rung after Evensong.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (two fixed trebles, tenor covering): Eleanor Doloughan 1, M. Seward 2, A. Eilbeck 3, H. N. Tembey 4, Edna Birney 5, C. Kirkby 6, J. E. Brown (cond.) 7, M. Blackburn 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Batey, M.A.).

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Parfitt 1, K. Prime 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, D. Miller 4, H. Best 5, T. Mogg 6. Conductor's 100th quarter peal. A farewell to Mrs. Thomas (schoolmistress) and also member of the local band, who is leaving to take up a new appointment.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. Goodfellow 1, Miss J. Richardson 2, P. J. Woodgyer 3, D. Fowles 4, T. S. Baker (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow (first quarter) 6. This is the first occasion on which husband and wife (1 and 6) of the local band have rung together in a quarter peal. For Evensong.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Cox 1, W. Mortimer 2, A. J. Peters 3, F. Parrymore 4, H. A. Gummer (cond.) 5, H. Sturgess 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. B. Gummer.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): H. Hayward 1, R. Ingham 2, H. Gardner 3, H. Blackith 4, P. Wilkinson 5, A. Hawkes, sen., 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. Rung in memory of Albert Fagg, verger, and for many years a ringer at this church.

QUARTER PEALS

EBBW VALE, MON.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Stephens 1, B. Werry 2, Mrs. A. Bruten 3, Miss B. Stephens 4, B. Johns 5, A. Evans 6, J. Alsop (cond.) 7, T. Stephens 8. Rung as the Duke of Edinburgh was leaving the town after presenting new colours to the South Wales Borderers and the 2nd Monmouthshire Regiment.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Clifford (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. W. Hiscock 2, Miss M. L. Gibson (first as cond.) 3, D. S. Froome 4, M. J. Harbord 5, J. C. A. Gibson 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 480 Bob): P. Treble 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, W. W. Wright (cond.) 4, G. S. Joyce 5, E. Lifford 6. For Evensong.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Beard 1, F. H. Wheller 2, P. Braund 3, T. H. Culver 4, B. Aldridge (cond.) 5.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Warrilow 1, E. Young 2, T. Whittall 3, C. Smith (first quarter) 4, Robert J. Warrilow 5, D. W. Friend (first as cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On July 19th, at S. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica E. Collins 1, Ann M. Cox 2, P. A. Bird (first on eight) 3, Shelagh R. Collins (first as cond. on eight) 4, F. Oldroyd 5, A. C. Hazelden 6, W. R. Morey 7, L. B. Luing 8. Rung as a compliment to Patricia Joy Cater, whose marriage to Arthur Ed. John Mercer was solemnised prior to the quarter peal.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Albury 1, H. W. Gayton 2, Mary Tysoe 3, M. Podd 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, R. Walker 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Mary Tysoe.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Aley 1, R. Hayden 2, B. Burton 3, S. Carter 4, W. Wheeler 5, R. Young 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, J. Aley 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. W. D. Humphrey-Davis and Miss A. M. Carter.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, D. F. Murfet 3, G. A. Lucas 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Webb 1, P. Ruch 2, A. Grant 3, G. Golding 4, M. Hawkins 5, D. Fowles 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. In remembrance of Alfred Jones, who died on July 4th.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, N. Robinson 3, D. F. Murfet 4, H. S. Peacock 5, M. J. Dyer 6, G. A. Lucas 7, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 8. For morning service. Also at All Saints' Church, on Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, J. W. Green 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On July 31st, 1,440 Doubles (240 each Stedman, Reverse Bartholomew, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): G. A. Bowcutt 1, A. E. Hinman 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, R. H. Cook 4, J. H. Cook 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Annie Wheeler, verger at St. Peter's Church for 46 years, who was laid to rest on July 19th, aged 84 years.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Marsh (first quarter) 1, J. A. White 2, R. F. Jones 3, E. F. Marlow 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, H. Trollope 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Carol Jones and Mr. Brian Fear, both ringers at Longbridge Deverill, married this day.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On July 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. S. Harris (first of Major as cond.) 1, A. H. Winch 2, D. White (first in method) 3, K. R. Holtum (from Byfield, Northants) 4, A. P. Cannon 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. V. Young 8. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Prince Charles being created Prince of Wales.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Roberts (first in method) 1, Mrs. E. Colley 2, A. M. Hickman 3, R. Hazeldine 4, H. F. White 5, E. Colley 6, F. Price 7, W. H. Tyler (first as cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire for 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. E. Colley by the local band.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, Joan Cheney 2, T. J. Frodsham (first as cond.) 3, J. R. Haycock 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5, W. C. Budd 6. First quarter 'at home' by regular Sunday service ringers. For Evensong.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Short (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. F. Vacher 2, V. Green 3, A. E. Woods 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, F. Hilliar 6. Rung after his induction service as a welcome to the Rev. C. P. du Heaume.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Beach 1, R. Wyatt (first quarter) 2, H. Robson 3, W. B. Kirby 4, H. Spencer 5, P. F. Windley 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, F. Murray 8. For Evensong.

SEND, SURREY.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Miss H. Pugh 1, N. Carter 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. A farewell to N. Carter, who is leaving for Canada.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Dean 1, G. Monkton 2, J. W. Drew 3, A. J. Bull 4, J. Cornelius 5, F. Welch (cond.) 6, R. Welch 7, R. Hebditch 8. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Mrs. W. Harwood.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On July 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Norman (first of Major) 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, A. J. Poynor 3, S. Harrison 4, R. K. Stretton 5, T. I. Roper 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, B. G. Warwick. For afternoon children's festival service. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Norman 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Glenys Bodycote 3, E. J. Jelley 4, R. Jelley 5, B. S. Chapman 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, R. K. Stretton 8. For Evensong.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On July 16th, 1,280 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (Ilkeston Variation): T. Carless 1, Mrs. P. Mayne 2, B. Matthews (first of Major) 3, J. Wilcockson 4, W. Wenban 5, R. Ouston 6, E. J. Leversuch 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Sanders 1, Mrs. Pamela Clarke (first of Bob Major) 2, Mabel Prockson 3, B. Buswell (cond.) 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, T. Greasley 6, P. Giles 7, D. Clarke 8. Rung after Evensong.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. D. Chapman (first of Bob Royal) 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, Miss M. Maddison (first on 10 bells) 3, T. Hawkings 4, F. C. Maynard 5, F. W. Sykes (first of Royal 'inside') 6, E. E. Holman 7, B. R. Downes 8, D. Hewitt 9, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

WARWICK.—On Aug. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,414 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Miss S. Stroud 1, W. S. Oakley 2, W. Collett 3, F. C. Lyne 4, W. H. Male (cond.) 5, J. Price 6, G. L. P. Aldhouse 7, E. H. Bosworth 8. Rung at the evening Parish Communion as a farewell to Mr. T. N. Tunnard, M.A., B.Mus., prior to his appointment as organist at Birmingham Cathedral.

WATTON, NORFOLK.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. M. Mann 1, C. E. G. Banham 2, S. H. Waterfield 3, R. C. Button 4, T. A. A. Potter 5, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Frances Ann Summers and Mr. Ian Blyth.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,320 Minor (960 Little Bob and 360 Plain Bob): J. Tomsett 1, Susan Jacobs 2, E. Jacobs 3, A. Bishop 4, M. Sinden 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6.

WINLATON, CO. DURHAM.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Allison 1, R. P. Bennett 2, R. W. Leighton 3, H. Jenkins 4, S. Thompson (cond.) 5, T. Bullerwell 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung for the marriage of Ann Bennett and Edmund Purvis. The bride's father, mother and brother are ringers at this tower.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, C. Bellew 2, F. Eggleton 3, A. Turner 4, G. Sparks (cond.) 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casey 7, W. Baker 8. Rung in honour of the golden wedding on July 26th of Mr. W. Hartnell, sen., a former captain of this tower.

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST BIRCHALL

The Church of St. Wilfred, Standish, Lancs, has suffered a severe loss by the death in hospital, on July 31st, of Mr. Ernest Birchall, at the age of 71 years. He had been ill for about six weeks.

Mr. Birchall had been associated with St. Wilfred's choir since boyhood days and at the age of 16 he entered the belfry. He had been captain for the last 40 years and his chief aim was to keep the bells ringing for service and to take his place in the choir Sunday by Sunday. His membership of the Lancashire Association dated back to 1914. He was not a regular peal ringer but had rung about 30 (24 for the Lancashire Association) and had conducted several.

The funeral was at Standish on August 4th, the service being fully choral and conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. E. Bramley). In addition to the family mourners the following members represented the Lancashire Association along with the local band: Messrs. J. Ridyard (Southport), A. Tomlinson (Blackburn), A. Parker (Poolstock), J. Ashcroft (Newton-le-Willows), T. Marshall (Parbold), J. H. Gartside (Chorley) and E. R. Martin (Preston). By profession Mr. Birchall was a builder, and leaves a widow and married son to mourn their loss. May he rest in peace.

Touches of Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung before and after the service, the bells being half-muffled. Much sympathy is felt for the local band who have lost four experienced ringers by death in the last seven months. E. R. M.

MR. HERBERT P. CLIFF

Members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association were shocked to learn of the sudden death, through heart failure, of 'Herbie' Cliff on July 10th at the early age of 46 years, and their deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and three children.

The cremation service was held on July 14th, and the Association was represented by the president (Mr. K. Arthur), vice-president (Mr. K. W. Cheeseman) and hon. general secretary (Mr. D. A. Bayles).

Herbert Cliff began his ringing career in 1929 at his home tower, St. Cuthbert's, Blaydon-on-Tyne, and his early training was supervised by his father, the late Mr. James Cliff, and his brother-in-law, Mr. F. E. Collins, of Croydon. Later he became a member of Newcastle Cathedral Guild and for a term was vice-president of the Northern District of this Association. In recent years he was responsible for reviving the local company at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Newcastle.

Although an accomplished ringer with some 60 peals to his credit, he will be remembered mainly for his labours in teaching new bands and as a fearless crusader for improved striking among ringers. He was handicapped from boyhood by a hip injury but he led an intensely active life and set an example to all of courage and determination.

He will be sadly missed by his many ringing friends. An 'in memoriam' peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung by his fellow ringers on Monday, July 21st, at St. John's, Newcastle, where he was formerly Ringing Master. K. W. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The beautiful church of Lydd, now almost completely restored after its war-time bomb damage, was the rendezvous of some 50 ringers and friends on July 26th. The Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Finch) welcomed the gathering and conducted the service. Mrs. Finch was the organist and Mr. J. Willis read the lesson.

Tea was generously provided and served in the Church Hall by ringers and friends of the Lydd band.

At the business meeting two new members were elected.

Mr. J. R. Cooper, who said he had learned to ring at Lydd, then presented the Vicar with an illuminated book containing all the peals rung at the tower since the bells were hung in 1926.

Afterwards the meeting was augmented by several Dark Blues, who came over from Rye after seeing off Dr. Niblett and his bride.

Ringing on this fine eight continued in methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major until nine o'clock. C. T. H.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The July meeting was held at Calverley on the 26th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and the tower remained crowded until at least 8 o'clock. The weather was very 'heavy' and the same might be said for the ringing, which failed to reach a decent standard all day.

At the business meeting eight new members were elected, and the thanks of the Society to the local authorities and ringers for their arrangements were expressed by Mr. G. Benfield, who commented on the fact that the new ropes had Yorkshire ends like the old ones.

The next meeting will be held at Otley.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The current quarterly issue of 'Overtones,' the journal of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, is an English number, with an article by Mr. Frederick Sharpe on 'The early use of handbells' and a photograph of the Norbury (Hazel Grove) Handbell Ringers. There are also two articles dealing with change-ringing.

A bashful conductor submitting his report writes: '. . . called the bobs and singles.' While we admire his modesty we cannot differentiate between bob callers and conductors. The traditional form must be maintained.

A note from a holiday in Scotland by Mr. L. Walmsley: 'When we were in Inveraray last weekend I was wishing there were nine other ringers with me, and perhaps ten good ropes. We could have done something.'

Mr. A. P. Cannon is not organising his own tour this year. He is spending a week in Devon with some young ringers from Haslemere and others for a 'tower grab,' but with four or five peal attempts included.

For the fourth consecutive year the girls of Rotherham High School managed to muster a team to ring for their end of term service. Five girls from Rotherham and two from Thrybergh and Whiston, assisted by two members of the local company, rang touches of Plain Bob Minor on the front six and rounds and call-changes on the back eight.

Mr. Leonard Last, of Hoxne, Suffolk, organised a propaganda exhibition of handbell ringing at the Suffolk Agricultural Show on July 4th and 5th to obtain recruits to help in replenishing the shortage of ringers in various steeples. Mr. G. E. Symonds, his two daughters and a grandson performed well-known tunes on 15 handbells. Courses of Grandsire Triples with Mr. and Mrs. Last and Mr. Charles J. Sedgley were also rung.

Last year a peal was rung at Hemingbrough to mark Mr. J. T. Tune's 50 years as a ringer—his brother, Mr. E. D. Tune, has now completed his half-century, and the occasion was marked by a peal in seven methods. The band would like to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Tune for their kind hospitality after the peal.

The peal of Wye Surprise Maximus at Leicester (see page 506) contained 5,280 changes, 'phones the conductor.

Congratulations to West Countrymen on their successful peal ringing tour in Yorkshire with ten peals to their credit. Six conductors shared in the honours.

Malcolm and Daphne Cloke, who are on holiday in East Budleigh, were on the day of their arrival roped in for a couple of quarters in the evening.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Ernest J. Butler, of Colchester, a life vice-president of the Essex Association, who was at one time secretary of the South Western Division and a representative on the Central Council.

Mr. George Gilbert informs us that Mr. Jack Champion gave him his first lesson in ringing 59 years ago at Rainham, Kent, and not Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins. The latter came into the picture by conducting his first peal. See Oxford Guild Festival (page 497).

With regard to tune bell-ringing, Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, informs us that his arrangement is to have four MS. books; the highest three have four bells each and the fourth book the three tenors. All tunes are in the same key by transposition in the tonic sol-fa system with the bottom bell as doh. Several lads have become proficient by this method after a few practices, without any previous musical knowledge.

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A NEW ANGLE ON TEACHING BEGINNERS

By DENIS A. BAYLES

ABOUT six years ago I went for my first driving lesson, and I can recall some of the thoughts that ran through my mind at that time. Just what would I be doing? Perhaps I might actually drive the car a few yards in the seclusion of some quiet spot away from traffic, but most likely I would be learning the various operations, such as starting the car, changing gear, and so on, one by one.

These ideas were soon shattered when on arrival at the driving school car I was installed in the driving seat and after a few words of explanation was doing the thing that I had least expected, viz., driving the car (albeit with the instructor's able assistance on the duplicate controls) *out on the road!*

The first lesson was spent out on a quieter country road, but the second and subsequent lessons were spent in among the traffic of Durham City. This course, although unexpected, seems to be the general practice of driving schools, and so I began to mediate upon it and the reasons for it.

Driving tuition is expensive and so the number of lessons in a course must be kept to a minimum for at least one very compelling reason! Against this there is the Government's test, setting a standard to be attained and so requiring that the instruction must be thorough as well as rapid. The pupil who passes his test under these conditions is not immediately an experienced driver but he has a good foundation on which to build, with experience, to become a sound and experienced driver.

Consideration of the driving of a car can subdivide it into sections, such as (*i*) operation of controls, e.g., gear changing, steering, etc.; (*ii*) observations, e.g., looking through windscreen and in mirror; (*iii*) signalling. These could be tried out in a backyard one at a time, but in that is there not a danger? Gear changing, for instance, could become an operation engaging the whole attention, causing eyes to be taken off the road and control of the steering wheel to be relaxed, thereby starting bad habits or, at least, causing difficulties at a later stage when the operation had to be performed while observing traffic and controlling the wheel. Is there not therefore some sound sense besides mere financial urgency in regarding the driving of a car as an integrated set of operations and tackling it as a complete job from the start in the conditions under which it will be required, i.e., on the road among other traffic?

APPLIED TO RINGING

The meditation progressed to another subject and certain similarities could be seen. The other subject was the instruction of recruits to the belfry.

There is not the urgent financial reason in ringing instruction, but it is still essential that the recruit should progress as rapidly as possible to maintain his interest and to reduce the period of drudgery for the rest of the band.

Ringing involves a number of integrated operations as does driving, and so it seemed that these might be taken as a whole from the start as far as possible. I have therefore adopted this system in teaching the handling of a bell. The sally has eventually to be caught while retaining the tail end and so prolonged spells on one stroke only are cut out. A few pulls on each separately to get the feel of the bell, demonstrations and explanations by myself, and my pupil usually finds himself handling both strokes together in his first lesson. There is room on both strokes, especially if a box is available, for dual control when it is needed. It is only when the pupil has both strokes that he can feel the effect of his own pulls and regulate the weight of them accordingly. The secret of success in this direction, I feel, is the selection of a medium heavy bell and the avoidance of a light one. The heavier bell has more stability and does not descend so rapidly to produce a flying rope when prematurely checked. At Chester-le-Street I use the fifth, where the tenor is 19 cwt. On lighter rings I would probably use the tenor itself.

In the early stages I do not expect the bell to be fully controlled, but the pupil acquires the art of manipulating the rope and is then required to ring the bell successively higher until he can feel it up to and just over the balance. During this instruction I keep up a conversation with the pupil so that he gets uesd to attending to other things besides handling the bell as he will eventually have to do in change-ringing.

[I may interpose here that at Chester-le-Street I consider conditions approach the ideal for learning in that the bells go very well, are clearly audible in the ringing chamber and have only a short draught of rope. Conditions elsewhere will often present far greater difficulties and modifications of this scheme might be necessary.]

The handling of a bell on its own is not unduly protracted for this, after all, corresponds to driving on a secluded country road, and therefore with the minimum delay the recruit is put into 'rounds'—the 'traffic' of ringing. The instructor stands by for dual control when necessary, but this is gradually tapered off to instructions about what is wrong and the correction to be applied and then merely pointing out the faults with the pupil left to devise the remedy and apply it.

Rounds at the start is restricted to six bells and the pupil is usually given the third (i.e., fifth of the eight), and when reasonable proficiency has been acquired there a switch is made to the treble to give experience of a lighter bell and leading. In this way experience is provided of ringing a bell at the standard steady pace following the previous bell at the same or opposite stroke. Call-changes can teach little beyond this and they are restricted to a minimum, usually with the pupil on the treble, calling the second to lead and then reverting to rounds. The frequency of switching is increased to provide a suitable prelude to change-ringing.

START CHANGES ON THREE

Change-ringing proper begins on three bells, with 4, 5 and 6 covering to add stability. An explanation is given beforehand with the bells to follow given to the pupil along with the information about the intervals to be expected. It is stressed that, whereas in 'rounds' there have been five notes between every stroke of the pupil's bell, this time there will be six notes for the first two blows, five for the third and only four for the fourth and fifth, then five for the sixth after starting from rounds. In other words, taking 'rounds' as the standard pace there will be a slower pace for hunting up and a quicker one for hunting down. The pupil is urged to anticipate these requirements and to pull at each stroke not merely for that stroke itself but for the next one as well, e.g., the backstroke lead is pulled to fit in with holding up the handstroke over the second. This is all demonstrated and the pupil then takes over under the instructor standing by.

Thus the pupil enters change-ringing by easy stages. He does not initially have to seek out the bells to follow but can concentrate on placing his bell correctly and acquiring these rhythms of hunting up and down.

The next stage sees the extension of the hunt to four bells with 5 and 6 covering. The bells to follow will

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S BANNER



This handsome banner of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which was dedicated at the annual festival of the Guild, has a blue background with the coat of arms in silver and the lettering in gold. Mr. F. G. Edmans, the designer, is on the right and with him are Miss E. Irving, who did the embroidery, and Mr. M. Jamieson, who wove the cloth on his hand loom. All three live at Great Horwood, Bucks. [Photo: I. Leonard, Bletchley.

TEACHING BEGINNERS

(Continued from page 529)

be 2, 4 and 3, but by having 3 and 4 lie still at the start they could be made 2, 3 and 4 if that were preferred. In either case the bells would be given. At this stage, too, it is usually appropriate to point out how the larger bells need rather more room to turn for even striking. When that stage is satisfactory the plain hunt on four is changed to Bob Minimus and the pupil now with some rhythm of hunting is left to pick out his own bells.

HUNTING

At this stage it is pointed out that the very important basic rule of change-ringing, that no bell shall jump a place, has at least one very important practical consequence, viz., that any bell that has passed below one's own as one hunts up must remain there until one's own bell hunts down again. Hunting up becomes thus a question of adding the first of the bells remaining above one's own to those already below in taking each step upward. Similarly, in hunting down one successively eliminates the bells that are followed, for at the next stroke they will be above one's own. I do not mention that in Plain Bob the bells on the return journey will be the same as on the outward journey from the lead. As a result hunting is learned quite generally and no trouble is encountered in ringing the treble to a method such as St. Clement's or Double Court.

From Bob Minimus with 5-6 covering the next steps are Doubles with 6 covering and then Bob Minor. In this course the pupil will have carried out all the operations encountered in change-ringing except dodging, and this, I think, is best introduced by ringing treble bob on the treble, rather than 'inside' work in Plain Bob. Thereafter Plain Bob may be attempted 'inside' and should present very little difficulty. In my opinion it should be rung at first by the course method, i.e., knowing the order in which the dodges come rather than by passing the treble.

Mastery of these stages will give a sound basis on which to build. Having managed Plain Bob 'inside' the pupil may be considered as having 'passed his test,' and experience and wider knowledge will be largely up to himself.

I have put these thoughts down on paper after some application of them in practice, which has convinced me that they are quite practicable, in the hope that it may stimulate one or two new slants on a very important subject.

PEALS AT EDITH-WESTON

Dear Sir,—With reference to a peal at Edith-Weston, Rutland, on page 476, 'The Ringing World.'

Footnote: First in seven methods on the bells.

On February 27th, 1954, a peal of 5,040 changes in seven methods—Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Plain, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Minor—was rung on St. Mary's bells.

I rang the third and the peal was conducted by J. H. Bluff.—Yours truly,

PERCY D. BALDOCK.

Stamford, Lincs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HANDBELL TECHNIQUE AND MUSIC

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest the article by Col. Bell in a June issue of 'The Ringing World.' As my experience of handbell ringing has been very much the same I thought I would write and explain the method of notation I have adopted after considerable experience of the various systems.

I began by borrowing eight bells which we numbered 1-8, and then set about mastering the technique. It is tempting to flick the bells as I sometimes see done, but is incorrect, and though it takes longer to learn to ring them up and down it not only pays in the long run but is much more pleasing to watch.

Eventually we acquired an old set of handbells which we had repaired. These comprised two octaves with incidentals, and we have since added an E in the lower octave to give us the span of three octaves which gives an added depth of tone to the harmonies.

As the bells had the note stamped on them we have adopted this as our method of notation. We find this a great improvement on the old method of numbers as it saves all the work of transposition, and you can refer to the actual music when necessary to see where you are wrong, without all that fumbling and counting to find your note. With this method the first line of 'Silent Night' would read:—

E F E C
C A
A (E) bottom E

The selection of suitable music we find our greatest problem. Young folk are soon tired of hymns and ballads, and we are constantly on the search for those lovely classical airs like Brahms' 'Lullaby,' which prove most popular and sound so well. Canons like 'London's Burning' can be very effective and people love them, but they have to be learned by heart, and suitable ones are very difficult to discover. The purpose of this letter is to suggest that your paper might invite handbell ringers to send you accounts of their experiences and a record of the music that they play, which could be published from time to time. Handbell ringing is a lonely art, and we amateur enthusiasts can do with all the help we can get.—Yours sincerely,

R. G. CHAFFEY MOORE (REV.),
Rector of Shaftesbury, Dorset.

TUNE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if you would allow me space to make the following points in answer to Col. M. B. Bell's letter.

1. I hope that my letter on tune-ringing on handbells caused Col. Bell no annoyance; I thought he would have welcomed a system superior to his own. (S.)
2. I shall be worried to death if the C.C.'s views on handstrokes and backstrokes in tune-ringing do not coincide with my own. (N.S.)
3. The bit about youth clubs, etc., is of course irrelevant; the tonic sol-fa system is as flexible as Col. Bell's. (S.)
4. In the unlikely event of copies ever being printed a red and blue pencil could be used to underline melody and bass notes. (S.)
5. 'Ultra-simplicity' could mean ambiguity or uncertainty. (S.)
6. Col. Bell should get his copies printed quickly or they will be unwanted when the advantages of the tonic sol-fa system are recognised. (N.S.)
7. I remain unimpressed by his system. (D.S.)
8. I wish Col. Bell and his students every success both in tune- and change-ringing. (S.)

Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

P.S.—KEY. (For the benefit of those who are apparently unable to distinguish that which is serious from that which is not.)

S. = Serious.
N.S. = Not serious.
D.S. = Deadly serious.

N.B.—No prizes given for guessing the import of the above eight sentences without resort to the key. (S.)—H. C.

FALSE PEALS

Dear Sir,—I have always been under the impression that the calling of a peal with visible aid and use of manuscript was disallowed from the time John Holt called his 'Original' at Westminster when it was first rung. Also the letting of bells run on out of course then moving them back in itself is against all principle, including the rules of the C.C. (which is our guide), and only fills up pages of the 'R.W.' with conscienceless and unworthy rubbish.

It is a great pity that two of the ladies in the Egham peal were ever allowed to make an attempt prior to learning to strike a bell properly, as it only gives them a wrong impression. Geo. Coussins has rung in quite a few peals at Burnham and I feel that he had long thought before summoning up his courage to draft the letter to you re the Egham peal; knowing him well, I can safely say that he felt it his duty to do so. May I suggest that the conductor and his co-pilot (both friends of mine) honourably withdraw the peal, and that it be not recorded for the Oxford Diocesan Guild? It is the least they can do. We do not want umpires to be employed for peal ringing.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL

Dear Sir,—Re the discussion over the Central Council's meeting at Dublin: let's not quibble over the question of remuneration for services rendered in the world of ringing. Either we are or we are not paid servants.

Whatever remarks or comments may have been made against payment, Mr. Barker's caustic wit, I sincerely trust, served as nothing in support.

If members of the Guild are satisfied that the motion met with wholehearted support, then all's well that ends well.—Yours faithfully,

G. W. BISHOP.

East Hagbourne.

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LETTERS (continued)

CALL-CHANGE RINGERS & CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—I was a little surprised to see the letter from Mr. B. E. Bartlett in your last issue. Perhaps he wrote it because I had not managed to answer a further letter which he sent to me, but I have been so overwhelmed with work of one kind and another in recent months that I am afraid a good many correspondents have had rather a long wait.

It seems to me that in his quotations from my letter Mr. Bartlett has given the impression, no doubt unwittingly, that I had rejected out of hand the possibility of the South Devon Ringers' Association becoming affiliated to the Council. I have no authority to do so in any case, but what I actually said was rather different:—

'This brings me to your second question—is there no room on the Council, for representation of call-change ringers? It is a difficult one to answer. If I say "no" it seems, on the face of it, rather an insult to people who, as you say, ring regularly Sunday by Sunday. On the other hand, to say "yes" would appear to go against the aims of the Council and its constituent Associations and would, I fear, cause offence in the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Nevertheless, there is nothing in the Council's rules which would preclude your Association from membership of the Council, and if you wished to apply to join, this would be considered in the normal way. I would say, however, that you (Mr. Bartlett) are one of the very few with an interest in "the wider field" and that generally speaking, your members would not think much of the Council and its works.'

The position in Devonshire is one which, so far as I know, does not exist elsewhere, in that two organisations with partly contradictory objects seek the allegiance of towers in the same territory. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, however, founded 84 years ago, has as one of its aims 'To cultivate the art of scientific change-ringing,' just as one of the Central Council's three aims is 'To encourage and assist the development of the Art in its scientific, mathematical and historical branches.' Bearing this in mind, I do not see that one could say 'Come in' to the South Devon Association without hearing the views of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, which was in any event first in the field. To say this is not to imply that call-change ringing is beneath a change-ringer's dignity, or that in some way it has less value in the eyes of God.

The point I am trying to make, however, is this: unless the Council and the Associations of which it is composed regard the spread and development of the art of change-ringing as one of their main objects, my view is that there is little point in their continuing. Whether these bodies are to admit ringers of all kinds is a matter for them to decide individually. The Bath and Wells did so a few years ago, and changed its title for the purpose. This, it would seem, points to a possible solution of the problem which exists in Devonshire, but that is also a domestic matter and one on which no one outside that county really has a right to express an opinion.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

THE PEAL AT EGHAM

Dear Sir,—I would like to amplify the remarks passed by Mr. Coussins on the 'peal' at Egham on May 24th.

As he states, Egham tower is in an extremely bad position with respect to the town, and much friction is caused by prolonged ringing of any standard. We have, for the past few years, voluntarily limited the number of peals rung in the tower to two or three a year and to bands composed almost entirely of our own ringers. On this occasion only two of the band were, in fact, Egham ringers, the others being complete strangers, with the exception of Mr. Coussins. The arrangements were made by a member of our own band, without my knowledge, as secretary and steeple-keeper, who took advantage of a new vicar who did not know of our arrangements. I was in fact unaware of the peal until I heard it being rung.

As Mr. Coussins states, the standard of ringing was very poor, and no conductor should have allowed it to be prolonged beyond the first few blows.

I must correct one inaccuracy in Mr. Coussins' letter—Mr. Hartley is not a member of the Egham band and has to my knowledge only entered the tower on two or three occasions .

I consider that it was not in keeping with our normal code of behaviour as bell-ringers and servants of the Church for Mr. Hartley to bring what sounded like a novice band to a strange tower for what turned out to be a practice meeting.—Yours faithfully,

D. S. FROOME,
Tower Secretary.

Egham.

CLASH OF MEETINGS IN BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—Your account of the meeting of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association is liable to misinterpretation—not your fault, of course.

It cannot be made more clear that the clashing between the meetings of the Bath and the Frome Branches are entirely due to the Bath Branch or its secretary. The latter's two immediate predecessors were always careful to avoid clashes, to the mutual advantage of both Branches, and it astounded older members of the Frome Branch when this apparently deliberately engineered effort to clash was made, for Bath already had its allotted Saturday and another had become vacant.

We are still without an explanation, and can only surmise what the reason was, but deplore this action which has led to bad feeling.

In my opinion, the time has come for the Bath Branch to take over the first Saturday in the month. It was offered to them at least 12 years ago. They would certainly find a welcome from the Frome and neighbouring Branches, which have kept to their allotted Saturdays which were agreed to at a general committee meeting 20 years ago.

I regret that I can no longer attend meetings but I should like to see this regrettable matter amicably settled in my time.—Yours, etc.,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton.

RINGERS IN DURHAM

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of April 11th, 1958 (p. 237), there were published figures obtained by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England on the number of ringers in the Provinces of Canterbury and York.

These figures have produced very little or no written comment in the interval, and I can only hope that circumstances which have delayed my comments will not altogether have destroyed their topicality.

If the figures could be taken at their face value then Durham Diocese could feel that it was in a very enviable position. 'Dove' (2nd edition, p. 169) shows a total of 44,288 bells for England, which is very near the estimated total of 42,319 ringers published in April. On the justification in estimating to 5-figure accuracy I will not comment, but merely observe that the national average is rather less than one ringer per bell. In County Durham, using 'Dove's' figures again (p. 143) and excluding the Roman Catholic 8 and Presbyterian 6, there are 267 bells, so that, with ringers estimated at 550 we have an average of over two ringers per bell!

The figure of 267 bells includes some unringable and others without ringers, and it would require an average of nearer three ringers per bell in other towers to make up for them. How many 8-bell towers throughout the whole country can boast a complement of 24 ringers?

Against this picture our Association membership for Durham churches is about 160.

Quite clearly the survey figures are meaningless for Durham. Mr. Barnett commented: 'How far the total includes people who chime one solitary bell, for instance, one does not know; but possibly any of those who are included may serve to balance omissions caused by failure to render returns.' In an endeavour to estimate the 'chimers of solitary bells' I have studied a Durham Diocesan Yearbook and found listed there about 280 parish churches with over 100 mission churches, i.e., a total of nearly 400 churches, of which only 36 contribute to the 267 bells previously mentioned. Thus, our 550 ringers might well be made up of about 350 solo chimers and about 200 ringers proper.

An analysis along similar lines for the other dioceses might be interesting. Most of these do not fall in so well with the county boundaries as does Durham and would require the local year book in conjunction with 'Dove.'

A critical survey such as this ought to conclude with suggestions for rectifying the position; but beyond the possibility of framing the section of the return to exclude the solo chimers I cannot visualise much improvement.—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

THATCHED TOWERS

Dear Sir,—May I please refer to 'R.W.' of August 1st (p. 498). I am sorry if I have given a wrong impression, but I hasten to say that Butley, Brampton, Theberton and other Suffolk churches have thatched naves and/or chancels—not towers. I do not know of a thatched tower other than Thornham Parva. Does anyone?—Yours truly,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

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FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

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Kent T.B. Triples.—5,040 at Liversedge on November 5th, 1842, by the Liversedge Society.

Kent T.B. Caters.—5,004 at Aston on February 13th, 1848, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Kent T.B. Cinques.—5,104 at Birmingham on February 1st, 1832, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Oxford T.B. Triples.—5,040 at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821, by the Huddersfield Society.

Oxford T.B. Caters.—5,004 at Birmingham on January 7th, 1817, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Kent and Oxford T.B. Triples.—5,040 at Shifnal on January 23rd, 1844, by the Shifnal Albion Society.

Kent and Oxford T.B. Major.—5,600 at Sheffield on March 7th, 1843, by the Sheffield Youths.

Maidstone Major.—5,760 at St. John's, Wakefield, on August 18th, 1809, by the St. John's Youths, and two peals at Borden, Kent, in 1813, by the Borden Youths. The method is not known, but is a principle, 48 changes to the course, clean proof scale with 1, 7, 8 fixed.

Stedman Major.—5,037 at Aston on February 17th, 1856, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Stedman Royal.—5,184 at Aston on October 21st, 1876, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Duffield Major.—5,000 at Duffield on October 8th, 1887, by the Midland Counties Association.

Duffield Royal.—5,040 at Duffield on March 19th. 1888, by the Midland Counties Association.

Duffield Maximus.—5,040 at Birmingham on March 17th, 1891, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Forward Major.—5,088 at Deritend on February 8th, 1889, by the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Association.

Forward Royal.—5,000 at Loughborough on January 3rd, 1890, by the Midland Counties Association.

Forward Maximus.—5,040 at Birmingham on January 13th. 1903, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Shipway Major.—5,002 at Kidderminster on January 31st, 1900, by the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Cumberland Imperial Place Triples.—5,040 at Hackney on February 17th, 1801, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland Imperial Place Major.—5,040 at Islington on September 13th, 1802, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland Imperial Place Caters.—5,004 at Shoreditch on November 20th, 1802, by the Cumberland Youths. This method is sometimes incorrectly known as Place Bob or Shipway's Place Bob.

Coronation Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on September 20th, 1805, by the All Saints', Wakefield, Society.

Single Oxford Bob Triples.—See Wakefield Surprise Triples on pages 391 and 434, which is presumably the first peal in the method. Also 5.040 at Benenden, Kent, on March 7th, 1821. Morris and C.C. give 5,040 at Horsham on February 7th, 1882.

Single Court Triples.—5,040 at Warnham on February 3rd, 1887, by the Sussex County Association.

Darlaston Bob Triples.—5,040 at Darlaston on October 10th, 1891, by the Stafford Archdeaconry Society.

Darlaston Bob Caters.—5,076 at Birmingham, St. Philip's, on December 8th, 1894, by the Midland Counties Association.

Double Norwich Court Bob Caters.—5,093 at St. Stephen's. Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894, by the St. Michael's Juniors of Gloucester.

New Grandsire Caters.—5.003 at West Bromwich on March 1st, 1879, by the St. Martin's Youths. For N.G. Triples see page 434.

Valentine Caters.—5,075 at St. Michael's, Coventry, on February 14th, 1809, by the Coventry Youths.

Canterbury Pleasure Triples.—5,040 at Warnham on February 3rd, 1887, by the Sussex County Association.

Canterbury Pleasure Major.—5,040 at Warnham on December 17th, 1887, by the Sussex County Association.

Canterbury Pleasure Caters.—5,004 at Chesterfield on March 23rd, 1895, by the Midland County Association.

Canterbury Pleasure Royal.—5.040 at Bromsgrove on September 10th, 1898, by the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Canterbury Pleasure Maximus.—5.016 at Canterbury on May 24th, 1930, by the Kent County Association.

Double Oxford Bob Major.—6,000 at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 26th, 1832, by the Norwich Scholars.

Single Oxford Bob Major.—5,040 at Warnham on January 10th, 1899, by the Sussex County Association.

Dains' Alliance Major.—5,064 at Crawley on November 8th, 1894, by the Sussex County Association, and at Hughendon on November 12th, 1894, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Nightingale Treble Place Major.—5,025 at Liversedge on April 29th, 1868, by the Liversedge Society.

Albion Treble Bob Major.—5,600 at Keighley, Yorks, on March 27th, 1808, by the Keighley Society. Morris gives 6,048 at Liversedge on May 24th, 1837.

Champion T.B. Major.—5,376 at Brighton on December 20th, 1894, by the Sussex County Association.

Double T.B. Major.—5,088 at Leeds, Kent, on January 1st and March 9th, 1803, by the Leeds Youths. Method not known.

Halifax T.B. Major.—5,184? at Huddersfield on January 1st, 1866, by the Huddersfield Society.

London T.B. Major.—5,024 at Keighley on February 28th, 1814, by the Keighley Society.

Prince Albert T.B. Major.—5,120 at Liversedge on April 15th, 1859, by the Liversedge Society.

Rose of England T.B. Major.—5,024 at Liversedge on January 12th, 1857, by the Liversedge Society.

Violet T.B. Major. — 5,125 at Huddersfield on March 16th, 1865, by the Huddersfield Society.

Cumberland Exercise Major.—5,028 at Keighley on May 15th, 1815, by the Keighley Society.

Liversedge Exercise Major.—6,720 at Liversedge on April 17th, 1843, by the Liversedge Society.

Merchants Return Exercise Major.—5,600 at Glossop on March 19th, 1859, by the Glossop Society.

New Cumberland Exercise Major.—5,024 at Burton-on-Trent on May 31st, 1886, by the Midland Counties Association.

Sowerby Exercise Major.—5,184 at Denholme Gate on February 24th, 1877, by the Yorkshire Association.

St. Stephen's Exercise Major.—5,024 at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 24th, 1900, by the College Youths.

Woodbine Exercise Major.—5.120 at Newcastle upon Tyne on November 2nd, 1891, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild.

Yorkshire Exercise Major.—5,600 at Sowerby on February 7th, 1808, by the Halifax St. John Society.

Westminster Delight Major.—5,088 at Brighton on May 16th, 1898, by the Sussex County Association.

Cambridge Surprise Major.—See page 434. Although the two peals in London are known to be false, it is not known whether the 6,048 at Sheffield in 1787 is false or true. Also 5,376 at Keighley on August 18th, 1811, by the Keighley Society may have been true. The first peal known to be true is 5,600 at Bennington on February 11th, 1873, by the Bennington Society.

Champion Surprise Major.—This is a Treble Bob method; see Champion T.B. Major above.

Dench's Westminster Surprise Major.—This is a Delight method; see Westminster Delight Major above.

London Surprise Major.—5,280 at Norwich, St. Andrew's, on November 17th, 1835, by the Norwich Scholars.

New Cambridge Surprise Major.—6,720 at Huddersfield on February 18th, 1822, by the Huddersfield Society.

New Cumberland Surprise Major.—This is an Exercise method; see New Cumberland Exercise Major above.

Norfolk Surprise Major.—5,120 at Brighton on March 14th, 1898, by the Sussex County Association.

Superlative Surprise Major.—5,152 at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821, by the Huddersfield Society.

St. Stephen's Surprise Major.—This is an Exercise method; see St. Stephen's Exercise Major above.

Washbrook's Oxford Surprise Major.—5,376 at Brighton on December 31st, 1897, by the Sussex County Association.

Cambridge Surprise Royal.—5,400 at Wakefield on October 26th, 1822, by the Wakefield All Saints' Youths and the Leeds Society.

Superlative I Surprise Royal.—5,400 (false) on January 16th, 1825, and 5,400 on March 27th, 1826, at Wakefield, by the Wakefield All Saints' Society.

This concludes those methods rung to peals up to the end of the 19th century.

(To be continued)

STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

Stowmarket and district ringers, accompanied by a few non-ringing friends, visited towers in Hertfordshire on June 14th. A slightly delayed start, due to the driver not having received correct instructions, was the only feature which marred an otherwise perfect day. The weather, conveyance, towers, meals and the ready co-operation of all taking part left nothing to be desired.

Calls were made at Aspenden, Benington, Knebworth, Hertford—first for an excellent lunch, then for ringing at Bengeo—St. Andrew's and All Saints'. High tea was enjoyed before setting out for Bishop's Stortford for the final touches of the day. Mr. H. D. Lister, in well-chosen words, voiced appreciation of the efforts of the organiser, and the party set out for home via Newmarket to enable a call to be made at a favourite hostelry for refreshment and a few touches on the handbells, including the hardy annual 'Drunken Dog.'

A special word of thanks to the driver, who negotiated the narrow, winding but extremely picturesque Hertfordshire lanes with considerable skill, also to the local ringers who so kindly had everything ready for us on arrival.

O. G. B.

Ringers' Crossword No. 2

Solution.—Across: 3, 11 and 12, Learn the ropes; 8, Booth; 10, Eagle; 13, Simpson; 15, Davis; 18, Hip; 19, Lelant; 21, Hexapod; 22, Open; 23, Pipe; 24, Richard; 26, Tunnoc; 29, Omo; 31, Spain; 31, Craving; 34, Edele; 35, Ire; 36, Voice; 37, Inkle; 38, Elope.

Down: 1, Potin; 2 Stephen; 4, Exon; 5, Reeded; 6, Nasal; 7, Elgin; 9, Ohm; 12, Ropalic; 14, Six; 16, Valid; 17, Steel; 19, Loxhore; 20, Holts; 21, Henna; 23, Proving; 24, Rondel; 25, Ama; 27, Upton; 28, Niece; 30, Snell; 32, Clip; 33, Irk.

WEST COUNTRYMEN'S PEAL TOUR OF YORKSHIRE

WHILE many thousands of people streamed south for their holidays in seemingly endless lines of traffic, 12 ringers from the West Country assembled in Bath on the morning of Saturday, July 26th, to begin their leisurely and unobstructed journey north for their tour of Yorkshire. Later in the day they were joined at Nottingham by friends who had made their way their by devious other routes. Two members, who diverted into Birmingham to collect George Fearn, managed to ring at Shirley, where ringing was in progress for a wedding. It was good to see George Massey after a break of several months. He flew over from Malta especially for the trip.

At Nottingham it was learned that one car had broken down en route. This meant a readjustment of plans and the attempt for Lincolnshire at Mansfield had to be cancelled in favour of a 10-bell attempt here. As our conductor was stranded in Leamington, choice of method depended on composition and Stedman Caters had to be abandoned for Cambridge Royal—a strange alternative. Despite these difficulties a good peal was scored which served the useful purpose of getting our tenorman in trim for his assault on Beverley Minster the following Tuesday. We should like to record our thanks to Mr. W. Nichols for having everything in readiness. Selby, where we were to spend the first part of the week, was reached about 10 p.m. We were glad to see that a permanent repair had been effected on the offending vehicle and also to meet the captain of the local company, Mr. Morley, who gave us a very warm welcome to Yorkshire and details of Sunday ringing at the Abbey.

Sunday began with ringing and Matins at Selby Abbey. We much enjoyed our first experience of this fine ring of ten. In the afternoon the journey was made to York, where we were given the privilege of ringing Grandsire, Stedman and Kent on the glorious ring of 12 at the Minster. Later in the day four members made for Doncaster to see if Eric Critchley was ready to take his part in some of the peal attempts, and came away impressed—nay, rather bewildered, with what they had found!

A 'HAT-TRICK'

Monday opened with u peal of Double Norwich at Howden. But an important question dominated everyone's mind: 'Could they possible be a finer ring than Chewton Mendip's?' Obviously we had to be cautious with our comments. Everyone was impressed by their magnificence, but opinions and prejudices are things too personal to put on record. A short visit was paid to Thorne and, after lunch, a peal of Rutland was scored at Doncaster. Then, to complete the 'hat-trick' for the day, Cambridge was scored at Goole. Of special interest at Doncaster is the famous Schultze organ, and the organist very kindly demonstrated some of its superior qualities to us with various selections. However, this great treasure is now in dire need of renovation, and suffice it to say that the Parochial Church Council appeals to music lovers everywhere to help raise the required money.

Much speculation was made over the wisdom of an attempt for Cambridge Royal at Beverley Minster on Tuesday morning, since so many stories had been circulated regarding the 'go' of the bells. After raising, rounds and some rope adjustments, the bells went into changes at roughly ten o'clock. Occasional glances were cast in the direction of the tenorman, whose frequent smile was sufficient to assure the rest of the band that everything was all right. The last three courses will long remain in the writer's mind as some of the most enjoyable Royal he has rung, and the tenorman remarked that the bell had weighed more on his mind before the peal than it did on his wrists at the end of it. The peal also marked the completion of 50 years of unbroken service to the Minster by Mr. Osgerby.

Those not taking part in the morning peal paid a visit to Cottingham.

YORKSHIRE ELUSIVE

At attempt for Yorkshire later at Hedon unfortunately broke down after two hours through a shift course. For reasons unknown, this method was to elude us for the whole of the week. At Patrington some good ringing was had after the awkward scramble to the belfry. On leaving the tower we were greeted with this rather surprising comment: 'Well, aren't you going to ring a peal?' We apologise to the disappointed locals, but time, distance and the fitness of the band were not conducive to another attempt this day. We had promised also to attend the practice in the evening at Selby. On return to the hotel the voice of Mr. J. T. Dyke could be heard over the telephone, requesting news of the progress of the tour. Although his enforced absence from the belfry nowadays, through ill-health, is greatly regretted, his interest in the art has, if anything, increased.

The towers visited on Wednesday gave most of the company their first experience at Yorkshire rope ends, something which was to become the rule rather than the exception. Lincolnshire was scored in good style at Birstall but a broken rope brought an abrupt end to Bristol at Tadcaster. The afternoon, being free, was spent in moving into fresh accommodation in Harrogate. One person found better amusement watching his county's performance (?) at cricket at Sheffield. In the evening a pleasant hour was spent at St. Chad's, Headingley, the church designed and endowed by Edmund Denison and his son, and another at Leeds Parish Church, where we were met by Mr. Ronald Dove, who told us we were the first people to ring the back ten up in peal. Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Maximus and a lower of the 12 in peal sounded well on these bells.

ANOTHER 'HAT-TRICK'

Thanks to the kind co-operation on Thursday of the Rev. R. C. Capel-Cure, the band who lost the Bristol at Tadcaster were able to make good their deficiency at Birstwith. The morning began with Matins at Ripon Cathedral followed by an interesting tour led by the head verger, Mr. Rice, who showed us, among many treasures, a Bible of 1225, a book printed by Caxton, and a Prayer Book of 1549. The Cathedral bells were put to good use with a peal of Bob Royal, while six others went to Boroughbridge and scored Cambridge Minor, so completing the second 'hat-trick.' Congratulations to Reginald Rex, who scored two peals in a day with one arm. Good practice, this, he says, for when he attempts five! Some members visited the peaceful grounds of Fountains Abbey in the afternoon and, before the ending of the day, a return journey was made to Otley for another hour's ringing.

Friday started disastrously for both the morning attempts for peals came to grief. A shift course ended Yorkshire at Skipton and a broken rope brought the same result to an attempt for four-spliced Surprise at Guiseley. However, no one can say that the enthusiasm of the party diminished, one member anticipating the start of the afternoon peal at Bradford Cathedral by three hours or more. This surely must have merited him his place in the band. The rest spent a most enjoyable hour on the eight at Pudsey, where we should like to record our thanks to the local band for seeing that we left fortified by a substantial the meals we had been used to in a Chinese meal. This was quite up to the standard of restaurant we had adopted in Harrogate, where more than one person had tried, without success, to induce our 'Brummie' companion to sample Canton delicacies.

Two peal attempts on Saturday morning were forestalled; one at Ossett through depleted numbers, and the other at Heptonstall by a funeral. Stedman Cinques at Wakefield was also unsuccessful though the ringing was good. So began the journey south again, a stop being made for the night at Chesterfield.

PRESENTATION TO ORGANISER

During the evening the company assembled together and a word of appreciation was made to the organiser, David Hoare, by Roger Keeley, who presented him with a leather brief case on behalf of all present.

After ringing at Chesterfield on Sunday morning an opportunity was taken to view the curious spire from close up and this caused our student of architecture hastily to revise his records, then abandon the attempt altogether. So brought to a happy conclusion yet another West Countrymen's tour. Thank you, Yorkshire, for your generous hospitality and for placing so many of your fine rings of bells at our disposal.

R. K.

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LETTER

ASHTEAD'S EXAMPLE TO HULL

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Stone's letter about the state of ringing at Hull, but with respect I suggest that he is approaching the problem from the wrong angle.

Some ten years ago we in Ashtead were faced with a similar problem. There were only three or four resident ringers with any experience and the bells were chimed for most Sunday services. What service ringing there was (once a month for Evensong) was good, but this was due to the fact that the Leatherhead ringers gave up their own service ringing on that evening to come to Ashtead. Weekly practices were well attended but again mostly by visitors.

At that time it was decided to recruit local boys and one or two girls to assist with the ringing, and although in time this meant the end of the monthly visits by the Leatherhead ringers it did result in the bells being rung for services each Sunday. The boys were in the main senior choirboys whose voices had broken and to encourage them in their efforts a hand-bell class (for tune ringing) was formed by one of our choirmen, Col. Bell.

So began a long uphill struggle which has continued almost to the present time. We have had our disappointments, particularly in the way of wastage of young ringers. I have had perhaps upwards of 100 youngsters through my hands, but although most of these have fallen by the way the odd one has stayed. But we have had our successes as well, as in December last the first peal ever rung by a resident service band was scored. This was also the 300th peal on the bells. Of late years more girls have become interested, and in this respect our bells (tenor 14 cwt.) are perhaps more suited to girl ringers than are the bells at Hull.

One interesting comment on Mr. Stone's letter is the fact that only on three occasions has a ringer with any previous experience joined our tower. Two of these are amongst our keenest members.

In my experience it is useless to appeal to outside ringers to come in and help. The only solution is to find and train local talent, a long and difficult task. In this connection I am quite sure that the secret of loyalty to the tower and regularity of service ringing is the unwritten rule that all ringers attend at least one Sunday service apart from their early Communion.

It has often been stated, recently by eminent bishops, that service ringing cannot be divorced from service attendance, and to that view I heartily subscribe.

One last thought. I am sure that the modern youngster if properly led is quite as capable of becoming a first-class ringer as were any of the 'giants' of the past. Youth will be served, and how better than in the service of the Church?—Yours faithfully,

J. T. SYMONDS.

Ashtead, Surrey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

After a space of ten years the Southern Branch visited Mundford for their summer meeting on July 26th. Friends from the Ely Diocesan Association and Suffolk Guild were welcomed, and ringing in many methods on the light and easy-going six continued till 9 p.m. The Rector (Rev. H. D. E. Rokeby) conducted the service, and Mr. David Heighton acted as organist.

Mr. F. Nolan Golden (president of the Association) presided at the meeting and thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and Mr. H. Fuller for making arrangements for the meeting.

The next meeting will be at Banham on November 8th. C. F. W. P.

Norfolk Bells Sold

Norwich Consistory Court was informed recently that three of the six bells of the Church of St. Mary-the-Less, Thetford, had now been sold for scrap. The bells, which had been the subject of a previous order of the court, had realised £238 5s. 9d.

A mixed ring of six with a tenor weighing 10 cwt. 98 lb., the bells have been in bad condition for a long time. The church is poor and has had a very great expense with repairs. The tower alone now needs an estimated £3,000 to £4,000 spent on it. The bells which have been sold are the third, cast by Lester and Pack in 1753; the fourth, by Thomas Gardiner, of Sudbury, in 1725; and the tenor, by John Goldsmith, in 1711. Those retained comprise the treble, cast by Lester and Pack in 1765; the second, by John Draper, cast in 1615; and the fifth, by John Darbie, in 1664.

At present only the treble is left in the tower, and the second and fifth are being preserved. There is every possibility of the Draper bell replacing the treble in the tower, at which time the latter will be sold for scrap.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCS, OUTING

The ringers of St. Helen's Church, Brant Broughton, were entertained by the churchwardens, who organised a visit to the bell foundry of John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The party were met at Loughborough by Mr. Paul Taylor, who conducted a most interesting tour of the works, terminating in the ringing chamber of the foundry bells.

Tea was had in Loughborough, and the homeward journey was broken by a short stay at Elston, where again the ringing was much enjoyed. Thanks were given on behalf of the band by Mr. E. Brown, who said that the ringers were most appreciative of this act of kindness by the Parochial Church Council, and in particular Col. Ashmore and Mr. Andrews (churchwardens). P. C. P.

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

OLD 'RINGING WORLDS' from 1946 to present time to be dumped. Would anyone like them? If so, apply to Mr. L. Turner, 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds. 2828

HANDBELLS WANTED

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., at 6 p.m. Ringing beforehand.—John Chilcott. 2831.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23rd.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2826

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Quarterly meeting, Mayfield, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Service and tea. Names for tea early, please, to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 2829

YOUNG RINGERS VISIT NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE

On July 26th a party of young ringers from Essex, together with a party from Bedfordshire, made a summer tour in North Bedfordshire and parts of Bucks and Northants.

Altogether 15 towers were visited, viz: Pavenham, Turvey, Stagsden, Clifton Reynes, Emberton, Stoke Goldington, Weston-Underwood, Bozeat, Upper Dean, Keysoe, Milton-Ernest, Harrold, Sharnbrook and Felmersham.

Among the party were young ringers from Bromham, Harrold, Felmersham, Woburn and Wavendon.

Methods rung were London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

The Essex party are planning a return tour around Chelmsford in the autumn.

The day finished up with a quarter peal at Felmersham. Thanks are expressed to incumbents, tower captains and those who helped to make the day so enjoyable. C. M. P.

GRAPPENHALL BRANCH'S OUTING WAS POPULAR

The Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held its annual outing on July 19th on the border of the counties of the red and white roses.

The company of over 80 ringers, wives and friends were transported in two coaches, one leaving Frodsham at 7.30 a.m. and picking up at Northwich and various other points, the other leaving Runcorn at 8 a.m., both arriving at Todmorden, our first call, simultaneously. We soon had the bells—a nice ring of eight (tenor 23 cwt.), but rather noisy in the tower—going to Stedman, Cambridge, Kent and Plain Bob. Mytholmroyd, with its very pleasant ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) was our next stop. Here we had the pleasure to ring for a wedding.

The weather was now becoming quite warm and 'shirt sleeves' was the order as we journeyed to Halifax for lunch. We certainly did justice to a very excellent lunch. At Keighley (another eight, tenor 16¼ cwt.) we rang the usual methods.

We travelled through some lovely country to Skipton, where we found the best octave of the day (tenor 22 cwt.), and as 'The Owd Buzzard' once remarked, you could dance to them. One of the local ringers recalled ringing a course of Bristol with J. Bibby and others on their way back from Inveraray.

After tea at Skipton we left the sign of 'The Huntsman' and crossed the border back into the 'red rose' county on our way to Clitheroe, discrediting the story that they use chimneys for trees in Lancashire. At Clitheroe we found a nice eight (tenor 23 cwt.), and here we introduced St. Clement's Major. Afterwards, with two local ringers and some ringers from Todmorden who had travelled in a car with us all day, we rang three short courses of Cambidge.

Our last call was Whalley (another fine eight, tenor 21 cwt.). The bells are a little too quiet in the tower so that one had to be outside to appreciate the beauty of this very musical ring. An additional call, not on the schedule, was made to the Boiling Kettle, where they had a good brew on. We reached home about 12.30 a.m., tired but happy after what we thought the best tour we had had.

Thanks and appreciation are expressed to the ringers who met us, the incumbents, the coach drivers, and last but by no means least, Cecil Raddon, who organised this tour and has done so for the past 20 years. W. A.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

WATT—MORGAN.—The engagement is announced between Instructor Lieutenant Commander Alexander Strachan ('Tim') Watt, of Boyne, Sunningdale, Berks, and Rosemary Valda Morgan, of 61, Primrose Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, S.W.11. 2792

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

VAN ASSELT—MITCHELL.—The marriage between Hendrik Otto van Asselt and Barbara Ann Mitchell will take place on Saturday, August 30th, 1958, at the Church of St. Mary, Rotterdam. 2801

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address after September 1st of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jeffries will be 105, Jersey Road, Wolverton, Bucks. Tel. No. 3264. 2793

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MISCELLANEOUS

A RINGERS' DAY will be held at St. George's, Mossley, near Manchester, on September 13th, to raise a mile of pennies towards renovating the tower. All ringers welcome in this 12-hour effort starting 9 a.m. Book date. Help with a good pull. 2799

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton (6) on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 Service 6 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2784

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bell(s) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2785

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting at Burwash, Saturday, August 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Names to The Admiral Vernon, Burwash, Etchingham, Sussex.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Evening meeting at Brentford, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (6) available 6 to 9 p.m. Special method Double Court.—W. T. Cook, Dis. Sec. 2790

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer, Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Mark (8), Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells available 5 p.m.—David H. White, Branch Sec.

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. No service. Tea 6.30 p.m.—C. Raddon. 2803

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Thurstaston, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea (3s.) only for those ordering by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2821

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A joint meeting with the Midland Counties Guild at Melbourne on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Bells (8). Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 2817

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Meeting at Ashover (8) on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 2.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at the Red Lion. Roll up and enjoy the 'roll ups.'—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper. 2811

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Annual meeting, Stockton, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mrs. E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. 2824

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Aug. 23rd, at Alvaston, Derby. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. R. Manning, 28, Thorndike Avenue, Alvaston, Derby.—B. A. Sollis.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Sheepy Magna, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by next Tuesday, Aug. 19th, at the latest, please. A good attendance is especially requested. Lateness of advert is regretted.—Michael Vernon, Dis. Sec., Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics. 2816

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Knighton, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Aug. 20th, please, to Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester. 2794

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 23rd, Ibstock. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Aug. 20th to Mr. R. Tonks, 86, High Street, Ibstock. 2802

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — First meeting at Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday to Rev. J. R. A. Shaw, St. Michael's Rectory, 9, Gaddesby Lane, Rearsby. 2814

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Heydour, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2775

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Wragby (6) on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 2823

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shelsley Beauchamp, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 19th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, 10, Old Road, Kempsey, near Worcester. 2820

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 27th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 2806

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Sibsey, near Boston, on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names not later than Tuesday, Aug. 26th, to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey, near Boston.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2795

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Will members please note that there will be NO District meeting on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Please support joint meeting and social with Middlesex Association and Oxford Guild at Hillingdon on Saturday, Oct. 18th. 2810

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hellingly, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 27th, to Mr. G. Beeney, Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. No name by date stated, definitely no tea.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 2767

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Algarkirk, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Aug. 25th, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2818

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Wells on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Teas will be served at one of the cafés to those who notify not later than Thursday, Aug. 28th, J. S. Williamson, 47, Staith Street, Wells, Norfolk. 2819

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Aug. 27th, to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent 2804

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bottesford (8), Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Special method, Rutland Surprise Major. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mrs. P. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton. 2822

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival will be held (D.V.) at Oakham on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.45 p.m., followed by tea in the Victoria Hall. Applications for tickets with remittance at 3s. each must be made not later than August 30th to Miss J. Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham, Rutland. Ringing at Cottesmore 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Caldecott, Belton, Barrowden, Whissendine, Greetham, Market Overton, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Seaton, 11.30 to 12.30; Langham, 1.45 to 3.20; Oakham, 1.45 to 3.45; Uppingham, Glaston, Preston, Wing, Edith Weston, Hambleton, Empingham, Braunston (4), 2 to 3.20 p.m. All open after except Hambleton and Braunston.—G. W. Jeffs. 2781

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting and dinner will be held at the Bridge Hotel, Bedford, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tickets, price 12s. 6d. each, from Mr. J. A. Smith, 39, New Street, Oadby, Leicester. Everyone welcome. Early application advised. Further details of dinner and ringing arrangements to follow. 2813

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice—annual dinner.—The 21st annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (9s. each) shortly available, and obtainable from usual committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 2808

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social will be held at the Co-op Café, High Street, Leicester, on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 7 for 7.15 p.m. Tickets (11s.) from undersigned. Early application advised. Extensive ringing arrangements later. Morning peals on application. Everybody welcome. Plenty of ringing, good food, new first-class entertainment.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (tel. Wigston 3244). 2815

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner wil be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 15/6 each, now available from Mr. P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Accommodation is limited to approximately 105, so early application is advised. 2759

TWO NOVEL PEALS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

By B. D. PRICE

10–Part Peal

	2 3 4 5 6 7	
	3 4 2 5 6 7	4
	5 4 3 7 2 6	5
	6 7 5 2 4 3	1
	7 5 6 2 4 3	4
	2 5 7 3 6 4	5
H	4 3 6 2 7 5	1
	3 6 4 2 7 5	4
	5 2 3 7 6 4	1
*	7 2 5 4 3 6	5
	6 4 7 3 2 5	1
H	3 4 5 6 2 7	5

Repeat 9 times, H for the bob * half-way and end.

H is Holt's Bob-Single. In both peals no reversal of calling takes place. The large number of Holt's Singles appears to be inevitable.

6–Part Peal

	2 3 4 5 6 7	
	6 7 2 4 5 3	2
	7 2 6 4 5 3	4
H	5 3 6 7 2 4	2
	6 2 5 3 4 7	3
*	5 4 6 2 7 3	3
	6 7 5 4 3 2	3
H	5 3 7 6 4 2	3
	3 7 5 6 4 2	4
	4 2 3 5 6 7	2
	5 2 4 7 3 6	5
	7 2 5 6 4 3	5
	3 6 7 4 2 5	1
	4 6 3 5 7 2	5
	2 5 4 7 6 3	1
	6 3 2 4 7 5	2
	5 4 6 7 3 2	1
	4 6 5 7 3 2	4
	2 7 4 3 6 5	1
	3 7 2 5 4 6	5
	6 5 3 4 7 2	1
P.L.	6 7 2 3 4 5	3

5 times repeated, H for the bob * half-way and end.

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RICHARD VALENTINE AND COMPANY

By Edgar C. Shepherd

NEARLY 60 years ago there came into the possession of Mr. Geoffrey Martineau, of Solihull, a manuscript volume compiled and written by a certain J. D. Wagstaff, who lived somewhere in Northamptonshire. It is a duodecimo book, bound in leather, measuring 7¼" by 4½", and the paper is of good quality. The title page, neatly designed in Old English and Roman, proclaims:—

'The Five and Six Bell Peals of Mr. Richard Valentine who was born December 19th, 1796 and who died March 9th, 1861, at 3 Hor. 30′ P.M. Aged 65 yrs.'

Below this, and set in the same panel, is a cutting from 'The Northamptonshire Free Press' of March 23rd, 1861, and the notice reads:—

'Kettering. On the 14th ultimo, the remains of Mr. Richard Valentine were interred in Kettering churchyard, when the society of the Ancient Order of Foresters paid their last tribute to the deceased by walking in procession to the grave. Afterwards a dumb peal was rung on the church bells, the deceased having been a celebrated ringer. The following having been fellow ringers and companions of the deceased, also rung at Longstanton, near Cambridge, on their handbells (muffled) a true and complete peal of 1260 changes, being the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. A very solemn effect was produced. The following persons were the ringers: John Henson, sen., first and second; John Henson, jun., third and fourth; James Althorp, fifth and sixth; and William Smith, seventh and tenor.'

The identity of Mr. Wagstaff remains obscure, but he was clearly an admirer of Mr. Valentine and a man of great precision and method. It seems to have been his aim to copy from Valentine's own manuscript a large collection of five-bell methods, adding a few four-bell extents, and to tabulate and set them out in figuring most beautifully written and exquisitely spaced on the pages. There are 113 methods of Doubles, many of them familiar to us in form and name, but some with names perhaps not so commonly met with. Among these are such delights as Old Frostley, The Mouse Trap, Spandigo, The Gas Light, and Valentine Maxham, which Wagstaff ventures to think may have been meant to be 'Pax An.': the year of peace.

There is something suggestive of legal precision about the way the writer of the book has framed his comments. He records that the collection contains 113 Doubles, but adds a note that three of them are not quite complete, so that the number should really be 110. He is careful to point out that his own additions are all in red ink and that certain spellings have been corrected. And to round off his task he writes: 'By the letter I received from his wife Mary Valentine he died Saturday March 9th 3½ hor P.M., Exactly the time I returned the MS to the carrier.'

There are some 50 pages remaining in the book after the setting out of the methods, and these sheets have been filled by Mr. Wagstaff with a most extraordinary collection of notes and extracts from works on (and allied to) bells and ringing, together with innumerable jottings and comments of his own. He writes partly in his own tiny print-script and partly in a form of shorthand, so that it is very difficult to follow much of his thought. He has gone to the trouble to copy extensively from 'Church Bells and Ringing,' by W. T. Maunsell, and from 'The Shepherds Kalender,' and he seems to have had access to, and to have studied, most of the books devoted to ringing that had appeared up to his time. The very end of the volume seems to have accumulated a mass of sporadic jottings, among them being 'Jasper Snowdon Esq. (Campanologist) Ilkley-Leeds, Yorkshire, his father a clergyman,' and the following rather abrupt reminder: 'Jonathan Wild hung May 24th, 1725.'

In the forepart of the book are pasted copies of the circulars advertising the proposed publication of B. Thackrah's 'Art of Change Ringing' and Sottenstall's 'Elements of Campanalogia,' and with these are some newspaper cuttings that record ringing activities at Kettering and Wellingborough in the '70's.

Extracts from 'The Northampton Mercury' record, in 1871, the sudden death of Mr. Samuel Tilley, and in 1872 the demise of Mr. John Henson, of Wellingborough. The former gentleman, a member of the 4th City Rifles and a bandsman, collapsed and died immediately after playing at the funeral of a comrade in London. He was only 53 years of age. Mr. Henson was 78, and a 'dumb peal' was rung for him after his funeral. The year 1872 was marked, too, in Wellingborough, by the ringing of 720 Bob Minor by a mixed band, conducted by Mr. Samuel Spencer, of Rushden. It was, according to the report, the first 720 rung in the town for over a hundred years, the previous performance being recorded on a tablet bearing the tailpiece:

'We were ye first then with a nod
That on these bells learn'd Grandsire Bob. 1741.'

Possibly the most interesting slip of paper is the cutting of 1874 recording the ringing of 2,520 Grandsire Triples by what was called 'The Kettering Star Handbell Ringers.' The paper tells us that 'the above was divided into five equal parts, containing forty-five lesles and one gingal, and was brought round in one hour and thirty-eight minutes.' The ringers were Frank Starmer, George Starmer (Conductor), Thomas Whiteing and John Starmer. The 45 lesles are clearly bobs, but the one gingal defeats us. An old dictionary of 1843 gives the verb 'Gingle: to utter a sharp clattering noise,' and the substantive 'a Gingle: a shrill resounding noise,' but whether these have any relation to Mr. Starmer's unusual call there is no means of determining.

The composition of this meritorious performance seems to have caused the methodical Mr. Wagstaff considerable heartache, and he spends much time trying to ascertain exactly what Starmer did call. The half peal was reported as the first half of Holt's ten-part, but the figures produced are those of the old 2,520 in the 'Campanalogia' of 1702, published, as Wagstaff says, 'long before Holt's time.' There would appear to be no reason for any call other than bobs for the purpose of securing the half peal. This part of the manuscript book contains extensive notes and prickings showing that the writer was well aware that a ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples with two common singles would of necessity be false, and he goes on to assert that a 5,040 said to have been rung at Kettering (probably the one reported in 1840) was on this plan and must therefore be discredited. The reasoning is impressive, and a survey of these notes reveals Wagstaff as a very able man.

Much more might be written about this rather remarkable book, and doubtless a closer study of the notes would repay the earnest searcher. But this brief description of some of its features may arouse interest in certain quarters and possibly lead to the emergence of some more particulars concerning Richard Valentine and (of possibly greater interest and importance) concerning his friend and admirer, J. D. Wagstaff.

A WEEK-END IN TWO COUNTIES

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Mary Hall	*Treble*	John A. Anderson	6
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	A. Patrick Cannon	7
J. Richard Castledine	3	Malcolm S. Cloke	8
Vivienne M. Horton	4	†Paul J. Rigby	9
Trevor A. Cross	5	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Bob Royal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Dr. D. H. Niblett and Ruth S. Hodgson, celebrated at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, July 26th. Also a birthday peal for Miss Ann M. Cox, of Guildford.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Reginald A. Reed	*Treble*	†J. Richard Castledine	6
Paul J. Rigby	2	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Vivienne M. Horton	3	John A. Anderson	8
*Richard C. Kippin	4	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	9
Philip Mehew	5	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed by York Green. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First of Treble Bob.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Paul J. Rigby	*Treble*	Trevor A. Cross	5
John A. Anderson	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
J. Richard Castledine	3	*A. Patrick Cannon	7
Vivienne M. Horton	4	*Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 50th peal together. 50th peal of Surprise Major as conductor, in 48 different towers.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Vivienne M. Horton	*Treble*	J Richard Castledine	5
Paul J. Rigby	2	John A. Anderson	6
Philip Mehew	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Geoffrey K. Dodd	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
25th peal of Cambridge Major as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

*John Wilson	*Treble*	William J. Ridgman	6
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Wilfred Wilson	7
Charles J. Sedgley	3	Norman V. Harding	8
James Morley	4	Ronald C. Noon	9
†Ernest H. Mastin	5	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Charles J. Sedgley.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal.
Rung for the opening of the King's Lynn festival week.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Alkmund,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

H. David Holland	*Treble*	Burley P. Morris	6
Joseph Saxton	2	Cyril R. Wright	7
Francis R. Lowe	3	Gordon A. Halls	8
Harold Wagstaffe	4	James H. Pailing	9
Albert E. Thompson	5	Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Gobey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
First peal in this variation by all the band. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¼ cwt.

*David G. French	*Treble*	H. David Holland	6
Ian M. Holland	2	Norman Chaddock	7
*†Susan Chaddock	3	John Seager	8
Bernard Groves	4	*†John N. D. Chaddock	9
Elizabeth A. Wardill	5	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 25th peal together.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt.

*Martin L. Howe	*Treble*	Peter C. Wright	6
Kathleen Wright	2	Reginald L. Sills	7
Leonard Mannering	3	William R. Manser	8
E. S. John Hatcher	4	Benjamin F. Baker	9
John R. Cooper	5	Stanley A. Hayzelden	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Peter C. Wright.
* First peal on ten bells. First of Bob Caters by all the band, and for the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*Carol Fernley	*Treble*	Bernard Groves	5
Frank Osbaldiston	2	Robert B. Smith	6
Neil D. Lomas	3	Neil Bennett	7
William H. Dowse	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by James W. Washbrook.
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Eileen Fearn	*Treble*	Neil Bennett	5
Carol Fernley	2	†Robert B. Smith	6
John R. Kennett	3	Frank Osbaldiston	7
*Stuart Ellison	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by David Hoare. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 50th peal for the Guild.

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THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Treble*	ALAN D. STEEL	5
ANN BARR	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	†PAUL W. WEBB	7
G. ARNOLD MOORE	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal. † First in the method away from the treble.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ACRES	5
†BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	COLIN HARRISON	6
GORDON A. HALLS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
‡RUSSELL S. MORRIS	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 45).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 150th peal together. † 550th peal and 300th as conductor. ‡ First in the method.
A birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 UPTON IMPERIAL COURT MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

VERA M. NELSON	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	JOHN S. BARNES	7
GEORGE P. ADAMS	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Believed to be the first peal in the method, C.C. Collection of Plain Major Methods No. 54. Fourths-place bobs were used.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID A. CARPENTER	*Treble*	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	5
*LESLIE M. PARKER	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	JAMES L. GARNER HAYWARD	7
RUTH M. BORDER	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.
* First peal. First in the method as conductor, and 50th peal.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the seventh on the occasion of his 62nd birthday.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

A. SPENCER BROTHERS	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
DAVID HEIGHTON	3	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Ringers of second and fourth from Birmingham and Bournemouth respectively.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
CHARLES H. MOORE	4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part, seventh observation. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*PETER D. TAYLOR	*Treble*	RONALD H. BULLEN	5
†MICHAEL H. PAULSON	2	GEORGE H. PAULSON	6
DAVID A. MELLOR	3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	ERNEST PAULSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire. 100th peal on the bells.
Rung fully-muffled as a last token of respect to Arthur W. Smith, aged 79, lay reader and one-time ringer at St. Helen's. Rung by the local band.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

*A. GILLIAN HENDERSON	*Treble*	ALBERT W. BOND	5
†CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	2	SAM LONGBOTTOM	6
GEORGE A. BRIGGS	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
W. GEORGE TURNER	4	*HAROLD BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal. † 25th peal.
Rung to mark the retirement of Canon George Watkinson, M.A., after 61 years as curate, first vicar and donor, of the above church.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	ERNEST PRESTON	6
HAROLD DENMAN	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
JOHN S. BARNES	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method on the bells.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

VIVIEN BARNES	*Treble*	PHILIP A. CORBY	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 12).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Percival Walter Chapman, brother of the Rector of Hinton, interred this day at Yardley Cemetery, Birmingham.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 88 lb. in G.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	THOMAS COOK	7
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	4	JOHN S. BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Cook is from Darlington.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

JOHN WILSON	*Treble*	LESLIE W. HOUGHTOON	4
FREDA P. GREAVES	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
J. SPICER	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	FRANK RAYMENT	4
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
*PETER DAWSON	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.
Rung to welcome the tenor ringer to Yorkshire.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Buxton College Society of Change Ringers.)
On Wed., July 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F. sharp.

*KEITH R. BIRKIN	*Treble*	R. BRENT WHERRY	4
*J. DAVID ADAMS	2	‡JOHN R. KENNETT	5
†STUART ELLISON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal and 25th with the conductor. First tower bell peal for the Society, rung by present members.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., July 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 15 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

BRYAN PATTISON	*Treble*	PETER J. SHIPTON	4
ANNE E. AMOR	2	ROBERT L. PIRON	5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	3	ROY EASSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	†RICHARD HARRISON	3
*MARY TYSOE	2	ROY WARD	4
COLIN PAYNE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Doubles.
Rung after meeting short for Minor.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Buxton College Society of Change Ringers.)
On Wed., July 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp

KEITH R. BIRKIN	*Treble*	R. BRENT WHERRY	4
J. DAVID ADAMS	2	JOHN R. KENNETT	5
STUART ELLISON	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
50th peal on the bells.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in B flat.

*JOAN K. BEAZLEY	*Treble*	*DOUGLAS A. R. MAY	4
*PETER A. BIRD	2	†A. PATRICK CANNON	5
*PETER G. SMART	3	†ANN M. COX	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANN M. COX.
* First peal of Minor in four methods. † 50th peal together, rung in 42 different towers.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, consisting of four extents of Stedman, six of Reverse St. Bartholomew, two of Plain Bob, six of April Day, two of Plain Bob, six of St. Simon's Bob, six of St. Martin's Bob, two of Plain Bob and eight of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

JOAN K. BROWN	*Treble*	*A. JAMES POYNOR	3
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on five bells and first in more than one method.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ELIZABETH LOVELAND	*Treble*	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	4
FREDA P. GREAVES	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
H. HUXLEY	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal and first attempt.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Freda P. Greaves.

CADOXTON, near NEATH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

HARRY BOYCE	*Treble*	JOHN T. WILLIAMS	4
EDMUND J. MORRIS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
EDWARD PHILLIPS	3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
Rung in honour and as a welcome to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's with all 5-6's at backstroke, and an extent of 720 with 19 56's and five 65's at backstroke. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	FRANK OSBALDISTON	4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	2	*NEIL BENNETT	5
BERNARD GROVES	3	*ARTHUR HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The ringers of treble and second have now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the 225th anniversary of the casting of the bells.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

DENNIS SMEDLEY	*Treble*	HERBERT T. ROOKE	4
RICHARD HOBBS	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

WORLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*RONALD J. BALLAM .. .. *Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 5
†JOHN DRENNAN 3	*WILLIAM LOVELL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Vallance Cook.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 24 methods: (1) Willesden, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Newdigate and Marple Delight; (2) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, Charlwood and Braintree Delight; (3) Killamarsh Treble Bob; (4) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob and Double Plain Bob; 50 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*S. GILLIAN CRANSHAW .. *Treble*	BERNARD GROVES 4
†JOHN R. KENNETT 2	WILLIAM A. SMITH 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal. † First in 24 methods 'inside.'

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. *Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS 4
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in six methods.
Rung in honour of the birthday of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. *Treble*	†RICHARD HOBBS 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	‡DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* 100th peal for the Guild. † First of Surprise. ‡ 150th peal.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 20 methods, being: (1) St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Combermere and Crowland Delight; (2) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (4) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (5) Willesden, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Newdigate Delight; (6) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (7) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; 209 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. *Treble*	JOHN R. KENNETT 4
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5
BERNARD GROVES 3	NEIL BENNETT .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in 20 methods

BENEFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*JOHN GROOME .. .. .. *Treble*	COLIN M. PAYNE 4
DIANA G. LAWLESS .. 2	DAVID W. JAMES 5
RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 3	VESTER HEADLAND .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.
* First peal on a working bell.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

T. CHARLES BROWNE .. *Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except the ringer of fifth.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT DUNK .. .. .. *Treble*	THOMAS BEAUMONT 4
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 5
HARRY SPRINGATE 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*ELISABETH LOVELAND .. *Treble*	GEORGE TALBOT 4
†SALLIE BUCHANAN 2	ROY COLLINS 5
†PETER H. LAWSON 3	*RONALD G. COLLINS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROY COLLINS.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal by a Sunday service band.
Rung on the eve of St. Lawrence's Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 25, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT 7, WATERSIDE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1—2	†BERNARD GROVES .. .. 3—4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Minor on handbells. † 50th peal for the Guild.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Buxton College Society of Change Ringers.)
On Thurs., July 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 68, ROCKFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being five extents each of Shipway's Place Bob, Spliced Reverse Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Spliced St. Martin's Bob and St. Osmund Bob, Spliced St. Martin's Bob and St. Simon's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and 17 extents of Plain Bob; 65 changes of method, 131 bobs. Tenor size 16½ in A sharp.

*JOHN R. KENNETT .. .. 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
*R. BRENT WHERRY .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in eight methods on handbells.

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: I. C. Forrest 1, R. D. Brown 2, Valerie Mepham 3, B. K. Turnbull 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the twins (Harry and Stan Brown), who were moving to Hurstpierpoint after their respective weddings on August 2nd. The 150th quarter peal on the bells since their joint captaincy commenced in 1950.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 6th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. J. Phippen 1, G. W. Massey (cond.) 2, R. G. Beck 3, G. Salmon 4, E. J. Hitchins 5, P. J. Wycherley 6, E. E. Bray 7, L. E. Hitchens 2. First in method for 1, 5 and 6.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, H. W. Bishop 2, V. Griffin 3, E. J. Berry 4, T. Townsend 5, A. R. Peake 6, W. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, J. Durham 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Sheila Mant and Mr. R. Pelham Barron, both former graduates of Bristol University.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, All Saints', Canterbury, Old Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire and 180 St. Simon's): T. M. Haines 1, A. R. Jones 2, G. F. Roome (cond.) 3, R. S. Roberts 4, J. C. Rainbow 5.

BROMHAM, WILTS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bradfield 1, A. J. Peters 2, D. A. Powney 3, J. Hughes (first 'inside') 4, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 5, G. Cowdrey 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. A. M. House and Miss S. M. Wordly this day.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Aug. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gardiner (first of Triples) 1, C. Gardiner 2, L. Hewitt 3, R. Law 4, W. J. Smith (cond.) 5, R. H. Stickley 6, O. Lamb 7, J. S. Riadore (late of Penshurst, Kent, first quarter) 8.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Grigg (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Terha Barnett 3, H. C. Pearce 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, R. Sturmey 5. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Sherborne to dedicate the new organ. Also on July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Grigg 1, Wendy Harewood 2, Terha Barnett 3, H. C. Pearce 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, B. Hine 6. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, who learnt to ring at this tower in 1911.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. French 1, E. Hough (first quarter) 2, A. Jackson 3, J. R. Hough (first quarter) 4, A. Berry 5, J. Welland 6. Conducted by 3 and 5. Rung for Transfiguration of Our Lord; also a birthday compliment to the Misses E. and M. Bryant.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Whitfield (first quarter) 1, J. Furze 2, D. Baber (first quarter) 3, R. Middle 4, J. Bartlett 5, H. Baber 6, R. Dudden 7, C. Ford 8. Rung for the Festival of St. Mary Magdalene, patron saint. Also a 70th birthday compliment to ringer of 4th and in recognition of his 45 years' faithful service.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 4, 8 covering): Miss A. Wells 1, Miss S. Buchanan 2, Miss E. Loveland 3, Miss M. Howell (first quarter) 4, P. H. Lawson 5, G. Talbot 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. For Parish Communion on St. Lawrence's Day.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 120 each of Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, 60 Grandsire): C. Savage 1, C. M. Bloomer 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, J. Carter 4, J. Quick 5, F. Snow 6. Also 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Skinner 1, Daphne R. Cloke 2, C. Savage 3, J. Carter 4, C. M. Bloomer 5, M. Cloke (cond.) 6.

EPPING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,288 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. McClelland (first as cond.) 1, C. Moore 2, R. Moore 3, M. Osborne 4, E. Freeman 5, J. Aldridge (first of Triples) 6, I. Statham (first of Triples 'inside') 7, M. Lamb (first quarter) 8. Rung for the 100th birthday of Mrs. Emily Clark, the oldest inhabitant of Epping.

QUARTER PEALS

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Adrienne Gibson (first quarter) 1, W. Parrott 2, G. A. Cockman 3, N. Webb 4, F. Oakshott (cond.) 5, G. D. Robinson 6. Also on Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Marsh (first quarter) 1, W. Parrott 2, N. Webb 3, K. Prime 4, F. Oakshott (cond.) 5, G. D. Robinson 6.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On July 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. G. Button 1, Miss A. Pryke (first in method) 2, I. Cooper 3, M. A. Mills 4, R. Duesbury 5, E. E. Davey 6, G. N. Orman 7, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (360 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): J. Armitage 1, W. Dixon 2, J. Cooper 3, P. Whitaker 4, A. C. Walsh 5, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 6, G. Dixon cover. For the patronal festival.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On July 30th, 720 each of Ipswich and Norwich Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, E. J. Parish 2, D. F. Murfet 3, K. Prime 4, G. A. Lucas 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Judith A. M. Cox (first quarter) 1, Barbara Manship 2, G. A. Rudge 3, E. H. Bagworth 4, D. Darby (cond.) 5, T. C. Williams (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On July 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. W. Houghton 1, Miss F. P. Greaves 2, E. Barker 3, H. Huxley 4, W. Houghton 5, W. Wilson (cond.) 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding 8. For special service attended by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in connection with King's Lynn festival week.

LAPWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. Morris (cond.) 1, J. J. Green 2, R. C. Warburton 3, R. E. Tallis 4, J. K. Foot 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

LLANGIBBY, MON.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. I. J. Richards 1, Patricia H. Jones 2, Jacqueline S. King 3, D. G. Clarke 4, B. Johns 5, G. Ward 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. James 8. Rung in honour of the new Prince of Wales.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): F. Townsend 1, G. W. Holland 2, C. Gough 3, F. Vickers 4, W. A. Yates 5, W. H. Yates 6. Conducting shared by 2, 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Charles Payler, for many years verger and bellringer at Buckingham Parish Church. Rung at this tower as ringing at Buckingham is suspended due to tower repairs.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Union Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, J. Brain 2, L. Derrick 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, Monica Fray 6. First in method by all the band.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bridges 1, L. Cordell 2, D. Heapy 3, C. Bingham 4, D. Mitchell 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to D. Heapy on his demobilisation, a regular ringer at North Weald while stationed there.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, Miss D. Gibbons 4, B. Priestley (first as cond.) 5. For Evensong.

OTTERHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,296 Grandsire Minimus: Miss F. Phillips (first quarter) 1, K. Prime 2, G. Marchant 3, D. Miller (first of Minimus as cond.) 4. First in method for all.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (280 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 280 Old, 240 April Day, 240 Bob, 240 Grandsire): Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. First in five methods by 1, 2, 4 and 6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on July 23rd, 1,320 Undershaft Doubles: C. R. C. Coussmaker 1, K. Mackintosh 2, J. Pusey 3, R. Jackson 4, D. J. Roaf 5, M. Journeaux 6. First in method for 2, 3 and 6.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. W. Holland (cond.) 1, W. J. Chester 2, M. Saunders 3, W. A. Yates 4, C. Gough 5, G. Shellard 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Grandsire, 360 St. Simon's, 360 St. Martin's, 300 Plain Bob): M. Roberts (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, J. Roffe 3, J. Brown 4, M. Parker (cond.) 5, B. Branston (first quarter) 6. First of four Doubles methods by all the band. Rung for the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. Parker.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 1, Miss S. E. Allen 2, Miss D. J. Pollard 3, Miss S. A. Alexander 4, Miss C. M. Smewin (first of Minor) 5, A. R. Pink 6. First 'inside' in method for 2, 4 and 5. Rung in the octave of St. James-the-Great and to celebrate H.R.H. Prince Charles being created Prince of Wales.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Elkington 1, A. Reeve 2, P. Coward 3, R. Tomlin 4, G. Sandwell 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 each of Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. D. North 1, G. Walford 2, D. North 3, G. Gammon 4, P. Bird (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Gammon and Miss P. Davies on their wedding at Bishopston, Glam., on August 4th.

ST. MARTIN-BY-LOOE, CORNWALL.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. G. King 1, Miss G. Newton 2, Miss S. Lewis 3, Miss R. M. Webb 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, B. K. Lewis (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Faulkes (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, G. Vernon 4, M. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Valerie Hoby (first of Major) 1, Linda Kew 2, Pamela Jervis 3, M. Harbord 4, B. Lister 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, A. D. Rivers 7, W. Birmingham (cond.) 8. Rung on the evening of the wedding at Weymouth of the Rev. Philip Swindells, deacon and bellringer at this church, to Miss Lorna Iggulden.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 420 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob), 6, 7, 8 covering: M. Stanyon 1, S. G. Peck 2, Ann Aldridge 3, J. Wallman (cond.) 4, C. Aldridge 5, Rev. G. D. J. Walsh (first quarter) 6, W. Wainwright 7, J. Perrett 8. For Evensong, and a farewell compliment to the Rev. G. D. J. Walsh, M.A., who is leaving to become secretary for the Student Christian Movement in Cambridge.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four extents Stedman, four Plain Bob, two and a half Grandsire): Joan K. Brown 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, A. E. Bodycote 3, B. S. Chapman 4, E. J. Jelley 5, P. Norman 6. For Evensong.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—Recorded service touch of 720 Grandsire Doubles, also five minutes' chiming of the sanctus bell: Miss E. Bennett 1, R. Cottle 2, P. Berrett 3, G. Moore 4, H. Gummer (cond.) 5, G. Burbidge 6. Recorded at the request of Mr. B. Russell, organist at Norton Cannon, Limura, Kenya, to be used preceding the services held in that district. Rung by the local band.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 St. Clement's): Heather Stewart 1, Marian Mills (cond.) 2, M. Mills 3, F. Harvey 4, P. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young 1, B. Davis 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, J. J. Jefferies (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: F. C. Maynard 1, D. A. Hewitt 2, H. Rumens 3, T. Hawkings 4, P. D. Chapman (first 'inside') 5, F. W. Sykes 6, M. A. Austin 7, B. R. Downes (cond.) 8. A. J. N. Boyack 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For Evensong, and first birthday of Susan, grand-daughter of tenor ringer.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Case 1, G. E. Green 2, R. A. Vickers 3, F. Vickers 4, C. Gough 5, W. A. Yates 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. First of Stedman Triples by 3 and 5.

KEMPSTON, BEDS

Through the generosity of Mr. P. Inskip, 35 ringers and friends of Kempston belfry had an enjoyable meeting into Oxfordshire on July 26th. Ringing took place at Wheatley, Cowley, Iffley and Warborough, the arrangements being admirably made by Mr. G. Hutchings. Mr. Holloway was of assistance in directing the coach on part of the journey. When the coach was halted about midnight at Houghton Conquest a vote of thanks to Mr. Inskip was proposed by Mr. H. L. Stevens and carried unanimously. Incumbents and tower-keepers, not forgetting Mr. Absolam, of Warborough, are thanked.

A pleasing ceremony took place in the Kempston belfry on August 10th, when Mr. R. Freeman, on behalf of the ringers, presented Mr. P. Inskip with a barometer in recognition of his leadership and also as a birthday present.

STRATTON, CORNWALL

Ringers from Stratton, in Cornwall, and visitors from Kent, Essex and Somerset, held a summer outing on August Bank Holiday Monday.

Ringing began in the morning at St. Stephen-by-Launceston (8), St. Thomas', Launceston (6) and St. Mary's, Launceston (8), and then, after a short run, St. Mary's, Lifton (8), where we enjoyed a Cornish meal of 'parsties,' sauce and beer at the Arundel Arms.

Then on to St. Briochus', Lezant (6), in the afternoon. A good tea was enjoyed in Launceston and ringing continued at Werrington (8), North Petherwin (6) and Tamerton (6).

Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent. Many thanks are due to Mr. Harry Stacey and all friends from Stratton, who made this such a memorable day of our holiday. M. A. L.

OUTINGS

HASLEMERE, SURREY

On August Bank Holiday, a party consisting of ringers from St. Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere, and friends from one or two local towers, set off for the annual outing. Reading was reached at 10 a.m., and ringing took place on the eight at St. Giles' Church (15 cwt.). In the absence of the local ringers the party was welcomed by the Vicar, and it was some while before ringing could commence owing to attempts to disengage a clock hammer, which turned out to be a trap-door! Moving on to Thatcham, an hour was spent on the eight at St. Mary's (13 cwt.) before continuing to Newbury for lunch, with a break of just over an hour, in time to see the commencement of a British Legion carnival.

Then followed the long drive to Hursley, with ringing on the eight (13 cwt.). Whilst for most of the party this was one more new tower, for some it was a return visit from a previous outing made some six years ago. After tea at Hursley, the party moved on to Romsey, where ringing took place at the magnificent old Benedictine Abbey. The eight bells (24 cwt.) were declared without question the best of the day, and a most enjoyable hour was spent there before setting out home for Haslemere, which was reached by 11 p.m.

Mr. A. V. Queen made all arrangements for the very enjoyable trip, and Mr. F. Bowden was Ringing Master. Methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, and Cambridge Minor.

J. E. C.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE

On Saturday, July 12th, ringers from St. Andrew's, Aylestone, together with friends from neighbouring churches, visited several towers in Derbyshire.

The Dawn Chorus (so the itinerary stated) was to be at Overseale, where Mr. J. W. Cotton (secretary of the Midland Counties Guild) had given permission to ring from 8.30—9 a.m. On these light Taylor bells a good touch of Stedman started the day. The next call was at Ashbourne. Here some difficulty was experienced as the bells are rung from the centre of the church and the ropes are very long.

At Brassington a very good ring of six with a tenor of eight cwt. was discovered. These bells are a delight to ring and are well worth a visit. Ringing at Matlock was delayed owing to a wedding but eventually an excellent course of Cambridge was rung. Lunch was taken here and some misunderstanding arose with the result that three members of the party were left waiting for the bus in the pouring rain for 20 minutes.

The tit-bit of the day, especially put in for those of the Monday band, was the light six at Wormhill. Naturally some trouble was experienced but some members of the party found that the bells could be rung.

Belper was the next tower and on this handy eight some spliced Major was attempted.

The last tower of the day was St. Andrew's, Derby, the only 10-bell tower in the programme. Here we were pleased to meet and welcome Mr. George Freebrey, who never seems to lose any of his enthusiasm despite his age. Ringing here consisted of Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal. Thanks are due to Mr. Russell S. Morris (Ringing Master at Aylestone) for his work in arranging such a varied and enjoyable outing. J.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Five members of the Bedfordshire Association 'took to the water' at St. Neots Regatta on August 2nd and entered a crew in the Maiden Fours event. They lost to the City of Cambridge Boat Club. The crew was Roger A. Lennard cox, Roy A. Ward stroke, Peter J. Shipton 3, John B. Long 2, Bryan Pattison bow. All except Roy Ward are members of the St. Paul's, Bedford, band, and someone in the boat was heard to say at the end of the race that at least City of Cambridge B.C. couldn't ring Grandsire Doubles.

Ringers from Warmley, Glos, spent their holiday this year in Cornwall. They 'grabbed' many new towers and rang a quarter peal at St. Martin-by-Looe. Thanks are accorded to everyone who helped in an enjoyable holiday.

For the peal of Superlative Surprise at Barnard Castle, Co. Durham, Mr. Robin Leale and Mr. Fred Scott travelled up from Stamford in pouring rain on a motor-cycle during the morning. They had at least some good ringing to recompense them.

The band who took part in the peal of Minor at Tilney All Saints, Norfolk, wish to thank Miss Elizabeth Loveland, of Woking, Surrey, who was on holiday at King's Lynn, for standing in at the last minute, and congratulate her on the efficient way in which she rang the treble in her first peal.

Recently appointed as Registrar in Chester, Mr. R. C. H. Sibley, formerly of Northampton, was accorded a hearty welcome when he accepted an invitation to attend a meeting of the Chester Branch at St. Mary's-within-the-Walls. News of his appointment was contained in a peal footnote, and the moral, writes our correspondent, is: 'There is something in every feature of 'The Ringing World'—even footnotes.'

Aldrington, Sussex, band has lost its joint captains. Messrs. Harry and Stan Brown, who have held office since 1950, during which time 150 quarter peals have been rung on the bells. The twins moved to Hurstpierpoint after their respective weddings on August 2nd.

Mr. T. E. G. Taylor, of Gravesend, writes thanking the members of the Irish Association for the enjoyable ringing he had while visiting Bangor. He had a very warm welcome at Bangor, Holywood, Dundela and St. Thomas', Belfast, towers.

On July 31st a band from St. Thomas', Belfast, travelled to Bangor for a quarter peal attempt of Grandsire Triples in honour of the elevation of Canon A. A. Buchanan, Rector of Bangor, to the Bishopric of Clogher. Unfortunately the attempt came to grief after 35 minutes.

Mr. Brian Russell, organist at Norton Cannon, Lemura, Kenya, has sent a request to Canon O. R. Yerburgh, Vicar of Steeple Ashton, Wilts, that he would like to hear the bells of his youth again, preceding the services held in his district, followed by the chiming of the sanctus bell for about five minutes. Steeple Ashton's local band have made such a recording and sent it to him by air.

A peal attempt at Llangibby, Mon, in honour of the new Prince of Wales was brought to an abrupt end. 'Mine host' from across the road suddenly burst into the ground floor ringing chamber and inquired ''Ow you getting on in 'ere?' After it was explained to him just what he had done a very regretful landlord went back to his bar. The ringers returned to the tower, where a quarter peal was successfully brought round.

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HANDBELL RINGING IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

Random Reminiscences of Thomas Ogden

THE series of articles on 'Music in Bell Ringing' by Mr. Chant and Mr. Painter, together with the correspondence arising therefrom, must, I feel sure, have been of great interest to a large number of ringers.

An old saying, which is nevertheless quite true to-day, is that 'Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder,' and it is equally true to say that 'Music lies in the ear of the listener.' In proof of this, my dictionary defines the word 'music' as: 'Any succession of sound, so modulated as to please the ear,' and, of course, every individual has his or her own ideas as to what is pleasing to the ear and what is not.

For instance, over the past two years the younger members of my family have gone to considerable trouble and no little expense to amass a collection of gramophone records, the majority of which I can only describe as being of the 'Pop' variety. The youngsters and their friends obviously derive much pleasure from listening to this kind of 'music,' but, to say the least, their mother and I much prefer them to play it when we are out. Personally, I would scrap the lot of these 'Pop' records for a good recording of Stedman Triples or Kent Major rung by a competent band on, say, the bells of St. Thomas' Church, Moorside.

DOUGHTY STRIKERS OF FRIEZLAND

One of my most treasured recordings is one made by that band of doughty strikers at Christ Church, Friezland, in Yorkshire. On one side of this record is a touch of Oxford Minor, while on the other is a plain course of Merchant's Return, both practically faultless. And I can listen to this kind of bell music for a long, long time before tiring of it, but it has little or no appeal to the other members of my family or to my non-ringing friends, most of whom I find get bored and can see nothing of interest in change ringing, however good, after three or four minutes of listening to it.

On the other hand, many of my acquaintances with a musical ear will listen entranced for perhaps an hour or longer to my recordings of tune ringing on handbells, the work of two of the most competent bands of tune ringers in the north of England at the present time.

Two or three summers ago I attended a six-bell ringers' contest at a West Riding tower, my object being not to take part in the contest but just to listen to the ringing. My friend, Mr. Harry Nutt, of Friezland, happened to be the judge on this occasion, and when the contest was over I remarked to him how much I had enjoyed the 'music.' 'Yes, Tom,' he replied, 'but your kind of bell music (meaning tune ringing on handbells) is what the general public appreciate the most,' and this is undoubtedly true, as witness the fact that people will actually pay to attend concerts at which leading bands of tune ringers are the principal artistes.

During the course of my journeyings around the north of England over the past few years I have been made most welcome at many of the towers I have visited on practice nights, and I have also made many good friends of whose kindness I cannot speak too highly, and to whom I look forward to meeting again from time to time as my journeys come round.

About 60 years ago and up to the 1914-18 war, handbell tune ringing in the north of England was probably in its heyday, but the 'Kaiser's War' caused the dispersal of many a band whose bells have since laid silent and forgotten, or have, perhaps, been sold in odd sixes or eights, or even for scrap. Page 176 of 'The Ringing World of March 14th, 1958, contains news of the piecemeal sale of handbells of the once famous Horbury Handbell Ringers, who made two successful tours of North America and who once won the National Handbell Ringing Contest. There were nearly 70 bells in this set (presumably 5½ chromatic octaves) and it is stated that the bells fetched a total of more than £30! I wonder if the people responsible for the dispersal and sale of this set realise that they could have obtained much more than £30 for the set if offered complete, and that breaking up a set of this description is akin to breaking up an organ and selling the parts piecemeal, simply because they have no one to produce music from it!

KEEPING THE ART ALIVE

However, the north of England still has a hard core of handbell tune ringers who have kept the art alive and who are making progress with it, and all honour to their efforts, too. I do not know of them all, but those with whom I have come into contact I should like to briefly mention.

In Cumberland we have Mr. Joe Brownrigg with his band at Crosthwaite, Keswick. They have 36 bells (I think) and have an extensive repertoire of musical items, old and new, and have broadcast very frequently of recent years, usually in a 'Country Dancing' or 'Cumberland Merry Neet' programme. By the way, they have a method of notation all of their own, devised, I suspect, by Mrs. Brownrigg, who seems to be able to arrange any tune for them at a few minutes' notice. All the other bands I know ring from staff notation, suitably abridged for each individual ringer, of which more later on.

Also, at the very southern extremity of Cumberland, at Millom, we have Mr. and Mrs. Overfield with the Millom Handbell Ringers. They have not a large set of bells and are only just beginning tune ringing, but I think they will persevere and make progress as time goes on, and we shall hear more of them, I do not doubt.

Over in North Lancashire on the edge of the bonny Lake District, we have the Silverdale Band, whose leader, Mr. Tom Bolton, has a team second to none, and whose efforts in the face of great drawbacks deserve the highest praise. The Silverdale ringers have broadcast more than once, and in fact 'Their sound has gone out into all the world,' for they took part in an overseas broadcast at Christmas, 1957, and why this was not broadcast in the Home Service I cannot imagine. Certainly it would be an improvement on some of the so-called 'music' that comes over the radio at times.

YORKSHIRE BANDS

In Yorkshire, at Skipton, we have Mr. Joe Wiseman and his band of Yorkshire lasses. I was sorry to hear last week that Cupid has made havoc with his band of ringers recently, which will surprise no one who knows them. This happens, however, in the best of ringing bands and new recruits have to be trained to fill the gaps, as every leader knows. The Skipton ringers have about 48 bells and a good selection of music including hymn and carol tunes in their scores.

In South Yorkshire my friend Norman Chaddock is well known for his band of teenage ringers, most of whom can perform equally well on the bells of Rotherham Parish Church or on his set of 48 handbells, and I have to thank Mr. Chaddock for his help in lending me musical scores to copy out from time to time.

Yorkshire has also a first-class band of tune ringers at Saddleworth, to whom I have listened more than once. The Saddleworth Handbell Ringers won the first prize at the Belle Vue (Manchester) annual contest in 1914, again in 1921, and in the final contest in 1925, the last one to be held, and the present band are certainly one of the best in the north of England.

Todmorden, also in Yorkshire, had quite a promising band up to about 12 months ago, but owing to the call-up for National Service of one member and another leaving the district, they have not practised since. Mr. Colin Ashworth tells me that when the wanderer returns from doing his National Service duties they hope to commence activities again, and I hope it will not be long before they do.

HIS IDEA OF HEAVEN

Over the Mersey, in Cheshire, are the well-known Norbury Handbell Ringers, whose late leader, Mr. Fernley, passed away so tragically some months ago. The Norbury band have 14 ringers and a fine set of about 160 handbells, probably six octaves, with many duplicate and some triplicate bells. They have a splendid repertoire of music, mostly arrangements by their late leader, and I well remember the remark made by a prominent ringer whom I once took to listen to them practising. After listening quietly to two or three of their tune arrangements, he lit his pipe and turning to me said: 'This is my idea of heaven, Tom,' and I certainly agreed with him.

Over in the Fylde district, Mr. Jim Wilson at Singleton is the leader of the Singleton Handbell Ringers. They have about 36 bells and mostly confine their activities to the Christmas and New Year period, when they usually have quite an enjoyable and profitable time touring their extensive parish ringing seasonable tunes and carols.

Finally I must mention the band of which I am a member, the Moorside Handbell Ringers (Oldham). We have 11 ringers and 74 bells at Moorside, a range of 4½ chromatic octaves with 18 duplicates.

My father, who was born in the village, remembered that there was an active band of tune ringers at Moorside as far back as 1884, for he remembered listening to them practising in a little cottage which he had to pass on his way home from church on Sunday mornings. He would then be about 10 years old. Later on, when about 19 years of age, he joined the band of tower ringers at St. Thomas' Parish Church, Moorside, afterwards joining, along with John, his younger brother, the band of handbell ringers.

MANUSCRIPTS FROM 1883

Some of the copies that we ring from at the present day are dated as far back as 1883, and we have a few that were arranged by my father and his brother early in the present century. They still bring pleasure and enjoyment to our audiences and ourselves, just as much as when they were first notated. I should like here to pay tribute to our leader, Mr. Ivan Kay, without whose enthusiasm and knowledge the band would probably not have re-formed after the second war period. In October, 1953, he asked me to join them, and since then he has built up an excellent band of tune ringers who have made quite a name for themselves in Oldham and district.

These ten bands comprise all the handbell ringing bands in the north of England at the present **that I know of.** There are many, far too many, sets of handbells lying silent all over the North Country, and there will also be those places with perhaps an enthusiastic band who are only known of in their own immediate vicinity, and to these I would say, if you are interested enough, drop a line to 'The Ringing World': let others know of your activities. You may be able to help a struggling band, or others may be able to help you. Who knows? Why not try it?

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEK-END IN TWO COUNTIES

A VERY successful and happy week-end in Berkshire and Hampshire, arranged by Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd, of Highclere, was enjoyed by nine ringers from various parts of the country. H.Q. was at the Queen's Hotel, Newbury.

A start was made on the Saturday morning at Wantage for Yorkshire, but after over two hours of good ringing the conductor, sad to relate, put in a bob at 'Home,' when no call was needed. (He said it must be due to old age!) The bells are a very good ring, of mixed vintage, with a tenor of 22 cwt.

After lunch we made our way in our hired 'Dormobile' to the famous bells at Appleton (10, 14½ cwt.). We were met by Mr. F. White, who kindly had everything ready for us, and, with the assistance of Malcolm Cloke, rang a very fast peal of Bob Royal. Maybe it was a little too fast, but these bells take some holding back! Mrs. Daphne Cloke kindly stood out to enable Miss Mary Hall, of Bristol, to score her first peal of Royal, and very well she rang, too. After the peal we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Fred White, who rang the tenor in the record peal of Stedman Caters in 1922.

Sunday morning saw us at Highclere (8, 11 cwt.) to join Geoff Dodd at his local tower, and ring for the visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, who was taking part in a cricket match in the afternoon, and, attending morning service first, Prince Philip noticed us standing by the belfry door, and remarked to his escort, Lord Caernarvon, 'Is that the choir?' Lunch was taken at Winchester, and at 2.15 p.m. we were joined by Reginald Reed and Christopher Kippin for a well-struck peal of Kent Royal at North Stoneham (10, 10½ cwt.). We returned to Newbury and found Ralph Edwards awaiting us with the glad news that Mrs. Edwards was making a good recovery from her recent accident. He had come down to join us for one night, having rung a peal at Bradford, Yorks, on the Saturday.

The first tower for Monday was Harwell (8, 16½ cwt.) and we were met by Mr. David Jordan. The peal of Yorkshire sounded well on this good Taylor ring, and Ralph Edwards enjoyed his listen, sitting in the churchyard.

We went on to Abingdon to try to find some lunch, and instead found Brian Blaydon and some friends from Swindon area waiting to have a ring at St. Nicholas'. We joined his party for a ring here, found some lunch and arrived at the famous church of Drayton (8, 9½ cwt.). Ralph was particularly pleased to ring here, and to examine the mass of peal boards from 1880 to 1889. The bells are a very fast-moving ring, and our peal of Cambridge in 2 hours and 29 minutes may have been the fastest Major on the bells. A peal of Stedman Triples was rung here in 1888 in 2 hours and 27 minutes, conducted by J. W. Washbrook (see 'Among the Bells,' page 84) from the tenor.

Leaving Drayton and its memories of the Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. W., we again joined Brian Blaydon and his friends at Appleford (6, 8 cwt.) and North Moreton (5, 13 cwt., a minor five). We are looking forward to another week-end next August.

A. P. C.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Aylesbeare Branch

At the last quarterly meeting it was considered doubtful whether the monthly practice meetings were worth continuing. It was decided, however, to try, and the meetings are now being held on the last Saturday of each month. To simplify matters, towers are taken in alphabetical order. At the first, in June, at Clyst St. George, about 25 turned up, while the second, at East Budleigh, attracted some 32. We are hoping for even more at Honiton Clyst on August 30th at 7 p.m. After that we take Littleham, Lympstone, Sowton, Topsham, Withycombe and Woodbury, each in turn.

This is the season of visitors, and at East Budleigh we have been very fortunate lately with help from almost every part of the country. We suffered a severe blow some time ago when Sid Skinner left the village to work at Exton but we are consoled by the fact that he is not far away, in fact he often comes over to help with the very young band which we are now struggling with. Chris Bloomer has been with us now for a week and we look forward to another week of his help. We were ringing for a wedding on August 9th and had barely got the bells up when who should walk in but Malcolm and Daphne Cloke, welcome visitors in any tower, so a couple of quarters were quickly arranged for the evening, and both were successful. The 'happy couple' are staying at the King's Arms, and as we write we look forward to a pleasant week.

Coming events give us something to look forward to. We have the practice meeting at Honiton Clyst on the 30th, the quarterly meeting at East Budleigh on September 6th (Budleigh Salterton Carnival Day), when tea will be provided in the Village Hall by the ladies, and on Friday, September 26th, the Society of Friends of the Exercise assemble at the King's Arms for a weekend tour of some of the more obscure sixes over Dartmoor. Pete Anger and Stella are coming next week and Brian Bladon and Lesley will be with us on September 24th, in plenty of time for the Dartmoor 'do.' To all our friends in England, Wales, Canada, Australia and America we send our sincere greetings and we hope to see you all in turn, and soon.

C. S.

100th Peal at Darley Dale

The 100th peal on the bells of St. Helen's, Darley Dale, was rung on August 3rd.

The first peal was rung on September 12th, 1903, and was conducted by the late Walter Wallace, of Derby. Two local ringers took part—Taylor (treble) and Hugh Gregory (tenor)—and these were the first local ringers to ring a peal. Both peals were Grandsire Triples and the composition on each occasion was Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

The 100 peals include 60 Triples in seven methods, one Doubles and 39 Major (seven in Surprise methods). Up to 1922 55 peals had been rung; then occurred a break to 1931 when a new band was formed under Mr. George H. Paulson. Of the 100 peals, only two have not contained a local ringer.

H. E. T.

OBITUARY

MR. E. J. BUTLER

With the passing of Mr. Ernest J. Butler, of Colchester, the Essex Association has lost one of its life vice-presidents and one of its most loyal supporters.

The funeral service was held at St. Peter's, North Hill, Colchester, where the bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege approached the church.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Hollingdale), who, in a personal tribute to Mr. Butler, referred to the loss which the Exercise in general and Colchester in particular had sustained. The ringers present and the messages of sympathy which had been received from those unable to attend the service, he said, were proof of the affection with which he was held. His constancy and punctuality—always there first with a cheerful smile and kindly word of welcome— was how they would remember him. May he rest in peace.

For many years Ernest Butler lived in Chadwell Heath and was a member of the Romford band, contemporary with the brothers Pye and Jack Watson. For some years before the first world war he was Master of the South Western Division of the Association. After the war both he and Mr. Watson used regularly to attend the practices at churches as far apart as Brentwood and Leytonstone, helping to teach Sunday service ringers.

In 1925 he became secretary of the enlarged South Western Division, and by his efforts over the next 13 years until his retirement was largely responsible for the success of this Division. He accepted the office of auditor during the second world war and served until 1948, and had been one of the Association's Central Council representatives for many years. In 1948 he was elected a life vice-president.

After his retirement he went to live at Colchester, becoming a regular ringer at St. Peter's Church. Right up to the end of his life the officers of the Association were able to call upon his wisdom and long experience for help and advice in carrying on the work he had so much at heart.

He had rung numerous peals in many methods, but perhaps the one of which he was most proud was the 22-method peal of Spliced Surprise Minor at Chigwell Row on March 24th, 1928. The band who rang this peal were the real pioneers of Spliced Surprise Minor in Essex.

H. T.

Epsom and Ewell's 21st Birthday

On September 29th the Borough of Epsom and Ewell celebrates the 21st anniversary of its Incorporation. At the suggestion of the Surrey Association and with the co-operation of the incumbents, the official celebrations will include a peal attempt at each of the three towers within the Borough. It is understood that the Mayor has invited the ringers to join him in refreshments after the attempts.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEVON GUILD AND REPRESENTATION

Dear Sir,—I am quite sure that the majority of ringers in Devon will heartily endorse Mr. Bartlett's remarks (page 515), and that nothing would give members of the Devon Guild greater pleasure than to see the Devon Association represented on the Central Council. Thank goodness the rift between the two, as we knew it many years ago, is now gone, and for the Central Council to refuse them representation is a blot on the Exercise generally.

I am tempted to quote the case of 'the ninety and nine,' but who is to judge in this instance which has strayed?

Visitors to Devon will, I am sure, agree that the welcome one receives at Association towers is something of an experience, and it would seem that the only people who are 'in the wilderness' are the Central Council.

It is time something was done about this.—Yours faithfully,

C. SAVAGE.

East Budleigh, Devon.

Dear Sir,—It was with great interest that I read Mr. Bartlett's letter, and with one exception I am fully in accord with him and the thoughts which seem to have inspired it.

To deal with the exception first: the 'fence' does not exist, and Mr. Bartlett himself almost removed it from his own thoughts when he later described it as metaphorical.

I think I am right when I say nearly all ringing Guilds and Associations practise call-changes before 'progressing' on to scientific.

Now regarding the B.B.C. list of good striking towers, it would seem that as the answer to the enquiry was 'No,' then the West Country has been virtually eliminated from such a list. Perhaps the Central Council could arrange to have this list published. It would make interesting reading and act as an incentive for other bands to qualify for inclusion in subsequent reviews of the list. If the Council should at any time show sufficient interest, I will send the names of a dozen call-change bands in South Devon alone who will hold their own with the best scientific bands in the country in the matter of good striking.

And now to representation on the Central Council. I hope I am wrong in my interpretation of this, but it seems that the secretary of the Central Council speaks for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in this matter, and as a member of that Guild I would take strong exception to anyone outside our Guild speaking for us. Could I suggest to Mr. Bartlett that he applies on behalf of the South Devon Ringers' Association for affiliation to the Central Council of *Church Bell Ringers*?

I do not think the Central Council could turn it down, but I do know that many of us 'scientifics' would welcome and support the affiliation.

In the next paragraph of Mr. Bartlett's letter delete the word 'surely.' It then reads 'The purpose and overruling consideration *is* for the glory of God and the service of His Church.' This is a positive statement and no one can gainsay it.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SIMMONDS,
Call-changer and Scientific.

Torquay.

'WOULD BE WELCOMED'

Dear Sir,—The letter printed on page 515 from my friend Mr. B. E. Bartlett refers to a communication he has received from the secretary of the Central Council which appears to be based on a misunderstanding. My general feelings are that the Guild of Devonshire Ringers would welcome the representation of the call-change Associations on the Central Council, if this were possible.

Although I have only been resident here for eight years, a perusal of the Guild minute book confirms the impression that the call-change ringers are much respected, and at the last annual meeting of the Guild on Whit Monday a contribution was voted towards a competition shield which was being provided by the South Devon Ringers' Association as a memorial to the late Mr. Middleton, of Dartmouth, a friend of both kinds of ringers. Incidentally, it was gratifying that a Guild band took part in the first competition for the shield.

As regards Sunday service ringing, it appears that we change-ringers have much to learn from the call-change ringers, especially as regards raising and falling in peal. No doubt the committee appointed by the Central Council to report on Sunday service ringing will benefit from the knowledge of call-change ringers possessed by one of our representatives, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, and we are glad that he was chosen to be on this committee.—Yours, etc.,

E. M. ATKINS, General Secretary,
The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

FIGURES IN COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Sedgley seems to feel quite strongly on the position of figures in compositions, wishing to repeat his plea that the figures should come last. It is really a matter for individual composers, for although the resolution in 1946 was lost, several composers put the figures in the way Mr. Sedgley advocates. A few composers are not consistent! Admittedly it is the quality of the composition that matters, not the position of the figures; but can someone say why the so-called illogical system has become the correct way—that is, presuming the Central Council publications are 'correct'?—Yours sincerely,

P. G. K. DAVIES.

Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

VITAL STATISTICS

Dear Sir,—In his (or her) entertaining report 'Handsworth ringers visit Shropshire' (see page 514), M. F. H. writes: 'St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, has a truly magnificent 18 cwt. ring of eight.' In my recent report of the Burghill ringers' visit to St. Leonard's I gave the weight of the Warner tenor there as 21 cwt. M. F. H.'s 18 cwt. was probably taken from 'Dove's Guide' (18-0-18) or from a local source, and may be correct. My 21 cwt. was taken from the Hereford Diocesan Guild's annual report (1957).

Has the 'noble lady' been losing some of her middle-age spread?—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Hereford.

FIRST PEAL IN YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Too many words have been written about 'the unpardonable arrogance of the College Youths in claiming their peal of Treble Bob at Halifax in 1787 to be the first peal in Yorkshire.'

E. Morris, in 'History and Art,' and no doubt J. A. Trollope in 'The College Youths,' obtained this from the College Youths' Rule Book. What is not realised is that the rule books and peal books of any old London Society refer only to the performances of the particular Society, and any footnote or claim to be the first peal in the method, the first peal on the bells or the first peal in the county, is meant to imply 'for the Society.'

Thus the statement about the first peal in Yorkshire, taken from the A.S.C.Y. Rule Book, is quite correct, the peal in question being 'the first peal in the county by the Society.'

It is extremely unlikely that the College Youths would claim to have rung THE first peal in the county, when their peal was more likely the 25th peal.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

MUSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Dear Sir,—Mr. York-Bramble trots out a string of alternatives for rounds 'chosen for their musical characteristics.' If one wishes to ring Doubles or Minor on an 8-bell ring, what can be more beautiful than using 123478? I cannot understand why he has omitted this arrangement, and would ask him, and others, to try it.

It is also useful when there are several youngsters or ladies and a shortage of 'back-enders.'—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

THE EGHAM PEAL

Dear Sir,—A recent correspondent complains that a peal at Egham was the worst in which he had rung.

Surely, if the ringing was such as to cause him agony of mind, he had 3¼ hours in which to set his bell, giving his reason for doing so to the conductor, thus settling the matter before leaving the tower.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. KING.

Chepstow.

Correspondence continued on next page.

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY IN SOMERSET

Next week the University of London Society of Change Ringers are holding their annual tour in Somerset. A record number of 39 members and friends are in the party. An indication of the growing up of the Society (and the members) is that there are eight married couples and three small children in the party. As well as visiting many of the famous rings in the county, peal attempts are being made at Minehead, Rowberrow, Martock, Chewton Mendip and Wrington. Headquarters for the week are at Shipham, near Cheddar.

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LETTERS (continued)

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I wonder if I could intrude in your columns for a brief comment on the letter in your issue of June 20th by T. C. Belton. This is the second time that disparaging remarks have been passed by him on the state of the Sunday service ringing at Leicester Cathedral. Now, I have been a not infrequent visitor to that city recently, and can assure Mr. Belton that every time I have rung for Sunday services at the Cathedral either Cinques or Maximus has been rung—including half a course of Cambridge Maximus for morning service.

Since he has quoted the Bishop of Coventry, perhaps I might quote those fine words, 'Let us now praise famous men'—we hear far too much nowadays about the obscure and lowly—after all, someone has got to carry the torch, and it is no good letting jealousy and prejudice spoil an appreciation of their good work—that is far from snobbery. And in case anyone is led to believe that the Leicester Cathedral band are at all selfish or snobbish, as he insinuates, I can assure them of as warm a welcome there as anywhere in the country.

I feel Mr. Belton must have some secret grievance in his heart which prompts these acrimonious and trouble-making remarks. Yet he attaches great importance to the attendance at church services. Unfortunately this type of inconsistency and hypocrisy is doing the Church a great deal of harm, and does more to discredit it than the minority of ringers who never attend its services.

Mr. Belton has said nothing constructive in either of his letters and I hope we shall be spared his spiteful and envy-prompted remarks in the future.—Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Beds.

ALGARKIRK ALLIANCE

Dear Sir,—Referring to the recent letter of inquiry concerning what the late Mr. A. G. Driver called Special Alliance methods, I would like to draw attention to the omission of Algarkirk Alliance from the list, a peal which was rung spliced with Bastow Little Court on Saturday, January 4th, 1936, at Algarkirk, Lincolnshire.

Unfortunately I am not now in possession of the figures for the method, though as the late A. G. Driver was informed they may be traceable in his papers. I cannot remember whether a lead was published in 'The Ringing World,' nor can I say whether any of my ringing friends of those days could supply the information.—Yours faithfully,

VERNON TAYLOR.

Walmer, Kent.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

A lengthy discussion on how to get bells going in silent towers took place at a joint meeting of the Barnsley and District Society and the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association held at Thryburgh on August 9th. Mr. Noel F. Moxon presided, and Geoffrey Graham, of Cawthorne, was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association.

The next meeting of the Barnsley Society is the cup contest at Hoylandswaine on September 13th (entrance fee 6s.). The Southern Yorkshire District propose to join up with the Sheffield Society for their meeting in November at Handsworth.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and wardens and to Mr. Brunt and the local company for the arrangements. The ladies were also thanked for the excellent tea.

WEDDINGS

TWIN CAPTAINS MARRIED

On August 2nd the Aldrington bellringers were very happy to see the Brown twins (previous joint captains at this tower for seven years) safely launched into married life.

Stan, younger of the two by quarter of an hour, was married first, to Miss Rosemary Patching, also a ringer, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Barcombe. Guests were then taken to Aldrington by coach for Harry's wedding to Miss Joan Palmer at the Church of St. Leonard.

After both services the bells were rung by various representatives from the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association.

A joint reception was held in the Church Hall, Glebe Villas, Hove—a memorable building for the twins, for it was the place where they first began their loyal connection with St. Leonard's Church over 25 years ago.

During the evening the happy couples left for their honeymoons, after a hearty send-off. We later discovered that Stan and Rosemary went to Beer, in Devonshire, and Harry and Joan to Ambleside, in the Lake District.

All the Aldrington ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking the twins for the excellent example of loyalty they have given the band, and as a token of our appreciation for their hard work they have consented to become honorary captains. We shall miss their help and encouragement and we only hope we can live up to the high standard they have set us. We wish them every happiness and success in their future married lives.

P. R. G.

MR. PETER F. BORER—MISS JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY

The wedding took place on August 2nd at Frindsbury Parish Church, Kent, of Mr. Peter F. Borer and Miss Jennifer M. Highley. The bells were ringing to welcome the bride to the church. The service, conducted by the Vicar, was fully choral and included the Bell-ringers' Hymn also an anthem, 'Blessed be the God and Father,' by S. S. Wesley. The bride, who was dressed in white, was attended by four bridesmaids. After the service the bells were again rung and also 'fired.' The reception was held at Wainscott Institute and about 90 guests were present.

In the evening a peal of Stedman was attempted, but after 20 minutes 'Stand' was called as two bells were over. The band were very late in starting the peal, probably causing uneasiness. A quarter peal was rung, of Stedman Triples, by the following: Miss P. Smee 1, T. Barton 2, I. Oram 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, R. Bird 5, G. Kenward 6, G. Butler (conductor) 7, L. B. Dobbie tenor.

After this a bottle of port, given by the bridegroom, was drunk with the toast to 'The bride and bridegroom.' The newly-married couple spent their honeymoon on the Isle of Wight.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The St. Albans District August meeting at Kimpton was one with a difference. The Kimpton ringers have, over the past years, made great efforts towards a Restoration Fund for Kimpton bells, but August 9th was the biggest to date, when a fete was held for this fund. Luckily a fine afternoon encouraged the population and ringers from a wide area to join in the fun.

Kimpton bells were ringing soon after 3 p.m. and continued to ring with only a short break for tea until about 8 p.m. Most ringers paid a visit to the fete and gave their support to the various sideshows and had tea with local supporters in the Memorial Hall. A dance followed in the evening. Kimpton ringers report that the day's efforts brought in £150, bringing the total to date to £450. They also say how much they would like to thank the many friends for the help and support they gave.

M. A. C.

OUTINGS

SWINDON AND DISTRICT

The weather was very kind to Swindon and District ringers on their August Bank Holiday 'grab' of five- and six-bell towers. Although it was cloudy at first it didn't dampen the spirit of the ringers as they piled their bicycles into the guard's van of the 7.50 a.m. train to Didcot just before it left Swindon.

From Didcot Station they cycled to Steventon, where they were joined by friends riding in cars. A short cut along a footpath, half cobblestones, half mud, took the cyclists to Milton, the next tower, where they arrived without a single casualty. Then on to Sutton-Courtney and afterwards to Culham, where a picnic lunch was had after ringing on the delightful little anti-clockwise ring of six.

By kind permission of Miss M. Cross, the ringers managed to squeeze Radley bells on to their 'list' before going on to Abingdon, Sunningwell, Long Wittenham and Little Wittenham, where the bells were considered 'unringable' when the ceiling fell in during some rounds! After tea Appleford and North Morton were visited before the cyclists returned to Didcot Station.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent, Oxford, London and Cambridge. A lot of fun was had by all, thanks to Mr. A. Peake, who organised the tour, and to local ringers and incumbents, who gave permission for their bells to be rung.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS

Husborne Crawley ringers and their friends had their second outing this year on August 9th. After ringing at Great Marlow they came to the best eight of the day at Goring-on-Thames, where all capabilities were catered for. The eights at Wantage and Lambourne were next visited. Preshute was undoubtedly the best all-round set of the day. It was here that a course of Cambridge was going well until a friend opened the west door and completely blocked the treble's view of the second just as they were dodging.

St. Mary's, Marlborough, bells were found to be loud in the belfry with the tenor out of tune. A compensation was the fine tea at the Georgian Restaurant. If anybody has never seen white-coloured bells they should go to Thame, where the tower was, until recently, a pigeons' paradise. Several methods came to light here before we left. Husborne Crawley was reached at 10.20.

Our thanks include not only the incumbents and those who met us but also Bob Churchill, who arranged this outing which, like the previous one, was a great success.

K. C. F.

'PLANETARY EXCURSIONS' DURING DORSET TOUR

By M. P. Moreton

9.30 a.m. London. Friday, July 18th, 1958. The loudspeakers at Victoria blared forth . . . 'Will Miss Lois Beevers please report to the inquiries office? . . . . Will Miss Lois Beevers . . .'

The echoes died away as a dejected figure, one William S. Deason, affectionately known as 'Bill,' waited with dying hopes of meeting the young lady from Edinburgh, who was to accompany us on our tour.

Something was seriously wrong with the organisation, and Bill took his courage in his hands, advanced on the nearest telephone and rang the Master Mind.

'Leale speaking' . . .

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1.30 p.m., 15 phone calls and four hours later.

Messrs. Leale, Deason and Moreton are seen consuming a quick two pints of lunch in the Elephant and Castle, Westminster, and are talking in worried tones.

Meanwhile Lois had spent an embarrassing half-hour asking all the eligible young men at Victoria if they were 'Bill,' and as none of them were, had boarded a bus to Shaftesbury, Dorset, where the tour was due to start.

Believing the worst, our sorry trio set off, only to find, on arrival at Shaftesbury, that the best rooms at the Royal Hotel had been taken by the rest of the party, which consisted of David Hawkins, in a Sapphire, Fred Scott, Alan Buswell and Ernie Wilcox. Anne Garnett appeared later in the evening.

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We opened the tour at Holy Trinity, Shaftesbury (6, 10 cwt.) with a rise in peal and some Bob Minor. The treble is vaguely loose, which makes it quite interesting. At St. Peter's, Shaftesbury, (6, 12¼ cwt.) a rope broke at the wheel on the fourth, but was quickly spliced. At St. James', Shaftesbury (6, 9¼ cwt.), we met a keen local band and rang a touch in five methods, finishing with London Surprise round at handstroke . . . very salubrious.

At the hotel we listened to some of the recent peal of Scientific Triples, which was all recorded by Philip (the tape-recorder), and recorded some Stedman Doubles on handbells This we played back at twice the speed, and it sounded much better. It would seem quite possible that fast ringing generally sounds better than it is. We also heard some ringing from Leyton, Essex (8, 8 cwt.), played back at half speed, which made the bells sound like a magnificent back eight, although the trebles were still out of tune.

Saturday dawned, and we greeted it appropriately enough with some Saturn Treble Bob at Melbury Abbas (a nice 5. 7¼cwt.), where we were welcomed by Mr. Henstridge. At Compton Abbas (5, 9 cwt.) the Rector met us and we rang some Erin, Reverse Bob (a most amusing method) and the first course of Moon Treble Bob, as well as other methods of no particular interest.

Iwerne Minster (6, 18 cwt.) has a fine ring with a beautiful tenor. Iwerne Courtney (6, 9¾ cwt.) was the last tower of the morning and we then had a magnificent lunch at the White Hart, followed by ringing at Childe Okeford (6, 17¼ cwt.). At Shillingstone (6, 15¼ cwt.) Lois rang her first course of London Surprise, and the next tower was the ill-fated Okeford Fitzpaine (6, 11 cwt.). The treble ringer found a convenient seat to go with the long rope, and only rose on the final command 'Stand.' The ascent to the ringing chamber starts with a vertical iron ladder for some six feet, at the top of which is the doorway cut into the wall, leading to the spiral staircase. This is not easy for adults, and must have added to the confusion at the time of the recent disaster.

We were joined at Sturminster Newton by Roger Baldwin and Kath Knight. The bells (6, 16¼ cwt.) have a long draught but all were negotiable and our progress was not checked.

We moved on to Sherborne, booked in at the Half Moon Hotel and went to ring at the Abbey (8, 46 cwt.). We did not pull the bells up in peal here. We rang some Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich, and 'Philip,' the tape-recorder, captured the grandeur of this ring. We were made very welcome by the local ringers who, after the ringing, turned on the lights of the chancel roof to reveal the fascinating intricacy of the carving.

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Sunday service ringing was at Yeovil (10, 41 cwt.), where we met some of the local ringers, and at Trent (6, 18 cwt.). At this tower we rang some 'Coal Miner,' a principle —first published in the 'Bell News' of July 16th, 1898, as Kidderminster Minor, Kidderminster Major having been published some two years before. The method consists of alternate Kent and Oxford places in 3-4, while the bells in 1-2 and 5-6 Treble Bob. Does anyone know if a peal of it has been rung?

We searched in vain for a place to swim, got lost, and drove straight through a farm, pigs, chicken and all! The farmer and his wife did not seem to mind having to open their gates, but the old woman at the level crossing we came to, did. It must have been years since anyone used that road . . . she'd even forgotten which side the gate opened!.

After lunch we were met at Bishop's Caundle (5, 8¼ cwt.) by the Rector and the local Ringing Master, with whom we rang some Plain Bob Minimus. The Rector was also the incumbent at the next parish, Holwell (5, 14¾ cwt.), and, arriving there early, we played an energetic game of Pig-in-the-middle (two pigs) while we waited for a service to finish. Our visit had been publicised in the parish magazine and we were watched by a number of the parishioners at this ground-floor ring. Afterwards we were very pleased to accept the kind invitation of Mr. F. Antell to tea at Borough Farm. His family have lived in the parish since the time of William the Conqueror!

Queen Camel (6, 36¾ cwt.) came next, and after a rise in peal we rang Bob Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, and lowered the bells for Evensong. This is a grand ring and we were grateful to the local ringers for letting us record the bells.

Roger Baldwin and Kath Knight left us here.

The evening saw us quaffing Scrumpy (draught cider) in full measure, and we slept, at least some of us did, at the Half Moon again. The others complained of beds that would not keep still when you closed your eyes, and at least one good breakfast went uneaten the next morning.

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Monday. Nether Compton (5, 15 cwt.). Rang Moon Treble Bob and Reverse Grandsire. Bradford Abbas (6, 13¾ cwt.). Rang Reverse Cambridge Surprise (Superlative) and Forward Minor. We also rang some call changes in which the treble hunted out of the back of one change and into the front of the next but one. This was part of an exercise as practice for ringing Time Doubles. a method of the future, in which bells do not necessarily turn round just because they happen to have got to the front or back of a change!

At Thornford (6, 8 cwt.) we rang some Bob Minor starting at backstroke. After this someone came in and said: 'I don't know what you were ringing, but if you want to get your backstrokes down . . .' and could not understand why we burst out laughing.

Yetminster (6, 19 cwt.). We rang some Spliced Cambridge and London Surprise and then adjourned to the New Inn, Chetnole, for bread and cheese with pickled onions and beer (with orange squash for those in need). It was here that we heard the story of the two ghosts who were refused a drink at a public house—the landlord said: 'I don't serve spirits here,' and the true story of the farmer's wife who put some fermented blackberry pie out in the yard, and came back later to find her six geese had eaten it and died. She had just finished plucking them when the effect of the alcohol in the pie wore off, and they regained consciousness!

Melbury Osmond (5, 9 cwt.). Reverse Stedman Doubles proved a little more tricky than one would expect.

Evershot (6, 9 cwt.) The excellent bells here were half-muffled in memory of the son and heir of Lord Staverdale. We rang, and recorded, some London Surprise which sounded magnificent. (It was possibly here that I lost my tape-recorder notebook, with numbers and details of recordings made, and if anyone finds it I should be very pleased to hear from them.)

Corscombe (6, 13¾ cwt.). Rang Reverse St. Clement's and Southwell Surprise (an exercise).

Beaminster (8, 23 cwt.). We met Messrs. Barrett and Glyde and rang on these fine untuned bells, which were cast in the churchyard. On the way to Stoke Abbott (5, 14¼ cwt.) we met a herd of cows, which Ernie Wilcox chased into a field; this was such a stirring sight that we rang the first 240 of Moon Treble Bob when we eventually reached the tower.

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On Tuesday morning we found we'd been given a ticket by the local constabulary. Apparently we had infringed some Anciente Parkynge Bylaw. Netherbury bells (6, 20 cwt.) were rung to Surprise Minor and the first plain course of Venus Treble Bob. At Loders (6, 19¼ cwt.) we broke with our custom and did not raise the bells in peal. Ronald Dove (author of the Guide) joined us for the day.

At Bradpole (8, 13 cwt.) the Vicar welcomed us. We rang a course of Superlative and some Stedman on these pleasant bells, some of which need more work than one would expect.

It is nearly 12 years since the writer rang a peal of Bob Major at Bridport (8, 21¾ cwt.) and with a nostalgic twinge he heard them rung again, this time to Cambridge, Double Norwich and Little Bob.

We made full use of an afternoon off, by going to Lyme Regis and having a swim. Tea afterwards made us late at Whitchurch Canonicorum (8, 17¼ cwt.) but we had a short ring on these fine bells. In the evening four of us joined four local men at Lyme Regis (8, 11 cwt.), ringing a peal of London—conducted by George Morris—and afterwards were horrified to find that the pub we were in shut at 9.30! Still, apparently it had been open all day, so we excused it and moved on to another further along the Front. After some interesting reminiscing we bade farewell and returned to the Knight's Bull Hotel, Bridport. We had a talk with the landlord about the visit of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, and he kindly produced, at a late hour, a very salubrious supper of Bass, Worthington, bread (1½in. thick) and butter, cheese, pork pies and apple pie beds (our own make).

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Wednesday. Powerstock (5, 20 cwt.). Rang Spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob and the first plain course of Pluto Treble Bob. At Rampisham (5, 13¼ cwt.) we rang the first course of Jupiter Treble Bob. We were welcomed to Cattistock (8, 13¼ cwt.), which are a pleasant ring, and enjoyed a course of Erin Triples. Malden Newton (6, 10¼ cwt.) was the last tower before lunch—at the White Horse.

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DORSET TOUR (continued)

Our first disappointment was at Frampton (6, 16 cwt.), where the tower was under repair, preventing us ringing, so at Stratton (5, 9¼ cwt.) we made up for it by ringing the first course of Mars Treble Bob and a 240 of Jupiter.

At Bradford Peverell (5, 7¼ cwt.) we rang Ashford Little Bob and the first course of Neptune Treble Bob.

After tea in Dorchester it was discovered that as well as the octave at St. Peter's (21 cwt.), which we were due to ring at 7.30, there was a six at St. George's (13 cwt.). The incumbent was contacted and we were very kindly given permission to ring at this tower, where there were signs of a keen band. Then to St. Peter's for the local practice, which had very kindly been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday to enable us to ring.

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Thursday. We arrived at Charminster (6, 15 cwt.) in good time to ring for the 10 a.m. service. These are excellent bells rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1952. At Sydling (5, 19 cwt.) we rang Original Doubles, New Grandsire and Uranus Treble Bob. At Buckland Newton (6, 17 cwt.) the Vicar met us and after leading us in prayer, showed us the church. The bells were rung to Bob Minimus and Stedman Minimus while we waited for the other car to arrive. It was afterwards discovered that they had stopped to admire the notoriously uninhibited figure of the prehistoric Cerne Abbas Giant, cut into the chalk hillside overlooking the village! We also rang some Durham and other less surprising methods. We had a picnic lunch on the top of a hill somewhere, and went to Hilton (6, 16 cwt.), where the tower roof was seen to be off and we could not ring.

The magnificence of Milton Abbey will long remain in our memory. Not least because it was here that we walked in front of a photographer and came near to appearing in the Milton School 1st XI. rugby team. The bells, a tuneful eight (11 cwt.) were quite the loudest of the tour and are hung in a vast ringing room. We could not understand reports that the bells went badly, as they all went like tops.

At Blandford Forum (8, 19¼ cwt.), a good ring, we rang a Triples principle produced just after the war, which we later called Forum Triples. This was the first method we had rung whose plain course came round at handstroke!

After tea we did battle with the five bells of Stourpaine (12 cwt., anti-clockwise). The noise of bumping and creaking is enough to make one think that no bells could go more badly . . . well, these do! One misguided ringer put his finger in a crack in the wall and nearly had it amputated. We rang Stedman and Saturn Treble Bob.

Durweston (6, 10¾ cwt.) provided pleasant relief and as our arms had stretched a bit at Stourpaine, and the ropes were long, we drew up chairs and sat down for a plain course of Bob Minor. Has a tower bell peal ever been rung sitting down?

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After a good night at the King's Arms, Blandford Forum, we started Friday at Spettisbury (5, 17 cwt.) with Earth and Uranus Treble Bob. Prolific use of the Leale Water-Ray-Gun had not dampened our enthusiasm and we continued to devour our programme. Sturminster Marshall (6, 16¾ cwt.) and Lytchett Matravers (6, 7¼ cwt.), where Ernie Wilcox rang his first course of London Surprise Minor, were enjoyed. We also tried some Bob Minor, starting fast, and breaking into half-speed at the lead-end, then alternating quick and slow. This was very salubrious.

To ring the fifth at Lytchett Minster (6, 11 cwt.) one stands four or five steps up the stairway to the bell chamber, but Spliced Beverley and Surfleet Surprise survived.

After lunch at Poole nine of us rang rounds on the 10 (19¼ cwt.) and then the back eight and the top six. Canford Magna (6, 10 cwt.) proved to be the last tower of the day, as the ninth clapper recently broke as Wimborne Minster (10, 29¾ cwt.) and we could not ring. Circumstances beyond our control prevented our ringing at Corfe Mullen (6, 12 cwt.).

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The last day dawned—we almost rang a course of Reverse London Surprise at Witchampton (6, 11 cwt.), and we will long remember the expression on Bill Deason's face at Long Crichel (6, 14 cwt.) when, while turning in the tenor, he found himself holding a mere one foot of rope while the rest went its own sweet way round the belfry.

Gussage St. Michael (6, 11 cwt.) bells are an anti-clockwise ring which do not go too well, and at Gussage All Saints' (5, 8 cwt.) we rang the last of the ten Treble Bob Doubles methods . . . named Mercury. We can recommend the lunch at the Earl Haig Inn.

A Triples principle, since discovered to be Prittlewell Triples, was rung at Wimborne St. Giles (8, 15¼ cwt.), and at Cranborne (8, 17¼ cwt.) Mr. Day joined us, ringing the tenor to another course of it. Grandsire Major sounded as musical as usual. At St. Martin's (6, 8¼ cwt.) we rang some New Cambridge Surprise (an exercise) and at Damerham (6, 8 cwt.) we tried some call changes without a handstroke gap. Fordingbridge (8, 14 cwt.) was the 62nd and last tower, and we finished the tour with some Grandsire Doubles, 768 covering, for two local girls.

To Robin Leale, whose planning and organisation were first-class, and to all who made us so welcome, we say, 'Thank you.'

VICAR FOR 61 YEARS HONOURED BY A PEAL

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Northowram, Halifax, on August 3rd, was to mark the official retirement of Canon George Watkinson, M.A., on July 31st. We say 'official' because at 86 years of age the old gentleman is still 'holding the fort' until his successor takes up his appointment in September.

It was on Christmas Day, 1894, that Canon Watkinson, then a young layman down from Cambridge, was asked to preach at the newly-established Northowram Mission, a daughter church of the parish of Coley. Three years later he was ordained and took charge of the Northowram Mission. In the year 1910 Northowram was made a separate parish and Canon Watkinson became the first Vicar. He built and endowed the present church and vicarage, and his brother, the late Mr. S. L. Watkinson, gave the tower, clock and bells, a ring of eight by Gillett and Johnston. He was appointed an Honorary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral in 1931.

Among his interests are, or have been, the Church Tutorial Classes of Wakefield Diocese; member of the Halifax Board of Guardians up to the transfer of Poor Law administration; chairman of the Crowther Trust, Northowram, since its inception; the Northowram Aged People's Treat Committee for over 50 years; the Halifax Tradesmen's Benevolent Institution; the Waterhouse Charities; and, as a prominent Freemason holding provincial rank, he is the last surviving founder member of Lightcliffe Lodge. He is also a Fellow of the Entomological Society of London.

Grandsire Triples was chosen for the peal attempt to make reasonably certain of ringing a peal for the special occasion and the outcome was never in doubt. We are indebted to friends from Halifax (All Souls'), Queensbury, Sowerby and Lindley for helping out, and appreciate the gesture of our veteran member, Mr. Joe Greenwood, in standing down in favour of a 'first pealer,' and we associate him in the compliment to 'The Canon.' W. G. T.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., at 6 p.m. Ringing 4 p.m., St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.—John Chilcott. 2831

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A joint meeting with the Midland Counties Guild at Melbourne on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Bells (8). Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 2817

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Meeting at Ashover (8) on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 2.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea at the Red Lion. Roll up and enjoy the 'roll ups.'—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper. 2811

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Meeting at Bishop's Cleeve, Saturday, August 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 2857

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23rd.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2826

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Wragby (6) on Saturday, Aug. 23rd.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 2823

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Iver (8), Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Preliminary notice: next meeting, Marlow (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th (note date).—W. Butler, Hon. Sec. 2850

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shelsley Beauchamp, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. 2820

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined evening practice at Betchworth (8) on Monday, Aug. 25th. Bells 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2847

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Alderminster on Saturday, Aug. 30th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by August 27th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warws. 2845

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Tickhill on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Hulley, 51, King Edward Road, Tickhill.—G. Watson, Dis. Sec. 2861

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Practice meeting at Honiton Clyst on Saturday, August 30th, at 7 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2835

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Cramlington on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3. 2859

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—An evening meeting will be held at Everton (5) on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells available 6 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2843

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Westerleigh (6), Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15. Meeting to follow. Please make effort to attend. — F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol, 5. 2854

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tirley (6), Aug. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for tea by August 26th.—G. H. Burrows, 24, Lansdown Place, Cheltenham. 2838

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 27th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. —J. Good, Dis. Sec. 2806

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Sibsey, near Boston, on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names not later than Tuesday, Aug. 26th, to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey, near Boston.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2795

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Hellingly, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 27th, to Mr. G. Beeney, Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. No name by date stated, definitely no tea.—Daphne Lester, Hon. Sec. 2767

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 30th, at Isham. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 27th, to Mr. A. Garley, 14, Fairfield Road, Isham, Northants. 2841

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Names for tea urgent, by Wednesday, Aug. 27th, to Rev. E. A. Lee, Newchurch Rectory, Risley, near Warrington. —Thornley, Sec. 2862

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Otley on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Naames for tea to Mr. P. Whittaker, 97, Ilkley Road, Otley. 2832

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The meeting at Algarkirk advertised for August 30th has been postponed. 2849

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Algarkirk, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Aug. 25th, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2818

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Wells on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Teas will be served at one of the cafés to those who notify not later than Thursday, Aug. 28th, J. S. Williamson, 47, Staith Street, Wells, Norfolk. 2819

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Evening meeting at Clipston-with-Kelmarsh, Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells available 6 p.m. Meeting at Yelvertoft, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to me, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 2844

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pitsford, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Monday previous, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 2800

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Aug. 27th, to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent. 2804

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bottesford (8), Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Special method, Rutland Surprise Major. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mrs. P. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton. 2822

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food—tea provided. All welcome.—B. Crossman. 2858

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Evening practice meeting at Long Melford on Saturday, Aug. 30th, 6.30-9 p.m. 2839

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Havant on Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by previous Tuesday, Miss M. Marshall, Springfield, Rectory Lane, Havant. 2797

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Aysgarth (6), Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Aug. 28th, to Mr. H. C. Pauli, Wensleydale Cottage, West Burton, Leyburn. Other towers in District may be available.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 2860

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice meetings 7.30, Monday, Sept. 1st, and first Monday in each month, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. General body meeting Saturday, Oct. 11th, details later.—Rogers (ISL 3921). 2834

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Quarterly meeting at East Budleigh, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by September 2nd, to Mr. C. Savage, Brookside Cottages, East Budleigh.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2836

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Branch meeting, Bourton-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Aug. 30th, to F. Newton, Lyncroft Cottage, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos. All welcome. 2837

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Withington, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names, by Sept. 2nd, to: A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 2840

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Frittenden on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Baker, 1, Bourner Cottages, Frittenden.—C. T. H. 2853

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea must reach not later than Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, Mr. D. Hadlow, 66, School Lane, Herne, Herne Bay, Kent.—B. J. Luck. 2852

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, to A. Dunk, Pett Farm Bungalow, Stockbury Valley, near Sittingbourne.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2846

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Brasted on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, to Mr. F. Budgen, 11, St. Martin's Meadow, Brasted. 2848

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fenny Stratford, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Sept. 1st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 2856

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Attenborough, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 2.45 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify, not later than Sept. 3rd, Mr. M. Rose, Wyoming, Nottingham Road, Long Eaton.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 2809

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Barnes on September 13th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Mortlake bells after. Names for tea to Miss Heath, The Rectory, 25, Glebe Road, S.W.14.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 2825

ELY ASSOCIATION DINNER.—The Ely Diocesan Association will hold a dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at the All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, Huntingdon. Tickets 12s. Peals can be arranged for persons attending the dinner, also various rings will be available during the afternoon and evening—times to be announced later. Tickets and peal arrangements from H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2842

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice—annual dinner.—The 21st annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (9s. each) shortly available, and obtainable from usual committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 2808

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The meeting at South Anston on August 2nd was visited by ringers from Dronfield, Handsworth, Harthill, Rotherham, Scunthorpe and Sheffield Cathedral. In spite of the absence of many members on holiday the handy light ring of six was well employed and there was a full programme of ringing, although fewer methods than usual were possible. Before tea Grandsire Triples, Little Bob Major, Kent Minor and several courses of Plain Bob Minor and Major were rung.

After tea the Vicar welcomed the ringers to South Anston and took the chair at a short business meeting. Mr. H. M. Turner was thanked for making the local arrangements. Ringing after tea included a course of Cambridge Major and a touch of Double Norwich, together with some Stedman Triples and more Plain Bob. The young learners had a full and interesting meeting, but it was unfortunate that so many of the more experienced members of the Society were unable to support the meeting. J. S.

10,080 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

BY NOLAN GOLDEN

W	M	H	23456
	—		43652
—	—		64235
2			43265
—	S	3	54236
	2	—	56432
—		2	54362
3		—	35462
—	—		43256

Five times repeated with bob Home in last course of alternate parts.

Rung at Longney, June 7th, 1958, conducted by David Heighton.

5,120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(Four Methods)

BY STEPHEN IVIN

23456	M	W	H	
42356			—	L X L
53624	—	—		L X L
25634		—		L X L
32654		—		L X L
62453	—			L X L
54326	—	—		L X B
23645	—	—		B B X B
46532	—	—		B B X L
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THE EARLY USE OF HANDBELLS

By FREDERICK SHARPE

HANDBELLS have been used in the British Isles from the early days of Christianity. The earliest examples, made of riveted metal plates, or of the later cast bronze type, formed part of the equipment of the primitive saints, and it was the custom to present Celtic and Irish bishops with a handbell at their consecration.

Between the eleventh and sixteenth centuries small handbells were used as lych bells at funerals and in processions at Rogationtide and similar ceremonial occasions. Small bells without handles or clappers were used in sets for the purpose of tapping tunes. The usual number of bells in these sets seldom exceeded four or five, but some medieval manuscripts depict larger numbers and show performers tapping tunes in two-part harmony.

Funeral customs usually outlast others, and those medieval handbells which survived the Reformation of the Church in the sixteenth century were chiefly used as lych bells. But such was the unauthorised spoliation of church goods in the sixteenth century that King Edward VI. made an order that inventories of all church goods should be made, and from these we learn that many parishes still retained their medieval handbells.

In the early years of the seventeenth century the art of change ringing began to spread. It is an art peculiar to England and was at first practised on the rings of three, four and five-bell towers which had survived the Reformation. Most of these retained their pre-Reformation gear, These included half wheels and baldrick clappers—all assembled without bolt, nut or screw, and very cumbersome in action. Some means of practising the new art and some methods of learning the changes before attempting to ring them on the heavy, slow-moving tower bells was a vital necessity. So the old handbells which survived, no longer allowed to be used for ceremonial purposes, were rescued from their dusty hiding places and put to new use. Whether in tune or not mattered little—an upward movement of the arm denoted the handstroke and a downward movement the backstroke of change ringing.

Civil War devastated England in the second quarter of the seventeenth century—and, during the interregnum which followed, the ceremonial use of bells was prohibited. They were used for utilitarian purposes, and change ringing continued to expand. Two new rings of eight bells were erected in the University of Oxford during this period, and another, strangely enough, in Windsor Castle. In 1658, a Bedford ringer, Oliver Palmer, scored many change ringing compositions and tunes in bell notation. Palmer lived in dangerous times, and lest he should be accused of "Popery" disguised his work by writing the scores in Hebrew characters.

After the restoration of the Monarchy in 1660, change ringing developed rapidly. Such was the demand for handbells at the end of the century that improved methods of casting were sought, and the Wiltshire bell foundry, then owned by William and Robert Carr, invented a method of casting handbells in sand moulds. They shaped these by means of full sized patterns, instead of using the strickle and false clay bell method hitherto employed. The new method proved so successful that within a few years others adopted it, notably the Whitechapel founders and Edward Hemins, of Bicester.

So far the use of handbells was confined to the practice of change ringing. To ring changes on as large a number of bells as twelve requires very considerable skill and years of practice. Yet we read that when members of the Ancient Society of College Youths visited Calais in 1732 they rang a course of 'Cinques.' This is the first record of change ringing outside England, and evidence of a highly developed technique in the art of change ringing on handbells.

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A YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

(ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.)

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) and (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) and (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Treble*	William Dixon	4
Jeffrey P. Cooper	2	Edward M. Bradley	5
Percy Whittaker	3	J Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung to mark the arrival of Elizabeth Mary Chapman.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the R.C. Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Holbeck,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford and Kent, (2) Cambridge, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Brian K. Sissons	*Treble*	Cyril A. Wratten	4
James Thorley	2	Edward M. Bradley	5
Roy Bettley-Cooke	3	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

A tribute to Paddy Thorley, who has now been married to the conductor for four years.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Thelwall, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Single Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Cambridge, (6) Oxford and Kent, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Brian K. Sissons	*Treble*	J. Martin Thorley	4
James Thorley	2	Roy Bettley-Cooke	5
Cyril A. Wratten	3	Edward M. Bradley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy Bettley-Cooke.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge, (5) Oxford and Kent, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Brian K. Sissons	*Treble*	Edward M. Bradley	4
J. Martin Thorley	2	Cyril A. Wratten	5
James Thorley	3	Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (2) Double Bob and Plain Bob: (3) Single Oxford: (4) Cambridge; (5) Kent; (6) Oxford; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Edward M. Bradley	*Treble*	Roy Bettley-Cooke	4
James Thorley	2	Cyril A. Wratten	5
W. Eric Critchley	3	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

HORSFORTH, YORKSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
At Padmar, 146, Broadgate Lane,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

J. Martin Thorley	1—2	Roy Bettley-Cooke	3—4
		Cyril A. Wratten	5—6

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's: (2) Single Oxford; (3) Cambridge; (4) Oxford; (5) Kent; (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

James Thorley	*Treble*	J. Martin Thorley	4
Mrs. J. Martin Thorley	2	W. Eric Critchley	5
Cyril A. Wratten	3	Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

The first peal on the bells.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	*Treble*	David Thorley	4
Roy Bettley-Cooke	2	Cyril A. Wratten	5
William Graves	3	James Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

HORSFORTH, YORKSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
At Padmar, 146, Broadgate Lane,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (2) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E.

J. Martin Thorley	1—2	Roy Bettley-Cooke	3—4
		Cyril A. Wratten	5—6

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

WOODLESFORD, YORKSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Childwall and St. Clement's, (2) and (3) Cambridge, (4) and (5) Kent and Oxford (combined), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Cyril A. Wratten	*Treble*	Thomas W. Strangeway	4
John Rhodes	2	James Thorley	5
Roy Bettley-Cooke	3	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy Bettley-Cooke.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

John Walden	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson	7
*Patricia M. Clarke	2	George E. Feirn	8
Stanley E. Bennett	3	*Hilda G. Snowden	9
John Freeman	4	Raymond F. Smith	10
†Giles C. Galley	5	John R. Mayne	11
‡Roderick W. Pipe	6	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ First of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

Anthony Ager	*Treble*	F. W. Grocott	6
*Shirley M. Parsons	2	Richard J. Warrilow	7
Jeffrey B. Webb	3	*Cyril A. Wratton	8
Eric E. Speake	4	Peter Beresford	9
Robin G. Turner	5	Edmund T. Malin	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by F. W. Grocott.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

*Sheila Blackmore	*Treble*	Frank Hansford	6
Mary M. Hall	2	Richard Bowden	7
Francis C. Mogford	3	Frank D. Mack	8
Mrs. A. G. Bowden	4	Roger O. Fry	9
Tudor P. Edwards	5	Michael T. Sprackling	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Brian Dawson	*Treble*	William J. Leach	6
Harold J. Shuck	2	Alan G. Foster	7
William Davies	3	Frederick G. Handley	8
*E. Marion Key	4	Barnabas G. Key	9
*David W. Brunning	5	Edward J. White	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Miles. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Caters.

TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.
Composed by Wm. Hudson (Central Council Collection No. 13).

Charles Sangwin	*Treble*	Gordon A. Halls	6
Patricia A. M. Forster	2	Rev. Arthur S. Roberts	7
Arthur F. Burley	3	*William T. Cook	8
Frank W. Perrens	4	†Alan Carveth	9
*J. Desmond Painter	5	‡Harry Stacey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. Arthur S. Roberts.
* 50th peal together. † First of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' ‡ First peal on ten.
Rung on the eve of the 81st anniversary of Truro being created a city.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

E. Stitch	*Treble*	C. Griffiths	5
C. F. W. Eyre	2	A. Williams	6
G. Smallwood	3	E. G. Bowyer	7
J A. Roden	4	J. Bloor	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. G. Bowyer.
Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Jean Eyre to Mr. N. Millward, and to congratulate Miss A. Frost on attaining her majority. Both ladies are members of St. Bartholomew's band.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

John T. Medhurst	*Treble*	Bernard V. Collison	5
Frederick J. Lambert	2	Stanley Jenner	6
Eric J. Brunger	3	*Edward J. Jenner	7
George Fry	4	Stanley G. Ponting	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Thornley. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 50th peal. Mr. B. V. Collison has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a wedding compliment to Dennis E. Leigh, a local ringer, and Miss Annette Trotter.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1958, in 2 Hrs. and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. Edward Jeffries	*Treble*	Vivienne M. Horton	5
John A. Anderson	2	Paul J. Rigby	6
Andrew C. Sinfield	3	Richard Castledine	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*A. James Poynor	*Treble*	Ernest J. Jelley	5
John A. Acres	2	William F. Woodward	6
Russell S. Morris	3	Brian G. Warwick	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Percival W. Grice	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Stedman.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 1,664 Bristol, 1,600 Cambridge, 1,024 Superlative and 768 London, with 117 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Frank W. Lewis	*Treble*	John N. Diserens	5
R. George Morris	2	Noel J. Diserens	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Cyril E. Lewington	4	Ronald F. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Marion S. Capey	*Treble*	Roland Park	5
Robin G. Leale	2	Kenneth Lawson	6
Frederick R. Scott	3	W. Norman Park	7
*William S. Deason	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Arranged by W. Barton. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method. Believed to be only the second peal on the bells and the first of Major.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5184 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*George Coussins	*Treble*	*Richard E. Dean	5
Miss M. R. Jaycock	2	*Michael Hatchett	6
*Miss J. Adamson	3	*Gordon W. Limmer	7
*Howard Oglesby	4	George Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by George Gilbert.
* First peal in the method. 150th peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Harry Poynor	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
Mary C. Payne	2	Geoffrey M. Brewin	6
Ernest F. Payne	3	Royston Wilmore	7
†Derek M. Sawyer	4	B. Stedman Payne	*Tenor*

Arranged by Harry Poynor. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* 100th peal on tower bells. † First of Major.
Birthday compliments to Ruth M. Payne and F. Kevon Thompson, of Barrow-on-Soar, and Miss Margaret L. Morris, of Leicester.

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PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in F.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

DIANA M. LAWLESS	*Treble*	ANNE E. AMOR	5
BRYAN PATTISON	2	DAVID W. JAMES	6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	3	ARTHUR GIBBS	7
JENNIFER S. GILES	4	JOHN B. LONG	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by all except the ringer of the seventh.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*A. JAMES POYNOR	*Treble*	‡JOHN A. ACRES	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
†RUSSELL S. MORRIS	4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 46).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. ‡ 400th peal for the Guild. The first in the method on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 21 cwt. 48 lb. in E flat.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
MRS. SAM J. HAINES	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	SAMUEL J. HAINES	7
PETER LAFLIN	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDER.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	CHRIS M. P. JOHNSON	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	†JOHN H. GILBERT	7
MARIE R. CROSS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 50th tower bell peal. † First of Major in the method.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	JONATHAN ALDIS	5
NEVILLE FENN	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	6
BRIDGET H. B. MUTIMER	3	JOHN S. BARNES	7
DAVID HEIGHTON	4	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
A wedding compliment to Mr. R. H. Willey and Miss V. Payne.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	5
K. PATRICIA HUTTON	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
A birthday compliment to Richard E. Price.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

BARRY CORBISHLEY	*Treble*	*GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	†LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
NEIL D. LOMAS	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*ALBERT YORK-BRAMBLE	*Treble*	*PETER E. PARRY	5
*RUTH M. BORDER	2	*JOHN SEAGER	6
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	†JOHN H. GILBERT	7
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	4	*PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*A. JAMES POYNOR	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 4).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

BERTRAM G. BRINKLEY	*Treble*	RICHARD J. HARRISON	4
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	MICHAEL J. EDWARDS	5
TOM R. ROAST	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.
Rung to welcome Alan John, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawley, of Chelmsford; also a birthday compliment to I. R. Panton.

WOOTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Union, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

*JULIE SAUNDERS	*Treble*	RAYMOND HENMAN	3
ALLAN R. JONES	2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT	4
ROBIN V. BAKER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.
* First peal.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*BRIAN R. WHITE	*Treble*	A. JAMES ADAMS	4
TOM SMITH	2	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX ..	5
HARRY W. BADGER	3	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a wedding compliment to David and June Simms, and to Malcolm and Mary Stone.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD KILBY	*Treble*	HENRY STALHAM (86) ..	4
*ARTHUR W. GRAVETT (76)	2	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	5
REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON..	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

* First peal on six bells.

CHURCHSTANTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 18 240's and six 120's. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT SHIRES..	*Treble*	†PHILIP TUBBS	4
*LEONARD MUTTERS	2	WILLIAM WEBB..	5
LESLIE MORRELL	3	*RONALD MUTTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

ARTHUR J. HENMAN	*Treble*	ROBIN V. BAKER	3
MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	2	ERIC BILLINGS	4

RAYMOND HENMAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a farewell to Jack Kightly on joining H.M. Forces.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and three extents each of Little Aston, Seighford, Marchington, St. Columb, Southrepps, Norfolk, Kennington and Old.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

ALAN C. COZENS	*Treble*	ERIC BILLINGS	3
*PATRICIA F. CURTIS.. ..	2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	4

†ROBIN V. BAKER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

* First peal in 11 methods. † 25th peal. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung in honour of St. Cecilia, to whom the treble bell is dedicated, and for the sixth anniversary of the installation of this bell.

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Chase, St. Martin's, Union, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

ERIC BILLINGS	*Treble*	ALLAN R. JONES..	3
*MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	2	KENNETH D. PERKINS ..	4

ROBIN V. BAKER .. .. *Tenor*

* 25th peal. Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Stedman, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob and St. Martin's, five extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

MARY C. PAYNE	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	3
*HARRY POYNER..	2	ROYSTON WILMORE	4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Doubles on tower bells.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jesson.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two Morris's 240's, two Price's 240's, two Pitman's 240's and two 120's Grandsire, and 14 extents each of Plain Bob and April Day.
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

J. EDWARD BROWN	*Treble*	WALTER WESTON..	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
RONALD RUSSELL	3	FREDERICK DERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN MEREDITH..	*Treble*	WILFRED RILEY	4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ..	3	ALBERT WHEELER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Bryan Robert) to Mr. and Mrs. Brynley A. Richards.

HEWELSFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5520 DOUBLES

In 11 methods (25 variations), being two extents each of Stedman and Spliced Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., one extent each of Spliced Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Raveningham S.C., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, St. Simon's, Eynsham, St Martin's, St. Leonard's, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. John, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Andrew; ten extents and 240 each of Pitman's and Morris's arrangements of Grandsire; two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Old Bob; and one extent of Norfolk. Tenor 11 cwt.

PATRICIA H. JONES	*Treble*	ROBERT DOWDESWELL ..	3
*JACQUELINE S. KING ..	2	DAVID J. KING	4

CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* 100th peal. First in 11 methods by all except the conductor. First on the bells.

HOSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon's Bob, All Saints', Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

J. HARRY COOK	*Treble*	ALFRED E. HINMAN	3
CHARLES E. COOPER	2	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT ..	4

ROLAND H. COOK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung to the glory of God for the 100th birthday of the Rev. Robert Henry Bagnall, M.A., Vicar of Hose 1919 to 1930, now living in Leicester, retired; and for his great ministry in the Vale of Belvoir.

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WALSOKEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

TOM BUSH	*Treble*	FREDA P. GREAVES	4
M. ROLAND REED	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
HAROLD HUXLEY	3	NORMAN V. HARDING ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
Rung in honour of H.R.H. Prince Charles on his being created Prince of Wales.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods: (1) and (2) Single Oxford Bob. (3) Plain Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	4
*A. JAMES POYNOR	2	JOHN A. ACRES	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in three Minor methods.

GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being four extents of Kent and three extents of Oxford.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in A.

PHILIP DUNDERDALE ..	*Treble*	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ..	4
*JOHN H. OWENS	2	†PETER GARDNER	5
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..	3	STANLEY WALMSLEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY WALMSLEY.
* First peal in two methods. † First of Treble Bob Minor.
Rung to mark the anniversary of V.J. Day and the birthday of Princess Anne.

HANDBELL PEALS

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT WESTON HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*TREVOR TAYLOR	1—2	DEREK OGDEN	5—6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ..	3—4	*DEREK TAYLOR	7—8

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., July 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT 27, CHALK HILL ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

*MARY MADDISON	1—2	KENNETH L. BROWN	3—4
		ARTHUR G. BASON*	5—6

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.
* First peal.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. First of Little Bob Royal as conductor.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1958, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT 153, RATCLIFFE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

DEREK M. SAWYER	1—2	HARRY POYNER	3—4
		B STEDMAN PAYNE	5—6

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

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LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Mulvey (first quarter) 1, P. G. Golder (cond.) 2, A. C. Mason (first quarter) 3, Miss M. Pritchard 4, J. B. Perkins 5, L. C. Mulvey (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Aug. 17th, at St. Michael's Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Helen Wright 1, T. Taylor (cond.) 2, N. Bennett 3, D. F. C. Malloch 4, D. Taylor 5, Margaret Wright (first quarter, aged 11) 6. For Evensong.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Phillips 1, A. Hannington 2, B. Williams 3, G. I. Lewis 4, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 5, E. M. Smith (first of Triples) 6, W. T. Petty 7, H. Preece 8. Rung in honour for Prince Charles as Prince of Wales.

BRISTOL.—On Aug. 15th, at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob): W. G. Wilson 1, J. P. Partington 2, J. H. Fielden 3, P. M. Giles 4, A. J. Frost 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung on the back 6 at the conclusion of the Society of Rambling Ringers' tour of Somerset.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. F. Jenkins 1, P. Newing 2, S. White 3, S. Walter 4, D. C. Chatfield 5, L. V. Chamberlain 6, B. J. Luck 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8. A welcome for Elizabeth Mary Chapman.

CLAWTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann George (first quarter) 1, M. A. Ladd 2, W. Brunt 3, J. Elliott 4, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 5, Rev. J. Scott 6. Rung for the Feast of the Transfiguration.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. J. Eldred 1, Miss M. Tysoe (first of Major 'inside') 2, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 3, A. M. Stacey 4, R. Ranson 5, D. Theedom 6, W. G. Wilson 7, E. K. Jordan 8. For morning service.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. E. Wells (first away from cover) 1, J. A. Witney 2, R. A. King (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Davey 4, C. L. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6, G. W. Henson 8. Rung with tenor cover.

HARTLAND, DEVON.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann George 1, M. R. Cann (first in method) 2, M. A. Ladd 3, W. Brunt 4, H. Stacey (first in method) 5, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 6.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Weaver 1, D. Smith 2, L. Wilson 3, R. P. Wood 4, M. Newth (first quarter) 5, Miss D. Saunders 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, M. Fromme 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. E. Cox (cond.) 1, Sheila Wallace 2, Doreen Cox 3, J. Kane 4, D. Knox 5, A. Foxall 6, D. Cornwall 7, D. Poole 8, R. Biggs 9, S. M. Bailey 10.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On July 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Blackshaw 1, Raymond Larkin 2, John Meredith 3, Doreen Armstrong 4, Alec Larkin 5, Frank Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. For evening service.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, A. Hodge 2, C. Manley 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. For morning service.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Marshall (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Erik 2, Miss W. Picton 3, D. J. Goodman 4, B. M. Barker (cond.) 5, G. E. Hazlewood 6. For Evensong.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Fasey 1, C. Peakman 2, C. F. Jukes 3, R. A. Peakman 4, M. Wright 5, A. E. Morgan (cond.) 6, F. E. Jukes 7, F. Preston 8. For Evensong. Also a welcome home to the treble ringer, after finishing his National Service, and a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Morgan, who is still an active ringer.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Overfield 1, C. H. Ford 2, K. Newby 3, R. Suart 4, J. Dickinson 5, N. M. Newby (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Lorna Mary Moorhouse and Edward Addison Tyson, which took place earlier in the afternoon.

QUARTER PEALS

LONG EATON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. C. Smith 1, C. Creary 2, Miss D. Robinson (first quarter) 3, T. W. Robinson 4, G. Ashby (first quarter 'inside' and as conductor) 5, D. Kirkaldy (first quarter 'inside' and as conductor) 6. For Evensong of the Patronal Festival.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On July 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): J. A. Clarke 1, I. J. M. Saunders 2, E. W. Roast 3, T. R. Roast 4, F. White 5, A. Hubble (cond.) 6, J. L. Towler (first quarter) 8, covering. For Evensong.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Smith 1, A. Lawry 2, Marion J. Parker 3, A. Page 4, R. H. R. Parker 5, R. Baldwin 6, Miss S. K. M. Knight 7, F. J. Edwards 8.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Bryant (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Hough 2, A. Jackson 3, J. R. Hough 4, A. Berry 5, J. Wellard 6. Conducting shared by A. Jackson and A. Berry. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Phincess Anne's 8th birthday.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, Margaret Beamish 2, C. McGuiness 3, P. E. Parry 4, R. Clouston 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, R. R. Savory (cond.) 7, J. Seager 8. Rung by the Universities' Association for Matins.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, M. A. Ladd 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Heard 5, W. K. Martin 6, E. J. Ladd 7, O. Gittins (first quarter) 8.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Slater 2, R. Humphries 3, E. Southwick 4, A. G. Newman (cond.) 5, F. Southwick 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Reginald P. Jenks, churchwarden of the above church, who died suddenly, aged 68.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Sprackling 1, Nadine Price 2, W. Williams 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, E. W. Penn (first 'inside') 5, D. Williams 6. First in method by all the band.

UPLOMAN, DEVON.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Taylor (first quarter) 1, W. Cockram 2, L. G. Taylor 3, G. W. Hollis 4, W. H. Ware (first as cond. on six bells) 5, P. Cork (first on six bells) 6. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne.

WEST MEON, HANTS. — On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stone 1, J. Reeves 2, R. T. Jones 3, Mrs. R. T. Jones 4, P. G. Morgan (cond.) 5, B. Pink 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Newth 1, R. Wilson 2, M. Fromme 3, B. W. M. Cowper 4, D. Smith 5, Miss D. Saunders (cond.) 6.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonas 3, G. E. Crisp 4, D. Murfet 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On July 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. W. Jones 1, M. F. Jones 2, D. Mottershead (cond.) 3, N. D. Lomas 4, S. Sage 5, B. W. Jones 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS. — On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): W. L. Gower 1, J. W. Perkins 2, R. C. Warburton (Grimsby) 3, P. S. Bennett (first as cond.) 4, J. J. Green 5, J. Stockley 6. First in two methods for all except 2. Rung for morning service.

5,088 SPLICED MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN

1,248 Little, 1,536 Plain, 1,344 Double, 960 Reverse; 300 changes of method.

B	M	W	H	23456
		—	—	64352
	S	—	—	3546
		—	—	435
X		—	—	43625 A
		—	—	643
		—	—	364
		—	—	42365 B

Repeat 11 times SH end of 6th and 12th parts.

All courses Little, Plain, Double, Reverse, Little, except 'A'—Little, Little, Plain, Double, Double; 'B'—Plain, Plain, Little.

First rung on handbells at Bournemouth on May 26th, 1949, conducted by D. T. Matkin.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE — No. 3

By BERT SUTTON

CLUES ACROSS

1 & 8. Former name of Great Paul's companion.

9 & 14. Weekly periodical first published in 1870, whose contributors included Jasper W. Snowdon and C. A. W. Troyte.

10. Cut short to non-ringers, but usually the reverse in ringing circles.

12. I contended that this was overgrown.

14. See 9.

15. You can hear bells here every Sunday about 9 a.m.

16. Some ringers say all ringers are, some more than others.

18. Group of South African languages.

20. One of the Etruscan Nobles who were at once priests and princes.

22. Familiar talk, as with ringers in the belfries.

23. By way of.

24. Oxon church where an early 13th century bell is preserved.

CLUES DOWN

2. Mr. ——, President of the Central Council.

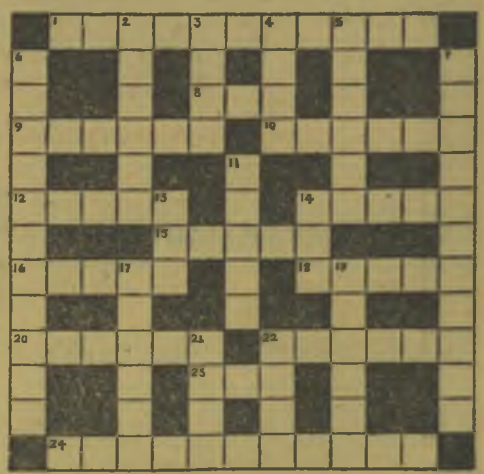
3. Legend, magnified by tradition.

4. Deaden.

5 & 14. Even bell system.

6. Conductor who has called A. J. Pitman's well-known composition of 4-spliced from all eight bells.

7. The calls in 5 and 14 usually leave the tenors thus.



11. An evolution, in change ringing.

13. You begin to feel this during a peal if your bell becomes so.

14. See No. 5.

17. Russian minister, recently demoted.

19. Sounds as though I'm aware there's an octave here.

21. Record peal of Bristol rung here.

22. Chest with holes in the top for keeping fish alive.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Bells will be heard prior to evening service to be broadcast on Sunday, September 7th, at 9.45 p.m. in all Home Services except West and Scottish, from the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland. The service will be conducted by the Rev. C. E. Wyngard and the preacher will be the Rector (Canon C. L. P. Bishop).

Mr. John H. Gilbert, of Long Ashton, writes informing us of the success of a peal of St. Clement's Bob Major after unsuccessful attempts going back three years.

The Rev. Robert Henry Bagnell, who retired in 1930 after 42 years at churches in the Vale of Belvoir, celebrated his 100th birthday on August 9th. Mr. Bagnell was a friend of generations of ringers.

Our mailbag this week contains a cheery letter from Mr. E. Weatherby, of 1,235 Mullen Avenue, Los Angeles, 19, California. He is particularly interested in Mr. F. T. Blagrove's record of first performances. We wish Mr. Weatherby a happy 87th birthday on September 22nd.

Mr. Clifford Blundell and Miss Angela Faulkner were rung out of St. Barnabas' Church, Sutton, Surrey (a church without tower bells), after their wedding on August 16th by a team of handbell ringers. The compliment was unexpected and thrilled the newly-married pair.

Correspondents have called our attention to the photograph in 'The Wallington and Carshalton Times' of Frimley St. Peter's Church, which according to the report contains a chime of 12 bells, and that the enthusiastic team of bell-ringers ring changes and hymn tunes each Sunday. Guildford's new cathedral, adds E. G. T., will have to look to its laurels.

Mr. T. Reginald Dennis rang in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge, for his 75th birthday on August 19th. We are sorry to hear that the peal was also a send-off for him to hospital, where he will undergo an operation during the next week or so. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery and Cambridge ringers are looking forward to having him put right in readiness for future birthday peals.

Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, are planning to have their bells rehung on a steel frame and their six bells retuned.

The well-known Cheshire ringer, Mr. Alan A. Jaques, was married at Nantwich on August 16th to Miss Irene M. Caswell. Mr. Brian M. Buswell, of Nottingham, was best man.

Mr. Geo. H. Head, who contributes in this week's 'Ringing World' his recollections of early ringing in the Ashford District, writes gardening notes in 'The Hanworth Record.' He has been gardening for 70 years.

The bells of St. Mawgan, Cornwall, were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall on August 9th. The bells have been recast with the exception of the seventh, which was cast by William Dawe, of London, between 1378 and 1407, and is being kept in the church as a museum piece. The work was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. at an estimated cost of £1,350.

Mr. 'Bill' Norton, a member of the St. Andrew's, Holborn, band before the war, was visited by the St. Stephen's, Hampstead, ringers during their recent outing in Northamptonshire. Despite the loss of sight in one eye and suffering from neuritis, 'Bill' looked remarkably fit for his 84 years. He still reads 'The Ringing World' and notes the activities of his former friends and colleagues.

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SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' 12th ANNUAL TOUR



Members of the Roving Ringers at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. Left to right (ringing): Mrs. Helen Diserens, Mrs. Kathleen Chilcott, Michael Chilcott, Michael Austin; (seated) N. J. Diserens, G. Goodship, G. Symonds and C. Sedgley.

[Photo by permission 'East Anglian Daily Times.'

ON July 26th, 22 members of the Society rallied at Ely for another cycling and bell-ringing holiday, which this year was to take place in East Anglia. By the time we had finished ringing at our first tower, Soham, the party was complete except for one, who was temporarily detained in H.M. service.

The military appearance of the youth hostel at Ely was much too familiar for some of us, but it was not long before the washroom was heard resounding to the tune of 'Who killed Cock Robin?'. We found that youth hostel washrooms seemed to have a natural resonance for this particular song, and Cock Robin was killed at least once a day for the remainder of the tour. Later in the evening, changes on handbells caused much wonder and delight to fellow hostellers.

The following morning we rang at Ely Parish Church, and then cycled to Cambridge. A good start was made at the R.C. Church with a course of Bristol on that fine ring of eight. At St. Mary-the-Great's, Cambridge Maximus did not go so well, so we concluded with a good course of Stedman Cinques for service.

By now the rain had set in for the evening, and it was still raining the following morning, when we headed for St. Andrew's. Here it took so long for some to climb the stairs that the more energetic members were obliged to start with a course of Minimus; this was followed up with a course of Gay Abandon (87s at back!). The rain had now stopped, and we saw no more of it, except for one or two short, sharp showers. A short ride to Trumpington, and we were met by Miss Kitty Willers, who joined us in a course of London Major. A touch of five Spliced Surprise on these handy bells was voted one of the best touches of the tour.

SECRETARIES ON TANDEMS

Lunch for some was taken at the Oulde Hoose, Saffron Walden, where it is believed the Master of the Essex Association also dined that day. The 22nd member of our party, having been 'let out,' joined us at St. Mary's, where half a course of Cambridge Maximus was successfully accomplished. The ride to Sible Hedingham was done, I think, in record time, the pace being set by the tandem, manned by the secretaries. Having settled in at the nearby hostel, some returned to Hedingham tower to join the local ringers in their practice.

Came Tuesday morning, and we rang on the heavy eight at Clare and the melodious six at Cavendish. A picnic lunch was generally the order of the day, and it was suggested by the Master (half-way through a tin of peaches) that Frank was incapable of calling a touch of Stedman Triples due to his rather 'heavy' meal. Frank, not to be discouraged, confidently ascended Long Melford tower and commenced to call a touch of Stedman, but rounds never came up!

After another good touch of spliced at Lavenham, we cycled to the hostel at Naughton Mill, and in the evening repaired to the local tavern, where we enjoyed some very good singing. Back at the hostel, after we had rendered 'Cock Robin' and 'Slater's Dirge,' a young lady enquired whether we could not sing something happy.

BRISTOL ROYAL

Jim had distributed nine copies of a course of Bristol Royal, and it was decided that the first attempt to ring a course should be on the ten at Stonham Aspal. Three-and-half leads were rung before it came to grief, but all agreed that it was a good try. Lunch at Debenham and a ring on the very pleasant bells there, thence a short-cut via cornfields in the direction of Framsden, which only brought us back exactly where we started from, so we decided to go the long way round by road. A few touches at Coddenham, and then back to Naughton Mill, where we spent the evening as before, except that it was John's birthday, and on retiring to bed, he found it missing, springs and all. After searching extensively (in diverse places) he found only parts of it, and exactly

ROVING RINGERS—Cont.

where he slept that night still remains a mystery; but I don't think John will forget his 20th birthday.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, we were met by Mr. George Symonds and Mr. Charles Sedgley, who joined us in Stedman Cinques and half a course of Yorkshire Maximus. While we were ringing, a press photographer entered the tower, and the following day an article on our activities appeared in three local newspapers. Another picnic lunch at Grundisburgh and again an attempt was made for Bristol Royal. This time we rang four-and-a-half leads, but a second attempt at this tower failed only two leads from the end, and I feel sure that had we the opportunity for one more attempt we would have scored; but this was not to be.

During the ringing at Henley, a lady living next to the village shop was heard to say: 'Have we got to put up with them —— bells for another three hours?' At Barking the belfry was deserted while several members tried their skill at blowing a 'serpent,' an old church orchestral instrument.

A third pleasant evening was passed at Naughton Mill.

The only ladies' touch of the tour was brought round at Buxhall, the tenor being ably rung by 'Miss 3D.' Having rung at both towers in Bury St. Edmunds, the Cathedral handbells were tried, Mr. Moore ringing an excellent 1-2 to Kent Treble Bob Royal. Our next hostel, at Finningham, was very quaint, but also very crowded. The warden had kindly offered to put up the complete party in a hostel designed for 16. Our more experienced members soon found the 'local,' where it was found that the acoustics of the bar were much improved once the carpet had been rolled up! A very enjoyable evening ended rather late, and the 'Duchess' (i.e., the warden of the hostel) threatened to get out the big stick, but decided not to on being presented with a large box of chocolates. Later that night Klorfy had to be dragged in by his hair through an upper-storey window.

OVER 40 AT WEEKEND

Saturday morning, and at Diss we were met by the first of the weekenders who, at Pulham St. Mary-the-Virgin and Pulham St. Mary Magdalene, arranged a shuttle service with their cars, enabling all to have a pull at both towers. On arriving at Norwich, a broken rope curtailed ringing at St. John-de-Sepulchre's, and at St. Giles' we read on the peal boards of 'Ingenious compositions of intricate, scientific methods, rung on harmonious bells by eminent bell-ringers, etc.' By now the remainder of the weekenders had arrived, making a total of over 40 members, and a short business meeting was held after dinner at the Bell Hotel.

On Sunday morning, the early-risers rang at St. Peter Mancroft and then joined the others at St. Michael Coslany, to ring the bells for the first time since the restoration of the tower. An hour's ringing at Hethersett had been arranged for the afternoon, and after tea we returned to St. Peter Mancroft to ring for Evensong. Another comparatively quiet evening was passed, although Miss '3D's' birthday was duly celebrated at midnight.

The first goodbyes were said the following morning, the majority proceeding to Loddon, to be met by Mr. H. William Barrett. The B.B.C., having been informed of our intended visit here, recorded some Stedman Triples, and interviewed our secretaries, also 'the eighth romance of the tour.' More goodbyes were said, so that by the time we arrived at our final tower we numbered less than 20; but the last touch of the tour was a good one of four Spliced Surprise on the grand back eight at Beccles.

We are all grateful for a very enjoyable holiday, to Ronnie (the Master), the incumbents of the churches we visited, and those who made ringing possible for us; and especially to Kathleen and Michael, our secretaries, who again have done a wonderful job of work in arranging and timing the tour.

C. E. L.

'Ne Plus Ultra' Inspired Memories For George H. Head

THE front page article under the above heading in the 'R.W.' of August 15th awakens many pleasant memories of places and events in the district of Kent referred to. I recall visits made to some of the churches to ring at a time when there must have been stirring amongst ringers an interest in scientific change-ringing. Belfry reform was often mentioned at that time.

My earliest recollection of the above appellation was that a favourite variety of 'garden pea' went by this name, and we understood it meant none-so-good, but my dictionary says: 'Nothing further; the uttermost point or extreme perfection of anything.' Still the heading leaves me guessing as to whether it is meant to apply to the county of Kent, the villages or the bells.

I recall walking a few miles on a Sunday afternoon with other lads on a visit to Egerton for Grandsire Doubles. My chief recollection is that there was a terrific din from the bells, as we could see them swinging above our heads—there was no floor between the bells and ringing floor. I suppose that was altered years ago.

Charing has always had very pleasant memories, with its historic associations, its setting on the Pilgrims' Way, the old church and Bishop's palace. My first visit to the church was to take part in a choral festival as a small boy (alto) and singing that beautiful hymn, A. & M. 379, as the recessional. But I well remember a visit on a Sunday for a pull on the bells for service. It was Grandsire Doubles, in which Mr. W. Spice, that fine old Kentish ringer, and a Mr. H. Ward took part in some good service ringing. The record of Mr. Spice is well known, as well as that of his descendants.

CHURCH BURNT DOWN

It is recorded that the church tower was burnt down, and almost the whole of the church destroyed, in the 16th centry. The fire was caused in a peculiar manner. On a hot August day a 'birding piece' was fired at a pigeon perched upon the church, and as a result the woodwork of the belfry was ignited. From that date until 1878 the church had but one solitary bell, and this gave the parish the unmerited ditty:

'Dirty Charing lies in a hole;
It has but one bell and that was stole.'

CRICKET AND A QUARTER

My earliest recollections of Great Chart include a visit by our school cricket team to play the G.C. boys. I was put on to bowl, and somehow got some quick wickets. The home umpire and schoolmaster soon put a stop to that game by giving successive no-balls, at which our umpire and master raised strong objections. This caused such a to-do that the game came to an end. A little later another visit was much more pleasant. I have a cutting from 'The Bell News' of that time, which reads:—

'GREAT CHART.—On Saturday evening, 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs and 2 singles. W. Hills 1, F. Philpott 2, G. H. Head 3, J. Hover 4, A. J. Dyson (con.) 5, T. Tabrett tenor.

'First in the method by all; first 720 by ringers of 1st and 4th, and first with a bob bell by the 2nd.'

Reference is made to the ringing at Willesborough and to the grand old veteran, Mr. Ruck. I remember hearing these bells ringing Minor on a quiet evening over 60 years ago from a distance of about two miles. At that time they had a good Minor band under the leadership of Mr. E. Dixon. I have a record of a 720 Bob Minor that four of us lads from Kennington took part in at this church. At that time there was a Major band at Mersham. A walk of about four miles enabled us to get a bit of practice. I have a record of ringing a touch there as follows: K.C.A., Mersham, on January 18th, 1896; 576 Bob Major. Paine treble, Paine 2, Paine 3, Paine 4, Paine 5, F. Phillpot 6, G. H. Head 7, E. Ruck (con.) tenor.

NOCTURNAL RINGING

It is pleasing to learn that ringing is again flourishing at Aldington. They had a good Minor band when I was a lad. I well remember walking over to the village to meet ringers from Canterbury for a pull. On our arrival the people had gone to bed. Nothing daunted, we knocked up old Mr. Hyder, who very kindly gave us permission to ring, and threw the key out of the bedroom window. I was given the figures and rules for ringing Stedman Doubles at that meeting by the late Morton Pierce, of St. Alphege's, Canterbury; I still have this by me.

I suppose the highlight of ringing during recent years in this District has been the splendid records set up by the Ashford band. I was in Ashford a few years ago, when the bells went off into changes, ringing for Sunday morning service. It was one of the most perfect touches of Surprise Major it has been my pleasure to hear.

WITH J. S. GOLDSMITH

On the front page of our journal is the notice '"The Ringing World" was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith.' I rang a few peals with him in 1899. I well remember him calling on me at my place of employment at Eastbourne and handing me a piece of paper on which was the diagram of a course of Bristol Surprise. He asked me to meet a band in a week or so at Ringmer, Sussex, as they were anxious to score the first in the method. I always blame myself for losing the peal. It was scored shortly afterwards by a Brighton band. In our attempt were G. Williams, Keith Hart, Frank Bennett, J. S. Goldsmith and myself; but who the others were I cannot remember. But I wonder if any survive besides myself.

GEO. H. HEAD.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A NEW ANGLE ON TEACHING BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—After reading the above article in the issue of August 15th, I feel a few points need further comment.

Firstly, one has to consider a learner's aptitude towards ringing coupled with the general ability he shows, before allowing him to ring both strokes. Only in exceptional circumstances can there be genuine progress by reaching this stage in the very first lesson. The general style, positions of hands, etc., that one tries to impress upon a learner as most important to making a good ringer, are very soon lost, as sooner or later a panic stage arrives and the pupil's confidence is then, in many cases, replaced by fear.

In order to make this initial stage reasonably pleasant for both pupil and teacher I am in favour of leaving 'two stroke' ringing until the second lesson because, if our beginner is at all keen, subconsciously he will sort out his primary errors between his first two lessons, and also imagine the movements of ringing both strokes. In this way it is unlikely that confidence in his ability to ring is lost at any stage.

With regard to plain hunting, if our beginner is told what bells to follow, what is this but glorified call-changes? As all the other bells are changing their positions, in most cases I am sure a learner has no idea where he is ringing! A better method than this, I feel, is to ring rounds with him on the treble and then to allow just the treble to plain hunt up and down with each inside ringer giving the treble the necessary space as it passes through. Granted, this again is ringing by numbers, but there can be no doubt in our beginner's mind as to the different positions he takes up, and the idea of moving from 'front' to 'back' and down again which he is most unlikely to realise when all bells are changing positions. What is to be gained from this? In the first case the reason for ringing slower on the way up and quicker on the way down needs no further explanation. Secondly, as the treble is the only 'moving' bell he will be training himself to listen to his bell. Finally, from what has just been said, the learner knows that he must give more room to the heavier bells than to the lighter ones for good striking.

Very little time need be spent on the above 'hunting'—just long enough to acquire these valuable, fundamental points for himself. Then, plain hunting on three or four bells becomes considerably easier with the learner progressing mainly by his own initiative, with, at the very start, the *ropes* being *pointed out* to him if he goes astray.

My last point is to congratulate Mr. Bayles for the article on his method of teaching a beginner dodging. Although I admit to never having seen this attempted prior to someone 'having a go' at Bob Doubles or Minor 'inside.' I am sure, potentially, it is a great idea to be followed up.—Yours faithfully.

D. G. MITCHELL.

North Weald, Essex.

INQUIRY PURELY EXPLORATORY

Dear Sir,—Truly, 'how great a fire a little matter kindleth'!

Mr. Barnett's response to my letter to you which, through your kindness, was given space in 'The Ringing World' recently, wrongly throws emphasis upon an inquiry which was meant to be quite incidental to the main theme of my original letter to him. After seeing my own letter in 'cold print' I can appreciate that, in quoting Mr. Barnett, I have given a wrong impression, and, if such be so, I offer him my apologies. It was, as he generously assumes, quite unintentional!

There is no question, at this present juncture at any rate, of an application being forthcoming from this Association for representation on the Central Council; in any case, I feel that our 'parent,' the Devon Association, should be the body to inaugurate such a move if ever serious consideration were given to it. My inquiry was made from a purely general and exploratory motive of personal interest. My chief concern, as expressed in my original letter to Mr. Barnett and in that which I wrote to you, sir, lay not with representation as with the disappointment which I felt that no thought for call-change tower representation was given in compiling a, or 'the,' list of 'towers where good ringing might be expected' for submission to, and at the request of, the B.B.C.

Please be assured of my appreciation of your kind reception of my letter.—Yours truly,

B. E. BARTLETT, Hon. Secretary,
South Devon Ringers' Association.

Torquay.

MEMORIES OF YATELEY

Dear Sir,—I was much impressed to read Mr. George Gilbert's letter in the 'R.W.' Knowing this gentleman over 30 years ago, when he used to visit that quaint old wooden tower of Yateley with his young and enthusiastic band from Aldershot, it was a great pleasure to all the Yateley ringers of that day to have this great ringer and exponent of *good striking first*, together with principles and examples of good behaviour, all running in complete harmony.

Very happy days were those under that great leader and gentleman, the late Mr. Sidney Riddell, who in those days could ring a 500 of Stedman for matins with one band, and for Evensong a quarter peal of Grandsire with an entirely different band. We did not aspire to Major very much, and, of course, Surprise methods were only read of in the 'R.W.', but what mattered was that we had a wonderfully happy and loyal band, whose only interest was good Sunday service ringing, good striking, together with good and happy comradeship.

I retired from active ringing some six years ago, but I still take 'The Ringing World,' and when I read George Gilbert's letter it gave me a great thrill; and I say let's have many more like him, and ringing would be all the better for it.—Yours truly,

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Reading.

THE EGHAM PEAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Coussins' letter regarding the peal rung at Egham on May 17th (not 24th) was a gross distortion of the facts, obviously intended to mislead. Mr. Gilbert, who was not in the peal, nor heard it, and obviously took no trouble to verify the facts from any of the seven other participants, has made some libellous innuendos, besides his insulting remarks about 'two of the ladies' who were *not* the people responsible for the poor ringing.

The facts are:—

(*a*) The peal was correctly called by the conductor, without recourse to any manuscript, which, in fact, was too distant for him to read, and was obscured by the body of another ringer.

(*b*) His 'co-pilot,' with no previous knowledge of the composition, was asked to 'keep an eye on' the peal, which he did by a hasty memorisation of the calling and a rigid concentration on the coursing order. No trips were corrected by reference to any figures.

(*c*) The peal was perfectly true, or it would not have been submitted for publication. The 6-3 were not over 'for some time,' but for a few changes, which rows with the third in 6th's place did not occur anywhere else in the peal. This was the *only* occasion throughout the peal when two bells crossed, and resulted from one of the offenders not doing what he was told when the trip occurred.

(*d*) The ringing was poor, but if Mr. Coussins, a good 'back-ender,' had helped by ringing a heavier bell instead of grasping the treble, the striking would have been vastly improved. He did protest that he did not want his name forwarded with the peal, and *immediately* swaggered out of the tower, whereupon one participant remarked: 'Why, I didn't think there was anything wrong with it!' If Mr. Coussins has no desire to include this peal in his personal records that is entirely his affair.

Taking into consideration the inexperience of the conductor and the band, the truth of the peal, and the great disappointment three or four young ringers would have suffered had it not been published, the peal was forwarded.

We are sorry if Egham's tower secretary was offended by our ringing apparently without his knowledge, and tender our apologies. As for the peal 'turning out to be a practice meeting,' what is any peal but a practice? Surely that is the justification for any peal. If peals are rung only by expert ringers purely for pleasure, then peal ringing should be banned.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. HARTLEY.
W. BIRMINGHAM.

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A RINGING HOLIDAY IN CORNWALL

'HAVE *you* got a tower beginning with each possible letter of the alphabet?' It was this question which led to a recent tour in Cornwall by six ringers from Gloucestershire, Somerset and Surrey; two from each county. Cornwall offered Jacobstow and Veryan, the towers necessary to complete their records. Those who have previously visited this county will know that it is definitely not flat! The six learnt this the hard way—on bicycles. It appears that after such hard journeys to his towers, the Cornish ringer conserves further energy in several subtle ways. Most of the rings of bells visited were very light (compared to the Somerset men's standards), and the bells are generally rung from the ground floor—no matter how high the tower! In addition, many of the towers are cunningly concealed in most out-of-the-way spots, and it soon became apparent that 1" O.S. maps would have been preferable to smaller scale editions.

In this 'call-change' country, probably less visited by the 'scientifics' than other parts of England, many other interesting traditions were found. The rope-ends are cut off and only tucked back some six inches—some, indeed, preferred a simple knot at the end! The country ringer loves a ringing festival, and many towers are festooned with the class certificates awarded at these. Some also have a low opinion of the abilities of a 'scientific' band to 'rise' and 'fall' properly in peal, but we did our best to rectify this theory.

The six met at Truro on Sunday, July 7th. Mike Rothwell and Pat Bird had experienced some of the trials to come by cycling down from Somerset, while Pauline and Michael Sprackling, Alan Smith and his father had preferred the train. That evening we joined the Cathedral company in ringing Grandsire Caters on the heaviest ring of the tour, before attending Evensong.

A FAIRY TALE

Monday dawned fine and warm, and we experienced our first hills on the way to Kea, a pretty eight, and the quaintly-named Perran-Ar-Worthal. Gwennap proved very interesting, this being a light six with the third dating to 1727 and the fifth to 1746. They were recast and augmented by Warners and the first 'peal' took place in 1787. The detached tower aroused interest and the Vicar told how the populace of a neighbouring village had once decided to augment their three bells by some from Gwennap, but finding the door locked decided to take the whole tower. Having carried it a small distance from the church they found it too heavy and put it down on the spot on which it stands today. A more likely tale is that the tower was built further up the hill to make it more prominent.

At Kenwyn we were able to hear all the eight when Mr. R. A. Southwood kindly rang 6-7 to rounds. Later we enjoyed the six at St. Erme, whose ringers have done very well in recent ringing festivals. Probus has a grand tower and ring (8, 20 cwt.) more in the Somerset style. It is the tallest tower in Cornwall and has one of the very few upstairs ringing chambers which we encountered. The bells are very good and we wish we could have heard all eight. At Veryan the 'V' was happily noted in 'Dove,' and it was a tired party that eventually found Boswinger Y.H. that evening.

By Tuesday a restful evening on the beach and a paddle in the sea had put us right and we arrived early at St. Ewe. Here is a light six hung two upon two upon two in the spire. The only noticeable effect of this arrangement in the ground floor ringing chamber is the amount of plaster which has fallen down from a space between the nave and the tower! St. Mewan and St. Austell followed; the latter displays a feature noted in several of the churches visited, the chancel is bent slightly to the left with respect to the rest of the church. After lunch we went on to Tywardreath. Here Mike thought that his bell had no stay, but the local Vicar doubted his deduction, with the result that the bell went over just as a ringer reached the church to warn us. Fowey left us wishing for two more ringers, while Lanteglos proved most elusive. The church was easily seen but only reached after nearly circling it by road and crossing a field. It has a deceptively tall tower since it is built in a hollow while the ringing takes place from apparently below ground level. Two more light sixes completed the day's ringing—St. Veep, which reputedly have never been tuned, and St. Winnow, where water leaps against the church wall when the tide is in.

Wednesday's ringing commenced at Lostwithiel, where a great welcome was extended by the Vicar and local captain. Lanhydrock is an estate church beside a picturesque Elizabethan mansion. Here is a light eight apparently not rung often — the rope on the third broke below the sally while the rise was in progress. There is a ninth bell in the tower which would appear to be a properly hung sanctus bell. Bodmin was followed by Withiel, where ringing was curtailed when the third slipped wheel and set at backstroke, and the key to the belfry could not be found.

A WONDERFUL JOB

St. Columb Minor is the second highest tower in Cornwall, and its ringers have done a wonderful job in decorating and furnishing the ringing chamber. St. Eval is another of those churches to be seen but not reached. It is almost ringed by an airfield and the guards would 'certainly not' let us take a short cut up the main runway! Here we found with some dismay that Oxford Little Court 'doesn't work.'

Thursday morning, with the fine weather still holding, found us ringing at St. Merryn. Padstow and Little Petherick followed; at the former the bells are a little odd-struck, while the latter's appear to 'stick' both at hand- and at back-stroke. St. Issey and St. Breock both pleased, while Egloshayle's are a grand eight. Up to this time we had not met a rough ring, but St. Tudy's was to prove the exception: the six 'go' more like twice the weight. Pauline's bell set rather prematurely in the rise and refused to come out again even with all her weight on the rope! St. Teath's are a pretty six and the rise, 240 of Grandsire Doubles, and fall were tape-recorded by a gentleman from Calcutta. The play-back appeared quite good considering that the band were somewhat uncomfortably placed due to the absence of stays on the front three. Advent, with one of England's lightest fives (3 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.), was approached (across its surrounding fields!) with some trepidation, but they are a ring to be enjoyed once handling has been mastered, and here Pauline rang her first tenor.

THE VICAR WARNED

Tintagel was visited early the next morning, followed by St. Juliot and Lesnewth. At Jacobstowe Mike, with his usual misfortune, could not raise the third above frame height and even Alan's and Mr. Smith's ingenuity failed to do better. A very large key opened a very small door to the belfry, which had been left in a shocking condition by our 'feathered friends.' To say that the bell was loose on the headstock would be a gross understatement, since both that and the stay could be moved freely through some 15 degrees. The fittings had gouged deeply into the rotten wood of the headstock, which could be powdered away in the hand. We regretfully advised the Vicar that the bell should on no account be rung again until properly restored. Hence we completed our alphabetical tower record on the other five. At Poundstock we managed the elusive course of Tewkesbury, much to Pauline's and Michael's delight. Marhamchurch bells are an excellent six, while Launcells and Week St. Mary's are also most enjoyable.

Saturday dawned our only wet day, but we reached Launceston safely, if a little wet, and were soon at St. Stephen's enjoying the back six, which were cast by Pennington. The light six at St. Thomas' was our last, and the ringing chamber here must rank as one of the smallest in England.

It was a tired but happy party which bade each other farewell at Launceston Station, none too soon, perhaps; the weather had broken and the bikes were beginning to crack up under the strain of almost 200 miles of rough roads covered; indeed, Alan's almost fell apart the next day! Our chief memories are of the unbelievably fine weather, of the interesting and enjoyable ringing in 54 methods, and of the Cornishman's usual directional advice: 'Just along there, turn right and straight **up.**"! Our sincere thanks go to all incumbents and ringers who met us, and a very big 'thank you' to Alan Smith from the other five of us for all the work he put in organising such a marathon.

P. J. B.

HILLINGDON RINGERS' OUTING

On August 16th, members and friends of St. John's, Hillingdon, held their second half-day outing. Leaving the church at 1 p.m., the party toured by coach through Surrey. A stop was first made at the Devil's Punchbowl, Hindhead. Then on to Haslemere, where some good ringing was had on the ten bells. Then to Milford, where the company had tea. From there to Leatherhead via Dorking, where the ten bells were rung from Grandsire to Cambridge Royal. The party returned to Hillingdon at 11 p.m. The outing was very well organised by the captain, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow. T. G. B.

UNRINGABLE BELLS IN ESSEX

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to anyone organising outings in Essex to have a list of the unringable bells in the county, thus avoiding unnecessary correspondence and wasted time.

Rings of eight: Belchamp Walter, Dedham, St. Mary-the-Virgin, Ilford.

Rings of six: Ashdon, Great Chesterford, Helion Bumpstead, Maldon, Ridgewell, Steeple Bumpstead, West Ham (Holy Trinity, Canning Town), bells removed.

Rings of five: Aveley, Little Bentley, Blackmore, Great Burstead, Canewdon, Great Clacton, Hadstock, Hempstead, Henham, Horndon-on-the-Hill, Latton, Layer de la Haye, West Mersea, Navestock, Ramsey, Great Sampford, Stambourne, Theydon Garnon, West Tilbury, Toppesfield, White Roding.

There appears to be some doubt as to the condition of Heydon, Pentlow and Rickling bells. Pentlow's were given as unringable by Deedes and Walters in their 'Church Bells of Essex' 50 years ago, and Rickling's as neglected. Good Easter's are a tricky proposition due to an organ in the way, but probably could be rung—Yours sincerely,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.

SURPRISE MAJOR COMPOSITION QUALITIES

By P. G. K. DAVIES

IN recent months there have appeared some excellent articles on the qualities and originality of compositions. Little, however, has been said in detail on the possibilities of Surprise Major; and considering the popularity of these methods it would be perhaps worth while to have a glance at a few of them in connection with their flexibility in composition.

It is only too well known that Cambridge does not provide much scope in composition, Middleton's unmusical peal being the only one with the tenors together. However, in Yorkshire you needn't have 82's or 83's if you don't want them, and there are available nine of the 18 courses with 4-5-6 only in 5-6 (combination courses). Now as this is only half the number anyway the best peals would seem to be those with nine combinations and not less. Yet the most popular peal is Pitstow's (the Doxology) with six—a mere third of the musical courses. The popularity is no doubt due to its simplicity, but Craven's 3-part is not much more complicated and better. I give a variation of the well-known 3-part with the 2nd only six times in 5th's—the minimum for a 3-part. Other examples of good peals abound in the Central Council Collection and elsewhere.

5,088 YORKSHIRE (A. Craven)

B	M	W	H	23456
X				35264
		—		63254
	—	—	3	52436
		—	2	54326
	—	—		2364'5

Twice repeated.

In Rutland one can obtain all the 18 combination courses, which involves the use of many hobs. An excellent example is this 5,056 by S. Ivin, with 69 bobs:—

	M	B	W	H	23456
	—	X			35426
A	—	2		—	52364
	—	X	—	—	35264
	—	X	—	—	23564
		A			62345
	—			—	53246
B	—	X			34256
	—	X			45236
	—	X		—	25346
		B			32546
	—	X			24536
		2A			63254
	—				23456

If one wants less calls one has to have fewer combinations, and a very popular peal is this with 12 combinations and 45 bobs.

5,088 RUTLAND (C. W. Roberts)

M	B	W	H	23456
—	X		—	43526
		—	3	24536
	X		—	24365
—	X	—	2	43265
—				23564

It seems futile to call compositions with more bobs and less music. I have one in front of me with nine combinations (obtainable with 33 calls) and 96 bobs—in my opinion, a worthless peal.

Belgrave is quite often rung, and as there is no falseness between Middle and Wrong, extra (i.e., more than nine) combinations can and have been obtained at the course-end. Unfortunately, this means having 82's or 83's elsewhere and one will probably land up with a few leads of inferior music. Here is an example with ten combinations—but 82's B. to M.

5,024 BELGRAVE (C. W. Roberts)

W	B	M	H	23456
—		2	—	56234
	1	—	3	53246
		—	—	62345
—	1			62453
—	1	—	3	52436
—			—	43526
		—		53624
2			3	32654
—		2	2	35426
—			3	23456

The following has one combination course less and one course less of 82's and 83's, having extent qualities with three bells only in 6th's place. It is a 5,024 which I put together:—

W	B	M	H	23456
—			3	52436
—	1		2	23564
—	1			23645
—			2	26435
—			2	24365
2			2	63425
	1		—	63254
—			2	62534
2			—	52364
—		—	3	35426
—				23456

Turning away from Cambridge above to Cambridge below we come to Pudsey, again quite a popular method. Often compositions of Yorkshire are called to this method, but one might as well take advantage of there being less falseness in what is not the most musical of methods—and several good compositions of 'Pudsey only' exist. You can have 15 combinations without 2 or 3 in 6th's—a considerable increase on Yorkshire's nine. There are several simple ones in parts. I give a 5,184 with the 15 combinations and the 6th ten times home.

R. F. B. SPEED

	B	M	W	H	23456
			—	—	45236
		—		3	25634
	X				53246
A			—	—	24536
	X				43265
		—			64235
		—		—	52436
		—			42635
	X			—	42356
	A adding 3H after before, 43526				
	X				32465
	X			—	32654
	X			—	32546
	X				24365
			—	3	62345
			—	—	34625
	X			2	23456

Lastly, a word about an 8th's place method —Cornwall. This is one of the few methods in which all the 144 combination roll-ups (i.e., the 5678's, 6578's, 4678's, 6478's, 4578's and 5478's) occur in 18 natural courses, all of which are obtainable. It has the little 4-bell peal, rather effective when 5678 are dodging in 1234, a characteristic of methods with Ealing below. This method is only occasionally rung to peals and is acknowledged as being extremely musical. It has no defects such as four places at a cross-section, or adjacent place-making on the front.

The purpose of these lines is to focus a little attention on Surprise compositions and to encourage the calling of good compositions, which as has been said before, are sometimes but not always harder to call than poor ones. If conductors insist of getting what they want they will enjoy music as good as the method will produce, and foster the composer's art at its best.

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THE RYE WEDDING

Two well-known Oxford ringers were married on July 26th at St. Mary's, Rye. Ruth Storr Hodgson was a physiotherapist at St. Mary's Hospital, London, and then at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, and was taught to ring by her brothers, Robin and David. Donald Henry Niblett took a First Class Degree at Oxford in Physics and then did research at the Clarendon Laboratory for his doctorate. He is now a pressed steel research Fellow. He was taught to ring at Mickleton, Glos.

On the eve of the wedding a peal was rung (with Donald conducting) at New Romney. Before and after the service Rye bells were rung by the local band (captain, A. J. Hicks).

Wearing a cream brocade dress and a Limerick lace veil, which has been in her family 96 years, the bride was attended by Miss Elizabeth Yates and Miss Patricia Aitken in pale turquoise brocade. The best man was Mr. Colin Taylor, from Bath. The Vicar officiated.

The sun, which had been absent all morning, appeared as the happy pair left the church on the way to the reception held, by kind permission of the Mayor, in the Town Hall. Mrs. Hodgson had arranged a magnificent spread, attended by 60 guests with a leavening of ringers, including Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cloke, Messrs. R. A. and D. Hodgson, R. N. Pittman, P. R. Sanders, D. J. Roaf and R. Niblett.

Colin and Donald made amusing speeches, and then Ruth, in a silk floral going-away dress with pink duster-coat and white accessories, and Donald left for Dover (where they rang next morning), Luxembourg and Switzerland, where the bulk of the honeymoon was spent.

No Tea Break

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'Hello, is that Rev. C——?'

'Yes.'

'Will it be possible for us to come and ring a peal on your bells on Saturday?'

'Yes, by all means. What time will you come?'

'Oh, about half-past three, if that's convenient.'

'Certainly. How long will it take?'

'Er, about three hours'

'WHAT! But—er, but—er, what are you going to do about tea?'

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

St. Mary's, Kentisbeare, with its recent ring of six (tenor 10¼ cwt.) was the meeting place on August 16th for many ringers from towers in West Somerset and Devon, some 60 ringers being in attendance during afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Guild president, the Rector of Kentisbeare being on holiday. The Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox welcomed all to Kentisbeare with its lovely church and bells. A collection for the Guild bells restoration fund amounted to £2 4s. 6d.

Arrangements for tea were made by Mr. L. G. Leath and his fellow ringers and their wives. This was very much enjoyed.

The Rev. E. E. Hughes (Branch chairman) presided at the business meeting. It was decided to hold an evening meeting at Silverton in October. The chairman reminded the meeting that the Branch Secretary would be resigning at the next annual general meeting. A vote of thanks to all was carried with acclamation.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor, Kent and Cambridge. Messrs. Taylors and Mr. J. Walker, who did the work at Kentisbeare in restoring the old frame and recasting the bells, are to be congratulated on a fine ring of six, much enjoyed by all. W. H. W.

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CANCELLATION

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The meeting proposed to be held on August 30th at All Hallows Church, Bispham, Blackpool, has been cancelled. Details of next meeting later.—John F. Turner, Branch. Sec. 2901

POSTPONEMENTS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—September meeting at Great Totham is *postponed*.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Sec. 2867

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham postponed until September 27th. 2883

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—An evening meeting will be held at Everton (5) on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells available 6 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2843

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 30th, at Isham. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Garley, 14, Fairfield Road, Isham, Northants. 2841

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS — Meeting at Bottesford (8), Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Special method, Rutland Surprise Major. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton. 2822

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food—tea provided. All welcome.—B. Crossman. 2858

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Havant on Aug. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 2797

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Aysgarth (6), Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. C. Pauli, Wensleydale Cottage, West Burton, Leyburn. Other towers in District may be available.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 2860

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice meetings 7.30, Monday, Sept. 1st, and first Monday in each month, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. General body meeting Saturday, Oct. 11th, details later.—Rogers (ISL 3921). 2834

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, September 1st, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 2873

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Mid-week ringing meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, chiefly for members unable to attend on Saturdays: Town Hall, 6 p.m., and Cathedral, 8 p.m. All welcome.—R. Benson. 2903

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. Quarterly meeting at Hatfield on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Details next week.—A. W. J. Butler. 2891

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting, Saturday, Sept. 6th, at Newmill (6) only. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. onwards. Bus service from Huddersfield. No towers for the afternoon can be arranged. 2878

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at Willington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Wooding, Byways, Station Road, Willington, Bedford.—Miss P. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2897

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Hope (8), 3 to 5 p.m., and Castleton (8), 6.15 to 8.15 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6th. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 2812

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Soham, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. R. Knight, Dis. Sec. 2899

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Saturday, September 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Sept. 3rd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 2885

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Sept. 6th, St. James' (10), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 2906

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Withington, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names, by Sept. 2nd, to: A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 2840

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting, Weobley, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., meeting after. Names for tea by Wednesday, 3rd, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow. 2876

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ashwell, Saturday, Sept. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Special method, Surfleet Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2889

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Frittenden on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Baker, 1, Bourner Cottages, Frittenden.—C. T. H. 2853

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea must reach not later than Wednesday, Sept. 3rd. Mr. D. Hadlow, 66, School Lane, Herne, Herne Bay, Kent.—B. J. Luck. 2852

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, to A. Dunk, Pett Farm Bungalow, Stockbury Valley, near Sittingbourne.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2846

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Brasted on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, to Mr. F. Budgen, 11, St. Martin's Meadow, Brasted. 2848

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands Branch. —Meeting at Kingswinford on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, to Mrs. M. P. Barron, 17, Dulvern Grove, Kings Heath, Birmingham, 14. Tel. HIG 3032. 2892

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 6th, Rainford. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Sept. 3rd Mr. E. Roughley, 1, Randle Avenue, Rainford.—M. E. Ridyard. 2904

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Silverdale, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale.—R. F. Eccles, Sec. 2900

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Church Kirk, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2902

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fenny Stratford, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Sept. 1st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 2856

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined Practices at Hurst on Saturday, Sept. 6th, and Binfield on Saturday, Sept. 20th, both at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 2855

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Longbridge Deverill (8), on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 2898

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Harthill, Saturday, Sept. 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please to Rev. A. J. Bishop, The Rectory, Harthill, near Sheffield.—J. Seager, A. B. Cooper, secs. 2880

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Attenborough, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 2.45 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify, not later than Sept. 3rd, Mr. M. Rose, Wyoming, Nottingham Road, Long Eaton.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 2809

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Ardingly (6), Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 2895

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 6th, Fordingbridge. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, to Mr. R. Marlow, Bickton, Fordingbridge, Hants.—W. T. Godfrey. 2864

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Addingham and Ilkley on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Addingham bells available 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Ilkley, followed by business meeting. Ilkley bells available after business meeting. Names for tea by Friday, Sept. 28th, to Mr. H. Crawshaw, 20, Leicester Crescent, Ilkley.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2888

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Teas: please notify not later than Sept. 10th, Mr. J. Whitehouse, Guyder Bottom, Hoylandswaine, Barnsley. 2905

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea at the Cock Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2875

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, Orsett. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. C. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett. 2874

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Exminster, Saturday, Sept. 13th.—Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 6th to W. J. Andrews, Brampford Speke, Exeter. 2872

HEREFORD GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch) and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Claverley, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. Very definitely—no name, then no tea. 2881

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boughton Monchelsea, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Other details later. 2894

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District. —Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, at Ebbw Vale. Usual ringing arrangements. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Evans, 17, Belle View, Garden City, Ebbw Vale.—J. S. King. 2879

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Sept. 13th, Kingston Seymour. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, September 9th, to Mrs. Norton, Gout House Farm, Kingston Seymour, Clevedon.—B. Johnson, District Secretary. 2908

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester and Rochdale Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, at St. George's, Mossley, in support of local ringing day. Opening ceremony and civic reception 10 a.m. Bells (8) available from 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to H. Pickles, 11, Seel Terrace, Lees Road, Mossley. Business 6 p.m. Whist drive, beano and dance 7.30 p.m. Buses: 'E' route from Oldham Town Hall (9.35 a.m. and every 30 minutes, 2.5 p.m. and every 15 minutes); or, 'Mossley via Barracks' from Ashton.—Benson and Hudson, Secs. 2890

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Ashby Folville (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Institute, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Sept. 10th to Mrs. H. Walker, The Carrington Arms, Ashby Folville, Melton Mowbray, Leics. Committee on Monday, Sept. 8th, 7.45 p.m. at St. John's Vestry.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2868

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., for those who notify by the Tuesday previous Mr. F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham 2869

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 2896

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, Semley. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Benett Arms, 5 p.m. Names, please, by Sept. 9th to Miss A. Bacon, 30, St. Francis Road, Salisbury. 2877

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Cup contest and meeting at West Retford (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th, at 3 p.m. Plenty of cafés in town.—H. Denman. 2887

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Barnes on September 13th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Mortlake bells after. Names for tea to Miss Heath, The Rectory, 25, Glebe Road, S.W.14.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 2825

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District), BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting at Tring on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, Sept. 13th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. No name, no tea.—K. Spavins, R. Howson, J. Good. 2886

ELY ASSOCIATION DINNER.—The Ely Diocesan Association will hold a dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at the All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, Huntingdon. Tickets 12s. Peals can be arranged for persons attending the dinner, also various rings will be available during the afternoon and evening—times to be announced later. Tickets and peal arrangements from H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2842

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly ringing meeting, Bolton, at 2.30 p.m., and committee meeting in St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, at 3.45 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available: St. Mary's, Deane (8), 2.30 to 5 p.m. and after tea: Holy Trinity (8) and The Saviour (8) 3.30 to 4.30 and after tea. Tea 5 p.m. at Deane, at 2s. 6d. per person. Names *only* by Wednesday, Sept. 24th, to Mr. Major Crook, 6, Manningham Road, Deane, Bolton. 2807

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SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

THE Committee appointed at Dublin to conduct the review of Sunday service bands and ringing have got through the difficult preliminaries and, as will be seen from this issue of 'The Ringing World,' have circulated to the territorial Associations the 21 questions on which they require information. The task now devolves upon the Associations and through them on to the Districts. Because of the importance we attach to this inquiry we print in this issue the full correspondence that is in the hands of each territorial secretary. This must be disseminated as quickly as possible and each tower must be ready and willing to co-operate to the fullest extent.

The Committee in their letter state: 'We are anxious that surveys should be factual and that no attempt be made to make the state of Sunday service ringing appear either better or worse than it really is.' The most difficult of questions to answer, and one which the Committee regard as very important, is 'Number of towers where ringing is completely satisfactory, i.e., properly ringing most of the bells twice each Sunday.' To come under this heading as 'completely satisfactory,' some would regard one of the four Standard Methods in Triples or Major and Doubles and Minor with cover bells as unsatisfactory on eight bells. Examination of our quarter peal columns—it can be taken most of these performances are by Sunday service bands—reveals the prevalence of the introduction of cover bells. Then again it is assumed that towers ringing call changes would be regarded as unsatisfactory, but here again if the ringing is rhythmic it would be regarded in the eyes of the Church as meeting the requirements of the congregation as a call to worship. These are questions which Associations will have to decide for themselves and it is possible that the Committee will give them some guidance.

Fortunately there are many towers in each Association's area where no difficulties will arise in answering this question, but their number will be more than trebled by borderline towers who will have a difficulty. The bells might be manned to 100 per cent., but the ringing could not be regarded as fulfilling the desires of the Exercise. Probably the definition would be nearer to satisfaction if the number of ringers regularly attending who were able to ring a method on a working bell were equal to the number of ropes. Reports of Guilds and Associations with lists of members attached give no guide to proficiency. In many Associations membership is swelled by admitting people as soon as they can ring rounds competently. Another difficulty is the desultory Sunday service ringer; on paper a band looks highly proficient with its quota of experienced ringers, but when the test of attendance is applied it will be found that probationers are endeavouring to fill the gaps.

What should be the role of probationers in Sunday service ringing? As soon as a probationer has reached the stage when he or she can ring rounds tolerably there should be an opportunity to take some minor part in the Sunday service ringing. In half an hour's ringing for service five minutes should be allocated to probationers, and not merely tolling the five minutes bell. It is essential not only for maintaining interest but for instilling as soon as possible a sense of vocation. While we ring bells for pleasure, there is behind it the sense of responsibility and duty and in many ringers' minds an act of worship.

The tower we feel sorry for is the highly proficient one with no probationers. That tower's period of usefulness to the Church is limited. Where there is young life and enthusiasm, even if the ringing to-day does not come under the heading of 'satisfactory,' there is hope for the future. Enthusiasm, if properly led, and we would add with a sense of churchmanship prevailing in the tower, will enable a tower in two or three years to fulfil its proper obligations. The Yorkshire survey places first in the factors which have contributed to success—church membership, and if this is kept constantly to the fore in recruitment and among members of the Exercise, then we are progressing along the right path. While there are ringers who proudly display their lists of hundreds of towers they have visited, Sunday should not be spent in touring the countryside 'grabbing' here and there, except on holiday. The obligation for 48 to 50 weeks of the year is the home tower. Then ringing is approaching what is desired by the Church—the bells being rung to the glory of God.

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TEN BELL PEALS

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5058 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

WILLIAM T. GRICE	*Treble*	LOUIS HEAD	6
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	THOMAS E. SONE	7
LEONARD MANNERING	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	8
E. S. JOHN HATCHER	4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
FREDERICK A. LEESON	5	FRANK THWAITES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

First peal on the bells since their recasting and rehanging in a new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The number of changes in this composition represents the date of the dedication—the fifth month, 58, and the 0 the tenth day—by the Bishop of Maidstone (Rt. Rev. S. W. Betts).

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	*Treble*	MAURICE E. DOWNS	6
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	COLIN A. TESTER	7
†OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	3	GEOFFREY PEARSON	8
JOHN R. COOPER	4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
REGINALD L. SILLS	5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal 'inside.'

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
DOREEN DUTTON	2	JOHN SPICE	7
JOHN GRIFFITHS	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	8
JACK ASHCROFT	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
THOMAS HESKETH	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*WILLIAM J. C. COLSON	*Treble*	GEORGE W. JEFFS	5
†VESTA A. HEADLAND	2	HARRY RICHARDSON	6
LESLIE WITTEN	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
*DICK EDWARDS	4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal. † First on eight bells.

Arranged as a compliment to Canon A. M. Luckock, on the 46th anniversary of his induction to the parish.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 11 cwt.

HUGH NEILL	*Treble*	*EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	5
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	2	JOHN H. SCHOLFIELD	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	BRIAN PRATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	7
ERNEST G. PEARCE	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

TAWSTOCK, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in E.

EVE PEARSON	*Treble*	JOHN P. MCDERMOTT	5
*DAVID G. FRENCH	2	ANTHONY V. QUEEN	6
†JEREMY A. M. SALTER	3	PETER G. SMART	7
JOHN L. QUEEN	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob. The first of Major on the bells. The conductor's 525th tower for a peal.

DARTMOUTH, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*ANGELA J. MARTIN	*Treble*	JOHN L. QUEEN	5
EVE PEARSON	2	JEREMY A. M. SALTER	6
ANTHONY V. QUEEN	3	PETER G. SMART	7
JOHN P. MCDERMOTT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal on eight bells. First of Plain Bob on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*LAVINA HULFORD	*Treble*	HAROLD STEVENSON	5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	6
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
NATHANIEL T. MOXON	4	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal on eight bells.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	*Treble*	*MICHAEL R. BENNETT	5
ARTHUR GIBBS	2	*ROBIN V. BAKER	6
HARRY RICHARDSON	3	BARRIE HENDRY	7
VESTA A. HEADLAND	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal on eight bells.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
*PATRICIA HOLMES	2	*ROY STEPHENSON	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	7
*JOHN F. PEARSON	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Brian Sutton and Miss Pamela Rushy, whose wedding preceded this peal.

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PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BETTY J. DAYSH	*Treble*	MICHAEL SOLLY	5
*DOROTHY G. SMITH	2	†ALEC FRY	6
*MRS. R. T. JONES	3	*PHILIP G. MORGAN	7
*D. GEORGE NORTHWAY	4	†BASIL E. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. MORGAN.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First peal. First on eight bells as conductor.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E.

JOYCE OGDEN	*Treble*	PETER SCHOLFIELD	5
DEREK BUTTERWORTH	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWINNOCK-THE-CONFESSOR.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	DAVID N. PENROSE	5
J. DESMOND PAINTER	2	ALAN CARVETH	6
WILLIAM T. COOK	3	GORDAN A. HALLS	7
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDAN A. HALLS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	6
LUCY ALLEN	3	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	7
JOHN G. GIPSON	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON and WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
A 75th birthday compliment to T. Reginald Dennis.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH	*Treble*	J. BARRY PICKUP	5
*JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	‡ROGER LEIGH	6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
†WILLIAM G. WILSON	4	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method. ‡ 300th peal.
Rung to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hamer.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	6
ANNE E. AMOR	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
The first peal of Yorkshire on these bells.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*IAN H. ORAM	6
*JOHN L. MORRIS	3	†BRIAN BLADON	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First in the method as conductor.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*LEONARD GOODALL	*Treble*	†NORMAN SMITH	5
†ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
†CYRIL RUSBY	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	†IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal. † First in the method.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	5
REGINALD H. D. HAYDEN	2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	6
*FREDERICK J. SPICER	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
STANLEY HUCKLE	4	EDWARD J. ROCHESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. WILSON. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal of Kent Major. First of Kent Major as conductor. F. J. Spicer has now rung, and the conductor has now called, Kent from Minor to Maximus.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ROY K. DUESBURY	*Treble*	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	6
FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	4	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

E. WINIFRED KEYS	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	JAMES R. TAYLOR	6
LEONARD STILWELL	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
FRANK H. HICKS	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Sylvia Scott, of Hawkley, and Mr. William Penny.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DENISE SHALLCROSS	*Treble*	JOHN F. HUGHES	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
*ROGER KING	3	DESMOND CLAYS	7
JOHN S. DEAN	4	GEOFFREY PARTING	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on eight bells.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
No. 14. Tenor 25 cwt.

*DONALD E. LEE	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	5
ERIC NAYLOR	2	*†VICTOR ROBERTS	6
ANTHONY J. SANGER	3	*GWILYM SALMON	7
*MICHAEL ROSE	4	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal for the Association.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. F. H. W. Bentley, the wife of the curate of this parish.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	*Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
*Marion J. Skinner	2	*Michael J. Palmer	6
William Wenban	3	Stanley E. Darmon	7
*†Joan M. Wilcockson	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

George Kenward	*Treble*	Edward C. Barton	5
Joseph E. Gensted	2	Charles E. J. Norris	6
Thomas Beaumont	3	William A. J. Knight	7
Albert Dunk	4	Terence Barton	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by William A. J. Knight.
100th peal as conductor.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

Rosemary Parkinson	*Treble*	Colin Wignall	5
*Sylvia Wignall	2	†William Procter	6
*Leslie Leonards	3	Herbert Rawcliffe	7
Richard Atherton	4	Fred Read	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Fred Read.
* First peal. † 25th peal for Association. Ringer of seventh proposed member of Association before peal.
Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee of the Great Harwood branch of the Mothers' Union.

SIX BELL PEALS

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., July 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*Gillian Halford	*Treble*	†Kenneth Edwards	4
Thomas Rogers	2	Alexander J. Martin	5
*Richard Hamm	3	Andrew J. H. Scott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal. † First peal away from the treble.
A wedding compliment to Carol F. Jones and Robert F. Ferris, members of the local band, married earlier in the day at this church. Also a 17th birthday compliment to Gillian Scarth.

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

C. Frank W. Phillippo	*Treble*	Wilfred G. Saunders	4
William Clover	2	*Henry Tooke	5
John R. Smith	3	Frank C. J. Arnold	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Smith.
* First peal of London Minor. 50th peal as conductor. First peal of London on the bells.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

George P. Adams	*Treble*	*George W. Buckle	4
*Timothy G. Pett	2	Edward Howes	5
Samuel H. Waterfield	3	Sidney Marshall	*Tenor*

Conducted by George P. Adams.
* First peal (both ringing for ten months).

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Oxford Bob and Single Court, (5) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (7) Double Court. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

J. Harry Cook	*Treble*	John A. Underwood	4
*Roland H. Cook	2	Joseph S. Cotton	5
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* 50th peal for the Guild. First in 12 methods for 1, 2 and 5, and on the bells.
Rung for the wedding of the Rev. Ronald Thomas Hennessy Pearse, A.K.C., Rector of Asfordby, to Miss Elizabeth Mary Ridway, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, which took place in Asfordby Church earlier in the day.

CHIEVELEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

S. Frank Tuffley	*Treble*	Gilbert J. Townsend	4
Hazel Hancock	2	Bryan C. Stirland	5
C. John Castell	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Richard John Royston, a member of the local band, and Miss Anne Passey, who were married at St. Andrew's, Surbiton, on the same day.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Peter A. Sharp	*Treble*	Charles E. Brown	4
G. Leonard Thompson	2	William R. Parker	5
Amos Ingall	3	Louis Willders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Willders.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. Robert James Leonard and Miss Pauline Cynthia Toynbee, which took place at the above church this day.

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents Oxford T.B., three Kent T.B. and one Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Wm. Stannard	*Treble*	C. Stannard	4
J. G. Stannard	2	G. Jennings	5
E. Nice	3	J. W. Banks	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wm. Stannard.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

*David Lowe	*Treble*	Ernest F. Payne	4
Royston Wilmore	2	B. Stedman Payne	5
*Charles Lowe	3	Thomas H. Earby	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Minor.
A wedding day peal for J. C. Shirley Scott and Jane A. Wood, married at this church.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob; each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Rosemary E. Gower	*Treble*	Mark S. Lancefield	4
*Rita A. Gower	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
Lawrence T. Pope	3	David Staples	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

WROUGHTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one of St. Clement's. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*Mrs. V. Griffin .. .. *Treble*	Eric Sutton 4
†Mavis Wright 2	Anthony R. Peake 5
W. Bertram Kynaston 3	Victor Griffin .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Victor Griffin.

* First peal in four methods. † First of Minor. First in four methods as conductor and on the bells.

EAST WOODHAY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods, being two extents of Stedman and three extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Columb's, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles, April Day and Kennington, eight extents of Plain Bob and five extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*Bryan C. Stirland.. .. *Treble*	Hazel Hancock 4
C. John Castell 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 5
Frank W. Lewis 3	†James L. Webb .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung during the christening of Stephen Christopher Harris, first son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris, of East Woodhay. Also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

George W. Heyhoe.. .. *Treble*	Samuel H. Waterfield .. 4
Cecil V. Ebberson 2	William Rose 5
John Wilson 3	Tony Owen .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Tony Owen.

Rung in memoriam William R. Catchpole, of Buxton.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Plain and Double Bob, (6) Fulbeck, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Christine M. Woodward *Treble*	*Dennis C. Bowen 4
Charles Coles 2	Frank A. Barrett 5
Douglas O. Wilks 3	Alan R. Pink .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal of Minor.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

*Ernest G. Pearce .. .. *Treble*	Roderick W. Pipe 4
*David H. Buxton 2	Roeert F. Downing .. 5
Mrs. R. F. Downing .. 3	Cecil W. Pipe .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal in five methods.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 WHITLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Dennis Laud .. .. .. *Treble*	William Wenban 4
Joan M. Wilcockson .. 2	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. 5
Raymond G. Smith 3	John R. Mayne .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

The first peal in the method.

PAYHEMBURY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 18 240's and six 120's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

F. Parr .. .. *Treble*	D. Salter 4
L. Morrell 2	W. Webb 5
E. Summers 3	C. Joyce .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by W. Webb.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

George Waterman.. .. *Treble*	A. Edward Leggett .. 4
*Heather Stewart 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Urban W. Wildney .. 3	*Charles E. Willmington *Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal in seven methods.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of London Surprise and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Bertram C. Hines .. .. *Treble*	Hermon J. Oliver 4
John H. Stitch 2	Howard W. Egglestone.. 5
Ernest W. Furbank .. 3	Robin N. Pittman .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Robin N. Pittman.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner, of Shenfield, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Thomas Barker .. .. *Treble*	*Gerald Wilson 4
John H. Gartside 2	Philip Dunderdale .. 5
*Kenneth Bonehill.. .. 3	Cyril Crossthwaite .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret, and as a token of appreciation to the Rev. H. Bretherton on his retirement as Rector of this parish. Also to mark Kenneth Bonehill's qualification for a Duke of Edinburgh award.

EDGMOND, SHROPSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*Frank H. Eley .. .. *Treble*	Robert J. Warrilow .. 4
*Frederick R. Wiggin .. 2	*Roy K. Mowforth .. 5
David W. Friend 3	Richard J. Warrilow .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

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On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

*Joe E. G. Roast	*Treble*	Edgar C. Shepherd ..	4
Mary Dowsett	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	5
Edward W. Roast	3	*Peter J. Eves	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 50th peal together.
Arranged and rung for Mr. E. C. Shepherd, of Solihull.

ST. JULIOT, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Juliot.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Rosemary G. Hicks ..	*Treble*	*W. Henry Trewin	4
†Harry Stacey	2	Charles Sangwin	5
Alan J. Hicks..	3	Charles E. Taylor.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Hicks.
* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
In the Library of the Abbey,
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Edwin H. Lewis	1—2	Peter Border	5—6
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3—4	Wilfred L. Robinson ..	7—8

Composed by E. J. Lindley. Conducted by Wilfred L. Robinson.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At 24, Manor Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

*John A. Acres	1—2	Ernest Morris	5—6
†John J. Jelley	3—4	Brian G. Warwick	7—8

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Grandsire away from 7-8. † First of Grandsire 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Harry Poyner	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Alfred Ballard	3—4	*Mary C. Payne	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.
* First peal on eight handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At 40, Walton Street,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Morris	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Harry Poyner	3—4	*B. Stedman Payne	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* 150th peal for the Guild. A birthday compliment to B. S. Payne.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF 5032 SPLICED ROYAL
Consisting of Plain, Gainsborough and Little Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Rev. P. Michael Freeman	1—2	Jack Bray	5—6
George E. Feirn	3—4	Philip Barnes	7—8
C. Aubrey Harrison ..	9—10		

Composed and Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal in three Royal methods.

A HALF PEAL

WHIXLEY, YORKS.—On Aug. 23rd, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Pinkney (first half peal) 1, C. Reeves 2, M. E. Wilkinson 3, L. Greenhorn 4, M. Maskill 5, J. Woolford (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. Greenhorn, of York.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. Gilbert 1, Monica Fray 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, T. G. Phillips 4, M. Horseman 5, W. P. Blake 6, L. Derrick 7, J. Brain 8. First in the method by all except treble ringer, for whom the quarter was rung as a birthday compliment.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 17th at St. George's Church, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Percy J. Spice 1, Miss Hilda Oakshett 2, Dennis G. Brown 3, David Kirby 4, John E. Cannell 5, Brian D. Threlfall 6, Maxwell F. Oakshett 7, Arthur S. Richards 8, John W. Smith (first in method as cond.) 9, Geoffrey Runham 10. For morning service.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Streeter 1, Nancy Kempsell (first of Minor) 2, E. Russell 3, Freda Hankey 4, F. W. Bird 5, G. Olliver (cond.) 6, V. Griggs (first quarter) 7. Rung for Evensong and as a birthday greeting to the ringer of the third.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Smith 1, S. N. Bristow 2, S. Smith 3, R. Purchase 4, E. Quicke (cond.) 5, W. Grabham 6.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 10 different callings: P. C. Kefford (1st attempt, age 16) 1, C. J. Ashdown (first attempt, age 14) 2, S. R. Myall (first attempt, age 15) 3, J. W. Curryer (first 'inside') 4, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, A. T. Ashdown (first of Doubles) 6. All Sunday service band except conductor. For Matins.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Hawkes (first quarter) 1, Marion Wash (first quarter) 2, R. Ingham 3, H. Gardner (cond.) 4, H. Hayward (first 'inside') 5, P. Wilkinson 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving to do his National Service.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): Valerie Waterfield 1, Alec Wilson 2, Margaret Ross 3, D. McNeil 4, T. Randall 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. N. Tembey (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, E. R. Wilkinson 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, Miss R. Fleming 8.

HASELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wilford (first quarter) 1, E. G. Orland 2, A. Flutter (first quarter) 3, J. G. Underwood 4, T. Kinchin 5, M. Bennett 6, R. Baker (first of Triples as conductor) 7, C. L. Underwood 8. For Evensong.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. F. West 1, Miss H. Sharp 2, Miss H. Stewart 3, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 4, L. Sharp 5, E. B. Smith 6, C. E. Willmington 7, U. W. Wildney 8. First Kent quarter peal by 1, 2, 3 and 5. For evening service.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine on July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Townsend (aged 13) 1, R. Pratt (aged 11) 2, V. Pratt (aged 15 (first as cond.) 3, G. Hebborn 4, D. Simpson 5, S. Harrison 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung on the back six.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, W. Ayre (cond.) 3, D. Penrose 4, R. A. Southwood 5, A. Carveth 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Marriner 1, A. J. Smith 2, D. White (first in method) 3, B. Hawkins 4, Rev. C. Marshall 5, A. S. Harris 6, H. V. Young 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8. Specially arranged for Evensong to mark the birthdays of G. Marriner, B. Hawkins and Canon F. Page.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBRIDGE.— On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): J. Smart (first quarter) 1, A. Thorogood 2, T. Sherman 3, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 4, A. R. Hurst 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret, sister of the conductor.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, A. Reeve 2, R. Goodship 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, W. Ellis (cond.) 7, M. Hallett 8. A wedding compliment to Miss O. Kirby and P. Coward, a member of the local band.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Aug. 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hardy 1, G. Wheller 2, R. Beard 3, F. Gorringe 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge (cond.) 6. Rung for St. Bartholomew's Day. Also with the band's best wishes for Mr. S. Hardy on his 81st birthday.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Monckton 1, F. Welch 2, G. Monckton 3, J. Cornelius 4, R. Welch 5, J. W. Drew (cond.) 6, K. Welch 7, R. Hebditch 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Margaret Stenner and Mr. R. Marks on the occasion of their wedding.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS. — On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Cunliffe 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, Gillian Bridgford 3, J. Warby 4, F. Brownlow 5, D. Young (cond.) 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. A. Beechey 1, A. H. T. Parker 2, M. J. Horseman 3, R. H. Brice 4, G. Prescott 5, S. G. Smith 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Price.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Owing to the incidence of holidays, the allure of a fine ring of ten bells in a magnificent church attracted only 20 ringers to St. George's, Beckenham, on July 26th, for the Lewisham District's quarterly meeting. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was directed by Mr. A. S. Richards (Ringing Master).

The service, full Evensong, held in the church, was conducted by the Rector (Rev. T. C. Hammond). The organist added greatly to the tone of a very pleasant office.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the Church Hall, Mr. A. S. Richards presiding. Two ringers were elected practising members of the Association.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was chosen for the annual District meeting, to be held on October 25th, and the date of the combined meeting with the Surrey Association confirmed —October 11th, at St. Alfege's, Greenwich.

Information was given of the dedication of a new church at Nottingham: one of the few (perhaps the only) post-war constructions with provision of facilities for the possible installation of a ring of eight bells, at some future date.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, the organist, and to Mrs. Rawlings for arranging the meeting, and an appreciation of the presence of Mr. J. Bennett, of Grundisburgh, concluded the business.

SOLUTION CROSSWORD No. 3

Across: 1 Westminster, 8 Tom, 9 Church, 10 Bobbed, 12 Ivied, 14 Bells, 15 Radio, 16 Crazy, 18 Bantu, 20 Lugumo, 22 Confab, 23 Via, 24 Caversfield.

Down: 2 Sharpe, 3 Myth, 4 Numb, 5 Treble, 6 Wecritchley, 7 Undisturbed, 11 Dodge, 13 Dry, 14 Bob, 17 Zhukov, 19 Aynhoe, 21 Over, 22 Cauf.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

In spite of the unaccountable absence of a 'notice of meeting' in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' the meeting at Great Hormead on August 16th was quite a success. Advertisement within the District brought a total of 18 ringers representing 12 towers. These were not all able to be present before tea, however, and only a few were able to enjoy the service conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting and unusual address based upon bells and their history.

It was a pity there were no more present to enjoy the fine tea which the local ladies are so expert at providing.

From the ringing viewpoint the numbers present were quite adequate for the small ringing chamber, and everybody was catered for by Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge. The local band were given as much opportunity as possible to gain practice with more experienced change-ringers—an opportunity which very rarely comes their way, as their calling permits no regular summer practice and the weather and isolated position discourage visitors during the winter.

Ringing continued until shortly after 8 p.m., when the meeting was adjourned and translated to 'another place.' T. J. S.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1, Mrs. D. Day (first 'inside') 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, J. Day 4, R. H. Cook 5, J. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Manton, of Melton Mowbray, on the birth of a son (Stephen Richard). Also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Day.

WEDDING

Mr. A. Anthony Jaques — Miss Irene M. Caswell

The wedding took place, at Nantwich Parish Church, on August 16th of Mr. Alan Anthony Jaques, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, and Miss Irene Margaret Caswell, of Nantwich. Both are local ringers.

The bridegroom and the best man, also three guests from Nottingham, took part in the pre-service ringing, and the local ringers rang to welcome the bride to the church.

The service, conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. M. B. Southwell) and accompanied by the organist (Mr. H. G. Kirkham), included the Guild bell-ringers' hymn 'Praise my soul.' The bride, who was dressed in white, was attended by one bridesmaid and two small attendants.

After the service the bells were again rung and 'fired.' The reception was held at The Cheshire Cat. The bride is a former member of the Girl Guides, who formed the guard of honour.

Mr. and Mrs. Jaques spent their honeymoon at Torquay.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham, who on August 23rd conducted his 100th peal, conducted his first peal (Stedman Triples) at Gillingham on October 16th, 1937. Of the band who rang on that occasion there are only two other survivors—Mr. C. E. J. Norris and Mr. Francis J. Cheal. Mr. Norris rang in the centenary peal.

St. Mary Cray band was impressed by the masterly way Mr. S. Hardy handled his bell in the ringing for his 81st birthday. 'Many more happy hours' ringing, Steve.'

Bells will be heard prior to the evening service to be broadcast from St. Paul's Church, Bedford, on Sunday, September 14th, at 7.45 p.m. in the Home Service. The captain of ringers is Mr. S. Foskett.

Mr. R. D. Short, of Bridgwater, rang in his 1,000th tower on August 23rd. It was at Great Tew during a half day's outing arranged by Oxfordshire friends. He writes that he is greatly indebted to many friends in various parts of the country with whom he had joined in tours and outings to make this total possible.

Mr. William Shone (82), who has completed 55 years as a ringer at Heswall Parish Church Cheshire, was honoured on August 24th when a peal tablet inscribed by hand and framed in oak recording his long and faithful service was unveiled in the belfry by the Rector, the Rev. Kenneth Lee. The peal, 5,040 Minor in three methods, was rung by members of the Wirral Branch on May 31st, and was the first to be rung in the tower since the bells were augmented. Paying tribute to Mr. Shone's fine record, the Rector said he regarded his art as one dedicated to the service of God. His example had inspired them to give their best and to feel a sense of duty and responsibility.

Of the 11 beginners who started ringing at Dereham, Norfolk, last October, two—G. Buckle and T. Pett—rang their first peal (Minor in two methods) at Gressenhall on August 13th. Gressenhall was chosen for the first peal on account of tenor weights—10 cwt. as against the home tower's 23 cwt. We congratulate Mr. G. P. Adams and others at Dereham on good spadework.

The peal of Bristol Surprise rung at Shepton Mallet by Mr. David Hoare's 'Wednesday band' was the second peal in the method rung by a resident band of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The other peal was at Taunton in 1935. Four unsuccessful attempts for this peal had been made during the past year.

With his words of congratulation to the band who rang the peal at East Woodhay, Hants, on August 17th, Col. Pearce, a churchwarden, brought a jug of iced lemonade, which was much appreciated. Six ringers who work on his estate ring at East Woodhay, and the Colonel has presented each of them with a badge engraved with the name of the estate. It is doubtful if any other estate in England so recognises its ringers.

Correction.—Mr. Francis R. Lowe writes re peal of Kent and Oxford T.B. Royal, rung at Duffield on August 2nd ('R.W.', page 538), that he rang the second and not the third in this peal, as submitted, and also 'circled the tower' on this bell. The footnote of 'First for all' is also wrong, as he has rung both Major and Royal before in this variation. The last peal of Kent and Oxford Royal he rang was at Derby Cathedral on May 20th, 1950. This, incidentally, corrects a statement on 'treble ten' at the Cathedral, made in a recent 'Leader' by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

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COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING APPROACH ASSOCIATIONS

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I enclose a copy of a letter and the enclosure thereto which have just been sent out to general secretaries of *territorial* Guilds, Associations and Societies whose names appear in the Ringers' Diary. As the work of this Committee is the concern of every tower and ringer in the land, and as much work in a limited time is involved, we shall be grateful if you will kindly publish this correspondence so that members of the various Associations will have time before their next meeting to give thought to the matter. It is hoped that they will then encourage their Associations to undertake the survey requested since we believe that apart from producing reliable statistics, the Associations and their work will benefit from the interest stimulated and the detailed knowledge acquired concerning the state of ringing throughout their area.

It will help if you will also publish the list of territorial Associations which have been circulated since, quite possibly, there may be some that have been inadvertently omitted. If so, I shall be grateful if their secretaries will write to me for details. I should also be pleased to send copies of the correspondence to any other Associations or Societies whose areas do not include towers already covered by the Associations which have been circulated. Non-territorial Associations can help by sending to Mr. Gray lists of comments and suggestions (Nos. 1 to 5).

We are encouraged that work on this survey has already started in two Association areas and another Association has offered wholehearted co-operation.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK, Convener,
Central Council Committee on Sunday Service Ringing.

TO 39 TERRITORIAL ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—In order to assist the above Committee to carry out a survey on Sunday service bands and ringing with a view to helping and acting as a 'clearing house of information' between Associations, Guilds and Societies, we shall be grateful if you will kindly supply the information asked for on the enclosed form, if possible not later than December 31st, 1958. Further copies of this form will be sent to you on request to Mr. Chaddock.

It is realised that this will involve much work by those your Association request to prepare the information, but we feel it is well worth while and that some additional interest will be stimulated in helping struggling bands and individuals in their efforts to progress. We also feel that Associations and their work will benefit by their carrying out this survey.

Page 387 of 'The Ringing World,' dated June 13th, 1958, gives some indication of the possible work of the above-named Committee, but without your help, co-operation and suggestions, little can be achieved.

We, therefore, earnestly appeal to your Association to do all in its power to help this Committee in carrying out its task.

Possibly you may be able to combine this survey with some other worthwhile project concerning the work of your Association. Whatever form of survey your Association may decide to undertake must be left in their hands, but the information we request will be of great assistance in estimating the extent of the problem and will indicate possible remedies.

A similar survey recently carried out in Yorkshire yielded valuable information and we enclose a few extracts therefrom which may be of general interest. In this survey the towers were tabulated across the top of the page and questions down the left-hand side, to facilitate the preparation of the summary.

We are anxious that surveys should be factual and that no attempt be made to make the state of Sunday service ringing appear either better or worse than it really is.

Will you kindly bring this request before your Association at their next meeting and let the convener know, in due course, whether they agree to undertake such a survey. Results of surveys, when completed, should be sent to Mr. P. Gray, Orana, Eastmead Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, 9.—Yours sincerely,

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FORMS FOR SURVEY

To assist Associations in completing their Survey, 'The Ringing World' is having printed forms similar to that appearing in this issue.

Will secretaries please write, stating numbers required, to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Onslow Street, Guildford.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT ON SURVEY IN YORKSHIRE

Many ringers and even vicars refer to the clergy's lack of interest.

Only two towers have asked Local Education Authorities to provide an instructor, and in both cases one has been appointed. Few people realise that this is possible provided a regular weekly attendance of about eight can be maintained.

Whilst an improvement calls for a sacrifice by town ringers on behalf of remote country districts, the former may ultimately benefit by an influx of ringers due to movement to towns for work, etc.

There is need for organised effort to create interest in parishes, in Church groups such as youth clubs, Scouts, Guides, etc.

There is a failure to realise that ringers can be a useful group within the Church, and that ringing provides an opportunity to *occupy* youth club members, etc., and retain them within the fellowship of the Church.

Many clergy realise the value of *change*-ringing and *methods* as a means of stimulating interest in a band. For long term success get on to change-ringing as soon as possible, making use of handbells initially.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Demonstrations and recruiting talks to likely recruits, parish authorities, etc.

Opportunity to receive instruction from proper tutor.

Very many replies strongly pleaded for the above.

Bring visiting teams to help local ringers (many replies).

Recruit from regular churchgoers (a good number of replies).

Clergy the key to the situation. Approach theological colleges. Ordination candidates should be shown how valuable bell-ringing can be.

Evangelisation of ringers.

More opportunity for learners at ringing meetings.

Encourage attendance at ringing meetings.

Get more ringers to attend church.

Basic reassessment of spirit in which we ring.

'Wean the youngsters from Rock-'n'-Roll—it's a crusade that's called for.'

Get Associations to think in terms of bands rather than individuals.

Careful selection of recruits.

Virile leadership.

Missionary work by good ringer/instructor.

Raise a fund for travelling expenses of instructors.

Open practices for less experienced and learners (organised).

Keep bells in better mechanical condition and make belfries pleasant places to be in.

Teach recruits whilst you have a good band.

More publicity (of the proper kind) for the Exercise—church literature, press, television, B.B.C., etc.

Secure the help and co-operation of education authorities.

FACTORS WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SUCCESS

1. Church membership, etc.
2. Old faithfuls.
3. Friendship between ringers.
4. Keen and able leader.
5. Team spirit.
6. Keen youth.
7. Help from other ringers.
8. Interest.
9. Patience.
10. Discipline.
11. Cheery, friendly and understanding attitude.
12. Family ringers.
13. Vicar (personal interest).
14. Regularity.
15. Regular practice on fixed practice night.
16. Pay them.
17. Change-ringing.
18. Handbells.
19. Contests.

REASONS MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO RETAIN A FULL TEAM

1. Lack of interest, or apathy.
2. No instructor or leader (33 per cent. cannot get an instructor).
3. Shifts.
4. Counter-attractions—weekend motoring, etc.
5. Youth not interested in church or ringing.
6. Unsuitable tower captain.
7. Ringers not properly recognised.
8. Sunday sport (cricket).
9. Moving population.
10. Too tying
11. Ringing for pleasure on weekdays only. (A hobby only.)
12. Homework.
13. Ignorance of how interesting ringing can be once a certain stage is reached.
14. Vicar.
15. Poor ringing conditions or bells. (Subsidence in one case.)
16. Slowness at acquiring ropesight.
17. Casual, come-and-go attitude.
18. Travelling distance.
19. Public complaints.
20. Not maintaining sufficient numbers to allow for an occasional Sunday off.

ASSOCIATIONS CIRCULATED

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Bedfordshire Association, Chester Diocesan Guild, Coventry Diocesan Guild, Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, Derbyshire Association, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Ely Diocesan Association, Essex Association, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Guildford Diocesan Guild, Hereford Diocesan Guild, Hertford County Association, Irish Association, Kent County Association, Lancashire Association, Leicester Diocesan Guild, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, London County Association, Middlesex County Association, North Staffordshire Association, North Wales Association, Norwich Diocesan Association, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, St. David's Diocesan Guild, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Scottish Association, Shropshire Association, Southwell Diocesan Guild, Stafford Archdeaconry Society, Suffolk Guild, Surrey Association, Sussex County Association, Swansea and Brecon Guild, Truro Diocesan Guild, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Worcestershire Association.

(For copy of questionnaire see next page)

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

REVIEW OF SUNDAY SERVICE BANDS AND RINGING

ASSOCIATION OR SOCIETY .....

NOTE.—It is important that the following answers be given in numbers and *not in percentages*.

		A In union with the Assoc'n	B NOT in union with the Assoc'n	C TOTAL
*1.	No. of towers with 5 or more bells where bells are unringable			
2.	No. of teams which are paid			
*3.	No of teams which do not hold regular practices			
4.	Proportion of lady ringers in Association's area			
5.	Proportion of school-age ringers in Association's area ..			
6.	Proportion of ringers who are members of the Association ..			
7.	Average length of time bells are rung for each service ..			
*8.	No. of towers ringing call-changes only			
*9.	No. of towers ringing call-changes and methods			
	(Note.—A comment on nature of methods rung would be welcome.)			
*10.	No. of silent, or near silent, towers where bells are ringable			
11.	No. of towers which ring only once on a Sunday			
*12.	No. of towers only 50 per cent. manned or rung			
*13.	No. of towers where ringing is completely satisfactory, i.e., properly ringing most of the bells twice each Sunday ..			
14.	No. of towers having difficulty getting recruits			
15.	No. of towers having difficulty keeping recruits			
*16.	No. of towers having difficulty getting an instructor			
17.	No. of towers with instructor provided by Local Education Authority			
18.	No. of towers where the Vicar is not interested			
19.	No. of towers where position worsened in recent years ..			
20.	No. of towers where position improved in recent years ..			
21.	No. of towers where help is required			

*Questions marked * are regarded as very important.*

Please attach lists of:—

1. Suggestions for improving Sunday service ringing.
2. Important factors which have contributed to success.
3. Reasons making it difficult to retain full teams.
4. Reasons making it difficult to obtain an *instructor* and to obtain recruits.
5. (*a*) Number of meetings held each year.
   (*b*) Average attendance.
   (*c*) Number of meetings specially for learners.
   (*d*) Number of meetings specially for advanced ringing.

For the above it will help if you will use similar headings to those used in the enclosed extract from a provisional report on a survey in Yorkshire, adding additional items that may arise. We feel that these lists will be as useful as the figures we ask for.

Any additional observations which might help the Committee will be most welcome.

NOTE.—In cases of difficulty columns A and B can be left blank.

VANCOUVER HONOURS MEMORY OF MR. A. C. LIMPUS

On Sunday, July 13th, a unique event took place in the ringing chamber at The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, British Columbia.

A plaque was unveiled to commemorate the work of Alfred Claude Limpus, who died in 1952. It was solely by his perseverance and hard work, amidst amazing difficulties that dogged him at every turn over a period of some six years, that Vancouver was honoured to have the first ring of bells in all Canada, hung for change ringing.

The story was fully recorded in the pages of 'The Ringing World' on August 18th and August 25th, 1916, by Mr. Limpus. It surely must be the most amazing story to be encountered in the whole history of the 'art,' in the endeavours of one man to arrange to have bells hung 'English style' when a set of seven bells had already travelled some 20,000 miles from France (there was no Panama Canal in those days) and had been hung for ringing in the Continental manner.

The eight bells were hung in their present form in 1909 and the tower remained the only one in Western Canada (where English style ringing is practised) until a second ring arrived, for Christchurch Cathedral, in Victoria, some 27 years later. The first peal to be rung in all Canada, and the only peal so far rung in this tower, took place on Dominion Day, July 1st, 1911, and was officially designated as a 'Coronation Peal' by the late King George V. himself. The peal was of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples. Since that time to the present day the tower's ringers have continued to celebrate Royal occasions and to correspond with members of the Royal Family.

The commemorative plaque was made in Gloucestershire, England, out of solid English oak, all the lettering being deeply hand-carved to ensure an everlasting historical record. It was unveiled by the late Mr. Limpus' eldest daughter, who had made a special trip to Vancouver from her home in San Francisco, U.S.A., for the occasion. The Rector of the Cathedral gave a short address, in which he affirmed the support of the church to the ringing of their bells, and expressed how particularly glad he was that the present ringers had thought fit to raise some memorial to the late Mr. Limpus.

The Vancouver Society of Change Ringers were fortunate in having presented to them by the Limpus family a set of handbells that had belonged to Mr. Limpus, and also a much-treasured copy of the specially printed and bound edition of 'History of the Installation of the Bells of Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, B.C., and the peal rung thereon.' A copy was presented to the Queen Mother, Queen Elizabeth, in 1948, and another rests in the Vancouver City archives.

The transcription on the plaque reads:—

'This records that solely
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ALLIANCE METHODS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Vernon Taylor will be glad to know that A. G. Driver's papers show Algarkirk Alliance Minor was published in 'The Ringing World' of January 24th, 1936. He lists 74 'ordinary' and 70 'special' methods, and it is evident that he had done some research into the latter before the 'Very Little' methods with which they splice had been published as Bastow and Kent Little Court, as the former is shown under the name 'Ganny Gunter,' first given to it in 'The Ringing World' of June 24th, 1921. 'I suspect,' Mr. Driver remarked in another book, 'the originator is Rev. E. B. James.'

I expect the Methods Committee have all the above methods but I will confirm this direct with Mr. Felstead.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

THE BRIDGNORTH TENOR

Dear Sir, — The weight of St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, tenor, 18 cwt. 18 lb., was supplied by Taylors, who rehung these bells about five years ago, and is, therefore, the correct weight.

I gather that this is a Warner bell and it is probable, therefore, that the 'noble lady' never had as great a middle-age spread to shed as Mr. Morris supposes, for Warners were notoriously prone to exaggerate their weights.

St. Nicholas', Liverpool, old tenor, for example, was stated to weigh 39¼ cwt., but was found to weigh several hundredweights less, and this was by no means an isolated instance. I am afraid that all Warner's published weights are suspect.

The divergence between their published weights and reality is often so great that one wonders whether Warners weighed the clapper and headstock along with the bell, for there would seem to be nothing to be gained by publishing weights which were palpably false. —Yours truly

R H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Dear Sir, I was interested to see Mr. Morris' letter respecting the weight of the tenor at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, and can confirm that the weight I gave was taken from 'Dove.' I should guess that 18 cwt. 18 lb. is correct, though since the bells run so easily it is possible we were humping 21 cwt. around without knowing it. Perhaps Mr. H. G. Thomas could settle the question?

I can also confirm that I am a 'he' and not a 'her.' (No offence taken, of course!) It seems axiomatic that Ringing Masters are masculine in the same way that bells are feminine, not necessarily because of any superior prowess, but because (in my tower, at any rate) the masculine voice is better heard above the melee when we try Stedman Triples by kicking off with a single.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL F. HALL.

Handsworth Wood,
Birmingham 21.

IN APPRECIATION OF A PEAL

Dear Sir,— A very creditable peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Hawkley on August 23rd. Several peals have been rung here since the bells were augmented to eight, some of which have provoked severe criticism from an unknown writer, thereby causing considerable disturbance in the minds of my well-known ringing friends.

I had the great joy of listening to this peal from beginning to end, and what a joy it was to hear such beautiful striking throughout the whole peal, not a blow wrong. This is the kind of peal ringing that does great credit to those who took part, and particularly to the Exercise at large, more especially as the peal was rung for the wedding of two local people—Miss Sylvia Scott to Mr. William Penny—who were delighted to hear the bells rung to beautifully. They were more than grateful to all who travelled such great distances to ring one of the best peals that has been rung here. I hope we shall have many more like it.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES A. POUND.

Hawkley, Hants.

ECCLESFIELD HANDBELL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—We were very pleased to read the article by Mr. Thomas Ogden in the August 22nd issue of 'The Ringing World.' It gave an added incentive to our struggling band to hear that others were still alive and persisting in the fascinating hobby of tune-ringing on handbells.

Our own team began about 1910 with a set of 49 bells, and entered the appropriate division in contest work, though never quite pulling off a win. In 1926 they raised sufficient funds to purchase a fine set of bells—169 in all five chromatic octaves, with numerous duplicate and triplicate bells. These we still practise and perform with occasionally, though like other teams we have our ups and downs.

Our conductor and founder, Fred Whitham, gave up a short while ago owing to age, leaving us with a very extensive library of his arrangements, overtures, marches, waltzes, etc., of which we are very proud. We would very much like to contact other interested parties and have an interchange of ideas, music, etc., and so try to keep alive, as Mr. Ogden suggests, this art of handbell tune-ringing.—Yours sincerely,

WM. C. GREGORY.
Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers,
near Sheffield.

182, High Greave,
Sheffield, 5.

ST. PETER'S, FRIMLEY, SURREY

Dear Sir,—We live and learn! 'The Wallington and Carshalton Times' would have us believe that ringing takes place here every Sunday, but they have been misinformed. In 1930 Taylors cast 10 bells in the diatonic scale and two half-notes for this tower, which is too frail to carry a ring of bells hung for ringing and they were hung 'dead' for chiming purposes by means of a clavier.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

HANDBELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the letters which have appeared in your columns during the past few weeks re handbell music.

I am over 91 years 'young' and have rung handbells for over 74 years, giving programmes in various places in this area, Theatre Royal, and for different organisations such as church fetes, old folk's homes, Over Sixty clubs and also the Salvation Army hostels.

I have had teams of postmen, telegraph messengers, choir boys and old age pensioners, the last-named to the beginning of this year, when the bells we had were disposed of to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Several of your correspondents have explained their method of teaching, all of which entails a lot of transposing from numbers, tonic sol-fa, Morse code, etc., to the actual note of each bell. Fifty years ago I devised a plan which avoided all that, with the result that youngsters who did not 'know music' were able to ring any tune after about four lessons.

As the bells are all marked on the handles, A, B, C, C sharp, etc., why call them 1, 2, 3 or 4, or . —, — . . ¨ — . — , and have to transpose them back? I have a set of sheets for each ringer, the note, rest and each bar of the tune being played being marked. Where the ringer uses four bells the sheet shows in which hand to hold particular bells —two to be rung up and down and two rung sideways.

I have had teams of 4, 5, 6 and 8 ringers and written out sheets for 30 tunes for each of them—690 sheets in all.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT E. YENDALL.

79, Fenham Hall Drive,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Note.—Mr. Yendall encloses a photograph taken in 1934 of two Post Office handbell bands—that of the 1888 Postal Staff, with the 1934 messengers of which he was the leader. Mr. Yendall was a member of the 1888 band and they were led by the late Mr. J. McDonald.—Ed.

362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—I have recently received a letter from 'The Maximus Syndicate' inviting me, not, as might be imagined, to stand in a 12-bell peal, but to take out a share in their football pool forecasting. The address is in Gosport, Hants—I wonder if some of the local ringers are behind it?

What prompted me to write, however, was a train of thought which led back to a famous ringer of the 19th century who ended his days at Gosport — James Hewett. Amongst other things he rang the fifth to the only tower-bell peal in America, at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on June 9th, 1850, while touring with Barnum's 'Greatest Show on Earth,' but my particular interest is in an advertisement which appeared in 'The Bell News' in 1892:—

> A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d. Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. By James Hewett, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

Has any reader a copy of this peal? I have never seen one, nor do I remember hearing anyone mention having done so.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

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THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION SUMMER TOUR

THIS year's U.A. tour was based on Yeovil and Sherborne from August 8th to 16th. Members began arriving on the Friday, and it became clear from the start that the U.A., which is never the easiest group to keep 'organised,' would this time be even more difficult than usual, due to members being quartered in various hotels and guest houses in Yeovil. However, after a meal, all assembled at the first tower of the week, Preston Plunknett, with an easy-going, but very noisy, six.

By Saturday morning several more familiar faces had appeared on the scene, and the tour began in earnest. The first call was East Coker (8), beautifully situated by the 15th century manor, Coker Court. Then through a bewildering maze of lanes to Hardington Mandeville, where the light six were soon tapping merrily. After that came West Coker, a very pleasant eight; and after that—most important—lunch.

CLOCK HAMMER DEFEATS PEAL

Thus fortified, eight members departed to attempt a peal of Yorkshire Major at Ilminster where, sad to relate, after 2¼ hours' good ringing, an argument developed between the tenor and a clock hammer. The clock hammer won!

The rest of the party visited Evershot. Here is a lovely church with an equally lovely Bilbie six. The stay on the second was missing, and with less than five minutes to go, the tenor rope descended in coils on top of the ex-president of the Central Council! So the front five were lowered in a race against the tenor, but the tenor had the last word!

Then over the hills to Cattistock, where the huge tower dwarfs the 19th century church and the Whitechapel eight are superb. The ringing, however, did not live up to the bells. At this tower we were joined by 'one of our leading bell-founders,' who would surely have been gratified had he heard the cheer (from three ladies!) which followed the cry 'Paul's here!' After tea came Yetminster. Here the heavy six proved a handful with their long draught.

MOVE TO SHERBORNE

Sunday morning saw the heavyweight specialists ringing a quarter of Stedman at Sherborne while the remainder rang on the splendid ten at Yeovil—'the lantern of the West'—from 9 to 10 a.m., and then split up to ring on the heavy six at Montacute and the recently augmented six at Trent, with its flower-decked ringing chamber. In this village one member was able to visit her dream house—and a charming place it was!

In the afternoon, besides packing prior to moving to new headquarters at the Half Moon, Sherborne, the party had, for once, no fixed programme. Some visited Montacute House and 'rubbernecked' in the best American tradition; some lost themselves amid the wonderful Dorset lanes, while some visited West Bay, Bridport, where, Reuter reports, 'Jumbo' Seagar went swimming. What an odd coincidence that there should be notices warning of Portuguese men-of-war! At tea time, youngest non-ringing member, aged 2½, arrived in charge of Daddy, and adopted so many honorary aunts and uncles during the week that she has been very bored with home company since!

Service ringing took place at Bradford Abbas (6), Thornford (6) and Sherborne.

Monday found the party in smiling Somerset, with Queen Camel as the first call. These bells are superb, but the rise in peal was poor and the ringing undistinguished. However, a good 'lower' did much to redeem the situation. Castle Cary came next, a fair eight, and then Evercreech, where Ron Pocklington's tape-recorder captured some Cambridge Royal. Lunch was an impromptu affair, and the boot of one car resembled a kitchen dresser due to the amount of cutting up and buttering in progress.

AT GLASTONBURY

Pilton, clinging to its steep hillside, has a fine six, much improved since rehanging. On the hillside opposite, a straggling single-file, led by the indefatigable Ranald Clouston, was observed making an inspection of a noble tithe barn. Then passing the Tor, we reached Glastonbury, where St. John's has a tall, swaying tower, and the good-toned, heavy eight are rough and sadly neglected, while the six in the dignified tower of St. Benedict's are handy and well-kept.

Over the hills then to Somerton, where the fine Warner six hang in an octagonal tower and the chief glory of the church is the 15th century roof. Dinner at the Half Moon was such a leisurely affair that most of the party were unable to visit Crewkerne practice.

Tuesday morning found us at Blandford-Forum, with its pleasant eight, and then at Wimborne Minster, where the ninth clapper was still out. (This broke during a visit by the St. Albans Cathedral Society, and is said to be in the tender care of British Railways en route from the foundry!) Ringing was therefore confined to a curious assortment of eights and sixes. At Poole we were caught in a series of downpours, but the bells were a pleasant ten and the ringing quite fair. Then the weather relented, and the party drove to Bere Regis. While some rang, others admired the wonderfully carved and painted nave roof, surely one of the most astonishing to be found anywhere. Next the programme said 'Milton Abbas,' so to Milton Abbas we went—to find one bell! However, we soon found the eight at Milton Abbey, a gracious building set in lovely parkland, and now a school chapel. The noisy, light eight do not do justice to the church. The local practice at Sherborne was visited in the evening.

HONOURS EVEN

South Petherton came first on Wednesday, a huge octagonal central tower, with a deep-toned eight. Here we were joined by E. M. Atkins. Then on to Shepton Beauchamp (8). Here the men attempted to redeem their failure and rang their non-conducted touch of Stedman. Strange that the light should flicker and that so many otherwise healthy onlookers should sneeze when the bobs were due! Then the ladies took up the challenge and, despite desperate (and noisy!) attempts at sabotage by the men, succeeded in ringing a bob course of Bob Major. Honours were even!

After this came the only 12 of the tour—Taunton—where the richly-carved tower sways and the bells are tricky but sound well. From here, eight members left to ring a successful peal of London at Drayton, while the rest visited Creech St. Michael (6), Curry Rivel (8)—a lovely church—and Kingsbury Episcopi (6), with one of Somerset's finest towers.

In the evening, the annual meeting was in a more sober vein than usual. Concern was expressed that so few new faces were being seen on the tour. As Brian Threlfall had stated that he wished to resign as secretary-treasurer, there was considerable discussion as to a successor. Several new members were elected.

RAIN, FOG AND DENSE TRAFFIC

Thursday dawned wet; but undaunted, we reached Winsham and enjoyed the lively light eight rung from the chancel steps. Finding Whitchurch Canonicorum was a work of art (at least one well-known conductor being more at home conducting from the 'R.W.' rather than from an O.S. map!), but it was worth seeking out this noble church with its rocking tower, deep-toned eight and saint's shrine. Then on, through mist and heavy traffic to Bridport, while some visited Canon C. C. Cox at Morecombelake and others had lunch at West Bay (youngest member seeing the sea for the first time). Ringing followed on the heavy-going eight. On again, through dense hill-fog and even more dense traffic until, leaving the main road, we dropped down a 1-in-5 to Litton Cheney, with a good, light eight. The sun broke through by the time Dorchester was reached, and A. Y.-B.'s Messerschmitt attracted some attention. Seeing the altimeter (!), one passer-by asked where the wings were, and was solemnly informed that they had been left behind! Doubtless they will appear as Mod. No. X.Y.Z. on next year's tour! Dorchester Bob did not progress more than two leads here.

After tea, the party rang at Piddlehinton, with its handy six, and on the way home some stated that they had passed A. Y.-B.'s 'family seat.' This was identified as a coombe near Cerne Abbas—Bramble Bottom (no connection with the giant next door!). That evening, while the rest visited Charlton Horethorne (8), the experts rang a peal of St. Clement's Major 'in hand' in the library of Sherborne Abbey.

A 'Z' IN THE BAG

Friday dawned fine, and Zeals (6) was the first stop. These tuneful bells are spoiled by the dreadful grumbling and shaking up aloft from the worn gudgeons. However, it was a 'Z' in the bag for most of us. Next came Mere, with a fine-toned but heavy-going eight. What a contrast at Hindon! An easy Rudhall six in a plain Victorian church—well situated in relation to places of refreshment! After lunch came Semley (6, 26 cwt.) beside an extensive village green. These noble bells demanded strong men round the back end, but only because of their weight. They went well. The Vicar, who met us, then directed the cars over Semley Common to Shaftesbury where, we were told all three towers were available. However, the party which arrived at St. James' drew a blank, but ringing was enjoyed at both Holy Trinity and St. Peter's, the latter's a very fine six.

TREBLE MAY BE GOING!

But all good things must come to an end, and we reached the last tower of the week, Gillingham. The eight went not too well, and Beatrice Boyle, normally a very competent treble ringer, had difficulty in pulling off. Her successor in the next touch cautiously stated: 'Treble *may* be going,' and was encouraged by a spontaneous chorus of 'He-e-eave!' from the back-end!

Then back to the Half Moon for that most admirable institution, the social evening. The party was divided into two teams—'Conductors' (?), under the captaincy of Peter Border, and 'Belfrymen,' under Chris Johnson. Like two flocks of sheep, we paraded—to the skittle alley, for what turned out to be the most hilarious social evening of all time. The 'Conductors' (?) were well and truly trounced by the 'Belfrymen' with some incredible scoring by Jumbo. Whenever he hurled his guided missiles, the more prudent took cover!

Saturday morning saw the departure of the peal band. They scored a peal of Belgrave at Martock, while the rest made their various ways home, one carload still having the energy to snatch two towers en route!

The whole party are most grateful to all the incumbents of the 40-odd churches, to the ringers who met us, and last, but not least, to John Gilbert, who did the organising, kept everyone happy and himself managed to remain cheerful throughout.

J. D.

RICHMOND, SURREY.—On August 7th, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Goodman 1, J. D. Rock 2, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 3, Gillian Neal Smith 4, F. R. Scott 5, D. A. S. Hawkins 6, W. T. Cook 7, R. G. Leale (cond.) 8. First of Surprise for 1 and 3; believed to be the first quarter of Surprise on the bells. Rung for the centenary of the Church of St. Matthias, Richmond, prior to Evensong on the centenary day.

J. MARTIN THORLEY'S YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

THE third peal week arranged by the writer proved to be the most successful so far, with ten peals being rung out of a total of 12 attempts.

On Saturday, August 9th, a peal of Minor in three methods was rung on the back six at Otley, and this meant that the regular 'backenders' were already blistered when the tour proper began on the following Monday. A peal of Major had been arranged, but we met one short, and there was no shortage of volunteers to stand down, the weather being sultry and a full week of Minor ringing just round the corner.

Monday saw two peals successfully accomplished—seven methods at Holbeck and eight methods at Calverley. We were thankful that the Calverley peal had been arranged on the first day—those new Yorkshire ends proved to be a strain on the fingers.

On Tuesday morning we rang a peal in seven methods on the delightful little six at Chapel Allerton and the writer noted with some trepidation that all those who had shown a desire either to conduct or to ring the tenor had been satisfied, and there were still four more days to go! At Batley, in the afternoon, we recorded our only tower-bell failure of the week—all the band were fast asleep and a bob was missed towards the end of the second extent. Kent appears to be a rather unfortunate method for the conductor of this attempt, who is well known in Yorkshire for calling a false peal of it. In the evening three of us attended the practice at Pudsey and enjoyed some very good Major.

PROGRAMME REARRANGED

We met at Pontefract on Wednesday morning and the peal in ten methods was probably the best of the week. Unfortunately Ted Bradley was far from well; he rang the treble, but this proved to be his last appearance of the week, and it meant a drastic rearrangement of the programme. The attempts at Horbury and Snaith were cancelled and handbell attempts were put in to keep up the week's number. At Padmar, after supper, three of us attempted Bob Minor. The striking was really first-class, but just after half way an extra single was made by the 'Kent conductor,' and the bells ran round two courses short of the extent.

However, on Thursday morning we redeemed this loss and a good peal was rung in the front bedroom, away from the shouts of the Misses Thorley. In the afternoon the first peal was rung on the bells of Kirk Deighton. This was in nine methods and we must make special mention of Paddy, who had three diagrams propped up above the kitchen sink during the morning's housework. The intrepid three who had gone to Pudsey on Tuesday night and rung handbells for an hour on Wednesday night, completed their 'hat-trick' by attending the practice at Leeds Parish Church on Thursday night.

Friday morning was an anxious time. The three from Horsforth had to finish the journey to Carlton by taxi, and Eric Critchley's scooter refused to start, leaving him stranded in Scawthorpe. The local verger, Mr. Graves, kindly offered to stand in with us and a very enjoyable peal of Bob Minor was rung. The tenor man, whose invariable remark before a peal of Minor is, 'Now don't race them,' turned in both his first-ever tenor and the fastest time of the week. Horsforth was reached in time for two of the intrepid three plus the writer's wife to join in the Guiseley practice while the writer kept on putting his daughters to bed.

A handbell peal in three methods was rung on Saturday morning and in the afternoon we rang six methods at Woodlesford. This peal was undoubtedly the least satisfactory of the week, but then we were tired and our standard had been high. J. M. T.

NINETEEN TEAMS IN SOUTH DEVON CONTEST

Those whose privilege it is to know the Dartmoor village of Widdecombe-in-the-Moor and its lovely setting can picture the scene when, on a recent Saturday in August (one of the few fine days) 19 of the best call-change teams drawn from all over South Devon met to compete for the East Portlemouth Silver Challenge Bowl on the bells of St. Pancras', the 'Cathedral of the Moor.' The church workers seized the opportunity to stage a fete in aid of the church restoration fund, which still needs about £3,000 before the goal is reached.

The customary service in church, conducted by the Vicar, was prelude to the ringing. It attracted a capacity sitting and standing congregation. The celebrated 'Dartmoor-ologist,' Eric Hemmery, almost turned the small, but tuneful, organ inside out in brilliant accompaniment to make itself heard against the singing.

As winners last autumn at West Alvington, Widdecombe tower was host to the present event, and at the conclusion of the service the team captains gathered at the lych gate to draw. The redoubtable Bill Miners and his tower secretary, Les Edworthy, got things moving and the first team, Kingskerswell, went in to ring at just after three o'clock. As the bells were heard to 'come back' at the conclusion of each peal of the usual 'sixty-on-thirds,' so the next team would be up waiting at the door of the ringing chamber. Such well-known names in the South Devon 'ringing world' as Bickington, East Portlemouth, Plymstock, West Alvington, Yealmpton and Upton (Torquay) were among the teams present. Babbacombe was also a welcome newcomer to the event.

More than one team lost marks with a 'lazy' tenor and at least two teams lost valuable marks by having the treble speak—one by as much as six times!— after the bells had been brought down. Cornwood, the last team to ring, 'came down' at shortly before nine o'clock, and the big tree outside the church gate was the setting for the last act—the results and the presentation of the trophy and certificates—by the light of a 'Tilly' lamp. The judges, Messrs. H. J. Brewer, T. G. Daw and R. M. Elliott—created no little surprise when Upton (Torquay), with 33¾ faults, were proclaimed winners and were awarded the challenge bowl and first certificate, followed by Plymstock and Yealmpton for second and third places respectively. Woodbury (Exmouth) ringers looked in during the early evening, en route from Chagford on an outing, and, having some spare seats in their coach, enabled Babbacombe team to accompany them to have a ring on the light eight (tenor 7 cwt.) at Buckland-in-the-Moor.

In winning the challenge bowl, Upton ringers become host to the event next year, and now exercising their minds is the question as how best to win over the shopkeepers and others, living in the immediate neighbourhood 'under' their tower in the main street, to the idea of hearing Upton bells rung in competition for about six hours, on and off, of a Saturday afternoon and evening!!

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM J. PAICE

On August 26th Mr. William J. Paice was laid to rest in the churchyard of St. Paul's, Wokingham, within the sound of the bells that he loved and under the shadow of its spire. The service, which was taken by the Ven. H. T. Shaw (chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch), was quiet and simple, just as he would have loved. The only people who were present were his own family and relations and close ringing friends.

Before the service the bells were rung half-muffled by members of the following towers: St. Paul's and All Saints', Wokingham, Sandhurst and Finchampstead—the four towers with which he had the closest ties. After the interment handbells were rung at the graveside as a last tribute by W. J. Parker (Sandhurst), Miss M. R. Cross (O.D.G.), K. Begrie (Finchampstead) and E. Langley (All Saints', Wokingham).

With the passing of William Paice the Oxford Guild has lost not only one of its most loyal members, and one who was prepared to criticise its policy if he deemed it necessary, but also a shining example of loyal and devoted churchmanship which will always remain with those whom he influenced in their earlier years. For him, ringing was not merely a hobby, it was a service willingly given throughout more than 50 years to his Church, and in it he found the expression of his religion.

Although always willing to stand in a peal attempt if asked or to try new methods if required, he was before everythng a Sunday service ringer, and it was to the improvement of this that everything that he did was aimed. It is of such as William J. Paice that it is written in Ecclesiasticus: 'Without these cannot a city be inhabited: and they shall not dwell where they will nor go up and down: They shall not be sought for in public counsel nor sit in the high congregation: they shall not sit on the judge's seat . . . But they will maintain the state of the world, and all their desire is in the work of their craft.' M. R. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

For this corner of Wilts August 16th was one of the few fine days of this summer, when the Marlborough Branch met at Mildenhall. The Rev. E. G. Courtman conducted the Guild service, and for the lesson and the theme of address took the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Fourteen people were expected for tea, but this number swelled to a large extent. Everyone was in good spirits, and what started as a rationed tea, reminiscent of bygone days, turned out to be an excellent meal through the prodigious efforts of the Rector and Mrs. Courtman and helpers.

Mr. G. Newman (Branch chairman) voiced everyone's appreciation of the noble work done by Mr. Courtman in getting the ancient church of Mildenhall back in good repair, together with six splendid bells. A balance of £250 was still needed. The ringers were the guests of the Mildenhall reception committee, and they reciprocated with a collection for the bell and restoration fund which amounted to £2 12s.

Besides Branch members, ringers were present from Carbis Bay, Coventry, St. Albans, Swindon, Steeple Ashton, Melksham, Chippenham, Bristol, Oxford and London. T. A. P.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Crabtree 1, D. Butterworth 2, J. Kershaw 3, R. Maher 4, W. G. Wilson 5, J. P. Partington 6, P. Scholfield 7, G. S. Mills (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Crabtree on the birth of a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Maher on their silver wedding anniversary.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

CHILCOTT—RICKETTS.—The wedding of John Chilcott and Eileen Ricketts will take place at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at 12.45 p.m. All ringing friends will be welcome at the church. 2930

ORDINATION

Please pray for all who are to be ordained at this time, and in particular for GILES CHRISTOPHER GALLEY, who is to be made Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, September 21st, 1958, at 10.30 a.m. in Norwich Cathedral, to serve in the parish of Great Yarmouth. Address: 27, York Road, Great Yarmouth, Tel. 2810. 2952

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — From Monday, Sept. 1st, the address of the general secretary, Mr. J. W. Sinfield, will be Church Farm Cottage, Totternhoe, near Dunstable, Beds. 2910

The address of Mr. F. W. Elliott is now 54, Church Street, Rickmansworth, Herts. 2945

The address of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis is now Woodstock, 52, Wellington Road, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire. 2948

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MISCELLANEOUS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Saturday, Sept. 13th, outing to Portsmouth, Arundel, Angmering and Goring. Leave Tunbridge Wells 8.30 a.m. Two seats left.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 2920

HAGLEY, Worcs.—St. John Baptist's (8): special practice, Thursday, Sept. 11th, 7.30 p.m. Ten minutes by bus from Stourbridge; buses at 7.25, 7.30, 7.55, 8 p.m. All welcome. 2919

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY — URGENT. Will the remaining 50 or so members who have not yet sent in their annual record-and-voting form please do so immediately to the Registrar, 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea. (Note new number!) 2947

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Hope (8), 3 to 5 p.m., and Castleton (8), 6.15 to 8.15 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6th. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 2812

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Soham, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knight, Dis. Sec. 2899

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ashwell, Saturday, Sept. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Special method, Surfleet Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2889

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Frittenden on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Biddenden (8) available after tea. 2853

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—B. J. Luck. 2852

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Brasted on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 2848

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands Branch.—Meeting at Kingswinford on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2892

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Acomb, Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge). Names, please, to Mr. F. Horner, 6, Granger Avenue, Acomb, York.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2926

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Harthill, Saturday, Sept. 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please to Rev. A. J. Bishop, The Rectory, Harthill, near Sheffield.—J. Seager, A. B. Cooper, secs. 2880

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Ardingly (6), Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2895

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined evening practice at Dorking (8) on Monday, Sept. 8th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 2938

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 2907

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Higher Sutton, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mrs. C. W. Lawton, Church View, Sutton Lane Ends, near Macclesfield. 2916

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept 10th, to Mr. W. Hornby, 33, Forsters Avenue, Weaverham. 2927

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Kinver (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 10th, please, to R. A. Peakman, Les Cloches, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 2942

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2911

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea at the Cock Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2875

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, Orsett. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. C. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett 2874

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Purton (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Lydiard Millicent after tea. Advise Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 2918

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Sept. 13th, now at Heavitree, not Exminster. Same arrangements. 2953

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Practice meeting at Godalming on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. and again at 6.20 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—D. A. Kirk, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2914

HEREFORD GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch) and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Claverley, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. Very definitely—no name, then no tea. Come to the delightful Shropshire village with a beautiful ring of eight bells. 2881

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boughton Monchelsea, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Dare, Newnham, Salts Avenue, Loose, near Maidstone. 2894

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, at Ebbw Vale. Usual ringing arrangements. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Evans, 17, Belle View, Garden City, Ebbw Vale.—J. S. King. 2879

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Sept. 13th, Kingston Seymour. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, September 9th, to Mrs. Norton, Gout House Farm, Kingston Seymour, Clevedon.—B. Johnson, District Secretary. 2908

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Childwall, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 10th, to Mr. S. Lawrenson, 81, Rudston Road, Childwall, Liverpool, 16.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 2833

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bring own food. Preston–Blackburn old road bus route 158, also bus route 298, alight Brindle Bar.—L. Walmsley. 2925

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch. — Meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, Saturday, Sept. 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite.—N. M. Newby. 2951

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Ashby Folville (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Institute, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Sept. 10th to Mrs. H. Walker, The Carrington Arms, Ashby Folville, Melton Mowbray, Leics. Committee on Monday, Sept. 8th, 7.45 p.m. at St. John's Vestry.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2868

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., for those who notify by the Tuesday previous Mr. F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham. 2869

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 2944

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Marlow (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Sept. 9th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 2851

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Bremhill, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to W. Frayling, 23, Bremhill, Calne, Wilts. 2924

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, Semley. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Benett Arms, 5 p.m. Names, please, by Sept. 9th to Miss A. Bacon, 30, St. Francis Road, Salisbury. 2877

SILEBY, LEICS.—After church redecoration bells open to any visitors, Saturday, Sept. 13th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. at moderate charges. Names by Wednesday, Sept. 10th, to W. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sileby. 2933

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, at Hatfield, Herts. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Audrey's Blind Home 5 p.m. Bells available from 3 p.m. Green Line 716 and 717, or trains from Liverpool Street. 2922

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Cup contest and meeting at West Retford (6), Saturday, Sept. 13th, at 3 p.m. Plenty of cafés in town.—H. Denman. 2887

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Barnes on September 13th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Mortlake bells after. Names for tea to Miss Heath, The Rectory, 25, Glebe Road, S.W.14.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 2825

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Westbourne (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 9th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2913

WITNEY RINGING SOCIETY
THE FEAST OF ST. MARY
A ringing day will be held at St. Mary's Church, Witney, Oxfordshire, on Saturday, September 13th. Ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. All are welcome. 2933

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (nearest station Manor House, thence by 623, 627, 679 trolleybus to St. Ann's Road). The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Further details later.—John Chilcott (new address: Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey). 2915

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hemyock, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to D. Hart, 1, Broadway, The Square, Hemyock. 2935

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District), BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting at Tring on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, Sept. 13th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. No name, no tea.—K. Spavins, R. Howson, J. Good. 2886

LINCOLN AND SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Lincoln and Newark Districts.—Joint meeting at Eagle (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. C. Smith, The Bungalow, Eagle, Lincoln.—C. Brown and W. Exton, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Brigg, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea. Tel. 2623. 2934

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting at Trevethin, Pontypool, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Temple, 1, The Woodlands, Penygarn, Pontypool.—J. S. King. 2928

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — Annual meeting and dinner will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing: Felmersham, 11 to 12.30; Kempston 11 to 12.45; Bromham, 11 to 12.45 and 3 to 4.30; Bedford St. Paul's, 2 to 2.30 and 4.45 to 5.45; Bedford St. Peter's, 2 to 5.30. Arrangements have been made for sandwiches and liquid refreshment to be available at the canteen of Horne Lane Police Station (near to St. Paul's Church, Bedford) between 1 and 2.15 p.m. Business meeting at Police Headquarters, Goldington Road, Bedford, at 3 p.m. Dinner and social evening at the Bridge Hotel, Bedford (near St. Paul's Church), at 6.15 p.m. Tickets, price 12s. 6d. each, obtainable from Hon. Secretary J. A. Smith, 39, New Street, Oadby, Leicester. Early application requested. It is emphasised that *all* ringers, their wives and friends, are welcome to join us at Bedford on this occasion—the more the merrier. 2939

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Sutton Courtney, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Names for tea by the 16th, please.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 2917

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Little Horwood, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify by Sept. 16th for tea.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 2929

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Maxey, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 16th, certain, to secretary. 2932

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Greetham, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 16th, please, to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham, Rutland. 2931

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wyke Regis, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 17th, to G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth. 2923

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Limpsfield (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Also at Limpsfield Chart (6), 6 p.m. Notify for tea, please, Mr. E. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limpsfield. 2937

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting, Bitterne Park, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday for tea to Mrs. V. Hymas, 18, Newton Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton.—J. Hartless. 2921

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Belbroughton, Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by Wednesday, 17th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Old Farm, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2941

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Boroughbridge on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.: Parish Church (6), Aldborough (6) and Kirby Hill (6). All towers in close proximity. General committee meet in Parish Church vestry 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Windmill Restaurant in the square. Names by 18th to Mr. E. Hudson, Singleton Cottage, Sharow, near Ripon. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Committee anticipate good and loyal support, thus helping our members in the Northern District.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 2940

ELY ASSOCIATION DINNER.—The Ely Diocesan Association will hold a dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at the All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, Huntingdon. Tickets 12s. Peals can be arranged for persons attending the dinner, also various rings will be available during the afternoon and evening—times to be announced later. Tickets and peal arrangements from H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2842

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner at Bollands, Chester, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Assemble 5.30 p.m. Price 14s. (juniors 12s.). Accommodation limited. Apply to Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester, before end of September.—J. Kingdon, Hon. Sec. 2946

OUTING

SWINDON AND DISTRICT

Early on August 23rd, 14 ringers from Swindon and District left Swindon by train for a ringing tour of London districts. They were met at Paddington Station by two friends, and together they made their way to St. Bartholomew's, in Smithfield. After ringing on the light anti-clockwise five, the ringers moved on to the heavy eight of St. James', Clerkenwell, where they were joined by more friends. All of the remaining towers were in Middlesex, the next being St. Mary's, Holloway, after which there should have been a break for lunch, but because of a wedding, St. Anne's, Tottenham, had to be visited before schedule. After some good ringing the ravenous ringers had lunch in a nearby restaurant.

St. Michael's, Wood Green, was next on the list, and there, during a break in ringing, Mr. W. B. Kynaston was presented with a birthday card from the rest of the party, who sang a rousing version of 'Happy Birthday.' St. Mary's, Finchley, and St. Mary's, Willesden, completed the programme. A few of the party returned home directly after ringing but most of them went to the West End, where they had tea and talked about the day's ringing, which ranged from call-changes to London Surprise. After tea the party walked around and saw the lights of London before returning to Paddington, where they said goodbye to Mr. B. Blaydon who organised the tour, and thanked him for a very enjoyable day.

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HISTORIC PAPERS

A LOVER of Schubert once remarked that he would willingly sacrifice much modern music for the privilege of having the completion of the "Unfinished" Symphony; and a Dickens enthusiast once declared that most people would rather have the end of "Edwin Drood" than all the lost books of Livy. These whole-hearted comments are brought to mind by a timely reminder in the current issue of 'The Ringers' Magazine' that much ringing history has in the past been lost for ever by the careless and indiscriminate destruction of documents and papers.

Year by year ringers pass from us, and in many instances their books and papers are for many and varied reasons forgotten for a time and then, after a period, gathered together and destroyed or disposed of. In the case of well-known writers and composers it is true to say that most of their work has been recorded in print, but even so, it cannot be denied that the manuscript, with its human appeal and its frequent illuminating revelation, has an abiding interest and an educational value. For this reason alone it is important that letters, manuscripts and diaries should find their abiding place in some ringing library.

It has been our privilege and pleasure to have been looking over in recent days some of the documents preserved in the library of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and our interest has been re-awakened in the manuscript copies of compositions by famous composers of past days and in the manner in which the composer recorded his work. Many are on scraps of odd paper, some are on postcards, and some embodied in a friendly letter to some fellow-ringer.

Here is a precious scrap of yellow paper inscribed with seven touches of Stedman Caters in the handwriting of Isaac B. Lates and countersigned by John Day, and beside it is the latter gentleman's copy of his Uncle John Day's 5,040 Bob Triples composed in 1842. A great treasure is the manuscript copy of 14,003 Grandsire Caters, signed by Henry Johnson, in which the great composer indicates the superiority of the short-course plan. This was sent to W. T. Pates in the year 1888, about a year before the Birmingham leader died.

The papers are many and varied. Here is a faded post-card sent from Dublin in 1899 to John Austin. It shows three peals of Treble Bob (together with a request for a lead of Gloucester Surprise), and the signature 'Gay' reminds us of the genius of Lindoff. Here are three peals of Grandsire Cinques in the handwriting of Charles Hattersley, scrawled on the backs of memorandum forms, one of which is headed: 'Manufacturing Silversmith: Tea Sets, Fish Eaters, Flower Stands, Egg Frames, Dram Flasks, Spoons and Forks, etc.' Hattersley had close ringing connections with Birmingham, but these papers came to the Guild through John Austin.

Three excellent lengths of Treble Bob are inscribed by that almost immaculate composer, Arthur Knights, on the back of a coloured circular advertising 'Battle's Sheep Dips,' together with an aerial representation of the Lincoln factory of Battle, Maltby and Bower. With it are numerous peals of Double Norwich Major and Grandsire and Stedman Caters, all in the careful script that seems in itself to indicate the geniality and good nature of this great gentleman.

The works of John Carter (once called, with a wealth of understatement, 'that industrious composer') are, of course, numerous. The peals of Stedman Cinques alone, in J. C.'s crabbed hand, with his own peculiarities of notation, are wonderful to behold, and on one small sheet, eleven inches by five, he presents with 217 different compositions.

Space will not allow further browsing in this treasure house, but we may remind ourselves that the documents of to-day are the historic treasures of to-morrow. How much can we preserve?

E. C. S.

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CHESHIRE RINGERS TOUR NORTHANTS AREA

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
BASIL JONES	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
BASIL JONES	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to H. Pettit, a local ringer.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES	6
BASIL JONES	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* 100th peal.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

BRIAN HARRIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
BERNARD GROVES	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
BASIL JONES	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Cray, Eastcote, New Gloucester and Wembley, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
BERNARD GROVES	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Parker's (reversed). Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	6
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
BASIL JONES	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

A MANCHESTER AREA TOUR

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	*NEIL BENNETT	6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal in the method

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	*NEIL BENNETT	5
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal in the method.

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WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	7
†FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	8
†PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	4	†NEIL BENNETT	9
†BERNARD GROVES	5	‡LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on ten. † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First of Scientific Caters.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 30, 1958, in 3 Hours
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

DENIS HENSHAW	*Treble*	NEIL BENNETT	5
*MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band except the ringers of third and tenor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
BRIAN HARRIS	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
NEIL BENNETT	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

BRIAN HARRIS	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
*EILEEN FEARN	2	DENIS HENSHAW	6
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
CAROL FERNLEY	4	NEIL BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
*MARY C. PAYNE	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	HARRY POYNER	9
ALFRED BALLARD	4	JOHN A. SMITH	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	E. ALAN JACQUES	11
JOHN A. ACRES	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Maximus.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Peter Etchells, a curate at St. Margaret's, who is leaving for Ashby Magna.

TEN BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SS. GEORGE & DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	*Treble*	BRIAN HARRIS	6
JOHN WORTH	2	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
This composition contains the 24 567890's and six 657890's.

LOUGHBOROUGH. LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER	*Treble*	JAMES H. PAILING	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
AVRIL THACKRAY	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	9
SHIRLEY BURTON	5	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung with the best wishes of the band to S. Anthony Jesson and Peta Cole on their engagement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	PAUL J. RIGBY	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE H. PAULSON	*Treble*	CYRIL WRIGHT	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	6
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	3	BURLEY P. MORRIS	7
RONALD H. BULLEN	4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 35).
Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY POYNER	*Treble*	DAVID J. KING	5
*MARY C. PAYNE	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
MRS. D. J. KING	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*ROY V. BELDOM	*Treble*	*COLIN M. PAYNE	5
LUCY ALLEN	2	R. FRANK BAKER	6
WM. A. R. CHAMBERLAIN	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	7
ALAN S. SMITH	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
* First peal of Major.
A compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Derek Jackson on the occasion of the birth of their son and heir.

HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*HUGH E. BISHOP	*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	6
*IAN J. FRASER	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
SUSAN CHADDOCK	4	*DONALD A. FRASER	*Tenor*

Arranged by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal. First of Bob Triples by all the band, and on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Joseph W. Whittaker ..	*Treble*	*Neil Bennett	5
*Philip G. K. Davies ..	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Basil Jones	3	Derek Ogden	7
*Neil D. Lomas	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Basil Jones.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Brian M. Bentley.. ..	*Treble*	*Harold F. Gibson ..	5
James T. Rooke	2	Herbert T. Rooke	6
Charles McGuiness ..	3	Giles C. Galley	7
George Challans	4	John R. Ketteringham	*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

*David Burgess	*Treble*	James Cunliffe..	5
John Ashcroft	2	Fred Brownlow	6
Gillian Bridgford.. ..	3	David Young	7
Albert Greenhalgh ..	4	Joseph Warby	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal on eight bells. First in the method on the bells, and for all the band.
Rung in honour of the Patronal Festival and the 88th anniversary of the church's redeaication

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Roman Catholic Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Paul J. Rigby	*Treble*	Norman J. Goodman ..	5
Ruth M. Border	2	Anthony Ager	6
John Pinfold	3	John A. Anderson	7
George E. Fearn	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung in honour of Mr. Morris J. Morris's 90th birthday.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Dorothy K. Saunders ..	*Treble*	J. Richard Wilson.. ..	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
Henry C. Weaver	3	*Leonard Stilwell	7
*Raymond P. Wood.. ..	4	Geoffrey H. C. Brazier	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.
* 50th peal together.
Rung as a farewell to the Rector (Canon D. F. Wilkenson, M.C., M.A.), who has accepted the living of Wivelsfield, Sussex.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfred.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

John W. Gibson	*Treble*	†Wilfred Lee	5
*Joan M. Dawson	2	William Barton	6
Gordon Benfield	3	Peter M. Dawson	7
†John Rhodes	4	John Ambler	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by William Barton.
* First peal. † First in the method.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Bernard C. Mann	*Treble*	†Alison M. Mann	5
*Frank H. Pike..	2	Charles E. Willmington	6
*Harry R. Appleton ..	3	Roy K. Duesbury	7
Frank B. Lufkin	4	Urban W. Wildney ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. † First peal. First of Kent T.B. on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

H. George Hart	*Treble*	*Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	5
Robin G. Leale	2	Brian Bladon	6
Elsie K. Hart	3	Dennis Knox	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*William G. Wilson ..	*Treble*	Philip Dunderdale ..	5
Cyril Crossthwaite ..	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
†Peter Scholfield	3	*Derek Butterworth ..	7
Laurence J. Williams ..	4	‡Norman Smith ..	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ 75th peal for the Lancashire Association.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Stella Hughes	*Treble*	Vivienne M. Horton ..	5
James H. Pailing	2	*Paul J. Rigby	6
G. Ronald Edwards ..	3	Ian M. Holland	7
*Anthony Ager..	4	*John A. Anderson ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

John E. Allen	*Treble*	Cecil Wade	5
*Frederick Carford ..	2	*S. Roy Wilson	6
*George L. Collinshaw..	3	Frederick W. French ..	7
*Barry Brown	4	Bernard H. Dalton ..	*Tenor*

Composed by James Nichol. Conducted by Cecil Wade.
* First peal of Kent T.B.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. F. Ward.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Joseph Saxton..	*Treble*	Harold Wagstaffe	5
Mrs. B. Holmes	2	Denis Cooper	6
*Leonard Goodall	3	Arthur B. Cooper	7
Cyril Rusby	4	H. David Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley (C.C.C. No. 4).
Conducted by H. David Holland.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge.
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM R. MARSH .. .. *Treble*	ROY WILSON 4
JAMES H. MUSSON 2	BARRY BROWN 5
C. WADE 3	ALBERT SCOTT .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Faith Herriman, ringer at this tower.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four variations. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

MARY SOLOMON .. .. .. *Treble*	*PHILIP G. TOVELL 3
TERENCE G. PAGE 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 4
MICHAEL J. STOKES .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by TERENCE G. PAGE.

* First peal 'inside' and first in the method. First as conductor.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Margaret O. Oldman and Mr. Ronald G. Adamson.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

RALPH BIRD.. .. .. .. *Treble*	FREDA M. HANKEY 4
COLIN M. McGILL 2	*ANDREW M. McVEIGH .. 5
PERCY J. SPICE 3	IAN H. ORAM .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*PETER A. SHARP .. .. *Treble*	CHARLES E. BROWN 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER 5
AMOS INGALL 3	LOUIS WILLDERS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Robert James Leonard and Miss Pauline Cynthia Toynbee which took place at the above church this day.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: one each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. *Treble*	DAVID MARSHALL 4
FREDERICK NURDEN 2	CYRIL WRATTEN 5
JOHN THOMAS 3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WHISTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE ST. BARTHOLOMEW DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (three callings). Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. *Treble*	ROBERT S. ROBERTS 3
PERCY AMOS 2	JIM C. RAINBOW 4
ALAN C. COZENS .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. *Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN.. .. 2	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5
ALLEN W. CANSDALE.. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* 50th peal.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

GILBERT J. TOWNSEND .. *Treble*	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4
*GEORGE S. WIGGINS .. 2	REGINALD W. REX 5
FRANK W. LEWIS 3	†GEOFFREY K. DODD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Minor. † 150th peal.

Specially rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. S. Culverwell, who has done much to encourage ringing during his four years as Vicar of this parish.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 77 plain course methods, viz.: (1) Reverse St. Edmunds; (2) Rev. Heathrow; (3) St. Edmunds; (4) Heathrow; (5) Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Merton, Slapton and Rugby; (6) St. Bartholomew; (7) Rev. Plain Bob and Rev. All Saints; (8) Rev. Plain Bob and St. Sebastian; (9) St. Botolph; (10) Canterbury Pleasure and Coxwell Place; (11) Canterbury Plea. and Stedman S.C.; (12) Shipway's Pl. and Tandridge S.C.; (13) Rev. Canterbury and Dorton S.C.; (14) Plain Bob and Boxford S.C.; (15) Shipway's Pl. and Colnbrook S.C.; (16) Rev. Canterbury and Raveningham S.C.; (17) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (18) St. Nicholas, Winchendon Pl., St. Remigius, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund; (19) Grandsire; (20) Westminster II, Ockham S.C., Broughton S.C. and Chesham S.C.; (21) New Bob, Chipstead S.C., Oakley S.C. and Itchingfield S.C.; (22) St. Nicholas, Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C. and Longford S.C.; (23) Stedman; (24) Blackburn Pl., Knapton and Lyng; (25) St. Hilary and Intwood; (26) Huntspill, Forncett and Ellingham; (27) St. Vedast and Bedingham; (28) St. Nicholas, Fundenhall and Haddiscoe; (29) St. Remigius and Harpley; (30) St. Simon's and St. Martin's; (31) Uffington; (32) Stowe Pl.; (33) Datchet; (34) St. Alphage; (35) St. Andrew; (36) St. Gregory; (37) Union; (38) St. Faith's S.C.; (39) St. Julian; (40) Rev. New Bob, Rev. St. Nicholas and Rev. St. Simon's; (41) Rev. Huntspill, Rev. Winchendon Pl. and Rev. St. Martin's; (42) Rev. St. Vedast, Rev. St. Remigius and Rev. St. Osmund; with 213 changes of method, and no method rung only as a bob lead.
Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

BARRY S. SHEPPARD .. .. *Treble*	ANTHONY R. PEAKE.. .. 4
ERIC SUTTON 2	VICTOR GRIFFIN 5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 3	*MRS. A. R. PEAKE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal. The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal; all the methods were taken from the C.C. Collection.

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MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's and 30 120's. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*BARBARA FOSTER .. .. *Treble*	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 4
ROGER MAHER 2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 5
ALLAN SMITH, JUN... .. 3	*GORDEN ROTHWELL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.
* First peal. First of Doubles for all. First as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to R. Maher who is leaving for Liverpool.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MICHAEL J. STOKES .. *Treble*	ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 4
*MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. 2	†TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5
A. WILLIAM BIRD 3	†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being two extents of York, three of London and two of Cambridge.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM H. COOPER .. *Treble*	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 4
SAMUEL THOMPSON 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
SIDNEY G. THOMPSON .. 3	BRIAN R. SUTTON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Frederick G. Handley, leader, of the local band, and Mrs. Handley. Also with congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brian R. Sutton for the birth of their daughter, Gillian Mary.

WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 32 six-scores of Grandsire and five 240's Morris' arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt.

*VIVIAN DEAN .. .. .. *Treble*	†C. MARLOW SIMPSON .. 4
TREVOR PRITCHARD 2	THOMAS WITTS 5
*MARY GARLAND.. 3	FRANK GARLAND .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS WITTS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell peal for Miss Mary Garland.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DENNIS SMEDLEY .. .. *Treble*	†JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM 4
*REGINALD LUCAS 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5
GEORGE CHALLANS 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Kenneth Johnson and Maureen Haynes, a ringer at Warsop, who were married the previous day.

HANDBELL PEAL

WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 24, MANOR STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY.. .. .. 3—4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal on handbells.

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LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (8-1 cover): 1. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Garnett treble, H. Ballard 2, G. A. Masters 3, J. F. Whitfeld 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, G. Prodger 6. Rung with the best wishes of all the band for the wedding the previous Saturday of Miss Eileen Mary Foot, a member of the local band.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Bishop 1, J. Berry 2, T. Townsend 3, A. Peake (cond.) 4, W. W. T. Daniel 5, J. Durham 6. A 65th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Blackman 1, J. Handford 2, E. Venn 3, Miss W. Keys 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, J. R. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. J. Marshall 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, P. C. Pitchford 3, J. E. Brown 4, G. C. Jackson (first in two methods 'inside') 5, C. T. Rodgers (first in two methods) 6. Rung after Evensong on the eve of St. Helen, patron saint of the church. Also to mark the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Grantham.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's One-Part): G. E. Retter (cond.) 1, J. Salway 2, C. J. D. Webb 3, C. C. Turner 4, E. E. Retter 5, C. J. Turner 6, A. Holway 7, W. Webb 8.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON, S.E.—At St. Giles' on Aug. 42th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. K. Lunn 1, J. Waters 2, F. Scott 3, M. P. Moreton 4, E. G. Webb (first quarter) 5, C. W. Ottley 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, J. Phillips 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral on August 26th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: T. C. Phillimore 1, H. R. French 2, P. J. Small 3, Miss K. M. Walsh 4, W. F. Jenkins 5, L. V. Chamberlain 6, D. C. Chatfield 7, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 8. D. A. Chapman 9, B. J. Luck 10. In memoriam, Margaret A. Babington, O.B.E., for 30 years hon. steward and treasurer of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Minor: G. P. Adams (cond.) 1, Vera Nelson 2, J. Hindry 3, G. W. Buckle (first quarter) 4, F. Harrold 5, T. Pett 6.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Penfold 1, M. Bland 2, A. Gargrave 3, A. Grainger 4, H. Oliver 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6.

CWMCARVON, MON.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Sims 1, Miss P. H. Jones 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, G. Ward 4, B. Johns (first of Minor) 5, D. J. King (cond.) 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Stark 1, E. J. Coode 2, B. Aldridge 3, F. Hurrell 4, T. Culver 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 1, P. Rablah 8. For the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

EVERTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Margaret Ross 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, T. Randall 3, A. Wilson 4, D. McNeil 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Spittle 1, Maureen Candy 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Margaret Howard 4, H. E. Good 5, D. Spittle 6, J. E. Beams (cond.) 7, C. W. Munday 8. For the 110th anniversary of the consecration of the church and for the marriage the previous day of Mr. John Tucker and Miss Valerie Mary Beams, only daughter of the conductor. The ringer of the 4th was bridesmaid.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Fuller 1, A. G. Orbell 2, A. G. Fuller 3, C. F. Sargeant 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Rosalie Benstead and Mr. David Pocock at Exning on Aug. 23rd.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Bailey 1, Miss L. A. Holmes 2, J. E. Cook, jun., 3, P. A. Hill 4, J. Watson 5, W. R. Read (cond.) 6, H. R. Woods 7, D. A. Frith 8. Rung for the wedding of Pat Holmes and Michael Simpson.

GRENDON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss P. M. Harper 1, E. Hill 2, H. E. Harper 3, H. Harper 4, G. T. Ball 5, L. Trevor (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): M. J. Dodd 1, Sally Buchanon 2, J. F. Scott 3, P. E. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, W. Kewell 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At the Church of All Saints on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Wallace 1, A. Clutton (cond.) 2, Margaret Tilbury 3, J. Simmonds (first 'inside') 4, G. Hinton 5, W. Plumridge 6, S. M. Bailey 7, A. White 8.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,440 Minor (being an extent each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Doreen Armstrong (cond.), 1, R. Larkin 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. For evening service.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, Miss D. Gibbons (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, J. Martin 6. Rung for Evensong.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 10th (on front six bells), 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Edna Grabham (cond.) 1, T. Mockridge 2, Margaret Strickland 3, G. Moncton 4, R. Dean 5, M. Harwood 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 6. Rung in memoriam William Bedford (father of the conductor).

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant 1, C. A. Hughes 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, S. Penfold 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, D. M. Salisbury (first as conductor) 7, A. Ammerlann 8.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Erin Triples: J. H. Gilbert 1, D. E. Cobb 2, J. Hunt 3, J. Brian 4, M. J. Horseman 5, D. G. Yeo 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, F. Bridle 8. First of Erin Triples for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Gaunt 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Mary Powell 6. Rung for evening service and as birthday compliments to the second ringer's son, aged two, and the tenor ringer's grandmother, aged 92.

NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE. — 150 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Lee (first away from cover bell) 1, G. J. Stickland (cond.) 2, B. Taylor 3, W. J. Goodfellow 4, A. M. Edwards (first quarter) 5, D. Pike (first quarter) 6. Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to the 6th ringer and to congratulate the ringers of 2 and 6 on success in recent examinations. Also 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Lee 1, A. M. Edwards 2, W. J. Goodfellow 3, B. Taylor (first as cond.) 4, G. L. Stickland 5, D. Pike 6. First in method by all. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Cox, for 40 years ringer and churchwarden at St. Mary's, Nash.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Messam (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, Miss D. Gibbons 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church on July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Chamberlain 1, D. Bowen 2, E. Vann (first 'inside') 3, R. Allsworth (first of Minor) 4, J. Venn 5, F. A. Barrett (cond.) 6. Rung after half-peal attempt failed. Also on Aug. 31st, at St. Aldate's Church, 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob: F. A. Barrett (cond.) 1, Margaret Pearce 2, E. Venn 3, N. Chamberlain 4, R. Allsworth 5, S. Benstead 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, H. Worboys 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, A. House 6, G. Sandwell (first as conductor) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. G. L. Coward 1, G. F. Hoad 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell (first on 10) 3, R. E. Roberts 4, F. T. Hoad 5, B. A. Cracknell (first on 10) 6, A. T. Shelton 7, W. Slaughter 8, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 9, N. H. Inwood 10. Rung by resident members of the Southern District, Surrey Association, for Evensong.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Elliott 1, C. B. Jones 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, T. I. Holborow 4, D. Bounds (first as conductor) 5, F. Broughton 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. P. Corby 2, Mrs. W. Dobbie 3, R. V. Fuller 4, D. Colgate 5, P. Corby 6, W. Dobbie (cond.) 7, W. Manning (first in method) 8. For evening service.

SHOREDITCH, LONDON. — At St. Leonard's Church on Aug. 29th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, P. J. Eves 3, A. R. Ling 4, W. Prockson 5, C. A. Hughes 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, R. F. Deal 8, T. Earle 9, B. F. Baker 10, T. H. Francis (cond.) 11, F. J. Matthews 12. First quarter of Erin Cinques for 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10. For Evensong.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Walter Monckton 1, Raymond Selway 2, Bob Dean 3, George Monckton 4, Fred Welch 5, Reg. Welch 6, Tom Lock 7, Jack W. Drew (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (840 St. Simon's, 420 Plain Bob): D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, A. D. Grant 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. R. Boyd 6. For afternoon service. Also on July 6th, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Evens (first quarter) 1, D. G. Pickett 2, M. G. Lane 3, A. D. Grant 4, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 5, L. S. Goddard 6. Conductor's first quarter peal single-handed, after ringing 28 double-handed.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Fellows (first quarter, age 13) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, A. L. Dunn 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, J. G. Pusey 6, F. B. Cookson 7, A. D. Fellows 8. For Evensong and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Handley, of the Wollaston band, of which Mr. Handley is the captain.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Wells 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, Miss M. Wright 3, Dr. H. Craig 4, R. C. Westney 5, R. G. Townsend 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. For evening service.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—At St. Peter's Church on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4.6.8 covering): L. May 1, G. W. Hollis 2, P. Mayne (cond.) 3, P. Cork 4, J. Kelland 5, E. Gill 6, W. H. Ware 7, J. Rowsell 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. F. M. Lowe and Mr. H. A. Smith, of Brussels.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Davey 1, T. Edwards 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, B. A. Parkin 4, J. Basher 5, A. Locke 6, D. Burnett 7, A. J. Davidson (first quarter) 8.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Dawson 1, Mrs. A. R. Wright 2, D. Brunning 3, E. Marion Key 4, W. Leach 5, A. R. Wright 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, T. White 8. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Stafford.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Chapman 1, F. C. Maynard 2, C. Battell (first 'inside'), F. W. Sykes 4, E. E. Holman 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, D. Hewitt 8. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rawlings 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, E. Jacobs 4, F. Corfield 5, Susan Jacobs (first in method as conductor) 6.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stokes (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. White 2, R. N. Elliot 3, M. W. Mason 4, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 5, D. J. Mason 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. J. Paice.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. F. Brooks 1, Miss M. Wright 2, P. Spackman 3, Dr. C. G. Roworth 4, A. G. Wells 5, D. Wells 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, J. Amor 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8.

YARDLEY-HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Fowler 1, H. Wooding (cond.) 2, T. Wooding 3, E. Elliot 4, A. Goodman 5, H. Minney 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung as birthday compliments to Miss Patricia Thompson, the Rector's daughter, also a ringer, and to Mrs. H. Wooding.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Visitors from Rotherham, Middlesbrough and York thank Mr. E. Hudson (secretary, Y.A. Northern District) for the trouble he took in arranging ringing at Askrigg (6), East Wilton (6) and Middleham (8) on the occasion of the Yorkshire Association Northern District meeting on August 30th. The beautiful scenery, a glorious sunny day, friendly hospitality, some good bells and ringing (including a good course of London Minor and Yorkshire Major) all contributed to a very happy day.

A nose-bleed of one of the band necessitated a peal attempt at Warsop being prematurely halted on August 31st.

The name of the treble ringer in the peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on August 6th (page 554) was Sheila Blackwell and not Sheila Blackmore. Our correspondent sends his apologies.

We have received from Miss J. Armstrong, of Morpeth, a copy of her father's book of some 87 tunes for eight handbells. September 5th is the centenary of the birth of her father, Mr. John Armstrong, who died at Morpeth, where he was head ringer, on July 11th, 1940.

Wednesday, September 3rd, was the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford. The anniversary was remembered by fellow ringers who rang with 'Charlie' for a wedding at Holy Trinity, Guildford, and wished him and Mrs. Hazelden every happiness.

For the recent quincentenary celebrations of the founding of Cirencester Grammar School, which H.R.H. Princess Alexandra attended, special ringing was arranged at the local Abbey Church, where is the oldest extant ring of 12 in the world. All ringers taking part were associated with the school, including a former head boy and a former head girl—respectively A. York-Bramble and Mary Bliss—now both members of the University of Bristol Society.

Six peals were rung during a four-days' tour of Manchester area by Mr. Brian Harris. One attempt was lost through a miscall and the other was 'rained off' when a sudden shower found its way into the ringing room, soaking some of the ringers!

A pleasant background to Mr. John Arlott's cricket broadcast from Bournemouth recently was the distant bells.

Eleven peals were rung during the Scottish peal week, arranged by Mr. Wilfred Williams. Only five were scored in Scotland—the others en route.

Mr. B. Stedman Payne wishes to apologise for the footnote to the peal rung at Queniborough (page 557). It was to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Thornber.

A peal of Ipswich Surprise Minor was attempted for the wedding of Miss P. Holmes and J. M. Simpson, of Grantham, Lincs, but was lost. Nevertheless, the band send their best wishes for the future to Pat and Michael, and hope they will accept the quarter of Plain Bob instead.

Penarth, Glam, ringers are very encouraged by their Wednesday night practices. They have had Kent T.B. for four Wednesdays running and also Cambridge on one night. Thanks are accorded the visitors for making this possible; they hope they will continue to come when nights get darker.

Christ Church, Epsom, ringers will miss Miss Cherie Payne who has taken up a teaching appointment at Brighton. She was the last of the group of girls that Mr. Frank Oakshott taught to ring just after the war. Always ready to stand in a quarter peal, but never a peal, she has been most regular in her attendance. The band hope to see her at occasional weekends and in school holidays.

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CHESHIRE RINGERS' TOUR OF THE NORTHANTS AREA

ON Friday, August 8th, a small party of ringers awaited the arrival of 'The Old Buzzard' and his comrade, who were due to meet them in Macclesfield. However, after a long wait, it was decided to forge ahead without them on our belated journey to Kettering, where we had our headquarters for the week.

Picking up Fred Whishaw in Leek, we made good time towards Derby, but were forced to stop when a loud banging was emitted from one of the rear wheels. It took a great amount of effort on the part of our strong men to remove the wheel cap, the only thing being torn to pieces was Bob's 'Theory of Expansion.' Several nuts proved to be very loose, and when these had been tightened the journey was continued without further trouble.

A FLYING START

We arrived at Rothwell on Saturday at 9.30 a.m., where we rang a peal of London Surprise Major on this excellent octave. Oakham was our next destination, but a stop was made first for lunch at a pleasant little country café, where we encountered James Fisher, the ornithologist, and his family. It might be said that he hadn't seen a rarer set of birds in all his life, although none have been to gaol—yet! With a peal of Bristol at Oakham, we were off with a flying start to the week. Mention might be made here that one member of the band decided to make things complicated by trying to make seconds to the treble.

On Sunday morning we rang on the ten bells at Kettering for morning service, and afterwards visited the ancient Saxon tower at Earls Barton: what a pity the walls have been pebble-dashed. We continued to Sywell Aerodrome, where some of the party were lucky enough to have a short flight.

We arrived in good time at Wicken, to ring a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on what are certainly a peal-ringer's delight. We thoroughly enjoyed joining the locals in ringing for evensong. On the way home one of the more versatile members of the rear car was nearly lost when leaning out of the window. We still cannot decide if he was waving to us or to a party of girls on the river bank.

Monday morning found the weather fine again; we really thought that summer had arrived. A peal of Spliced Surprise Major, in five methods, at Burton Latimer, where the 10 cwt. octave are most excellent for their weight, kept our 100 per cent. record intact. After a good lunch, our success continued with a peal of Rutland Surprise Major at Irchester. What a pity that this pleasant ring is to some extent spoilt by the excessive tenor noise. At the hotel in the evening several of the party played billiards, while the night porter undertook teaching some of the younger members how to play cards. He soon retired a much sadder and poorer man!

Tuesday morning was upon us and, needless to say, the rain also. After the short drive to Irthlingborough several of the band took part in a Communion service. This was followed by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, giving Bernard Groves his 100th peal at the age of 15.

On the way to St. Neots, in Huntingdon, our lively member in the rear car was most upset to find that the member of the fairer sex he had set his sights on was in fact a Scotsman! A peal of Bristol Surprise Major was to be attempted at St. Neots, which we hoped would be the highlight of the week. The ringing settled down, but after about two hours, a mistake which caught everybody napping brought our downfall. We all retired dismally to dinner (with draught Guinness) with the hope that another peal attempt may be made soon, on St. Neots' glorious bells.

REINFORCEMENTS

We were reinforced on Wednesday, as we thought that a peal week, with only nine ringers available, might have been a little too strenuous. Four of the regular party were rested in the morning, while the remainder, with visitors Philip Mehew, George Fearn and Ralph Edwards, attempted a peal of London Surprise Major. Although the bells were extremely pleasant to hear outside, hearing difficulty was encountered in the church, and two attempts came to grief quickly. Finally, a peal of Bristol Surprise Major was attempted, but a mistake, similar to the one the previous day, brought ringing to an untimely end, after about one hour's good striking.

90th Birthday Of Mr. Morris J. Morris

Most ringers who attend the Henry Johnson dinner will know Mr. Morris J. Morris, who is most regular in his attendance. Mr. Morris celebrated his 90th birthday on August 25th, and a peal in his honour was rung at Erdington.

A native of Bangor, Mr. Morris came to Birmingham to live when quite a young man, and for many years was a valued member of the St. Martin's Church Sunday service band. His compositions in various methods have been rung on many occasions. On handbells he is exceptionally good with the tenors, and a performance of which he is proud was the peal of Stedman Sextuples, of which band he and his old friend Albert Walker are the only survivors.

Mr. Morris enjoys good health, and his friends of the St. Martin's Guild wish him many more years of contentment.

Having lost two peals of Bristol on the run, things didn't look so prosperous as they had done the previous morning. Four other members of the band were rested in the afternoon, our visitors taking part in both attempts. A fast peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was successfully brought round in the afternoon at Higham Ferrers, so our visitors did not go away empty-handed. We were feeling more at home now, as the rain continued to fall mercilessly, and our driver would perhaps have been better with a sou'wester instead of a white cap.

It might have looked as though we were tempting providence when we decided to attempt a peal of 'twelve spliced' at Weedon Bec on Thursday morning. The peal was successfully brought round in 3 hours 12 minutes, although our train-spotting friends from Hazel Grove would have given anything to see the trains they could hear flashing past. The attempt in the afternoon, at All Saints', Northampton, was not due to start until 5.30 p.m., so once again we visited Sywell Aerodrome. Three more of the party were airborne for the first time, having their heads in the clouds, for the first time officially. Others, as one person remarked, preferred to keep their feet on 'terra firma.' We proceeded to Northampton, and at the third attempt found the church. Difficulty was experienced in parking nearby so things looked like starting late. With a late start, and on half-empty stomachs (they were never empty once on the tour), a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was attempted, but ended after about one hour's too-fast ringing. We were then joined by Pat Chapman and W. J. Dove, who had been listening nearby, and rang for a short time afterwards, finishing up with a brisk touch of Stedman Triples. The bells are a mellow ring, and with more time at our disposal we should have enjoyed some rather slower ringing. The sight of a large member of the party eating a 'Knickerbocker Glory' was something to be remembered, although the suggestion that he should stand on his chair to eat it was perhaps an exaggeration.

EFFECTS OF TOUR

Friday morning arrived, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung, the tower this time being Hazelbeech. The bells are very easy to handle but are a little 'woolly' in the belfry. The village itself is very picturesque and the church is in keeping with its surroundings. Sandwiches were enjoyed, with ale, at the local, before we continued our journey to Daventry. Here a peal of Bristol was attempted, but after about one hour's ringing, the rhythm generally associated with Bristol Surprise was missing, and so the peal was stopped. It was obvious that the effect of 11 or 12 attempts by all the party was beginning to tell. On Friday evening we were joined by Patrick Chapman, who returned with us to the hotel for dinner.

When all members had retired to the lounge, a vote of thanks was given by Fred Wilshaw on behalf of all present to Basil Jones for his excellent arrangements, Patrick Chapman for his ready and sound information about the rings of bells in the area to the drivers for their abstinence and good judgment, and to Fred Dunkerley for the use of his car. All retired to bed a little earlier than on previous occasions, as an early rise was the order for the following morning.

On Saturday morning everybody was out of bed in good time—an astonishing feature of the week. Fred Dunkerley left us en route for Kibworth, the nine with Pat Chapman finding Mr. Fred Staniforth there to greet us. A fast peal of London was brought round on a very fine, handy octave.

Lunch was taken in Loughborough at The Three Nuns before we moved on to Shepshed. An attempt to ring a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major here went as suddenly as the previous attempts to ring Bristol, after about 1¼ hours' pleasant ringing on a very good going ring. Before going home we went back to Loughborough to drop Pat Chapman and to listen to some of the peal at the Parish Church. Here we said thank you and goodbye to Pat Chapman.

Our thanks are extended to all incumbents, tower captains and ringers who helped to make this tour so successful, or even possible. Although many years have passed since the last tour of Northamptonshire, I am sure it will not be as many until the next one. R. B. S.

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ACROSS MONMOUTH

A FINE day was dawning as four ringers left Penarth at 7.45 a.m. on August 23rd. In Cardiff we collected another car and picked up five more ringers from Radyr, Porthkerry and St. Albans, the young lady from St. Albans being on holiday in Cardiff. When we arrived at Caerphilly we found that ringers from Nash, Radyr, Cardiff, and another holiday-maker from Hughenden, Bucks, had arrived on motor-cycles and were ready with the bells up. After a good ring we moved on to Llanbradach, where the long draught was discouraging but did not upset the striking too much.



The band pose on the Monmouth-Hereford border

We now left Glamorgan and crossed the border into Monmouthshire. At Machen we were joined by two Newport ringers, and had our first and best attempt at Cambridge Minor when we got within ten changes of rounds. A punctured wheel was quickly replaced by a spare, and we moved on to the steel bells at Bassaleg; but we had not heard the last of that puncture, and after a picnic lunch we found that the spare was flat, so we had to squeeze nine into one car and go in search of a new inner tube. While this was being fixed we had an hour at Llanfrechfa, and were joined by ringers from Caerleon and Llanfrechfa.

We were behind schedule when we joined the motor-cyclists at Tredunnock. The bells sounded lovely but the 'go' was not easy, and the fact that all the sallies were about two feet too low did not help matters. Usk was undoubtedly our best tower of the day. The eight went very well, and with a total of 20 ringers, representing 12 towers, we had Erin, Stedman, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent, another attempt at Cambridge Minor and, of course, some Grandsire. From Usk we went to Tregaer, where the little five went well if rung slowly. The large quantities of dust and chaff which descended from above proved to be due to the presence of half a bale of hay in the middle chamber. We don't quite know why! The Vicar was very pleased to see us and very interested in our tour; he was surprised that we were not going to Penrhos, only one mile up the road. He said the Vicar would be delighted to see and hear us—and he was! But this four-bell tower obviously only has a one-man team. The tenor went very well, but the other three were stiff and awkward, and the treble could only be raised half way because of a warped wheel.

At Dingestow, the easiest-going of our four five-bell towers, we had some good Stedman and another puncture. However the R.A.C. looked after this one, and complete with a new tyre all arrived safely in Skenfrith more or less on time. This six sounded rather loud and must be in an unusual key, but they went well with Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman.

After the ringing we managed to get most of the band together long enough to take a photograph and then we moved on over the border into Herefordshire. We found the little church of Garway in a field. The bells were a little difficult but had a very nice tone. Grandsire was difficult so we had some call-changes, which sounded very nice considering we only had five bells. At Kentchurch it was a similar story. Here new ropes would not come amiss, but we had some more call-changes and a good touch of Plain Bob. Grosmont was our last tower, and here we found six bells which could probably do with new bearings but which went fairly well when rung steadily The only real difficulty was that experienced by the treble ringer who had to stand inside the circle in front of the tenor ringer.

On the way home we stopped in Abergavenny for hot and cold drinks. E. J. R. H.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM J. PAICE

Mr. William J. Paice whose death on Aug. 20th at the age of 73 was announced in our last issue was for over 54 years a loyal and active member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Learning to handle a bell at All Saints', Wokingham, where his father, Samuel Paice, was then foreman of the ringers, he soon progressed in the art of change ringing and on November 14th, 1905 rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Paul's, Wokingham, this being the first peal to be rung by all Wokingham ringers. In 1908 he conducted his first peal at All Saints', Wokingham (Carter's 12-part peal of Grandsire).

Without doubt his favourite method was Stedman and he was always proud of his first peal in that method, rung at Yateley, Hants, and conducted by Rev. F. E. Robinson. Canon Coleridge was also in the band.

For some time Mr. Paice resided at Caversham and during that period he rang many peals of Surprise Major with the talented band then ringing at St. Peter's. On returning to the Wokingham district he joined the band at St. James', Finchampstead, and later became their foreman. In 1927 he was elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild and remained in office for 15 years.

In 1942 he moved to London and was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and joined the band of St. Mary Abbots', Kensington; he also took part in the service ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral. On leaving London he lived for a time near Farnham in Surrey. Although he showed a keen interest in the activities of the ringers in both London and Farnham his heart was always with the Oxford Guild and especially the Sonning Deanery. It was a happy day when he returned to his old home and joined the band at St. Michael's, Sandhurst, where his son Leslie was a member.

William Paice had rung 104 peals—not a lot by the standards of some people today but they were all well-earned peals; he was never happier than when conducting Stedman Triples with an all Sonning Deanery band. His last peal was rung at Shiplake, Oxon, on April 26th—one of Plain Bob Major, which he conducted.

We ringers in the Sonning Deanery will miss him greatly. At our monthly practices he was always ready to take a rope or stand by to assist a learner; at a business meeting of the Guild or Branch his knowledge and experience were invaluable.

He was laid to rest in St. Paul's Churchyard, Wokingham, on August 27th, within the sound of the bells he loved and upon which, nearly 53 years ago, he rang his first peal.

May he rest in peace.

B. C. C.

Three Harthill, Yorkshire, ringers rang their first peal on August 23rd, with the Chaddock family making up the rest of the band. Ian Fraser is at Manchester University and his brother, Donald, joins him this month. The third first-pealer, Hugh Bishop, has this year won a State scholarship. These are the first of the Harthill ringers to appear in our peal columns.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE WILLIAM DENYER

Dear Sir,—When my father died last March, the ringers of Aldershot decided to place a tablet in the ringing chamber at St. Michael's Church recording his 35 years of captaincy. In addition, the family are giving a silver chalice and paten for use at Holy Communion, and a number of friends have asked to be associated with this memorial.

If any of your readers who knew my father should wish to contribute, would they please send it to me by September 20th, as the memorial is to be presented to the Vicar of Aldershot for use on St. Michael's Day, September 29th, the Patronal Festival.

This is *not* an appeal but information for those who have visited and enjoyed ringing at Aldershot over the years.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES DENYER.

Farnham, Surrey.

CALL-CHANGERS AND BROADCASTING

Dear Sir,—I have noted the recent letters by Mr. B. E. Bartlett, and feel the following information may be of interest to him and other call-change ringers.

I have recently been asked by the B.B.C. West Region to advise them with regard to suitable towers, from which the bells will be broadcast in one of the winter series of programmes. About 75 per cent of the towers I have suggested are 'call-change' towers where the counties of Devon and Cornwall are concerned. The final selection rests with the B.B.C., but I trust the 'call-change' ringers will find themselves well represented.—Yours truly,

H. J. SANGER, Convener.

Television and Broadcasting Committee.

Evercreech.

MEMORIES OF YATELEY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Whittle's letter is quite right regarding the ringers and ringing at Yateley over 30 years ago, and I can well remember those lonely walks of four miles each way nearly 50 years ago, when as District Ringing Master it was my duty and pleasure to visit the ringers on practice nights because they were keen to progress as a band.

A gentleman named Stilwell lived nearby, and he happened to be the president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which stretched from Molesey in Surrey to the Isle of Wight, thence to Bournemouth.

In the early years of this century the bells went badly owing to the sway of the structure and one of the ringers undertook to steel 'flitch' the interior above first-floor level with 9 in. by 1 in. flitches, which had the desired effect. I still recall the font in the centre of the ground-floor ringing chamber, also the performance of a peal rung by the local band, all of whom were baptised round the font. I wonder if the old clock, which told people the time in the days of Queen Elizabeth I, is still going. The bells are also interesting, especially the fourth, fifth and seventh.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

UNRINGABLE BELLS OF ESSEX

Dear Sir,—I would be most obliged if you would insert the following two corrections to the list of unringable bells of Essex (see page 564).

HEYDON.—This tower is just over the border in Cambridgeshire and therefore not, as given in 'Dove,' an Essex tower.

GOOD EASTER.—These bells have recently been fitted with a chiming mechanism which at present renders them unringable.

Thanking you.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.

Dear Sir,—Re the letter of Mr. Roast on the above, Pentlow bells (5) are in excellent ringing order. There is considerable opposition from the birds, however, there being plenty of rubbish, etc., when I made my last visit. Great Clacton's (5), unringable for about 60 years, are now at the foundry. It is pretty certain, however, that they will be hung 'dead' for chiming only, on their return.—Yours faithfully,

U. W. WILDNEY.

Kirby-le-Soken.

NUTFIELD AND DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

On Whit Monday ringers from Nutfield, Blechingley, Redhill and Godstone went on their annual outing. This year it was decided to make a trip into Kent. The spirits of the party were not dampened by the heavy rain, and when Seal was reached at 9.30 a.m. all were eager to try the bells. The next tower visited was Leeds, and for some of the party this was their first experience on ten bells, and a very creditable course of Grandsire Caters was rung. By this time the weather had improved and the sun started to shine. A picnic lunch was the order of the day. At Charing some of the ringers found the bells here difficult to handle, but one ringer at any rate enjoyed very much a well-struck touch of Little Bob. Ringers and non-ringers alike were enchanted by the charming village. A very pleasant ring was enjoyed at Ashford. Tea was taken here, and we would like to thank Mr. John Cooper who so kindly made the arrangements. Biddenden and Benenden were then visited—again two delightful villages. The ringers would particularly like to thank Mr. Price at Benenden for giving permission to ring at such short notice.

The Whit Monday outing proved so successful that by popular request an afternoon tour was arranged for July 12th. The programme was Wisborough Green, Petworth, Fittleworth, Pulborough and Warnham. Ringing mainly consisted of Plain Bob and Grandsire, with rounds; but despite its modesty the programme was enjoyed and a reasonable standard of striking maintained. At Petworth it was delightful to meet again the Rev. John and Mrs. Milne, who when they were at Blechingley were both well known to the ringers; and thanks are due to Mrs. Milne for making such excellent tea arrangements for the party at Petworth.

All the ringers who took part in these outings would like to take this opportunity of thanking incumbents and tower secretaries for their co-operation and help.

WARWICKSHIRE RINGERS IN STAFFS AND SALOP

A small party of ringers from Allesley, Keresley, Rugby and Stoke-in-Coventry had a tour of 13 towers in the Stafford–Newport area on August 30th. The first tower was Seighford, with its musical, anti-clockwise five, which were soon going to Grandsire and call-changes. Gnosall's proved to be a grand Minor six; with the addition of a tenor of 22 cwt. and a treble they would make a splendid octave.

At High Offley we were joined by Arthur and Doreen Jopp, of Stoulton, and their two children. The knots at the rope-ends instead of the usual tucks seemed strange, but on the whole ringing here was very much enjoyed. At Forton the bells were up in readiness, and Kent, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung. The entrance to Forton churchyard proved to be a beautiful place for the picnic lunch.

The first objective of the afternoon was Tibberton, with a tricky light five in a narrow red-brick tower. At Edgmond the head ringer, Mr. Murrell, not only gave us permission to ring in the absence of the Rector on holiday, but came along and rang with us on the fine six. The approach to Chetwynd's ringing chamber is something of a 'sell.' One goes partly up a spiral staircase and then up an iron ladder through a trap in the floor! Some good ringing took place here despite the wide rope circle.

Newport's was the only eight of the day, and here a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung. Lilleshall bells are a rather mediocre six but go very well. At Sheriffhales rounds, Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung.

The head ringer, Mr. Tindall, met us as Tong, and took some of us to view the 2¼-ton Bourdon bell which hangs in its own bell chamber below the ring of six. We were afterwards allowed to raise this bell, and its glorious tone vibrated throughout the church. This church, with its ground-floor central ringing chamber bounded by marble tombs and an ancient rood screen, behind which are the carved oak choir stalls, was the most interesting of the tour. At Lapley we found some difficulty in tracking down the key of the ringing chamber, but the sound of these fine bells ringing out overhead later made one feel that it had all been worth while.

The last tower of the day was at Norton Canes. Here the churchwarden very kindly took it upon himself to oil the bearings of the bells for us, and several members of the local ladies' band came up to watch the ringing. We finished up with two of them standing in for Grandsire.

Our best thanks are due to those who met us, to Thelma who at times acted as nursemaid, thereby enabling Doreen and Arthur to ring together, and to those who in any way contributed.

W. A. S.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Glorious weather and a good attendance were the outstanding features of the meeting held at Otley on August 30th. The bells were raised at three o'clock and, with a short break for tea and the business meeting, were kept going in a variety of methods until half-past eight. Queens were rung to celebrate the 75th birthday of Mr. W. H. Senior, who was present and took part in several touches. The standard of striking was a great improvement on the previous month's performance, although the antics of the fifth rope caused some amusement for the watchers and concern for those who had to use it.

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BELLS FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO

By The REV. F. A. SANDERS

RINGERS are wont to claim, with justice, that their art is of respectable antiquity. There is much that is known about old bells and their founders. But the day-to-day practical matters which lay behind the service of ringers in far-off days are not so well known. It is hoped that some facts which are recorded in churchwardens' accounts in the old days in Hampshire may be of interest to present day ringers.

There are seven Hampshire churches with churchwardens' books dating before A.D. 1560 and some of these have little to tell about the bells. But others, particularly Bramley and Wootton St. Lawrence, are veritable mines of information about bells and their ringers.

MYSTERY OF BELL ROPES.

Routine repairs of the bells are frequently mentioned in the accounts which the churchwardens' or 'churchmen' presented each year to the vestry meeting. Bell ropes appear to have been a grave problem. At Stoke Charity in 1549–50 no less than nine ropes were bought at a price varying from 8d. to 1s. 3d.. In the next year eight new ropes were bought and the price had risen to 10d. each. Why a church which had only three bells needed so wholesale an order is one of those mysteries which will probably never be solved. At Bramley from 1527 to 1553 there are only five years when one or more bell ropes were not bought. It has been suggested that the churchwardens rather than the ringers were the cause for this constant expense. In some places it appears that the retiring churchwarden claimed the bellropes as perquisites of his office. Perhaps at Stoke Charity and Bramley this custom obtained too.

Other repairs to the bells involved renewal of 'baldrics,' alternatively spelt 'bawdriges,' bawdryckes,' 'bawdereks,' 'baudrickes' or even 'ball rickes.' The writer of a book on these registers suggests that these were the thongs which bound the clapper to the bells, being made of the 'white leather' which is often mentioned in the expenses incurred. Against this view is the entry at St. John's Winchester, 1554-7, 'For makeinge and mending the bawdricke and wire for them.' Also at Crondall in 1567-8 there is 'Whitt lether for ye bell ropes . . . 10d.' In parishes where white leather was bought there are no entries referring to baldrics. Perhaps a reader will solve the mystery of the baldrics and white leather. Was the latter used in the more luxurious belfries as a forerunner of the sally?

The repair and renewal of the bell wheels was attended to from time to time and reference is made to other parts of the ringing mechanism such as gudgeons, brasses (? bearings), nipples, trusses, stocks, stirrups, keys and clasps. The picture which these numerous entries make is one of constant attention to the bells and this in its turn confirms the large part that the bells played in the life of the parish.

CHARGE FOR HORSE MEAT

Entries telling of the rehanging and recasting of existing bells or of additions to their number are naturally rarer. At Crondall in 1544 there were four bells. Between 1551 and 1554 one of these was 'new made' by Fowke Mychell, of Wokingham. At Wootton the records in 1576 tell of the recasting of a bell at Reading, in the course of which 14 lb. of 'old church brasses' and 134 lb. of new metal were added to make the weight of the new bell 667 lb. Included in the churchwardens' charges were the sums of 8d. for his dinner and 1s. for his 'Horse meat'! It is at Bramley that we find a fascinating account of the old way of dealing with 'tower grabbers.' In 1577-8 'Twoo of our belles were newe cast, and were very well handled both in the casting and hanging of theim. By reason whereof many strangers did come to Bramley Churche to rynge, of the which strangers comyng at diverse and sondrie times, John Littlewoork and Thomas Wigley, being parishennors, did gather the some of 16/3.' Of this 14s. 9d. was spent in the next year, mostly on the bells, but it was not until 1581 that the 'balance of bell money' was paid in by Thomas Wigley.

In none of the accounts published is there any regular payment of ringers. Various people, including the parish clerk at Crondall, were paid regularly for 'keppyng of the bells.' The only payments to ringers were on special occasions. At Andover the ringers were paid 6d. in 1472 when the Duke of Clarence, brother of Edward IV, came to the town. In Crondall there is an entry of '5d. paid for drincke for the bell ringers when the Quene's Majesty came through our parish.' This was presumably when Queen Elizabeth I travelled from Southampton to Old Basing in 1569. Towards the end of the 16th century there were regular payments at Bramley, Crondall and St. Peter's, Winchester, for ringing on November 17th, the Queen's Accession Day.

Money spent by the churchwardens on bells and belfries was often a considerable part of their annual expenditure on the whole church. Thus at Bramley in 1538-9 4s. 5d. was spent on the bells out of a total of £1 5s. 9½d. For Crondall in 1587-8 the figure was £1 6s. out of £11 7s. and for Wootton St. Lawrence in 1577-8, 8s. 10d. out of £3 1s. 3d. When recasting was involved the strain on parochial finance was naturally much greater. At Crondall in 1555–56 the treble bell was 'new cast' for the sum of £3 19s. 3d. Total expenses for the year were only £5 9s. 1½d. and the parish received donations of 5s. each 'towards the making of the bell.' Some idea of the value of money in those distant days is shown by the entry 'For a laborer to . . . one day and a half—9d.'

The writer acknowledges his debt to 'The Early Churchwardens' Accounts of Hampshire,' by J. F. Williams. In this book are published printed transcripts of the parochial accounts as well as valuable comment. The picture conjured up by these shows ringing playing a large part in the life of some small country parishes. A century before Stedman published 'Campanologia' bells were being faithfully kept in order, were being rehung and recast where necessary and ringers were voluntarily calling parishioners to church as well as celebrating great national events. This is an inspiration to ringers in our generation. May we so serve that the tradition of service so set is faithfully maintained and handed on to our descendants as theirs was to us.

QUARTER PEALS

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—At All Hallows' Church on Aug. 27th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 1, Gillian Neal Smith 2, C. M. Bloomer 3, W. A. Lewis 4, M. D. Hill Brown 5, D. Hill Brown (cond.) 6. First in method by all except 1 and 4.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 360 Oxford T.B., 180 Kent T.B.): E. R. Rapley 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, June Clements 3, D. R. Mitchell (first in three methods) 4, C. L. Longhurst 5, G. Francis 6.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. E. Crisp 3, D. Murfet 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Perkins (first quarter) 1, A. E. Leggett (cond.) 2, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 3, P. Perkins (first of Doubles) 4, B. Gibbons 5, C. Culham 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Nursey (first quarter) 1, W. H. Harrison 2, E. G. Coward (cond.) 3, G. F. Pratt 4, H. Arthur 5, B. Tebenham (first quarter) 6. A birthday tribute to Miss M. Nursey.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Black (first quarter) 1, Margaret Parker (first of Grandsire) 2, Michael Best 3, Eric Booth 4, Rev. Trevor Hextall 5, Michael Bazeley 6, Colin Conway (cond.) 7, John Coles 8. Rung for Sung Eucharist and as a welcome to the new senior curate and Mrs. Evans. Also as a compliment to Margaret Parker and Colin Conway on their engagement.

CAPE TOWN, S.A.—On Aug. 30th, at St. Mary's, Woodstock, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, C. Gardiner 2, W. Smith 3, J. Riley 4, L. Hewitt 5, R. H. Stickley (cond.) 6, O. Lamb 7, J. Ernstzen 8. Rung half-muffled for the interment this day of the South African Prime Minister.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.—On Aug. 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise: M. J. Butler 1, Mrs. F. T. Marshallsay 2, K. T. Godfrey (first in method) 3, Margaret E. L. Beamish 4, M. J. Best 5, J. Hartless 6, F. L. Harris 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Original Triples: P. Swindley 1, S. Jones, jun., 2, F. H. Hughes 3, J. S. Dean 4, G. Parkin 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. T. Tilston 8. First in method by all.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Marsh (first of Triples), 1, Geo. A. Cockman 2, W. Parrott 3, W. Robinson 4, Cherie Payne 5, N. D. J. Webb 6, Frank Oakshott (cond.) 7, G. D. Robinson 8. Rung as a farewell to Cherie Payne, who is taking up a teaching appointment in Brighton.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. Sharpe (first quarter of Caters) 1, Denis A. Frith (cond.) 2, Miss P. A. Holmes 3, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 4, K. Ketteringham 5, P. A. Hill 6, J. E. Cook 7, W. R. Reed 8, J. M. Simpson 9, H. R. Woods 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon C. H. Leeke.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Cambridge Surprise at Loughborough Bell Foundry on September 1st was Mr. Ernest Morris' 444th peal of Surprise.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe has now rung on all the 12-bell rings in the British Isles. The final tower was St. Laurence's, Reading.

Ann Fowler and T. Wooding are among the teenagers who have scored their first quarter at Yardley Hastings, Northants. We are hoping for more such performances soon from the rest of the young band of ladies at that tower.

The quarter peal at Sevenoaks on August 31st was arranged for Dr. E. L. Taylor, who was on a visit to the town where he rang for several years before retiring to the West Country.

MILES GRAYE BELLS

Dear Sir,—The church at Little Oakley, Essex, possesses four bells, two of which are chimed while the other two lie on the belfry floor. These bells were made by Miles Graye and their dates are 1612, 1615, 1633 and 1652, but their weight appears unknown. Lawford, also in Essex, has three bells made by Miles Graye and John Thornton, which are now unringable.

The four bells at Thurlbear Parish Church, Somerset, which has been mentioned in a previous issue of 'The Ringing World,' were made in Exeter by Robert Norton in the reign of Henry VI. They have never been recast and after 500 years' service do not require tuning.

—Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN R. BROWN.

Harwich, Essex.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 532)

THE following additions should be made to the 18th and 19th century methods.

Five Shillings to Drink Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on January 15th, 1789, by the Wakefield All Saints' Youths.

Gloucester Surprise Major.—5,024 at Gloucester on June 17th, 1897, by the St. Michael's Juniors, of Gloucester.

Cox's Caters Principle.—Rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on December 7th, 1845, by the Surrey Youths.

Double Oxford Bob Royal.—5,040? at Wednesbury on January 2nd, 1890.

The following points and corrections arise in regard to the 18th and 19th century methods:—

Canterbury Pleasure Major.—Rung in 1888, not 1887. (Page 532.) This method on seven or more bells is Plain Bob with Kent places in 3-4, and not as given in the C.C. Plain Major Collection.

Fulham Triples.—5,040 at Harrietsham, Kent, on January 14th, 1749, by the Lenham Society. Delete the peal at Fulham in 1748. The method was also known as London Triples, as in Crown Bob Triples.

Double Oxford Court Bob Major and Royal.—This is presumably the same as Double Oxford Bob. There is still great confusion about the correct definition of a Court method.

New Grandsire Triples.—Details of the peal rung at Horsham under the title 'Holt's Grandsire tripple reverse' have been received from Mr. L. Stilwell. The peal consisted of Holt's Ten-part rung from the last change to the first, with all the leading and hunting 'back-handed.' The peal rung at West Bromwich was in the modern form.

Wakefield Triples Methods.—See page 391. From information received from Mr. D. Cubitt it would appear that these methods were not merely variations of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Although most of the methods are not now known, it appears that Wakefield Delight was a T.B. Triples method, Wakefield Surprise is Single Oxford Bob and Crown Bob Triples is Spliced College Single, Fulham and Single Oxford Bob.

Shipway Major.—5,120 at St. John's, Manchester, on March 31st, 1840, by the St. John's Youths.

Court Bob.—Two methods were rung under this title in the 18th century, Double London and Double Norwich.

In Kent, the peals rung by the Leeds Youths and the Lenham Society were titled either Court Bob or London Court Bob. Nowhere do we find the name 'Norwich.' We can be certain, therefore, that such peals were of Double London Court Bob Major or Royal.

In London we do not find 'Norwich' until 1786 at Bethnal Green, which peal was stated to be the first in the method in London. It would appear, therefore, that peals prior to 1786 were all of Double London Court Bob Major. Thereafter the peal titles are definite, London or Norwich, and Shipway states that the peals of Court Bob Royal at Spitalfields and Shoreditch in 1801 were both Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.

In Norfolk, all peals of Court Bob were presumably Double Norwich Court Bob.

The peal at Long Melford in 1782 was presumably of Double London Court Bob Major and that at Soham St. Andrew in 1795 was presumably Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Very few peals of Doubles and of Minor were recorded in the 18th century. The following is a complete list of those known to me at present. If any others are known, information will be gratefully received.

Doubles.—No method is specified in any of the peals. 5,280 in five methods at Anstey, Leics, in September, 1742; 5,040 at Haughley, Suffolk, on May 19th, 1766; 10,080 at Whaplode, Lincs, on February 27th, 1775; 5,040, being 42 different extents, at Halstow at Hoo, Kent, on November 19th, 1788; 5,040 at Market Weston, Suffolk, on January 13th, 1799.

Plain Bob Minor.—5,040 at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, before 1733. This peal is noted in Laughton's records of the Rambling Club of Ringers. Also at Garboldisham, Norfolk, on December 6th, 1773, and at Hammersmith on April 24th, 1774.

Minor in seven methods.—5,040 at Brandeston, Suffolk, on February 2nd, 1749; at Walsham le Willows, Suffolk, on April 2nd, 1760; and at Beighton, Yorks, in March, 1784.

Minor in seven T.B. methods.—5,040 at Whitechapel on April 16th, 1737.

Minor in seven Surprise methods.—5,040 at Bingley, Yorks, in 1793.

Minor, methods unknown.—5,760 at Spilsby, Lincs, on February 1st, 1785; and 5,400 at Wilby on February 28th, 1792.

The following are the only first performances known to me between 1801 and 1870.

Plain Bob Minor.—10,080 at Gislingham, Suffolk, on April 6th, 1822.

Minor in 14 methods.—5,040 at Prestwick, Lancs, on April 17th, 1808.

Treble Bob Minor.—10,080 in 14 methods at Wath-upon-Dearne on April 2nd, 1815; 10,800 in 15 methods at Darton, Yorks, in 1815; 15,120 in 21 methods at Wath-upon-Dearne on February 27th, 1816. Peals of 5,280 in 22 methods at Darfield, Yorks, on January 8th, 1815, and of 8,640 in 36 methods at Bingley, Yorks, on February 7th, 1826, were rung in 240's and not true 720's.

Stedman Slow Course Minor.—5,040 at Holy Trinity, Newington, Southwark, in January, 1847.

Single Oxford Bob Minor.—5,040 at Warnham, Sussex, on October 16th, 1867.

(To be continued)

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE AT CRICKET

Wimbledon, Henley, Goodwood and then Tanfield! That, we dare hope, has now become the sequence of great annual sporting events in the minds of the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Saturday, July 26th, was the occasion of the second revived annual cricket match cum ringing meeting at the village of Tanfield, Co. Durham, and two teams of ringing cricketers selected by the president of the Association and the Vicar of Tanfield met to renew the struggle. Last year's resounding victory (29 to 14!) for the Newcastle men had set the tempo for this year's match to be one of revenge for the Tanfield side, and a new pitch had been obtained, using the home belfry matting to ensure a favourable wicket.

By 3 p.m. there was a considerable concourse of members and supporters on the village green, and a move was made to the newly-cut hay field where the match was being played. Winning the toss, the Vicar elected to bat first, and the two umpires (Messrs. G. Wall and D. Priestly) and scorers (Misses Wilson and Foreman) took up their stations, while the president's team took the field. As the scoreboard shows, the Tanfield team showed much improved form compared with last year, and Errington and Walker exhibited considerable batting power, while Mr. 'Extras' contributed no small score to the total of 57 in 19 overs. A feature of the innings was the bowling, for not only were balls known to be bowled wide of the matting, but one googly merchant bowled at least one under the mat in an attempt to deceive the batsman!

The tea interval was taken at this point and a crowd of nearly 50 members overran the Vicarage to enjoy a splendid meal prepared by Mrs. K. Cheeseman and her helpers. Before returning to the field of play, the president expressed thanks to the Vicar of Tanfield (Rev. R. Race) for his hospitality, and to Mr. K. W. Cheeseman and all his assistants concerned in the organisation of the occasion. The Vicar in reply welcomed the Association to his parish, and said how pleased he was to see the increased attendance which augured well for the future of this event.

A sudden heavy shower of rain delayed the restart, and Tanfield were feeling jubilant with the prospect of bowling on a greasy wicket. Happily, the clouds cleared quickly, and the Newcastle opening pair were soon showing the way with some smart running. After the fall of the first few wickets young Shewin, of St. Hilda's, South Shields, and the president came together and brought the score to over 40. Then more wickets fell and only Mr. 'Extras' managed to move the score along. Tension was now mounting, and this became almost unbearable when the ninth wicket fell at 56. Then Ken Cheeseman took the ball and in three balls the match was over—the first delivery was a no-ball (score now 57), the second was hit for one and the third bowled batsman Cooke to close the innings for 58.

Thus, thanks to Mr. 'Extras,' the Newcastle men were once again the victors and retained the 'ashes' for a second term. After mutual congratulations, players and supporters made their way to the tower, and the eight bells of the Church of St. Margaret were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m. At the adjournment which followed, the events of the day were relived and plans for Tanfield, 1959, discussed.

SCOREBOARD

Vicar of Tanfield's XI

B. Morpeth c. Softley b. Cairns	0
Miss D. Carr b. Mrs. Arthur	3
N. Errington b. Shewin	19
Miss P. Brabbon c. and b. Mrs. Arthur	0
Rev. R. Race b. K. Arthur	0
K. W. Cheeseman b. Hodgson	1
J. Vickery c. Petie b. Hodgson	1
G. Fenwick c. Petrie b. Shewin	0
D. Robson not out	8
I. Walker c. Hodgson b. Cairns	10
M. Gray b. Hodgson	3
Extras	12
Total	57

President's XI

G. Cairns b. Race	8
F. Hodgson b. Errington	2
W. Hedley b. Errington	4
J. Astridge b. Errington	0
M. Shewin c. and b. Morpeth	14
K. Arthur c. Errington b. Morpeth	8
Miss M. Softley b. Miss Carr	0
D. A. Bayles run out	1
Mrs. K. Arthur c. and b. Miss Carr	0
W. Cooke b. Cheeseman	1
B. Oliver not out	1
Extras	19
Total	58

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MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—As from the beginning of September, practices at Old Woking, Ottershaw and Send will be held on the first, second and third Wednesday in the month respectively. All visitors welcome.—H. Hancock. 2960

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Please note that there will be no meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Next meeting on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton—details later.—Hon. Sec. 2969

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes all ringers coming up for the first time this term. Please contact M. Tilbury, 34, Claytons, Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire. First practice of term, Thursday, Oct. 2nd, St. Giles' (Southampton Street). 2984

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Owing to nearby functions there will be no ringing on September 15th and 29th. 2977

TO CONDUCTORS.—Make a point of presenting a copy of 'The Ringing World' to those who ring their first peal or quarter peal. Send 6d. with report.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Kinver (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. 2942

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2911

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea at the Cock Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2875

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, Orsett. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. C. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett. 2874

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Practice meeting at Godalming on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. and again at 6.20 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—D. A. Kirk, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2914

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boughton Monchelsea, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Dare, Newnham, Salts Avenue, Loose, near Maidstone. 2894

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 2986

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 2944

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Marlow (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 2851

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, at Hatfield, Herts. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Audrey's Blind Home 5 p.m. Bells available from 3 p.m. Green Line 716 and 717, or trains from Liverpool Street. 2922

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Westbourne (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2913

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (nearest station Manor House, thence by 623, 627, 679 trolleybus to St. Ann's Road). The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Further details later.—John Chilcott (new address: Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey). 2915

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—272nd anniversary, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. per head) 5 p.m. Names, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick feast, Sunday, Sept. 21st. Ringing 2 and 5.15 p.m. 2979

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Huish Episcopi (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Kindly notify T. J. Setter, 109 Middle Street, Yeovil. 2978

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Easton-in-Gordano (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 2963

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fitzhead on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 2962

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Dunchurch, Saturday, September 20th, at 3 p.m. Please send names for tea by Friday, 19th, to Mr. P. H. Barnwell, Cawston Lane, Dunchurch.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 2870

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 p.m. *for those who notify by Sept. 18th* Mr. A. J. King, The Villa, Wrenbury, Nantwich. —W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 2980

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided *free* for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2987

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby, Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 2975

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hemyock, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to D. Hart, 1, Broadway, The Square, Hemyock. 2935

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th, Chester-le-Street, SS. Mary and Cuthbert's. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 2955

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2988

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th, at Heath. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday previous to Mr. Yeomans, Hillman, Mansfield Road, Heath, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 2966

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th, Kilndown. Names for tea by previous Wednesday.—E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 2972

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice at Condover on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 2983

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2971

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray Branch.—Meeting at Eaton, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in Village Institute. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 11th, please, to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street, Eaton, near Grantham, Lincs.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2973

LINCOLN AND SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Lincoln and Newark Districts.—Joint meeting at Eagle (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Harby (5) also available afternoon and evening. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. C. Smith, The Bungalow, Eagle, Lincoln.—C. Brown and W. Exton, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Brigg, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea. Tel. 2623. 2934

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting at Trevethin, Pontypool, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Temple, 1, The Woodlands, Penygarn, Pontypool.—J. S. King. 2928

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Ruislip, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Special method, Kent T.B.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2981

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th, to E. Roberts, 26, The Crescent, Derby Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — Annual meeting and dinner will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing: Felmersham, 11 to 12.30; Kempston 11 to 12.45; Bromham, 11 to 12.45 and 3 to 4.30; Bedford St. Paul's, 2 to 2.30 and 4.45 to 5.45; Bedford St. Peter's, 2 to 5.30. Arrangements have been made for sandwiches and liquid refreshment to be available at the canteen of Horne Lane Police Station (near to St. Paul's Church, Bedford) between 1 and 2.15 p.m. Business meeting at Police Headquarters, Goldington Road, Bedford, at 3 p.m. Dinner and social evening at the Bridge Hotel, Bedford (near St. Paul's Church), at 6.15 p.m. Tickets, price 12s. 6d. each, obtainable from Hon. Secretary J. A. Smith, 39, New Street, Oadby, Leicester. Early application requested. It is emphasised that *all* ringers, their wives and friends, are welcome to join us at Bedford on this occasion—the more the merrier. 2939

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Sutton Courtney, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Names for tea by the 16th. please.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 2917

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Little Horwood, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify by Sept. 16th for tea.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 2929

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Sept. 17th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 2985

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Maxey, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 16th, certain, to secretary. 2932

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wyke Regis, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 17th, to G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth. 2923

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th, Bradford Abbas. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 2958

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at Tunstall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Blaxhall (ringing 6.30 p.m.); Service 4.15 and tea 5 p.m. at Tunstall. —A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 2961

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Limpsfield (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Also at Limpsfield Chart (6), 6 p.m. Notify for tea, please, Mr. E. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limpsfield. 2937

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Lounge Café. Advise number by Sept. 17th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 2912

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting, Bitterne Park, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday for tea to Mrs. V. Hymas, 18, Newton Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton.—J. Hartless. 2921

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Belbroughton, Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by Wednesday, 17th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Old Farm, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2941

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Boroughbridge on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.: Parish Church (6), Aldborough (6) and Kirby Hill (6). All towers in close proximity. General committee meet in Parish Church vestry 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Windmill Restaurant in the square. Names by 18th to Mr. E. Hudson, Singleton Cottage, Sharow, near Ripon. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Committee anticipate good and loyal support, thus helping our members in the Northern District.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—St. Bartholomew's Church. Annual ringers' service, Sunday, Sept. 21st, 6.30 p.m. (Preacher: The Rev. Coleridge.) Bells (8) from 5 p.m. and after service. All ringers welcome. 2959

ELY ASSOCIATION DINNER.—The Ely Diocesan Association will hold a dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at the All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, Huntingdon. Tickets 12s. Peals can be arranged for persons attending the dinner, also various rings will be available during the afternoon and evening—times to be announced later. Tickets and peal arrangements from H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2842

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Sible Hedingham, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Saturday, Sept. 20th, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 2884

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Frindsbury on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, to Miss R. Highley, 25, Holly Road, Wainscott, near Rochester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gosberton on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to Mr. F. Payne, Church Street, Gosberton, Spalding.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, at Cadoxton, Neath. Bells (6) 1.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4 p.m. Will towers please note. Business meeting follows. —R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 2970

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn meeting will be held at St. Laurence's Hall, Reading, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea before Sept. 24th to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—M. R. Cross. 2991

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Meeting, Norwich, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing: St. Giles' and/or St. Peter Mancroft an hour before lunch, 2 to 4 p.m., also after tea: other towers available if necessary. Tea, Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place, 4.30 p.m. Members of B.R.S.A. should give eight days' notice for passes. Railwaymen's meetings are not 'a closed shop.' All ringers are welcome. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd, please.—Frank Stenson, North Col. 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. 2967

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Leafield on Saturday, Oct. 4th. —J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Rosemary, Freeland, Oxford. 2976

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wicken, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 2982

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon commemoration dinner at Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Please reserve date. Further details soon.—A. E. Marsh. 2989

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

On Tuesday, August 5th, a party of ringers from Northampton and District had a half day in North Beds. Proceeding from Turvey after a peal attempt failure, the first stop was Carlton (4), where we were informed that hopes are entertained of augmentation to five. Felmersham was soon reached where, thanks to Colin Payne, we were able to have a pull on this good eight. Leaving the church, the rain 'came down in buckets.' As the six at Bletsoe were found to be unringable, we stopped at Riseley (5), where the Vicar gave an interesting tour of his church and tower.

From the 'R.W.' we knew there was a new ring of five at Dean, and on arriving found the abode of the tower captain, who certainly welcomed us. These are good bells and the ringing of Doubles methods was of a high standard. Looking at the map we found that Hargrave, Northants (four bells), was on the homeward journey, and a decision to call in and view the bells was made. We found the bells in a ringable condition but going badly for the lack of oil and attention.

Despite a rather damp day on Friday, August 8th, a party of ringers had an enjoyable time ringing in the Oundle area of Northants. Towers visited were: Ringstead (6), Aldwincle, St. Peter's (5), Wadenhoe (6), Stoke Doyle (5), Polebrook (5), Lutton (4), Cotterstock (5), Nassington (5), Thornaugh (5) and Warmington (6). A good variety of Minor and Doubles methods was rung, including a course of Grandsire Triples on a very ropy old ring of handbells (bought in a sale). Thanks are recorded to the incumbents and ringers who met the party. S.

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FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On July 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Walker 1, B. G. Brinkley 2, Miss M. Panton 3, C. R. Payne 4, T. R. Roast 5, R. J. Harrison 6, M. J. Edwards 7, I. J. M. Saunders (first quarter of Major as conductor) 8.

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AS OTHERS HEAR US

DURING a short visit to Devonshire recently I happened to buy an evening paper wondering if I should find anything about ringing or perhaps bells and ringers. Sixty or seventy years ago this paper devoted considerable space to this topic, so imagine the pleasure when I saw a leading article headed, 'Bells of St. Mary.'

The opening paragraph tells us: 'When sweet bells are "jangled, out of tune and harsh" they grate upon ears as they did upon Ophelia's. And that is not always the fault of the bell-ringers, but rather the misfortune of the listener. For if he be too near it may well be that what he hears is not at all the true sounds which are wafted from the tower, but a distortion of echoes, like the confused impressions he gets when looking at a picture which is out of focus, or a masterpiece of sculpture seen at the wrong distance or at the wrong angle.'

Few can disagree with the view expressed, for it is all wrapped up in what is termed acoustics, a subject which could be studied with interest when too much sound is directed downward instead of upward.

The next paragraph says: 'That is why the close proximity of bells in a crowded town sometimes produces only headaches where, in different circumstances, the effect —as we may be sure is the intention—would be to soothe our jaded nerves.' Ringers know only too well what 'close proximity' means and due consideration is usually given by clergy and ringers.

Coming to the next paragraph we read that 'the lowing herd on the distant lea get the maximum pleasure on a summer evening when the campanologists get down to work, and we may well envy the cows their contentment.'

Presumably the writer was thinking of the ringers' practice night, but who can say the number of listeners whenever ringing takes place in any church tower?

The next sentence tells of the rural scene and says: 'Most people will agree that to hear church bells at their best one has to go to the country, and become part of the rural scene. Seeking not necessarily the solitude of the fields, but such peaceful surroundings as may still be found in some of Devon's lovely villages.'

The next paragraph reveals the rendezvous: 'Which experience we could have shared the other afternoon with the good people of Kentisbeare and their neighbours as they gathered in silent groups in what our reporter, with a delightful touch, described "the sun-bathed square," and listened to the bells of St. Mary.'

The article concludes: 'Across the open spaces the melodious music floated away to mingle in pleasant harmony with the rhythm of haymaking for miles around. It is in such a setting on a glorious June afternoon that poetry is born.'

Presumably there was a wedding at Kentisbeare that afternoon, and for those who do not know the location of this village it is three miles from Cullompton. It possesses a ring of six with a tenor of about 14 cwt., but anything else relating to the tower and bells makes me confess that I last visited the village 58 years ago! Probably some ringers would want to know what method was rung for the occasion and my guess is call changes, because this style is still preferred in quite a number of towers in Devon, but whatever was rung mattered but little to the listeners because the ringers were producing good ringing by accurate striking. One wonders if the ringers are members of the Devon Guild or the South Devon Ringers' Association, or a purely local band, but in any case they deserve credit for attracting attention locally and also in the public Press.

In many rural parishes the parishioners are proud of their local ringers, and if they do not ring well they soon hear about it, yet the general public have little idea of the difficulties and varying conditions that ringers have to surmount. Even those who include a number of towers in their outings have confessed that ringing sometimes failed to reach a good standard, and it is surprising the number of causes which can be found that help to prevent accurate striking.

Good ringing should remind people of church and emphasise its position in the parish, while the tone of the bells should be an expression of the true ring in their hearts. As for the harmony of the bells it could be an expression of the general good feeling among the ringers and all other church-workers in the parish. W. S.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR

The following six peals were rung for the Cambridge University Guild.

MELLS, SOMERSET.
On Mon., Aug. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's Tenor 26 cwt.

C. W. Woolley (Sel.)	*Treble*	*D. J. Kirby (Sel.)	5
Susan Jackson (Girton)	2	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	6
J. Schofield (King's)	3	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	7
E. G. Benson (St. Cath.'s)	4	C. M. P. Johnson (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. Woolley.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

BRISTOL.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

J. D. Painter (Caius)	*Treble*	J. Schofield (King's)	6
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	2	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	7
S. E. Darmon (St. John's)	3	C. M. P. Johnson (Sel.)	8
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	4	C. W. Woolley (Sel.)	9
R. Leigh (St. Cath.'s)	5	W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by H. L. James. Conducted by F. E. Haynes.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's Tenor 18 cwt.

A. G. G. Thurlow (Sel.)	*Treble*	P. F. Windley (Jesus)	5
J. Schofield (King's)	2	J. D. Painter (Caius)	6
E. G. Benson (St. Cath.'s)	3	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	7
*M. D. S. Hood (Tr. Hall)	4	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. Fielden.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22½ cwt.

J. Schofield (King's)	*Treble*	S. E. Darmon (St. John's)	5
W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	2	C. M. P. Johnson (Sel.)	6
Susan Jackson (Girton)	3	C. W. Woolley (Sel.)	7
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath.'s)	4	H. Neill (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by T. Day. Conducted by C. W. Woolley.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

H. Neill (St. Cath.'s)	*Treble*	*E. G. Benson (St. Cath.'s)	5
Susan Jackson (Girton)	2	C. M. P. Johnson (Sel.)	6
J. D. Painter (Caius)	3	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	7
W. T. Cook (Jesus)	4	W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by H. L. James. Conducted by H. Neill.
* First peal in the method.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

J. Schofield (King's)	*Treble*	P. F. Windley (Jesus)	5
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.'s)	2	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	6
Susan Jackson (Girton)	3	H. Neill (St. Cath.'s)	7
W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	4	C. M. P. Johnson (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by H. Neill.

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY TOUR

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., Aug. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Joan Gray	*Treble*	Roger Keeley	5
David W. Beard	2	Noel J. Diserens	6
*David Priestley	3	Richard E. Price	7
Denis A. Bayles	4	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'
A wedding compliment to Denis and Margaret Layton.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

David W. Beard	*Treble*	John S. Seager	6
Dennis Beresford	2	Denis A. Bayles	7
David Priestley	3	Noel J. Diserens	8
Philip M. J. Gray	4	Roger Keeley	9
Martyn Hawkes	5	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. B. Jealous. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At Penscot Guest House,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Valerie Willard	1—2	*Noel J. Diserens	5—6
Dennis Beresford	3—4	Philip M. J. Gray	7—8
		†Roger Keeley	9—10

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First 'in hand.' The first hand-bell peal rung by the Society in the Northern Hemisphere.

PEAL TOUR IN OXFORDSHIRE AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTIES

RADFORD SEMELE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
On the bank of the Warwick and Napton Canal,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods (first 24 extents spliced): Shipway's Place Bob and Tandridge Bob, Shipway's Pl. Bob and Colnbrook Slow Course, Westminster II Bob and Knapton Bob, Westminster II Bob and Chesham Sl. C., Blackburn Pl. Bob and Broughton Sl. C., Blackburn Pl. B. and Lyng Bob, St. Hilary Bob and Intwood Bob, St. Hilary Bob and Ockham Sl. C., Plain Bob and Boxford Bob, Plain Bob and Candlesby Sl. C., St. Simon's Bob and Braywood Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Rugby Sl. C., St. Martin's Bob and Slapton Sl. C., St. Martin's Bob and Welford Bob, St. Osmund Bob and Longworth Bob, St. Osmund Bob and Merton Sl. C., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Dorton Bob, Rev. Canterbury Plea. Bob and Raveningham Sl. C., St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford Sl. C., St. Nicholas' Bob and Fundenhall Bob, Winchendon Place Bob and Thornborough Sl. C., Winchendon Pl. Bob and Haddiscoe Bob, St. Remigius' Bob and Harpley Bob, St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe Sl. C., St. Bartholomew's Bob, Reverse All Saints' Bob, St. Sebastian Bob, Stedman Sl. C., Coxwell Place Bob, St. Botolph Bob, Shipway's Place Bob, Westminster II Bob, Blackburn Place Bob, Plain Bob; 165 changes of method, 72 bobs. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frank Osbaldiston	1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe	3—4
		William H. Dowse	5—6

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild. The last half of the peal was rung in a thunderstorm.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

John R. Kennett	*Treble*	Frank Osbaldiston	5
Stella Hughes	2	Michael W. Crowder	6
William H. Dowse	3	H. David Holland	7
Ian M. Holland	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Ian M. Holland.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

R. Brent Wherry	*Treble*	*Denis A. Henshaw	4
Stuart Ellison	2	David W. Friend	5
Robert J. Warrilow	3	Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
* First peal of Minor.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN R. KENNETT ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	5
H. DAVID HOLLAND ..	2	MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	7
*TERENCE G. PAGE ..	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells.

INGLESHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE YOUTH HOSTEL,
A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

Being 45 extents in 60 methods (extents 1 to 29, 31, and 36 to 43 spliced): (1) Bethnal Bob and St. Vedast Bob, (2) Rev. St. Edmund's Bob and Huntspill Bob, (3) Rev. Heathrow Bob and Huntspill Bob, (4) St. Edmund's S.C. and St. Simon's Bob, (5) Westminster II Bob and Cranford S.C., (6) Heathrow S.C. and St. Nicholas' Bob, (7) New Bob and Forncett Bob, (8) New Bob and Itchingfield S.C., (9) Huntspill Bob and Ellingham Bob, (10) Huntspill Bob and Oakley S.C., (11) St. Vedast Bob and Bedingham Bob, (12) St. Vedast Bob and Chipstead S.C., (13) Plain Bob and Boxford Bob, (14) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (15) Shipway's Place Bob and Tandridge Bob, (16) Shipway's Place Bob and Colnbrook S.C., (17) Westminster II Bob and Knapton Bob, (18) Westminster II Bob and Chesham S.C., (19) Blackburn Place Bob and Lyng Bob, (20) Blackburn Place Bob and Broughton S.C., (21) St. Hilary Bob and Intwood Bob, (22) St. Hilary Bob and Ockham S.C., (23) St. Simon's Bob and Braywood Bob, (24) St. Simon's Bob and Rugby S.C., (25) St. Martin's Bob and Welford Bob, (26) St. Martin's Bob and Slapton S.C., (27) St. Osmund Bob and Longworth Bob, (28) St. Osmund Bob and Merton S.C., (29) Reverse Plain Bob and Canterbury Plea. Bob, (30) Reverse Shipway's Place Bob, (31) St. Bartholomew Bob and Reverse All Saints' Bob, (32) St. Sebastian Bob, (33) Stedman S.C., (34) Coxwell Place Bob, (35) St. Botolph Bob, (36) Reverse Canterbury Plea. Bob and Dorton Bob, (37) Rev. Canterbury Plea. Bob and Raveningham S.C., (38) St. Nicholas' Bob and Fundenhall Bob, (39) St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford S.C., (40) Winchendon Place Bob and Haddiscoe Bob, (41) Winchendon Pl. Bob and Thornborough S.C., (42) St. Remigius' Bob and Harpley Bob, (43) St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe S.C., (44) and (45) Plain Bob; 264 changes of method, 48 bobs. Tenor size 12 in F.

FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3—4
WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..		.. 5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal of Doubles on handbells. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in G sharp.

H. DAVID HOLLAND ..	*Treble*	†TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	4
*R. BRENT WHERRY	2	‡JOHN R. KENNETT	5
*TERENCE G. PAGE	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Minor. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.'

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLOUCESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
*WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.
Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor. Last peal in the method by all.
Method: x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16, 34 x 34, 58, 34 x 34, 78.
Lead head-2nds: 14263857. Bob-4ths. F.c.e.'s: 24365, 32546, 46253.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

STUART ELLISON	*Treble*	†TERENCE G. PAGE	5
JOHN R. KENNETT	2	DENIS A. HENSHAW ..	6
R. BRENT WHERRY	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	4	DAVID W. FRIEND ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	6
H. DAVID HOLLAND ..	2	*DAVID E. BELCHAM ..	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	8
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	4	†TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	9
WILLIAM A. SMITH	5	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Bob Royal. First of Plain Bob Royal as conductor.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
IN THE UNIVERSITY PARKS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor size 12 in F.

*WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3—4
†IAN M. HOLLAND		5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Minor on handbells. † First peal on handbells.

STONESFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods: (1) St. Clement's Bob, (2) and (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*STUART ELLISON	*Treble*	*DENIS A. HENSHAW	4
*DAVID W. FRIEND	2	JOHN R. KENNETT	5
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KENNETT.
* First peal of Minor in four methods. First as conductor.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*B. CLARE WEBSTER ..	*Treble*	†MICHAEL W. CROWDER ..	6
FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	2	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	7
*CAROL EUSTACE	3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	8
STELLA HUGHES	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	9
DENIS A. HENSHAW ..	5	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Treble Bob Royal. The youngest band to ring a peal of Royal; average age 17.6 years.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5200 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Treble*	†ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	6
*B. CLARE WEBSTER	2	STELLA HUGHES	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	8
BERNARD GROVES	4	‡DAVID W. FRIEND	9
DENIS A. HENSHAW ..	5	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal of Royal 'inside.' † First of Royal. ‡ First of Treble Bob Royal. First of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the bells. The youngest band to ring a peal of Royal; average age 17.3 years.

A SCOTTISH PEAL TOUR

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	6
Wilfred Williams	2	Bryan Pattison	7
Robin G. Leale	3	Philip Mehew	8
Ronald F. Diserens	4	Derek P. Jones	9
William A. Theobald	5	Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30¼ cwt. in D flat.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Bryan Pattison	6
Arthur H. Reed	2	Norman V. Harding	7
Robin G. Leale	3	Philip Mehew	8
Ronald F. Diserens	4	Frank E. Darby	9
Alan F. Thirst	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Robin G. Leale	*Treble*	Frank E. Darby	5
Donald G. Clift	2	Alan F. Thirst	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	Philip Mehew	7
William A. Theobald	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method on the bells.

PAISLEY, RENFREWSHIRE.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Presbyterian Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

Frank E. Darby	*Treble*	Norman V. Harding	5
Ronald F. Diserens	2	Bryan Pattison	6
Robin G. Leale	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Wilfred Williams	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

INVERARAY, ARGYLLSHIRE.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
In the detached tower at the Episcopal Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Bryan Pattison	6
Robin G. Leale	2	Derek P. Jones	7
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Philip Mehew	8
Alan F. Thirst	4	Frank E. Darby	9
William A. Theobald	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Pudsey Royal in Scotland.

ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Episcopal Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	5
Graham McKay	2	Philip Mehew	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	Robin G. Leale	7
Ronald F. Diserens	4	Norman V. Harding	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
First peal in the method on the bells.

DUNDEE, ANGUS.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Presbyterian Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	William A. Theobald	5
Ronald F. Diserens	2	Bryan Pattison	6
Robin G. Leale	3	Philip Mehew	7
Alan F. Thirst	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal of Bristol Surprise Major in Scotland.

LEITH, MIDLOTHIAN.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, Aug. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Episcopal Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

Robin G. Leale	*Treble*	Frank E. Darby	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Bryan Pattison	6
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Philip Mehew	7
Alan F. Thirst	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Pudsey Major in Scotland.

BRAMPTON, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of 720 each of Double Bob, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	4
Robin G. Leale	2	William A. Theobald	5
Graham McKay	3	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
First peal in seven methods for the Association.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Frank E. Darby	*Treble*	Alan F. Thirst	5
Robin G. Leale	2	Bryan Pattison	6
Wilfred Williams	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Ronald F. Diserens	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method on the bells.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, and one of Kent T.B. Tenor 10 cwt.

Stanley Richardson	*Treble*	Ronald F. Diserens	4
Graham McKay	2	Philip Mehew	5
Alan Capstick	3	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Dennis Mottershead.

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

ALAN F. THIRST	*Treble*	DENNIS RANDALL	7
FRANK E. DARBY	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	8
BROOK K. LUNN	3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	9
RAYMOND G. BURTON	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT	10
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
THOMAS G. FOX	6	JAMES PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

Rung as a compliment to John Chilcott, secretary of the Society, who was married earlier in the day to Miss Eileen Ricketts.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*CELIA COWLEY	*Treble*	*DAVID W. JAMES	6
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	*BARRIE HENDRY	7
ALAN J. FROST	3	ALAN CATTELL	8
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	*DEREK TAYLOR	9
BRYAN PATTISON	5	JOHN E. COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN E. COOKE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Chapman, of Finedon, Northants, on their 18th wedding anniversary.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	8
MARY H. HALL	4	ALBERT M. TYLER	9
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	5	*FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* 50th peal on the bells. First in the method, and of Caters, as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
PHILIP A. CORBY	4	HARRY PLUMB	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of John Hall, ringer at this church for over 40 years, and interred at Bretforton this day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

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

*A. JAMES POYNOR	*Treble*	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
PATRICIA A. M. FOSTER	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN (Twelve-part, No. 3).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Patricia A. M. Foster.

LONDON, E.C.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
FRANK E. DARBY	2	JAMES G. PRIOR	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywoods' variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	FRANK E. WALKER	5
†PATRICIA SMEE	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
HARRY SPRINGATE	4	‡BRIAN POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* 250th peal for the Association. † First in the method. ‡ First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Jennifer M. Highley and Peter F. Borer; also to Barbara A. Mitchell and Hendrick van Asselt.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	*EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	EDWARD JENNER	6
STANLEY JENNER	3	IAN H. ORAM	7
*GEORGE FRY	4	JOHN L. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*REV. ALBERT WEBB	*Treble*	†GEORGE E. EVENDEN	5
†MRS. D. H. NIBLETT	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
REGINALD WOODYATT	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Lincolnshire Surprise Major. First in the method as conductor, and rung on his birthday.

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NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Plain Bob and 40 of Grandsire (10 callings).
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

WALTER EVANS	*Treble*	BRYAN GIDDINGS	4
ROBERT HAICHER	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE ..	5
JOHN HOPE	3	JOSEPH BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.
Rung in memoriam Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, of Kington, benefactors of this church; also Mr. Phillip Lingen, a devoted servant.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	RICHARD A. WEBSTER ..	4
FRED A. GINNS	2	ROY W. SPENCER	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
First peal of Kent Minor by ringers of 2, 4 and 5, who hail from Northants. A compliment to the conductor on his birthday.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being extents in seven variations of calling. No 6-5's at back.
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in B flat.

PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE ..	*Treble*	MERYL J. ALDER	4
ANTHONY H. ROBERTS ..	2	ERNEST WHITING	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON	3	LEONARD J. MINNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.
The slowest peal on the bells.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Bartholomew; as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Alden, wife of Starston Ringing Master; a birthday compliment to the conductor (August 15th); also a farewell to the conductor, leaving Shimpling for Droitwich, Worcestershire.

CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and one extent of combined Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

FRED A. GINNS	*Treble*	ROY W. SPENCER	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	WILLIAM R. MARSH	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Russell (14, Streather Drive, Corby, Northants) on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. The ringers were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Russell after the peal.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent of Sandal T.B., and three each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*RAYMOND LARKIN	*Treble*	ALBERT WHEELER	4
*JOHN MEREDITH	2	WILFRED RILEY	5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG ..	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

KILMINGTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four different extents (5-6 right way).
Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	4
WALTER H. POOLE	2	WILLIAM E. TURNER	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

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HALF PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 3rd, 2,520 Doubles (1,200 Grandsire, 1,320 Plain Bob): C. B. Fynes 1, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 2-3, Monica Blagrove 4, M. J. Palmer 5, D. J. Evans 6.

EAST BEDFONT, MIDDLX.—On Sept 1st, 2,520 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 480 St. Simon's, 480 St. Martin's), 360 Reverse Canterbury): C. B. Fynes 1, Monica Blagrove 2, M. J. Palmer 3, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 4-5, F. R. Scott 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, R. E. G. Luton (first in method) 3, Miss M. Wright 4, P. J. Shipton 5, A. R. Peake 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, A. Palmer 8.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda M. Forrest 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, I. C. Forrest 4, Valerie Mepham 5, D. A. Hibbitt 6. Rung as a farewell to Diana M. Gough, former secretary of the band, who is leaving to go to training college in Herts.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): B. Edwards 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, C. J. Shepherd 3, M. C. Swift 4, J. E. Camp (first quarter) 5, E. G. Swift 6. Jointly conducted by 4 and 6.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. H. Brown 1, E. J. Buchanan 2, W. H. Wilson 3, T. McMorran (cond.) 4, D. Vokes (first in method) 5, R. 1. George 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, V. R. McCormack (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to H. H. Brown.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bathwick, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Merrett 1, E. Naylor 2, Margaret Greedy (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. Dora Evans 4, W. J. Prescott 5, T. T. Jones (cond) 6, R. S. M. Stubbs 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. A farewell to the conductor on his departure to Cumberland.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,456 Plain Bob Major: W. J. Ridgman 1, R. Leigh (cond.) 2, B. D. Price 3, D. J. Kirby 4, P. F. Windley 6, J. Schofield 7, J. H. Fielden 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. F. Sims 1, Anne E. Amor 2, Lucy Allen 3, R. F. Baker 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5.

BROADWAY, WORCS.—On Aug. 20th, 2,160 Stedman Doubles: B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 1, M. W. Crowder 2, B. Groves 3, W. H. Dowse 4, R. B. Smith 5, F. Osbaldiston 6.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,280 Bob Major: J. Parsonage (first of Major) 1, R. King 2, J. Hughes 3, G. Parting 4, P. Swindley 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, J. S. Dean (first as cond.) 7, J. W. Griffiths 8.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Roden (first quarter) 1, A. D. Collins (cond.) 2, H. Harrison 3, G. Dean, sen., 4, R. Blackwell 5, T. Nott 6.

CHIEVELEY, BERKS.—1,260 Doubles (120 St. Martin's, 120 St. Simon's, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): L. Phillips 1, R. F. Crook 2, G. J. Townsend 3, S. F. Tuffley 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, R. J. Cann 6. First in five Doubles methods for 2. Rung for the visit of the Bishop to preach at evening service.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. G. Swift 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, C. J. Shepherd 4, M. G. Swift 5, P. G. Badcock 6. Jointly conducted by 5 and 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift.

CHILDSWYCKHAM, GLOS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Shirley Parsons 1, C. A. Wratten 2, Wendy Bird 3, Rev. T. P. Hearn 4, R. F. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5. This was the first quarter of Stedman Doubles for all the band except the conductor.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Doreen Fairhead 1, Ava Appleby 2, F. G. Oliver 3, D. Whent 4, G. W. Barnes 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled by the local band in memoriam E. J. Butler, who often rang at this church.

QUARTER PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, J. Sansom 2, W. H. Coles 3, T. Baker 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For Evensong and the christening this day of Elizabeth Mary Woodgyer.

CROPREDY, OXON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Norwich Surprise and Plain Bob): T. N. J. Bailey 1, F. Osbaldiston 2, Stella Hughes 3, W. H. Dowse 4, M. W. Crowder 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Murrell (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stevens (first quarter) 2, J. Gasson 3, G. Apps 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, R. Johnson 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8. The ringer of the 4th has been a member of the Sussex Association for 50 years.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. King 1, Jill Creasy 2, W. M. Mann 3, P. H. A. Jonason 4, C. E. G. Banham 5, P. Newington (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FAIRFIELD, DERBYS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Ellison 1, S. Gillian Cranshaw 2, S. Ellison 3, I. W. Smith 4, E. Ellison 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. For evening service.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Anne E. Amor 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. Gipson 3, Lucy Allen 4, A. Davey (first of Major) 5, R. F. Baker 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, B. F. Sims 8.

GORING, OXON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Haines 1, W. Irving 2, Phyllis Haines 3, H. Tull 4, C. Hibbert (cond.) 5, G. Bishop 6, L. Haines 7, J. Hiscock 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. H. Napper, a member of the band for 50 years.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Kathleen M. Yeo 1, Violet I. Relf 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, D. Staples 4, C. T. Hillis 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6. Specially arranged and rung as a 75th birthday compilment to Mr. John Willis (Folkestone), a vice-president of the Kent County Association.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: M. Seymour 1, T. Bannister 2, Mrs. Marjorie Hill 3, A. R. Turley 4, J. Hill (cond.) 5, N. D. Robinson 6, M. Palmer 7, F. C. Price 8. First of Major for 1. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,440 Minor (being one extent of Spliced Court and Plain Bob, and one extent of Spliced Single Oxford and Plain Bob): B. Mills 1, R. Larkin 2, Doreen Armstrong 3, J. Meredith 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted jointly by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. First quarter in three methods for 2 and 5. For evening service.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. Bond 1, J. R. Perrett 2, K. Kirk 3, J. S. Rank 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, D. Johnson (first as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by local band for many years. Rung as a farewell to the ringers of 2, 4 and 5, who are shortly going up to university.

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NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Griffith 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. R. Haycock 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Margaret Stanley 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Pittam (first quarter) 1, T. G. Pickering (first 'inside') 2, Joan Cheney 3, T. Pittam 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. Duffin (first quarter) 6. Also on Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Budd 1, W. E. Burnell 2, J. C. Nicholls (first as cond.) 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5. Rung on the Major 5 of the ring of 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Gammage 1, E. Billings 2, B. O. Soden 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, T. M. Haines 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, R. S. Roberts 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late John C. Wallis, churchwarden.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Old, 240 April Day, 240 Bob, 300 Grandsire): B. Stirland 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (comprising 480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): H. Nichols 1, Rev. G. W. Reaming 2, Wendy Bird 3, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 4, C. A. Wratten 5, N. Holberton 6. Rung before Evensong for the patronal festival.

RUMNEY, MON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 120 Reverse Canterbury, 120 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 460 Grandsire): M. Edwards 1, D. Pike 2, G. Stickland (cond.) 3, B. Taylor 4, J. Goodfellow 5, R. Lee 6. First in six methods for all except 4. Also 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 All Saints', 120 each Rev. St. Bartholomew and Rev. Canterbury, 120 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire): D. Pike 1, M. Edwards 2, J. Goodfellow 3, B. Taylor (cond.) 4, G. Stickland 5, R. Lee 6.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (1 six-score Reverse Canterbury, 4 six-scores Plain Bob, 5½ six-scores Grandsire, 660 changes): R. Lee 1, D. Pike (first 'inside') 2, M. Edwards 3, J. Goodfellow 4, B. Tavlor (cond.) 5, G. Stickland 6. First in three methods by all. Also 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Lee 1, B. Tavlor 2, J. Goodfellow 3, M. Edwards 4, G. Stickland (cond.) 5, D. Pike 6. First in method as conductor.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Cooper 1, C. Blain 2, J. Kitchener 3, B. Backhouse 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, H. Gurney 6. Rung for Mr and Mrs. C. J. Balls' golden wedding.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (being Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Lincolnshire, with 42 changes of method): E. Wadman 1, E. Brown 2, A. J. Sanger 3, M. Rose 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. Salmon 7, E. J. Chivers 8. First in four methods by all, and first blow of Spliced Surprise Major by 2.

UPTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 1, P. J. Staniforth 2, H. C. Spencer 3, J. Knight 4, A. F. Lee 5, R. Blackler (first of Stedman) 6, W. Simmonds 7, A. J. Garbett 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Susan Rawlings (first of Major) 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, E. Jacobs 6, F. Corfield 7, A. Bishop (first as cond.) 8.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Bellew 1, W. Baker 2, C. Greedy 3, C. Tarr 4, G. Sparkes 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Canley (cond.) 7, F. Salter 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Jim Hartnell, who was for over 50 years a ringer at this tower, interred this day.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. M. Baraclough (first quarter) 1, E. A. Parish 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, W. D. Peart 5, H. F. Baraclough 6, J. R. Cotterill 7, W. C. Reynolds 8. Specially arranged for Evensong to mark the birthdays of Miss F. M. Baraclough and E. A. Parish.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The young and enthusiastic band who had a fortnight's peal tour in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire added to ringing history by the most Doubles methods rung in a handbell peal, the two youngest bands to ring a peal of Royal, and the first peal of Gloucestershire Surprise Major. Unofficial records were first handbell peal in a thunderstorm in which all three ringers were absolutely soaked and first handbell peal on a compost heap, rung partly after nightfall. (More bats in the belfry.)

The Irish Association has had four applications for peal tour parties for 1959 as a result of the Central Council's visit this Whitsun.

The band that rang a peal of Cambridge Royal at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, would like to thank Miss Cowley for standing in at very short notice.

With reference to the memorial to the late William Denyer, details of which were printed in last week's issue, the address of Mr. Charles Denyer, to whom contributions are to be sent, is 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey.

The ringers of the wedding quarter peal at St. Mary Cray on September 6th express their gratitude for the hospitality extended to them by Mr. and Mrs. Marlow, the bride's parents, after the ringing.

The ringers of the peal of Bob Doubles at South Scarle, Notts, on August 30th, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pennington for so kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

The bells of the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, Dover, will be heard on Sunday, September 21st, prior to the service to be broadcast from there at 9.45 a.m. in the London and Welsh Home Services, and conducted by the Vicar, Canon A. S. Cooper. The captain of the ringers is Mr. C. A. L. George.

The many friends of Mr. Emlyn F. Hancock will be pleased to know that he has now returned home for convalescence after a period of seven weeks in hospital. He looks forward to resuming his ringing activities when his health is fully restored.

The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift, captain of Chalfont St. Peter ringers, occurred on September 2nd. To mark the occasion, a quarter peal was rung on the following evening. It was jointly conducted by their son and the vice-captain of the tower.

Mr. Michael T. Sprackling, who is taking up a teaching post at Stourbridge (Worcs) was given a good 'send off' from Bristol with a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's. The band who took part and his many Bristol friends will join in wishing Michael a happy and successful career.

The August number of 'The Ringing Towers,' the journal of the New South Wales Association, contains an enterprising quiz set by George W. Pipe and Graeme W Heyes, with marks up to 100. The last question is 'Do you take "The Ringing World?" If not why not?' We thank 'Ringing Towers' for this advertisement.

A welcome visitor to the meeting of the Eastern District of the Irish Association at Christ Church, Bray, on September 6th was Mr. Wilfred E. Box, of St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, Birmingham, who called in en route to Cork. Mr. Tom Mason, of Bray, acted as Ringing Master in the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. Shaw, of Arklow. 'Stoney' and Plain Bob were rung. Four of the visitors had an insight to plain hunting and rang it very well before the meeting dispersed. Altogether, writes Mr. F. E. Dukes, it was a most enjoyable and beneficial afternoon.

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS ADMIRE WELSH BELLS AND SCENERY

Oh, what a beautiful morning!
Oh, what a beautiful day!
I've got a beautiful feeling
Everythings going my way.

THAT is how it seemed on Sunday morning, August 3rd, when we set out for another Pilgrims tour: this time for South Wales.

We had a good coach and a good driver. We knew we would have good company, good bells, and lovely country and we were as thrilled as children going on a Sunday School treat. Mr. and Mrs. Button and Mr. and Mrs. Goodship joined us at Ipswich, Messrs. Eves, Johnson, Roast and Wratten at Chelmsford, Tom Clarke, John Mayne, Irvin Slack, Charlie Sayer, Pat Smee and Herbert Young at St. Paul's and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Alick Cutler and Fred Elliott at St. John's Hillingdon, where we enjoyed a good half course of Cambridge Royal.

We arrived at Witney for lunch and here Harry Windsor from Rugby and his pupil Peter Bennett joined us. The meal over we enjoyed an hour's ringing on this pleasant eight (17 cwt. in E). On the way to Gloucester, where we were due for tea, Shirley Parsons and Mr. and Mrs. W. Bertram Kynaston joined the party and we were able to ring for evening service at St. Mary de Crypt (8, 14 cwt. in F sharp, Rudhall's) and St. Mary de Lode (6, 10 cwt. in G and out of tune). Followed the last lap of the day, the 20 miles to Chepstow.

IN MONMOUTHSHIRE

Monday dawned bright and lovely, which was what we wanted, as our route lay beside the river Wye, to Monmouth. The eight at St. Mary's are a full throated old ring of 20 cwt. in E that would stand no nonsense and had to be rung steady to attain good striking.

On to Abergavenny (10, 25 cwt. in D). What a glorious ring of bells! Our ringing was good and everyone was sorry when the Yorkshire Royal ran into rounds.

A few miles further on brought us to Usk, where we were met at the church of St. Mary by Mr. Lionel Jones. The bells, a musical eight by Taylor (14 cwt.), were soon raised and set going to a variety of methods including Grandsire Triples rung by a complete band of ladies and London with six ladies taking part.

The little church of St. Kybi, Llangibby (8, 12 cwt. in G), was next to be visited and, besides other good ringing, a touch of five Spliced Surprise was called by Phil. And then for Newport. First, the King's Head Hotel for tea, and then ringing on the light twelve at St. Woolos' Cathedral (21 cwt. in E flat). These bells are magnificent for their weight and we rang a clinking half course of Cambridge Maximus with Rev. Malcolm Melville who had just joined us, ringing the treble and beautifully keeping it off the tenors. The eight bells at All Saints', Newport, go well and can be heard well and a course of Bristol was most smartly rung.

SALLIES IN MOTH BALLS

Tuesday morning saw us at Machen (8, 12 cwt. in G). The little tower and church stand like a rock and the bells are a pleasing little lot. Six miles further on and we were at St. Martin's, Caerphilly (8, 13 cwt. in F sharp), a brilliant little ring by Taylor. We had applied for permission to ring at All Saints', Llanbradach, but as the bells had not been rung for several months the Vicar thought they should remain silent. However, as we were to pass tower and vicarage we thought a courtesy call on the Vicar could do no harm. We received a warm welcome and ready permission to ring, but the looks on the faces of the party when they entered the belfry and saw eight holes in the ceiling but no ropes was a study. The Vicar said we could fit ropes if we had any, but by then some smart Alick (or was it Billy?) had, somehow or other, turned the lock in the stairway door and discovered the eight ropes had been pulled up on to the next floor and the sallies bound up in moth balls and stacks of newspaper. Down through the holes came the ropes and then began the business of untying the string that bound the sallies. We enjoyed some good ringing and then rebound the sallies.

Tredegar for lunch and then on to Ebbw Vale (25 cwt.), with its glorious ring. Here we were watched by several of the local ringers. The long main street was literally decked with thousands of flags and we felt quite important until we realised the Welsh National Eisteddfod was being held.

Over the mountains, affording magnificent scenery, we arrived at Aberdare for tea and a ring at the church of St. Elvan (8, 16 cwt. in F). Thanks to Mr. D. E. Evans we enjoyed both. Up again to tremendous heights with a view of Aberdare like that from an airplane, we made our way to Pentre in the Rhondda Valley. Our first touch on these fine bells, (8, 26 cwt. in D) was five Spliced called by John Mayne and not a single blow was out of place. Our last lap of the day, was to our hotel at Pontypridd.

Wednesday morning saw us ringing at Pontypridd (St. Catherine's, 8, 12 cwt. in G), quite a pleasant little ring. By ten o'clock we were on our way to Llantrisant, an interesting village. The rope on the sixth here was so low that one ringer rang Double Norwich kneeling.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

Llandaff Cathedral was our next call and here one is tempted to forget one is on a ringing tour and to spend too much time looking at this interesting old pile. The ten bells (20 cwt. in E) are quite pleasant, and Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters were much enjoyed. We had a good lunch in Cardiff before ringing at St. John's (10, 26 cwt.). These bells are fair in tone and 'go' having been looked after by Mr. Seymour Barker for the past 60 years without the aid of bell founder or hanger.

The short granite tower of the church of the Holy Cross, Cowbridge, contains a musical ring of eight by Taylor (15 cwt.) and here we were met by Mr. R. Coles, who rang with us.

Tea was followed by a visit to the church of St. Illtyd, Bridgend, situated very high up in the small town and providing a breath-taking view of the countryside. More ringing on nice bells (8 cwt. in F), looked after by Mr. W. T. Petty, who met us. Aberavon was our last call of the day and Mr. R. Blick was waiting to take us to the belfry (8, 16 cwt.) and a very nice ring too.

We set off Thursday morning for the lovely ride to Mumbles as recommended by Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, but alas, the rains came, and we could do little except sit in the coach and survey the lovely bay. We retraced our journey and headed for Sketty (8, 14 cwt. in F sharp, a good old fashioned ring and 'go' like tops). The church of St. Catherine, Gorseinon, was but five miles further on and due to wedding our ringing was cut short, but we all had a pull on this merry little eight (9 cwt.) The ladies wanted to see a Welsh wedding and the writer to hear a Welsh choir. But there was no choir: Indeed there was no need for one—every one of the 100 guests sang lustily and beautifully and in all four parts.

Our driver made up for lost time and our chicken and ham lunch was the best meal of the week. We had allowed an hour to go the 25 miles to Llanstephan where in the church of St. Ystyffan hangs a nice octave (12 cwt.) but our hopes of ringing when we arrived were soon destroyed when we observed the huge crowd in front of the church gathered to witness the mock election of the Mayor and the crowning of the village Queen. Our party immediately entered into the fun and we enjoyed the little bit of Welsh life. We rang as the crowd moved off. On to Tenby and the nice ring of eight (14 cwt.) in an enormous tower of granite, which from the top afforded a magnificent view of sand, sea, and country 40 miles distant to the Devon coast. We reached our hotel at 9 p.m., having covered 100 miles.

On Friday morning we were met at St. Mary's, Pembroke, by the Vicar and local ringers. The eight bells (12 cwt.) have a flat second: in other words they form the front eight of a ring of twelve and were cast by Carr of Smethwick and Jefferies of Bristol, but they go beautifully, in the enormous granite tower. We were soon on our way to St. David's where we were due to ring in the detached bell chamber. The Cathedral was definitely the most interesting building we had visited in all Wales, and lies in a valley on a site where 800 years ago St. David probably erected his first monastic building.

A fine ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt. in D, cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank) hangs in the old gate house at the top of the long flight of steps which leads from the roadway to the south entrance of the Cathedral.

We had now reached our farthest point; 250 miles as the crow flies and the time had come to make our return journey. The sun shone bright and clear all the long journey to Brecon and the sumptuous tea which awaited us was most welcome. The bells of St. Mary's, Brecon, hang in an enormous tower of granite and are quite a good ring of 8 (17 cwt.). John Mayne called a touch of 5 Spliced Surprise; everyone had a good ring including Mr. Davies one of the local ringers.

THE FINAL SOCIAL

The White Swan, Monmouth, was reached at a respectable hour, and following usual custom, the whole party gathered in the lounge for the final social hour. In well chosen words Mr. Arthur Barker thanked Mr. Cecil W. Pipe for organising the tour and called upon his wife to present Mr. and Mrs. Pipe with a barometer as a token of thanks from the party. In responding, Mr. Pipe said he had enjoyed the work and the result of it and was pleased to see several new faces. They had all been model pilgrims and most of them had already booked for next year's tour. He thanked them all for their loyal support.

Saturday was our last day. We reached Gloucester Cathedral at 10 a.m. and were met by Mr. Newman and Mr. Cox. The bells have recently been augmented to ten (tenor 22 cwt.) and were soon going to Royal and Caters and many enjoyed a view of the countryside from the lofty central tower.

St. Lawrence's, Stroud, has a powerful, good-going, old-fashioned ten (20 cwt.), and we were met by Mr. Trevor Pritchard. Here we said farewell to Rev. Malcolm Melville, the Corbys and Thomases and made for Purton where, so it was said, hangs an unusual six with tenor 20 cwt. in C charp. This unspoiled Wiltshire village has a fine church with central tower and spire, together with a western tower in which hangs the extraordinary six bells. To hear these bells to advantage, one should be situated 50 or more yards to the south of the church, when their full-throated grandeur can be appreciated and one is immediately reminded of Sherborne Abbey. Mr. W. Hibbert, Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens and Mrs. Lewington met us at the church of St. Laurence, Reading. (12, 23 cwt.), and the Cambridge Maximus we rang was one of the greatest joys of the whole tour, moreover, it entitled the organiser to claim having rung on all the 12-bell rings in the British Isles.

There our tour finished. We had rung in 35 towers and covered nearly 1,000 miles. The bells had far exceeded our expectations and so did Welsh hospitality. It was a happy party from beginning to end and we made many new friends.

PILGRIM.

SOMERSET RINGERS' WEEK IN S. DEVON

TWO years ago the ringers of All Saints', Weston, Bath, spent a week's ringing holiday in South Devon under ideal weather conditions.

A further week was arranged recently when they arrived in Torquay on August 30th, where their headquarters were to be for the ensuing week.

The next morning (August 31st) found them ringing for morning service on the handy six at St. Saviour's, Tor, where the Vicar expressed to his congregation his sincere thanks for having the bells rung, this tower apparently being without a regular band of ringers. In the evening a visit was paid to St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, to ring for the holiday-makers' service.

On Monday (September 1st) the real business began at Bovey Tracey, where ringing was enjoyed on this handy octave. Thence on to Lustleigh (6) where the bells appeared to be a handful, and, after a picnic, on to Moretonhampstead (8) where it was found with dismay that ringing was done on the ground floor. The final tower of the day was Chagford (8), where the ringing was much enjoyed.

On Tuesday, the first call was Berry Pomeroy, where things were rather hectic through one o- two of the bells continually 'throwing their ropes.' It is understood that these bells are seldom rung. The next call was Dartington (6), where the ringing was all that could have been wished for. After a picnic lunch at Buckfastleigh, Dean Priory was the next call, a good six, and here a rope decided to break, but was soon replaced. The last tower of the day was at Buckland-in-the-Moor, where the handy little octave was still found to be minus a stay on the treble. Despite this, some good ringing was indulged in.

Wednesday was supposed to be a blank day, but everyone greatly appreciated the opportunity which came to spend an hour in the morning ringing at Buckfast Abbey. After a good rise on the front octave, and the remainder of bells pulled up, a good touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the same octave with Rev. Fr. Oswald Mowan ringing the tenor. After rounds on the twelve for the benefit of everyone, the bells were lowered. After another picnic lunch at Buckfastleigh, the more energetic members attempted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at the parish church, but this came to grief when only one and a half courses from the end. The ringers were Mrs. K. Brain, T. Harris, A. L. Bennett, R. J. Cousins, K. Brain, T. Hayward (cond.), S S. Woodburn, and Miss O. Blomfield.

Thursday. — The programme started at Coffinswell where the six bells were kept going for an hour to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles Mrs. Dunn, the wife of the Rector, joining the party and having a six-score. On leaving Coffinswell a big 'snag' was encountered: the coach, going over an unknown road, became jammed. This considerably upset the time-table. It was feared that the next two towers —Exminster and Alphington—would have to be missed, but on the recommendation of the 'pilot' it was resolved to ring at the first named tower if possible and lunch on Haldon Moor. This proved to be as planned and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the short ring on the grand octave at Exminster. Alphington was accordingly cancelled, and after lunch Chudleigh was reached ahead of schedule. The excellent bells here were similar to the home tower and a very enjoyable time was spent. The local ringer who met the visitors was induced to ring the tenor to Grandsire Triples, which he did with some credit. The visitors also had their first experience of ringing call changes.

Friday.—This was the last day of the tour, and the first tower to be visited was the Castle Church at Dartmouth but the time of arrival was very late owing to traffic conditions, and ringing had to be abandoned. Lunch was had at Slapton Sands. The next tower, Stokenham, has a long draught, but the short stay here was enjoyed. At Modbury, the fine ring of six was duly raised and when 'Stand' was called one of the bells turned right over. It was afterwards discovered that the stay had been broken the previous evening. The journey was continued to Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, where the ringing was much enjoyed, and where the visitors were subsequently welcomed by Mr. J. P. Sims, the tower captain. Thus ended a most enjoyable week, and great appreciation was expressed to Mr. A. L. Bennett for his help and guidance throughout the tour.

B.

A BELTON WEDDING

The wedding took place at Belton Parish Church on August 30th, of Mr. John Edward Martin, of Churchtown, Belton, and Miss Maureen Turner, of Temple Bellwood. Both are local ringers.

The Rev. L. A. Adams, who was inducted and instituted into the living the previous evening, officiated at the service. Two sisters of the bride and a niece of the bridegroom attended the bride, who was dressed in white.

After the service the bells were rung by the local band. The ringing was however only of a limited standard owing to the fact that the parish has only four bells at present, but hope shortly to add two new bells. However, a good job was made of the available bells.

All ringers were guests at the reception held in the Public Hall. The future home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin will be at Churchtown, Belton.

A PEAL AT CLANFIELD

When visiting the Oxfordshire village of Clanfield during the course of their annual outing the Blewbury, Berks, ringers received such a warm welcome that tentative arrangements for a peal attempt at a later date were made.

This came to fruition on August 30th when five of their number, together with three members of adjacent towers, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

With the exception of a peal of Cherwell Surprise Major on December 26th, 1951, this was the first peal on the bells for 26 years.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Miss R. Jones 2, B. P. Mogg 3, J. Foote 4, A. E. Woods 5, P. W. Mogg (first as cond.) 6. Rung for the visit of the Archbishop of Melbourne.

DISTRICT SECRETARY WEDS

Mr. Clifford John Beadle, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Beadle, of 2, Crondall Lane, Farnham, who is hon. secretary of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and a member of Farnham Parish Church Choir, was married recently at Frensham Parish Church to Miss Rosemary Anne Heath, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Heath, of Little Hauntries, Frensham.



[Photo by permission 'Farnham Herald.'

The bride is also well-known in local ringing circles and friends from the district rang before and after the service. A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by Dr. W. Wright 1, Charles W. Denyer 2, Will H. Viggers 3, Dugald Macpherson 4, Roy Collins 5, Tom Page 6.

The Vicar (the Rev. Leonard Coulshaw) officiated at the choral service. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a short white heavy brocade dress, headdress of white satin and pearls. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. [illegible] McDougall, dressed in harebell blue brocade. Mr. Trevor Rolfe, a colleague of the bridegroom was best man and the ushers were Capt. David McDougall and Mr. Maurice Adams.

The reception was held at the bride's home and the honeymoon spent at Bournemouth.

Two Nantwich ringers — Mr. W. Henry Cadman and Miss M. Valerie Scott—were married on September 6th at St. Mary's Church, Nantwich, by the Rector (the Rev. E. M. B. Southwell). The service was fully choral and the bells were rung to welcome the bride to the church and after the service. The reception was held at the Railway Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent in Jersey.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Whilst agreeing with much that is contained in your leading article in your issue of September 5th I am sorry to read the following:—

'In many Associations membership is swelled by admitting people as soon as they can ring rounds competently.' The writer appears to deplore this, and yet concludes with the words 'the bells being rung to the glory of God.'

The majority of people who hear the bells have no idea what change ringing implies, but do know when bells are rung in good order, whether it be rounds or changes, and I'm afraid I cannot agree that method-ringing is necessary for the glory of God.

My own association, the Bath and Wells, has recently changed its title from the Bath and Wells Association of Change Ringers, where the qualification for full membership was the ability to ring the treble or tenor to one hundred and twenty half-pull changes, to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers, in which the qualification for performing members is the ability to raise and lower a bell and ring rounds accurately. Whether this change is unique or otherwise I cannot say but I do think those who brought it about are to be congratulated.

In case I have given the idea of having anything against methods, let me hasten to add that perusal of the peal reports by which I can follow the progress of friends and any ringers I have met, in the accomplishment of advanced ringing, is a weekly pleasure when 'The Ringing World' arrives but do please let's get it all in its right perspective and give full credit to the ringer who can ring accurately even if only in rounds and disabuse our minds of the idea that he is being used to swell some Association's membership. If we talk about bells being rung to the glory of God let's mean it.—Yours sincerely,

W. J. GAIT.

High Littleton, Bristol.

CLIQUES IN BELFRIES

Dear Sir,—I read with rather mixed feelings the report of the C.C. on Sunday service ringing.

Firstly, let's take the points which contribute to success. Why pay them? Most folk in our tower deplore the idea of having to pay ringers. Do you pay the congregation for attending Sunday services? Yes, I know some church choirs are paid—that too is rather a sore point.

How many towers (let's have a bit of heart searching) follow the pattern of several I have met on my travels. One finds small 'cliques' of ringers sitting in their respective corners of the belfry discussing things which could well be talked over 'in the open.' This hole-and-corner companionship leads to unrest, and many ringers who are excluded from these 'secret society' meetings feel they are not wanted. Consequence? A thinning out of the ringers until you have only the three or four who go into a huddle in the corner of the belfry or get their heads down in a poor imitation rugger scrum outside the church.

These are not only my own sentiments although, I hasten to add, I write only on my own behalf.—Yours faithfully,

S. J. HAINES.

Wigston Magna, Leics.

362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. E. A. Barnett in your issue of September 5th provides an interesting reminder of a very notable ringer and a most extraordinary composition.

A copy of this extent came into my possession some twenty years ago, at the time when I was preparing a history of Grandsire Caters. It is with shame that I have to confess that I have forgotten who sent it to me and that the relevant correspondence seems to have vanished.

The composition is set out on a broadsheet, 11½in. x 8¾in., and is headed: 'A peal of 362,880 Grandsire Caters, being the first composition on record containing the full extent of the changes on nine bells, by James Hewett, Member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.'

The construction is based upon a section called by Hewitt 'A Long Course,' and containing twenty-eight leads, at the end of which 89 come home. Thirty of these long courses constitute a Division, at the end of which 6789 come home. Four of these Divisions make a Part End, where 56789 come home. The first Part End is 42356789, and, as will be recognised, the Part must be repeated five times (omitting a mid-way single) to produce the extent.

The above gives only the broad outline of the peal. The completion of the plan involves the introduction of extra singles in various places, but the plan of these is somewhat too involved to be described here.

With reference to the opening sentence of Mr. Barnett's letter, I recollect that I learned from some source (now likewise forgotten!) that the copyright of this unique *magnum opus* was bought by a firm of safe-makers for the purpose of assisting in the construction of puzzle locks and safe-combinations. Perhaps someone in the Exercise may be able to verify this and amplify the above scanty information.

In conclusion, it seems to me rather remarkable that the Library of the Central Council should be without a copy of so interesting a document.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull, Warwicks.

PENTLOW BELLS ARE RINGABLE

Dear Sir,—I am glad to be able to inform Mr. Roast and others interested that the bells at Pentlow, Essex, are ringable.

They are very seldom rung and are very noisy, owing to the fact that they are on a floor immediately above the ringing room, but they are a good ring and go well.—Yours sincerely,

ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK.

Clare, Suffolk.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Winter 1, Linda M. Southerden 3, Noreen Winter 4, C. H. Knowles 5, J. Small 6, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 7, R. Hodgson (cover). For Matins.

SIBBERTOFT, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela A. Dexter (first quarter, aged 12) 1, M. D. Wilford 2, W. C. Budd 3, D. Williams 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. H. G. Withey, Vicar of the parish; also the silver wedding of the ringer of 2.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—In the preface to the Collection of Doubles Methods it is suggested that, where the difference between (Doubles) methods lies in the type of bob used, the methods 'could' be rung under the name given in the collection and the different bobs could be used for the sake of variety.' Obviously Mr. Dodds had this in mind when he submitted the report of the peal of Plain Bob Doubles rung at Chieveley, Berks, on June 21st; in it five different types of bob were used. (Incidentally, the preface lists nine variations of Plain Bob, so I'm afraid you didn't ring them all, Geoff.)

Peals of Doubles are however still being published as being in (for example) 14 methods while containing as few as six 'individual plain course' methods, as was the case of the peal rung at Ashton, Northants, on March 15th. May I therefore ask how the Peals Analysis Committee defines a Doubles method for the purpose of its yearly analysis tables? As an example, will the peal rung at Kislingbury, Northants, on June 20th, be counted as one in twelve or as one in 21 methods? (The conductor has not stated any number in his report.)

In the words of the C.C. handbook: 'the work of analysis is a valuable piece of recording and demands from the committee great care and accuracy.' If conductors know how the number of methods in their Doubles peals is assessed, and submit their reports accordingly, the committee's work will be considerably lightened.

And while on the subject of Doubles methods, here is a problem for the experts. Is it possible to splice twelve different ('individual plain-course') methods into a six-score without the use of bobs? Last September, Mr. C. B. Fynes published a very ingenious extent in twelve methods with seven calls. In my own attempts I have produced the following two six-scores, one in nine methods, the other in eleven, but one in twelve methods still eludes me.

1.	2345	St. Nicholas Bob
	3524	St. Remigius Bob
	5432	Longford S.C.
	5243	Hascombe S.C.
	5324	St. Remigius Bob
	3452	Winchendon Place Bob
	4235	Thornborough S.C.
	4523	Itchingfield S.C.
	4352	Winchendon Place Bob
	3245	St. Nicholas Bob
	2534	Chipstead S.C.
	2453	Oakley S.C.
	2345	
2.	2345	Forncett Bob
	3425	Lyng Bob
	4235	Chesham S.C.
	4523	Ockham S.C.
	4352	Intwood Bob
	3542	Intwood Bob
	5432	Chipstead S.C.
	5243	Oakley S.C.
	5924	Knapton Bob
	3254	Ellingham Bob
	2534	Broughton S.C.
	2453	Itchingfield S.C.
	2345	

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NORTHAMPTON RINGERS TOUR DEVONSHIRE

IN the early hours of Saturday, July 26th, a coachload of 34 ringers and passengers departed from Northampton for S. Devon—the ringers going on a ringing tour and the passengers on their holidays..

The first stop, Devizes, was reached an hour earlier than expected, thus giving time for all to stretch their legs and have breakfast. St. John's was the first tower of the tour and at 9 a.m. prompt the bells were ringing out to Grandsire Triples.

Leaving Devizes at the appointed hour, Shepton Mallet was reached on time and lunch duly disposed of. Ringing at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul was arranged and a pleasant hour was spent. By now, the holiday rush was on and a monotonous four hours delay was spent in traffic jams, so that we failed to reach our destination on time.

Teignmouth was reached late in the evening where we were greeted by our advance party, Eric, who had travelled down by train from Aldershot Barracks.

On Sunday at 9.40 a.m. we were again aboard the coach for a short ride to St. John's, Bishopsteignton, where we had the privilege of ringing for and joining in morning servce. The Rector gave us a warm welcome and thanked us for coming. Ringing on this good ring of six included Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Cambridge Minor.

After lunch at Teignmouth we travelled by coach to Powderham. Spliced Minor was the order for this tower and we hope that the 'bobby' standing in the rain outside appreciated the music. A real Devonshire cream tea awaited us at Holcombe, which was appreciated by all.

At St. Michael's Church, Teignmouth, we were met by Mr. E. Maurice Atkins (general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), who had been a great help in making our tour programme Here we were able to ring for the evening service and some good touches were brought round (with the exception of Double Norwich). Mr. Atkins invited us to ring again later in the evening for the holiday-makers' service, which some of us did.

Monday morning was free, and a trip on the sea was decided upon. The trip out to the lobster pots and the venture on rather rough water will not easily be forgotten.

AN AFTERNOON AT TORQUAY

A full afternoon's ringing followed. At Combein Teignhead we rang in the beautiful parish church on the six bells before making our way to Stokein Teignhead, with another good six. By now we were getting used to having a coil in hand whilst ringing, as all the tail-ends were rather long. At Torquay we first rang at All Saints', Babbacombe (a nice toned eight). Cockington, a village well known to visitors, was another delightful spot, although we had some rain here. The sound of bells greeted us at the Church of SS. George and Mary, a party of ringers from N. Devon being on their outing. We took over from them to ring for another half hour. Tea was arranged in the Court Cafe, adjacent to the church, and this was the first meal since breakfast.

At Upton (8) the bells were indeed a treat to ring on A short distance away was the Church of St. Saviour, Tor (6). Here the verger, who was a very pleasant chap, invited us to ring again later in the week, if we had time to spare. The last tower of the day was at St. Mary's, King's Kerswell, and the touch of Cambridge was the best ringing we had on six bells all the week.

Tuesday was the 18th birthday of one of our party, and compliments were duly sung at breakfast. The day was spent in the Exeter area with ringing first at St. Martin's, Exminster, on a good ring of eight. At St. Thomas', Exeter, Mr. Biffin was waiting to meet us. A pleasant ring was had here although probably a little too fast. Parking our coach in the city centre we had lunch, and met at the Church of St. David, where St. Clement's Major was well rung. A visit to Exeter would not be complete without viewing the Cathedral and here we were privileged by having a tour conducted by the Rev. H. F. Fulford Williams.

AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

A very pleasant hour was spent at St. Michael's, Heavitree, before returning to the city for tea. The highlight of the day was to revisit the Cathedral for a pull on the heavy ring of 12. Outside Mr. Wreford was waiting to escort us up to the ringing chamber, where we had the opportunity of visiting the bell chamber to view the bells. Ringing was not of a very good standard, but we were assured that we had done as well as any visiting party for the first time. The visit was one to be remembered and we are grateful to the authorities for allowing us this opportunity to ring.

Back at Teignmouth, preparation was made for the birthday party, the ladies providing the eats and the gents the drinks. It was amazing how 20 people gathered together in one bedroom, with still room to spare. The 'bar and buffet,' well stocked, was soon diminished, with the exception of a crate of lemonade! which came in very handy during the latter part of the week. It was a day Allan will remember, as will Jackie, who delighted us all with a little solo dance.

Wednesday brought better weather and we made a good start by visiting East Ogwell. Here was the only 5-bell tower of the tour. The five bell-ringers enjoyed this light ring. On to All Saints', Highweek, Newton Abbot, a church situated on top of a hill with a good view all round. This good ring of eight was appreciated. At Chudleigh, we were met by local ringers and rang for an hour. A free afternoon was spent at Dawlish—some enjoying a swimming and boating session, whilst others took it easy in deck chairs. Meeting after tea we had the use of the bells of St. Gregory's, for 1½ hours. It was decided to attempt a quarter peal of Little Bob Major, but it only lasted approx. ten minutes. However, a long touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round. Saying farewell to Dawlish we returned to Teignmouth for the rest of the evening.

Bovey Tracy was the first stop on Thursday, where the Rector awaited us and a pleasant time was had on the bells. Travelling over the beautiful moor, Widdecombe-in-the-Moor was reached a little behind time. Visitors to the village of Uncle Tom Cobley were pleased to hear us ring the bells of St. Pancras'—an excellent six. The eight at Buckland-in-the-Moor go like handbells. The treble, which had to be rung without a stay, presented no trouble and some really good ringing was had.

BUCKFAST ABBEY

Lunch was arranged in Ashburton and although a little late, we had a splendid meal before ringing at St. Andrew's Church (8, 21 cwt.). At Buckfastleigh we met Mr. Aubrey Bennett who was our guide for the afternoon. The bells of Holy Trinity are a good ring of eight with the exception of the stretchy ropes.

Buckfast Abbey was reached on time and here we again met Mr. Atkins. Ringing on this excellent ring of 12 provided no difficulty, and we were privileged by viewing the bells, which are a marvellous arrangement.

Leaving Buckfast, with souvenirs, we journeyed to Totnes. The Church of St. Mary houses the heaviest ring of eight in Devon, which are a delight to ring on. Here we said goodbye to Mr. Bennett. Ipplepen (8) was the last tower of the day and here our organiser, Mr. G. F. Roome, on behalf of the party, thanked Mr. Atkins for his interest in our tour and for the help he had given in the arrangements for the week.

The one and only peal attempt was arranged on Friday at the Church of St Mary, Wolborough. Before the attempt, the non-pealers had a short ring before going into Newton Abbot for the morning. Grandsire Triples was the method attempted, but unfortunately it came to grief after two hours. Descending the tower, we found the coach had just arrived to pick us up, so we were able to proceed for an extra long afternoon at Paignton. A free afternoon enabled the party to relax; Meeting once again at the coach park, we arrived on time at St. John's Church, where we had an hour's ringing on the eight bells. The last tower of the tour in Devon was Brixham, the old fishing port. The beautiful Church of St. Mary has a good ring of eight and a well struck touch of Kent T.B. Major was recorded. After supper at Paignton we returned to Teignmouth.

THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY

On Saturday morning, we reluctantly departed from Teignmouth. We reached Ilminster 30 minutes behind schedule but the Vicar agreed to us having a ring on his excellent octave before and after lunch to enable all to have a pull. A stop was made at Stonehenge. At Hungerford (8) the last tower of the week, we were met by Jean and Ivor who had motorcycled from Northampton to meet us. A further stop was made at Brackley for 'refreshments' and the handbells once again produced. Northampton was reached at 11.15 p.m.

Thanks are due to the secretary of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. George F. Roome) and Mr. Terry Haines, of Moulton, for the hard work they put in to make this tour the success that it was. We are now all looking forward to a two week tour next year, so get your heads down, George, Rita and Terry; we all know you love doing it and you can count on our support.

S.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Barton-under-Needwood, recently adjudged the best kept large village in Staffordshire, was the venue for the summer meeting of the Society on August 30th.

During the afternoon and evening the eight bells of St. James' were put to good use under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. C. M. Smith. All tastes were catered for with rounds and Queens for the learners, progressing through the standard methods to Surprise Major for the more advanced.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Moss, who also gave an interesting address. This was followed by tea in the Village Hall where 70 ringers and friends were present. It was particularly encouraging to see such a good attendance in view of the fact that this meeting is usually hard hit by holidays. The thanks of the society were expressed to the Vicar, the organist and Mr. Kent, a local ringer, for arranging the tea. Three new members were elected. D. J. T.

Bedfordshire Golden Wedding

On August 26th Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ball celebrated their golden wedding.

'Charlie' has been a ringer for well over 40 years. For about the first six of these he rang at Tempsford and afterwards at Sandy, where for many years he was tower captain.

From 1921 to 1951 he was secretary of the Bedfordshire Association.

He is still interested in ringing although no longer able to take an active part.

The local band, most of whom he trained, marked the occasion by ringing a quarter peal.

J. A.

PEAL TOUR OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND OXFORDSHIRE

WELL, actually it began in Warwickshire —at Leamington Spa on Sunday, August 10th. From the start it rained, the first peal having been scored that afternoon in a thunderstorm on a canal bank. From the beginning, too, it was obvious that, in the politest terms, the company was varied, with ringers from Barrow-upon-Humber, Beccles, Buxton, Marple Macclesfield, and Sheffield—also three Midlanders, the only ones speaking B.B.C. English!

Tower-bell ringing began before evensong on the fine eight at Leamington Parish Church, the local ringers very kindly handing over to us. Leamington was further explored later that evening and also next morning when Messrs. Hanley and Farmer welcomed the party to the adjoining village of Whitnash. This church must be proud of its 93 year-old Mr. Hanley, who joined in 120 Grandsire. Leamington was 'finished off' with a ring on the magnificent eight at St. Peter's, R.C. Church; this tall brick tower sways so much that even the weathercock was seasick!

Meanwhile the Buxton Dassett peal band had not been allowed to ring at all and when six ringers were left at Cropredy in the afternoon the proposed peal of Norwich dissolved into a quarter; the third ran dry with the fifth a close second, though the 16 cwt. tenor is a fine bell hung on ball-bearings. The tale of woe continued with a ride through heavy rain while the non-pealers, having rung at Chacombe, enjoyed a lovely tea provided by the Vicar of Middleton Cheney.

The Tuesday peal attempt at Great Tew proved that these bells have rung so much Bristol that they have forgotten Superlative. Consequently Bob Major was resorted to, the Vicar and local people appreciating the ringing. The others rang on two sixes, at Spelsbury and Enstone, and, with Brian conducting, unsuccessfully attempted Kent at Churchill where the tower is modelled on Magdalen, Oxford. Consolation was sought in handbells in the men's dorm.

The next day meant a long, hilly ride to Northleach, with a very splendid heavy eight, on which we rang 'spliced,' and another ten miles for Kent Maximus on the world's first ring of twelve at Cirencester. Then fish and chips and two good peals, Bob Minor at Kemble and Double Norwich at Watermoor: the 'spare' ringer was left in the Corineum Museum.

FORECASTING!

Brian was the spare next morning. Hearing the beginnings of two peals he felt sure that Stratton St. Margaret would succeed while the Rodbourne Cheney attempt would go 'up the wall.' So much for his forecasting! The Stratton attempt finished for divers reasons after 1¼ hours and was a sore point for the rest of the day. Those who heard the Minor peal finish wondered that it had ever been in doubt.

Then into Swindon, to sample the glories of a 200 disc juke-box and the very musical ten at Christ Church on which the tourists acquitted themselves with Royal and Caters. More good bells followed—at Highworth where the treble feels like a sausage, where Cambridge and Erin were rung and where David Holland tolled the tenor for just a few minutes to practise setting it at back! The day was neatly rounded off by a commendable Doubles 'in hand' by three lean ringers on a compost heap: as the light began to fade they looked more like three delirious demons performing 'black magic.'

After almost a week of dull and/or rainy weather, Friday brought very warm, bright skies, the results of which were noticeable in the not-very-airy ringing room at East Hagbourne! First, however, ringing was on the easy going and tuneful eight at Shrivenham and then, after a very lovely ride through the Vale of the White Horse, Wantage was reached. As Double Norwich rang out some heard the bells at their best in the churchyard, while others realised that they were now in the wake of destruction of the Cannon-Dodd Bank Holiday excursion! (see p. 546). After lunch, an ill-fated band left for Brightwell to find the bells hard-going; the East Hagbourne band had long been doomed to score the 'first' of Gloucestershire, R.I.P. Tea had been prepared in the 'local' where the publican, from what one gathered, had played some part in cradling Billy and Frank in the noble art.

VISITORS FROM ESSEX

Saturday was a lazy day for all but Ian who, having conducted a peal at the famous Drayton with 'young David' on the tenor, was also due to conduct at Abingdon until he lost the composition: so Ian was duly banished to the tenor and a peal of Bob Royal was rung, into which we welcomed two visitors—William A. Smith and David E. Belcham from Prittlewell, Essex. Perhaps it was the heat but David Holland and Michael really were reminiscent of snake charmers!

Even lazier was Sunday. In the morning the party joined local ringers at St. Giles', Oxford, and rang what Dermot Roaf feels is probably the first Yorkshire on the bells; Mr. Warrilow, Robert's father, joined them for two days here. Handbell peal No. 3 was then rung midst swarms of green flies in the University parks: those still sane went on the river. After lunch a sad goodbye was said to Ian Holland (commonly known as 'ar kid') and to his brother David (also known as 'ar kid'). their departure having been celebrated the night before by a variation of the pyjama game and commemorated the following evening by temperance! Clare Webster of Harrow Weald, however, was welcomed, after ringing for evensong with Mr. Wilkin's band at St. Ebbe's. The day ended with 'the kids' ringing handbells in a tree. Whatever next?

THE VICAR'S LESSON

The rain returned on Monday to dampen spirits still more after New Cambridge was lost at Kidlington. At Stonesfield, however, John Kennett rang his first as conductor after which the Vicar taught the band how to drink cider! And although the rest of the party were unable to ring at Woodstock and played truant from Wootton, all were cheered by the arrival of Carol Eustace, the female population being thus augmented to three.

Tuesday and Wednesday were pealless. The attempt at Ascot-under-Wychwood failed, probably owing to the mental approach of the band. Simultaneously people would subtly keep changing course in Grandsire Triples on the magnificent eight at Kingham: but Vicar's six-part was perhaps not a wise choice after ten days' cycling. The ringers reunited to ring the six at Bledington in spliced Minor during which it was perceived that the rain had apparently shrunken one little fellow's shorts! A local lady and her husband provided tea after which ringing was at Stow-on-the Wold, with its eight (28 cwt.) of indescribable beauty and majesty. Later we welcomed Bob Smith: he had dragged 'Groves' along with him, and adventures of flying aeroplanes on a Northants peal tour were duly heard.

FLYING SALLIES

Wednesday brought the party to the rather hard-going six at Longborough and to Bourton-on-the-Hill, where there is an anti-clockwise six with an odd 'circle.' But, intrepid, they rang London and Norwich. The peal band at Broadway, as anticipated, were daunted by flying sallies of this heavy six while non-pealers rang the recently rehung and noisy eight at Moreton-in-Marsh and finished the day at Chadlington.

After three nights at Charlbury hostel the visitors rang on the mellow six in the village. A band had set out to ring a peal at Deddington; well, they reached the church eventually: full stop. At Banbury, however, after buying enough food for three meals for seventeen people (!), they scored a good peal of Kent on this 'right fine' ten. Those whose names are not inscribed in the columns under Banbury are to be congratulated on preparing a very splendid dinner at Badby self-cooking hostel.

YOUNGEST 10 BELL PEAL BAND?

The next morning an early good-bye was said to Mike Crowder and to Trevor and Terry, and then some aspired to Bristol on the pleasing anti-clockwise eight at Daventry. The party were welcomed to Chilvers Coton in the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, but what were they to ring? The conductor appeared unable to call Grandsire Caters even after spending 3s. 7d. in an attempt to learn the composition. A good old five part of Kent Royal was the solution and brought round in fine style despite Dennis' last moment star-gazing! The band is probably the youngest to ring a ten-bell peal and if so broke the record set up at Banbury the day before.

The three Midlanders bade farewell while another thunderstorm accompanied the others to Lichfield. The tour really ended next morning with a peal attempt on the truly glorious six at the cathedral-like church of the Holy Angels, Hoar Cross. Unfortunately, a peal could not be attempted as the second stay was broken.

Thus ends the tale of two very happy weeks when it was proved that cycling and peal-ringing can be combined. To Brian Woodruffe, their tutor and the organiser, all are deeply indebted for such splendid organisation of such a successful tour. S.

SOLIHULL PARISH CHURCH

Dedication Of Peal Boards

On September 7th two new peal tablets in the ringing chamber of Solihull Parish Church were dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. H. Hartley. The tablets are the gift of Mr. Charles Bragg, a member of the local band, and have been made and written by Messrs. Bragg Bros., of Solihull. One board records a peal of Stedman Caters rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Stanley Bragg, a member of the church company, who died in September, 1927 and the other commemorates the first peal on the bells after their recasting in 1932. Both peals were conducted by Albert Walker.

In concluding the short dedication service the Rector reminded the ringers of the important and sacred significance of their work and thanked them for the regular and devoted service they gave to the church. A quarter peal of 1,295 Grandsire Caters was then rung by: W. Leeson 1, A. Walker 2, C. Dale 3, R. Cann 4, F. W. Perrens 5, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 6, H. H. Fearn 7, T. Warner 8, C. Bragg 9, G. E. Fearn 10.

HARTHILL'S PROGRESS

There was a very good attendance, especially of ladies and young ringers, at the joint meeting of the Sheffield and District Society and the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association at Harthill on September 6th. Those present enjoyed at tea in the Church Hall the excellent hospitality of the Rector (Rev. A. J. Bishop), his wife and the local ringers.

During the business meeting three new members were elected. In proposing the vote of thanks, Mr. N. Chaddock commented upon the great progress that the Rector's enthusiasm had produced in Harthill tower.

Ringing included Plain and Little Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and a variety of Surprise Methods. The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on October 4th.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. PAICE — AN APPRECIATION

Many of us in the Guildford Guild remember with gratitude the work of Mr. W. J. Paice while he lived at Bentley. His help to the younger members in ringing their early peals was particularly valuable. While he was at times inclined to be strict in the belfry, he was a true gentleman, always patient with a willing learner.

A devout man, he always put the service of the Church before personal ambition. In all, he rang about 100 peals, a modest total these days, but the number of 'firsts' in them must be very large. His example will be long remembered. P. R. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Frittenden Visited After 29 Years

Some thirty ringers and their friends met at the almost completely isolated little Wealden village of Frittenden on September 6th. It was twenty-nine years since the Ashford District last met at this beautiful church with its slender spire and fine ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.).

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. T. Blake, and Mrs. Blake was the organist. Tea was enjoyed in the Rectory, where an unexpectedly large number of visitors were resourcefully and cheerfully catered for by Mrs. Blake and her lady helpers.

The Rector presided at the short business meeting, when three new members were elected.

The next meeting will be held at Folkestone on October 4th. Mr. J. R. Cooper thanked the Rector for his welcome, Mr. Harry Baker for making the local arrangements, and Mrs. Blake for her invaluable services.

Ringing in the tower continued until about 7.30 p.m. when the meeting adiourned to Biddenden. The tower here had been kindly made available by the Rev. A. B. Richardson and Mr. S. G Waters, who were both present to welcome the visitors.

Ringing was in methods up to three spliced Surprise, and a gratifying improvement in the progress of some of the younger members was noted. C. T. H.

AN UNEXPECTED RING AT INVERARAY

Dear Sir,—Having read in your issue of August 15th what Mr. L. Walmsley had to say about ringing at Inveraray, Argyll, I feel it is worth mentioning to you about the good fortune which my wife and I had when passing through this beautifully situated town on Loch Fyne on Tuesday, August 19th. We were staying at Oban and that day had intended going for a day's sail round Mull, but the morning being overcast we decided to visit Inveraray instead.

On driving into the town we happened to notice some men coming away from the bell tower. On approaching these gentlemen it turned out that they were members of Mr. Wilfred William's touring party and they had been putting the ropes on to the bells in readiness for a peal attempt that afternoon. The result was that my wife and I were able to have a ring before the start and we are both indebted to Mr. Williams and his party for this favour, which was greatly appreciated.

Having in mind how very rarely these lovely bells are rung, it really was more than ordinarily lucky in that we happened to be in Inveraray that day. We heard some hour and a half of the ringing from the grounds of Inveraray Castle where the bells sounded really beautiful. I shall be interested to see from your peal columns whether the attempt was successful.—Yours truly,

F. C. A. BENNETT.

Wombourn, nr. Wolverhampton.

A WILTSHIRE VISIT

On August 9th friends from Bridgwater, Somerset, joined Nailsea and district ringers in a tour of 'moonraker' country on the edge of Salisbury Plain.

Ringing commenced at Erlestoke (6), where those who tried the third risked skinned hands on the wall. Chirton, with its long-draughted, well struck five, produced some good ringing; it was pleasing to hear that the tower possesses a strong local band. The church itself has a unique Norman timbered roof, rare in England, as well as a fine Norman doorway and font.

After tea, ringing continued at Enford (6). Here again we heard the heartening story of a self-taught band who have already rung their first peal.

Our stay at Netheravon, a church with a Saxon tower, was curtailed when the tower was found to be locked. After a frantic search our organiser returned with the magic formula 'Pull out the staple—it's quite loose,' and we enjoyed the brief time available on this good heavy six.

Local ringers joined the party at Fittleton (6), where the bells go well, but are rather noisy. A good lower in peal ended the day.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Derrick for organising the trip, and to all incumbents and local ringers for meeting us. J. B.

FORMS FOR SURVEY

To assist Associations in completing their Survey, 'The Ringing World' is having printed forms similar to that which appeared in our issue of Sept. 5th.

Will secretaries please write, stating numbers required, to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Onslow Street, Guildford.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Syston District's Good Work at Ratcliffe

For the first ringers' meeting to be held at St. Botolph's, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, on August 23rd, the bell chamber was cleaned out, and the anti-clockwise ring of five bells renovated and furnished with a new set of ropes by Syston District members.

The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and rung to various methods until 4.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. A. Shaw) conducted Evensong. Thirty members and friends sat down to an excellent tea provided free of charge by the ladies of St. Botolph's.

During the business meeting two new members were elected. The Vicar thanked the District for all they had done to get his bells ringing once again over the Wreake valley, after hanging silent for many years.

Mr. H. L. Wykes, the district chairman, then closed the meeting, and members returned to the tower for further ringing. Visitors present during the afternoon included Mr. B. G. Warwick, General Secretary of the Guild.

ACROSS MONMOUTH

The ringers who appeared in our photograph on page 594 in 'Across Monmouth,' were as follows:

Standing: A. W. Foxall (Hughenden, Bucks), W. Harford (Cardiff), J. Garrett (Penarth), D. Llewellyn (Porthkerry), Clare Chambers (St. Albans), A. M. Coombs (Penarth), G. Harding (Penarth), D. Clarke (Newport), W. G. Jones (Newport), J. Fitzgerald (Newport), G. Stickland (Radyr) and B. Taylor (Radyr).

Sitting: E. J R Hartley (Penarth), G. Marchant (Radyr), J. Goodfellow (Llandaff), A. M. J. Edwards (Nash) and A. F. R. Hartley (Penarth).

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MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—As from the beginning of September, practices at Old Woking, Ottershaw and Send will be held on the first, second and third Wednesday in the month respectively. All visitors welcome.—H. Hancock. 2960

TO CONDUCTORS.—Make a point of presenting a copy of 'The Ringing World' to those who ring their first peal or quarter peal. Send 6d. with report.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (nearest station Manor House, thence by 623, 627, 679 trolleybus to St. Ann's Road). The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Further details later.—John Chilcott (new address: Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey). 2915

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fitzhead on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2988

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, Sept. 20th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th, Kilndown.—E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 2972

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Kegworth, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. P. Sutton, 8, Broadhill Road, Kegworth. 3011

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Ruislip, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Special method, Kent T.B.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2981

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 2985

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Evening meeting, Spratton, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available 6 p.m.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 3014

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at Tunstall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Blaxhall (ringing 6.30 p.m.). Service 4.15 and tea 5 p.m. at Tunstall.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 2961

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Lounge Café.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 2912

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Belbroughton, Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Old Farm, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2941

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—St. Bartholomew's Church. Annual ringers' service, Sunday, Sept. 21st, 6.30 p.m. (Preacher: The Rev. Coleridge.) Bells (8) from 5 p.m. and after service. All ringers welcome. 2959

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Axbridge, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 2999

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mottram, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise before Sept. 23rd Mr. A. L. Townend, Arnside, Matley, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 3025

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Practice meeting at Littleham on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 7 p.m.—R. T. Perry, Sec. 3016

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Ipplepen, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 24th to D. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 3018

DONCASTER AND SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting at Thorne, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea available—bring your own teas.—G. Watson and H. Woodhead, Dis. Secs. 3024

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dinner to be held at the All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, Huntingdon, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 7 p.m. Ringing arrangements—peals being arranged: Godmanchester (8), 5.30 to 6.30; All Saints' Huntingdon (6), 5.30 to 6.45 p.m.; St. Mary's also available (if no peal attempt). Tickets, 12s., from H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 3012

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3028

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Saturday, Sept. 20th, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 2884

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting of the Bristol City and Rural Branches, Saturday, Sept. 27th, at Henbury (8). Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 3009

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, Elkstone (5), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names by Sept. 23rd. Rededication, Charlton Kings (8), Saturday, Oct. 4th, 3.30 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 3017

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Kemble, Saturday, Sept. 27th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names by Sept. 24th essential.—Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 3000

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Berkeley (10), Saturday, Sept. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Sept. 24th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall.

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Frindsbury on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, to Miss R. Highley, 25, Holly Road, Wainscott, near Rochester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Reminder.—Half-yearly ringing meeting at Bolton on September 27th at 2.30 p.m. Bells available: Deane, Holy Trinity and The Saviour. 3020

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thorner on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Hartley, The Laurels, Thorner, Leeds. 2996

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Ratby, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify by Sept. 24th Mr. H. Spencer, 9, Stamford Street, Ratby, near Leicester.—J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec. 3004

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Leverton, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Parish Hall, 4.45 p.m., for those who notify me by Monday, Sept. 22nd.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3013

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gosberton on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to Mr. F. Payne, Church Street, Gosberton, Spalding.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, at Cadoxton, Neath. Bells (6) 1.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4 p.m. Will towers please note. Business meeting follows.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 2970

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m., St. Nicolas', Chiswick, followed by business at 5. Short service 6 p.m. Tea—own arrangements, Chiswick High Street. Further ringing, Christchurch Ealing, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—M. Powell, Dis. Sec. 3019

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Sept. 27th. General meeting in St. Laurence's Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.15 p.m. Names for tea before Sept. 24th to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. Ringing arrangements: 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Swallowfield and Arborfield; 1 to 2, St. Mary's, Reading; 6.15 to 7.15, St. Laurence's, Reading; 6.30 to 7.30, Caversham and Tilehurst; 7 to 8, Sonning, Mapledurham and Whitchurch; 7.15 to 8.15 p.m., Twyford and Pangbourne. 3002

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Bugbrooke, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. Committee meet, School Rooms, 4 p.m. 2998

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Meeting, Norwich, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing, St. Giles' and St. Peter Mancroft, one hour before lunch, 2 to 4 p.m., and after tea. Tea, Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place, 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 2968

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Hawkchurch, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 3005

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swanage, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Sept. 24th I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. Kingston after tea. 3010

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Northiam, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Beckley after tea. Look up York Minor—but we shall ring plenty of everything else! Tea names to W. Button, Amak, Northiam.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 3003

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-West District.—Quarterly meeting, Rayleigh, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 3029

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 4th, Stoke Hotel, Guildford, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 14s. 6d., from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. 3021

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Annual general meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 3007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Oct. 4th, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 1st, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 3008

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Waltham (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Oct. 1st to Mr. J. Willows, 81, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 2997

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Leafield on Saturday, Oct. 4th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Rosemary, Freeland, Oxford. 2976

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wicken, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 2982

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Hedon (8), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names by Sept. 26th to Mr. C. H. Hunter, 59, Westlands Drive, Hedon, E. Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2992

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m., and bells available immediately afterwards. Tickets, 12s. 6d., from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Accommodation limited. Stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 3001

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Jasper Snowdon commemoration dinner, Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (14s. 6d., including gratuities) to undersigned by Sept. 30th. Ringing arrangements later.—A. E. March, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey. 3022

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. J. L. MORRIS

As we go to press we learn with regret of the sudden and untimely death of John L. Morris, of Orpington, Kent, who had recently taken up a teaching appointment. His death, at the early age of 22, is a serious loss to the Exercise. It is understood that the funeral will be at Croydon Crematorium to-day (Friday). A full report will appear in our next issue.

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FINANCING THE BELFRY

EVERY well-organised ringing tower has a system of finance. The spirit of independence is strong to-day, and, while the recent census taken by the Church of England revealed a large number of paid ringers in the country, the term 'paid' is rather fallacious. Classified as 'paid' are those towers which receive any money from the Parochial Church Council to be administered by the ringers themselves. We know of one tower, for example, where the payment worked out at 1½d. an attendance, but against this remuneration the ringers themselves pay 9d. a week, and, while each individual ringer actually had no financial benefit, they proudly regarded their service to the Church on a professional basis.

From Kingsthorpe, Northamptonshire, we have received the following article dealing with the finances of their belfry which might be helpful to some towers without a system. A properly organised system cannot be too strongly stressed, and it places the tower in a happy financial relationship with the Guild or Association. Explaining his system, S. F. E. writes:—

We have two funds. One is entirely under the control of the belfry members, and the other called the 'Bell Maintenance Fund,' under the control of the P.C.C. Our own belfry fund has two sources of income. Each adult member pays 6d. per week, with non-earning members 3d., and whenever the bells are rung for weddings other than for active church members the fees, after compensating any loss of earnings by the ringers, are paid into the belfry funds. The charges are £2 2s. for weddings after noon on Saturdays and £3 3s. at other times. Out of the belfry funds are paid the Guild subscriptions, annual reports are purchased, and on the occasion of the summer outing members of the belfry pay for themselves but can take another person free of charge, or, if this privilege is not taken advantage of, a member going alone pays only half price.

During the last year various additions and improvements have been made to the belfry out of these funds, such as new tail end ropes, a belfry records book and bookcase, and it is now contemplated paying for the floor covering to be cleaned. Over the last year or two the belfry has been equipped with a clock, shutters have been fixed to the louvres, electric light installed both in the belfry and up the steps to the bell chamber, and a good selection of ringing books bought. The ringing chamber is not suitable for much improvement, but if and when we have a ringing chamber we can call our own it will be a pleasure to the ringers to furnish and decorate it.

At each annual meeting we consider if it is possible to make some contribution out of the belfry fund to the 'Bell Maintenance Fund,' and usually this is £5. This maintenance fund stands at some £50, and out of this we purchase, with permission of the P.C.C., new ropes, stays, etc. It is a residue of the fund which was created some years ago to have the bells retuned and rehung, and it seemed a pity not to keep it going in some way.

The independence created by having our own fund has done much to weld the belfry members into an interested and progressive unit, and from the time weekly subs were introduced, when it was found that the declining income from weddings was insufficient for our needs, a keener interest was born. By making some financial contribution to the belfry, it is felt that new members are assisted to appreciate the fact that we ringers are privileged, not only to take an active part in the life of the church, but to have the pleasure of ringing for our enjoyment on bells costing many hundreds of pounds, requiring from time to time considerable expenditure to maintain.

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TEN BELL PEAL

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*Ian Tilling	*Treble*	*David French	6
*Mrs. N. Chaddock	2	Norman Chaddock ..	7
Elizabeth A. Wardill ..	3	*George S. Lee	8
Margaret Mills	4	John N. D. Chaddock ..	9
Susan Chaddoock	5	Philip Walker	*Tenor*

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., Aug. 17, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 111 lb. in G sharp.

*Clyde H. Simpson	*Treble*	Gerald Weston	5
†Mrs. Geo. W. Pipe ..	2	Arthur H. Fisher	6
George W. Pipe	3	‡Peter G. Richards	7
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On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Roger K. Stretton ..	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
*Mrs. B. G. Warwick ..	2	†John A. Acres	6
Mary C. Payne	3	Harry Poyner	7
Ernest Morris	4	*Brian G. Warwick ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. 39).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 200th peal together. † 350th peal on tower bells.

CLANFIELD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G flat.

Harold W. Dunsden ..	*Treble*	Alfred R. T. Greenough	5
Claude Corderoy	2	James E. Godman	6
Robert B. Blond	3	Frank E. Godden	7
Henry L. Bishop	4	Ernest J. Grace	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Doreen Dutton	5
*Margaret Forrest	2	Ronald Kenrick	6
Peter Coxall	3	Edwin C. Birkett	7
Frank Hawthorne ..	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Doreen Dutton: also to Margaret Shingler, of the local band.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¾ cwt. in E.

William G. Cook	*Treble*	Doris E. Colgate	5
Percy J. Spice	2	*John W. Smith	6
Robert Collins	3	Walter H. Dobbie	7
Maxwell F. Oakshett ..	4	Philip A. Corry	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley (C.C.C. 11).
Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

A. James Poynor	*Treble*	Russell S. Morris	5
Joseph W. Cotton	2	Ernest Morris	6
Brian G. Warwick	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
Richard J. Clifton	4	G. Ronald Edwards ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 10).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

Brian Harris	*Treble*	Neil Bennett	5
Philip G. K. Davies ..	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
Basil Jones	3	Peter Laflin	7
Robert B. Smith	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by John Worth.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Peter Kindred	*Treble*	A. William Bird	5
Ben S. Thompson	2	William B. Duncan ..	6
H. William Barrett ..	3	Edwin T. Chapman	7
Allen W. Cansdale	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Edwin T. Chapman.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church, Dore,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Susan Chaddock	*Treble*	Ian M. Holland	5
*Mary Atkinson	2	John N. D. Chaddock ..	6
Mrs. N. Chaddock ..	3	David G. French	7
Elizabeth A. Wardill ..	4	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Sheila Wallace	*Treble*	Sydney M. Bailey	5
†Roger Hazell	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Mrs. A. E. Cox	3	Arthur Foxall	7
Anthony E. Cox	4	David A. Cornwall	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Barker. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal. † First in the method. The tenor ringer has now rung all the bells in the tower to a peal.

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CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Vincent,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,560 Bristol, 1,600 London, 576 Cambridge and 544 Superlative, with 100 changes of method. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Louis B. Willders	*Treble*	George H. Randles	5
Norah M. Bibby	2	Geoffrey Paul	6
*Giles C. Galley	3	John Walden	7
John Freeman	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

D. Mary Ward	*Treble*	Richard J. Warrilow	5
Roderick J. Lees	2	Peter Beresford	6
Eric E. Speake	3	Arthur Pritchard	7
*J. Dennis Holden	4	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the 128th anniversary of the dedication of this church on August 29th, 1830.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Alfred Ballard	*Treble*	*David J. Forder	5
*Eve Pearson	2	*John P. McDermott	6
Margaret E. Beamish	3	*Anthony V. Queen	7
†Don C. Exell	4	*John L. Queen	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Mrs. A. Diserens	*Treble*	Frank W. Lewis	5
Albert Diserens	2	Ronald F. Diserens	6
Ernest J. Munday	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*Roger King	*Treble*	*John S. Dean	5
Frederick R. Evans	2	John W. Griffiths	6
*Geoffrey Parting	3	Dennis H. B. Millward	7
George F. Sperring	4	John T. Tilston	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Jill Stockton (daughter of the captain of the local band) and Mr. Basil Rose.

SUTTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints, Benhilton,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

Ralph Bird	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Hawkins	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	John L. Morris	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Robin G. Leale	7
Barwell B. Dibben	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The conductor's 350th peal in that capacity. The fastest peal on the bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

William F. Woodward	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	5
Redvers F. Elkington	2	John A. Acres	6
Doreen D. Dutton	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Peter J. Staniforth	4	E. Alan Jacques	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to William Geoffrey Hair, a member of the local band, and Miss B. Riddle, who were married at St. John's, Newhall, on September 6th, 1958.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

William B. Duncan	*Treble*	A. William Bird	5
Ben S. Thompson	2	G. Anthony Sutherland	6
James M. Bailey	3	Edwin T. Chapman	7
*Alan R. Bridges	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Edwin T. Chapman.
* First peal of Bob Major.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

W. Arthur Riddington	*Treble*	Frank H. Hicks	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Henry Stalham (86)	6
Herbert W. Woolven	3	Leonard Stilwell	7
Arthur J. Hart	4	E. Winifred Keys	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Audrey M. Bailey	*Treble*	Noel J. Diserens	5
Kathleen E. Chilcott	2	Michael V. Chilcott	6
Jeanette M. Winchester	3	David E. Parsons	7
Michael Austin	4	John Hill	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers as a wedding compliment to John Chilcott and Eileen Ricketts.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

Wilfred Williams	*Treble*	William Critchley	5
Alan F. Thirst	2	Peter J. Coles	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
*Graham McKay	4	Michael P. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Percival R. Young	*Treble*	†Terence J. Milsom	5
Robin S. N. Stubbs	2	Alan F. Lee	6
Cedric J. A. Brown	3	‡Roger O. Fry	7
*Brian Davis	4	*David J. Barnett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger O. Fry.
* First peal. † First of Triples 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal as conductor.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. J. N. Higgins, M.A., Vicar of this parish 1951–1958, and as a farewell to him on his leaving to become Vicar of St. Alphege's, Greenwich.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

*PHILIP A. HARDWICKE .. *Treble*	BERNARD J. ONGLEY 4
LEONARD COPNALL 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
WILLIAM McDOWELL .. 3	*ROBIN COPNALL .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal.

Rung for the 20th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. J. V. Culey, vicar, which took place at St. Asaph's Cathedral, Flintshire.

WOODFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

VESTA A. HEADLAND .. *Treble*	DAVID W. JAMES 4
BARRIE HENDRY 2	ALAN J. FROST 5
*PETER M. GILES 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal in seven methods.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., Aug. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 17 240's and eight 120's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FRANCIS C. TAYLOR .. .. *Treble*	CHARLES H. WEBBER 4
W. RONALD TRICKEY .. 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
LESLIE MORRELL 3	GORDON WALFORD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford T.B. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MARY MADDISON .. .. *Treble*	FRANK ARNOLD 4
STANLEY COPLIN 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
FRANK C. PHILLIPPO .. 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

* First peal.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

*ALAN KELSALL (13) .. .. *Treble*	DAVID JONES 4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	CHARLES WEBB 5
PETER JONES 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

* First peal. First peal in six methods by all except second ringer.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Wm. Garner, for the 23rd anniversary of his induction as Vicar of All Saints', Madeley.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

LAWRENCE CLEMENT .. .. *Treble*	ALAN CAPSTICK 4
BERYL MAYOR 2	ROLAND F. ECCLES 5
ERIC PEPPER 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

A wedding compliment to Miss Jean Thompson, a former ringer at this church, and Mr. Brian Gosling.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Liverpool Branch)

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 six-scores (ten callings), rung on the front six.

*FREDERICK ROTHERY .. *Treble*	HAROLD ROBERTS 4
MRS. EILEEN E. ROBERTS 2	CHARLES BLACKBURN .. 5
*THOMAS DAVID ROUGHLEY 3	*WM. GEOFFREY ROTHERY *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, former members of this church, who now live at Wetmoor, Staffs, and were visiting St. Helens.

SOUTH SCARLE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES J. COPP .. .. *Treble*	*†FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 3
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER 2	*J. EDWARD BROWN .. 4
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. † 50th peal as conductor.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

SUTTON BONINGTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods: (1) to (4) April Day, (5) to (10) Grandsire, (11) to (14) Plain Bob, (15) to (18) April Day, (19) to (27) Grandsire, (28) to (32) Plain Bob, (33) and (34) April Day, (35) to (42) Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. *Treble*	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS 3
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY 4
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal on five bells.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

GEORGE W. HEYHOE .. .. *Treble*	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. 4
JOHN WILSON 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
TONY OWEN 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four methods, viz.: Nos. 1 to 18, Grandsire; 18 to 26, Plain Bob; 26 to 31, St. Simon's; 31 to 36, St. Martin's; and 36 to 42, Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

*JENNIFER S. GILES .. .. *Treble*	DAVID W. JAMES 3
*TREVOR TAYLOR 2	BARRIE HENDRY 4
*DEREK TAYLOR .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal of Doubles. The fastest peal on the bells.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and ten 120's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

RONALD TRICKEY .. .. *Treble*	EDWARD SUMMERS 4
FRANCIS PARR 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
LESLIE MORRELL 3	CYRIL JOYCE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

Rung on the Patronal Feast Day of the church—St. Giles' Day.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 changes each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and 720 each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

PETER S. BEDFORD	*Treble*	ALAN S. PIPE	4
JAMES M. BAILEY	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
*ALAN R. BRIDGES	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal in five methods.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Oxford Bob and Single Court. Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER A. SHARP	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
*RICHARD A. BURTON	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
LOUIS WILLDERS	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal and first attempt.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eardisland St. Mary's Society.)
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

JOYCE DAVIES	*Treble*	LAURENCE T. MAINWARING	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
ROSEMARY D. BRAY	3	*GEORGE ARNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band, all of whom learned to ring in this tower. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal in this tower (Grandsire Doubles) on September 5th, 1908. It is believed that two members of that band—Mr. Louis G. Griffiths and Mr. John Hammond—are still active ringers.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JANET J. BROWN	*Treble*	HENRY P. COLLIN	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	*DAVID COLLIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal and first attempt.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two spliced extents each of Plain Bob and Boxford, Plain Bob and Candlesby, Reverse Canterbury and Dorton, and Reverse Canterbury and Raveningham, one extent of Stedman, nine extents of Grandsire, and 12 extents each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROSALIND ROWORTH	*Treble*	VICTOR GRIFFIN	4
*CHRISTINE LANSLEY	2	ERIC SUTTON	5
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	3	DR. C. GUY ROWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal in eight methods as conductor.

ARLECDON, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*VERA C. BELL	*Treble*	CLIFFORD H. FORD	4
GEOFFREY TEMBEY	2	STANLEY RICHARDSON	5
HAROLD WILSON	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal.
A wedding compliment to Mr. Gilbert Rothery and Miss Doreen Smith, who were married earlier in the day at Workington.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (3) Childwall and St. Clement's, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

JOHN RHODES	*Treble*	DAVID ATKINS	4
*SHIRLEY MUDD	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Sheila M. Schofield.

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 17, QUEEN STREET.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

R. Baldwin's Four-part variation. Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY	1—2	JOYCE DODDS	5—6
GEOFFREY DODDS	3—4	*CHRISTOPHER HAYTER	7—8

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
* First peal on handbells and in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

HARRY POYNER	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ALFRED BALLARD	3—4	*MARY C. PAYNE	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Triples on handbells.

PEAK DISTRICT HANDBELL PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS FOR THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The ringers being:—

JOHN R. KENNETT	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3—4
R. BRENT WHERRY	5—6		

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT 68, ROCKFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5160 REVERSE PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 43 extents (four callings). Tenor size 13½ in D sharp.
First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

On Sun., Aug. 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 68, ROCKFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SHIPWAY'S PLACE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 13½ in D sharp.
First peal in the method on handbells.

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Peak District Handbell Week—Continued

On Mon., Sept. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At 68, Rockfield Road,
A PEAL OF 5280 ST. NICHOLAS' BOB DOUBLES
Being 44 extents (four callings). Tenor size 13½ in D sharp.
First peal in the method.

On Tues., Sept. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
In the belfry of the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 BLACKBURN PLACE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 14 in D.
First peal in the method.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At School House,
A PEAL OF 5160 CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES
Being 43 extents (five callings). Tenor size 14 in D.
First peal in the method.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At 68, Rockfield Road,
A PEAL OF 5400 ST. OSMUND BOB DOUBLES
Being 45 extents (eight callings). Tenor size 14 in D.
First peal in the method.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 38, Heath Park Road,
A PEAL OF 5160 WESTMINSTER II. BOB DOUBLES
Being 43 extents (four callings). Tenor size 14 in D.
First peal in the method

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
At 68, Rockfield Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. HILARY BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 13 in E.
First peal in the method.

On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
In the belfry of the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES
In 18 methods, being two extents each of Reverse Shipway's Place Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Rev. Plain Bob, St. Bartholomew Bob, Rev. All Saints' Bob, St. Sebastian Bob, Shipway's Place Bob, Westminster II Bob, Blackburn Place Bob and St. Hilary Bob, and three extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and St. Osmund Bob. Tenor size 8 in C.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
In the belfry of the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5160 ST. REMIGIUS BOB DOUBLES
Being 43 extents (four callings). Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.
First peal in the method.

On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
In the belfry of the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 7200 DOUBLES
Being 60 extents in 47 methods: (1) and (2) St. Edmund's S.C., (3) and (4) Boxford Bob, (5) and (6) Candlesby S.C., (7) and (8) St. Botolph Bob, (9) and (10) Stedman S.C., (11) and (12) Coxwell Place Bob, (13) and (14) St. Bartholomew Bob, (15) and (16) Reverse All Saints' Bob; (17) and (18) St. Sebastian Bob, (19) and (20) Rev. Plain Bob, (21) and (22) Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (23) and (24) Rev. Shipway's Place Bob, (25) and (26) Rev. Canterbury Plea. Bob and Raveningham S.C., (27) and (28) Rev. Canterbury Plea. Bob and Dorton Bob, (29) and (30) Shipway's Place Bob and Colnbrook S.C., (31) and (32) Shipway's Pl. Bob and Tandridge Bob, (33) and (34) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (35) and (36) Plain Bob and Boxford Bob, (37) St. Nicholas' Bob and Fundenhall Bob, (38) St. Nicholas' Bob and Longford S.C., (39) Westminster II Bob and Knapton Bob, (40) Westminster II Bob and Chesham S.C., (41) St. Simon's Bob and Braywood Bob, (42) St. Simon's Bob and Rugby S.C., (43) Winchendon Place Bob and Haddiscoe Bob, (44) Winchendon Pl. Bob and Thornborough S.C., (45) Blackburn Place Bob and Lyng Bob, (46) Blackburn Pl. Bob and Broughton S.C., (47) St. Martin's Bob and Welford Bob, (48) St. Martin's Bob and Slapton S.C., (49) St. Remigius' Bob and Harpley Bob, (50) St. Remigius' Bob and Hascombe S.C., (51) St. Hilary Bob and Intwood Bob, (52) St. Hilary Bob and Ockham S.C., (53) St. Osmund Bob and Longworth Bob, (54) St. Osmund Bob and Merton S.C., (55) Grandsire, (56) and (57) Plain Bob, (58) Grandsire, (59) Plain Bob, (60) Grandsire: 208 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ASH, SURREY.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 540 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): C. W. Denyer 1, Mrs. E. Denyer 2, T. E. Denyer 3, E. Sherwood 4, P. G. Sherwood (cond.) 5, S. T. A. Russell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. Pepler.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Varney (first of Major) 1, S. Hutton 2, L. Scoot 3, P. Flack 4, J. S. Dear 5, A. W. A. Leggett 6, D. Sutcliffe (cond.) 7, C. A. S. Harwood 8.

BOW, LONDON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Salisbury 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, Miss J. Peacock 4, S. Penfold 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, A. Ammerlann 8.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,320 Minor (Hereward, Little and Cambridge): Miss D. Lawless 1, P. Giles 2, A. J. Frost 3, M. Coleman 4, D. W. James (cond.) 5, B. Hendry 6. Rung for Oliver Cromwell.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Wreford 1, J. L. S. Glanvill 2, C. T. Williams 3, J. Manley (first in method) 4, W. J. Ridgman 5, G. Skinner 6, G. E Retter (cond.) 7, G. S. Luxton 8. A compliment to G. H. Williams, of Heavitree, for his 85th birthday.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. E. Moore 2, A. W. Rolfe 3, C. Stannard 4, G. Jennings 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, H. Abel 8. The ringers of the first three are some of the Norman Tower veterans—all over 70. Rung in honour of the 76th birthday of Mr. A. E. Moore and the 67th birthday of Mr. F. Buckle.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Fowell 1, A. E. Barker 2, G. Bradbury (cond.) 3, H. Butler 4, A. Armstrong 5, P. Barker 6, W. Benton 7, E. Borley 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of 1, who is a regular service ringer at this church. Also as a farewell to the Rev. J. G. Dodd, who is leaving to become Vicar of Upper Tean, and as a welcome to the Rev. R. T. Hibbert, who was married to Miss M. V. Green this day at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Friary Park, Wednesbury.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Hunt (first quarter) 1, R. Davies 2, Heather Talbot 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, R. G. Abbott 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, N. G. Steere 8.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Bailey 1, Mrs. D. Hall 2, Miss S. Nicholson 3, Miss M. Andrews 4, A. Hall 5, R. Rayfield 6, S. Ball (cond.) 7, D. Hall 8. Rung on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the granting of the Charter to the Borough of Dartford (September 13th, 1933), after meeting short for peal attempt.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): P. Williams (14, first quarter) 1, W. H. Edwards 2, P. E. Clifford (15, first 'inside') 3, Mrs. D. L. Hiscock 4, Miss M. L. Gibson (15, cond.) 5, E. C. Mathews (16, first quarter) 6, D. S. Froome 7, J. C. A. Gibson (18) 8. Rung for the first anniversary of the new Vicar by the Sunday service band.

EWELME, OXON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Carpenter (first quarter) 1, J. Webb (first quarter) 2, I. Kyd (first quarter) 3, R. H. Baker (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, H. G. Winfield (sen.) 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Goodall 1, F. Barker 2, J. Clark Maxwell 3, A. Goodall 4, P. Blake 5, H. A. Mitchell 6, B. J. Willis (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. For Evensong.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. W. Pipe 1, A. Clarke 2, J. Bennett (cond.) 3, C. R. Lovatt 4, R. W. Pipe 5, F. C. Crapnell 6, E. G. Pearce 7, Miss H. G. Snowden 8. For Evensong.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Blackman 1, Margaret E. Marshall (first away from treble) 2, P. Richardson 3, M. Johnson 4, M. Marshall (cond.) 5, D. Body 6. Rung on practice night as a birthday compliment to Renee Bridger and Marian Johnson, who are young members of the band.

QUARTER PEALS

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Matthews 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, S. D. A. Price 3, G. Beeney 4, F. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to Sybil Tonkin, who is leaving the district for Teachers' Training College at Coventry.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Garratt 1, W. W. Webb 2, M. Hawkins 3, P. Bettridge (cond.) 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, B. A. Rose 6, A. Grant 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. For Evensong.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Bob, 540 Grandsire): Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. Rung as a tribute to Mrs. A. Gaze (wife of the Vicar), who has given birth to twins.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Downing (aged 10) 1, A. E. Morgan 2, F. E. Jukes 3, T. Fasey (first 'inside') 4, C. Peakman 5, R. A. Peakman 6, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 7, F. Preston 8. For Evensong, and a welcome to Fr. Gibbard, who came to make preparations for the mission which he is holding in this parish.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles 240 each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Miss N. Bond 1, J. R. Perrett 2, K. Kirk 3, J. S. Rank 4, D. Johnson (cond.) 5, K. Goldthorpe 6. For Evensong.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Prime 1, E. E. Bray 2, R. Short 3, J. Walton 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. Salmon 7, N. D. Bennett 8.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): J. Parrish 1, J. Wilson 2, L. Trevor (cond.) 3, R. Bacon 4, R. Burgess 5. A farewell tribute to the Rev. G. G. Hall upon his retirement.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (being two six-scores each of Stedman, Grandsire, April Day, and 4½ Plain Bob): Mrs. Strong 1, Mary Powell 2, L. Derrick 3, J. Brain 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Horseman after the failure of a peal attempt on September 6th.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 24th, at the Church of St. Botolph, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Griffith 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. R. Haycock 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Margaret Stanley 6. For Evensong. Also on August 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Pittam (first quarter) 1, T. G. Pickering (first 'inside') 2, Joan Cheney 3, T. Pittam 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. Duffin (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Budd 1, W. E. Burnell 2, J. C. Nicholls (first as cond.) 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): J. Eaton (first quarter) 1, D. Bowen (first in two Doubles methods) 2, J. Cruickshank 3, E. Parsons (first 'inside') 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Reg Brown on their recent marriage.

PENWORTHAM, LANCS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Pickels (first quarter) 1, P. Gardner 2, R. Price 3, F. Howarth 4, J. Bailey 5, P. Dunderdale (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Simons.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Rolfe 1, C. N. Tilley 2, A. Palmer 3, R. Johnston (cond.) 4, G. Newman 5, A. Watts 6. To mark the occasion of 50 years' service of Mr. H. Watts as bellringer and for some time captain at this tower.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Blower 1, G. Goodship 2, R. Goodship 3, G. Blower 4, M. Hatch 5, M. Hallet 6, G. Sandwell (first of Plain Bob as cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Sunday morning service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. D. Frost 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, R. F. Ewer 3, G. Blake 4, W. Little 5, J. E. Ewer 6, G. Penney (first in method as cond.) 7, J. R. Pemble 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Arnold and Mr. S. E. Lindsell, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. C. Goodenough on the occasion of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Sept. 6th, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hardy 1, G. Wheller 2, Miss B. Slark 3, B. Alridge 4, J. L. Morris (cond.) 5, E. Coode 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. P. G. Braund, secretary of St. Mary's band, and Miss S. Marlow, which took place prior to this quarter peal.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Cook (first quarter) 1, P. Wakefield 2, B. Wakefield (cond.) 3, B. Stephens 4, R. Fenton 5, R. Cook (first quarter) 6.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Bennett 1, R. Cottle 2, P. Berrett (cond.) 3, V. Rose 4, H. Gummer 5, G. Poole 6. First quarter as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.

STINCHCOMBE, GLOS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Huddleston 1, C. Abbott 2, A. Bennett 3, G. Locke 4, N. Maggs (cond.) 5, L. Whittard 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, Miss J. Horton (first 'inside') 2, A. Bisset 3, H. Trewin 4, J. W. Sangwin 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, H. Stacey 8.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Winifred R. Millen 1, Mary Meynell 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, Violet I. E. Relf 3, W. Prior 5, P. H. Barnes 6, E. Stanger 7, P. Relf 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Margaret A. Babington, O.B.E., daughter of the former Vicar of Tenterden, who passed away August 21st, 1958.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.—At St. Augustine's Church, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): Miss J. Spinks 1, B. C. Sadler 2, J. Belcham 3, Mrs. M. Mawby 4, D. E. Belcham 5, C. R. Sharman 6, W. A. Smith (cond.) 7, M. Mawbey 8. First of Minor for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Mawby.

USK, MON.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. M. J. Edwards (first of Triples) 1, Jacqueline S. King 2, D. G. Clarke 3, G. H. Knight 4, L. Jones 5, G. Ward 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, D. J. Hughes (first quarter) 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. Hannah, M.A., on his appointment to the parish of Llanvihangel-Crucorney, Mon.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Patmore 1, P. D. Chapman 2, F. W. Sykes 3, F. C. Maynard 4, R. J. Chapman 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, M. Hayes 8. For Evensong with good wishes to A. R. Jolly on his departure for H.M. Forces. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: P. D. Chapman 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, E. E. Holman 5, F. W. Sykes 6, T. Hawkings 7, B. R. Downes 8, D. Hewitt 9, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 10. First of Little Bob Royal by all. Rung for Evensong and as a birthday compliment to H. Rumens.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Robbins 1, W. Swyane 2, Miss M. Tilbury 3, H. Powell 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Robbins 6. A welcome to the Rev. S. R. Palmer.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bishop 1, Susan Rawlings (first away from treble) 2, A. Bagworth 3, J. Tomsett 4, E. Jacobs 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Parker 1, M. Best 1, A. Buswell 3, Major E. Sampson 4, M. Bazeley 5, C. Conway (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 5. First of Minor as conductor.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Moore 1, T. Parris 2, D. Randall 3, A. C. Jeanes 4, T. E. Marks 5, G. H. Hurst 6, G. Gaylard 7, H. Gaylard 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, H. Hebditch 10. A golden wedding compliment to Sir Winston and Lady Churchill.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ring at St. Michael and All Angels', Hawkshead, in the Lake District, has been augmented to eight by the addition of two new bells, and the provision of a new steel frame. The clock has also been restored. The dedication ceremony will be performed by the Bishop of Penrith on Michaelmas Day, Monday, September 29th, at 7.30 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, of which Association Hawkshead ringers are members.

Mr. T. J. Lock's tourists rang 11 peals in Hampshire, including two on the Isle of Wight in a thunderstorm.

Philip Walker (aged 16) who rang in the peal on September 10th, is the youngest person to ring Rotherham tenor to a peal and did so very well.

With the peal of Grandsire Triples at Wigston Magna, Leicestershire, Richard J. Carter has now rung eight peals in the tower, each on a different bell and in a different method.

The bells of Porthkerry (Glam.) rang for the first time for 14 months on September 14th to welcome the newly-instituted Rector, Rev. J. A. Jeffreys Jones, who was accompanied by the Bishop of Llandaff. The top portion of the tower has been completely rebuilt at a cost of almost £1,000.

At a meeting of Victorian towers in Melbourne, a resolution was passed approving of the first step taken to form the Australasian Association of Change Ringers. The co-operation of Sydney and other ringing centres is being sought and it is hoped to hold an inter-State meeting at an early date. There are approximately 200 ringers in Australasia —Victoria 45, South Australia 20, Tasmania 15, New Zealand 20, Queensland 10 and the remainder in New South Wales.

Henry Stalham, the Sussex veteran, at the age of 86 rang yet 'another one' on September 12th He is certainly a most remarkable man for his years. Concentration and the way he rang his bell (absolutely faultless) in this peal were top class qualities. 'Harry,' to his friends, is looking for a pair of new 'feet' at a reasonable cost. Feet apparently are his weakest section; he is so anxious to have them in better shape for the 'Veterans' on September 27th.

The Society of Friends of the Exercise are holding their annual autumn tour in Devon. Most, if not all, will be travelling down to East Budleigh (the headquarters), this evening.

Mr. A. A. Hughes was on Tuesday presented with the honorary freedom of the Worshipful Company of Founders. He is also a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Skinners.

On September 14th Mr. H. Watts of Ramsbury, Wilts, was the recipient of an illuminated framed token, in recognition of 50 years' service in the belfry, also a book containing a list of names of subscribers to a handsome cheque. The quarter peal rung on this occasion was by members of the Marlborough Deanery and Salisbury Diocesan Guild, of which Mr. Watts has been a member for 42 years.

The quarter peal at Tenterden, Kent, on Tuesday, August 26th, was rung in memory of Miss Margaret A. Babington, O.B.E., who passed away on August 21st, at the age of nearly 90 years. Miss Babington, who was daughter of the former Vicar of Tenterden, was perhaps best known for her work at Canterbury Cathedral. She was hon. steward and treasurer of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral since it started in 1928, which has raised over £100,000 towards the maintenance and glorifying of the Cathedral.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY ANNUAL RINGING WEEK

'Grave old plodders, gay friskers,
Fathers, mothers, uncles, cousins;
And over all
There was a rustling, that seemed like a bustling
Of many crowds justling, at pitching and hustling . . .'

seems roughly to describe the University of London Society assembled at Penscot Guest House, Shipham, Somerset, on August 23rd, for its Annual Ringing Week. Thirteen years ago, a dozen or so members of the Society made their first tour in the same part of the country on bicycles. This year a return was made to Somerset, with one or two important differences. The size of the company had increased almost threefold and those who bore the burden and heat of the day years ago now kindly placed their cars at our disposal, thus hastening travel quite considerably and enabling more places to be visited. Shipham used to be a lead mining village with an horrific reputation for lawlessness and thuggery. We trust our stay there did nothing to revive such times.

Ringing began on Saturday afternoon at St. Stephen's, Bristol, and St. Mary's, Redcliffe, where three leads of Bristol sounded well on the back eight. Anyone noticing frowns or worried faces during the evening would have found that they came either from five members of the party trying to ring Yorkshire on handbells or from the Master wondering how he could arrange 32 ringers to man 35 bells at the six different towers scheduled for service ringing on Sunday. The former did not make much headway with their Royal but acquitted themselves well with a course of London.

COW SHED SHELTER

Sunday started with corporate communion at Shipham. Breakfast over, the cars moved off in their various directions for Blagdon, Cheddar, Axbridge and Compton Bishop, while those with children, plus one or two others, rang at Shipham and Rowberrow. In between showers, members climbed the steep slope to ring at Uphill and, after tea, split forces to ring at the towers visited in the morning, plus Winscombe. A small contingent thought that a walk before dinner would give them a bigger appetite, but opinions changed when a fierce storm suddenly burst upon them. Those who retreated back to the guest house soon wished they had sought refuge nearer. One gallant young man persuaded three terrified lasses to forge ahead and found them shelter in a cow-shed. However, he too is a west countryman and so was excused.

Two attempts for peals on Monday (Yorkshire Royal at Minehead and Minor at Rowberrow) unfortunately came to grief, but the enjoyment of the countryside and the sunshine prevented the participants from mourning their losses too long. The rest of the party had a free morning. Lunch was taken picnic style at Washford, then a move made to Cannington. (Picnic style denotes sandwiches and cider—a system which served us well for the whole of the week.) Bridgwater, Huntspill and Axbridge, where there is no bridge and the River Axe is a mile or two away, were also visited and, for good measure, our organiser included Wedmore. Table-tennis, handbells and the Miner's Arms provided good entertainment for the evening.

Somerset bells must know that the U.L.S. do not normally go for peals on its tours, for the third attempt at Martock on Tuesday was again unsuccessful. The remainder, who had rung at Street, passed through Martock on their way to Chard, only to hear the dying rite. A 'trip' also occurred over whether lunch was to be taken in the King's Head or the King's Arms. Eventually we descended on the wrong house, later to learn that facilities had been laid on the other one.

Some of the best ringing of the tour was enjoyed in the afternoon at Crewkerne, West Coker and Queen Camel. We were advised to ring the bells at the last mentioned place slowly. We did and some very good ringing resulted, concluding with London Minor.

By special request, an effort was made after dinner to demonstrate some of the mysteries of our art to the local inhabitants. Ranald Clouston gave an excellent talk on how and why bells came to be rung in England in the way that they are to-day, bringing to light much information which was unknown to the many ringers present as well. Then some touches and tunes were rung on the handbells.

PEAL AT CHEWTON MENDIP

Wednesday brought a change in our fortunes, a fine peal of Bristol being scored at Chewton Mendip. Those not involved in this invaded Ubley, Compton Martin, East Harptree, Blagdon, Butcombe and Nempnett Thrubwell. This name was the cause of much amusement; of all the places visited none had a more conspicuous title. More strenuous work was required in the afternoon at the two churches in Wells, St. Cuthbert's and the Cathedral. Highlight of the day was a course of Cambridge Royal at the Cathedral. Our organiser remarked that the streets in Wells lead one round, rather than to the churches. How right he was! Tea was most refreshing and gave us sufficient fortitude to tackle Cheddar before the journey over the Mendips back to Shipham.

Some fairly flat country was encountered on Thursday over Sedgemoor and the Vale of Taunton. The day began at two six-bell towers, Ashcott and Wecton Zoyland; then, following some tricky map reading, visits were paid to Huish Episcopi and Drayton. An opportunty was taken while at Weston Zoyland to estimate where the battle of Sedgemoor was fought in 1685. It is only half mile or so north of this church.

A mile from Drayton is Curry Rivel. Here a stop was made for lunch to be followed by some good touches on this very pleasant ring of bells. Then on to Taunton for ringing at St James' (8) and St. Mary's (12), which hang in the tallest tower in Somerset. The tower itself rocks considerably, but this does not seem to affect the 'go' of the bells, which are a grand ring. Thirty miles still separated us from Shipham, so Taunton was left promptly at 6 p.m. while the bells played 'It's a long way to Tipperary.' Two jobs still waited to be done. One was to help with the local practice, the other to ring a handbell peal. The latter did not finish until 11.20 p.m. and a very welcome cup of tea appeared at its conclusion served by our hostess who, to our surprise, seemed rather pleased with our ringing and had had the kettle boiling for over an hour! An unusual footnote states that this was the first handbell peal rung by the Society in the Northern Hemisphere. Alternatively it could have read: 'The first handbell peal for the Society outside Australia.' It was a great pleasure to have both Val Willard and Philip Gray, who rang in the Australian peals, taking part in this one also.

SUCCESS AT WRINGTON

The north-west corner of Somerset was left for exploraton on Friday. Ten members rang a peal of Grandsire Caters at Wrington while the rest rang at Backwell and Wraxall. Forces were joined at Nailsea, which is one of the centres of the Somerset cider-making industry, so what better than to stop here for lunch and fortify ourselves for a heavy programme in the afternoon. Ringing was resumed on the light sixes here and at Tickenham and so on to Congresbury to meet the C.U.G.C.R. for a joint ring. This is one of the few Somerset churches we found with a spire. Two more eights, Yatton and Banwell, made everyone feel that they had had a full day but were not too tired to enjoy a social in the evening.

Saturday was not so exhausting with only four towers on the programme. A pleasant ride round the Chew Valley Lake, Bristol's newest reservoir, brought us to Chew Magna. The journey to Mells required some very careful navigation but was reached well ahead of schedule. Mells has associations with Little Jack Horner and Raymond Asquith—a peculiar combination. This proved a very suitable place for lunch after which we returned to Bath. Ringing took place at Bathwick (for a wedding), and on the restored ten at the Abbey where a half course of Yorkshire Royal proved to be one of the highlights of the day after eight-spliced at Bathwick.

GIFT TO ORGANISERS

The party now began to diminish, but the majority stayed the night at the Full Moon in Bristol and provided bands for morning service ringing at the churches of St. Philip, St. Thomas and St. James. On Saturday evening Philip and Joan Gray were presented with an illustrated book of 'Somerset Churches' as a token of appreciation for the work they had undertaken in arranging such a successful and enjoyable tour.

We should like to record our thanks to the incumbents and local ringers of the churches visited during the week for their kind co-operation. Somerset ringers generally are proud of their bells and indeed have every right to be. It was an object lesson to learn how much time many of them devote to the upkeep of their bells, and the care taken over arrangements at the places where peals were rung was much appreciated. R. K.

FORMS FOR SURVEY

To assist Associations in completing their Survey, 'The Ringing World' has available printed forms similar to that which appeared in our issue of Sept. 5th.

Will secretaries please write, stating numbers required, to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Onslow Street, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the North Forest Branch on September 6th, held at Hartpury, coincided with the 80th birthday of the oldest ringer of the branch, Mr. H. J. Vallender, of Laughton Farm, Hartpury.

Mr. Vallender took part in the afternoon ringing after which the usual short service was held in the church.

The ringers then went to Laughton Farm where a wonderful tea was served on the lawn. Mr. Vallender cut his birthday cake, appropriately adorned with a bell and '1878-1958.' Sherry was served with the cake and the Rector, the Rev. J. Hogarth, proposed Mr. Vallender's health, remarking that Mr. Vallender was the oldest ringing member of the North Forest Branch and had been ringing at Hartpury for 60 years, training successive generations of ringers. Mr. Vallender suitably replied.

Mr. Harold Minchin, of Bromesberrow, proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Branch to Mr. Vallender and his family for the wonderful party.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL

ON Saturday, September 23rd, 1933, a special meeting was held at Oakham to discuss the formation of a branch for the county of Rutland. At the Summer Festival on Saturday, September 6th, 1958, the man who moved the resolution 'That a branch be formed,' Mr. Fred Stevens, of Preston, now a veteran of 88, was among the vast gathering again at Oakham. With him were also Mr. R. G. Black and Mr. B. P. Morris, who recalled that important occasion.

With the addition of visitors from near and far some 200 ringers assembled in the parish church for the Guild service at 3.45 p.m. The Vicar, with his curate, conducted the office, and the Guild President gave the address. Also present was the Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner, Rector of Harlestone, Northampton; the resident organist led some very inspired singing of four well known hymns. The President's address was on the theme of the English people's faith in three things, the English Home, the English Scene and the English Church

Tea in the Victoria Hall followed, all accommodation being in use.

A certain amount of business had accumulated and so a business meeting was inevitable. The Vicar of Oakham was given precedence and he extended a warm welcome to all. He had expressed a wish to become an honorary member of the Guild and the chairman gave this matter his personal attention. He also at the same time recalled the many years of work for the Guild performed by Mr. B. P. Morris and proposed that he be elected an honorary life member. In each case loud applause greeted the decision.

The Rutland Branch President, Mr. R. Hill, briefly welcomed everyone to Rutland. The office of auditor having been vacant since the annual general meeting the opportunity was taken to elect Mr. Harry Richardson, of Raunds, to the office.

BOOK MEMBERSHIP

The Guild Master in general remarks called attention to the 20 per cent of the membership which he described as book members, and asked for the help of all members to remedy this. He also mentioned again the condition of the Cathedral bells and suggested a letter to the authorities to inquire into the matter.

The general secretary introduced the Central Council inquiry into the state of Sunday service ringing. Although there was not a complete identity of views on this matter it was generally agreed to co-operate with the committee appointed for this purpose.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. E. G. Orland and seconded by Mr. B. P. Morris, to all those who so richly deserved gratitude for the arrangements and especially to Miss J. Hoy, the local branch secretary, was carried with acclamation.

The small but pretty county, looking probably at its best for the occasion on one of the few really sunny days of the summer, was fully enjoyed by the parties as they travelled around to the 19 towers which were open for ringing.

TELEVISION TEAM

The Associated Television team arrived at Oakham during the morning and were conducted round to various churches by Miss Hoy. On arrival back at 'headquarters,' further filming was carried out recording the oldest ringer, Mr. Stevens, and the younger generation arriving for the service. The President, Master, and general secretary were also invited to face the camera.

The leader of the team said the arrangements for their visit were very satisfactory and they had enjoyed the day very much.

They were expected to join the company at tea but time did not permit and they regretfully had to decline a previously accepted invitation.

Ringing throughout the day was of a good standard and with the exception of a rope which disagreed with the wheel at one place no incident of grave concern was reported. Rumour however has it that at one village a flock of turkeys became so distressed at the sound of the bells that their owner rushed to the church and asked for them to be silenced. It is hoped that it wasn't the manner in which they were being rung which reminded the birds of Christmas.

It was dark before the last sounds of ringing died away and the bells were rung down. There has probably never been so much ringing in so few hours in Rutland before and who can say what interest has been aroused. The local branch has scope for expansion among the bells sampled on Saturday and with the enthusiasm of the present branch officials, coupled with enterprise on the part of members, much could be achieved.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Subscriptions are now due for the last quarter of 1958. Rates: 3 months 7s. 6d.; 6 months 14s. 6d.; 12 months £1 8s. Please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. New postal subscribers welcome.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Barnsley won the Hoylandswaine Cup at the annual contest held at Hoylandswaine on September 13th. Mr. Harold Chant, of Ryhill, was the judge and Mr. Squire Fielding the marker. Results were:—

Barnsley 53 faults:
Shelley 98 faults 5 penalties;
Sandal 104 faults 10 penalties;
Cawthorne 177 faults 5 penalties.

The cup was presented by Mrs. J. Whitehouse to Mr. Eric Stainrod and each member of the team received a prize.

Mr. Noel F. Moxon, president, was in the chair at the business meeting when five new members were elected. As Thornhill tower would not be available, it is hoped to hold the next meeting at Wakefield on October 11th. The president proposed the vote of thanks to the churchwardens, to Mr. John Whitehouse and local company for the arrangements, and to the ladies for the tea.

Replying on behalf of the Hoylandswaine Company, Mr. John Whitehouse said he hoped they would be able to carry on with having the contests annually in the towers. Further ringing followed.

MR. JOHN CHILCOTT'S WEDDING

It was a fine sunny day when the wedding took place at St. Leonard's, Heston, Middlesex, on Saturday, September 6th, between Mr. John Chilcott, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Miss Eileen Ricketts. The bells were rung before and after the service by the local band.

Given away by her father, Mr. Jack Ricketts, the bride wore a ballerina-length dress in white velvet and carried a bouquet of deep bronze chrysanthemums. She was attended by three bridesmaids, twin cousins, who wore ballerina-length dresses in deep bronze with matching shoes, and a friend as chief bridesmaid, in a lighter shade of bronze. They too carried bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums.

Mr. Frank Price, a ringing friend of the bride and bridegroom, was best man, assisted by Mr. Michael Chilcott and Mr. Peter Bettridge as ushers.

The reception was held in the garden of the bride's home and was made all the more enjoyable by the lovely weather. Greetings were received from many ringing friends, and among the presents displayed were a silver tea tray, the gift of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild, and an electric clock from the Heston ringers. After a happy afternoon, the newly married couple left by motor-cycle for a honeymoon in the West Country. A peal of Stedman Cinques in their honour was rung at Southwark Cathedral that evening by the College Youths and a peal of Stedman Triples at Beddington the following Saturday by members of the Society of Roving Ringers.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Despite fine weather the light ring of eight bells at Barnes only attracted 25 ringers for the N.W. District of the Surrey Association's quarterly District meeting. The majority of these were novices and the lack of experienced ringers combined with the length of draught and springy ropes resulted in a disappointing afternoon's ringing. The service was taken by the Rector and tea followed in the Church Hall. At the business meeting 12 new resident ringing members were elected, bringing District membership up to 260.

The secretary reminded the company of the Survey of Sunday Service Ringing about to be undertaken and asked that all returns be completed promptly and accurately. It was not the intention that the state of affairs should be whitewashed or be made out worse than it really is. Only on a basis of correct fact could the committee to help Sunday service ringing make sound recommendations.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks to those who had provided tea and to the Rector of Barnes and the Vicar of Mortlake for allowing the use of their bells.

At Mortlake ringing continued until 7.45. An influx of more experienced ringers made for improvement in the striking and enabled courses of Cambridge and Yorkshire to be rung.

W. P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE EARLY STAGES

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. D. G. Mitchell on page 563, following my article on teaching beginners (pp. 529-530), raises three points on which I should like to comment.

Firstly in the early stages of handling a bell I do not agree that a 'panic' stage is inevitable and much trouble I believe can be avoided by the use of medium-heavy bells, with their greater stability, in the initial stages. Often other consderations may suggest the use of a light bell, e.g., in an eight-bell tower it might be convenient to have the trebles lashed throughout a practice with only the back six rung open. However, I would strongly commend the heavier bell and I believe that its advantages will outweigh the inconveniences.

Secondly, I strongly disagree about the initial stages of plain hunting on three and four bells being labelled 'glorified call-changes' because the pupil is told which bells he has to follow. It may be that there is some difference in our interpretation of 'call-changes.' As I understand the position, 'call-changes' involve only occasional variations from the rhythm of rounds when a new row is called as that row is then retained until further instructions. I said in my article that call-changes could teach little beyond what rounds could teach and therefore did not merit taking up time which could be devoted to more progressive exercises.

In approaching change-ringing after rounds the pupil is faced with two new situations—(i) constant variations from the rhythm of rounds and (ii) a different bell to find to follow at each stroke—and my idea is to introduce these one at a time. He is therefore put on the treble for plain hunt on three with the bells to follow memorised beforehand, and the variations in rhythm to be expected as detailed in my article. Initial instructions given while ringing run something like this. 'Backstroke lead over 6 pulled to hold up over 2. Slowly over 2 pulled to hold up over 3. Steady over 2 pulled only lightly to check in over 3 to lead again over 6.'

This exercise with its variations in rhythm is therefore fundamentally different from call-changes.

Thirdly, there is the introduction of dodging via treble bob hunting on the treble prior to Plain Bob 'inside.' I am very pleased to note Mr. Mitchell's enthusiasm for this suggestion. Too often I think that our ringing books by their allocation of separate sections to the various methods tend to suggest that each method is something on its own. I feel that the need is to regard method ringing as a whole and one does not need to have mastered the first method (Plain Bob in this case) before venturing on to a second (Kent Treble Bob). I hope to develop this theme in another article which I have in mind.

Circumstances vary greatly in instructing beginners and one cannot lay down hard and fast rules. Often what can be attempted is greatly restricted by the lack of supporting ringers. Obviously, call-changes when sufficient other ringers are not available is much to be preferred to inactivity. However, I think that the implied purpose of my article is clear, viz., that the various steps in tuition should be cut to a minimum with progress at each step. The scheme that I have described is one applicable to the augmentation of an existing band and it needs the co-operation of other members of the band. I cannot do better than conclude by freely acknowledging the ready co-operation of my colleagues at Chester-le-Street and their contribution towards any successes that have been achieved. —Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

NEW COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the composition of four Spliced Surprise Major, by N. J. Diserens, printed on page 599 of September 12th issue of 'The Ringing World' and rung as a 5,056 at Aldermaston on August 9th, 1958, is false.

It will also, no doubt, be quite obvious to most conductors and composers of Spliced Surprise that Mr. A. J. Pitman's unique system of method arrangement with the 6th home and in 5ths, the arrangement of methods, and reversed calling for each quarter peal, is in every respect the basis of this composition (except where the falseness occurs), and therefore Mr. Diserens can hardly claim to have composed it. Arranged would have been a better word, but even that would be stretching it a bit.

For some time now, years in fact, compositions have appeared in the 'R.W.' by new composers and in many instances these compositions have only been variations of 'Old Masters.' Whilst some of these arrangements are very clever, there is nothing new, except the name of the composer.

Notable composers and ringers of our day have from time to time written excellent articles explaining variations and transpositions of originals, and the difficulties to be encountered in trying to obtain original and individual compositions, but still we get these arrangements that are only variations and deserving of little praise or consideration.

Now that we have practically exhausted the field of composition for single methods (except for new methods with unusual falseness) our attention is turning more to the composition of Spliced. This offers vast opportunities for the enthusiast—but for new methods only, or a new system of splicing. We should take due care, and not belittle by variations or transpositions the amazing compositions that Mr. Pitman and other notable composers have given us over the years.—Yours faithfully,

M. S. LANCEFIELD.

Willesborough.

Mr. R. H. Diserens writes:—I should like to point out that there is a Bob Before missing in the last course of my composition of 'four spliced,' published on page 599 of 'The Ringing World.'

[This composition was printed as submitted.—Editor.]

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): Miss P. Mason 1, A. Sansom 2, D. W. James (cond.) 3, L. G. Berridge 4, F. E. Crosier 5.

25 YEARS AFTER.

Dear Sir, — How the time flies. Twenty-five years ago this morning I was one of the ten privileged English bell ringers to sail from King George V Docks on that wonderful trip to Australia to ring for the Victoria Centenary celebrations, and for the opening of the 1914-18 War Shrine at Melbourne by the Duke of Gloucester. I offer my best wishes to all who went, or rather to all who are left of us, and especially to those who gave us such a wonderful send off.—Yours sincerely,

W. LINTER.

Fareham, Hants.

CORRECTION TO 5,075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that there is a mistake in the composition of 5,075 Grandsire Caters by G. Freebrey on page 584 in 'The Ringing World.' The eighth course should read 9-3 not 8-3 for 43256978, and of course it will also be 9-3 in the repeat. —Yours faithfully,

BRIAN PATTISON.

Bedford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Ashwell is an attractive old village, with a magnificent church and rich-toned bells. More than a dozen ringers arrived there on September 6th, but only the clock chimes were heard for some time, and the visitors had ample time to admire the famous graffiti before the keys came.

Having entered the ringing chamber, there was a short struggle to fix the hammers back, then the bells were swung. Not for long, for there was an ominous grinding, and more was discovered about the wiring system on the hammers.

At 4.40 p.m. the last of the bells was safe, and before a score of ringers sat down to tea at the Three Tuns they had heard the six bells.

The business meeting was held in the churchyard. Among the matters discussed was the census of Sunday Service Ringing. Later there was plenty of ringing for all before the pleasant meeting was ended. J. S.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

There was a good attendance of members and visitors at the quarterly meeting at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, September 13th. The advent of a sunny day, coupled with the unusually attractive harvest decorations in the church greatly added to the enjoyment of the day. After the usual ringing, the service was conducted by the Rector, after which tea was served in the Church Hall, which was provided by Mrs. Norton and her helpers.

At the business meeting which followed four new members were elected: Miss Mary Neath, Miss June Crees, Miss Jean Watson and Miss Ruth Yeats. It was with great pleasure that Miss E. Lomas was elected an honorary member of the Guild.

It was decided that in the coming year the outing should take place on the second Saturday in September, instead of the usual day in June, so will members please make a note of this change in the arrangements. B. J.

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ANOTHER TOUR OF DEVON AND CORNWALL

A BLUE and cream omnibus decorated with a banner bearing the words 'A hunting we will go' left Haslemere, Surrey, for a fortnight's tour of Devon and Cornwall, organised by John McDermott and John Queen. The party included David French (Rotherham), Pat Butler (Maidstone), A. Patrick Cannon (Dorking), Peter Smart (Guildford), Angela Martin and Jeremy Salter (Bramshott), John McDermott, John Queen, Eve Parsons and A. V. Queen (Haslemere).

A missing clapper on the ninth at Wimborne Minster, the first tower, limited ringing to Bob Major. At Bridport the party met the Chaddocks and they followed on to Axminster where the fine eight were soon going well to Kent and Stedman. An amusing time was had at Colyton, the heaviest six in Devon (tenor 24¼ cwt.) at chiming the bells in rounds. Bed was very welcome at Okehampton where Jean Addicott (Leamington) joined the party.

As the visitors were unable to ring at Okehampton on Sunday morning, Pat arranged for ringing at South Tawton and Belstone and in the afternoon a peal of Bob Major was scored at Tawstock.

Monday was the first full day with Ashburton (8, 21 cwt.), Buckfastleigh (8, 15 cwt.), Totnes (8, 22 cwt.), Berry Pomeroy (8, 17 cwt.), Paignton (8, 22 cwt.), Brixham (8, 15¼ cwt.), Churston Ferrers (6, 12¼ cwt.), Kingsbridge (8, 11 cwt.), Modbury (6, 17½ cwt.), and Ugborough (8, 19 cwt.) on the list. Ugborough's proved to be the most difficult to handle and the flat second did not improve the sound.

Tuesday was an 'off day,' being spent at Dartmouth. The three towers here, St. Saviour's (8, 18½ cwt.), St. Petrox (6, 7½ cwt.) and St. Clement's (6, 8 cwt.) were all visited during the morning.

FAME AT LAST

Another peal was arranged for the evening at St. Saviour's in Dartmouth. Apparently this was quite an event as at the end of the peal it seemed there was half the town sitting in the church watching. This was the first peal of Major on the bells as it was at Tawstock and even the local Press mentioned the tour. Fame at last!

Wednesday was a day of eights, the heaviest being Teignmouth, St. Michael's (8, 22¼ cwt.).

The others were Chagford (8, 18 cwt.), Moreton Hampstead (8, 15 cwt.), Bovey Tracey (8, 14¼ cwt.), Highweek (8, 11¼ cwt.), Torquay, St. Mary's (8, 19 cwt.), Torquay St. Mary Magdalene's (8, 14¼ cwt.), Babbacombe (8, 14¼ cwt.), Teignmouth, St. James' (8, 14 cwt.), Dawlish (8, 11¼ cwt.), and Chudleigh (8, 12¼ cwt.).

Some good ringing was had during the day and by this time the ringers were fairly proficient at Cambridge and so the next day it was suggested that they should ring a 720 of Cambridge Minor. This was attempted at Hartland (6, 17¼ cwt.), but unfortunately did not materialise. The rest of the day was spent at Clovelly (6, 10 cwt.) where two well respected members arrived late at the church in the evening after having had 'a pleasant little chat with two of the local girls.' Well, that was their excuse anyway.

After a somewhat restless night during which various parts of a bed were found in three separate bedrooms, the party set off on a day of sixes with four eights thrown in for the more ambitious. The towers visited were Hatherleigh (8, 14 cwt.), Merton (6, 10 cwt.), Little Torrington (6, 12 cwt.), Great Torrington (8, 15 cwt.), Frithelstock (6, 17 cwt.), Monksleigh (6, 8½ cwt.), Bideford (8, 17 cwt.), Fremington (6, 9 cwt.), Bickington (6, 7 cwt.), Barnstaple (8, 22 cwt.), Landkey (6, 13 cwt.) and Swimbridge (6, 11½ cwt.). By the time Swimbridge was reached the visitors were only too glad to hear the locals ring some of their famous call-changes, and all agreed that it was the finest striking that they had ever heard.

EXETER CATHEDRAL

Saturday was the only really fine day and full use was made of the sea at Torquay. They met again in the evening at Exeter Cathedral, together with Margaret Beamish and Shelagh Collins, who were to join for the next week. They now numbered thirteen, Jean having said goodbye in the morning. Very little persuasion was needed to make Pat turn the Cathedral tenor in to Bob Royal and all were very sorry to leave this magnificent ring.

Sunday, again, and the first stop was Shebbear (6, 9 cwt.) and then on to North Tawton (8, 15 cwt.) which is reputed to have one of the finest call-change bands in Devon. It was necessary to have the assistance of a local ringer on the treble. The rest of the day was spent at Bude although a quarter peal of Cambridge Major was attempted in the afternoon at Bridgerule (8, 10½ cwt.). This broke down a course from the end.

On Monday, goodbye was said to Pat. All were of the opinion that Tiverton's (8, 25½ cwt.) were the best eight that they had ever rung on and here they were given one of the green sallies, which was duly draped across the front of the 'bus. The other towers visited during the day were Bow (6, 14 cwt.), Crediton (8, 27 cwt.), Cadbury (6, 11 cwt.), Silverton (8, 16 cwt.), Bradninch (8, 20 cwt.), Cullompton (10, 19½ cwt.), Culmstock (8, 19 cwt.), Halberton (6, 17½ cwt.) and Witheridge (8, 23½ cwt.).

After having a good ring at Witheridge including a course of Grandsire Triples with a local ringer on the treble trying his hand at 'scientific,' the villagers in the 'local' were entertained with the handbells. This was so much appreciated that one man, who had not bought a round for a good many years, bought the whole party a drink each. It was in high spirits that they returned home that night.

Tuesday the tourists set off complete with bathing costumes and towels hoping to spend the day in, on or by the sea at Ilfracombe. It poured and poured with rain and they spent the day in the amusement arcade, and the cinema. The evening, however, turned out to be fine and after ringing at the two towers in Ilfracombe, Holy Trinity (8, 12 cwt.) and SS. Philip and James' (8, 11 cwt.) they spent the rest of the evening wandering round the town That night somebody deposited small, but extremely smelly pieces of gorganzola cheese in two people's beds. Shakespeare must have turned in his grave at hearing such misuse of the English language but eventually, about 2.30 a.m., peace was restored.

'GO ERIN'

On Wednesday came the first course of Erin Triples, this being at Plympton, St. Mary's (8, 25¼ cwt.). John was particularly anxious to call a touch of this method so that he could say 'Bob, Go Erin.' This was attempted at Plympton St. Maurice's (8, 16 cwt.) but unfortunately did not come round. He was successful, however, at Plymouth Emmanuel Church (8, 21½ cwt.) having previously rung on the grand ten in Plymouth St. Andrew's (10, 35 cwt.). The other towers visited were Tavistock (8, 24 cwt.), Whitchurch (6, 13 cwt.), Buckland Monochorum (8, 15¼ cwt.), Bickleigh St. Mary the Virgin's (6, 9¼ cwt.), Bickleigh St. Mary's (6, 8 cwt.) and Shaugh Prior (6, 17 cwt.)

On Thursday four or five people did not feel too well so while they spent the day in bed the rest of the party went to Exeter to the cinema coming home via Teignmouth and stopping for a ring at Dunsford (6, 14 cwt.).

On Friday, the party, up to full strength again, set off for Cornwall, ringing at Lifton (8, 21 cwt.), Launceston St. Mary's (8, 15¼ cwt.), Launceston St. Thomas' (6, 10½ cwt.), Bodmin (8, 15½ cwt.), St. Erme (6, 12 cwt.), Truro, St. Mary's (10, 33¾ cwt.), Truro St. Keyne's (8, 15¼ cwt.), Probus (8, 20 cwt.) and St. Austell (8, 18¼ cwt.). At Launceston they met Desmond Painter and Bill Cook who helped through Double Norwich and London. A good half course of Superlative was scored at Bodmin, and at Truro Cathedral, where Allan Carveth joined, they rang some good Bob Royal and Stedman Caters.

The last tower of the day was St. Austell where, in spite of having to ring in complete darkness for the first touch they managed to score a full course of Superlative. Here was met David Burnett and after satisfying hunger in a local cafe all arrived home in the early hours.

Saturday was the last day and they sadly said goodbye to Okehampton and made their way home via Queen Camel (6, 36¼ cwt.), Yeovil (10, 40¼ cwt.) and Sherborne (8, 46 cwt.) A. V. Q.



READY FOR AN ASSAULT ON THE "RINGERS EVEREST"

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN L. MORRIS

A wide circle of ringing friends, particularly in the Kent County Association, the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths and the London University Society, read last week of the untimely death of Mr. John Leigh Morris, of Lancing Road, Orpington, on September 15th. Only a week previously he had taken his first appointment at a school at Addington, Surrey, and it was while at school he collapsed and died.

Educated at Eltham College (1947–55) and London University (1955–58), he had obtained a B.Sc. degree in Maths and Physics. Some ten years ago he came under the influence of Mr. Frank C. W. Knight and learnt to ring at Chislehurst. His progress was rapid. He rang his first peal at Foots Cray on March 29th, 1948, for the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, and conducted his first peal at the age of 13 (Bob Major at Wrotham on March 19th, 1949). Before this he had already rung a peal of Bob Royal at Rochester Cathedral, and when only 14 took part in the 12,740 Bob Royal at Prittlewell on August 7th, 1950. His last peal —his 202nd—was Cambridge Surprise Major at Benhilton on September 8th. His peals included Spliced Surprise Major (one of which he conducted) and Stedman Cinques, as well as a great variety of methods.

As a practical ringer he was a first-class striker and completely safe in any method on any number of bells. He had produced many interesting compositions, and recently composed a peal of London Surprise Major using mainly 'In and 5ths' courses with other short courses with alternate callings. This composition was rung on a recent Hampshire peal tour and again at St. John's, Erith, on the day of his funeral.

He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Cumberlands, and represented the Society on the Central Council for the first time at the meeting at Chelmsford. With his great ability, both practical and theoretical, he was surely destined to have become a distinguished member of the Council in future years.

Like all true leaders of the Exercise, and he was certainly destined to become one, he recognised his first duty as a Sunday service ringer. When his mentor, Frank Knight, left the district, John joined the band at Bexley, where as a ringer, an instructor, a conductor—but perhaps most as a completely unaffected and charming person—he will be sadly missed. Great sympathy will go out to Judith Cox in the loss that she will feel so personally, and all the other young Bexley ringers.

The funeral took place at Croydon Crematorium on September 19th, conducted by the Vicar of Bexley. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Morris (parents) and many relations and friends, including Miss J. Cox and Mr. Ian H. Oram, were present, and there were many beautiful floral tributes. Flowers had been sent by the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, the Kent County Association and the Bexley ringers. The ringers present were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett (representing the Central Council), Messrs. P. A. Corby (Kent County Association) and A. G. Mason (R.S.C.Y.) and D. Beresford (Bexley ringers).

The Exercise will extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Morris and John's young sister in their great loss.

MR. JOHN THOMAS

With sincere regret we report the death of Mr. John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire. Last Saturday afternoon he collapsed in Painswick belfry and died within a few moments. He was aged 76.

The funeral service was held at Hinton Parish Church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

MR. A. H. FOX

Mr. A. H. Fox, of Kirk Ella, who died on September 16th, aged 79, was known to a wide circle of ringing friends.

He was a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association (Eastern District), for whom he was also organist. Mr. Fox joined the Association in 1926 and introduced change-ringing at Kirk Ella where he had trained many ringers. He had been organist and choirmaster at Kirk Ella for 51 years.

A band of local ringers and friends rang a half-muffled touch on the evening of the day of the funeral.

MR. HARRY FRANCE

Lancashire has lost another of its older generation of ringers by the sudden death, whilst holidaying in Scotland, on August 28th, of Mr. Harry France, of Leyland. He was in his 75th year.

Taking up the art at the age of 18 at St. Andrew's, Leyland, Mr. France rang there until 1925, being one of the band that was much helped and encouraged by the late Benjamin A. Knights, the talented ringer and conductor. Afterwards, and until his death, he rang with Leyland St. James' band, where he was a member of the Parochial Church Council and often sang in the choir.

Always to be found in his place for Sunday service ringing, he was diffident about standing in peal attempts in his latter years, preferring, so he said, to leave it to the younger ones, and to conserve his energy for Sunday. He took part in 45 peals in a variety of methods, and on varying numbers of bells, his favourite methods being Cambridge Surprise and Stedman.

In his younger days Mr. France was regularly to be seen with the Morris Dancers in the celebrated Leyland May Festival.

His fellow ringers, who acted as bearers, rang the St. James' bells half muffled prior to the funeral service, and afterwards at Leyland St Andrew's following interment there.

In addition to the family mourners and representatives of the various organisations at St. James', the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and the Independent Order of Oddfellows, M.U., of which he was a member, were represented. Mr. E. R. Martin and Mr. L. Walmsley, of the Lancashire Association, who had been associated with him for many years and had had the pleasure of joining him in peals, were present.

On September 8th a peal of Minor in four methods—Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob—was rung by members of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association.

OUTING

BALDOCK AND NORTON

September 13th was a pleasant day for Baldock and Norton ringers: the sun shone: the coach was kept to time; and everyone seemed to be happy.

St. Andrew's, Hertford, was first visited, and many found the octave not easy to strike well. The journey to St. Mary's, Cheshunt, was made in brilliant sunshine. The bells, another medium-weight octave, were much easier to strike, but do not sound well outside.

As the coach came towards Waltham Abbey, the white, sunlit tower stood out, thrusting through the green of the surrounding trees. Before trying these twelve bells, with the tenor weighing 39 cwt., we fortified ourselves with tea. These are pleasant bells, but unfortunately it is extremely difficult to hear them from the ringing chamber.

Last tower of the day was at St. John the Baptist's at Epping. There we were warmly welcomed, and had good ringing. J. S.

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The conductor of the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Wicken (page 586 'R.W.') was Basil Jones and not Brian Harris as stated. Our correspondent sends his apologies.

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MISCELLANEOUS

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.—Members taking part, please note: Coach will pick up at Byfield 11.50, Charwelton 11.55, Newnham 12.05, Busbrooke 12.20, Lower Heyford 12.25, Weedon (Main Road) 12.35, Daventry 12.45.—F. W. Hancock. 3062

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Will all ringers starting at the University in October please contact Miss Margaret Ross, Langdale Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester 14. Ringing at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, Sunday, 10.15 a.m. Practice, Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Handbells available. 3057

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MEETINGS

BINSTED, near Alton.—Dedication of bells (6) by the Bishop of Southampton on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 3.30 p.m. 3078

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mottram, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr A. L. Townend, Arnside, Matley, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 3025

DERBY ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. —Monthly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, at Stanton-by-Dale. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3073

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dinner to be held at the All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, Huntingdon, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 7 p.m. Ringing arrangements—peals being arranged: Godmanchester (8), 5.30 to 6.30; All Saints' Huntingdon (6), 5.30 to 6.45 p.m.; St. Mary's also available (if no peal attempt). Tickets, 12s., from H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 3012

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3028

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Sible Hedingham, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2884

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Frindsbury on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 2956

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m., St. Nicolas', Chiswick, followed by business at 5. Short service 6 p.m. Tea—own arrangements, Chiswick High Street. Further ringing, Christchurch Ealing, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—M. Powell, Dis. Sec. 3019

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Sept. 27th. General meeting in St. Laurence's Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Swallowfield and Arborfield: 1 to 2. St. Mary's, Reading: 6.15 to 7.15, St. Laurence's, Reading: 6.30 to 7.30, Caversham and Tilehurst: 7 to 8, Sonning, Mapledurham and Whitchurch; 7.15 to 8.15 p.m., Twyford and Pangbourne. 3002

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Meeting, Norwich, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing, St. Giles' and St. Peter Mancroft, one hour before lunch, 2 to 4 p.m., and after tea. Tea, Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place, 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 2968

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Hawkchurch, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 3005

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Practice meeting at Long Melford on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 6.30-9 p.m. 3032

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Special practice meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, at four towers. Ringing: Thruxton 2.15 to 3.30: Amport, 3.30 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing: Over Wallop, 6.15 to 7.15: Goodworth Clatford, 7.30 to 9. 2994

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, Oct. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3046

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Ashcott, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 3030

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Curry Mallett, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 3069

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Silsoe on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 3056

CHARLTON KINGS, CHELTENHAM.—Dedication, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by tea and ringing. Names for tea by Sept. 30th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 3068

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Christleton (8), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by **first post**, Wednesday, Oct. 1st.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec. 3041

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 2.30 p.m. (Chesterfield bells not available.) Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 3053

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Over on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3039

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-West District.—Quarterly meeting, Rayleigh, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. J. Plower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 3029

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Moreton-in-Marsh on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. (new ring). Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea by Sept. 30th to F. Newton, Lyncroft Cottage, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos. 3077

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 4th, Stoke Hotel, Guildford, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 14s. 6d., from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, West Farnborough, Hants. 3021

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Great Wymondley, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, Burnaby Delight.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3033

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Annual general meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 3007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Oct. 4th, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 1st, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 3008

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Oct. 4th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3038

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting, Morecambe, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing 2.30-8.30 Service at 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to R. F. Eccles, 22, Walton Avenue, Morecambe. 3070

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Newton-le-Willows, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by Oct. 1st, Mr. J. Mawdsley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-in-Makerfield.—M. E. Ridyard. 3047

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Waltham (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Oct. 1st to Mr. J. Willows, 81, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 2997

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Leafield on Saturday, Oct. 4th. —J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Rosemary, Freeland, Oxford. 2976

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Emberton, Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 3064

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and South Oxon Branches.—Joint meeting at Dorchester on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Sept. 30th, Mr. A. J. Adams, of 166, Cricket Road, Cowley, Oxford.—A. J. Adams, H. Badger, Branch Secs. 3050

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Names for tea to me by previous Tuesday, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 3063

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Rushton (6), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Names for tea to me, please, not later than previous Tuesday.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec., 13, Station Road, Kettering. 3044

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twywell, Oct. 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 3060

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, Oct. 4th. Bells (12) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Oct. 1st.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28.

ST. MARGARET'S BELLS, IPSWICH, have been restored in the tower and will be re-dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 7 p.m.—E. V. Blake. 3059

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bradford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity (8), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service and tea. Christ Church (8) also available during afternoon. Names.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 3048

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—There will not be a meeting at Rawmarsh on Oct. 4th owing to weddings. Please support the Chesterfield meeting instead.—J. Seager, Sec 3072

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern Division) and Surrey Association (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 3052

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hursley (8) on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 3076

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Hedon (8), Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names by Sept. 26th to Mr. C. H. Hunter, 59, Westlands Drive, Hedon, E. Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2992

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Ringing at St. Olave's, Hart Street (nearest tube station, Tower Hill) will recommence on Sunday, Oct. 5th, 5-6 p.m., and Monday, Oct. 6th, 6.30-8 p.m. (practice) Freshers especially welcome. **Annual general meeting,** Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing at St. Olave's 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. 3035

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Monday, Oct. 6th, 7.30 p.m., at St. Mary, Lambeth. General meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 2.45 to 4 p.m., St. Lawrence Jewry. Service, business and further ringing, 5.30 p.m., St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3075

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing: Gosforth 11-12.30, Fenham 2-3 p.m., Jesmond 2.30-3.30 p.m., St. John's 3-4 and 8.15-9 p.m. Cathedral 7-9 p.m. and Gateshead 7-9 p.m. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. (preacher: The Bishop of Newcastle) and tea 5.15 p.m.—all at Cathedral. Names for tea (price 6/6) essential by Oct. 8th to Mrs. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 3071

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m., and bells available immediately afterwards. Tickets, 12s. 6d., from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Accommodation limited. Stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 3001

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 7th, to Mrs. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3054

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th. St. Dunstan's bells from 2.30, with service at this church 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, and any nominations for District officers, must reach me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 8th. Details of other ringing will be circulated to all towers.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Combined meeting, St. Alfege's, Greenwich, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Monday, Oct. 6th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. — A. Hill, W. Parrott, Hon. Dis. Secs. 3043

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Maidstone, on Oct. 11th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone. 3067

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Pakefield, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 8th certain, please, to Mr. P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, South Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3023

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury, Saturday, October 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 7th, to H. P. Reed, 74, Queen's Road, Newbury. 3055

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, October 11th. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mrs. C. Hall, School Street, Staverton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 3061

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Ringers coming up to Oxford University this term are invited to attend the business meeting at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14th, in the Old Bursary, New College, or to contact R. A. Jackson, Balliol College. 3066

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at the Wine Lodge Hotel, Coventry, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (10/6 each) from the General Secretary and Branch Secretaries. Please apply early for tickets as accommodation is limited. Towers available will be notified later. — J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 3026

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Ringing Festival to celebrate the Octo-Centenary of the Civic Independence of the City of Carlisle

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th

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Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m.

Tea in The Fratry 5.15 p.m. by ticket only—price 5s. Numbers and remittance to Mr. A. Forsyth, 10, Greengarth, Carlisle, on or before Saturday, October 11th.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 3040

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and Six-Bell Contest, Calverley, Oct. 18th. For tea, please notify Mrs. Joan M. Dawson, 16, Salisbury Place, Calverley, Pudsey, by Oct. 11th. **No names, no tea.**—A. Farrand, Sec. 3034

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Brewood, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 8th, to Mr. C. S. Dumbell, Kingsnorth, Coven Road, Brewood, near Stafford. Preliminary notice: The Annual Dinner will be held at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. 3042

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 21st Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 5.45 p.m. Professional entertainment by Henry Hall and Smith's Concert Party. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3.15-4.45 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 3.30-5.30 p.m. Tickets (9/- each) obtainable from General and Branch Secretaries or Dinner Committee until Wednesday, Oct. 15th.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3065

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual dinner will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 6.45 p.m. Tickets at 12/6 are now available from Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. St. Mary-de-Crypt (8) available from 3 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. Tickets (price 15/6 each) available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited to 100, so apply early!—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3049

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District In Wharfedale

A very successful meeting of the Western District was held on September 6th in Wharfedale. During the afternoon, ringing took place on the recently recast bells at St. Peter's, Addingham, this very musical six being visited for the first time by the majority of those present.

In order to facilitate catering arrangements it had been found necessary to bring the meeting forward one week from the date originally planned. This unfortunately prevented several people from being present but, nevertheless, an attendance of about 50 members was recorded.

Addingham bells were lowered at about 4.30 p.m. and the visitors journeyed on to Ilkley, where the local company had arranged an excellent tea in the Church Institute.

In the absence of the vice-president, the chair at the business meeting was taken by the general secretary of the Association, Mr. L. W. G. Morris. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to all those responsible for the arrangement of the meeting. Reference was also made to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, first President of the Association, whose home was at Ilkley, and whose memory is to be honoured when the annual commemoration dinner is held at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds, on October 11th. Snowdon's instructional books on ringing are still recognised as the most authoritative works of their kind in existence and very widely used.

The following new members were elected:—Roy Clarke, David Frith, Russel Stephenson, Margaret Evans, Janet Newell, Harold Brown, Graham Wood, John H. Fielden and Philip Dunderdale.

Following the business meeting ringing took place on the octave at All Saints', Ilkley, methods ranging from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise Major in five methods. Whilst the ringing progressed many visitors took advantage of the opportunity to see the stained glass memorial window to Jasper Snowdon in the church.

A kind invitation was received from Mr. C. Maxfield for the next meeting to be held at St. James', Wetherby, on December 13th, full details of which will be announced in due course.

5,088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

By STEPHEN IVIN

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
3 5 4 2 6			2	
3 2 6 5 4	2		—	—
5 6 3 4 2	—	3X	—	—
2 3 6 4 5	—			—

Repeat twice.

First rung at Erdington Abbey, conducted by Peter Border.

5,040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

By G. E. FEIRN

23456	W	M	H
24536	—		2
46532		—	2
34562	—		3

Nine times repeated; SS halfway and end.

5,024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

By ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 46)

M	W	H	23456
	—		52436
—	2	3	23645
	X		34256
	2		45236
—		—	62534
	3	—	56234
	—		35264
—	—		62453
—			42356
	X		25463
—		3	45362
	X	—	45623
	—		24653
—	—		56342
	X		64523
	X		42635
	X		23456

First rung at South Wigston, Leics, August 11th, 1958, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob) with tenor covering: Katharine Burchnall 1, Lavina Hulford 2, B. Hough 3, Eleanor Rose 4, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 5, M. Gartside 6, W. Rushby 7. First in two methods for 2, 4 and 7. For Evensong.

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TEACHING RHYTHM

A RECENT leading article illustrated the fact that the rhythm of a piece of ringing is broken by the smallest of errors in the striking, and two questions which should be the concern of every tower captain and instructor are at once brought to mind. The questions are: What is rhythm and how should we teach it?

Opinions will differ, no doubt, as to whether rhythm is innate in the human being: the expression 'he is a born ——' is, after all, a figure of speech, and is not usually meant to be taken literally. There is no doubt, however, that rhythm can be acquired. Some rhythms are picked up easily, like a march or a dance: who, for instance, has walked in the same street as soldiers marching to a band and not found himself keeping step? Other rhythms are not learnt so easily, and it would seem that the ringing rhythm is one of these. If it is indeed difficult for people to strike correctly, and this ultimately means to ring to a rhythm, then there is every reason why we should give our serious attention to the question of the best methods of teaching the subject. The word *teaching* deserves stress, for while a sense of rhythm *may* be picked up, this frequently is not the case, and the wise instructor is the man who makes sure that his pupil is taught rhythm and who has a systematic scheme for doing this.

The rhythm of bell-ringing may be considered in two ways. It is possible for the experienced ringer to think of, feel, count or hear in his mind the rhythm of a particular number of bells; he may even be able to hum or sing rounds or some changes. If he can do any of these things it seems extremely likely that he will be doing it to a fairly precise rhythm. It is like a beat, or rather a succession of beats passing through the mind, and the regularity, the correct spacing of the beats, constitutes rhythm.

An analogy which may be far-fetched is that of a conveyor belt in which are some equally-spaced holes, and as the belt moves past at a constant speed the holes have to be filled at absolutely regular intervals. Similarly, as one is ringing, there are spaces or gaps which click along in one's mind and which have to be filled exactly by the blow of one's bell. This, then, is a rhythm in the mind. The rhythm created by a number of ringers on a set of bells is more objective and seems more real (though Plato might not have agreed). In fact, if it is there, it is because the individual ringers have adjusted their own mental rhythms to each other's and there are six (or eight, ten or twelve) mental rhythms coinciding.

The aim of the instructor is to teach a mental rhythm to his pupil, and one of the best methods of teaching it is by example. The pupil ought to be able to listen to ringing which has a first-class rhythm on the number of bells on which he will ring rounds for the first time—five or six bells are probably best. If the local company can produce a first-class rhythm the pupil will be able to listen on practice nights and Sundays, and he should gradually sense the beat. He should be told right from the beginning to count (one, two, three, four, five, six, or even dah, dah, dah, dah, dah, dah)—out loud, perhaps, to start with, but eventually silently—to appreciate the regularity of the blows. He should also be taught to listen to and recognise all the bells.

If a first-class rhythm is not found in the local tower the instructor will have to use other methods, and the following are suggested: Visiting another tower; listening to handbells well struck; listening to good striking on a gramophone record or on a tape-recorder or even on a piano. The gramophone record has much in its favour for it can be used privately and frequently; and it is hoped that some enterprising person will produce a record at a reasonable price with perfect rounds and minor on one side and rounds and triples on the other.

It is a common custom to give the not-so-new recruits practice at the same time as the new recruit is trying to ring rounds, but this seems of very doubtful value. True, it saves time, but it tends to produce a poor rhythm; and to have the best possible band is the most sensible thing to do. The other ringers should keep strictly to the beat during the learner's first attempt to ring rounds, as waiting (or 'holding up') at any time upsets the rhythm more quickly than anything. The learner should then feel that the rhythm is objective—that he should conform to it and fit in with it, rather than that it should be adjusted to him. It might be a help if he were to listen to the other five ringing without him, with a gap in the ringing (12–456). This might make him realise that a rhythm can be there whatever he does. The learner can be corrected in rounds until his striking and rhythm are perfect, but he must be given the time and practice at this perfect ringing before he can be expected to achieve it without correction. 'Listen to your bell' is not a sufficiently precise instruction.

Another point which ought to be made at this juncture, especially in view of some recent correspondence, is that whatever the learner practises (=does continually) that he learns. If, then, he is asked to ring rounds before he can handle his bell properly (*a*) it may result in fixing any handling faults he may have and (*b*) it must result in lack of rhythm, to start with at least. In the same way, if he attempts to ring changes, call or otherwise, before he can ring and strike rounds without verbal assistance, then the greater the chance that he will become a poor striker and the lower the standard of ringing set before him. 'Make haste slowly' is a good motto, but some instructors feel that it is worth while sacrificing proficiency in order to maintain interest, If good striking is held to be of more importance than method ringing in a tower, will not the learner be more interested in striking well than in learning to ring changes? Some Associations and Guilds set a standard for full membership as so many changes rung, and consequently instructors try to make their pupils reach the standard as quickly as possible. It would be interesting to see the effect if an Association put as a first and compulsory standard for membership that of good striking.

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THREE PEALS OF SURPRISE IN A DAY

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
PHILIP MEHEW	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	6
RALPH BIRD	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	*DEREK P. JONES	7
RALPH BIRD	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 25th peal together.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
RALPH BIRD	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal of Rutland on the bells.
In memoriam the composer, John L. Morris, who died suddenly on September 15th. The ringers of the treble, third and fifth rang in his last peal a week earlier.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*JOHN H. J. MUDD	*Treble*	‡MICHAEL W. WILLIAMSON	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
†VERNON GREEN	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	8
HAROLD W. ROGERS	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	9
REGINALD W. REX	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Kent Treble Bob.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
STELLA HUGHES	2	JOHN PINFOLD	7
IAN M. HOLLAND	3	JAMES H. PAILING	8
RUTH M. BORDER	4	PETER BORDER	9
H. DAVID HOLLAND	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by STEVEN IVIN. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
First peal of Royal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 16, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	8
GERALD C. HEMMING	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	*Treble*	BRIAN R. WHITE	6
PHILIP H. TOCOCK	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	7
EDWIN G. MOORE	3	FREDERICK C. WHITE	8
FRANK WHITE	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
WALTER F. JUDGE	5	EDWIN DREWITT	*Tenor*

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of affection to the Rev. H. C. Joyce, late Rector of Appleton.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5059 ERIN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	8
*MRS. F. J. MATTHEWS	4	†THOMAS H. FRANCIS	9
A. RONALD LING	5	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal of Caters. First of Caters in the method by all the band.
† 250th peal.
In memoriam John L. Morris.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
GORDON A. HALLS	2	*DEREK P. JONES	7
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 350th peal and 75th this year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
E. Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*FRANCES NEWMAN	*Treble*	COLIN B. LONGMORE	5
*GORDON BROWN	2	HAROLD E. RAXTER	6
†LEONARD J. MILLS	3	WALTER H. RAXTER	7
‡ROBERT W. COLE	4	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples and first of Triples 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal. First of Triples as conductor.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	*BASIL JONES	5
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
*BERNARD F. L. GROVES	4	*PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
JOHN WORTH	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
*DENIS HEAPY	3	BASIL JONES	7
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*GEORGE WATERMAN	*Treble*	*SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	3	*IVAN COOPER	7
*ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	4	*CHARLES A. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal in the method. The tenor ringer has 'circled the tower' to a peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (J. E. Groves' transposition). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*GORDON A. HALLS	*Treble*	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	PAUL J. RIGBY	6
†PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	BENJAMIN BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* 150th peal. † 75th peal.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Forster, mother of the third ringer.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat, Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
ARTHUR G. BUTTON	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	6
HARRY D. LISTER	3	RONALD A. BUGG	7
ROY DUESBURY	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	JAMES H. PAILING	5
*F. NEVILLE PAILING	2	PAUL J. RIGBY	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Sir Winston and Lady Churchill.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb.

RICHARD J. CARTER	*Treble*	*SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
T. MAUREEN LLOYD	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
MRS. EDWARD HARROLD	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
WILLIAM JOHNSON	4	ANDREW R. CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* 50th peal for the Guild. First in the method by all except ringers of sixth and seventh.
A wedding compliment to Rosemary Lloyd and Barry Forryan.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*VERONA NAYLOR	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
†BRIAN DAWSON	2	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	6
RHODA HEMMINGS	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
*DAVID W. BRUNNING	4	ALAN G. FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mrs. E. M. Ainsworth, a parishioner.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 BERKELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
DENNIS KNOX	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.
In memoriam John L. Morris.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
In memoriam John L. Morris, who died September 15th, 1958, aged 22, and was cremated this day at Croydon.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*BERYL AYRIS	*Treble*	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	5
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	PETER R. JOHNSON	6
ROGER K. STRETTON	3	†ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* First peal. † 300th peal. The first peal of Major on the bells.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	*Treble*	FRANK E. GODDEN	5
JAMES P. BLOND	2	FRANK ABSOLOM	6
ERNEST GARRARD	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
JAMES E. GODMAN	4	WILLIAM FULKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
The 25th peal on the bells since the war.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	5
GARY WIGNALL	2	TOM WILKINSON	6
ROSEMARY PARKINSON	3	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	7
ARTHUR RIGBY	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee of the Rector (Rev. A. J. G. Anderton) as a priest.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,
A PEAL OF 5024 ELVEDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
WALTER G. PAUL	2	D. KAY ADKINS	6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method. The conductor's 200th peal of Surprise Major.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*ANNE J. BULLARD	*Treble*	JOSEPH L. STANIER	5
REGINALD WOODYATT	2	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	6
†DEREK PRICE	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
JOHN J. STANIER	4	R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Major.
Rung for the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
BERNARD GROVES	2	†SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.
* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' † First of Yorkshire. First of Surprise as conductor.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

HORACE HEARD	*Treble*	HARRY STACEY	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	CHARLES E. TAYLOR	6
ALBERT E. BISSAT	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
CHARLES SANGWIN	4	JOHN W. SANGWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
Rung in honour of, and immediately after, the marriage of Geraldine Dodd, daughter of the Rev. L. W. Dodd (Vicar of Stratton) to the Rev. Hugh Thomson-Glover (Curate of St. Dunstan's, Stepney).

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 23 cwt.

*MARY H. HALL	*Treble*	CLAUDE TARR	5
GEORGE SPARKS	2	‡PATRICK J. BIRD	6
†FRED CASELEY	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
†JAMES C. TAYLOR	4	§FREDERICK SALTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Stedman Triples. § First peal.
Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday.

ELVEDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—56—36. 14—14. 58—14—58.
2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

SIX BELL PEALS

CHILDSWYCKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN SMITH	*Treble*	HAROLD E. RAXTER	4
GORDON BROWN	2	ROBERT W. COLE	5
LEONARD J. MILLS	3	*COLIN B. LONGMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Doubles. First of Bob Doubles by all the band.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Aug. 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

*LAURENCE HINDLE	*Treble*	PETER ADCOCK	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	2	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	3	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal, aged 13 years.
Rung for evensong and for the dedication of the new standard of the Mulbarton Branch of the British Legion.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

D. FOWLES	*Treble*	*A. GRANT	4
P. WOODGYER	2	M. PALMER	5
M. HAWKINS	3	G. RUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. RUCK.
* First peal
Rung for the wedding of John E. Chilcott and Eileen M. Ricketts, which took place at Heston this day.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's: One each of Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Ipswich. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

HORACE M. DAY	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
*JOHN M. ROFFE	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. HAW.
* First peal of Surprise and first in seven methods.
Rung on the eve of the christening of Carol Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haw, both members of the local band. Also birthday compliments to Horace M. Day and Frederick W. French.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JULIAN SMITH	*Treble*	‡FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4
JOAN V. GARNETT	2	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	5
†CELIA F. WHITFELD	3	ERIC A. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC A. FELLOWS.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡ 200th peal for the Sussex County Association. First peal as conductor.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A.

*ALAN CLARKE	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	4
DAVID H. BUXTON	2	ROBERT F. DOWNING	5
MRS. R. F. DOWNING	3	ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Minor. First in three methods by all the band.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Mon., Sept. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Bob and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN NELSON .. .. .. *Treble*	*PETER GARDNER 4
THOMAS BARKER 2	*STANLEY WALMSLEY .. 5
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 3	*PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Harry France, a member of this Association since 1905, who was interred the previous Monday.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*MONICA E. HORSEMAN .. *Treble*	*MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 4
*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 2	ARTHUR J. HART 5
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON *Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

* First peal of Kent Minor.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. *Treble*	TERENCE RANDALL 4
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 5
*GRACE BURCHNALL 3	RICHARD HOBBS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal of Minor in the method; first in the method by the remainder. First of Minor in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

Rung as a wedding compliment to John Hobbs, brother of the conductor, and Maureen Fitzgerald, whose wedding took place the previous day at Weston-super-Mare.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Thurs., Sept. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALLAN PICKLES.. .. .. *Treble*	PHILIP DUNDERDALE 4
JOHN BAILEY 2	STANLEY WALMSLEY 5
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 3	PETER GARDNER .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal.

Rung to mark the baptism of Jacqueline Hall, niece of Philip Dunderdale.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 120's. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

E. MARION KEY .. .. *Treble*	ERIC EDGINTON 4
*JOHN K. SMITH.. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
DAVID W. BRUNNING .. 3	BRIAN DAWSON .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

C. JACK GIBSON.. .. .. *Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD 4
JACK PILGRIM 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A birthday compliment to Peter Bedford and Susan Blythe.

TINTAGEL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATERIANA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 6 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

HORACE HEARD .. .. *Treble*	HARRY STACEY 4
RODNEY CANN 2	CHARLES E. TAYLOR 5
CHARLES SANGWIN 3	JOHN W. SANGWIN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. TAYLOR.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MRS. LILLIAN E. JAMES.. *Treble*	*STANLEY E. JAMES 4
*JOHN C. BALDWIN 2	*THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE.. 5
†STANLEY A. WOODING .. 3	BERTRAM J. LUCK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM J. LUCK.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung as a farewell to John C. Baldwin, who is leaving Whitstable for Bristol University.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*BARBARA FOSTER .. .. *Treble*	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4
†BARRY J. WILD.. 2	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 5
ALLAN SMITH, JUN. 3	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First in the method as conductor.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sun., Sept. 14, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

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

*PATRICIA M. HARPER .. *Treble*	*HARRY HARPER 4
*EDWARD W. HILL 2	GRAHAM T. BALL 5
*HENRY E. HARPER 3	LEONARD TREVOR .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the second, who is leaving the district.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods, being seven 720's: (1) College Bob, (2) Double and Plain Bob, (3) Double Court Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN L. GIRT .. .. .. *Treble*	JAMES BENNETT 4
GEORGE WATERMAN 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Alan R. Bridges	*Treble*	Alan S. Pipe	4
James M. Bailey	2	Peter S. Bedford	5
John W. Blythe	3	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S MINOR
Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Patrick I. Chapman	*Treble*	John G. Underwood	4
George F. Roome	2	Michael R. Bennett	5
Robert S. Roberts	3	Robin V. Baker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin V. Baker.
Rung for the christening of the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Webb.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Doris M. Killingley	*Treble*	*Kenneth Lawson	4
William S. Deason	2	W. Norman Park	5
Thomas Cooke	3	Roland Park	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Park.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.
Rung for the 20th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Vicar, the Rev. Donald N. Goldie, M.A., which took place on St. Matthew's Day, September 21st, 1938, in Auckland Castle, Durham.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,
A PEAL OF 5040 BERKELEY DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Sylvia Streater	*Treble*	Harold E. Clayton	4
Richard G. Ouston	2	Joan M. Wilcockson	5
B. Clare Webster	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, who has now 'circled the tower.'

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

A. William Bird	*Treble*	*Bevan W. Willgress	4
*Trevor N. J. Bailey	2	Edwin Chapman	5
*Michael J. Stokes	3	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

HANDBELL PEAL

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At 15, Forest Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alfred Jorden	1—2	Alfred Ballard	5—6
John Vernon	3—4	Michael Vernon	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John Vernon.
First peal of Major as conductor 'in hand.'
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Jorden on their wedding anniversary; and with 21st birthday compliments to Miss Margaret Bonsell and Miss Margaret Hopewell, both of Stoney Stanton.

John Taylor & Co.
LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 6th, 3,360 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. J. Poynor 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, E. Morris 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, R. Elkington 5, R. S. Morris 6, E. J. Jelley 7, J. M. Jelley 8.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Dianne Avery 1, G. Ward 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, N. Ward 4, G. Lewis 5, G. Candy 6, R. Jones 7, R. Horsington 8. In memoriam Jim Hughes, a much respected ringer, whose interment took place the previous day.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, J. Drewitt (first quarter) 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, B. R. White 6, H. C. White 7, F. C. White (cond.) 8, F. A. White 9, F. Absolom 10. Rung half-muffled for Evensong by the Sunday service band as a token of affection to their late Rector (the Rev. H. C. Joyce).

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: 683440 A/A Evans (first quarter) 1, 681196 A/A Wright (first 'inside') 2, 684279 A/A Young 3, 681190 A/A Throsby 4, 681598 A/A Stracey (cond.) 5, 683874 A/A Bevan (first quarter) 6. First in the method by all except 3. Believed to be the first quarter by an all-R.A.F. Aircraft Apprentice band. Rung to commemorate 'Battle of Britain.'

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ward 1, Mary R. Andrews 2, Susan Nicholson 3, D. Mary Ward 4, Brenda Foster 5, S. J. Woodcock 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, Jean Jones 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of John L. Morris, of the local band, who died on September 15th, aged 22.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.—On July 19th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge and 540 Plain Bob): Joan K. Beazley 1, Monica Collins 2, P. Bird 3, Shelagh Collins 4, P. G. Smart 5, Ann M. Cox (cond.) 6.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Gaisford (first away from tenor) 1, E. Hitchens 2, F. Box 3, A. Bartlett 4, R. Purnell 5, B. Male (first quarter) 6. For the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Box.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. C. Mogford 1, D. J. Hunt 2, Molly Smith 3, D. Smith 4, B. Shackleton (first 'inside') 5, F. Mack 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, T. P. Edwards 8.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, C. Ottley 2, J. Phillips 3, B. P. Danbury 4, E. G. Webb 5, B. K. Lunn 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. For Evensong, also for the christening on this day of Catherine Elizabeth Watts, daughter of a local ringer. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, W. Cooke 2, D. Randall 3, B. P. Danbury 4, J. Waters 5, D. E. J. Watts 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, T. J. Setters 8. For Evensong.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Holness (first quarter) 1, L. V. Chamberlain 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, D. N. Holness (first quarter) 4, T. C. Phillimore 5, D. C. Chatfield (cond.) 6.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—At St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, C. Gardiner 2, L. Hewitt 3, J. Riley 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Law 6, O. Lamb 7, J. Ernstzen 8. For Evensong.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. A. Palmer 1, J. Boustead 2, Miss J. Hodgson 3, J. Butterfield 4, J. Ling 4, A. Forsyth (cond.) 6.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7–8 covering): D. Newis 1, J. Hulme 2, Jill Mayes 3, Mrs. A. Craven 4, Sheila Percival 5, G. Mayes (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, S. Bywaters 8. For Evensong, also as a farewell to Peter Fuller, of R.A.F., Henlow.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Pinney 1, W. H. Poole 2, L. E. Wear 3, J. Hacking 4, S. W. White 5, C. G. Wilkins 6, S. Wills 7, R. G. Miller 8. To celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. M. Dodge.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Read 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, Ethel Clear 3, W. H. Harrison 4, B. Read 5, G. F. Pratt 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, B. Coward 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ELM, CAMBS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. M. D. Turnbull 1, Miss M. Haw 2, Miss A. H. H. Cook 3, H. J. Reeve 4, M. R. Reed 5, G. J. Mann (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2, 3 and 4.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Clarke 1, R. Clarke 2, B. Aldridge 3, E. J. Coode 4, Miss B. Slark 5, E. B. Crowder 6, I. H. Oram (cond.) 7, F. J. Hurrell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John L. Morris, who passed away suddenly the previous Monday. The composition was by Frank C. W. Knight, who taught John to ring.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Warren 1, L. E. Tubb 2, Olive M. Boulden 3, J. Maxwell Clark 4, Miss G. Icke 5, M. Carter 6, B. J. Willis (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. First in method for 2, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Wratten 1, Miss E. Hough (first of Triples) 2, J. R. Hough (first of Triples) 3, Miss V. Godderidge 4, A. Jackson 5, T. Anderson (cond.) 6, A. Berry 7, J. Wellard (first of Triples) 8. For the patronal festival. The ringers of 2 and 3 are the son and daughter of the Vicar.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Subscriptions are now due for the last quarter of 1958. Rates: 3 months 7s. 6d.; 6 months 14s. 6d.; 12 months £1 8s. Please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. New postal subscribers welcome.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Young 1, Yvonne Eloie 2, Monica Collins 3, F. Oldroyd 4, C. Hazelden 5, Ann M. Cox (cond.) 6, W. Morey (cover). Rung to mark the birth of John Nicolas, son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Puntis, also to celebrate the 52nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hazelden.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Johnson 1, Christine Ford 2, Shirley Parsons 3, H. Allberry 4, E. Treagus 5, S. T. Ford 6, P. Richardson 7, M. Marshall (cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob Major for 1, 4, 7 and 8. Rung for morning service, also a farewell to Michael Johnson, who is going to Reading University, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Ford.

HERTFORD.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hornby 1, J. M. Kemp 2, E. J. Philips 3, J. W. Thorn 4, C. Springham 5, A. S. Carter (cond.) 6, C. E. Hayter 7, P. W. Saunders 8. Rung to mark the ordination of Desmond John Springham, son of the ringer of the 5th, as deacon, which took place at St. Albans Abbey this day.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cork 1, Miss P. R. Hosken 2, Miss V. M. Matthews 3, H. Harper 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, A. F. Burley 6, R. A. Southwood 7, A. E. Matthews 8. Rung after Evensong to celebrate the harvest thanksgiving.

KILMINGTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Clark 1, W. Baker 2, E. Summers 3, W. Webb (cond.) 4, W. Sparkes 5, J. Real 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Marlene Glanville and Mr. Bryan Webb, married this day at Crediton, Devon.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 240 April Day): N. Cotton 1, Miss J. Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, P. W. Grice 4, W. H. Curson (cond.) 5, H. Shaw 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to G. W. Hair and Brenda Riddell, married at Newhall on September 6th.

OUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: L. J. King (first of Major) 1, P. H. A. Jonason 2, Miss B. Syrett 3, L. W. King (first of Major 'inside') 4, W. G. Saunders 5, C. E. G. Banham 6, H. Fuller 7, W. M. Mann (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. W. M. Harper-Mitchell) on his installation as an honorary canon of Norwich Cathedral; also to Mr. H. Fuller on the 19th anniversary of his wedding.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, G. Goodship 2, H. Worboys 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, W. Smith 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss S. Lord 1, J. Taylor 2, C. S. Taylor 3, G. Dyson (first quarter) 4, J. A. Taylor (first of Minor) 5, K. Abbott (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. Herbert, B.A., and Mrs. Herbert.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy G. Taylor (first of Doubles) 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, B. Jean Stevens 3, C. Tarr 4, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 5. Rung on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: R. Brandrick 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Christine Stratford 4, J. A. Hill (first of Surprise) 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Norton, of Sapcote.

SAWLEY, NOTTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Newsum 1, J. Harvey (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Marshall 3, Mrs. W. Simpson 4, W. Simpson 5, D. Marshall 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Barbara Ann Webb and Mr. Brian Stanley Lee.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (5 Plain Bob, 5½ Grandsire): G. Dinsdale 1, A. J. Poynor 2, B. G. Warwick 3, E. Morris 4, R. K. Stretton 5, P. Norman 6. For Parish Communion.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On July 6th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bryan 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, Margaret Wheat (first in method 'inside') 3, G. Gee 4, K. W. Cooke (first in method 'inside') 5, A. Sharples (first in method as cond.) 6. For Evensong on the Sunday Schools' anniversary.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLX.—At the Church of All Hallows, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. T. Goodman (first in method) 1, Gillian Neal Smith 2, Elizabeth Hill Brown (first 'inside' in method) 3, Ann Muir 4, A. J. Muir 5, D. Hill Brown 6, M. D. Hill Brown (first as cond.) 7, W. A. Lewis 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 6.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cann 1, Mrs. A. Ward 2, H. Heard 3, H. Stacey 4, C. Sangwin 5, A. Ward (cond.) 6.

GWENNAP, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. M. Scott (Camborne) 1, F. Skidmore (St. Ambrose, Bristol, cond.) 2, B. A. Cracknell (Reigate) 3, A. A. Hilliar (St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol) 4, J. W. G. Kindred (Pakefield, Suffolk) 5, R. G. Clemens (Redruth) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William John Penrose.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pam Miller 1, S. G. Peck 2, N. Tomlinson 3, M. Stanyon 4, F. Gilbert 5, J. Wallman (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, W. Wainwright 8. First of Stedman for 4 and 8. For Evensong, and a 72nd birthday compliment to N. Tomlinson, a ringer at Christ Church for 55 years.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 21st, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss R. Smith 1, G. W. Hughes 2, J. S. Eastwood 3, K. Willims (first as cond.) 4, M. J. Austin 5, Miss P. Gill 6. Rung prior to afternoon service of the patronal festival.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Guy 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, E. Elson 3, M. Colton 4, A. Colton 5, W. Nichols 6, A. Sompson (cond.) 7, C. Barnes 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 4 and 5. First quarter on the bells. Rung for the diamond jubilee commemoration.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Mallinson 1, Miss K. Millinson 2, Miss D. Ramsay 3, G. W. White 4, G. Featherstone 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. D. Elwick (a member of this tower) and Miss A. Easton.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Gloucester Cathedral band have just completed their ringing contract for 'Son et Lumière,' a pageant of the cathedral in sound and light. There were over 42 performances, and this entailed 6,536 steps up and 6,536 steps down for a matter of 84 minutes total ringing. The 'youngest' member of the band was 84 years old.

Will the ringer who took the wrong hat at Semley (September 13th) please contact Mr. J. Kiddle, Northleigh Terrace, Wilton, Salisbury.

A peal, which we hope will be the forerunner of many others, was rung at Whitstable on September 13th. There were four first pealers.

Mr. Derek P. J. Jones rang his 75th peal this year on September 22nd. His century for 1958 seems well in hand.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset, is making a good recovery after his sudden illness.

Wrappers of four of last week's journals were ripped off in a post office franking machine. Will the subscribers who did not receive their copy please apply for same.

Miss Mary Maddison, of Norwich, informs us that the peal at Ketteringham (see page 620) was not her first. She has previously rung a peal 'in hand.' Many more peals, Mary!

St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, remembered the passing of Mr. John L. Morris, a dear friend of the band, by half-muffled ringing on Sunday, Sept. 21st. Unfortunately, a quarter peal to his memory was lost.

Survey forms for Sunday service ringing questionnaire have been applied for by the following Associations: Middlesex, Bedfordshire, North Staffordshire, Truro, Sussex, Peterborough, Surrey, Bath and Wells, Salisbury and Southwell.

Mr. James R. Lawson, carillonneur at Chicago University, returned to America on Tuesday after three months in Europe. Places he visited in Great Britain included Aberdeen, Edinburgh, York, Lincoln, Ely, Loughborough, Leicester, Oxford, London, Portsmouth and Guildford. He gave recitals at the Brussels Exhibition and in Holland.

St. Andrew's, Leyland, had an enjoyable outing on August 30th, ringing at Scorton, Hornby, Lancaster, Bispham and Bilsborrow.

Seven members of St. Paul's, Bedford, are proceeding to universities this coming term. Is this a record from one tower?

A letter posted at Deal on September 24th, addressed The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Suffolk, reached us two days late. Good work, Post Office!

With the peal of Erin Caters at Hillingdon on September 20th Mr. H. E. Audsley and Mr. F. J. Cullum have rung the method to peals of Triples, Caters and Cinques.

The Rev. J. Kingdon retired at the end of September from the post of hon. secretary and treasurer to the Chester Diocesan Guild. He is going to live at Storrington, near Pulborough, Sussex.

There was a happy reunion of 51 veterans at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, last Saturday, with an average age of 73 years. Oldest present was Mr. F. V. Sinkins, aged 94. Mr. A. W. Coles was well rewarded for his organisation by the happiness around him.

The peal of Plain Bob Major recently rung at St. Saviour's, Dartmouth, is not the first peal of Major on the bells as claimed by a correspondent. A peal of London Surprise Major was rung there in September, 1949, by Mr. P. A. Corby's touring party.

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY



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THREE PEALS OF SURPRISE MAJOR IN BERKSHIRE

The programme for September 20th said: 'Five peals of Surprise in a day'; and the party of eight enthusiasts who arrived at the Old Mill Hotel, Aldermaston, on the Friday evening felt pretty confident of success. The organiser, Geoff Dodd, with the kind co-operation of incumbents and captains, had duly arranged the five towers, and we awoke at 2 on the Saturday morning, so as to be in good time for a 3 a.m. start at Aldermaston.

Permission had only been granted for such an early start on the condition that the bells would be inaudible in the village. Geoff Dodd had therefore taken great pains to muffle the bells with a strong packing of sacking. The result was that it seemed as though there were no clappers in at all, except a faint thud on 7/8! We then realised that a peal was not going to be as easy as we thought, and our fears were justified when a shift-course after an hour's ringing put paid to the first attempt.

We duly returned to our hotel, and were in bed again at 4.45 p.m.! Up again at 6 a.m. and fortified by a nice breakfast, we were off to Bucklebury for a 7.30 a.m. start. Miss Stella Davis met us at the church, the bells were up, and we rang a fast peal of Superlative. Miss Davis kindly gave us coffee and biscuits.

We were a little late at Thatcham, where Reg Rex met us. It was 11.5 a.m. when we started for Yorkshire, and Reg told us that we must be finished by 2 p.m. for a wedding. Some good ringing followed, with a speed-up over the last three courses, and we were round with seven minutes to spare!

We reached East Ilsley at 2.45 p.m. and enjoyed lunch at the Star Inn. Rutland was the method chosen for this attempt, and Derek Jones called a musical composition by the late John L. Morris, as an In Memoriam peal for a first-class ringer.

Before returning to Aldermaston, we had to visit a new tower, and permission was kindly given at Farnborough at 8 p.m. We all slept well, and six of us joined the well-known local band at St. Mary's, Reading, for morning service ringing, the usual friendly welcome being given by the Diserens family.

We are hoping to make another attempt soon, and this time the muffles at Aldermaston will be made a little more audible to us but sufficiently quiet so as not to annoy the local inhabitants. Many thanks to Geoff Dodd for his usual splendid arrangements. A. P. C.

AN AFTERNOON IN NORTH-WEST ESSEX

Ringers from two counties spent an enjoyable afternoon together on September 13th, when a party from Chelmsford and district were joined by friends from Bedfordshire for a tour of N.W. Essex.

Ringing commenced promptly at 2.30 on the light six at Chrishall; this was followed by Elmdon (6) and Wendens Ambo (6), where the much-photographed approach to the church was duly admired. At Arkesden (6), the next tower, ringing was not up to the usual standard, due possibly to the showers of stones and rubble which frequently descended on the ringers of the third and fourth!

After a most welcome tea at the Paragon Café good use was made of the easy-going six at Newport. Next visited were Clavering (6) and Farnham (6), surely one of the most isolated villages in the county. Having taken leave of some members of the party, the hardened 'tower-grabbers' made for Widford (6), where after ringing the day was brought to a close in traditional style.

Thanks are expressed to Ron Groves for organising the outing, to incumbents and tower secretaries for making their bells available, and to all those who helped. R. J. H.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' SECRETARY MARRIED



Mr. John E. Chilcott, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and his bride, Miss Eileen Mary Ricketts, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ricketts, of Rose House Farm, Osterley, Middlesex, after their wedding at St. Leonard's Church, Heston, on September 6th. The bride has been a ringer for several years and her father is captain of the Heston band.

[Photo: P. & P. J. James, Hounslow.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Despite the lovely day, the attendance at the meeting of the Society held at Hatfield on September 13th was very disappointing. After ringing on this fine ten in the afternoon, a shortened Evensong was held, followed by tea and meeting in St. Audrey's Home for the Blind.

It was announced that tickets for the annual dinner to be held on February 9th, 1959, were now available at 15s. 6d. each from the dinner secretary, Mr. P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and since numbers were to be limited, early application was advisable. The slight increase in price was necessary to avoid a loss, the previous dinner, although a great success numerically, having resulted in a deficit of £15.

The Master (Mr. F. J. Cullum) stated that an anonymous member had promised to pay one-third of this amount provided that other members contributed the remainder by the end of the year. Contributions should be sent to Mr. P. N. Bond.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector (Canon R. D. Say) for arranging the service and for the use of the bells, and to Canon Lovell, Rector of Essenden, for use of the bells there in the evening. Members of the local band were thanked for making arrangements.

The next meeting, to be held jointly with the Middlesex County Association, will be at Bishopsgate and Shoreditch on Saturday, Dec. 6th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District At Brasted

A practice meeting of the Tonbridge District was held on September 6th in the old village of Brasted. The Rector, Rev. W. O. Cosgrove, conducted the service and gave an address. At the organ was Col. Duckett, now over 80; he claims he has never missed the Easter services, first as choir boy, all these years.

The meeting was held in the very roomy ringing chamber. This is rather unique. There is a large glazed lantern between this and the upper part of the tower. The circular stairs are enclosed in a wood trellis.

A very substantial tea was enjoyed in the adjoining 'local.' Mr. Fred Budgen made all the arrangements.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Some 45 ringers and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Monmouth Branch, held at St. Cadoc's, Trevethin, on September 20th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. A. L. Evans) and the Rev. Ivor Richards, Vicar of Llanarth, read the lesson. A bountiful tea was provided in the Church Hall, and the ladies concerned were most sincerely thanked by Mr. Tom Stephens.

New members were elected from Nash, Trevethin and Blaenavon. Progress was reported from Blaenavon where there was a band of young people. It was again decided to hold the Branch dinner in Newport in January. Magor was chosen as the place of the next meeting, with Llangibby and Usk as alternatives.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS LETTER

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE

The annual meeting of the Society was held on August 27th in St. Paul's Cathedral belfry. The Dean of Melbourne (the Very Rev. Dr. S. Barton Babbage) presided and the Precentor (Rev. Godfrey Kircher) and 21 members were present.

The meeting opened with prayer and after apologies for absence were received the Dean dedicated four peal boards, executed by Mr. G. W. Pipe, recording some of the peals rung by the Society. Dr. Babbage expressed his delight at the good attendance and extended a warm welcome to Mr. Brian Cox, a visiting ringer from St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide. Mr. Cox thanked the Dean for his kind words and conveyed greetings from Adelaide.

In his report, the captain (Mr. J. J. F. Roper) stated that the past year had been very successful. Sunday ringing had averaged an attendance of 13 and practice nights an average of 17 and he was very gratified with the enthusiasm amongst members. Messrs. H. Impey and P. G. Richards had been elected members during 1958. Since the beginning of the year the Society had attempted to ring a peal every month or six weeks and amongst successes so far were three peals of Major. He congratulated Clyde Simpson, the Society's youngest member, on scoring his first peal and thanked all members for their support, especially Mr. George Pipe for his able conducting and assistance in instruction, Mr. Kenneth Minchinton for arranging the memorable visit to Adelaide in January, and Mr. Tom Bennett for being responsible for the installation of the fluorescent lighting in the ringing chamber and for carrying out various repairs in the belfry. He also paid tribute to the work of the secretary (Miss Brenda Sheppard), who for health reasons had had to ease up on her activities in the belfry.

In conclusion, Mr. Roper stated that he did not wish to be re-elected captain for the ensuing year because he felt that as the Society was very healthy in numbers and talent he would like to step down and give the younger members a chance.

The President thanked the captain for his report and on behalf of the Society thanked him for all he had done during his four years of office.

Messrs. J. Simpson and W. Impey were then elected new members. The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows:—Captain, G. W. Pipe; Vice-captain, G. W. Heyes; Secretary, Miss B. Sayce; Librarian and Assistant Secretary, Miss B. Beeson; Treasurer, Miss F. Sheppard; Auditor, Rev. G. Kircher; Steeplekeeper and Assistant, T. Bennett and P. Carwardine; Social Secretary and Organiser, K. Minchinton.

Several matters came before the meeting for discussion and a sub-committee was appointed to: (a) Make suitable arrangements for a ringers' service to be followed by a dinner and social with the hope that this would become an annual event; (b) Revise the very much out of date Constitution of the Society and (c) Draw up a draft Constitution for the proposed 'Australasian Association of Change-ringers' which was at present under discussion between the various States and submit same to the N.S.W. Association annual meeting.

It was also carried that a new membership be created, that of associate member. Dr. Babbage, the Precentor and Mr. A. Cox were elected first associate members.

Mr. George Pipe reminded members of the need for more subscribers to 'The Ringing World' and asked for a greater interest to be taken in Australian ringing affairs and whenever possible to contribute articles to the local magazine, 'Ringing Towers.'

Mr. Peter Richards then suggested that more frequent visits be made to the two other centres, Ballaarat and Bendigo, the two remaining towers having invitations to attend. The proposition received enthusiastic support.

Messrs. K. Minchinton and T. Bennett brought to the notice of the meeting that an overhaul to the entire ring was now due. As the hour was late it was decided to hold a meeting with those qualified to report on the condition, etc., of the bells, to which the Dean accorded his ready agreement.

There being no further business the retiring captain thanked the Dean for taking the chair and the meeting closed with prayer. Supper was then served. B. L. S.

SOMERSET WEDDINGS

At Clutton

The wedding took place on September 6th at St. Augustine's, Clutton, of Mr. Michael Horseman and Miss Monica Fray, both of whom are well-known ringers in North Somerset. The ceremony, which was attended by a large circle of relations and friends, was conducted by Canon Bennett.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length dress of white brocade. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss J. Horseman and Miss P. Dando. The best man was Mr. David Yeo.

A well-struck quarter peal of Bob Minor preceded the service, and further touches were rung at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Following the reception, the happy couple were given a rousing send-off when they left to spend their honeymoon at Arundel.

On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Horseman will live at Pill, Easton-in-Gordano, near Bristol.

At Long Ashton

Another happy occasion took place on September 20th, when the hon. secretary of the Chew Deanery Branch, Mr. David Yeo, was married to Miss Gillian Slack, at All Saints' Church, Long Ashton. The service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. H. Cooke) was fully choral. Prior to the wedding a well-struck half peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells.

The bride, who was until recently a sister at Southmead Hospital, was given away by her father. She wore a ballerina-length dress of white nylon organza, flocked with white roses and lilies, and was attended by three bridesmaids. Mr. John Brain was best man.

The large congregation included many ringers, and as the bells rang out at the conclusion of the ceremony, the couple left the church under an arch of handbells.

After a honeymoon in Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. Yeo will be making their home at Nailsea, near Bristol.

RHYTHM

(Continued from front page)

The step which the instructor asks his pupil to take when he can ring and really strike rounds should be considered seriously. Two steps which are frequently used seem to show a lack of understanding of the learner's problems, toleration of bad striking and, perhaps, a lack of patience. The first of these is to ask the learner who has previously rung only rounds on an 'inside' bell, to ring the treble to a method. Against this practice are the following facts. He will have had no previous practice (*a*) at leading, (*b*) at ringing the bell more slowly 'up,' (*c*) at ringing it more quickly 'down,' (*d*) at following other bells and gauging the interval after them and (*e*) at accustoming himself to the sound of changes other than rounds. These five points are all to do with bell-control and striking, and should be taught before ropesight—which is what ringing the treble to a method entails. The second common step which seems ill-advised is that of ringing a set call-change like Queens. For a learner to ring the second bell to rounds and Queens is asking for bad striking, especially on a heavy ring, and it is very little help in preparing him for change-ringing.

A step much recommended is that of letting the learner ring call-changes which move his bell only one place at a time. He can be corrected in his striking until capable of making the change correctly. In this system he will be able to practise ringing after each bell, big or small, and gauging the interval. He will be able to practise leading too. The instructor can let him practise dodging up and down, so learning the bell control needed for the relatively quicker and slower blows. He will hear the different changes too, as he rings them, but he will not be wondering which rope to follow while he learns all these things. Dodging in 3-4, say, can be extended to moving from 3rds to 4ths to 5ths to 4ths and back to 3rds in half pulls, while the two other moving bells move just to accommodate the learner. The number of places used in this exercise can be increased until the learner is plain hunting on all five or six bells, and so he will be learning gradually without too many things to think about. For clarity, the actual changes rung, with the learner on the third bell, are:—

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

Criticism of such methods may be on the lines that they are too slow and do not give the intelligent pupil sufficient to work at. Here it is maintained that the first thing (after complete bell-control) to be taught and learnt is rhythm, and that our methods of teaching must be directed to this end. W. F. M.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. R ad 1, Miss D. Saunders 2, M. Fromm (cond.) 3, D. Smith 4, M. Newth 5, T. Hunt 6. For Evensong.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SALLIES IN MOTHBALLS

Dear Sir,—When reading the enviable report of the tour of Pipe's Pilgrims and coming upon the paragraph under 'Sallies in Mothballs' some readers may have smiled at the scene, but to me, this being my home tower where as a young boy of about ten years I was taught to ring by my father, the very thought of the bells not being rung made me feel very disgusted with the present situation.

Perhaps the ringing ever since the bells were put in, in the early 1900's, was never of top standard measured against many towers of today; but even in the war years of 1914–18 the bells were kept ringing for Sunday services, as a band of ladies was formed and taught by the men who were left. Sunday service ringing was rarely missed; even for the early morning Communion service hymns were played for half-an-hour before the service began, and many a person unable to come to church sang these hymns and followed the service that came after. For the main festivals of the Church, ringing began at 6.30 a.m., and for many of the ringers it was a full day.

What of today? Where does the fault for such a collapse begin? The falling off of service ringing must have been apparent long before it finally came to a stop. What effort, if any, was made to bring new life into it again?

Probably, like many towers today, the Vicar never enters the tower, never knows who is away, or for what reason, and does not know the names of his ringers. One can only assume the lack of interest taken by the Vicar of Llanbradach as a sentence of the report suggests, 'that the Vicar would rather them to remain silent after being so for the past months.' Would he have thought the same about his choir? A Welsh church in the Rhymney Valley without a choir! Perhaps that would have been too much—but why no ringers?

Many other reports of tours include the remarks of towers where the bells have either not been rung at all, or occasionally, and it appears that each year other towers are added to this list.

Many of the Associations and Guilds of bell-ringers know of such churches in their areas. A firm stand should have been taken long ago against any bells being silent, and the first step should be at the top. The incumbent in charge should be approached to make a bold effort with all the support and skill of the area Association or Guild behind him.

What Guild or Association in the years since the last war has not spent £1,000 or £2,000 on annual reports? Let, in the next ten years, a sum of £1,000 be spent in support of any of the churches where there is no ringing for services, and where help is needed to go forward in the art of change-ringing—then will the Association be worthy and proud of the title of Church Bell-ringers.

Bells are not, like naval ships, to be put away in mothballs because there doesn't happen to be an emergency. Let a little of our time be given in a simple duty to our church; then when next we wish to apply for permission to ring at another church for our pleasure we shall all be well and truly welcomed as workers of the Church.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE W. STEVENS.

Loughborough, Leics.

TELEVISION SERVICE FROM SHREWSBURY

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many of your readers saw and heard the service from St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, on September 21st on I.T.V.?

'The Ringing World' usually gives publicity to forthcoming broadcasts of church bells, but I have been unable to find any reference to this event, and it was only as a result of contact through my brother with one of the ringers at Shrewsbury that I was aware that a broadcast of the bells would take place.

I feel that it must be placed on record that great credit should be given to the band for their performance. Although the ringing was confined to rounds, these were rung perfectly, and no one should have had any difficulty in picking out each one of the 12 bells.

As a former ringer at this church it gave me a great thrill to hear this beautiful ring over the air with such perfection.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Chester.

ST. DAVID

Dear Sir,—We read in 'The Ringing World' of another band of pilgrims making a pilgrimage to St. David's, and about their having a good time on the way. We are glad that they enjoyed themselves and took a liking to our bells. But darro mun—our St. David has been dead for more than fourteen hundred years so he couldn't have founded his church 800 years ago, as they are telling everyone.

Possibly these East Angles haven't realised yet that we Celts were civilised Christians for long before St. Augustine discovered that they were in need of his attention badly? It was because *they* came bothering that St. David decided that this was a nice quiet place for his church, far away from them.

Look now, St. David was Bishop of Caerleon in A.D. 540. (He wasn't the first one either, because there was one called Adelphius at the Council of Arles in A.D. 314.) Around about the year 560 he decided that his territory was too large for one bishop so he divided it into two, calling one part Llandaff and the other Menevia, and there have been bishops in these two dioceses ever since. Many hundreds of years later, when these foreign Angles and Jutes, Saxons and Normans were getting all mixed up together and calling themselves The English, the Celts decided that they could be much improved with a bit of help. So the English and Welsh Churches joined each other, about the year 1115. Then it was that the Pope learned what a good man St. David was, and that was when he made him a saint. Menevia was called St. David's in his honour.

Indeed now, recently, as time goes, the Parliament decided that the Church of England could possibly carry on without further help, so our Church in Wales was disestablished. Of course they were careful to see that it was disendowed at the same time. But we still manage quite nicely by giving our little bit each week, to pay our way, and to keep our churches and our bells in good order. So pilgrims and all others, there is always a welcome for you when you come again to Wales.—Yours faithfully,

TREFOR AP EVAN RODERICK.

Porthcawl.

A SIX-SCORE IN 12 DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—The following extents answer Mr. Wratten's request for a six-score in 12 individual plain course Doubles methods:—

2345 Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham Bob
3425 Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley Bob
4235 Itchingfield, Longford, Chesham S.C.
4523 Knapton, Intwood, Lyng Bob
5243 Oakley, Thornborough, Broughton S.C.
5324 Ockham, Chipstead, Hascombe S.C.
5432 Intwood, Lyng, Knapton Bob
4352 Haddiscoe, Harpley, Fundenhall Bob
3542 Chipstead, Hascombe, Ockham S.C.
3254 Ellingham, Bedingham, Forncett Bob
2534 Thornborough, Broughton, Oakley S.C.
2453 Longford, Chesham, Itchingfield S.C.
2345

Forncett, Ellingham and Bedingham Bob have the same changes in a lead. Similarly with the other groups of three. These extents were first produced in 1954.

The majority of Doubles ringers have adopted the standard of Minor ringers—that each extent should contain at least one plain lead of each method included. So far I have been able to get 12 plain leads in 12 methods only by use of the three-lead course methods.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Dear Sir,—The extent of Doubles in 11 methods composed by Mr. Cyril A. Wratten and published in your issue of September 19th can be altered to one in 12 methods by interchanging only four changes. Instead of his second lead of Intwood, ring Harpley; and instead of the lead of Knapton, ring Fundenhall.

The composition is based entirely on a group of 18 three-lead course methods (which have 2, 3 on front and 4, 5 behind throughout the first lead), and there are numerous variations on this plan. It seems that bobless extents of Doubles in 12 methods are confined to this group of 18 methods. Can anyone confirm or deny this?—Yours sincerely,

J. SCHOFIELD.

Windsor Forest, Berks.

BELLS OF HAMPSHIRE 400 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—I wonder if the following would throw any light on the 'white leather' and 'horse meat' mentioned in the Rev. F. A. Saunders' article, 'Bells 400 years ago,' of September 12th?

Before the verger's rope was put in at our tower (about 35 years ago) there used to be kept a piece of untanned leather about nine inches square and folded twice to put in the loop of the tenor rope so that the verger could use a foot to help him toll the bell. There is now a hammer fixed to the frame of the sixth.

The horse meat I think meant food for the horse, as trefolium, etc., cut and fed green to horses used to be called green meat.—Yours, etc.,

Havant. M. MARSHALL.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Mabbutt 1, Miss M. Mabbutt 2, C. W. Partridge 3, J. Collins 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, J. Mabbutt 6. An 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF THE FRIENDS

It is early in the evening of September 26th and our car is speeding westwards, its occupants thinking of the past with pleasure, of the future with anticipation—on, to Honiton! What lies in the past? The Whitsun tour—where was it that we started? We entered Bruton on the Saturday to hear the West Country members ringing the first touch at 9.30 a.m., and well it sounded. It was here that Elisabeth and Richard received a surprise! *I wonder if they will have their recorder tonight?*

Wincanton came next—good bells, and a café with its accent over the F! Then the heavy eight (with memories) of Milborne Port, where we rang Triples and where Tudor discovered many ways to enter and leave the belfry. *'Yes, we should be able to break the journey, but only for quick refreshment, which reminds me . . . .'* Lunch in Sherborne, very good; a quick look in the Abbey, a wedding, ringing at Maiden Newton and Cattistock, and an early tea before our long evening programme. Beaminster, slow swinging bells and a peaceful valley. Then Broadwindsor—a slight delay here to wait for some mourners to leave. Hawkchurch—here Cyril met us, smiling as always, and we rang London Minor. Also the Vicar nearly ran over our motor-cyclist! *'Highclere in front; we saw the Duke of Edinburgh there at church in August.'* Axminster was our last tower of the day—a fine ring, both inside and out. Mary joined us here after losing her first attempt for a peal on less than ten bells! East Budleigh was reached at dusk; the King's Arms, the usual toasts, the Society of 'Friends of the Exercise,' the dispersal to lodgings—ever amazing this!

Sunday—glorious sunrise, Communion, lots of service ringing, an afternoon tour to Whimple, Honiton Clyst and Sowton, and also Clyst St. George. Our car missed the tour as one occupant had to visit his uncle at Princetown (it was surprising how soon people found out!). However, we rang at Exeter on the way, and saw Buckfast Abbey and Dartmoor in ideal weather—a memorable trip indeed. Monday morning saw an early start to reach Broadhembury, where the church stands as an island midst peace and thatch—even the churchyard wall being so protected! We missed a ring here due to a flat tyre, but caught up with the main party at Uffculme—listening to a peal here would be sheer delight. *'Stonehenge up on the right there, stone . . . .'* Langford Budville next, with its stone needle and thread, and then the musical eight at Wellington. It was there that three benevolent policemen manhandled our car from a large gateway—the doctor's car was too large to pass, and Philip was ringing in a course of Duffield. It may have been fortunate that one of them had an intimate knowledge of ringers! *'Wincanton, there's that café, still the same!'* West Buckland, on the hill, then through narrow lanes to Trull, a lovely name and bells the same.

'Sparkford . . . Bristol lies due north now; we must watch for the others after we pass Ilchester.' We almost succeeded with a fast course of Bristol at Wilton, scene of many past glories of Somerset, and had tea in Taunton within sight of St. Mary's thrilling tower. Ruishton, a nice little six and Spital Little Bob, and then to the famous Huish Episcopi, to find the bells well worth the surprising and steep climb from Langport. Prolonged farewells here, with heartfelt thanks to our organisers, Frank, John and Cyril, and to all we visited, and then we left for home.

This lies in the past. What is to come? Our autumn weekend, starting—tonight! On, to Honiton! CALLIGRAPH.

WARWICKSHIRE RINGERS' OUTING

The bell-ringers of St. Peter's Church, Wootton Wawen, Warwickshire, and their fellow ringers from neighbouring churches gathered together at 8.45 a.m. for their first ringing tour since the inauguration of the new bells. Captained and arranged by our newly elected 17 year Peter Bennett, in all 17 ringers, two supporters and one dog boarded the coach. The enthusiasm was shown by the fact that the organiser had to walk 2¼ miles to the meeting place, one ringer left home at 6 a.m. and a scooterist came from Birmingham.

We arrived at St. Mary's, Studley (6, 12 cwt.), and were met by David, who joined the party. In a light airy tower, on a good set of bells, were rung Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor. From there we went to St. Leonard's, Beoley (6, 10 cwt.), and were welcomed by the Vicar, who explained the historical associations of this lovely church. Spliced Kent and Oxford were rung on very tuneful bells, rung from a pit. As we said goodbye to our scooterist, another ringer decided to join us, and we went on to St. Lawrence's, Alvechurch (8, 13 cwt.), and rang Cambridge Major which went into four leads. This is a lovely church, set on a hill, with beautiful surroundings.

Into the coach, and on to St. John the Baptist, Bromsgrove (10, 18 cwt.), again built on a hill commanding a view of the busy market town. Grandsire Caters, Kent Royal (three leads) and a passable course of Cambridge Major were rung. By now the ringers' spirits were high, and so was the sun, as we went in search of refreshment for both man and beast; the latter had, up to now, silently endured the sound of the bells. Fortified, we left for St. Mary's Hanbury (8, 12 cwt.), a pretty village, on which the 'Ambridge' of the 'Archers' is based. We rang a course of Oxford Bob Triples, Double Norwich, and Grandsire Triples, in which the Vicar's wife rang. The floral decorations were very beautiful.

Via many narrow country lanes, we came to a ford in flood, through which we slowly drove, with many comments on the organiser's 'quick' routes on Roman roads with outsize modern coaches, but our good-natured driver persevered, and we eventually arrived at St. John's, Crowle (8, 10 cwt.). Here we found midget ropes, and during a touch of Bob Minor a rope came off its wheel, leaving the ringer looking somewhat perplexed. A call for 'Harry,' and this was soon rectified, and another attempt was made to ring Bob Minor. On to St. Michael's, Cropthorne (6, 10 cwt.), where the circle is a rectangle. A course of London Surprise was rung. A local ringer acted as guide, and gave us some interesting history of this old church. Leaving behind this pretty village, we nearly left a ringer too.

At Evesham, there was a break for tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, including the dog, who by now had accepted his fate, but after a walk his tail resumed its wagging.

On to St. James', Badsey (8, 15 cwt.), and a good ring of bells. Little Bob and Stedman Triples were rung.

The last of our towers was St. Nicholas', Middle Littleton (8, 13 cwt.), Spliced Doubles and London Minor were rung here. A search was made for our coach, which was conveniently parked by the local inn, with half the ringers quenching their thirst, and the dog settling down for the night, but not for long, when it was discovered that our Walsall ringer would have to return at once, or miss his last bus from the city. An offer to put him up for the night being settled, and out came the handbells, rung by Harry Windsor and his 'Boys,' to the enjoyment of all, except, maybe, the dog. A cheery journey home, the route being left this time to our friendly driver, who appeared so interested in the churches, and bells, that we felt he knew more than he would admit.

Arriving at Wootton Wawen, a cheer for the driver, and a vote of thanks to our able young captain, our gratitude to the sun for shining all day, making the tour one to be remembered, and our thanks to all the incumbents who allowed us access to their towers, finished the day. F. L. M.

BEDS & NORTHANTS RINGERS IN YORKSHIRE

Planned and timed to perfection by Pat Chapman, the trip to Yorkshire on September 13th was indeed a day to be remembered. Pat had ambitiously arranged visits to four famous and historic towers, on a round trip of about 350 miles. This meant a 6 a.m. start from Bedford, some of us having already travelled about 20 miles! We 'picked up' at Burton Latimer, Kettering and Grantham, before the last member joined us at Retford.

The first stop was at Doncaster, where the crowds were gathering, each one, no doubt hoping that his own particular favourite would win the St. Leger; but we were not interested in racing—our objective was the noble parish church: and what a satisfying hour we spent on the splendid ring of eight bells, in company with Mr. W. E. Critchley and the other local ringers.

Next came Selby Abbey, where Mr. T. H. Foster met us, and where we much enjoyed the pleasant ring of ten bells. On the short run to York we fortified ourselves with the remains of our packed lunch in readiness for the high spot of the day—the majestic ring of 12 at York Minster. Some of us had butterflies in our tummies as we took the ropes, but we need not have worried, the bellhangers know their job, and this mighty ring of bells, with a tenor only just short of 3 tons, is quite within the scope of the experienced ringer—but it is a thrill to handle them!

High tea was taken in this same ancient and beautiful city, after saying goodbye to the local tower captain, and then on to Beverley, whose Minster boasts, I think, the second heaviest ten in England; and here Mr. Osgerby met us and also took some of our party to see 'Great John' all 7 tons of him! There were many backward glances as we left the precincts of this beautiful Minster church, and indeed a leading feature of this outing was the glory of those places where we had been privileged to ring.

The long journey home provided plenty of time to reflect on the day's activities, and we could recall the almost clock-like precision with which Spliced Major was struck at Doncaster, the smooth rhythm of Grandsire Caters at Selby, rounds to Kent Maximus at York, and Cambridge Royal at Beverley.

Finally, thanks to the incumbents for kindly granting us permission to ring, and a special thank you to Pat Chapman. A. E. R.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN L. MORRIS

APPRECIATIONS

In April, 1947, I was on the teaching staff of Orpington County Secondary School for Boys, at which time I conceived the idea of starting a ringing society in the school. The society consisted of about ten boys in the lower school, one of whom was John L. Morris, aged 11. John's progress was outstanding, and in a very short time he was able to ring Grandsire and Plain Bob faultlessly on handbells. After some weeks I felt it opportune to give instruction on tower bells. At this time the bells of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, were silent, and so I approached the Vicar who gladly gave us the use of his bells. Within a year most of the boys had mastered treble bob, and several had rung peals.

John conducted his first quarter, Grandsire Triples, on September 12th, 1948, at the Annunciation. Six months before this, on March 29th, he had rung his first peal, which carried the footnote 'A birthday compliment to John L. Morris whose birthday was on March 21st.' This peal was of Grandsire Doubles and was rung at Foot's Cray, Kent. This peal was my 80th, and my next 44 peals always included John's name. At the age of 14 John rang the second bell faultlessly at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, for 8 hours and 22 minutes—the time taken to ring the record peal of Bob Royal, 12,740 changes, conducted by Frank B. Lufkin—no mean achievement for a boy of 14. In his ten years of ringing John rang and conducted many peals in many methods, ranging from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise.

During these ten years I also had the privilege of teaching John the piano. Here again he was outstanding and passed with honours all the certificate examinations of the Trinity College of Music. In 1951 he gained the College silver medal for an outstanding performance in the senior pianoforte examination, and in 1956 was admitted an associate of the College. During these years John was a pupil at Eltham College, where he showed outstanding ability in mathematics and science, and from here he went on to London University where he recently graduated as a Bachelor of Science, and thus entered on his chosen career as a schoolmaster. He was appointed to the teaching staff of Russell's School in Croydon and took up his appointment only a few days before his sudden collapse.

One wonders why a person such as John is suddenly taken from our midst. All those who knew him will know that he was loving, sincere, always ready to lend a hand. I had the great privilege of knowing him intimately, and through these years I never once heard him say a cross word to or about anybody. It is difficult to find words adequate enough to express one's feelings in circumstances such as these, but surely the answer lies in Hymns Ancient and Modern, No. 373: 'God moves in a mysterious way.'

To Mr. and Mrs. Morris I'm sure all friends will join me in offering our deepest sympathy and regret. May they find comfort in the words of our Lord: 'What I do thou knowest not now: but thou shalt know hereafter.'

DR. FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to express the deep sorrow of the University of London Society on learning of the sudden death of John L. Morris. John joined the Society in 1955 on becoming a student at Queen Mary College. His ability both as a ringer and conductor soon made him an invaluable member of our band. We shall miss his genial company and ever cheerful smile in the belfry, and would like to express our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Morris on their bereavement.—Yours sincerely,

Lyme Regis. ROGER KEELEY.

The death of John Morris was rightly described in your issue of September 19th as a serious loss to the Exercise, for despite his youth he had made a name for himself as a ringer, composer and conductor. For all that he was modest and completely unassuming, but it seems certain that in a few years' time he would have gained the confidence which would have enabled him to become an outstanding member of the Exercise. It is the loss of so many years of potential leadership which to us as ringers is the worst aspect of his death at such an early age. He will be greatly missed, particularly by the young band at Bexley where, despite the not inconsiderable distance from his home, he was a regular ringer and where his help and experience (for he had been ringing since the age of 11 or so) were invaluable. The sympathy of all who knew him will go out to his parents, to his sister, and to Judith at this time. E. A. B.

MR. R. J. HUGHES

With the passing of Mr. R. J. Hughes, at the age of 79, St. Mary's, Abergavenny, has lost an old stalwart who helped to maintain change-ringing throughout the years just after the war, and during the time the new bells were ready for ringing after being recast and rehung.

An ex-railway guard, he had a reputation for outstanding conscientiousness in his work, a quality which he showed in his ringing and in his devotion to the church, where he worshipped at least once every Sunday until failing health prevented him attending so regularly.

Although he was prevented from aspiring to be a great ringer, because of his work and the fact that he started to learn ringing late in life, he mastered Stedman and several variations of Doubles methods after he reached 70 years of age. He was a safe Triples ringer. He rang his first quarter peal at the age of 75.

He was always ready to help beginners and was happy in spending hours ringing rounds and plain courses to help pupils gain experience. We have missed him immensely at St. Mary's.

G. W.

TWO READING VETERANS

Another of the old school has passed on in the person of Mr. George Foxell, of St. Laurence's, Reading, who was buried on September 22nd, having reached the ripe old age of 80.

George was a most excellent ringer, and was never so happy as when ringing Stedman Caters, although he rang several peals of Cinques when the 12 were installed. He rang his first peal at St. Laurence's 62 years ago, and until the last few months was as keen as at any time in his long career.

Again we at St. Laurence's were shocked when we met for ringing on September 21st to hear of the very sudden death of Mr. Leslie J. Sadler at the early age of 50.

Leslie was a very energetic personality, and was perhaps best known in the district as the ringer who could never evade the eagle eye and keen ear of the late foreman. The only peal he ever rang was in the first of Grandsire Cinques in the county, for the O.D.G., and on the bells.

May they both rest in peace. W. H.

FORMS FOR SURVEY

To assist Associations in completing their Survey, 'The Ringing World' has available printed forms similar to that which appeared in our issue of Sept. 5th.

Will secretaries please write, stating numbers required, to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Onslow Street, Guildford.

THE PASSING OF MR. JOHN THOMAS

It was a pleasant afternoon when we made our way to the lovely village of Painswick. I had not been in the tower long when John arrived. He was asked to call a touch of Stedman Caters. He brought up the first course-end, called a 5, 16 for the second, and then proceeded to bring the bells round at what I presumed would be handstroke. However, the band was not good enough, and he called Stand. No one in the tower knew at that moment that John had called Stand for the last time.

Grandsire Cinques was then suggested but was never rung, for suddenly John fell to the floor, and in spite of a doctor's efforts — he had been ringing with us—to revive him, it was clear that John had left us with dramatic suddenness. He died as he had lived, peacefully and without fuss. He suffered neither pain nor anguish, and as he lay on the belfry floor, with two ringing mats for his pillow, a look of peaceful composure was on his face.

Some items in this tragic programme were stamped on the memory with forceful effect. The wonderful way in which Mrs. Thomas stood up to this tragic blow with such courage; the spontaneous utterance ('In the midst of life we are in death'); the prayers beautifully spoken by the Vicar of Painswick with all present joining in the Lord's Prayer. Those hands now in such easy relaxation, and one was compelled to think of the handbells they had swung and the tower bells they had rung through over 1,000 peals in nearly 60 years, with all classes of ringers from the highest to the lowest—truly a great record.

John was carried down the belfry steps, and as Mrs. Thomas was sure that it would be his wish that the festival should go on and the ringing continue, he made his last journey from the tower with the lovely back eight of the Painswick 12 to bid him farewell.

He rang his first and thousandth peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Association. He made his final exit from a Gloucester and Bristol tower . . . what more could John have wished! Making one's way home on that pleasant Saturday evening, and having by now somewhat recovered from this great shock, one felt a sense of gratitude and privilege to have been there to witness the passing of John Thomas, which must be unique in the history of the art.

May he rest in peace. G. J. H.

THANKS

Dear Sir,—There were so many at Painswick who were only known to me by sight that it is impossible for me to reach them individually. But I would like them all to accept my sincere thanks for their kindness. It was the many thoughtful little acts and consideration which so helped me over those first few sad hours.—Yours sincerely, AMY R. THOMAS.

Hinton-on-the-Green,
Evesham.

MR. W. J. PENROSE

Truro Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest ringer by the passing of Mr. William John Penrose, aged 95 years, which occurred at St. Lawrence's Hospital, Bodmin, on September 9th after a short illness.

Mr. Penrose commenced ringing at Gwennap in 1889, and had looked forward to the completion of 70 years' ringing. He was a very active and enthusiastic ringer, being both captain of Gwennap tower and Master at Guild meetings up to the time of his death.

The funeral took place at Gwennap Church on September 14th, conducted by the Vicar, and after the committal, the bells were rung half-muffled by his fellow ringers.

After Evensong a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung to his memory by a band of four visitors and two local ringers, as a token of respect from the Truro Diocesan Guild.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

EDENS. — On September 28th, 1958, to Valerie and Alan Edens, at their home at Thatcham, the precious gift of a daughter; a grand-daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Godwin, of Wolvercote. 3119

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between David Beacham, of Twyning, near Tewkesbury, Glos, and Kitty Bryan, of Lansdowne Road, Worcester. 3115

RETURN THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Morris thank the Societies and the many friends of their son John for sympathy and the beautiful flowers received in their recent bereavement. 3121

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The new address of Mr. A. J. ADAMS, secretary and treasurer of the Oxford City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, will be 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 3079

The address of Mr. Wm. T. HOLMES is now 18, Heather Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. 3118

HORSEMAN.—Please note that after October 3rd, the address of Monica and Michael Horseman will be St. Clements, 76, Westward Drive, Pill, Bristol. 3082

Mr. Peter J. SHIPTON has now left Bedford and his new address is 134, Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, Cambridge (telephone, Shelford 2272), or during term: c/o Pembroke College, Cambridge. 3116

PERSONAL

MARRIAGE THRO' SOCIAL INTRODUCTIONS.—The only social service of its kind enjoying the warm approval of both Clergy and Press. It is completely confidential and operates throughout Great Britain. Interesting free brochure under plain sealed cover from The Bournemouth Bureau, 176, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. 2731

MISCELLANEOUS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Will all ringers coming up to the University this October please contact either A. Simpson or W. W. Rich. We hope to meet you at St. Lawrence's, Northfield, on Tuesday, October 14th, at 7.30 p.m. for tower practice. Handbells available. 3087

LITTLE HADHAM, Herts.—Confirmation Service on Sunday, October 12th, 3 p.m. Ringing commences 2½ p.m. and continues after service until 6.30 Evensong. Buses from Bishop's Stortford, Hertford and Hitchin. All ringers are welcome — the more the merrier. — A. Wedgwood. 3081

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—The weekly practice will begin on Friday, October 10th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3101

CORRECTION

CHARLTON KINGS, CHELTENHAM. — Rededication, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Corrected time: Service 3 p.m. not 3.30 p.m., as previously stated.—Mary Bliss. 3110

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Oct. 4th, 2.30 p.m. (Chesterfield bells not available.) Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 3053

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Over on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3039

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-West District.—Quarterly meeting, Rayleigh, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 3029

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner this Saturday, October 4th, at Stoke Hotel, Guildford, 6 for 6.30 p.m. sharp. Chairman, Rt. Rev. Bishop B. M. Dale. Ringing during afternoon at Holy Trinity (8) 3 to 4.30, and Stoke (6) 3.45 to 5. 3092

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Great Wymondley, Oct. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, Burnaby Delight.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3033

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Annual general meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 3007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Oct. 4th, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 3008

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and South Oxon Branches.—Joint meeting at Dorchester on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.—A. J. Adams, H. Badger, Branch Secs. 3050

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, Oct. 4th. Bells (12) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—There will not be a meeting at Rawmarsh on Oct. 4th owing to weddings. Please support the Chesterfield meeting instead.—J. Seager, Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing: Basford, 2.30 to 4.45; St. Peter's, Nottingham (10), 6 to 8 p.m. Meeting, St. Peter's, 5.45 p.m. 3084

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern Division) and Surrey Association (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, Oct. 4th. 3052

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hursley (8) on Sat., Oct. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Monday, Oct. 6th, 7.30 p.m., at St. Mary, Lambeth. · General meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 2.45 to 4 p.m., St. Lawrence Jewry. Service, business and further ringing, 5.30 p.m., St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3075

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road Tube Station) on Monday, Oct. 6th, at 7 p.m. 3107

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Thornhill, near Dewsbury, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Teas. Please notify not later than Oct. 8th Mr. Dyson Scargill, Sher Lea, Chapel Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—J. W. Buxton. 3089

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Bathwick (8), on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. R. Stubbs, 3, Powlett Road, Bathwick, Bath. 3045

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Luccombe on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea for number notified by 7th. 3109

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Camerton, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3080

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Turvey on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Hilson, High Street, Turvey.—Miss P. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Tysoe on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of place and date due to Long Compton not being available. Names for tea by Oct. 8th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warwks. 3088

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing: Gosforth 11-12.30, Fenham 2-3 p.m., Jesmond 2.30-3.30 p.m., St. John's 3-4 and 8.15-9 p.m. Cathedral 7-9 p.m. and Gateshead 7-9 p.m. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. (preacher: The Bishop of Newcastle) and tea 5.15 p.m. —all at Cathedral. Names for tea (price 6/6) essential by Oct. 8th to Mrs. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 3071

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — A joint meeting will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Neill, Master; D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3097

ESSEX ASSOCIATION —Annual dinner at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m., and bells available immediately afterwards. Tickets, 12s. 6d., from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Accommodation limited. Stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. G. 3001

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Sandhurst (8), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Oct. 7th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 3027

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Highworth (8), on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 3083

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 7th, to Mrs. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. 3054

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Langleybury (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3120

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m., Broxbourne. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3106

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th. St. Dunstan's bells from 2.30, with service at this church 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash, please, and any nominations for District officers, must reach me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 8th. Details of other ringing will be circulated to all towers.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Combined meeting, St. Alfege's, Greenwich, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Monday, Oct. 6th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. — A. Hill. W. Parrott, Hon. Dis. Secs. 3043

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Maidstone, on Oct. 11th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone. 3067

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Spalding, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Oct. 7th, to Mr. C. Rawding, Beech House, Surfleet, Spalding.—A. Richardson. 3099

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Birstall (8) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 8th, to Mr. Canning, 69, Greengate Lane, Birstall, Leics. 3104

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting at Ewhurst (23 bus from Guildford), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 8th, to Miss B. Mayers, 2, The Parade, Blackbridge Road, Woking. 3114

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District. — Half-yearly meeting, Broughton-in-Furness, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names to R. Heaton, 9, High Kepplewray, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 3123

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bring own food. A6 road, alight Chorley Road.—L. Walmsley. 3096

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Walton, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. A. Jackson, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool, 4.—T. E. Radcliffe, Branch Sec. 3103

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th, at Cross Stone. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 9th to P. Scholfield, 3, Joshua Street, Todmorden.—Hudson, Sec. 3102

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow only for those who notify by previous Wednesday Mr. C. Neal, 4, Firgrove House, Victorian Grove, Stoke Newington, N.16. Business 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 3108

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Pakefield, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 8th certain, please, to Mr. P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, South Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury, Saturday, October 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 7th, to H. P. Reed, 74, Queen's Road, Newbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Meeting at Great Haseley, Oxon, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Oct. 7th. Bus at 2.30 p.m. from Oxford for Great Haseley.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 3051

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Northleigh (6) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Ringing at Freeland (6) 2 p.m., Northleigh, 2.30. Service 4 p.m., tea following. Names for tea, please, by Oct 8th to David Smith, Merryfield, Witney. Stonesfield (6) in evening. All welcome.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Brewood, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 8th, to Mr. C. S. Dumbell, Kingsnorth, Coven Road, Brewood, near Stafford. Preliminary notice: The Annual Dinner will be held at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. 3042

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Walberton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3091

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Deane (near Basingstoke), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 7th to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Snowdon dinner, Griffin Hotel, Leeds, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Closing date for tickets (14s. 6d.) extended to Oct. 6th. Apply immediately to undersigned. Ringing arrangements: Headingley—St. Michael's, 2 to 4 p.m., St. Chad's, 3.30 to 5.30; Pudsey, 3 to 4.30; Holbeck, St. Francis' R.C., 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Applications for morning peal attempts to undersigned by Oct. 7th.—A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey. 3113

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Ringers coming up to Oxford University this term are invited to attend the business meeting at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14th, in the Old Bursary, New College, or to contact R. A. Jackson, Balliol College. 3066

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Baltonsborough, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify before Tuesday, 14th, for tea.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 3095

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at the Wine Lodge Hotel, Coventry, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (10/6 each) from the General Secretary and Branch Secretaries. Please apply early for tickets as accommodation is limited. Towers available will be notified later. — J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 3026

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Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m.

Tea in The Fratry 5.15 p.m. by ticket only—price 5s. Numbers and remittance to Mr. A. Forsyth, 10, Greengarth, Carlisle, on or before Saturday, October 11th.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 3040

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, St. Osyth, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 15th, please, to Miss R. Langlands, The Bakery, Spring Road, St. Osyth.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and Six-Bell Contest, Calverley, Oct. 18th. For tea, please notify Mrs. Joan M. Dawson, 16, Salisbury Place, Calverley, Pudsey, by Oct. 11th. **No names, no tea.**—A. Farrand, Sec. 3034

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Central District), Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and Middlesex Association (S. and W. District), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service at St. John's 5 p.m., tea to follow. Social evening from 6.45. Names for tea by 14th, please, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Ringing at Denham (8) 2.15 to 3.45; Hillingdon (10), 3 to 5 p.m.—Mrs. S. Bullock, W. Butler and W. T. Cook, Hon. Secs. 3090

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service in Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea in Choir School immediately after service, followed by meeting. Cathedral bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Oct. 14th, to Mr. C. S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3111

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Washingborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Usual arrangements. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 3094

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Hethersett, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 15th to R. G. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett. 3112

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wroxton (5), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Ringing at Hanwell 7 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th, please, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 3100

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, Downton. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Bells from 2.30 and till 8. Britford, 7 to 9 p.m. Please send names for tea by 14th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury 3093

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 21st Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 5.45 p.m. Professional entertainment by Henry Hall and Smith's Concert Party. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3.15-4.45 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 3.30-5.30 p.m. Tickets (9/- each) obtainable from General and Branch Secretaries or Dinner Committee until Wednesday, Oct. 15th.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3065

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—The 321st anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (18s. 6d.) now available.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 3117

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Supper and social will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, Dec. 6th (postponed from Oct. 27th). Please book the date: further details later.—R. J. Seabrook. 3086

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. Tickets (price 15/6 each) available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited to 100, so apply early!—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3049

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52436		X		
32465	—	X		—
36245		2		2
43265		3		—
63425		X		—
43526	—	X		—
23564	—	X		—
36524		2	—	—
26354		X		—
52364		3		—
62534		X		—
34256	—	2		—
23456		2		

First rung at Elveden, September 20th, 1958, conducted by John R. Mayne.

JOINT MEETING AT EAGLE

A most enjoyable joint meeting attended by upwards of 50 ringers of the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Newark District of the Southwell Guild was held at Eagle and Harby on September 20th.

Both towers were open in the afternoon and evening, and all ringers attended a short service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. L. W. Goulding) at Eagle.

Tea in the Village Hall was served by the local ringers.

The collection for the bell repair fund, which was divided between the two Districts, amounted to £1 6s. 9d.

The next Newark District meeting will be the Guild quarterly meeting at Balderton on November 15th. W. L. E.

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TECHNIQUE

THE Concise Oxford Dictionary describes Technique as 'Mode of artistic expression in music, painting, etc.,' and 'Mechanical skill in art.' The two parts of the definition seem at first sight to be contradictory, for many of us would reasonably assert that purely mechanical skill in handling a musical instrument or a paint brush does not necessarily imply a talent for artistic expression or confer the power to inspire emotions. There is, none the less, an artistic as well as a mechanical technique, and the subtle relationship between the two is somewhat like the mysterious relation between magnetism and electricity, well recognised but difficult to define.

In the art of bellringing there are recognised techniques, chiefly, but not entirely, mechanical. The first, and logically fundamental one, is, of course, the handling of the bell, and in this matter the careful tutor aims to secure in the pupil the correct mechanical movements. If this aim is fully achieved the learner will produce all the necessary revolutions and counter-revolutions of the bell without effort, without anxiety, and without conscious thought, even as the expert typist's fingers fall with unerring accuracy on the stops, or the competent pianist's hands shape themselves over the correct keys at the very sight of a chord.

The differences apparent in the presence or absence of correct technique are obvious to us all. Many of us who type clumsily and without sound training can only marvel at the speed and facility of the professional, and many of us who play in our own fashion on the piano are sadly aware that there is a great gulf fixed between our performances and those of the expert. And to turn to our own art of ringing it must often have been manifested to us that this man rings with immaculate technique, while that one is far from comfortable with his bell because some elementary but vital skill has never been acquired.

But, as has been noted above, mechanical skill is only one part of technique, whatever the particular activity we like to consider. For if skill in handling a bell rested only on the accurate and unvarying performance of certain movements of hands and arms then our ringing would have to be confined to rounds, if, indeed, our powers permitted even that. For in the mere ringing of rounds we have to cope with bells of differing weight, with bells that are false struck, and with bells that do not go well. And, although we think very little about these matters, for us they are commonplace and taken, as we say, in our stride, it is, after all, rather wonderful that a trained ringer can pull off one of these bells in peal with his fellows and strike it accurately right from the start. There is here, in this uncanny aptitude, some subtle relationship between brain and muscle that defies our definition but which belongs to that other part of the description of technique, 'artistic expression.'

It is this variation from the purely mechanical, this adaptation to the demand of the moment, this reaction to emergency, that marks the great technician, whether it be the master batsman changing his stroke to the unexpected drop of the bowler's wrist, the pianist reacting with incredible swiftness to the unexpected grouping of notes over the page, the motorist with hand, foot and brain, avoiding disaster on the road, or the Spliced Surprise ringer performing a remarkable *volte face* with his heavy bell as he turns suddenly from Cambridge to London.

For the technique of change ringing, like the technique of bell handling, must be acquired, and to what extent it is mastered depends on the natural aptitude of the student. It is doubtful if it can be taught, although the study of principles, attention to the hints and 'tips' provided by experienced practitioners, and the careful observation of good ringers in action, will all contribute towards the stock of knowledge and experience upon which good technique is founded.

And the last of the three points given is by no means the least important. For to see the really fine ringer in action is an experience that stimulates and leads the earnest learner almost irresistibly to emulation.

E. C. S.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Treble*	†JOHN A. ACRES	7
AVRIL THACKRAY	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
RICHARD F. PRIME	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	9
*ANN COX	4	STEPHEN IVIN	10
JOHN A. SMITH	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
RICHARD GRANT	6	E. CHARLES TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Stedman, also on 12 bells. † 500th peal.
Specially arranged as a thanksgiving for the Rt. Rev. Mervyn Armstrong, O.B.E., M.A., Provost of Leicester, 1954–1958, who was consecrated as Suffragan Bishop of Jarrow by the Archbishop of York in York Minster this day.

TEN BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	6
FRANK A. BARRETT	2	NEIL I. ALLNATT	7
BRIAN R. WHITE	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	8
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	9
PHILIP WALKER	5	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the above Society, and the 500th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the College of St. Mary Magdalen.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5111 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	*PETER G. SHERWOOD	6
†BRYAN PATTISON	2	*FREDERICK OLDROYD	7
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	3	ARTHUR GIBBS	8
*E. JOHN WELLS	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	9
*ANTHONY V. QUEEN	5	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal of Caters. † 100th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Bernard Rex Davis, B.A., ordained priest on September 21st at Guildford Cathedral.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
*PATRICIA M. BOURN	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	HENRY H. FEARN	9
PAUL J. RIGBY	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Royal in the method.
Rung on the eve of Harvest Festival.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	8
DAVID HOARE	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9
*GEORGE FRANCIS	5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by SAM WELLER. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.
In memoriam John Thomas and John L. Morris.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

ROBIN G. TURNER	*Treble*	†WM. ARNOLD MORLEY	5
GORDON A. HALLS	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	3	DAVID K. WALKLATE	7
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER.
* First peal as conductor and first resident lady to call a peal for the Association. † First of Cambridge.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*ALLAN NORMAN	*Treble*	ROGER K. STRETTON	5
†PATRICIA A. WARDLE	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
‡BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
A. JAMES POYNOR	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal † First of Plain Bob Major. ‡ 100th peal of Plain Bob.
Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. A. E. Taylor, curate of this parish, as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Loughborough. The peal was rung while the ceremony was taking place.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

ALLAN L. M. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	2	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
JILL MAYES	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Major as conductor. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*NORMAN W. ATTAWAY	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	5
GEORGE E. OLIVER	2	†GEORGE H. PEERS, JUN.	6
GEORGE H. PEERS, SEN.	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
GORDON H. LANE	4	‡HARRY HARPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire. ‡ First of Triples.
Rung to mark his 30th year as ringer for George H. Peers, jun.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 21, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*MICHAEL FISHWICK	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	5
EILEEN HUDSON	2	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	6
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
J. BARRY PICKUP	4	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung to mark the dedication of the new extension to Milnrow Parish Church Day School.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULETTA,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

EDWARD W. BIFFEN	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	2	GEORGE SKINNER	6
*SYDNEY F. SKINNER	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
*JOHN ANDREWS	4	GEORGE S. LUXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman on the bells.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 DEBENHAM COURT MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

EDWARD HOWES	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
JOHN S. BARNES	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Believed to be the first peal in the method (C.C.C. Major Methods, No. 50).

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

PETER A. SHARP	*Tenor*	RONALD G. APPLEWHITE ..	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	6
MARY C. PAYNE	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	4	GEOFFREY PAUL	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
E. Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

FRANCES NEWMAN	*Treble*	*HENRY PLUMB	5
GORDON BROWN	2	HAROLD E. RAXTER	6
*ROBERT C. HALL	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	7
LEONARD MILLS	4	†BERNARD HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Thomas, whose death was deeply felt by the local band.

BLOXHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Oxford Society of Change Ringers.)
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr.

FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	*Treble*	FRANK A. BARRETT	5
CHARLES COLES	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	6
DERMOT ROAF	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
EDWARD MOORE	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung as a farewell peal to Dermot Roaf, who is leaving for further studies at Cambridge.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*GORDON BROWN	*Treble*	PAUL L. CATTERMOLE ..	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	6
WALTER H. RAXTER	3	HAROLD E. RAXTER	7
†LEONARD MILLS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'
Rung for Harvest Festival.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, being 1,280 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Lindum and Wembley, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	J. HENRY FIELDEN	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	*IAN M. HOLLAND	6
ALEXANDER E. MARSH ..	3	*NORMAN SMITH	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ..	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of 10 Spliced Surprise.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*ANN HOWELLS	*Treble*	†DENNIS J. F. OAKSHOTT ..	5
FRANK OAKSHOTT	2	‡REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL	6
WILLIAM PARROTT	3	*NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB ..	7
A. PATRICK CANNON	4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First on eight bells.
Rung to mark the 21st anniversary of the incorporation of the borough of Epsom and Ewell.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*MAUREEN CANDY	*Treble*	DEREK G. SPITTLE	5
JOHN HILL	2	JOHN E. BEAMS	6
*MARGARET HOWARD	3	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ..	7
ARTHUR S. BESANT	4	RALPH C. SPITTLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.
* First peal.
Rung by the local band to mark the 21st anniversary of the incorporation of the borough of Epsom and Ewell.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM H. MALE	*Treble*	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	5
COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
MRS. D. H. NIBLETT	3	FRED C. LYNE	7
FREDERICK G. KINCHIN ..	4	FRANCIS POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Thomas. Also the Southern Branch quarterly peal.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

HUGH NEILL	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
*LUCY ALLEN	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..	6
†R. FRANK BAKER	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS ..	4	‡ALBERT J. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal for the Association. ‡ First peal on eight bells.
Rung to mark the ordination on St. Matthew's Day in Norwich Cathedral of Giles C. Galley, son of the Vicar of St. Neots, and the diamond wedding on September 20th of Mr. Samuel W. Hawksford (Parish Clerk of St. Neots) and his wife.

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WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE	4
MICHAEL KNIGHTS	2	MICHAEL BLORE	5
CLIVE WALKLATE	3	GORDON A. HALLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents of Grandsire and 21 extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*DAVID WALDRUM	*Treble*	C. WILFRED LORD	4
JAMES A. LORD	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
*COLIN C. LORD	3	*PETER WALLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
* First peal.

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Grandsire, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*J. STEWART HUTTON	*Treble*	ALLAN L. M. SHEPHERD	3
*GEORGE THODAY	2	JACK S. DEAR	4
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* First peal. First in seven Doubles by all, and believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

S. ANTHONY	*Treble*	*J. RYDER	4
H. W. HOWARD	2	*R. FORSTER	5
V. NEAL	3	H. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WORRALL.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the third and the mother of the ringer of the fifth.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

ALLAN L. M. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	4
*GEORGE THODAY	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* First peal of Minor.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID TARGETT	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. BEST	4
EDWARD J. CHIVERS	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents each of St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*LAURENCE MITCHELL	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	3
ALBERT J. DUNK	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4
GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal of Doubles.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Brian G. Tomsett and Margaret A. Maddocks, who were married in this church this day. Also an 87th birthday compliment to Mr. George Wood, of Queenborough.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER D. BAILEY	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
WINIFRED WHEELER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
Rung as a compliment to Geoffrey Bailey, son of the treble ringer, who was married on September 6th to Miss Beryl Hardwick. Also a birthday compliment to Miss B. Matthews, of the local company.

STUDLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents of Grandsire, ten of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*DAVID E. J. PERKINS	*Treble*	JOHN SLACK	4
JOHN W. PERKINS	2	GEORGE L. P. ALDHOUSE	5
HARRY M. WINDSOR	3	THOMAS H. GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE L. P. ALDHOUSE.
* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Stedman, six of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 12 of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

GORDON BROWN	*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE	4
COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	LEONARD MILLS	5
HAROLD E. RAXTER	3	ROBERT C. HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
First peal of Doubles in more than one method by all except the ringer of the fourth.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. P. Wyke prior to his induction and institution to the parishes of Cropthorne and Charlton.

BINEGAR, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(Officers' peal.)
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

VICTOR ROBERTS (Ringing Master, Glaston Branch)	*Treble*
GWILYM SALMON (Treasurer)	2
*RONALD D. SHORT (Secretary, Bridgwater Branch)	3
HENRY J. SANGER (Peal Secretary)	4
EDWARD J. CHIVERS (Secretary, Frome Branch)	5
DAVID HOARE (General Secretary)	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.
Rung in honour of the wedding this day at Exford of the Master of the Association (Rev. Henry F. Warren) to Miss J. E. Hanman-Joyce.

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EXFORD, SOMERSET.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MRS. H. W. LLOYD .. *Treble*		LESLIE H. ARSCOTT	4
HENRY W. LLOYD	2	ISAAC FARMER	5
ARTHUR R. TUDBALL ..	3	RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master of the Bath and Wells Association, on the occasion of his marriage.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 WOOLER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: Cambridge Surprise (2), Oxford T.B. (1), Kent T.B. (2), Plain Bob (2). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

BRIAN R. MANNING .. .. *Treble*		DAVID K. WALKLATE.. ..	4
MICHAEL BLORE	2	GORDON A. HALLS	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

UPPER CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*RICHARD T. MCCLUNG .. *Treble*		*GRAHAM CHAMBERLAIN ..	4
CHARLES ROUSE	2	RONALD J. COX	5
OLIVER MILLS	3	†CLIVE LEGG .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First on tenor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Gapper, Master of Cam tower for many years, and for John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green, for his help, inspiration and friendship.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Oxford T.B.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*COLIN WIGNALL .. .. *Treble*		J. BARRY PICKUP	4
NORMAN SMITH..	2	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	5
ROGER LEIGH	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANCIS JOHN SMITH .. *Treble*		CLAUDE TARR	4
HARRY PURCHASE	2	*PATRICK J. BIRD	5
STANLEY N. BRISTOW ..	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* 25th peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master of the Bath and Wells Association.

BROMESBERROW, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings), one 240 Morris's arrangement.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

*WILLIAM E. SPIERS .. .. *Treble*		LEONARD SMITH	4
*P. JOY SMITH	2	CHARLES PHILLIPS	5
†REGINALD G. POWELL ..	3	†W. DUDLEY WILSON .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

* First peal. † First peal for the Association.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss R. Minchin, ringer at this church: also to mark the occasion of the Rector's move to his new rectory

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods, being two extents each of Datchet, Stowe Place, Uffington, St. Julian, St. Faith's S.C., Union, St. Sebastian, Rev. All Saints', St. Bartholomew, St. Vedast, Huntspill, New Bob, St. Osmund, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in F sharp.

JILL I. MARTIN .. .. .. *Treble*		ALAN L. M. SHEPHERD ..	4
PAMELA LATCHFORD	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
DEREK E. LATCHFORD ..	3	HARRY F. CHURCHMAN .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal in 21 Doubles methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK C. PRICE..	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY..	3—4	ROY C. HURST	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Arranged for Frank C. Price.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 82 methods: (1) Reverse St. Edmunds S.C. and Huntspill B., (2) Bethnal B. and St. Vedast B., (3) New Bob, Forncett Bob and Itchingfield S.C., (4) Huntspill B., Ellingham B. and Oakley S.C., (5) St. Vedast B., Bedingham B. and Chipstead S.C., (6) Reverse St. Simon's B. and Reverse St. Nicholas' B., (7) St. Alphage B., (8) Uffington B., (9) Union B., (10) Reverse New B., (11) St. Edmunds S.C. and St. Simon's B., (12) Heathrow S.C. and St. Nicholas' B., (13) Cranford S.C. and Westminster II B., (14) Reverse St. Osmund B. and Reverse St. Remigius B., (15) St. Gregory B., (16) Datchet B., (17) St. Julian B., (18) Reverse St. Vedast Bob, (19) St. Bartholomew B., Reverse All Saints' B. and St. Sebastian B., (20) Reverse Shipway's Place B., Reverse Plain B. and Canterbury Pleasure B., (21) Stedman S.C., Coxwell Place B. and St. Botolph B., (22) St. Simon's B., Braywood B. and Rugby S.C., (23) Plain B., Boxford B. and Candlesby S.C., (24) St. Martin's B., Welford B. and Slapton S.C., (25) St. Osmund B., Longworth B. and Merton S.C., (26) Grandsire, (27) New Grandsire, (28) Reverse Grandsire, (29) Reverse New Grandsire, (30) Reverse St. Martin's B. and Reverse Winchendon Place B., (31) St. Andrew's B., (32) Stowe Place B., (33) St. Faith's S.C., (34) Reverse Huntspill B., (35) Westminster II B., Knapton B. and Chesham S.C., (36) Shipway's Place B., Tandridge B. and Colnbrook S.C., (37) Blackburn Place B., Lyng B. and Broughton S.C., (38) St. Hilary B., Intwood B. and Ockham S.C., (39) St. Nicholas' B., Fundenhall B. and Longford S.C., (40) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure B., Dorton B. and Raveningham S.C., (41) Winchendon Place B., Haddiscoe B. and Thornborough S.C., (42) St. Remigius B., Harpley B. and Hascombe S.C.; 223 changes of method, 124 bobs, 32 singles.
Tenor size 14¼ in C sharp.

JOHN R. KENNETT	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3—4
		R. BRENT WHERRY	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

The greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal of Doubles.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bradbrook (first of Triples) 1, R. Harrisson 2, M. Soper 3, J. Longland (first quarter) 4, C. King 5, T. Pink 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, also to mark the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans for dedication of the church relighting and redecoration.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Cadle 1, E. Phillips 2, Marion Butcher (first quarter, aged 14) 3, J. Phillips 4, S. F. Carter (cond.) 5, S. Butcher 6. For the harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Fowell 1, A. Barker 2, H. Butler 3, A. Armstrong 4, G. Bradbury 5, P. Barker (cond.) 6, W. Benton 7, E. Borley 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. P. Davies to Miss M. Allen at the Chapel of St. John's College, Oxford, and for harvest thanksgiving.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Moxon 1, C. Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, G. Crompton 4, H Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Acton.

DUMBLETON, GLOS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nadine Price 1, G. H. Burrows (first 'inside') 2, G. A. Payne 3, E. W. Penn (first in method 'inside') 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, P. D. Warren 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Adrienne Gibson (first of Minor) 1, Sylvia Marsh (first 'inside') 2, W. Parrott 3, D. J. F. Oakshott 4, F. Oakshott 5, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Hirst 1, Mrs. Levett 2, Mrs. Roberts 2, S. F. Buckland 4, P. H. Avey 5, R. G. Roberts 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, W. Levett 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. P. H. Avey.

HENDON, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Pratchett 1, Miss P. Millhouse (first quarter) 2, Miss R. M. Foreman 3, J. Voss 4, J. Maltby (first as cond.) 5, G. Ellis 6. Rung to mark the laying of the foundation stone of the new C. of E. School by the Bishop of Willesden.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Harboue 1, Mrs. John Chilcott 2, Miss P. Rayner 3, C. Newnes 4, M. Hawkins 5, P. Bettridge 6, G. Ruck (cond.) 7, G. W. Golding 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Garrett 1, A. Grant 2, W. W. Webb 3, P. Ruch 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, J. B. Sansom 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. Rung for harvest festival and also as a tribute to the Rev. F. W. Ferraro (Vicar), who was retiring at the end of the month.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Martin (first quarter) 1, J. Taberner 2, J. B. Clarke 3, W. Mansley 4, H. Hardacre 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Ruby Roberts, mother of a member of the local band.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Tilbury (first of Caters) 1, A. Clutton 2, G. Harrison 3, Sheila Wallace 4, W. Plumridge 5, G. Hinton 6, P. Evans 7, D. Knox 8, S. M. Bailey 9, J. Simmons (first of Caters) 10.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Hart 1, W. A. Stote (cond.) 2, Miss T. I. Bowcutt 3, R. Davison 4, W. Brandist 5. Rung in honour of the installation the previous day of the Very Rev. H. C. N. Williams as Provost of Coventry Cathedral.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. Porter 1, Mrs. R. Ducker 2, J. S. Rank 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, D. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First in method for 3 and 4. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. E. Sellars on his 82nd birthday.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Union Bob, London Singles, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and 60 changes of Grandsire): L. Battison 1, M. Blason 2, A. Henman 3, R. Henman (cond.) 4, A. Ford 5. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 St. Bartholomew, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. Croall 1, R. Ingham 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Blackith 5, G. Hawkes 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. Wood (88), a member of the local band.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 21st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: E. Talbot 1, J. Cook 2, G. Parsons 3, F. Shorter 4, W. Wilson 5, M. Williamson 6, C. Wood 7, J. Smith 8, J. Euston (cond.) 9, M. Oakshett 10. For ordination service.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bridges 1, L. Cordell 2, Wendy Bowak 3, H. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Horton 1, Wendy Bowak (first as cond.) 2, Doreen Peacock 3, H. King 4, S. B. Latch 5, J. Lodge 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): L. Bennett (first on treble) 1, H. Nichols (first 'inside') 2, Miss W. Bird 3, Rev. G. W. Ruming 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, C. Rouse 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Thomas, who rehung the bells, assisted by the conductor of this quarter, in 1952, probably his last rehanging on his own.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, C. Webber 2, A. Cooke 3, G. Hutchings 4, R. Trickey (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. Rung for the 40th anniversary of the induction into priesthood of the Vicar (the Rev. S. E. Easter).

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): C. Whitworth (first on treble) 1, S. Hodgkins (first 'inside') 2, T. Cox 3, J. M. Clifton (first 'inside') 4, J. M. Clarke (cond.) 5, L. Priestley 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. M. Clifton on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Enid Robinson on September 20th, and also to the Rev. A. J. Tombling (curate) upon his ordination to priesthood at Peterborough Cathedral on this day.

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SEEND, WILTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Tucker 1, R. Hale 2, J. Abbott 3, W. Mortimer 4, M. Hoad (cond.) 5, G. Buckley 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Adcock 1, Miss V. Potter 2, T. A. Blow 3, P. Davis (cond.) 4, J. Relf 5, G. Hampton 6, F. Jones 7, W. Brownett 8. For Evensong and harvest festival.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judy Robinson 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, L. Tuffrey 3, E. T. Lloyd 4, J. T. Gwilt 5, G. Bailey 6, J. K. Foot 7, T. H. Bartlett 8. For harvest festival and a farewell to L. Tuffrey.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, W. Smith 2, P. Watts 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. A wedding compliment to the Rev. H. F. Warren, of Exford (chairman, Dunster Deanery ringers).

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod (first quarter) 1, G. W. Edwards 2, Mrs. B. E. Banks 3, D. S. Harris 4, Miss A. M. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. H. Geeves 6. For harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to C. E. Hayter, of Hertford.

WALSOKEN, CAMBS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. M. D. Turnbull (first of Minor) 1, M. R. Reed 2, R. W. Spencer 3, S. J. Haw 4, G. Mason (cond.) 5, T. R. Bush 6.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): M. Hawkes 1, Pauline Sprackling 2, F. Hawkes (cond.) 3, G. A. Payne 4, P. D. Warren 5, D. Williams 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Webber 1, Mrs. D. North 2, G. Salter 3, D. North 4, G. Gammon 5, G. Walford 6, P. Bird (cond.) 7, C. Baker 8.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Randall 1, Jill Easom (14, first quarter) 2, R. Hobbs (cond.) 3, Valerie Waterfield 4, D. Emmerson 5, D. McNeil 6. Rung for morning service, and as a welcome to Simon Richard, born to Caroline and Ramsey Kimberley on September 12th. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Womack (14, first quarter) 1, R. Hobbs (cond.) 2, Valerie Waterfield 3, D. Emmerson 4, T. Randall 5, D. McNeil 6. For Evensong on the eve of the patronal festival, and as a birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Lincall). Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Scott (first quarter) 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, D. Emmerson 3, T. Randall 4, R. Hobbs 5, D. McNeil (cond.) 6. Rung for the patronal festival. All rung by the Sunday service band.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Best (first quarter) 1, R. W. Leighton 2, W. C. Bennett 3, S. Proud 4, S. Thompson (cond.) 5, T. Bullerwell 6. A farewell tribute to the Rev. J. Spencer Wade, on his retirement as Rector, by members of the local band.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Rosemary E. Gower 2, Rita A. Gower 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, D. Staples 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect and affection to Emily Mary Lowes, mother of one of the local ringers.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, Anne Garnett 2, A. Bagworth 3, J. Tomsett 4, E. Jacobs 5, Susan Jacobs (cond.) 6, F. Corfield 7, M. Sinden 8. For harvest festival.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Plummer 1, A. Millam 2, E. Everest (cond.) 3, M. Plummer (first quarter) 4, J. Walder (first 'inside') 5, D. Smith 6. For harvest festival.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: H. Tring (first quarter) 1, T. J. Gregory (first quarter) 2, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 3, J. T. Laker 4, A. B. Stoner 5, H. P. Hewitt 6. For morning service and as a farewell to the conductor, who is shortly going up to Oxford.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. McDougall 1, A. D. Cook 2, T. A. Sparkes 3, R. S. Smith 4, R. Skerratt 5, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Rung in the octave of the Feast of St. Cyprian.

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Nevin 1, Phyllis Gray 2, Jennifer Davies 3, P. J. Shipton 4, J. B. Long 5, R. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung by young ringers of St. Paul's, Bedford, while on the Norfolk Broads.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. M. V. Chilcott 2, J. F. Galyer 3, M. Williamson 4, Miss J. M. Winchester 5, S. Kimber 6, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 7, F. D. Jennings 8, L. A. Reece 9, R. I. Parsons 10. For the harvest festival.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 21st, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: D. Thompson 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, Anne E. Amor 3, J. Hogg 4, R. L. Piron 5, K. Wakefield 6, J. R. Taylor 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): J. Hulme 1, Diana Lawless 2, Carol Eustace 3, B. Hendrie 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, J. E. Cooke 6.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Wadman 1, M. J. Horseman 2, Mrs. M. J. Horseman 3, J. Brain 4, D. Hoare 5, V. Roberts 6, D. Cobb 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major by 2, 3, 4 and 7. Rung as a tribute of respect and gratitude for the life and work of John Thomas.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Angell 1, A. P. Beck 2, R. G. Beck (cond.) 3, E. C. Wadman 4, D. Targett 5, E. J. Chivers 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. John Thomas.

DROITWICH, WORCS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 8 covering): R. Hemming 1, P. D. T. Cattermole 3, J. Pointer 4, W. H. Raxter 5, G. Rawlings 6, T. A. Sparkes (cond.) 7, J. Farmer 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Pointer, and rung by the Sunday service band for Matins. Also on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): R. Hemming 1, T. A. Sparkes 3, J. Pointer 4, J. Farmer 5, R. S. Smith 6, P. D. T. Cattermole (cond.) 7, G. Rawlings 8. For the Feast of St. Ninian.

QUARTER PEALS

DULVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy G. Taylor (first of Triples) 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, J. Taylor 4, Pamela M. Stevens 5, A. H. Reed 6, D. M. Bellamy 7, T. Toze (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Hayman-Joyce and the Rev. H. F. Warren, master of the Bath and Wells Association of Change Ringers, who were married at Exford on September 24th.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Lowings 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, F. G. Richardson 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, C. E. Willmington 5, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. F. Darbyshire, one-time curate at Hornchurch.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Osbaldiston 1, R. B. Smith 2, B. F. L. Groves 3, W. A. Smith 4, J. R. Kennett 5, D. E. Belcham 6, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 7, W. H. Dowse 8. First true quarter of Stedman Triples by all and on the bells.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Baverstock 1, Rosemary K. Hayward 2, R. Hoare 3, J. Verity 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, L. F. Cobb 6. First of Bob Minor for 2 and 4.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan E. MacIsaac (first quarter) 1, Heather Bonner 2, M. Spracklen 3, E. D. Poole 4, Mrs. Evelyn Mead 5, J. D. Kape 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For harvest festival.

HANBURY, WORCS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Raxter (cond.) 1, L. Mills 2, C. B. Longmore 3, G. B. Brown 4, R. B. Cole 5, T. A. Sparkes 6, P. D. T. Cattermole 7, E. T. Lee 8. Rung on the eve of Battle of Britain Sunday.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Beeney 1, S. D. A. Price 2, Judith Funnell 3, F. Beeney 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, A. Pannett (first quarter) 6. Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob and 1,020 Grandsire): Miss P. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh (first 'inside') 2, J. Martin 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For harvest festival.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): Helen Nevin 1, Anne E. Amor 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, P. J. Shipton 4, J. R. Taylor 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6.

LEICESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. D. Birchenall (first quarter) 1, E. H. Bowley 2, C. V. Cattell 3, Alan Cattell 4, Arthur Cattell 5, P. Davies 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Woodruffe (first of Minor) 1, P. Hayward 2, C. M. Dring 3, M. E. Downs (cond.) 4, J. T. Mannering 5, G. Pearson 6. For Evensong.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of Holy Sepulchre, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Finch 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, Miss N. G. Williams 8. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennings on their 56th wedding anniversary. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, R. G. Chater 2, E. Billings 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, D. Rees 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth D. Perkins. Also at the Church of St. Edmund, on Sept. 28th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: R. S. Roberts 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, T. M. Haines 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, R. V. Baker 6, E. Billings 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. First in method for all the band. Rung for harvest festival.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): R. Reed 1, S. Elsey 2, F. Wigmore 3, W. Cousins 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Thomas, who rehung these bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Steep, Hants, on September 27th is the culmination of a successful course of training at that tower by the College of Campanology, arranged for pupils of Bedales. The course was in charge of Miss Cecily Roberts, a member of the school staff and an honorary tutor of the College. At the ringing tests, conducted by the College prior to the peal, all eight candidates passed, six securing the student's certificate 'of merit.' Credit is due to Martin Press who, although injured previously on the rugger field and unable to grip with his right thumb, rang well throughout the peal.

Young ringers of St. Paul's, Bedford, while on holiday on the Norfolk Broads scored a quarter peal at Acle.

Keenness brings its reward. After ten unsuccessful attempts, Mr. George Thoday has rung his first peal at Litlington, Cambridgeshire. 'He rang consistently well,' writes the conductor, Mr. J. Richard Castledine.

The peal of Stedman at Bloxham, Oxon, on September 27th, was noteworthy as it is 50 years since the last peal in the method was rung on the bells. The father of the conductor, Mr. Walter F. Judge, took part on that occasion.

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, has recently undergone a serious operation, but he has hopes of returning to the peal columns in a few weeks' time. He thanks ringing friends for their letters, 'phone calls and messages during his illness.

Bands visiting Ashbourne, Derbyshire, are asked to be punctual as the Vicar likes personally to welcome ringers to the church. There have been no peals rung here since 1923, as it was stated that the spire would not stand up to more than 20 minutes' ringing. Permission has now been given for a peal attempt through the representation of Mr. B. P. Morris.

Owing to the state of the fabric, peal ringing has been banned at Tamworth for many years, but upon learning that the captain of bell-ringers was celebrating his 30th year as a ringer, the Vicar (Rev. A. Jones) said he felt the occasion was worthy of a peal and that Mr. G. Peers, jun., would go on ringing for at least another 30. An excellent peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, the first since the bells were recast in 1932.

St. Leonard's, Heston, provided two separate bands to ring quarter peals of Grandsire Triples on September 28th for their harvest thanksgiving services.

Hawkshead, where the bells have been augmented to eight and hung in a new frame, has a Further Education class in change-ringing. An example to other parishes!

Recordings of the church bells of Westbury-on-Severn, Lydney, Newland and Ruardean will be heard in a magazine programme, 'The Faith in the Forest of Dean,' to be broadcast on Sunday, October 19th, 9.45 to 10.30 a.m., in the West Home Service only. The programme is edited and introduced by Martin Willson.

Mr. Leonard Tuffrey, of Hall Green, Birmingham, will shortly be taking up residence in Ferndown, near Bournemouth. He served 25 years in the Birmingham City Police on the 'E' Division and Traffic and Communications Department, a part of which time he was a member of St. Martin's Sunday service band, and rang many peals of Surprise with George Fearn and his band. During the last eight years he was a member of the Sunday band at St. James', Shirley, where on September 28th a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell. Their friends wish Mr. and Mrs. Tuffrey much happiness in their new surroundings.

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FOURTH REUNION OF VETERANS

WITH unabated enthusiasm, the fourth annual reunion of veterans, arranged by Mr. A. W. Coles, took place on September 27th at the Fanmakers' Hall, Bishopsgate, London. A company of 51 was present, with an average age of 73. The oldest veteran was Mr. F. V. Sinkins, now 94, who enjoyed the fellowship.

Ringing took place at St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Bartholomew-the-Great's and St. Botolph's. A photograph of the party was taken, and as on previous occasions, Mrs. Davis and her ladies arranged a bountiful tea. The Rector of St. Botolph's (Rev. H. H. Treacher) was present and welcomed the company.

Proceedings after tea started with a remembrance of those who had 'passed over' during the year, and their names were read by Mr. A. W. Coles as follows: F. W. Richardson, F. Bennett, F. Dench, J. Thomas, F. E. Pervin and E. J. Butler.

Apologies were received from F. M. Mitchell, J. T. Dyke, J. Ames, A. B. Peck, H. Sear, C. A. Hughes, R. Newman, F. C. Maynard, E. H. Adams, N. Tomlinson, W. Webb, W. A. Knight, C. Norris, H. Langdon, E. C. Sheppard, A. Walker, J. A. Freeborn, E. Gladman, G. N. Price, C. W. R. Grimwood, G. Marriner, A. H. Winch, F. Cullum, G. Freebrey, H. Baalam, E. D. Smith, P. Spice, W. Bottrill and F. Morris.

THE COMPANY

Those present included George E. Symonds, Ipswich (83); Geo. H. Head, Hanworth (83); Frank V. Sinkin, Streatham (94); Walter J. Bowden, Southgate (81); Reuben Sanders, Westminster (84); Henry Stalham, Brighton (86); Len Stilwell, Worthing (68); J. W. Chapman, Streatham (77); J. Marks, Bletchley (64); H. Belcher, St. Paul's (72); W. H. Hewett, Westminster (72); W. J. Rawlings (64); A. W. Coles, North Mymms (70); H. W. Clark, Blackheath (65); H. E. Audsley, Dartford (58); Dr. E. Leonard Taylor, Lyme Regis (76); G. R. Goodship, Ipswich (70); W. Wenban, Stanmore (71); S. H. Hoare, Watford (66).

Ernest G. Fenn, St. Paul's (77); J. Frank Smallwood, Darley Dale (74); George Fleming, Witnesham, Suffolk (75); Charles J. Sedgley, Ipswich (71); A. A. Hughes, St. Lawrence Jewry (73); F. W. Perrens, Coventry (66); L. W. Wiffen, Braintree (77); A. H. Pulling, Guildford (78); Geo. Gilbert, Burnham (71); T. W. White, Guildford (64); H. J. Eldred, Ealing (76); A. Day, Harpenden (65); W. T. Holmes, Hatfield (70); A. Cutler, Willesden (66); J. Brackley, Woking (69); W. Shepherd, Addlestone (75); H. J. Ranzetta, Holloway (66).

B. Aldridge, St. Mary Cray (71): J. Bennett, Grundisburgh (71); A. Turner, Holloway (70); Edwin Barnett, Crayford (73); Arthur G. Mason, St. Margaret's, Lee (66); F. W. Elliott, Rickmansworth (71); J. E. Rootes, Bushey (68); F. W. Brinklow, Oxhey (73); Tom Collins, Ruislip (70); A. Hunter, Ruislip (72); J. R. Sharman, Cogenhoe (82); C. Hibbert, Reading (58); D. H. Oliver, Enfield (60); J. S. Hawkins, Tooting (79).

Mr. J. F. Smallwood expressed the thanks of the company to Mr. Coles for enabling the 'get-together' to be held, and giving them an opportunity of seeing old familiar faces again. It was a great joy to him to shake hands with those he had known for 50 years in ringing, and he hoped they would have many more such gatherings.

TEST OF CLEVERNESS?

He supposed they thought they were all very clever with their long experience, but they were not as clever as they thought. The real test was to ring a handbell peal in a thunderstorm, and preferably sitting on a compost heap. Then they would know what real ringing was.

He expressed thanks to the Rector of St. Botolph's for the use of the hall and permission to ring; the Rev. J. F. Trimingham and the Rev. Dr. N. E. Wallbank for the use of their bells; Mrs. E. E. Davis, who was responsible for the tea arrangements, and her helpers and those who gave gifts, viz.: Mesdames G. Goodfellow, D. Holland, M. Colville, K. Locke, R. Coles, E. Sanders, O. Russell, J. Hook, R. Treacher and K. Parsons. For assistance in transport he thanked Messrs. J. W. Euston, D. Oliver, G. A. Spencer, A. G. Mason and F. W. Goodfellow.

The Rev. H. H. Treacher said it was a great joy to him to welcome the company, and he hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them again next year.

After the tables were cleared, Mr. D. Oliver played a recording of East Bergholt bells, and there was handbell ringing before further tower-bell ringing.

GUILD SECRETARY'S WEDDING

The wedding was solemnised at Christ Church, Winchester, on September 20th, of Mr. J. A. C. King, secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and Miss G. M. Harris. The Rev. H. C. Davies officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. A. Harris, had three attendants—her sister (Mrs. M. Buckingham) and the Misses M. and J. King, sisters of the bridegroom. Mr. D. King was groomsman.

After the ceremony the happy couple were greeted outside the church by a band of handbell ringers from the Cathedral. The reception was held at Old Chesil Rectory.

The honeymoon was spent in Cornwall.

SHELLEY RINGING CONTEST

For the third year in succession, Meltham won the Shelley ringing contest at Shelley Parish Church on September 27th. The judges were Mr. Percy Hawthornthwaite, of Shelley, and Mr. Albert Goldthorpe, of Shepley, with Mr. J. W. Buxton as marker. The test piece was 600 changes with 120 changes as practice. The results were:—

Meltham: 52 faults, total 52.
Sandal: 75 faults, total 75.
Friezland: 102 faults, total 102.
Cawthorne: 130 faults, total 130.
Thornhill: 5 penalties, 316 faults, total 321.

The Vicar (Rev. A. Crow) who presided at the meeting which followed tea, presented the cup and prizes to Mr. E. Earnshaw on behalf of the Meltham team, and also to the runners-up. Mr. J. W. Moxon thanked Shelley people for the excellent arrangements, and Mr. J. W. Buxton replied.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The Ladies' Guild meeting held at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, on September 13th proved to be most enjoyable and well attended. Many methods were rung on these lovely bells, including Grandsire Triples by a band of ladies.

Canon Oliver Davies officiated at the service, and tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall. Mr. Trevor Roderick thanked the ladies on behalf of the visitors. Mrs. Whitworth thanked Canon Davies for his warm welcome to the Ladies' Guild.

At the business meeting Miss Mary Orchard (Radyr), Miss Norma Hemmings and Miss Gillian Warwick (both of St. Mellons) were elected members. Caldicot was chosen as the place for the next meeting, with Llangibby as an alternative.

EPSOM AND EWELL CELEBRATIONS

Epsom and Ewell ringers took a prominent part in the celebrations on September 27th to mark the 21st anniversary of the incorporation of the borough. The suggestion of the secretary of the Surrey Association that a peal attempt be made at each tower in the borough was approved by the celebrations committee.

Because of weddings, the attempt at St. Martin-of-Tours' was brought forward to the morning, but this band had the misfortune to break down. A quarter peal was then rung.

The attempts at St. Mary's, Ewell, and at Christ Church, Epsom, went ahead as planned in the afternoon, and both bands scored a nice peal. Mr. C. W. Munday called Grandsire Triples at Ewell with a local band, and at Christ Church five of the local ringers rang Plain Bob, the conductor being Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, of Dorking.

Afterwards the ringers went to the Baths Hall, where the deputy mayor was waiting to greet them, along with Ald. J. A. Larby (chairman of the celebrations sub-committee). A real ringers' tea followed, and then those taking part were thanked for their participation in the celebrations. Ald. Larby explained that the Council's policy had been to encourage the residents to do the things they liked doing and for the Council to meet them afterwards.

At Christ Church, Epsom, permission is to be sought to erect a peal board.

On Sunday, September 28th, a civic service was held at St. Martin's, and at the invitation of Mr. E. Lindley, the local captain, ringers from Ewell and Christ Church were privileged to take part in the ringing for this service.

RAILWAYMEN RINGERS AT NORWICH

The autumn meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild was held at Norwich on September 27th, under the Master, Mr. Harold Walker.

Ringing commenced before lunch on the magnificent Mancroft 12 — 13 to be correct, split up into the front ten, where the president of the Norwich Association (Mr. Nolan Golden) and the Ringing Master at St. Peter Mancroft (Mr. Arthur Bason, almost fit again) welcomed the ringers. After lunch, owing to a wedding at Mancroft, ringing was shared at St. Giles', quite close, where Mr. George Sayer (Master) met and welcomed the ringers.

Welcome visitors were the Rev. Giles Galley, recently ordained curate of St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, Mr. Albert J. Pitman, Mr. C. S. McLeod (Regional Establishment and Staff Officer, Eastern Region), and Mr. J. A. McIntosh (Assistant, London Midland Region).

Tea was served at Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, where the ringers were joined by Canon John Waddington, who in a few breezy words welcomed them to Mancroft and Norwich. Mr. McLeod and Mr. McIntosh also welcomed them.

Apologies and good wishes were received from the general manager, Eastern Region (Mr. H. C. Johnson), and other prominent railway officials. Ringing continued during the evening, and votes of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting were proposed by the Master of the Guild, seconded by Mr. S. Foskett and supported by the general secretary (Mr. Frank Stenson).

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Subscriptions are now due for the last quarter of 1958. Rates: 3 months 7s. 6d.; 6 months 14s. 6d.; 12 months £1 8s. Please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. New postal subscribers welcome.

HAWKSHEAD'S NEW BELLS ARE DEDICATED

LESS than a year ago, expert examination confirmed that the 500-year-old six main beams supporting Hawkshead (Lancs) Church bell frame and bells were completely worn out.

In November, 1957, it was decided to replace the worked out timber with rolled steel joists to support a new iron frame, with provision for increasing the ring from six to eight bells. The latter was an act of faith which has been justified. In less than ten months from the first report on the bells the work has been done and the two bells added. Lt.-Col. G. O. Sandys, of Graythwaite Hall, in Hawkshead parish, whose ancestor, Myles Sandys, of Graythwaite, gave the tenor in 1765, provided a new treble and the people of Hawkshead have given a new second bell. By Michaelmas Day, 1958, the overall sum of £1,750 had almost been raised—all by direct giving.

Whilst the bells were silent the ground-floor ringing chamber at Hawkshead Church contained an exhibition of bells and their fittings, photographs and diagrams illustrating the bell-founder's and bell-ringer's craft. Within the display the 1765 treble was mounted, and over £200 was subscribed through its crown staple bolt-hole and the gift acknowledged by a hand-bell within, much to children's especial delight at having 'rung the bell'!

On July 29th, the Vicar and churchwardens represented the parish at the casting of the two new bells at Loughborough, enjoying Messrs. Taylors' hospitality, including the famous 'ten' in the works. All Hawkshead's wardens and the Vicar can handle a bell, and the Vicar's warden (Mr. Robin Shuttleworth) is also belfry captain.

The church was crowded to capacity with parishioners and ringing friends from towers in the S. Westmorland and N. Lancashire area for the dedication service on September 29th. Slowly, but with joyful purpose, and to the hymn 'When morning gilds the skies . . .' the procession moved to the ringing chamber—verger Tom Barlow (a ringer always ready to stand in), Miss F. Synge representing the P.C.C., Lt.-Col. G. O. Sandys, representative ringers, Mr. Paul Taylor, of Loughborough, the clergy, the churchwardens and the Bishop of Penrith, predecessor of the present vicar.

Within the ringing chamber the Bishop greeted the ringers. Miss Synge asked the Vicar and wardens to receive the bells, and the promise was made that they would give 'utmost care that they shall be ever and only used in the service of God and to His glory.' Lt.-Col. G. O. Sandys offered the new treble for dedication, after which the belfry captain rang it four times. The new second was similarly offered on behalf of its donors and duly dedicated, Mr. F. M. Coward, the oldest ringing member of the local band, ringing it four times also. So the new trebles were first handled by Hawkshead born and bred ringers.

The hallowing of the bells with prayers for their right use followed. So the bells were pulled off in rounds by Hawkshead men and lads—Robin Shuttleworth 1, F. M. Coward 2, G. Brown 3, J. Wright 4, M. Glaister 5, H. R. Johnson 6, H. Mellor 7 and R. Sunderland 8.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (president of the Lancashire Association), who gave not only something of his knowledge and love of church bells and the art of ringing, but above all, an understanding of their purpose.

The hymn 'The God of Abraham praise' was sung; then followed the Patronal Festival prayers by the Vicar (Rev. R. Lindsay, M.A.), and God's blessing was pronounced by the Bishop of Penrith. Complete silence was observed for a minute, and the newly-dedicated bells rang out, steadied in rounds and then went into a touch of Grandsire Triples with the band made up of ringers from neighbouring towers: F. Langtree (Broughton-in-Furness) 1, J. Bagnall (Barrow-in-Furness) 2, J. E. Burles (Barrow-in-Furness) 3, A. Capstick (Ambleside) 4, L. S. Clement (Kendal) 5, F. Birkett (Langdale) 6, N. M. Newby (Dalton-in-Furness) 7, R. Shuttleworth (Hawkshead) 8.

Almost 100 local ringers had one simply glorious hour of short touches whilst refreshments were provided in the Market Hall below the church, completing an altogether historic, happy and memorable occasion in the life of the old parish of Hawkshead and the church bell-ringers of the area. Hawkshead is grateful to the many who helped to make it so. R. L.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT OUTING

In perfect weather, the ringers of the Winchester District held their annual outing on August 30th.

The first ringing was on the pleasant light six at Shrewton. We then made our way amid cornfields to West Lavington, with its musical ring of six in a very fine tower. The visit coincided with the village flower show. After an hour here we made our way to Devizes. During lunch, the captain of St. James', Southbroom (Mr. A. T. Weeks), made himself known to us, and our grateful thanks are due to him for all the help he gave us in arranging our outing.

Our first ring after lunch was on the fine, heavy octave at St. John's. Ringing here consisted of several courses of Grandsire Triples with rounds and call-changes for the less experienced. Afterwards several touches were rung on the heavy six at St. Mary's Church. After half-an-hour we made our way to St. James', Southbroom. Mr. Weeks met us here and pointed out some interesting features concerning the history of the church and town. The rather small ringing room was packed to capacity but all were able to ring. Tea followed at the Ruth Pierce Restaurant.

The surprise item of the day was an unexpected visit to Upavon, arranged by Mr. Weeks, where the local ringers had the bells up in readiness. The last tower of the day was St. Thomas's, Salisbury, where with the help of local ringers we were able to ring a good course of Stedman Triples.

At Stockbridge the party broke up, and after the usual vote of thanks a short break for refreshments followed. Winchester was reached just before 10 p.m., and all agreed that it had been a very enjoyable day. C.

GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Correction to page 603.

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16, x 34 x 58 x 34 x 78

A LEARNERS' TOUR

ABOUT a mile from Bruton in East Somerset there is the village of Pitcombe, which has a church with an ancient tower containing three ancient bells. They are all very much alike and bear a kind of seal and the initials 'W. S.' A Bristol mediæval foundry cross can just be recognised on the second, and is clearly reproduced on the tenor which was recast by Taylors in 1910. Largely thanks to Mr. H. J. Sanger, of Evercreech, and his band, who have spent much time and patience in teaching the writer and others to ring, these bells have been regularly rung for over two years by a mixed band of young ringers, who also ring the three bells at the neighbouring church of Shepton Montague, where the services alternate with Pitcombe. Valuable help has also been given by the ringers at Bruton and Castle Cary on their practice nights, and by many more at Branch meetings of the Bath and Wells Association.

This year it was decided to arrange a week's ringing tour, in the course of which we should endeavour to learn method ringing on five bells, the extent on three having already been achieved. Being all young and active, we thought that cycling and youth hostelling was the best way of travelling. It was necessary to obtain the services of a female co-leader and some 'helpers' for the ringing. This was done through advertisements in the 'R.W.'

In March the leaders, Miss Holden Brown, of the St. Matthias', Richmond, band, and the writer, spent a weekend at Malvern Youth Hostel attending lectures intended for teachers proposing to take parties of school children in hostels. One piece of advice learnt there was that the middle day be a 'free day' with no organised journey. This was, I think, appreciated by the whole party, who spent much of it in the sea at Sidmouth, though we did book one tower on this day.

The band that set out on September 1st consisted of nine ringers, including boys and girls from 12 upwards. Some were only round ringers, others could hunt the treble to Grandsire; most could ring changes on three, but only one was a real method ringer. In the course of the first two days we progressed from plain hunt on four to Bob Minimus. Some of the band could already raise and lower in peal, and those that could not were given instruction and practice in the art. At Harpford, Devon, on the third day we rang our first plain course of Bob Doubles and also a plain course of Grandsire.

On Thursday and Friday we were joined by Mr. W. and Miss G. Stevens, of Cannington, near Bridgwater. Thanks to them we were able to make more progress in Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles, and at Silverton, our only 8-bell tower, we had the assistance of Mr. A. G. Selley and three of his band. This resulted in a touch of Grandsire Doubles with 7, 6, 8 covering and two plain courses of Triples. At our last tower (Shapwick, Somerset) Mr. K. Prime and two others made up for the loss of Mr. and Miss Stevens, and we rang 120 Bob Doubles as a crowning success.

In all, we rang in five 5-bell towers and six 6-bell towers, with one eight. Distances ranged from about 24 to 34 miles a day. On the last day it was planned to finish the trip by train, but only four eventually did this, the remainder making the journey by cycle in less time than the train took. HUGH B. MAKINS.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BRIGHTWELL BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your correspondent 'S,' writing on the peal tour of Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, I am unable to allow a statement of his to pass unnoticed.

He writes that 'an ill-fated band left for Brightwell (Berkshire) to find the bells hard going.' Would it not be more correct to have said that the method or methods chosen for this peal were found to be hard going as the striking was decidedly poor and failed to do justice to any peal tour?

Due to careful towerkeeping these bells (tenor 11 cwt., and hung in a wooden frame and plain bearings) are kept in very good order and always go quite well. It might be of interest to note that they are usually rung twice on Sundays by six girls whose ages range from 12 to 14 years, and since this attempt they have now decided that their well-struck call-changes will always sound better than any 'scientific ringing.'—Yours faithfully,

C. J. CASTELL.

Newbury, Berks.

PENTLOW BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have been interested in the recent correspondence re the ringability of Pentlow bells, Essex, and I agree entirely with Miss Rosemary J. Seabrook's remarks. I had the pleasure of a ring at Pentlow when the Society of Rambling Ringers visited St. George's Church on August 12th, 1955. No doubt some members will recollect the group photograph being taken, with the round tower in the background.

According to Walter's 'Church Bells of Essex,' Miles Graye cast the fourth in 1628, the third in 1635. He cast the second and tenor, which weighs 10¼ cwt. in G, in 1665. The treble was added by John Thornton in 1711. Walter's footnote boldly states: '1904 not ringable.' They must have had some attention since.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Lichfield, Staffs.

CANON G. WATKINSON

Dear Sir,—As recently reported in 'The Ringing World,' Canon G. Watkinson retired from the vicariate of Northowram after 61 years' service.

A meeting of parishioners decided that this unique record of service should be marked by (*a*) a personal gift to the Canon, (*b*) the presentation of a book in which will be inscribed the names of all those who wish to be numbered among his friends and acquaintances, and (*c*) the erection or installation in church of some permanent memento of his life and service.

There must be many ringers who, over the years, have come in personal contact with Canon Watkinson and would like to be included in this gesture of affection and esteem. Literally hundreds have rung on the bells in the church which he built and which will be his lasting memorial.

Will any ringers so wishing to associate themselves please get in touch with the undersigned. All donations will be acknowledged.—Yours faithfully,

W. G. TURNER.

4, Marldon Road,
Northowram, Halifax.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read Mr. Wratten's letter on Doubles methods and the definition between a variation and a method.

Mr. Wratten's way of publishing his Doubles peals is obviously the correct solution and should be adopted by all conductors so that methods and variations can be classed accordingly.

Unfortunately, so few of these variations are known to the average ringer; many I know do not even know what April Day—the most popular of these variations—is.

I feel that an article by somebody in the know (perhaps Mr. Blagrove might oblige) will be of great use to the average village ringer and will add to the variety of Doubles peals, and also to the variations that one can ring at a meeting or a practice without having to look a new method up on the spot.

Incidentally, I am informed by Mr. Lewis that there are only eight named variations known to him of Plain Bob Doubles, using different bobs and singles; the Doubles preface names nine, but apparently Besthorpe and Hudibras are the same, and Ludham and Kennington are the same variation, whilst Norfolk is produced by the bob of one variation and the single of another.

A variation named Seighford makes the number up to eight, but theoretically it is possible to get 27 variations using non-symmetrical bob leads, but some if these may not work.

An article by one of our Doubles conductors will throw some light on this matter and assist me and many others. I expect to achieve a long-standing ambition to ring a peal in 42 Doubles variation.

Also perhaps somebody can enlighten me if the following method has been named: if not, I would like to call it Woodhay Doubles.

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

Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

WILLIAM DENYER MEMORIAL

Dear Sir,—May I express thanks to all those ringing friends who sent donations to my father's memorial, which has now been handed over to the Vicar of St. Michael's Church, Aldershot. The chalice and paten are extremely beautiful, costing just over £100, and will be used every week.

A memorial tablet to my father recording his 35 years of captaincy was dedicated after Sung Eucharist on September 28th, and this is the gift of the Aldershot ringers and is on the wall of the ringing chamber.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES W. DENYER.

Farnham, Surrey.

NEW ANGLE ON TEACHING BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to find someone who spoke of 'a new angle' and 'teaching.' I'm sure we lose many very promising ringers through the captain simply pushing a book (full of tabulation figures—nothing more) into a novice's hand, and in reply to all and every question has only one answer: 'You learns it.'

Learns what? All the possible permutations of a set of figures off by heart? Surely there must be some key way of teaching a method without having to learn the whole performance by heart; e.g., the basic example:—

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5
2 4 1 6 3 5
4 2, etc.

I know my position in each round without having to learn the sequence of the whole 78 places, and even if I want the whole 78 places I can work them out for myself without memorising.

Now, has anyone (who must be a born teacher not a mere teller) put into book form the simple fundamentals of change-ringing so that the novice can see some hopes of learning?—Yours sincerely,

G. HODKINS.

West End, Southampton.

P.S.—I suggest you need a bell-ringing mathematics master capable of teaching the 'C' stream.—G. H.

Note.—We are confident this reader will find a tower in Southampton with a proper instructor who can teach.—*Ed.*

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that I have made an error in claiming two compositions as my own—the 5,184 of London on page 568 of your issue of August 29th was first published in 'The Bell News' Appendix, 1895, under the name of Nathan J. Pitstow, and the 5,040 Cambridge Royal on page 600 of your issue for September 12th has been rung under the name of Gabriel Lindoff many years ago. I am indebted to Messrs. R. F. B. Speed and F. E. Darby respectively for this information, and apologise for unwittingly reproducing someone else's work.

Whilst on the subject, I find that another composition of London should be credited to N. J. Pitstow—the 5,088 No. 2 in the C.C. Collection, page 47; see 'The Bell News,' January 12th, 1889, where it appears as the reverse form of arrangement No. 5 in the C.C.C. Also, the 5,088 Superlative No. 7 on page 25 of the C.C.C. can be found in a reverse form, and a different arrangement of shunt bobs, in 'The Bell News,' May 2nd, 1885, again under the name of N. J. Pitstow! In the issue of that paper for August 29th, 1885, there is, also by N. J. P., the five-part of Superlative which has been ascribed in recent years to F. H. Dexter, I believe—

2 3 4 5 6	B	W	H
3 5 2 6 4	X		3
5 6 2 3 4		2	

Four times repeated.

Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest.

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LETTERS—Continued

EXAMINE UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Looking through Mr. Dove's excellent Guide to the Church Bells of Britain, one now and then sees the word 'unringable' beside the particulars of a tower.

Without directing any criticism at Mr. Dove, who has no doubt compiled his book on local information submitted to him, I would suggest that a good 50 per cent. of these 'unringable' bells are silent merely as the result of a 'parson's gag,' or of rumour as to their condition, started many years ago.

The Parish Church of St. Sampson, South Hill, is situated about three miles from Callington in Cornwall. The tower contains a ring of five bells (tenor nearly 9 cwt.). According to local reports these bells have been 'unringable' for over 20 years, owing to the poor state of the fittings and frame and the shaky condition of the tower.

Repeated applications to the vicar of the parish for permission to view the bells were refused. One has every reason to suspect that this particular cleric had no interest whatsoever in that part of his church.

Recently, however, five ringers from Kenwyn, Truro, and Mr. Jim Phillips, of London, having discovered that the vicar had just retired, descended in force on the tower, armed with ropes and a can of oil. Permission to inspect the bells, and if possible to ring, was readily given by two churchwardens.

On entering the belfry, a ground-floor ring, we discovered one complete rope on the tenor, a rope and sally but no tail-end on the treble, and three odd bits just visible through the floor above and apparently attached to the three remaining bells.

The bell chamber was reached by ascending some steps, climbing through an archway in the wall and thence by ladders. We discovered the five bells hanging in a frame of perfect condition and with wheels and stays in perfect order. The second bell was buried up to the waist in twigs: these were speedily despatched through the north louvre. The bearings were then inspected and oiled, and each bell swung up by hand, on the wheel, to check for any visible defects or tower movement. Finding no fault thus far, we then proceeded to fit ropes, give a last-minute check and then proceed down the ladders to the ringing chamber below. After removing odd boxes, jam jars and other junk, the bells were raised in peal, and a perfect six-score of Grandsire Doubles rung. One or two curious villagers found their way to the tower, and one of the churchwardens told us that it was the first time his 16-year-old daughter had heard the bells. Some rounds were rung, and a six-score of Stedman, before the bells were finally lowered in peal.

With the exception of stiff clappers and a slightly sluggish tenor, these bells are in perfect ringing order, and in a tower that shows no sign of structural defect.

A ring of five bells at Bayton, near Launceston, was reputedly unringable and neglected until just over 12 months ago, when a determined band of ringers visited the village and rang the bells; reports are that these bells are now rung every Sunday, resulting from the interest aroused by the visit of some outside ringers.

Bells, as we all know, are very expensive items, and should not be allowed to hang silent and unattended in our towers. I would suggest, therefore, that if a few keen and determined ringers in the various guilds and companies were to make a point of visiting these towers with 'unringable' bells, they would find in five cases out of ten that, with a little attention, the bells are perfectly safe and enjoyable to ring upon.—Yours, etc.,

Truro. ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

The London University Society of Change Ringers also sent a wreath to the funeral of Mr. John L. Morris.

FOUR SPLICED PEALS

Dear Sir,—Many thanks to Mr. M. S. Lancefield for kindly pointing out the falseness in my 'arrangement' of Spliced. It would perhaps have saved a little of your valuable space if he had pointed out where the falseness occurs. However, I have observed that it is the alternative method callings. CSSS and SSSC in courses 7 and 8, which should not be used as they run false with the Bristol in courses 5 and 10 of the alternate part.

The arrangement rung at Aldermaston on August 9th was the 5,184, which is true, shortened by omitting the two leads of Bristol and the connecting bobs, in each of courses 6 and 9 of the second part. This may be verified by adding together the number of changes of Cambridge and Superlative rung, which comes to 2,624 and not 2,748, which would have been the case if the false variation had been used.

Regarding Mr. A. J. Pitman's method of reversed calling. These symmetrical compositions are the logical result of the symmetry of methods themselves and of the falseness in and between the methods. (Middleton's Cambridge is symmetrical, to quote just one example.)

Whilst I must admit to having used Mr. Pitman's system in this arrangement, I do not share Mr. Lancefield's view that there is no further scope for composition in the four standard methods.

I must apologise for the mistakes and falseness in the composition submitted, but I assure you, sir, I never sign myself R. H.—Yours faithfully,

N. J. DISERENS.

Dear Sir,—With reference my letter in the 'R.W.' of September 27th concerning the falseness of the peal of 4 Spliced Surprise by N. J. Diserens. I would like to point out, in case of misunderstanding, that the falseness I referred to has no connection with the omission of the bob Before in the last course of each part, of which I was well aware.

The actual falseness occurs in the short courses which link together the quarter peal sections—when the 6th is brought home from 5ths, with the calls Before and home repeated, the falseness applies to all four quarter peal sections, but I will give an instance of one only: the first lead of Superlative in the eighth course of the first half peal is false against the second lead of Bristol in the tenth course of the second half peal.

If the alternative calling for the Before and home courses is not used, that is if Bristol is used instead of Superlative, the composition would most probably be true (have not had time to check); then omitting the twin leads of Bristol where desired would reduce the length of the peal to a reasonable number of changes.—Yours faithfully,

M. S. LANCEFIELD.

Willesborough.

INVERARAY BELLS

Dear Sir,—The letter on page 614 from Mr. F. C. A. Bennett regarding Inveraray bells was unexpected. It is nice to know that the bells are ringable.

What a sight looking at those bells through glass doors and in another room the chiming apparatus of ten bells which I have had the pleasure of trying. The apparatus is fixed near the middle of the room and not against the wall, which is usual.—Yours sincerely,

JENNIE ARMSTRONG.

Morpeth, Northumberland.

In connection with the Leeds Musical Festival, the service from Leeds Parish Church, at which the Princess Royal is expected to attend, will be shown on I.T.V. on Sunday morning next, October 11th, and the bells may be heard in the background somewhere between 10.50 and 11.10.

OUTINGS

WALTHAMSTOW

St. Mary's, Walthamstow, car outing on September 27th into Herts and Beds had a heavy programme in respect of both the number of towers and weight of metal. Of the nine rings, only two were 'light-weights,' most of the remainder having 23 to 26 cwt. tenors.

Towers visited were St. Albans (St. Peter's), Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable, Woburn (where the ringing, particularly Double Norwich, did justice to the fine bells). After a picnic lunch ringing continued at Husborne Crawley, Maulden (although there is little merit in claims for 'fastest on the bells,' it seems likely that the Cambridge here inadvertently achieved that record for a course), Hitchin, Baldock (a welcome break here for tea), and finally to the light eight at Welwyn, where difficulty was encountered with very low sallies.

Credit is due to the younger generation for their excellent striking on these varied bells. Fred Maynard and Harry Rumens, Master and secretary respectively, both with well over 50 years' ringing service behind them, were game to the last, climbing ladders and stairs at all eight of the nine towers with 'upstairs' ringing chambers.

Thanks are given to incumbents for permission to ring their bells, to all those who welcomed us, and to P. Chapman and H. Rumens, the organisers. A. B.

PRESTBURY

Prestbury, Glos, ringers had their second half-day outing this year on September 13th. Towers visited were Haresfield, to get the organiser a new tower—a rare event now; Standish, Stonehouse—where an excellent tea was had before ringing, Woodchester and finally Stroud. It was one of the very few bright afternoons, and so with our usual good fortune on these trips a good time was had by all. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor on the sixes, and there was a good course of Grandsire Caters at Stroud besides some Stedman Triples and Bob Major. There was a secret arrangement which led to Mr. B. D. getting up all five tenors, and Miss W. B. letting them all down, and it worked out quite well!

FROM HUTTON (ESSEX) TO KENT

On August 30th a handful of ringers from All Saints', Hutton, strengthened by the addition of a ringer of some 50 years' experience from the neighbouring Brentwood, embarked at Tilbury for a voyage to Kent. Safely on dry land again at Gravesend, we hastened in our two cars to Snodland where, with the help of two members of the local band, we made a very pleasant start on the day's ringing. Thence to Ulcombe, with its considerably heavier six, on to anti-clockwise Pluckley and on again, despite growing demands of the inner man, to reach Willesborough in time to avoid clashing with a wedding. We had felt some qualms about including this last-named tower in our itinerary, having read in a recent article in 'The Ringing World' about its high standard of ringing; our young host was very tolerant, however, and we hope our efforts were not too unworthy.

From this point the timing of our programme was more leisurely, and we relaxed for a picnic lunch by the banks of the swollen River Stour before continuing our journey to Charing, where once again we met with a most friendly welcome. The next tower, Hollingbourne, gave us the heaviest but by no means the hardest ringing of the day, and it was difficult to realise that this tenor of 21 cwt. was more than double the weight of the tenor at Shorne, which was the seventh and last tower of our little excursion.

Our grateful thanks are due to all—whether Men of Kent or Kentish Men—who made this most enjoyable day possible. W. G. W.

GUILDFORD GUILD HONOUR RETIRING OFFICERS

Guildford Diocesan Guild at their annual dinner held at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, on October 4th, and attended by a company of 171 ringers and friends, had as their special guests four of the retiring officers and their wives. They were Mr. Albert Harman, Master; Mr. G. L. Grover, hon. secretary and treasurer; Miss Winifred Oliver, assistant hon. secretary; Mr. Leslie Hunter, hon. auditor.

Bishop B. M. Dale, the assistant bishop, presided over a typical family gathering, supported by the Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer), with Mr. F. E. Collins, Master of the Surrey Association, as toastmaster and M.C. Apologies were received from Messrs. H. V. Young and Arthur Smith (Leatherhead), Roy Collins (Chobham) and the Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Gant (Binsted).

The toast of 'The memory of J. S. Goldsmith (first hon. secretary of the Guild) and members of the Guildford Guild' was drunk in silence, the toast being proposed by the Master. Specially remembered were Reg Lathbury (Walton-on-Thames), Bob Whittington (Cranleigh), William Denyer (Aldershot) and Mr. Warner (St. Nicolas', Guildford) who died in the past year.

RING FOR LAY PEOPLE AND BISHOPS

Mr. T. W. White proposed the toast of 'The Guildford Diocese.' Replying, Bishop Dale said: 'What I want to say on behalf of the Bishop of the Diocese and on behalf of the clergy is thank you very much, because you do so much for the Church in a wonderful way. You ring not only for lay people but bishops. When on a dark night I am trying to find a little parish church and get completely lost, I stop my car and engine, stick my head out and find my way by the sound of the bells.'

The retiring officers were honoured on the call of Major E. J. Bragg, and he recalled the confidence of the whole Guild in their services, as for the last ten years or more each district had unanimously nominated them and no other names had been put forward. 'We are very pleased to have them as our guests, as for many years they had done the bulk of the work.'

They welcomed their new officers. Mr. Denyer had taken over from Mr. Harman, Mr. Russell from Mr. Grover, Miss Hyde from Miss Oliver and Mr. George Brown from Mr. Hunter. 'The skies over this Guild are clear; everything is going on swimmingly, but we must remember that the new officers will be feeling their way through a certain amount of fog, and they are lucky in having the old officers with their experience behind them.'

The toast was acknowledged by Miss Oliver. She said she had a plant at home which she daily fed with ginger and sugar. She felt that if members fed their Guild with the ginger of enthusiasm and the sugar of goodwill it would remain, as her plant, a constant source of delight.

Mr. M. Lesiter (Aldershot) proposed 'The Ladies and Guests.' He had a special word of welcome to Mr. Stirling, who was shortly to be married to Miss Hancock, and on behalf of the company wished them every joy and happiness.

Miss Hancock (Ottershaw) and the Rev. E. A. Gardiner (rector of Seale) replied.

The speeches were followed by an entertainment given by the Gay Debonairs, from Croydon Parish Church.

As in past years, the tables were beautifully decorated with flowers provided by Mr. A. Harman, who was thanked by the Master. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Grover, Miss Oliver, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Hancock and Mrs. Denyer. Chocolates were presented to Mrs. Harman. A happy evening concluded with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

The autumn quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Purton and attracted a good number of ringers. One of the Association's peal books was on view, and admiration was expressed at the beautiful work of Mr. A. E. Reeves, former peal secretary, and Mr. F. G. Wilton, the present secretary. Dr. H. Craig presided at the short business meeting, and towers suggested for the next three meetings were Highworth, Wroughton, and Christ Church, Swindon. Ringing took place at Lydiard Millicent after tea, and a good variety of methods was rung, including Hull and London Surprise Minor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
West Dorset Branch

The Branch held its quarterly meeting at Hawkchurch on September 27th. Attendance was 27. The Rev. P. Smith (Vicar of Hawkchurch) conducted the service, Canon C. C. Cox read the lesson and Mrs. Smith accompanied the hymn singing. Tea was provided by the P.C.C. and served by Mr. L. Hayball and ladies. At the business meeting the secretary explained why the annual meeting of the Branch had been brought forward from the first Saturday in December to November 29th, to be held at Bridport. The secretary also told the meeting that he had heard from the general secretary regarding the Central Council's survey of church bell-ringers, and was putting in into operation in West Dorset.

Canon Cox informed the meeting that the time had come when he must inform the Branch that he would not be offering himself for re-election as Branch chairman. This news was received with regret by all, and a short silence followed.

Quite a lively discussion took place on Branch meetings and ringing together of call-change ringers and method ringers. This discussion was started by the Rev. P. Smith, who said he might move a motion on this subject at the annual.

Ringing included Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Doubles, London, Cambridge, Double Court, St. Clement's and Bob Minor.

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A LARGE congregation filled Binsted (Hants) Parish Church and bell-ringing enthusiasts from a wide area were also drawn to the church on September 27th, when the recently restored and recast bells of the ring of six were rung for the first time and were dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton (the Rt. Rev. K. E. N. Lamplugh).

As the procession returned to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds by Binsted ringers: Mrs. Gant 1, Miss V. White 2, Mrs. White 3, Miss G. Stretton 4, Mrs. R. Corke 5, Mr. P. Knight 6.

Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the bell-founders who carried out the recasting and rehanging in the new frame.

After the service some 80 or more parishioners and friends gathered in the Wickham Institute, where an excellent tea was served by members of the Mothers' Union and where the afternoon's rejoicing was in some measure qualified by a formal ceremony of farewell to the Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Gant.

Between 40 and 50 ringers travelled to Binsted to 'try' the new bells, and all were delighted with their sweet tones and their easy handling.

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BIRTH

THURMOTT.—September 27th, 1958, at 15, John Street, Clayton, Bradford, to Jane (nee Davy) and Maurice J., a son (Mark Nicholas). A brother for John. 3143

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

CROSS—SMEE. — The marriage between Trevor A. Cross and Patricia Smee will be solemnised at SS. Mary and Nicholas', Leatherhead, on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends will be welcome at the church. 3142

DEATH

McGUINESS.—On October 4th, 1958, at the home of her son, 9, Linden Way, Boston, Lincolnshire, Augusta Annie McGuiness, aged 88 years. 3144

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BROMLEY, KENT.—There will be no practice on October 14th, 21st, or November 4th.—D. Martin, Sec. 3154

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Nominations are requested for President, Ringing Secretary and Treasurer, and should be sent to he General Secretary before October 31st. No nominations shall be accepted unless the nominee gives written consent. Nominees shall not be eligible if in arrears with their subscriptions. The retiring officers are eligible for re-election. 3139

STEPNEY, E.—Will visitors please note that there will not be any ringing practice on Wednesday, Oct. 15th.—H. G. Weedon, Hon. Sec. 3168

TO CONDUCTORS.—Make a point of presenting a copy of 'The Ringing World' to those who ring their first peal or quarter peal. Send 6d. with report.

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CANCELLATION

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Broxbourne on Saturday, Oct. 11th, cancelled. Postponed to November.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3133

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Bathwick (8), on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. R. Stubbs, 3, Powlett Road, Bathwick, Bath. 3045

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Camerton, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3080

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. Neill, Master; D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3097

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Special invitation to Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m., and bells available immediately afterwards. Tickets, 12s. 6d., from F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. Accommodation limited.—F. V. G. 3001

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Send, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at School Hall.—Miss H. Hancock. 3138

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Langleybury (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3120

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th. St. Dunstan's bells from 2.30, with service at this church 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Details of other ringing will be circulated to all towers.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Maidstone, on Oct. 11th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mr. L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone. 3067

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Spalding, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Richardson. 3099

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Birstall (8) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. 3104

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Ewhurst (23 bus from Guildford), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3114

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General meeting, Saturday, Oct. 11th, 2.45 to 4 p.m., St. Lawrence Jewry. Service, business and further ringing, 5.30 p.m., St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. All welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3075

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 3108

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Abergele, Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3126

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Meeting at Great Haseley, Oxon, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bus at 2.30 p.m. from Oxford for Great Haseley.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 3051

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral, Great Western Road, Glasgow, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec., 15, Durham Road, Portobello. 3141

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Walberton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 3091

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Deane (near Basingstoke), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3105

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Buriton (6), Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea in Maple Inn 4. Service 5 p.m. — C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 3136

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, including nomination of officers, at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at Holloway 4 p.m. Nearest stations, Holloway or Highbury Corner. 3148

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Quarterly meeting, Husborne Crawley, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 3153

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Heswall, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided *free* for those notifying by Wednesday previous Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3167

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at the Wine Lodge Hotel, Corporation Street, Coventry. Ringing arranged at All Saints', Allesley, and St. Michael's Church, Stoke, Coventry, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. Dinner 6.30 for 7 p.m.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 3135

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 3145

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION with the SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—First joint meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, 16th, to B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, D. H. Rooke, Hon. Secs. 3140

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Alconbury (6) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, St. Osyth, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 15th, please, to Miss R. Langlands, The Bakery, Spring Road, St. Osyth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Haresfield, 2.30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service and tea. Names for tea by Oct. 14th.—T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 3149

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar (6), Saturday, Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Oct. 15th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3150

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and Six-Bell Contest, Calverley, Oct. 18th. For tea, please notify Mrs. Joan M. Dawson, 16, Salisbury Place, Calverley, Pudsey, by Oct. 11th. **No names, no tea.**—A. Farrand, Sec. 3034

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Biddenden, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Members please support. Names by 15th to E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 3163

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3171

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Central District), Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and Middlesex Association (S. and W. District), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service at St. John's 5 p.m., tea to follow. Social evening from 6.45. Names for tea by 14th, please, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Ringing at Denham (8) 2.15 to 3.45; Hillingdon (10), 3 to 5 p.m.—Mrs. S. Bullock, W. Butler and W. T. Cook, Hon. Secs. 3090

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service in Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea in Choir School immediately after service, followed by meeting. Cathedral bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Oct. 14th, to Mr. C. S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3111

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 4 to 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 3146

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Newchurch, Oct. 18th. Bells at 3. Cups of tea 5. Meeting in tower 6. 3173

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Birch, on Saturday, Oct. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Names by 15th to Miss Worthington, 61, Mabfield Road, Manchester, 16. No names, no tea.—R. Benson. 3166

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Leire, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) augmented from four in September this year by Taylor and Co. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in School Rooms 5 p.m. Names, please, by Tuesday, 14th, to Mr. G. Johnson, Main Street, Leire, near Rugby.—Mick Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3127

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Hugglescote, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Only cups of tea provided. 3151

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Husbands Bosworth, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Bell Hotel.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3155

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Washingborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Usual arrangements. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 3094

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wolstanton on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 15th, to D. R. Whalley, 77, Dimsdale View, Porthill, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3125

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Hethersett, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 15th to R. G. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett. 3112

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wroxton (5), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Ringing at Hanwell 7 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 14th, please, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 3100

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Piddington (5), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by 15th to C. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester. 3157

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at Finchampstead on Oct. 18th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Cambridge Surprise Minor.—B. C. Castle. 3169

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch—Quarterly meeting will be held at Greetham, Saturday, Oct. 18th, 3 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to Miss Jean Hoy, 54, Braunston Road, Oakham. 3152

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18th, Downton. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Bells from 2.30 and till 8. Britford, 7 to 9 p.m. Please send names for tea by 14th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury 3093

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 3147

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Eriswell on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Eriswell. Mildenhall bells available from 6 p.m.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 3161

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, Church Room. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 14th, please.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3124

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, East Woodhay (6) on Oct. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Axe and Compass, Woolton Hill. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea before Oct. 14th to Mr. Jim Webb, Hayes Farm, East Woodhay.—G. K. Dodd, Sec. 3132

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Soberton, Oct. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at White Lion. Names to Mr. H. Dudman, Priestfield, Station Road, Droxford. 3172

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 21st Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 5.45 p.m. Professional entertainment by Henry Hall and Smith's Concert Party. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3.15-4.45 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 3.30-5.30 p.m. Tickets (9/- each) obtainable from General and Branch Secretaries or Dinner Committee until Wednesday, Oct. 15th.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3065

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Clevedon, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 2965

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting at Bexley on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service afterwards. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. No names, no tea!—A. Hill, Hon. Sec. 3134

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mears Ashby on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick. 3156

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The second striking competition will take place at Ashtead on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Bookings for tea (non-competitors) should be sent by previous Thursday to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead. Entry forms available from W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 3031

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—The 321st anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (18s. 6d.) now available.—John Chilcott, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 3117

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Maldon, All Saints', Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3131

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Co-operative Cafe, High Street, Leicester, 7 for 7.15 p.m. New first-class entertainment. Tickets (price 11s.) from undersigned by Oct. 30th. Ringing arrangements: South Wigston (8) 2 to 4, Belgrave (8) 2 to 4, Humberstone (6) 2.30 to 4.30, Aylestone (8) 3 to 5, Birstall (8) 3 to 5, St. Margaret's (12) 4 to 6, St. John's (10) 5 to 7, All Saints' (8) 5 to 7 p.m. Please note that the Cathedral bells (12) will be available for general ringing from 5 to 6.10 p.m. *only*. Visitors welcomed.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Wigston 3244). 3165

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The meeting arranged to be held on November 15th at Rayne will now be held on Saturday, November 8th.—H. A. Pratt. 3158

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. Tickets (price 15/6 each) available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited to 100, so apply early!—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3049

STONE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila Hodson 1, Glenda Rowley 2, C. Templeton 3, H. Hodson 4, W. Buckley 5, G. Arnold Moore 6, E. Young (first in method as cond.) 7, L. Bowden 8. First in method 1 and 2. Rung for the patronal festival, also for the dedication of the peal board for the bi-centenary peal of St. Michael's Church, rung June 21st.

LATE NEWS

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PAYING THE FOOTING

IN my early ringing days I longed for the time to come when I should be called upon to rise and set a bell in full view of a large company of ringers on practice night. As a general rule schoolboys were not considered strong enough to undertake ringing, and would be entrants of any age were often subjected to long waits before a vacancy arose—a state of affairs which discouraged many who desired to become ringers.

Having accomplished the test of pulling up a bell and making a gentle set, I was asked when I proposed to 'pay my footing,' which was certainly something new to me. On the walls were notices saying that a fine of one penny would be imposed if more than five minutes late for any ringing, a like amount if entering the ringing chamber with your hat on, and sixpence if you overturn a bell, but nothing about paying footing of any kind. The next day I asked dad about it, and was told to 'leave it to me,' so whether he paid my footing or not I never knew.

This 'pay your footing' scheme seems to have originated some 180 years ago, when so many people wanted to learn ringing that a scale of fees had to be imposed to stem the rush of recruits. It is sad to think that in these days ringers are fewer in numbers and many bells are silent through various causes.

Footing scales seem to have varied considerably from time to time, and some of them appear to be excessive compared with wages and prices operating close on two centuries ago. One scale starts with 1s. on setting a bell, 1s. 6d. when ringing with six, with 2s. 6d. on ringing with eight. The next step is the privilege of ringing for service, for which 3s. 6d. would be charged, followed by 5s. when appointed a service ringer with a salary. Then comes 2s. 6d. on ringing for a wedding, and a similar amount for the first funeral. Provision was also made for the first ring of five, which cost 2s., and when the first 500 changes were recorded this privilege meant 5s. Even the first half-peal was costly, and 10s. had to be found, but the final footing was even more when the first full peal was rung, because 15s. became due.

These scales seemed to have varied considerably in different parts of the country, and in some cases the charges for footing were not printed or written but just decided among the older ringers of the band. Paid ringers were often allocated a certain bell on appointment, and were not allowed to change until prospects of promotion came their way. These and many other hole-in-corner rules could be made or altered according to varying circumstances, and this resulted in keeping away from the tower those who had a keen desire to become ringers.

To pay one's footing means paying money on doing anything for the first time, and I wonder what the present-day ringer would say or think if he or she were called upon to pay any one of these items in the scale!

I like to look back on some old ringing customs which history has given us, not for the purpose of finding fault with certain bands whose conduct caused all ringers to be branded alike, and of which we are too often reminded, but to try and realise more fully how great has been the work of our Guilds, Associations and Societies since their inception. Such a custom as paying one's footing and probably not knowing where the money went, is one of the undesirable systems which prevailed at a certain period —now relics of the past.

I often look at a certificate at home which is dated September 18th, 1900, the date I was made a member of the College Youths. Four well-known names appear on the certificate, viz., E. P. O'Meara, W. T. Cockerill, J. R. Sharman and W. H. Pasmore, all well-known ringing friends. I had to qualify for membership by ringing a quarter peal, a half peal and a full peal before this certificate was presented to me in my home tower without payment for footing, postage or anything else—a fine incentive to push forward with ringing after years of gradual but thorough training for which I am still thankful.

The total amount of money chargeable to a ringer under the scale quoted above is £2 10s., which is a considerable sum to pay for becoming a ringer of full standing in local circles, and undoubtedly it often fulfilled its object of keeping many prospective ringers away from the tower when ringing was popular in town and village because of its regularity and various customs.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.

Arthur H. Smith	*Treble*	†Arnold S. Harris	6
*Alfred H. Winch	2	Trevor A. Cross	7
Bernard Hawkins	3	Albert E. Cheesman	8
Alan J. Smith	4	Albert Harman	9
A. Patrick Cannon	5	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* 350th peal. † First peal on ten bells.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversaries of A. H. Winch (September 2nd) and A. R. Pink (September 7th).

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Wilfred Newman	*Treble*	Ivor Goulter	6
Shirley M. Parsons	2	E. Trevor Newbury	7
David W. Beard	3	David J. Marshall	8
Peter Baker	4	*Cyril A. Wratten	9
Frederick G. Nurden	5	William A. Farmer	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Caters in the method. First peal on ten as conductor.
Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rector (Canon J. R. Goodliffe), who retires on October 1st.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary and Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Peter Beresford	*Treble*	Jeffrey B. Webb	6
Joan Beresford	2	Dennis Beresford	7
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	Peter Border	8
Denis N. Layton	4	Edmund Malin	9
Roger Keeley	5	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
First peal of York Royal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.
Rung for the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to the Cathedral. Also rung in memoriam John L. Morris.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

Thomas W. Strangeway	*Treble*	Roy Bettley-Cooke	6
*May Schofield	2	†Frank Rayment	7
James Thorley	3	Donald R. Marshall	8
*B. Gillian Schofield	4	J. Martin Thorley	9
Frederick Seager	5	Frederick A. Munday	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Roy Bettley-Cooke.
* First peal of Caters. † 50th tower bell peal. First of Caters as conductor.
In memoriam Mr. W. J. Patrick, caretaker of Bradford Cathedral.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

Jessie M. Kippin	*Treble*	*Geoffrey J. Hemming	6
Reginald A. Reed	2	Robert C. Kippin	7
*Gerald C. Hemming	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
R. Roger Savory	4	J. Henry Gilbert	9
Margaret E. L. Beamish	5	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5024 WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Bertram J. Coggins	*Treble*	Frank A. Barrett	5
Christine M. Woodward	2	Charles Coles	6
Dennis C. Bowen	3	Neil I. Allnatt	7
Donald H. Niblett	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band and by the Guild.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

Ruth A. Highley	*Treble*	Peter F. Borer	5
George Kenward	2	George J. Butcher	6
Jennifer M. Borer	3	Cyril S. Jarrett	7
Harry Springate	4	*Christopher D. Curtis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
* First peal.
Rung as a thanksgiving to the Rev. A. E. Waterhouse, curate of the above church, on his recovery after a serious accident.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	*Treble*	William E. Cheater	5
Michael J. Best	2	John Hartless	6
Lewis F. Cobb	3	Frank L. Harris	7
Herbert H. Abrahams	4	Ronald N. Marlow	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the consecration of Salisbury Cathedral.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In five methods, being 2,560 Plain Bob, 1,280 Double Bob, 576 Little Bob, 384 Reverse Bob and 288 St. Clement's Bob, with 137 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Norman Smith	*Treble*	Roger Leigh	5
*Peter Scholfield	2	Philip Dunderdale	6
*Derek Butterworth	3	Neil Bennett	7
Geoffrey S. Mills	4	†Derek Ogden	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* 25th peal. † 100th peal for the Association. First in five Plain Major methods for all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' with peals.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Mrs. H. B. Schofield	*Treble*	Peter Dawson	5
*B. Gillian Schofield	2	Frank Rayment	6
Sheila M. Schofield	3	Frederick A. Munday	7
Harold B. Schofield	4	Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Roy Bettley-Cooke.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to mark the 87th birthday of Mr. William Clark, of Birstall.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Vivien Barnes	*Treble*	Patrick Harris	5
Herbert W. Knight	2	Joseph D. Johnson	6
Thomas W. Lewis	3	Joseph E. Newman	7
Albert M. Tyler	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by James Hunt (C.C.C. 162).
Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung half-muffled to the honoured memory of John Thomas (born August 22nd, 1882, died September 20th, 1958) following his interment in Hinton Churchyard.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

John J. L. Gilbert	*Treble*	John N. D. Chaddock	5
Mrs. N. Chaddock	2	Herbert O. Chaddock	6
*Elizabeth A. Wardill	3	John S. Seager	7
Ian M. Holland	4	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal in the method.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*Roger King	*Treble*	*Geoffrey Parting	5
John W. Griffiths	2	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
*John F. Hughes	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
*John S. Dean	4	*John T. Tilston	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker (C.C.C. 30).
Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples.
Rung for the Patronal, Dedication and Harvest Festivals. Also a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Usher, and wedding anniversary compliments to Mr. and Mrs. S. Birks and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Budd (now of Grimsby). Mr. E. R. Usher is a founder member of the local band, formed in 1903.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Barwell B. Dibben	*Treble*	Frederick W. Burnett	5
S. Kathleen M. Knight	2	Alan J. Frost	6
David A. S. Hawkins	3	Robin G. Leale	7
William S. Deason	4	Roger Baldwin	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
Rung for Harvest Festival and to mark the attendance of the Bishop of Portsmouth at Evensong. Congratulations and good wishes are also extended to Alan Ainsworth and Marion Capey, married on the previous day at Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Peter, Walsden.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Jeffrey Kershaw	*Treble*	‡Ronnie W. Dennison	5
*John H. Fielden	2	Neil Bennett	6
†Colin R. Milthorp	3	Peter Scholfield	7
Derek Butterworth	4	Derek Ogden	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by Peter Scholfield.
* First peal of Plain Bob. † First on a working bell. ‡ First peal. First of Plain Bob on the bells. First as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. W. Hodgson, Vicar of Todmorden, on completing 25 years as a priest.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

J. Henry Gardner	*Treble*	Dermot J. Roaf	5
Philip Walker	2	Donald H. Niblett	6
Charles Coles	3	Frank A. Barrett	7
Douglas O. Wilks	4	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
A compliment to Harry Gearing and Margaret Wynn on the occasion of their marriage at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Summertown.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 992 London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Superlative and 1,632 Cambridge, with 106 changes of method, and with all the work of the four methods for each bell. Tenor 23 cwt.

William C. Marshall	*Treble*	Geoffrey Pearson	5
John R. Coooper	2	Wilfred W. Ring	6
Albert J. Lancefield	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
Frederick G. Huckstepp	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
In memoriam John L. Morris.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,600 London, 960 Bristol, 960 Rutland, 640 Yorkshire, 480 Cambridge and 480 Superlative, with 119 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Andrew C. Sinfield	*Treble*	J. Richard Castledine	5
Bryan Pattison	2	Richard E. Price	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Alfred E. Rushton	7
Philip Mehew	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Michael D. Fishwick	*Treble*	Stephen L. Parry	5
Harold Hamer	2	Derek Butterworth	6
Eileen Hudson	3	Geoffrey S. Mills	7
Philip J. H. Hudson	4	Ivan Kay	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Harold Hamer.
Rung fully-muffled in memoriam George Staff (88), a bell-ringer at the above church for nearly 50 years.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Kenneth R. Dunstan	*Treble*	Neville Jenkins	5
Reginald Rowley	2	Alan J. Frost	6
Frederick W. Brinklow	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
Vernon Green	4	Geoffrey W. Seaman	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench (C.C.C. No. 15).
Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Brian Pratt	*Treble*	Reginald T. Dennis	5
*Peter J. Shipton	2	Eustace W. Bullman	6
†George Thoday	3	John G. Gipson	7
Jill Martin	4	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First of Major.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Housden on the occasion of the birth of their son and heir.

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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, with 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*COLIN A. TESTER	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of 4-Spliced.
A welcome to Camelia Jane Sarkar, grand-daughter of the ringer of the second.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	†JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
*SUSAN CHADDOCK	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Cambridge. † First of Surprise.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN SMITH	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
WILLIAM T. PETTY	2	D. WALFORD DAVIES	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	4	HAROLD PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM J. A. LEWIS	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	6
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
THOMAS BEAUMONT	4	RONALD E. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
A wedding compliment to Derek Norris and Brenda Sheepwash on their marriage; aiso birthday compliments to Charles Norris and his son, Derrick; all members of Chatham band.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	5
AVRIL THACKRAY	2	PETER GILES	6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANDLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Single Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK A. BARRETT	*Treble*	*DENNIS C. BOWEN	4
MARIE R. CROSS	2	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS	5
CHARLES COLES	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods.
Rung on the Feast of St. Giles.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*COLIN C. LORD	*Treble*	RICHARD J. CLIFTON	4
*C. WILFRED LORD	2	JAMES A. LORD	5
†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	†ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal of Minor. † 125th peal together.
Specially rung for the marriage of Mr. John Hawtin and Miss Margaret Smith which took place this day; with best wishes for future happiness from all the band.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Beverley Surprise, Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

DENNIS MITCHELL	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	4
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	2	GWILYM SALMON	5
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one 720 of Reverse St. Bartholomew and two each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*JOHN F. WRIGHT	*Treble*	HENRY P. COLLIN	3
RONALD RUSSELL	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal on a working bell.
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the reopening of St. Denis's Church after restoration (1908).

STEEP, HAMPSHIRE.
THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 13 lb.

CECILY C. ROBERTS	*Treble*	†C. MARTIN PRESS (14)	4
*ROGER BALDWIN	2	‡A. YORK-BRAMBLE	5
*KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	†C. E. WAKEFIELD (14)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Doubles in the method. † First peal and first Bedalians ‡ First of Doubles. First peal by the College, and consequent on a College course in the tower.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan and Nicholas Smith MacGregor, Old Bedalians and former ringers at this church.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob. Double Oxford, Single Oxford and two of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*PETER RICHARDSON	*Treble*	‡DOROTHY G. SMITH	4
†MRS. R. T. JONES	2	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
‡BETTY J. DAYSH	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal. † First in five methods 'inside.' ‡ First in five methods.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE TO ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being six methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Childwall, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

*WENDY BIRD	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. NURDEN	4
E. TREVOR NEWBURY	2	ERIC T. LEE	5
†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.
In memoriam John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green.

BINSTED, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HELEN M. CORKE	*Treble*	†REX J. CORKE	4
CHARLES W. DENYER	2	CLIFFORD J. BEADLE	5
EDWARD J. BRAGG	3	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.
* First peal. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Gant, who were leaving the parish for Hope Cove, Devon.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and one each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MIRIAM A. HIGDON	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	4
BARBARA PAYNE	2	WILLIAM LOVE	5
BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. L. P. Palmer, Vicar from 1952–1958.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	2	FRANK RAYMENT	5
GEOFFREY INGHAM	3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.
* First peal (aged 10).
Birthday compliments to Mr. Ernest H. Simpson, of Bradford, and Mr. Percy J. Johnson, of Headingley, Leeds.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 20 six-scores and 11 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

*JOAN HOWELL	*Treble*	*DAVID ROBINSON	4
EDMUND J. MORRIS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
JEAN HOWELL	3	DAVID STEER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS
* First peal.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 960 All Saints', 960 Reverse Bartholomew, 1,200 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob and 960 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM C. WARD	*Treble*	ALFRED E. HINMAN	3
GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT	2	J. HARRY COOK	4
		ROLAND H. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Frisby-on-the-Wreake and Kirby Bellars (Rev. John G. Frostick), and Mrs. Frostick.

UPPER ARLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. TURNER	*Treble*	HAROLD J. SHUCK	4
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	5
RAY SMITH	3	*NEVILLE A. KING	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal Quarterly peal for Northern Branch.

WHITNASH (LEAMINGTON SPA), WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*STELLA T. TRINDALL (17)	*Treble*	PERCY A. ORAM	4
*CHRISTINE SANDERS (16)	2	*IAN C. MAYCOCK (20)	5
†JEAN M. ADDICOTT (20)	3	*DEREK BEDFORD (20)	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN MAYCOCK.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First peal in this tower by its own band since the bells were rehung in 1892.
Rung as a 93rd birthday tribute to the still-active ringer, Mr. F. W. Hauley.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being 720 of Double and Plain Bob, Double Court Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Treble*	GEORGE WATERMAN	4
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	3	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Miss Ann Lufkin.

LELANT, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. UNY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three different 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

MARION L. LIDGEY	*Treble*	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	4
HARRY MILES	2	HARRY HARPER	5
ARTHUR F. BURLEY	3	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
A birthday compliment to Harry Harper.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells, which were cast by Taylor's at Oxford in 1836.

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HALF PEAL

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Knight 1, J. Hunt 2, M. J. Horseman 3, F. D. Mack 4, P. M. J. Gray 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6, J. H. Gilbert 7, H. Hardwidge 8. Rung prior to the wedding of Mr. D. G. Yeo (tower captain and Chew Deanery secretary) to Miss G. I. Slack.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Chalwin 1, Rachel Stacey 2, J. E. Camp 3, G. Orchard (cond.) 4, D. C. Lawson 5, J. M. Camp 6. First quarter for 2, 5 and 6. For harvest festival.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, D. Lamb 3, J. Harrison 4, A. Bridges 5, J. Meads 6, F. Reed 7, M. Broadley 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Broadley (14, first quarter) 1, Ann Shiels 2, J. Meads 3, H. Wingrove (cond.) 4, D. Lamb 5, Dorothy Fletcher 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. For harvest festival.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Norfolk, Old, April Day, Reverse St Bartholomew and 540 Grandsire): Miss J. M. Rushall (first quarter) 1, L. Whewall 2, J. C. Nicholls 3, P. C. Taylor 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6. First in seven methods 1, 2, 3 and 4. For harvest festival.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Tomlinson 1, Miss M. Longhurst 2, Mrs. D. Stopps (first as cond.) 3, K. Goddard 4, C. Stopps 5, A. Street 6. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Shields 1, Mrs. Bridges 2, T. Milstead 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, J. Tumber 6, A. Hinkley 7, P. Allen 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For harvest festival.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): G. Harris (first quarter) 1, B. May (first quarter) 2, T. Mitchell 3, Kathleen North 4, Doreen Hague 5, H. Oglesby (first of Grandsire Doubles) 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. Norsworthy 8.

CAERLEON, MONS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: June Tarling (first quarter) 1, A. M. J. Edwards 2, J. D. Rickards 3, C. L. R. Bainham (first quarter) 4, D. Pike (first as cond.) 5, J. T. F. James 6. For harvest festival.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, W. J. Toot 2, Mrs. F. Vacher 3, B. P. Mogg 4, P. W. Mogg 5, A. E. Woods (first of Minor as cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Mary Diana Brookes and Mr. Brian Baker.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Collins 1, Sallie Buchanan 2, P. H. Lawson 3, G. Talbot 4, Roy Collins (cond.) 5, Ron Collins 6. Rung to mark the birth of a son this day to the Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Thompson, both members of the local band.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. James, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hunt 1, R. Bridges 2, W. Mortimer 3, P. Potter 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, M. Drake (first quarter) 6. A welcome to the assistant priest (the Rev. T. H. D. Edwards) and Mrs. Edwards, also for harvest festival.

DOVER, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, Miss A. Banks 2, C. George 3, J. Eagles 4, G. Gray 5, E. J. Walker 6, J. D. Thomas (cond.) 7, M. Godfrey 8. For harvest festival.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Oakshott (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Marsh (first in method 'inside') 2, Frank Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Robinson 4, G. D. Robinson (first in method 'inside') 5, J. F. Oakshott 6, W. Parrott 7, I. Waterman 8. For harvest festival.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Lucket 1, R. Sturgess 2, J. Ball 3, D. S. M. Jones 4, G. Miles 5, J. Stevenson (first of Triples) 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, A. Dye 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Franklin 1, H. P. Floyd 2, G. Wastie 3, P. Coveney (first as cond.) 4, D. J. Smith 5, W. W. Franklin 6. For the 850th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, W. A. Stote 3, Thelma Bowcutt 4, R. D. Hart (first as cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gibson 1, D. Johnson 2, C. Brown 3, J. S. Rank 4, K. Goldthorpe (first as cond.) 5, M. Flanagan 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Harrison 1, P. Johnson 2, R. Morris 3, E. Jelley 4, W. Tanser 5, V. Pratt 6, A. J. Poynor (first as cond., aged 14) 7, A. Cooke 8.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Allibon 1, J. H. Pegg 2, H. C. Burt 3, H. Allen (first 'inside') 4, C. H. Grindley 5, L. F. Kinchin 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, N. W. Philpotts (first quarter) 8. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Llewellyn J. George), who was inducted to the living the previous Friday.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (being an extent each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Stedman and two extents of Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss P. Hutton 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, M. Bland 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, F. C. Richardson 6. For harvest festival.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Minor (360 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): R. Bridges 1, Wendy Bowak 2, H. King 3, D. Mitchell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Michael, Coslany, on Oct. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. G. Sayer 1, Miss M. Maddison (first quarter, aged 12) 2, C. G. Sayer 3, Mrs. D. Moore 4, W. Love 5, C. Bird 6, F. C. Goodman 7, G. Sayer (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Powell (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Ellis 2, H. Hughes 3, F. Dickenson 4, C. Smith 5, G. Pickavance 6, J. Thomas (cond.) 7, W. Smith 8. For Evensong and in honour of the Rev. J. S. Barker, curate, ordained priest at Lichfield Cathedral this day.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 300 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire): E. T. Newbury (cond.) 1, A. Pulley 2, F. E. Wood 3, P. D. Warren 4, G. A. Payne 5, D. Devereux (first quarter) 6. For evening service.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. Lowings 1, A. H. Worboys 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, S. Penfold 4, M. Bland 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, Dr. C. E. Wright 7, J. Fowler 8, T. East 9, A. J. Salisbury 10. First of Royal for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 9.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, E. Nice 2, J. Sutton 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, R. Turner 6. For harvest festival. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Nice 1, Mrs. E. Wright 2, J. Sutton 3, R. Rose 4, L. Wright 5, E. Nice (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to mark the birthday of M. Rose, aged 15, who is now a ringer.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 360 Single Oxford, 180 Single Court): H. Dove 1, M. L. Mann 2, J. Nicholson 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, D. G. Crosby 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dye (first quarter) 1, R. Fuller 2, Miss J. Bunce (first 'inside') 3, P. Turley 4, B. Sutton (first in method 'inside') 5, D. Colgate 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, G. Davey 8. For harvest festival.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Maeer (first quarter) 1, K. Clarke 2, C. Webb 3, R. Woodley (cond.) 4, A. Chown 5, E. Summers 6, W. Webb 7, G. C. Woodley 8. For harvest festival.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, V. W. Rigg 2, C. Dale 3, T. J. Warner (cond.) 4, R. Cann 5, M. S. Hart (first of Caters) 6, E. C. Shepherd (comp.) 7, J. Bragg 8, C. W. Bragg 9, T. R. Hayward 10. For harvest thanksgiving.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Miller 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, J. Perrett 4, M. Stanyon 5, S. G. Peck 6, J. Wallman (cond.) 7, C. Aldridge 8. First of Kent Major for all except 6 and 7. To mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. R. H. Jordan, curate, in St. Paul's Cathedral on Michaelmas Day, and also his marriage to Miss Dorothy Kay, which took place in St. Pancras Church this day. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Annette Mattock (first quarter) 1, Mary Piper 2, Ann Aldridge 3, M. Stanyon 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, H. Miller 6. A 55th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bowden. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Aldridge 1, Pam Miller 2, H. Miller (first of Triples 'inside') 3, S. G. Peck 4, J. Wallman 5, M. Stanyon 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Strickland (first in method) 1, F. Welch (cond.) 2, R. Dean 3, R. Welch 4, R. Selway 5, J. W. Drew 6, G. Monckton 7, R. Hebditch 8. To celebrate the return from their honeymoon of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bisgrove. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Edna Grabham 1, T. Mockridge (first in method) 2, Margaret Strickland 3, R. C. Beale 4, G. E. Monckton 5, J. T. Locke 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, W. Harwood (first in method) 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Norman 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, B. G. Warwick 3, E. Morris 4, R. K. Stretton 5, E. J. Jelley 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Norman 8. For harvest festival. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (in four methods): Valerie Green (first quarter) 1, A. J. Poynor 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, E. Morris 4, R. K. Stretton 5, A. Norman 6. For harvest festival parish Communion. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Dinsdale (first on eight bells) 1, R. K. Stretton 2, A. J. Poynor 3, E. Morris 4, J. A. Acres 5, T. I. Roper 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, J. M. Jelley 8. For harvest festival children's service. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Norman 1, R. K. Stretton 2, R. Jelley 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, E. J. Jelley 5, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Miss M. Wright 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, R. C. Westney 4, V. Griffin 5, R. G. Townsend 6, T. Townsend 7, E. Sutton (first as cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3 and 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Hills 1, Mrs. H. Hawthorne 2, R. Caporn 3, Miss M. Hogg 4, F. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, C. Rogers 6. First quarter by 1, 3 and 6.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Rich (first quarter) 1, P. Jermy 2, G. Rich 3, W. Rose 4, E. Emerson 5, J. Wilson (cond.) 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Susan Whetherly (first quarter) 1, B. Davis 2, T. J. Milsom 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, P. R. Young 6. First in three methods by all except conductor. First in three methods by a local band. For harvest thanksgiving.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Rumens 1, T. Hawkings 2, W. Dowler 3, D. A. Hewitt 4, A. L. M. Shepherd 5, F. W. Sykes 6, A. J. N. Boyack (cond.) 7, B. R. Downes 8, R. J. Chapman 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For harvest festival Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Myra J. Wilkins 1, Gloria M. Newton (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Sandra Lewis 3, G. W. Sprules 4, J. S. Sprules 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 6. For harvest festival.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,400 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Mulvey 1, Miss M. Pritchard 2, K. Williams 3, J. B. Perkins 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): S. Bradder 1, G. R. Crisp 2, B. W. G. Elliott (first 'inside') 3, R. A. Brown 4, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 5, H. Botting 6. For harvest festival, also as a farewell to the ringers of 2 and 4, who are leaving for Southampton University.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,120 Grandsire Triples: Joseph Gasson 1, John Gasson 2, Miss R. Stevens 3, R. V. Johnson 4, G. Packham 5, J. Jeffrey 6, L. L. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, New Bob, Southrepps, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): J. W. Allen 1, Lucy Allen (cond.) 2, Mareen Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker 5. For the 21st birthday of the conductor.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th. 1,260 Doubles in 11 variations: W. Kewell 1, F. W. Lewis 2, Hazel Hancock 3, B. C. Stirland 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, F. Gosling 6. First quarter in 11 methods by all the band.

CLIPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): M. D. Wilford 1, Miss M. D. Wilford 2, F. Maguire 3, W. J. Kinchin 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the ringer of the second, and to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. B. Hymers).

CLUTTON, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Willgress 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Bennett 3, A. Rogers 4, N. Church 5, C. Bishop (cond.) 6. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. A wedding compliment to Michael Horseman and Monica Fray.

QUARTER PEALS

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. J. Rigby 1, Patricia A. Forster 2, Charles W. Walklate 3, E. Walklate 4, Clive W. Walklate 5, M. R. Blore 6, G. A. Halls 7, Vivienne M. Horton 8, S. Walklate 9, H. Taylor (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal 4, 5 and 6. For harvest festival.

DINGESTOW, MON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Davies (first quarter) 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, L. H. Jones 3, J. J. Webb (cond.) 4, K. Goodwin (first 'inside') 5. For Evensong, and the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Woolley.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Page 1, Marjorie Daish 2, Elsie Wyatt (first 'inside') 3, E. Thorne 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. Callaway 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

GORING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Brazier 1, Miss D. Saunders 2, M. Fromm (cond.) 3, M. Newth 4, D. Smith 5, R. Parton (first quarter) 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,008 Spliced Little and Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. P. A. W. Simpson 1, J. E. Cook 2, P. A. Hill 3, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, P. E. Parry 6, J. Watson 7, K. Ketteringham 8, D. A. Frith (cond.) 9, J. M. Simpson 10. First of Spliced Royal by all. For harvest festival.

GREAT GLEN, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Moody 1, W. Allen 2, S. Allen 3, F. Wheat 4, L. W. Allen (cond.) 5, F. Mildred 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam B. E. Pearson.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,440 Netherseale Surprise Minor: Miss J. Croft 1, L. Runnacles 2, A. Harris 3, S. H. Ashton 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, G. Cherry 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss J. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. Roy Head and Miss Pat Wootten.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Marshall (first quarter) 1, Pauline Sprackling 2, Patricia Smee 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, G. Marriner 5, A. J. Smith 6, T. A. Cross (cond.) 7, H. V. Young 8. For harvest festival.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Eileen E. Wooldridge 1, G. McKay 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Sibson 5, R. Keeley (cond.) 6. A compliment to Eileen Wooldridge on her engagement to Bill Denereaz.

NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. H. Tovey 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, D. J. Barnett (first 'inside') 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, B. Davis 5, R. Stapleford 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Bennett, who were married at Corston on Sept. 20th.

NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Ward (first quarter) 1, F. H. Gates 2, Enid Rowley (first quarter) 3, P. G. Banks 4, M. J. M. Ratliff (first of Minor) 5, H. D. Holland (cond.) 6. A farewell to Philip Banks, who is leaving the district.

PINNER, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Gorringe 1, Miss S. Dorey 2, C Poulter 3, Miss J. Adamson 4, Miss M. Skinner 5, M. Stacey 6, A. Fullwell (cond.) 7, D. Livingstone 8. For harvest festival.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Runnacles 1, A. Harris 2, B. W. Lake 3, S. H. Ashton 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. For morning service, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. Roy Head and Miss Patricia Wootten.

QUEX PARK, KENT.—At Waterloo Tower, on Oct. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mary Taylor (first of Major) 1, Nellie Bridges 2, H. Luck 3, J. Russell 4, P. Page 5, E. Milsted 6, A. Hinkley 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8. In memoriam John L. Morris. The quarter was composed by John at the age of 13 years and was conducted this day by his ringing instructor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Prior to the peal at Whitnash, Leamington Spa, on October 4th, Mr. F. W. Hauley, who despite his 93 years is an active ringer, was present to send the band on their way, and rang the treble to 120 Grandsire Doubles. The peal was a birthday compliment to him.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise at Bushey on October 2nd was Mr. F. W. Brinklow's 300th peal of Surprise.

Organised by Mr. Addicott and Mr. Maycock, sen., the ringers of St. Margaret's, Whitnash, Leamington Spa, had a very pleasant ringing outing on September 20th, visiting Sherborne, Wellesbourne and Kineton.

Sir Gerard D'Erlanger, chairman of B.O.A.C., welcomed over 300 dancers to a barn dance in his huge 14th century barn, organised by ringers of Great Chart, Kent. A feature of the evening was the tunes rung by the handbell ringers of Wye.

The peal at Birstall, Yorks, on September 25th was arranged on the 87th birthday of Mr. 'Bill' Clark, who has been ringing at Birstall for 60 years and still enjoys ringing at his church. The band were pleased to see him still in good health, and wish him many more years of ringing.

A half-muffled quarter peal was rung at St. Alphege's, Canterbury, in memory of the Rt. Rev. G. K. Bell, the late Bishop of Chichester, who was interred at the Cathedral two days previously. It was afterwards found to be false owing to a miscalling. Special credit must go to Mark Roche—a member of the King's School Society—who covered extremely well, having only learnt to ring changes a week previously. Two other members of the same Society took part.

The many ringers who attended the funeral at Hinton-on-the-Green of Mr. John Thomas greatly appreciated the very kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris, who provided refreshments for the visitors. Mr. Harris is a ringer and churchwarden at Hinton.

Mrs. E. H. Simpson, who recently broke her leg, is, we learn, making a speedy recovery.

The ringer of the third bell in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Wigston Magna, Leics, on September 13th was **Thos.** Edward Harrold, not Mrs. as printed.

During a peal attempt at High Halden, Kent, recently, a certain rather portly gentleman's trousers showed an alarming tendency to slip down. As there were ladies present, the attempt came to an unusual and untimely end.

Sudden indisposition prevented Mrs. Daphne Cloke from standing in the peal attempt she had arranged at Hughenden, Bucks. The band would like to send their best wishes to Daphne for a speedy return to peal ringing.

The peal at East Grinstead was originally planned as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Patricia M. Howard, a local ringer, but owing to the death of Dr. G. K. A. Bell, former Bishop of Chichester and president of the Sussex County Association, the bells were rung half-muffled to his memory.

While in Canada on holiday, where he is remaining until November 13th, Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, met an old Ipswich ringer, Mr. William C. Gillingham, who claimed that he was many years ago a ringer in Ipswich and that he had rung peals on six to 12 bells. He said his favourite method was Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Can any Ipswich veterans identify him?

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MR. JOHN THOMAS: A MEMOIR OF AFFECTION

RINGERS throughout the country will have heard with regret of the death of Mr. John Thomas which occurred suddenly at Painswick, Gloucestershire, on September 20th.

The whole of Mr. Thomas' life was centred on bells and ringing. In his work as a bell-hanger for Messrs. Mears and Stainbank he had been all over the country, and during his long life he had helped many struggling rural bands when working in their district. He was born at Bristol on August 22nd, 1882, and so had just passed his 76th birthday. He was twice married, and by his first marriage he has a surviving daughter, son-in-law, and a grandson. His widow, Mrs. Amy Thomas, is very well known in many parts of the country.

John Thomas learned to ring in Bristol and must have been an enthusiast right from the start. In his later years he would often recall how his elder brother had said he would never make a ringer, but suddenly he saw the light of day and was able to ring. There were many good ringers in Bristol in those days, and an enthusiastic lad had every opportunity to know what good ringing was like, although there, as in most other places, the old hands were not willing to accept a youngster until he was proficient, however keen he might be.

His first peal was Stedman Triples on the back eight at St. Stephen's on Boxing Day, 1899, conducted by G. T. Daltry. Some 55 years later, on June 18th, 1955, he returned to this tower to call a peal of Stedman Caters—his 1,000th peal. In all, he rang 1,061 peals, his last being at Great Comberton on August 23rd, 1958, a peal in seven Minor methods, which he conducted.

A WONDERFUL EAR

It is possible to mention only a few of the many outstanding performances of a ringer as gifted as Mr. Thomas. He had a wonderful ear and was a wizard on handbells. A great deal of his ringing and conducting was done by ear alone. He was one of the few ringers able to ring two tower bells or four handbells. He never seemed to notice if a bell was odd-struck—he would have it in its place from the moment he pulled off in rounds.

His first Surprise peal, Superlative, was rung at All Saints', Bristol, on September 11th, 1901, and his first peal as conductor, seven extents of Bob Minor, at St. Luke's, Bristol, on February 7th, 1902. His first handbell peal, which was also the first handbell peal in Bristol, was Grandsire Caters rung in St. Stephen's tower on May 1st, 1902.

At Christ Church, Swindon, on September 23rd, 1902, he first called Holt's Original. At the time of his death he had called this masterpiece 49 times on tower bells and 49 times on handbells. He had looked forward to the 50 times each, and no doubt if he had achieved that pinnacle his active mind would have set him some other campanological target—such was the man.

On September 14th, 1903, Mr. Thomas took part in an historic peal—Stedman Caters at Exeter Cathedral — when the tenor was rung single-handed by William Pye, the only man to do so. This was rung as part of a week's peal-ringing with the famous Pye band.

At All Saints', Bristol, a peal of London Surprise Major was rung on December 29th, 1903, being the first in the method by all the band. This was an outstanding performance which has but rarely been achieved. The conductor was F. G. May (a relative of Peter May, the cricketer), who afterwards emigrated to Africa. In those days Mr. Thomas did a great deal of ringing with Mr. May, as he did with the late William A. Cave, J. A. Burford and many other noted Bristol men

On March 2nd, 1904, Mr. Thomas rang his first handbell peal as conductor—Holt's original; and for his 100th peal he called Thurstans' One-part on May 20th, 1905, at Long Ashton.

IN LONDON

In 1910 he left his native Bristol for the Metropolis to join the staff of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, with whom he worked until his retirement after the second World War. As a first-class ringer he was immediately accepted into London ringing circles—an achievement in those days which speaks for itself. He lived at Edmonton and rang a great deal with Mr. James Parker. On October 31st, 1911, he took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill for the Ancient Society of College Youths, conducted by Richard F. Deal. He took part in 12,160 Bristol at Knebworth, Herts, on April 8th, 1912, conducted by G. N. Price. He was also in the first 'name' peal on 12—Stedman Cinques by the 'Johns,' conducted by John H. Cheesman (who also became a 1,000-pealer later). He rang a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques in Shoreditch belfry on November 13th, 1914, conducted by William Pye.

St. Clement Danes'

In the presence of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, St. Clement Danes' Church, the R.A.F. church, will be re-dedicated next Sunday.

The bells will be rung by a band associated with the R.A.F., consisting of E. A. Barnett, Air Ministry; A. W. Coles, ex-R.N.A.S. and R.A.F., North Mymms; Tom Cullingworth, ex-flight sgt., Maidstone; E. P. Duffield, ex-World War I second lieutenant, R.A.F., Colchester; F. I. Hairs, ex-mechanic, R.N.A.S., Titchfield, Hants; Wing-Comdr. J. S. Mason, R.A.F., North Coates; I. H. Oram, ex-junior technician, Lee; F. C. Price, ex-flying-officer, R.A.F., Hillingdon; J. G. A. Prior, ex-sgt. navigator, R.A.F.V.R., Balham; and H. C. Spencer, ex-R.F.C. pilot, King's Teignton, Devon.

His ringing career was interrupted by his war service, during which both his arms were broken. On February 8th, 1919, he called Holt's Original at Wiveliscombe, Somerset, to which the footnote reads: 'This peal was arranged for J. Thomas, R.A.E., who was in hospital at Taunton.'

Perhaps the performance of which he was most proud was the peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's on February 7th, 1925. He often spoke of the superb way in which Alfred B. Peck rang the tenor and Herbert Langdon the 11th, and one may be sure that as far as the light end was concerned John Thomas gave a good account of himself on the third.

In all these years Mr. Thomas continued his many journeys to different parts of the country in connection with his work, ringing a few peals when he could, although probably not as many as such a talented ringer would have done if he had worked in one place. So it was that by the time war broke out in 1939 he had rung 455 peals at the age of 57.

WAR-TIME HANDBELLS

It was at this time he really came into his own. During the dark days of the war he and Mrs. Thomas were ringing the occasional handbell peal, often joined by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher who still lived at Enfield at that time. One of these war-time peals was Holt's Original, rung silent at the Whitechapel Foundry on November 8th, 1941, by Ernest C. S. Turner, Wilfred Williams, John Thomas and Donald G. Clift.

In 1943 the war-time ban on ringing was lifted, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas started to teach a new band at Edmonton. At this point, as far as peal ringing was concerned, the floodgates really opened. First the name Albert J. Wallman appears in Mr. Thomas' peal book, quickly followed by Eric A. Dench, Victor R. Woodards, Dennis H. Langdon, Philip J. Coward and various others. These names were to appear in the columns of 'The Ringing World' week after week as yet more ringing milestones were passed. By the time Mr. Thomas moved away from Edmonton in December, 1946, his peal total had reached 688. In his quiet, modest way he was always proud of the wonderful achievements of his Edmonton youngsters, and not least when, with the assistance of Mr. C. W. Roberts, they rang Plain Bob 14-in on August 27th, 1944.

AMBITION ACHIEVED

For the last nearly 12 years of his life he lived at Hinton-on-the-Green, where in 1937 he had married his second wife. The visitors who came to Hinton during that time were many and various, but no ringer could ever fail to be welcome at No. 29, whether he was an expert or someone who had only started ringing the week before. Many peals were rung, both on handbells and at Hinton and other churches in the district. One of Mr. Thomas' ambitions was to ring peals in all the towers round Bredon Hill, and he was able to achieve this with his last peal.

Mr. Thomas took a full part in the life of the village, and especially the parish church where, under two different rectors, he and Mrs. Thomas were punctilious in their attendance. He was on the Parochial Church Council and, ever of a retiring disposition, he sought no praise for the work he did. Whenever there was a little job to be done—and he was very clever with his hands—he was there to do it. He had taken great interest in the family service each Sunday morning which was started a few weeks ago. Through the influence of Mr. Thomas the bells were rung regularly for this service, although the custom at Hinton has for years been to ring in the evenings only. Jack would have been thrilled to know that the morning after his death the eight bells were rung for this service. (Are there many villages of less than 200 population where such a thing would be possible?)

A great sorrow to Mr. Thomas was the untimely death in a flying accident in September, 1954, of Eric A. Dench, one of his Edmonton youngsters who had shown great promise as a ringer and conductor and had taken part in a great deal of first-class handbell ringing with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Eric had kept closely in touch with his old instructor and was a frequent visitor to Hinton whenever his duties would allow. On October 7th, 1954, Mr. Thomas called a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples at Edmonton on the day of his funeral.

Amongst the peals Mr. Thomas rang in his later years was another 'John' peal—Cambridge Maximus at Croydon on April 21st, 1956. His 500th peal as conductor was a 7-method peal of Minor at Elmley Castle on September 1st, 1956. Altogether he called 515 peals including, very appropriately, his last. As recently as April 20th this year he rang a peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major—no mean achievement for a man of over 75. He may well have been—with the exception of the late George Williams—the oldest man to ring a peal of Spliced.

So a great ringing career has come to an end. We shall all be the better for knowing Jack Thomas, a quiet, unassuming, friendly man with a dry turn of phrase, who never did a bad turn to anyone. Our great sympathy goes to his widow and his other loved ones, but we thank God for his life, and we know he rest sin peace.

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A HAPPY PICTURE of the veterans who forgathered for the fourth annual reunion of veterans at St. Botolph's, London, on September 27th. Copies of the picture can be obtained from Mr. F. Payne, 104, Milton Grove, London, N.16, price 2s. 6d. each.

MR. J. THOMAS — Continued

THE FUNERAL

The impressive and unforgettable funeral service took place in St. Peter's Church, Hinton-on-the-Green, conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. B. Chapman), assisted by the Rev. H. T. Heal, Vicar of Painswick, who read the lesson, the Rev. J. T. Hearne, Vicar of Childswyckham, and the Rev. A. Webb, vice-president of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, who led the prayers.

There was a representative congregation and ringers had turned up in large numbers. It would not be possible to mention everyone by name, but in addition to the widow and the many family mourners there were many village people from Hinton. Mr. Fred Leaker, from St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, who was at school with Jack, and Mr. Herbert W. Knight, of Wrington, who had known him since 1906, were present, together with Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who had known him throughout his long years of service with the firm. Mr. George Golding, steeplekeeper at Painswick, Mr. J. T. Lock, secretary of the Middlesex County Association, of which Mr. Thomas had been Master during the latter part of his time in London, were present, as well as Mr. A. W. Coles and Mr. Alick Cutler, also representing the Middlesex Association. Mr. W. B. Cartwright, Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, sent a message but was unfortunately unable to be present.

The coffin had rested in church the previous night, and as the choir and clergy, followed by the family mourners, filed into their places, a solemn hush descended upon the full church. 'Jesu, lover of my soul,' the 23rd Psalm and 'Hark, my soul, it is the Lord' were sung fervently. The Rector spoke of the life-work of Mr. Thomas amongst bells and bell-ringing, and referred to his great devotion and service to Hinton Church. He offered comfort and consolation to the loved ones left behind, and ended his moving address with the quotation:

'So to Him he passed, but still unbroken,
Age to age lasts on that goodly line,
Whose true lives, more than all words spoken
Are earth's best witness to the grace Divine.'

As the singing of Nunc Dimittis concluded, the bearers, E. T. Newbury (Gloucester and Bristol Association), W. Newman (District secretary, Worcestershire and Districts), A. T. Brazier (Ringing Master, Worcestershire and Districts) and S. T. Holt (committee, Worcestershire and Districts) took up their stations. Slowly the procession moved from the church to the graveside where, almost in the shadow of the church, the Rev. F. C. Champion, former Rector of Hinton and known to readers of 'The Ringing World' for his occasional letters, recited the solemn words of committal. Over the open grave a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Vivien Barnes 1-2, David Marshall 3-4, Joseph D. Johnson 5-6, Philip A. Corby 7-8.

The congregation dispersed to view the wealth of beautiful floral tributes which were lining the churchyard path. Wreaths had been sent by local bands at Cheltenham, Cirencester, Terrington St. John, Hampton and Studley, as well as Hinton P.C.C., the Middlesex and Worcestershire Associations, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and very many others.

The whole-pull and stand was rung by the local ringers and other local friends. This was followed by a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major by a representative band, all of whom knew Jack intimately, including two of his brothers-in-law and a nephew. The composition was Jack's stock peal of Double Norwich to which he referred as 'Jimmy Hunt's peal.' It was a fitting finale to the day's solemn events.

P. A. C.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): G. Rothwell 1, Mrs. G. S. Mills 2, R. Maher (first as cond.) 3, J. P. Partington 4, G. S. Mills 5, P. Butterworth 6, A. Crabtree 7, J. Mills 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Barthomley's 50th Anniversary

A pleasant afternoon and evening was spent at Barthomley, Crewe, on September 27th, when ringers from the towers in the Crewe Branch celebrated the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the existing six bells in a new frame, with the addition of two new ones, thus making a ring of eight bells.

A peal tablet hangs in the Barthomley tower, recording the 5,040 Grandsire Triples rung on September 26th, 1908, by ringers from Barthomley, Crewe and Alsager, all of whom have now passed on, the last one being Mr. Arthur Allman, of Barthomley, who died in March of this year. A note of interest is that Mr. Eric Allman, of Barthomley, and Mr. R. D. Langford, of Crewe, both of whom were present on Saturday, are sons of two of the ringers who took part in the peal 50 years ago.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. with touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Little Bob, and rounds for the learners. Tea was provided by the Barthomley ringers at the White Lion Hotel, and was greatly appreciated by all present.

Mr. R. D. Langford, in a short speech, said that in 1908 he had just commenced to learn change-ringing. He spoke of the ringers of that time, and the great interest it created in ringing circles when Barthomley decided to increase the ring of bells from six to eight, rehanging them in a new frame. Further ringing took place after tea, bringing to an end a most enjoyable celebration.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAMPSHIRE'S UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Close on 70 years have elapsed since the bells at St. Mary's, Sydmonton, were last rung; the six bells, by Mears and Stainbank, were hung when the church was first built by the Kingsmill family in 1869. Very little ringing was done on them mainly due to the situation of the church, which is an isolated hamlet with a few cottages, two farms and the big house in whose grounds the church stands.

The writer's first connection with these bells began some ten years ago when, after obtaining permission from the Vicar, who is also Vicar of Ecchinswell, he and a friend were allowed to inspect the bells, and despite the fact that the birds had been in residence for some 60 years, leaving bells and frame literally covered, it was our firm conviction that the bells could be rung.

On our next visit we were armed with ropes and spanners, but the Vicar absolutely refused permission to ring on the grounds that the bells were unsafe. The late Col. Kingsmill was then approached with no better results, and he confirmed the Vicar's words that the bells were unsafe. It seemed that Sydmonton bells were to remain unrngable until the tower fell down, but after a further ten years a change of vicar took place. Following our success in ringing the bells of Hurstbourne Priors for the first time after 45 years of silence, it was decided to approach the new Vicar of Ecchinswell with a view to a further inspection.

However, it seemed that we were once again doomed to disappointment, as the Vicar felt as his predecessor that it would not be wise to ring the bells; but after some further correspondence he thought it would be in everybody's interests to get in touch with the present Col. Kingsmill and hear his views. The Colonel was most interested, and the following Saturday found three of us at Sydmonton complete with spanners, ropes and oil, where we were met by the Colonel.

Since our last visit somebody had removed the debris of years and the birds had been wired out, and we had little difficulty in fixing ropes, oiling and pulling each of the bells up singly, the 'go' being far better than had been expected. There was still some doubt about the safety of the frame and supporting beams, and a further appointment was arranged when the church architect and a representative of the bell-hangers would be present.

On June 28th, in company with a successful peal band who had just rung a peal at Kingsclere, the full six were rung for the first time in living memory, and Mr. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank, and the church architect gave them the O.K. for ringing. There is considerable movement of the frame, but other than this and the third tending to slip wheel the bells go reasonably well and are undoubtedly one of the prettiest sixes in Hampshire.

A peal attempt was arranged for October 5th, but owing to a breakdown of one of the cars bringing three of the ringers, it had to be postponed until a later date. Ringing, however, took place by visiting ringers who had come to listen, and arrangements are already under way for the forming of a local band to man the bells of the two churches of Ecchinswell and Sydmonton.

It is hoped to hold a meeting here in January, when visiting ringers wishing to try the bells will be welcome: a notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, Hants.

DOUBLES RINGING

Dear Sir,—I find in 'The Ringing World' during the past year or so many articles criticising Doubles and the different Doubles methods. There seems to be a circle of ringers who constantly make scapegoats out of those who ring Doubles methods

From the short time I have spent in the Exercise I find myself constantly confronted by the fact that there is much more Doubles ringing on a Sunday compared with the number of 5- and 6-bell towers in existence than Triples and Major, and there are less 5- and 6-bell towers silent or partly silent than 8-, 10- or 12-bell towers on Sundays.

If this be a feather in the cap of Doubles ringers then it is instantly pulled out by such articles as appeared on page 611 of the 'R.W.' on September 19th. I took part in the peal of Doubles at Kislingbury and I have no complaints to make of a fine 21-methods peal.

It was an excellently-struck peal and was enjoyed by all, even though for some of us it meant no tea and a 20-mile cycle ride after nine hours' work in a factory.

Therefore, let us have less 'nosey-parker' and 'idle-critical' letters by this circle of ringers, and let them pull their weight half as much as everyone in that peal did.—Yours faithfully,

TERRY M. HAINES.

Maulton, Northants.

THE VISITOR'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to express my grateful thanks to the band of ringers who rang for morning service at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Sunday, October 5th.

Many times have I visited London, including a week's stay in Westminster, walking many miles to various churches only to find that practice nights were not in accordance with the church notices.

I was, indeed, very thankful to meet with such cordiality in recording my first ring in London, and very sorry at not being able to stay and ring a 'quarter.'—Yours faithfully,

F. BRUNT.

Thrybergh, Yorks.

HESTON'S CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—From time to time we read in 'The Ringing World' about the shortage of Sunday service ringers in some towers.

We at St. Leonard's, Heston, are rather fortunate in this respect. On Sunday, September 28th, for harvest thanksgiving services we rang two quarter peals, one morning and one for evening service, with two entirely different bands, both attached to our tower.

It would be interesting to hear if any other tower can call on two separate Triples bands attached to their own tower.—Yours sincerely,

W. W. WEBB.

Heston, Middlesex.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY DEW

Ringers in Chester, Bishop's Stortford and Malvern Link, Worcestershire, will regret to learn of the death on September 29th of Mr. Henry Dew, aged 84 years.

His first ringing activities were with the Chester Diocesan Guild at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, Chester, in 1893, when he was associated with the late Mr. H. W. Wilde.

Mr. Dew was then with Messrs. Douglas, Minshull and Muspratt, architects, and in 1911 he left to join the New River Company in London, on whose staff he served until his retirement in 1941.

After staying a short time in London, he went to live at Bishop's Stortford, Herts, and for many years was Master of the ringers at St. Michael's Church. Towards the end of the last war he moved to Malvern Link and became associated with St. Matthias' and the Priory Church.

An enthusiastic ringer, he always succeeded in attracting a goodly number of young ringers.

MR. JOHN L. MORRIS

Dear Sir,—May I add my tribute to John Morris. As Frank Knight says in his appreciation, one wonders why such a sincere, modest and understanding person as John has to be taken from us. I shall always remember with gratitude his help and encouragement during my stay in the London area, particularly the Saturday afternoon tours and my first attempt to conduct a peal.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Lincoln.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The September meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Harpenden on September 20th, with a very good attendance of 34. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and continued until the service at 4.30 which was taken by the Rector (Rev. P. Bradshaw), with Mrs. J. Dodds at the organ.

The local band prepared and served tea in the Rector's Room. A business meeting followed, with Mr. A. Day, of Harpenden, in the chair. Four new members were elected, three being from the local tower. The Secretary said he hoped to arrange the October meeting at St. Stephen's, St. Albans.

Methods rung ranged from rounds to Bristol. Visitors from Surrey and Birmingham were present. M. A. C.

Northern District

The weather was not at all suitable for a meeting at Great Wymondley on October 4th. There was torrential rain and a thunderstorm, so attendance was poor.

The bells were soon ringing in defiance of the storm, and the second method to be called up was London Surprise. An ample tea was enjoyed at the Green Man. The next meeting will be at Royston, from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. only.

Further ringing followed; methods included London, York and the special method, Burnaby Delight. J. S.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District Annual

The stormy weather cleared sufficiently to enable some 45 ringers and friends to meet at Folkestone for the annual meeting of the Ashford District on October 4th.

The Vicar (Rev. D. F. Hough) gave a thoughtful address on the fellowship of ringers at the service, which was a more than ordinarily happy one. Mr. J. Willis read the lesson and Mr. W. Chandler, captain of the Cheriton ringers, was organist.

Tea in the Church Hall was generously given by the local band and served by their ladies.

At the business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Willis, the secretary reported that so far 130 members had subscribed from 20 towers. The average attendance at the eight meetings was 35. Sixteen peals had been rung, two of which were conducted by local ringers for the first time as conductors. He reported with pleasure on the industry with which ringers at Great Chart had set about the task of raising £1,300, needed to restore their bells. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. C. T. Hillis and Mr. J. R. Cooper were re-elected as secretary and Ringing Master respectively, and Mr. A. Berry, of Folkestone, and Mr. J. Batchelor, of Little Chart, are the District representatives. Three new members joined the Association.

The secretary bleated about the question of notification for teas, but as none of the offenders appeared to be present it was agreed to take a leaf out of the Canterbury District's book and adopt a firmer line in future. The chairman dealt gently but firmly with one or two 'non sequiturs,' and on a motion from Mr. Cullingworth a vote of thanks was passed to those who had helped to make the meeting such a happy one, especially Mr. Whittaker, secretary of the Folkestone band, who had made all the arrangements. C. T. H.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thorner bells, visited by the Leeds and District Society for their September meeting, were found not particularly easy to handle, but a variety of Minor methods was rung throughout the afternoon and evening. It was pleasing to note the progress being made in method ringing by some of the younger members, most of whom were schoolgirls. An excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. E. Hartley in their own home, and the secretary had some scathing remarks to make to those who had 'forgotten' to order their tea. The business meeting was held in the churchyard, where the midges saw to it that there was no prolonged discussion.

The next meeting will be held on October 25th, but the place has not yet been decided upon.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

East Devon Branch

A quarterly meeting was held at Hemyock on September 20th, and about 30 ringers and friends attended. The service which was held in the parish church was conducted by the president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox.

At the business meeting Mr. G. C. Woodley took the chair. Ten new members were elected and certificates were presented by the president to nine members, six coming from Hemyock. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Feniton with ringing after at Buckerell.

The bells were rung before and after the service, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Minor and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION DINNER

The Ely Diocesan Association's dinner this year was held at Huntingdon on September 27th. In the afternoon three peals were attempted, two being successful—a peal in 21 Doubles methods at Litlington and Stedman Triples scored at St. Neots, the peal being rung as a compliment to G. C. Galley, a resident member who was ordained deacon at Norwich Cathedral the Sunday previous, and also to Mr. and Mrs. S. Hawksford, of St. Neots, who celebrated their diamond wedding on September 20th. In the third attempt, Surprise Minor at Godmanchester was unsuccessful.

All Saints' bells were in use before members made their way to the All Saints' Hall, where the dinner was held. The Hunts District president was chairman and the guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Huntingdon (Cclr. and Mrs. F. W. Saunders), the Vicar of St. Neots (Canon L. Galley) and the Vicar of Godmanchester (Rev. R. W. Edwards).

The chairman (Rev. J. M. E. Bagley) proposed the loyal toast, and then welcomed everybody to the dinner. The Mayor proposed 'The Ely Diocesan Association,' to which Mr. H. S. Peacock replied. Mr. F. W. Lack proposed 'The Church' and the Rev. R. W. Edwards replied.

The evening finished up with selections on handbells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District At Hedon

When the autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Hedon on October 6th, Mr. A. E. Sellers (vice-president), who presided at the business meeting, referred to the passing of Mr. A. H. Fox, who was for some years a vice-president of the Association. He spoke of Mr. Fox's work for ringing and of his being organist at Kirk Ella for 51 years. The company of over 40 stood for a few moments to his memory.

The secretary (Mr. H. S. Morley) read a letter from Mrs. Fox on behalf of her daughter and herself, thanking the secretary for his letter of sympathy.

Mr. C. C. Brown, of Cottingham, was elected a member. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Goole on December 20th was unanimously accepted. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar who conducted the service, those responsible for the tea, and the local company. In his reply the Vicar assured the District that they were always welcome, and hoped they would come again soon. Mr. Hunter also replied.

No fewer than 14 towers were represented. Hedon Church is known locally as the 'King of Holderness,' and good use was made of the handy ring of eight until 8 p.m.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Our report of the peal at Leatherhead on September 6th in honour of the silver wedding anniversaries of Mr. A. H. Winch (September 2nd) and Mr. A. R. Pink (September 7th) is belated owing to the original having been lost in transmission. On September 2nd, 1933, Mr. Pink conducted the peal for Mr. Winch's wedding, in which stood Mr. Albert Harman and Mr. Arthur Smith. It added to the enjoyment to have them ringing in the celebration peal 25 years after, when the same composition of Mr. George H. Cross was used.

A dinner was held after the peal, which was attended by the band and also by Mrs. Winch and Mrs. Pink, together with 'the reserves'—Miss Pat Smee and Mr. George Marriner. Altogether it was a successful and memorable day.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringing Festival At Callington

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Callington, Cornwall, were rung on September 27th for the half-yearly festival of the South East Branch of the Guild.

The ringing session was opened by St. Mary's ringers, who were followed by teams from Calstock, Lezant, Landulph, Menheniot and Kenwyn, Truro. During an interval a service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Southgate (Saltash) and the lesson was read by the Rev. C. H. York (Lezant). Mr. Henry Chapple was the organist.

Tea was provided by the ladies of St. Mary's Church. Among those present were Mr. A. Carveth (president), the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Southeard (vice-president) and Mr. James Phillip, of London.

Arrangements were made by Mr. H. J. Clark (assistant Ringing Master), who has been the Branch secretary for 30 years.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Taunton Deanery Meeting

Ringers from many towers in the district travelled to Fitzhead for the Taunton Deanery autumn meeting on September 20th. The Association service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, who also presided at the business meeting held in the Tithe Barn, after the ringers had enjoyed a tea prepared by the local ladies.

At the meeting two new members were elected —Miss Ruth Chick, of Rockwell Green, and Mrs. S. G. Williams, of Sampford Arundel. Mrs. Williams informed the meeting that the new treble bell which was being installed in Sampford Arundel tower was being dedicated on Thursday, December 11th, and that on the following Saturday (December 13th) there would be an open ringing day to which all ringers would be welcomed.

The members present agreed that the secretary should send a greetings telegram to the Master on the occasion of his wedding at Exford. After the usual vote of thanks, the ringers returned to the tower to continue ringing until 9 p.m. Visitors were present from places as far afield as Bampton, Bridgwater and Guildford (Surrey). F. W. S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Orsett's Young Ringers

On September 13th, in brilliant sunshine, the South Western Division met at Orsett for the first time for over 30 years. There has been very little ringing here since before the war owing to the bad 'go' of the bells; however, earlier in the year they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and are now a most handy six. Between 40 and 50 ringers attended the service and afterwards sat down to tea in the Church Hall. Canon Stafford Morris welcomed us to his church, and said he hoped to have the pleasure of entertaining the Association again.

Ten young people are now learning to ring at Orsett, and on September 27th Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blatch took them on their first outing. They visited four 6-bell towers in mid-Essex (North Weald, Matching, Moreton and Fyfield). As some wit said: 'Matching were more than a match for us'; but everyone certainly enjoyed both the tea and the ringing at Fyfield. None of our young people had ever rung away from their home tower before, and to see them handling bells very different to those on which they had learnt spoke well for the instruction they had received. J. E. H.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY TOUR

HAVING left its webbed feet behind, a select group met for the Manchester University Guild tour at Oxford Youth Hostel on Sunday, July 6th, when the member of the Railwaymen's Guild was heard stoutly defending his employers against two-on-a-tandem who had boarded a non-stop express to London in the hope that it would stop at Oxford.

On Monday we left the city of dreaming spires for the well-known ten at Appleton. After we had rung up the back six very badly, the twins arrived on the all-male tandem (having cycled through most of the night) and we graduated to Bristol and Grandsire Caters. A hot, sunny ride brought us to Buckland (8, 14 cwt.), where just after the Guild's visit in 1955 the seventh became cracked. ('Cause' and 'Effect'?) Stedman just would not come round, but the lady tandemist came round to her partner's viewpoint as to the correct route, resignedly remarking: 'He's always right — that's the trouble!' However, Stedman and Superlative did come round on the lovely eight at Farringdon. After the inevitable photograph-taking, we perspired to Lechlade to ring (?) T.B. Minor. At Inglesham Y.H. we awaited a late meal of shredded carrots, dumplings and suet pudding.

The next day Cambridge and Bristol were rung on the finely-toned eight at Highworth, and at Stratton St. Margaret's a successful 'first touch' of Yorkshire, but not of 4-Spliced, Surprise. Following the traditional picnic lunch, we were joined by local ringers at Christ Church, Swindon, for Bristol, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal. Two short touches at St. Mark's, and away we hurried to Chiseldon for our first courses of York and London on this 14¼ cwt. six. During supper at Marlborough hostel, the 'mixed' tandem arrived after suffering three punctures in Swindon—at least, that was the explanation offered for not seeing the young couple for four hours!

On Wednesday morning, Margaret assured us that she woke up and heard herself talking in her sleep. The irrepressible tower-grabbers, having snatched the new six at Mildenhall the previous evening, were unsuccessful at Preshute, and rejoined the party in some well-struck Cambridge at St. Mary's, Marlborough. After repairing a puncture outside Savernake A.A. box, the twins waited half-an-hour in vain for a passing cyclist from whom they could borrow a pump connector. On deciding to push the tandem, a garage was found, not 200 yards away! London on the 13 cwt. eight at Hungerford was followed by Grandsire and Stedman Caters and K.T.B. Royal on the fine 22 cwt. ten at Newbury. Seven hot miles away Kingsclere's 17 cwt. six awaited us: both tandems had breakdowns, and Jim heroically ran a shuttle service to and from Newbury with 'spares.'

CHAOS AT HURSTBOURNE-PRIORS

On Thursday we left Hannington hostel for the 10½ cwt. octave at Overton, to ring, amongst other things, Overton (or Capel) T.B. Minor. The lovely church at Laverstoke (6, 11 cwt.) followed. After a picnic lunch at Whitchurch, we also enjoyed London and Bristol. At the next tower, Hurstbourne-Priors, we never even finished the first lead—in spite of five attempts. (The 18 cwt. six were considered unpealable, until a well-known 'heavy-going tenor' specialist disproved it three months earlier.) We were glad to get to Winchester and the hostel—the old mill astride the river—in whose water the men had to wash.

Tandem trouble on Friday meant 'Minor only' at Twyford, and the hot sun perhaps contributed to the indifferent striking of Plain Bob and D.N.C.B. Caters on the light ten at North Stoneham. 'Fred,' who had followed us unflinchingly, now took charge as navigator to and in Southampton. After a circuitous journey, he 'led us properly up the path'—to St. Michael's Church, instead of to our picnic lunch venue. Well-fed, we returned to discover that we could not obtain the keys to the tower and so, disappointed, we found the other ten (21¼ cwt.) at St. Mary's. The last tower of the day was the light eight at Bitterne Park. A 12 miles' ride, timed to coincide perfectly with the So'ton rush-hour, ensued to the gas-lit hostel at Gosport.

We crossed by ferry under a threatening sky to Portsmouth to meet Mr. York-Bramble, who after a brief tour of the Cathedral, joined us for Cambridge Royal and a disastrous course of Double Norwich Caters. A late start at Portsea left little time for lunch before reaching Havant, where we were met by local ringers and the Vicar. A good touch of 'Spliced' preceded a fast nine miles to our second cathedral —Chichester. Refreshments in a cafe (whose female clientele attracted much attention from one of our members, to the embarrassment of his brother) were needed for the ride to Arundel hostel.

On Sunday, our 'free' day, some went in the pouring rain for service ringing at Arundel, and others to Lyminster, where they were allowed to ring a peal in the afternoon.

BRIGHTON'S OCTOGENARIAN

The old church at Shoreham was our first call on Monday, and after the customary lunch we turned about for the 25 cwt. ten at St. Peter's, Brighton, for Caters. At the sister ten at St. Nicholas', we were met by that fine octogenarian, Mr. H. C. Stalham, who showed us that age is no deterrent to ringing Superlative(ly).

Tuesday found us at Lewes, and later at Seaford, where Carol's voracious appetite for cube sugar earned her the title of 'Sugar Lump Fairy'; she acquired another one at Eastbourne (fortunately unprintable) in a clash with the 'enfants terribles.' At St. Mary's, the clapper of the seventh had come out and we had to ring the front six, with and without the tenor covering. Christ Church was found with difficulty, 20 minutes late. Night was spent at the palatial hostel at Alfriston.

Wednesday dawned, and we journeyed inland to Hailsham and Mayfield. A non-readdressed letter resulted in our arriving at Rotherfield unaware that the seventh's shaft had broken: however, a repeat performance of Minor on 1234568 was given. A hearty ringers' tea well fortified us for the 12-mile hop into Kent at Goudhurst and the haunted hostel of Twissenden Manor.

A CASUALTY

Nine miles, hot sunshine, coffee and a shockingly bad rise on the 22¼ cwt. eight at Biddenden—no wonder Margaret's tyre was again flat when we left for our picnic lunch! At Ashford, a local girls' school choir was soon dispersed and the bells going to Bristol. Chilham, on a beautiful day, provided us with our last eight of the tour for Yorkshire and London S. Major. When leaving the village, George suddenly and inexplicably flew off the handlebars and landed bicycle uppermost. A local doctor prescribed a night's rest in hospital. In the subsequent upset and delay, the next tower had to be missed, so Neil dashed off to Chartham to explain our non-arrival and tender our apologies to the rector, who (at his own insistence) came to Chilham to see what help he could give, and (at our insistence) to join us for tea. The sound of five bells caused an unexpected call at Thanington on 'Open Night' before we ended our 10-day pilgrimage, appropriately, at Canterbury Cathedral, with Bristol, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal.

The next morning we went our various ways with many memories of the tour, each wishing to thank our many hosts, the incumbents and local ringers. We thank, too, Barrie Hendry, for successfully mastering the ringers, and our tour secretaries, Carol Eustace and Margaret Ross, for doing the 'reeling, writhing and arithmetic.'

B. A. T.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting In Six-Bell Towers

A BREAK in tradition was made for the autumn meeting of the Association held on September 20th, when for the first time in many years, only 6-bell towers figured in the ringing programme. Boroughbridge was the venue proper, and good use was made of the musical rings at the neighbouring towers of Aldborough and Kirby Hill. The venture proved to be an outstanding success, and attracted a record post-war attendance for an autumn meeting.

The statutory meeting of the committee was held during the afternoon when, in the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. V. Bottomley was elected to the chair. The service took place in St. James' Church, Boroughbridge, conducted by the Rev. C. A. Atherley, Vicar of Aldborough. An excellent tea followed at the Windmill Café, which also served as the venue for the business meeting at 6.15 p.m., by which time the president (Ven. C. O. Ellison) had arrived and took the chair, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley).

In greeting all present, the president expressed regret that other engagements had unfortunately prevented him from attending earlier. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. H. S. Morley, J. J. L. Gilbert, R. Sutton, L. M. Woodhead, W. Barton and T. W. Strangeway.

A hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents of all three parishes was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. J. Ewbank, seconded by Mr. John Seager, and a similar vote of thanks to the respective local companies, and in particular to Mr. E. Hudson, on the motion of the general secretary, seconded by Mr. J. Gibson. In acknowledgment, Mr. Hudson said he would pass on the votes of thanks to all concerned, adding that he was amply repaid himself in seeing so many present.

It was unanimously decided to accept the committee's recommendation that the next meeting be held at Doncaster on January 17th, 1959. The president outlined arrangements for the Snowdon dinner to be held in Leeds, and appealed to members to ensure its success.

Mr. N. Chaddock gave a detailed summary of the survey he had conducted into the state of Sunday service ringing in Yorkshire. As anticipated, this showed that there was a tremendous leeway to make up, there being many towers without a regular band, and still many more with depleted bands. Copies of the findings had been circulated to all the District secretaries to enable them or the Districts concerned to take any appropriate action they might be able to. Mr. H. Walker moved and Mr. S. H. Steel seconded that a copy of the findings be sent to the appropriate Central Council committee for its use. This was carried unanimously, coupled with a vote of thanks to Mr. Chaddock for the zeal with which he had tackled so extensive an undertaking.

Mr. G. Benfield rose to say that very considerable expense must naturally be involved, and he therefore moved that Mr. Chaddock be reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the survey. This was carried unanimously.

New members elected were Miss Iris Lemare (York Minster), Lawrence Sheard (Batley), Patricia Walker (Rotherham), Janet Meek, Jean Pemberton and Patricia Hartley (Harthill, Sheffield).

The president announced to the meeting that their hon. treasurer (Mr. Benfield) was leaving during the next week for a month's visit to the U.S.A., and felt sure all would join in wishing him well in every way. Mr. Benfield expressed his thanks for so very kind a send-off, and said that he was looking forward to the trip very much.

Further ringing was afterwards enjoyed at all the three towers.

OUTINGS

WORTH, SUSSEX

Organised by Mr. Jim Laker, Worth ringers had an outing on September 28th, when experience was gained by the band on bells to which they were unaccustomed.

At Hartfield (6, 12¼ cwt.) some good ringing on very pleasant bells was enjoyed. At Uckfield (8, 12 cwt.) they did better on the back six than on the full eight, in spite of the encouragement of two local ringers. Brede tower (6, 14 cwt.) was difficult to find and the bells difficult to manage. Tenterden bells (8, 30 cwt.) were perhaps a little difficult to handle, but the party were told they did better than some bands. Charing (6, 13¾ cwt.) also proved to be difficult to handle, but at Bearstead (6, 11 cwt) a well-struck course of Kent T.B. Minor was rung.

WALTHAM ABBEY

At an early hour on September 6th the Waltham Abbey ringers, together with friends from neighbouring towers, set out on their second annual outing, which was to take place in Suffolk and North Essex.

Clare was reached in good time and the bells soon put to good use. Most people managed to fit in a visit to a nearby café for refreshment between the touches. Then on to Sudbury (All Saints') where, after the necessary clapper-turning had been done, the bells were rung to a variety of methods, including Cambridge. An excellent lunch at the Four Swans Hotel was thoroughly enjoyed.

For the first ring of the afternoon it was our privilege to visit Lavenham, where the church and famous bells were greatly admired. Stoke-by-Nayland was next on the programme. It was noticed that the younger members of the party were first up this tower, due to the long climb to the ringing chamber. Yorkshire, Double Norwich and Stedman were amongst the methods rung. An ample tea was served at a nearby inn. The last tower of the day was Coggeshall, where ringing terminated with another course of Yorkshire.

Sincere thanks are extended to the incumbents and ringers who welcomed the party at the various towers. M.C.A.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET

Sunshine all day and a full moon at night was the good fortune of Somerton ringers and friends for their outing on September 27th. Beautiful Devon scenery, a glimpse of a rough sea and red cliffs, good food laid on at Exeter, Sidmouth and Ilminster, and what more could anyone want?

The ringing, if not first-class, was sometimes at least second-class, and there were few complaints about the bells, though most of them were lighter than we were accustomed to.

Our welcome by the Vicar at Rockwell Green was much appreciated, and the light six there enjoyed to the full. Uffculme's eight (tenor 21 cwt, 3 qr. 20 lb.), also easy to handle, gave an opportunity for Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. The eight at St. Mark's, Exeter, also sounded well, but time was short and we had to hurry on to Littleham, where we were a little delayed owing to an altercation with opposing traffic in a narrow street.

Branscombe set us a problem, as its lanes were too narrow for our coach; however, two taxis were hired for the ringers, while non-ringers amused themselves a little longer in Sidmouth. The bells, rung from the centre of the church, went very well, and we should have liked to have stayed there longer.

Shute Church in the moonlight, and decorated for harvest festival, was a joy to behold; and in spite of the rather difficult little treble, some passable ringing was achieved.

Many thanks all round to vicars and tower captains for the use of their bells, and we hope they will come and visit us at Somerton one day. A. R.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, including nomination of officers, at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Oct. 18th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at Holloway 4 p.m. Nearest stations, Holloway or Highbury Corner. 3148

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CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 3207

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Alconbury (6) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food—cups of tea provided.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, St. Osyth, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 3098

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Biddenden, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Members please support. 3163

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HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—Joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Central District), Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and Middlesex Association (S. and W. District), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service at St. John's 5 p.m., tea to follow. Social evening from 6.45. Ringing at Denham (8) 2.15 to 3.45; Hillingdon (10), 3 to 5 p.m.—Mrs. S. Bullock, W. Butler and W. T. Cook, Hon. Secs. 3090

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Piddington (5), Saturday, Oct. 18th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. 3157

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3210

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Thorpe Bay (8) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own tea. —Betty Crossman, Sec. 3212

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery. — Quarterly meeting at Worle (6) on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 3179

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at South Cadbury, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 3183

BLANDFORD BELLRINGING FESTIVAL. —All Dorset ringers welcome (expert or otherwise), Saturday, Oct. 25th, Blandford Parish Church. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Requests for tea by Oct. 21st (wives invited) should reach the Town Clerk, Blandford. 3178

COOKHAM, BERKS.—Practice, Saturday, Oct. 25th, 6 to 9 p.m. Ringing—rounds to Surprise. All welcome.—A. E. Cox. 3203

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at Ilkeston on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 3 to 5 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Fletcher, 30, Margaret Avenue, Ilkeston.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3202

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North East Branch.—Saturday, Oct. 25th, practice meeting, Silverton (8), 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 3176

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting with Sussex County at Rotherfield, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Names for tea to W. Rogers, Vine Cottage. Look up Yorkshire.—C. A. Bassett. 3205

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3195

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Eastnor, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 3188

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting at Bexley on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service afterwards. Names for tea by Monday, Oct 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. No names, no tea!—A. Hill, Hon. Sec. 3134

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Names *urgent*, by Wednesday, 22nd, to John F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Bolton. All Souls' bells only in evening, approximately 6.30 p.m.; Bolton's heaviest eight. Important business to discuss—please attend.—Thornley, Sec. 3204

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Francis' (R.C.), Holbeck, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 3 to 6 p.m. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. No tea, but plenty of cafés in city. 3186

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barkby, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage. Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. R. D. Flowers, The Cottage, The Drive, Barkby. 3199

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Lutterworth, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Manor House Café 5 p.m. Please notify by Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, Mr. E. W. Tipler, 47, Baker Street, Lutterworth, near Rugby. 3177

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mears Ashby on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick. 3156

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Heddington (6), Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Hacker, Downsview, Heddington, Calne, Wilts. 3198

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Shepshed, Leics, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Own tea arrangements. Bells 3 p.m.—P. C. Clarke, Sec. 3206

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Practice meeting at Long Melford on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—R. J. Seabrook. 3208

WEST SUFFOLK.—A practice meeting at Barrow (5) on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 2.45 to 4.30 p.m., and Horringer (8), 5.30 to 9 p.m.—L. Wright, Organiser. 3194

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The second striking competition will take place at Ashtead on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Bookings for tea (non-competitors) should be sent by previous Thursday to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead. Entry forms available from W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom. 3031

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Eastern Division) and EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Combined meeting on Saturday, Oct. 25th, Rotherfield. Look up Yorkshire Surprise. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to W. Rogers, 1, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield, Crowborough.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 3181

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Ripon and Sharow, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Ripon, 2 to 3 p.m. and after meeting; Sharow, 2 to 4.45 p.m. Names by Oct. 23rd to undersigned.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 3189

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 321st anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on November 1st, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (18s. 6d.) by Oct. 27th, please. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 to 12.15; St. Lawrence Jewry, 2 to 3; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3 to 4.15; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5.15. — John Chilcott, Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 3211

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Maldon, All Saints', Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3131

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Co-operative Cafe, High Street, Leicester, 7 for 7.15 p.m. New first-class entertainment. Tickets (price 11s.) from undersigned by Oct. 30th. Ringing arrangements: South Wigston (8) 2 to 4, Belgrave (8) 2 to 4, Humberstone (6) 2.30 to 4.30, Aylestone (8) 3 to 5, Birstall (8) 3 to 5, St. Margaret's (12) 4 to 6, St. Mary's (8) 4 to 5, St. John's (10) 5 to 7, All Saints' (8) 5 to 7 p.m. Please note that the Cathedral bells (12) will be available for general ringing from 5 to 6.10 p.m. *only*. Visitors welcomed.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Wigston 3244). 3165

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bring own food —cups of tea provided. Deeping St. James' not available.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3201

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 1st, West Bridgford. St. Giles' (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—local cafés.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3187

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Preston St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk. 3200

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 11s. each. Accommodation is limited to 100 so early application is essential. Ringing during the afternoon at St. Matthew's, Walsall (12).—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 3184

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HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Parish 1, D. Papworth 2, W. Papworth 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish (cond.) 5, Wm. Ransome 6. For harvest festival.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Sept 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Webb (cond.) 1, C. Monley 2, G. Coombe 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb 5, J. Real 6. For Michaelmas Day.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rothwell 1, Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson 2, J. P. Partington 3, R. Maher 4, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 5, M. Fishwick 6. For harvest festival.

DEATH OF MR. PERCY JOHNSON

We regret to announce the death on Sunday of Mr. Percy J. Johnson, of 53, Shire Oak Road, Headingley, Leeds, aged 76 years. Mr. Johnson, who was a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association, had been a member of the Central Council since 1912.

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By J. L. MORRIS

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THE SNOWDON DINNER

YORKSHIRE never does things by halves, and it was no Surprise that the recent Snowdon Commemoration Dinner was fully up to the expectations of those who have attended previous functions at York, Sheffield, Rotherham and other centres. By a happy coincidence the date of the function happened to be the same as that arranged for the commencement of the Leeds Centenary Music Festival, arranged to commemorate the opening of Leeds Town Hall by Queen Victoria in 1858.

Visitors to Leeds found the city very full, but there were plenty of facilities for ringing, and the bells of St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Headingley, St. Francis' (R.C.) and Pudsey were available and well used. Owing to preparations for a television service, the twelve at the parish church could not be rung. Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the dinner will have been impressed by the careful arrangements for their comfort and entertainment made by the President, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, who, with his charming wife, moved about amongst the guests and made them feel really at home and welcome.

The toast of the evening was most ably proposed by Mr. W. Barton, who paid a high tribute not only to the work of the late Jasper Snowdon, but to many of the past officers of the Yorkshire Association. His speech made a great impression on all. The course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, which followed, was listened to with very close attention, and those who rang it are to be complimented on an excellent performance, fully up to the Yorkshire standard of good striking.

A very refreshing change was the addition of a lady speaker to the toast list. She was Mrs. C. C. Marshall (alias Tom Bowling to her old friends). She proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and charmed her audience by her wit and her championship of the merits of the Yorkshire scenery. It is doubtful, however, whether her claim that St. Chad's, Headingley, possessed the best ring of eight in the country could be sustained. Certainly they are good and a joy to ring upon.

It was also good to see the Secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. A. Barnett) responding so ably to the toast. He was well received, and many expressions of appreciation were to be heard regarding his attendance at the gathering. It was evident that he has now thoroughly won his spurs, and has the confidence of the Exercise.

A high spot of the evening was the songs given by Mr. Edward Yorke (happy name), of Ripon Cathedral. This gentleman provided the President with an opportunity of proving his adroitness. He informed the gathering that when the President asked him to appear, he said he didn't want any of the 'usual tripe.' The Archdeacon, in explaining this, said that what he really said was, 'We don't want "Watchman, what of the night"!' This ingenious explanation simply brought the house down.

During the evening reference was made to the useful service of Miss Snowdon, who had for so many years continued the work of her father, William Snowdon, in providing the Exercise with instruction books. If ever a tribute was well earned, this one was.

Sympathetic reference was made to Mr. Percy J. Johnson, who unfortunately could not be present owing to ill health. He was certainly missed by many of the older members, who remembered with gratitude his great work as Secretary at a most difficult period of the Association's history.

Certainly the function was highly enjoyable and successful, and the thanks of all are due to Archdeacon Ellison and Mr. Marsh for the excellent arrangements.

JAFUS.

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Specially rung as a farewell to the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong, O.B.E., M.A., former Provost of Leicester, on leaving the city to take up his appointment as Bishop of Jarrow.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt.

Frank E. Darby	*Treble*	Eric Naylor	7
Mrs. Pat Lewington	2	Stewart F. W. Kimber	8
Michael P. Moreton	3	David Hoare	9
Anthony J. Sanger	4	Henry J. Sanger	10
Raymond G. Burton	5	William Hibbert	11
John Chilcott	6	Edward J. Chivers	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

TEN BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

Fredk. W. Burnett	*Treble*	*Harold A. Nobes	6
A. York-Bramble	2	James H. Lilley	7
*Marion T. Parker	3	*S. Kathleen M. Knight	8
*Alexander Page	4	†Tom Page	9
*Russell H. R. Parker	5	†Roger Baldwin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Bob Royal. First of Royal as conductor. First of Royal on the bells.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

Robin A. Hodgson	*Treble*	Maurice E. Downs	6
Kathleen M. Yeo	2	John R. Cooper	7
Olive D. Couchman	3	Geoffrey Pearson	8
*Crawford T. Hillis	4	Benjamin F. Baker	9
William Rogers	5	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.
* First peal of Royal 'inside.' First of Royal in the method by all the band.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

Geoffrey Pearson	*Treble*	†Maurice E. Downs	6
William Rogers	2	Robin A. Hodgson	7
*Crawford T. Hillis	3	Benjamin F. Baker	8
Kathleen M. Yeo	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
Leonard Mannering	5	John R. Cooper	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.
* First peal of Caters 'inside.' † First of Caters.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes.*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

*Rosaline Farlow	*Treble*	Arthur Pritchard	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	†David W. Friend	7
Alfred S. Bayley	3	B. Leslie Jones	8
Richard J. Warrilow	4	Edmund Malin	9
*Robert J. Warrilow	5	Joseph L. Stanier	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Hayward. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Caters. † First of Grandsire Caters.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Wulfram,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

John E. Cook	*Treble*	Albert E. Thompson	6
*†Patricia M. Forster	2	*Roger Baldwin	7
Burley P. Morris	3	Gordon A. Halls	8
Denis A. Frith	4	Harold Taylor	9
Francis R. Lowe	5	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † 50th peal for the Association. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

Cyril Wright	*Treble*	Dennis Cooper	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Harold Wagstaffe	6
Mrs. Bessie Holmes	3	Stanley Slaney	7
Arthur B. Cooper	4	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.
Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	John A. Anderson	6
Vivienne M. Horton	3	Anthony Ager	7
Paul J. Rigby	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Frank W. Perrens	5
Ruth M. Border	2	John A. Anderson	6
Stephen J. Ivin	3	George E. Fearn	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
In memoriam John Thomas.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Ruth M. Border	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse	5
John A. Anderson	2	Robin G. Turner	6
John Pinfold	3	George E. Fearn	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
In memoriam John Thomas.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	PETER BORDER	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
In memoriam John Thomas.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	PETER BORDER	7
GERALD C. HEMMING	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
In memoriam John Thomas.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

RUTH M. BORDER	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	PETER BORDER	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Oct. 2, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol, 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
*RUTH M. BORDER	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	PETER BORDER	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Oct. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*GEORGE H. PEERS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HUGHES	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
†ALAN G. FOSTER	3	EDMUND A. MALIN	7
HOWARD HOWELL	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. First as conductor.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	FRANK REED	5
ARTHUR NEWTON	2	ANTHONY E. COX	6
DAVID A. CORNWALL	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT (C.C.C. No. 14).
Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal of Major on the bells.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. CULLUM	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	*ALBERT G. FULLER	7
*W. COUPERTHWAITE	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal of Major (local band).
A welcome to Jeremy Housden, son of the local conductor, and to Camellia Jane Sarkar, grand-daughter of the treble ringer.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
FRANK H. HICKS	2	BRIAN J. LUFF	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
ARTHUR J. HART	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. G. K. A. Bell, former Bishop of Chichester and president of the Sussex County Association.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

MRS. D. H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
*ANN M. COX	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	*PHILIP MEHEW	7
D. KAY ADKINS	4	*JAMES H. PAILING	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
* First peal of London Major.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

CAROL FEARNLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	6
IVOR JENKINS	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
First peal in the method by all the band.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
DEREK P. JONES	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Anne Woodward, daughter of the treble ringer.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 BIDDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.
A farewell to the Rev. A. E. Boultby, curate of Seale.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Consisting of 3,072 Plain Bob and 2,112 Little Bob, with 96 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

CECIL RADDON	*Treble*	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	5
*MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON	2	*DAVID YOUNG	6
*GILLIAN BRIDGFORD	3	HENRY PARKER	7
*LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major.

SHAROW, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT H. WILLIS	*Treble*	JOHN A. BROWN	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	THOMAS COOKE	6
EDWARD HUDSON	3	PETER F. WINDLEY	7
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON	4	FRED HODGSON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by DORIS M. KILLINGLEY.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. G. Parry, instituted as Vicar of the Parish of Sharow on September 17th, 1958.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JACK KEYTE	*Treble*	BRIAN W. HALL	5
WILLIAM J. DIXON	2	THOMAS W. TIMMS	6
SYDNEY S. PULKER	3	REGINALD H. JARVIS	7
JOHN J. BENFIELD	4	IVOR D. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.
A farewell to the Rev. St. C. Thomas, who has been appointed to the living of Ewelme.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

WILFRED NICHOLSON	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	5
MARGARET A. P. BERTIE	2	SAMUEL C. WALKER	6
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	CYRIL MORDUE	7
THOMAS SEWELL	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
A thanksgiving for the ministry of Canon C. R. Appleton, Rector of Chester-le-Street 1940–1958, on his retirement.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*ROGER K. STRETTON	*Treble*	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung to welcome the Rev. N. Robinson, who was inducted as Vicar on October 4th.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5184 WEALDSTONE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

MARGARET M. GODLEY	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.
Rung for the dedication, by the Lord Bishop of London, of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Harrow Weald.

WEALDSTONE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1958, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Brian S. Chapman	6
Diana J. Perrins	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
John A. Acres	4	Derek P. Jones..	*Tenor*

Composed by William Willson (C.C.C. 223).
Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

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

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jack Bray.
In memoriam Clara Chafer, a life-long worker for this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 KERRY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	*Treble*	Francis R. Lowe	5
Diana J. Perrins	2	Roger Baldwin..	6
Patricia A. M. Forster..	3	James H. Pailing	7
Gordon A. Halls	4	Derek P. Jones..	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method, rung without previous practice.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*Royston Blackler.. ..	*Treble*	†Brian J. Wylde	5
†Marjorie Legg..	2	†George Prescott	6
†Monica E. Horseman ..	3	†John Brain	7
*D. John Hunt	4	John H. Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of Major. † First of Kent T.B. Major. First in the method on the bells.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the R.C. Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*Norman Tompkins.. ..	*Treble*	Fred Brownlow	5
Arthur Tomlinson.. ..	2	David Young	6
Gillian Bridgford ..	3	Joseph Thornley	7
John H. Gartside	4	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John Ashcroft
* 75th peal.
Rung fully-muffled as a token of respect to the late Pope Pius XII.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
John Carter's Six-part. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Jack W. Drew	*Treble*	Joseph T. Barrett	5
Walter H. Poole	2	James C. Taylor	6
Raymond Selway	3	Albert Dyer	7
Frederick Welch	4	†John T. Locke..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack W. Drew.
* 25th peal together.
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Locke.

KERRY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—56—36—12—58—16—58.
L.E.: 13527486, 2nds.
F.C.E.'s: 32465, 24365, 43265, 46253, 32546.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Doris E. Colgate	*Treble*	*Colin A. Tester	5
*Stanley Jenner	2	Ian H. Oram	6
*Sheila M. Dobbie	3	*Walter H. Dobbie.. ..	7
Robert Collins	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Leslie W. G. Morris ..	*Treble*	Ian M. Holland	5
Alfred Smith	2	G. William Critchley ..	6
Claudia A. Critchley ..	3	Norman Smith	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
Rung on the occasion of the Snowdon dinner.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*Claire Dillamore ..	*Treble*	†Ronald G. Applewhite	5
*John M. Burton	2	†Louis Willders	6
†Peter A. Sharp	3	†Geoffrey Paul	7
G. Leonard Thompson ..	4	Jack L. Millhouse ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Kent Treble Bob Major.
A compliment to Mr J. A. Freeman, Master of the Guild, who rang his first peal 50 years ago on these bells.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Barbara Foster	*Treble*	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
*Allan Smith, jun.	2	John H. Fielden	6
Philip J. H. Hudson ..	3	†Michael D. Fishwick ..	7
Eileen Hudson	4	Derek Butterworth ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'
Rung for the eighth anniversary of the Youth Fellowship.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Patricia M. Bourn	*Treble*	Jack S. Dear	5
John W. Sinfield	2	J. Richard Castledine ..	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Philip Mehew	7
Alfred E. Rushton.. ..	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods, being three extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, All Saints', St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps, Kennington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 7 cwt.

Terry M. Haines	*Treble*	Robin V. Baker	3
*Patricia A. Neesham ..	2	Allan R. Baker	4

Kenneth D. Perkins .. *Tenor*
Conducted by Robin V. Baker.
* First peal in 14 methods.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

MARJORIE LEGG .. .. .. *Treble*		GEORGE PRESCOTT	4
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	2	SIDNEY G. SMITH	5
WALTER TILEY	3	RICHARD RAWLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

HEVENINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and nine extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON .. .. *Treble*		C. JACK GIBSON	3
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	4
JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being four extents of Norwich and three of Cambridge, rung alternately.
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. *Treble*		WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	4
*PETER ADCOCK	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	5
HENRY TOOKE	3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.
Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving service.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

STEPHEN THOMPSON .. .. *Treble*		KENNETH ARTHUR	4
MRS. K. ARTHUR	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
CHARLES N. LEA..	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
A farewell peal to the Rev. Spencer Wade on his retirement as Rector of Whickham.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JACK PILGRIM .. .. .. *Treble*		*ALAN R. BRIDGES	4
*A. WILLIAM BIRD	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ..	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Minor. First in the method as conductor.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. *Treble*		C. JACK GIBSON..	4
RAYMOND PECK	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON.. .. *Treble*		ROYSTON WILMORE	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JAMES A. HILL	5
*DEREK M. SAWYER	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Heath; to Frederick Watson, on completion of 25 years as verger at this church; also a birthday compliment to Robert Kiteley.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MICHAEL E. TURNER.. .. *Treble*		HARRY J. GAYLARD	4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY.. ..	2	SIDNEY W. WHITE	5
RONALD WHITE	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rendell, which took place this day, and for Harvest Festival.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 120's (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*VALERIE P. COLEGROVE .. *Treble*		ALFRED G. GRANT	4
JOHN R. HAYCOCK	2	AUBREY G. EVELEIGH ..	5
JOAN M. CHENEY	3	*WILLIAM C. BUDD	*Tenor*

Conducted by AUBREY G. EVELEIGH.
* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells by a band of past and present Newbold ringers.
Birthday compliments to the conductor, the ringer of the third and Miss Wendy Griffith.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WINIFRED WHEELER .. *Treble*		JAMES B. MORLEY	4
*ROBIN ROSE	2	WALTER D. BAILEY	5
*BARBARA MATTHEW	3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal.
Rung for Harvest Festival; also as birthday compliments to Mrs. W. D. Bailey and Winifred Wheeler.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Oct. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) and (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

NANCY WILLCOX.. .. .. *Treble*		*DENNIS SMEDLEY	4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	2	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ..	5
HERBERT T. ROOKE	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung in honour of the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Warsop Company of the Boys' Brigade.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

REGINALD J. DARCH	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	4
CHARLES BAILEY	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. M. McAnally on his retirement from the living.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OSWALD DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*DENNIS SMEDLEY	*Treble*	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ..	4
*GEORGE CHALLANS	2	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	5
*RICHARD HOBBS	3	*HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, and for the Guild.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Alan Douglas, to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Rooke.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Oct. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

CYRIL RUSBY	*Treble*	†JOHN S. SEAGER	4
NORMAN CHADDOCK	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND ..	5
*LEONARD GOODALL	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Minor and of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	4
HUBERT A. MITSON	2	DAVID BRAND	5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK ..	3	FRANK W. J. ROPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	JAMES W. HAW	4
GEORGE H. PEERS, JUN. ..	2	*DEREK P. JONES	5
D. KEITH LANE	3	GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 50th peal this year as conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Tues., May 27, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT 138, PORTLAND ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, three extents of St. Clement's Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	*BRIAN M. BUSWELL ..	3—4
ROGER BALDWIN	5—6		

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First peal of Minor, and in more than one method, 'in hand.'

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Muriel Martin (first quarter) 1, Betty Haselgrove 2, Hilda Haselgrove 3, G. Jones 4, J. B. Daughtry (cond.) 5, J. Seller (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Bell, late Bishop of Chichester.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Geraldine Piper 1, Diana Prynn 2, Kathleen Beasley 3, J. T. Symonds 4, E. A. Lewis 5, P. Jackson 6, J. Hayns (first as cond. on eight bells) 7, H. H. Haynes 8. For Evensong.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Smith 1, S. Brook 2, M. Reed (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. W. Brook 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, T. G. Broadway 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Dr. Bell.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Langston 1, M. Davis 2, F. A. Ison 3, F. C. Ison (first quarter) 4, W. Jackson (cond.) 5, H. G. Balls 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. D. K. Sylvester, Vicar of Beoley, 1950–55.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, E. T. Hiddins 5, J. G. Lloyd 6, D. W. Davies 7, G. A. Gerrish 8. For harvest festival.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary's, Redcliffe, on Oct. 5th, 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: E. F. Hancock (cond.) 1, A. M. Tyler 2, Ed. F. Hancock 3, J. M. Stallard 4, F. Hansford 5, D. Smith 6, F. Mack 7, R. G. Hooper 8, A. A. Hillair 9, J. Hemming 10, G. Hemming 11, S. Gillett 12. For harvest festival.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Daman 1, Miss T. Barnett 2, E. Amey 3, J. Vardy 4, J. W. Rose (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. F. Fitzpatrick) on his retirement.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): W. Shute 1, W. J. Foot 2, R. Vacher 3, B. Mogg 4, P. W. Mogg 5, A. E. Woods (cond.) 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Green (first quarter) 1, J. Stockbridge 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, T. C. Phillimore 4, L. V. Chamberlain 5, D. C. Chatfield (cond.) 6. For harvest festival. Also at the Cathedral, on Oct. 7th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: T. C. Phillimore 1, H. R. French 2, L. V. Chamberlain 3, B. J. Luck 4, S. White 5, S. Walter 6, D. C. Chatfield 7, T. H. Holmes 8, D. A. Chapman (comp. and cond.) 9, R. G. French 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Bishop G. K. A. Bell, formerly Bishop of Chichester and one-time Dean of Canterbury.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Tullett 1, A. H. Winch 2, Mrs. H. Penfold 3, A. Harman (cond.) 4, Miss B. Sheldon 5, P. Ede 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6. For harvest festival.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Mrs. L. Love 1, R. Johnston (cond.) 2, R. D. Pocock (first 'inside') 3, A. R. Pocock 4, F. Cook 5, A. Brant 6. For harvest festival.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Oct. 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Hayward 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, E. H. Jefferies 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, B. Wakefield (first as cond.) 5, P. Morgans 6, P. J. Lewis 7, W. Wrigley 8. For evening service.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Howlett (first quarter) 1, Margaret Jennings 2, M. Jennings 3, W. Slaughter 4, S. Arnold 5, R. Elliott 6, G. Jennings (cond.) 7, A. Stoner 8. For harvest festival Evensong, also a farewell to the Rev. C. H. Butler, who is leaving for British Columbia, and for R. Elliott, who is entering Exeter College, Oxford.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Chaplin 1, M. Bland 2, D. M. Salisbury 3, A. Gargrave 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, L. S. Woods (cond.) 6, T. East 7, A. Ammerlann 8. For morning service, also as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Woods, parents of the conductor.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. T. Hibbert 1, Patricia E. Hibbert 2, Mrs. Marjorie C. Hibbert 3, E. T. Sneller 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, J. W. Wilson 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTWOOD, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Mills 1, G. S. Lee 2, I. Tilling 3, D. French 4, Susan Chaddock 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, P. Walker 8. To celebrate the completion and opening of the new Church Hall, built entirely by voluntary labour.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): E. C. F. Rogers (first quarter) 1, E. C. Leigh 2, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 3, B. E. Jeffrey 4, S. Jenner 5, C. D. Batt (first quarter) 6, W. A. Leigh ,7 J. E. Warner 8. For harvest festival.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth C. Russell 1, Evelyn M. Fletcher (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Dobbie 3, J. Atkins 4, T. Russell 5, A. Timmins 6, J. N. Lindon 7, Margaret Parkin 8. A farewell to Mr. Sydney Freemantle, retiring after 50 years as verger.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Spittle 1, Gladys Anderson 2, Maureen Candy 3, C. W. Munday 4, C. R. Harris (first on eight bells) 5, A. S. Besant 6, R. C. Spittle (cond.) 7, J. E. Beams 8. For harvest festival.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Foreman (first quarter) 1, G. Peck 2, D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, A. Foreman (first quarter) 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Foreman, parents of the 5th ringer and grandparents of the treble ringer.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Grice 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, M. G. Lane 4, A. D. Grant 5, M. P. Palmer 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, M. J. Dyer 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For harvest festival.

HILLINGDON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. W. Seymour 1, T. G. Bannister 2, F. G. Baldwin 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 5, J. Hill 6, M. J. Palmer 7, N. D. Robinson 8, A. R. G. Twinn 9, F. C. Price 10. For Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, R. W. Green 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, H. S. Peacock 4, M. J. Dyer 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Royal 1, D. Joyce 2, P. Merry 3, J. Voyce 4, J. Webb (cond.) 5, A. Webb 6. For Evensong.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Waples 1, Miss M. W. Picton 2, Miss M. Erik 3, R. W. Picton 4, R. V. Wallis 5, R. J. Picton (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Waples 1, Miss G. Graney 2, Miss M. W. Picton 3, Miss M. Erik 4, R. W. Picton (first of Triples as cond.) 5, R. J. Picton 6, D. J. Goodman 7, R. V. Wallis 8. First of Triples by all the band except 5 and 8. For Evensong.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. F. Wright 1, J. Payne 2, T. Pendred (first of Minor 'inside') 3, F. Benfield 4, S. Earl (cond.) 5, J. Felce 6. For harvest festival, and to mark the birth of Carol Picken, daughter of a former Kingsthorpe ringer.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire): Eileen Pile 1, Irene Batchelor 2, Peggy Skinner 3, Elizabeth Rogers 4, J. Batchelor (cond.) 5, Iris Burford 6. First quarter in two methods by a resident band. For Evensong on the second anniversary of the consecration of the church.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): W. Shute 1, R. Vacher 2, B. Mogg 3, W. J. Foot 4, P. W. Mogg 5, A. E. Woods (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Brixton (first quarter) 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, E. L. Taylor 4, C. Webb 5, J. Bramley 6, C. W. Powell 7, Miss C. Brown (first quarter) 8. For patronal festival.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Chedgey 1, C. S. Williams 2, W. H. Farr 3, S. G. Coles 4, A. H. Reed 5, J. Pugsley 6, H. Churchill 7, P. Tubbs 8, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 9, W. Middleton 10. Rung for the 59th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pugsley.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Bradbrook 1, T. Pink 2, M. Soper 3, Margaret Johnson 4, R. Fraser 5, C. King 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. For harvest festival Evensong and to mark W. Langley's 78th birthday.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Burton 1, C. W. Sams (cond.) 2, W. Aley 3, G. Blake 4, B. G. Burton 5, J. Sams 6.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss M. Button (first quarter) 1, R. Seeley 2, Mrs. R. Reece 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. First in two methods for 2, 3, 4 and 6. For evening thanksgiving service.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): M. S. V. Scarle (first quarter) 1, L. J. Malings 2, Miss C. M. Malings (first 'inside') 3, D. Llewellyn 4, M. Williams (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. J. A. Jeffreys Jones).

OXENDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Messam 1, M. Messam 2, F. Maguire 3, C. Swann 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, All Saints' and Plain Bob): G. Walker (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Neesham 2, Miss P. Curtis 3, H. Curtis 4, A. Cozens (cond.) 5. For harvest festival, also as a farewell to A. Osborn, who is leaving for Hull University.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. French 1, I. Tilling (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Miss E. A. Wardill 4, Miss M. Mills 5, Miss S. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. For harvest festival Evensong, also to celebrate the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. Fisher.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Rowe (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Cubitt 5, E. J. Rowe 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss A. George (first of Major) 1, Miss J. French 2, Miss M. A. Ladd 3, H. N. Vaughan 4, R. D. Divall 5, E. J. Brunger 6, K. S. Hohl 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

WALTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,560 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. Lee (cond.) 1, T. J. Milsom 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, R. O. Fry 5.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Ashforth (first quarter) 1, D. Jackson 2, D. McNeal 3, Valerie Waterfield 4, D. Emmerson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For morning service on the feast of the dedication.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Newton (first quarter) 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Sandra Lewis 3, Rita M. Webb 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, P. G. King 6. First of Bob Doubles by all. Rung before Matins by a Sunday service band as a farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is joining the R.A.F.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss S. Perrett (first quarter) 1, N. Knee (cond.) 2, L. Hawkins 3, H. Tudgay 4, I. Titt 5, D. Aven 6, T. Mallard 7, A. Bull 8.

WIGTOFT, LINCS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Richardson 1, E. Flintham 2, F. Elkington 3, J. Bailey 4, L. Taylor 5, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 6. For harvest festival, also a farewell to the Rev. J. F. Rigg, who is leaving for Keelby.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, M. Rosemary Brown 2, D. A. Shaw (first 'inside') 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. G. K. Bell, former Bishop of Chichester.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. W. J. Yeo 1, M. W. Toze 2, R. A. Toze (cond.) 3, H. Hancock 4, J. F. A. Waite 5, A. Collard 6. For Matins, also a farewell to the treble ringer prior to his enlistment in H.M. Forces.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Penfold 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, A. Grainger 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, M. Bland 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, E. G Cottis 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Monica Horseman 1, D. E. Cobb 2, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 3, R. G. Hooper 4, D. J. Hunt 5, M. J. Horseman 6, D. G. Yeo 7, J. Brain 8. First of Double Norwich for 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Reade 1, R. W. Selby 2, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 3, M. G. Selby 4, Rev. A. Webb 5, G. C. Hemming 6, A. T. Shoney 7, W. Busby (first quarter) 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. John Thomas.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, R. H. Mills 3, Claude Corderoy 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,304 Little Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, J. Saxton 2, Mrs. B. Holmes 3, Caroline Collier (first quarter) 4, G. Davison 5, K. Rutland 6, S. Slaney 7, R. H. Bullen 8. For Evensong. Arranged for the visit of Ronald H. Bullen, Darley Dale.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob, 840 Grandsire): Doreen Gibbons 1, R. Blackler 2, M. J. Austin 3, D. J. Hunt 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, J. H. Gilbert 6. To mark the retirement of the Rt. Rev. A. Cockin (Bishop of Bristol), and for harvest festival.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Davis 1, R. N. Marlow 2, Miss M. Page (cond.) 3, B. Clements (first 'inside') 4, J. Lewis 5, H. Hitchins 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Parr 1, K. Clarke 2, C. Webb 3, E. Summers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. First in method for all the band.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Susan Mountague (first quarter) 1, June Key 2, B. G. Key (cond.) 3, Mrs. E. M. Key 4, W. J. Leach 5, D. Brunning 6, B. Dawson 7, E. J. White 8, G. Harrison 9, M. Dukes 10. For dedication festival.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Sylvia Bennett (first of Surprise) 1, Brenda Balls 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, W. J. Brunt 4, F. G. Oliver 5, H. J. Millatt 6, E. E. Davey 7, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 8. For Matins. Also the same day 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Woodruff 1, H. Webb 2, Brenda Balls 3, B. Webb 4, A. E. Leggett 5, E. P. Duffield 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. For Evensong and a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Hollingdale) on his last Sunday at this church.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rev. C. I. McN. Smith 1, E. Oliver 2, G. Wall 3, D. Papworth 4, W. Tyson 5, N. Errington 6, R. B. Skelton 7, R. Oliver (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 4. For harvest festival.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. Speke 1, Miss J. Richardson 2, T. S. Baker (cond.) 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, Miss J. Poll 6. For Evensong.

EARL'S BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Frost 1, Miss J. Downing 2, Miss J. Packwood 3, Miss D Miller 4, F. Benfield 5, A. C. Cozens 6, I. J. Dickin (cond.) 7, F. Stuart 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon L. A. Ewart, Vicar for 27 years, whose funeral took place the previous day.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Mark's Church, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. W. Biffin 1, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 2, E. M. Atkins 3, F. Wills 4, A. Jones 5, C. P. Yates 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, A. Mitchell 8. First quarter of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour on the 21st anniversary of the consecration of this church.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,258 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Lock 1, R. H. Mills (first in method) 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, C. Corderoy 4, G. W. Bishop 5, D. Jordan 6, W. Corderoy 7, A. H. Webb (cond.) 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, R. H. Mills 3, A. H. Webb 4, D. Jordon 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Miss M. Carr 1, T. Evans 2, A. Grout 3, G. J. Berry 4, H. Oglesby (cond.) 5.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Whittle (first quarter) 1, C. Woodard 2, J. Morley 3, J. Munnings 4, K. Whittle 5, E. Bloomfield 6, E. Blake (cond.) 7, P. Whittle 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Ann Pryke 1, H. D. Lister 2, R. Ducsbury 3, I. Cooper 4, G. N. Orman 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, E. E. Davey 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: H. B. Whitney 1, Anne E. Amor 2, June E. Sinfield 3, J. G. Newman 4, J. M. Stephens 5, R. J. Sharp 6, E. G. Munday 7, J. W. Sinfield 8, A. E. Rushton 9, B. Pattison (cond.) 10. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. F. Scammell).

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. P. Coffin (first quarter) 1, C. M. White 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, M. L. Northway 4, R. Buchanan (first 'inside') 5, H. T. Wilton 6.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Jarvis (first quarter) 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, Miss M. P. Coffin (first 'inside') 3, R. Symons (first quarter) 4, M. L. Northway (cond.) 5, C. M. White 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

MOORLINCH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. Gay (first quarter) 1, Freda Phillips (first 'inside') 2, D. Gay 3, R. Short 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5, K. Prime 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eaton 1, J. Dart 2, J. Bagnal (first 'inside') 3, H. Badger 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, H. Worboys 2, A. Reeve 3, F. May 4, J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin (first in method as cond.) 6, G. Sandwell 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong, and as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Reeve.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,200 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal: P. Walker 1, I. Tilling 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, Miss E. A. Wardill 6, D. French 7, G. S. Lee 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maxine Davies 1, J. W. Carter 2, Myrtle Cass 3, Mary Merritt 4, E. Gardner (cond.) 5, D. Elsmore 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

SELLY OAK, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Westwood 1, J. Boylin 2, C. Parker 3, Miss E. Yardley (first in method as cond.) 4, Wm. B. Cartwright 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman 7, H. J. Turner 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. T. Foster 1, J. E. Collins 2, J. S. Knighton 3, E. H. Willows (first 'inside') 4, A. Whiting (cond.) 5, E. Hibbert (first quarter) 6. Rung to congratulate the ringer of the ringer on his engagement to Miss Audrey Pearson.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Kew 1, Valerie Hoby (first 'inside') 2, Pamela Jervis 3, A. D. Rivers 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6. First quarter of Bob Doubles for all. Rung for dedication festival.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Reeves 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, C. T. Hillis 4, W. C. Marshall 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6. In memoriam John L. Morris.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Stella Allen 3, F. G. Sparks 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. For harvest festival.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. French (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Potter (first as cond.) 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, Mrs. P. Vowles 4, T. A. Blow 5, G. Hampton 6, W. Brownett 7, J. Adcock 8. For Evensong.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sherwood 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, D. Harman 3, F. H. Eley 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, Rbt. J. Warrilow (first as cond.) 7, E. Malin (first as cover) 8. Rung for the Stafford Mission Campaign.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, B. Story 3, J. Chapman 4, J. Rea 5, R. Sanders 6, M. Williamson (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8. For Evensong.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Ivings (first in method) 1, G. Peck (first 'inside') 2, W. Bowers 3, D. M. Reeve 4, N. Watson (first 'inside') 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Concah 1, W. Cannings 2, A. Hulley 3, F. Watkinson 4, Wm. Watkinson 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Ann George 1, Olive D. Couchman 2, B. V. Collison 3, Margaret A. Ladd 4, E. J. Ladd 5, C. A. Bassett 6, C. A. Tester 7, S. Jenner (cond.) 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: J. T. Rooke 1, G. Challons 2, R. Lucas 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving Evensong.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob and St. Martin's and 60 St. Simon's and St. Martin's Spliced): A. Fortin 1, M. Stracey (cond.) 2, Monica Barrett 3, R. Wright 4, D. Cornwall 5, A. Hammond 6. First in five Doubles methods by all. Rung for harvest festival, attended by the Bishop of Buckingham.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 5, M. Ginn 6. For Sung Eucharist.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,560 Little Bob Royal: T. Bush 1, S. Elsey 2, W. Cousins 3, S. Haw 4, J. Fox 5, C. V. Ebberson 6, R. Reed 7, A. Rolfe 8, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 9, C. Cousins 10. First quarter of Little Bob Royal by all except 6. Rung to mark the arrival of three grand-daughters within a week to S. Elsey, C. Cousins and E. H. Mastin.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): W. Kerrison 1, C. Bailey 2, E. T. Chapman 3, C. J. Gibson 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5, H. W. Barrett 6.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Hull 1, W. S. Butler 2, R. Dorking 3, J. Warner 4, E. W. Bright (cond.) 5, H. Dorking 6. Also 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Hull 1, B. Crook 2, R. Dorking 3, W. S. Butler 4, J. Warner 5, C. Burton 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For harvest festival.

YARDLEY-HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. King (first quarter) 1, A. Goodman 2, Miss A. Fowler (first 'inside') 3, H. Wooding (cond.) 4, S. Elliot 5, T. Wooding 6. For harvest festival children's service.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Price (first in method) 1, Marjorie Legg 2, H. W. Knight 3, R. H. Brice 4, H. A. Price 5, S. G. Smith (first in method) 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. First of Stedman on the bells.

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BELFRY

It was a 'Royal' occasion at Wisbech, Cambs, on October 11th, when a quarter of Little Bob Royal was rung to mark the arrival of three grand-daughters that week to members of the band. The grandfathers were Messrs. E. H. Mastin (fourth grandchild), S. Elsey (third) and C. Cousins (first).

Will the correspondent who sent an order for peal cards for Barcombe, Sussex, please send his name and address?

Miss Margaret Ross is believed to be the first lady to ring Swinton, Lancs, tenor (22 cwt.) to a quarter peal.

A busy evening was spent by Suffolk and Essex friends recently, when ringing took place at Timworth (4), Ampton (4), Ingham (5), Fornham St. Martin (6). Some hustle!

Mr. Sydney Freemantle, verger of Old Church, Edgbaston, for the past 50 years, has retired. Ringers from all over the country will share the congratulations for the quarter peal rung in his honour and wish him many happy years of retirement.

The ringers of the muffled peal on October 11th at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Chorley, Lancs, would like to record their gratitude to the Rev. Canon Cartmell for the refreshments served after the peal and the wonderful welcome he extended.

On October 4th Mr. George Hart motored from London to his native heath at Overseale, taking with him Mrs. Elsie, Miss Joan Willcockson and Messrs. Kenneth Dunstan and John Mayne. Their journey was not in vain as peals of Pudsey Surprise and Biddenham Surprise were successfully accomplished. To fortify them for the long journey back to London, they were most hospitably entertained by Mr. Joseph Cotton and family.

GOSSIP

Just before he returned to America, Mr. M. A. Turner had birthday honours paid him at Rushton at a ringers' tea. It was over 50 years ago that he rang his first peal, which was, appropriately enough, at Rushton.

For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Foreman a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Garboldisham, Norfolk. It was the first quarter for their son, Mr. A. Foreman, and also for their grandson, Mr. R. Foreman.

An appeal will be made in the Home Service on Sunday, November 2nd, at 8.25 p.m., on behalf of the £10,000 required to restore the roof timbers of the Norman church of Milton Ernest, Bedfordshire. This church contains six bells dating from 1611, with a tenor of 10 cwt.

Drayton Manor Grammar School, Hanwell, has some keen ringers. Three of the members of one form rang a quarter of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of St. Mary's Church, Hanwell. The ringers were J. A. Leat 1-2, J. E. Fox 3-4, T. S. Baker (conductor) 5—6.

Due to a broken rope, the peal attempt of Plain Bob Royal at St. Mary's Church, Oldham, in honour of the wedding of Joan and Alan Ward on September 15th, was lost. Their honeymoon in the West Country was a very happy one, with ringing at Plymouth, Stratton and Bude.

Tamworth Parish Church had a double celebration recently, when two members of the band had their 65th birthday. They were Mr. H. J. Dakin with 48 years in the belfry, and Mr. G. H. Peers, sen., a ringer for 54 years, of which 45 have been spent at Tamworth. A congratulatory quarter peal was rung on October 5th.

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WILFRED WILLIAMS' PARTY'S PEAL TOUR OF SCOTLAND

'A cheil's amang you takin' notes,
And faith he'll prent it.'
—*Robert Burns.*

AFTER last year's highly successful tour of Southern Ireland, and the fact that there had previously been successful tours in England and Wales, it was perhaps inevitable that the seventh annual tour organised by Wilfred Williams should focus largely on Scotland.

Once again 13 ringers took part and confounded the superstitious critic who early on drew attention to the fact that we were 13 in number, had 13 peal attempts, and were sitting at table No. 13 by scoring 11 peals in eight different counties during the week. At least six of the party completed the ringing of peals in the four countries.

The party assembled on Friday, August 15th, at the King's Head Hotel, Loughborough, and four new faces gave us a new look, the contrasting styles of hat worn by two new members being reminiscent of the heyday of a famous politician. Derek gave us a fleeting glimpse of the vintage Cowley and showed a new 'slant' on petrol consumption by driving with two wheels on the pavement.

The following morning brought up our first peal attempt, and promptly at 10 a.m. we presented ourselves at the Bell Foundry, where we were pleased to renew acquaintance with Paul Taylor. The light ten here held no terrors for the selected band, and Yorkshire Royal was tapped off in average time. Lunch at a local cafe brought us quite by coincidence to sit by Mr. and Mrs. Alan Capstick, whom we were to meet at the end of our tour at Ambleside.

For our second attempt we were privileged to ring on the fine ten at All Saints', where Leslie Stevens had everything in readiness, a good peal of Cambridge resulting. We were sorry not to have met the Cheshire men who had just completed a tour in that area and who, we understand, listened to some of this peal; however, we were pleased to see Ralph Edwards in his new rôle as listener and spend an evening in his company.

NOTTINGHAM, RIPON, CARLISLE

On Sunday morning we were able to join Walter Nichols and his band to ring for morning service on the fine ten at St. Mary's, Nottingham, afterwards lingering awhile to hear the sonorous tones of Little John and the Exchange Quarters before leaving in glorious weather for Ripon and more ringing at the Cathedral. Then on again amid delightful scenery over the backbone of England to Carlisle, pausing en route to celebrate a birthday before sampling for the first time the experiment of State-owned hotels in a city which this year celebrates 800 years of independence.

On Monday there was an early start at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, where Jim Butterfield had everything ready. The bells, which can best be described with a well-known dramatic sweep of the hand, take some ringing, and Yorkshire was brought round with more determination than pleasure; however, we were pleased to ring a peal in honour of the octo-centenary of this city.

Paisley, our next objective, was reached in near record time despite a continuous stream of heavy traffic going south. The Presbyterian Church of St. James, a building richly endowed by the well-known Coats family, contains a fine ring of eight. Due to the oscillation of the tall spire, coupled with the fact that the bearing brackets of the back bells are bolted to the walls, these bells take some ringing, and we did well to score an excellent peal of Stedman, Philip making a good job of a badly-going bell in spite of being almost overcome for lack of fresh air due to the bad ventilation in the ringing chamber.

THE FIRST PEAL OF PUDSEY ROYAL IN SCOTLAND

Tuesday brought us to the 'plum' attempt of the tour—a peal on the magnificent ten at All Saints', Inveraray. It was an anxious party which left Glasgow in heavy rain for this delightfully-situated town at the head of Loch Fyne, anxious as the chances of ringing a peal here in heavy rain are very remote. However, our anxiety lessened with every mile, and though it remained overcast the rain kept away.

The scenery on this journey was undoubtedly the best encountered on our tour, the road winding alongside Loch Lomond, fleeting glimpses of Ben Lomond through the clouds and the rugged buttresses of Glen Coe being particularly impressive.

The tower of All Saints' Church, a great granite pile, stands almost on the shores of Loch Fyne and is open to the elements. Despite this, we found the bells in excellent condition, and we were soon fitting a set of new ropes while our bell-hanging friends checked the fittings. A quick lunch, then back to the tower for an attempt, which for some of us was the culmination of a 30-year ambition. Some preliminary rounds, in which Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett, of Wombourn, Staffs, took part, and we were off to Pudsey Royal.

It took some time to settle down, but there was excellent ringing during the second and third hours, the issue being never in doubt. The volume of sound from these bells is terrific; it reverberates from the granite walls and descends on the ringers in one great cacophony, making it almost impossible to pick out any individual bell; nevertheless a truly majestic ring. Would-be aspirants for peals here will have to hurry—the floor of the ringing chamber is full of dry rot, and we estimated its life at no more than two years. Some of us were waiting in expectant imagination of the 'Guv'nor' stamping his foot at a 'trip' on these rotten boards and disappearing beneath us.

At the conclusion we were pleased to meet and to ring some Stedman Caters with Mr. E. H. Lewis, former president of the Central Council, who had driven from his home at Lochgilphead specially to see us. Another pleasant drive back to Glasgow, where we were in time to join the Cathedral ringers at their practice, receiving an extremely warm welcome. For many of us this was our first experience of Seages apparatus, which tested our ability to strike both Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

'RHYTHM WONDERFUL'

Wednesday brought no improvement in the weather, and we left in heavy rain for Alloa, passing through Stirling with its commanding castle and skirting the great Wallace memorial. St. John's, Alloa, possesses a pleasant light eight and 'the Master Mind' ably piloted us through an uneventful peal of Cambridge. Here again, the ventilation of the ringing chamber left much to be desired, the walls streaming with condensation long before rounds came up. An interesting peal board in this tower records a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first on the bells, conducted by the late Stephen H. Wood, who was largely instrumental in founding the Scottish Association. On leaving the tower we were much heartened by the appreciative comments of a Scottish gentleman, who said: 'Gentlemen, I'm a Presbyterian, but religion doesn't matter here; that was a d—— good show; the rhythm was wonderful.'

Retracing our steps and passing through the Bridge of Allan, we reached the High Kirk, Dunblane, a building of huge proportions with its chimney-like tower housing a fine Taylor eight, almost in the Ebbw Vale class. and on which a peal has yet to be rung. Our instructions here entailed finishing by 5 p.m., but unfortunately on raising the bells we had great difficulty with the clock hammers, and by the time our bell-hanger had rectified this a peal attempt was out of the question; however, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples—the first quarter on the eight—was brought round in 47 minutes by D. G. Clift 1, A. H. Reed 2, G. McKay 3, R. G. Leale (conductor) 4, P. Mehew 5, N. V. Harding 6, D. P. Jones 7, W. A. Theobold 8.

Saying goodbye to Dunblane, we set out for Dundee, taking tea at Perth which enabled us to hear the fine carillon at St. John's Church; then on along the ever-widening Tay until at last we saw the famous bridge and the foundations of its ill-fated predecessor which still stand a little to the east of the present structure.

Some of us were awakened in the early hours of Thursday by the incessant ringing of the telephone which conveyed the sad news of the death of Norman's father-in-law; and leaving Dundee at 5.15 a.m., Norman covered the 400-odd miles to King's Lynn by tea time. A start was made for London at 10 a.m. on the musical eight at St. Paul's Cathedral, and was still going well when your chronicler left on the first stage of a long journey to South Wales. Unfortunately this attempt fired out after two hours' excellent ringing. We were, however, kindly entertained by the Rev. Harold Bembridge and soon forgot the disappointment at losing what would have been the first peal of Major on these bells.

FIRST PEAL OF BRISTOL IN SCOTLAND

In the afternoon a peal of Bristol Surprise Major—the first in Scotland—was rung at St. Mary's, Old Steeple. These bells do not go well, having been rehung by a local firm, and the peal here was well earned.

That evening we attended practice at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, a magnificent ten, and received a warm welcome from Mr. Charles Raine, Master of the Scottish Association, and his fellow members. Afterwards Mr. Lloyd took the majority to sample the local brew, whilst Robin, and of course Philip, cultivated the acquaintance of local lady ringer Lois Beevers, who recently took part in a tour of Dorset with Robin.

Friday, and the now familiar rain saw a 10.30 start for Pudsey Major at St. James', Leith, where Derek made a good job of a difficult tenor (the sally sticks in a hole in the ceiling). Despite local objectors—the lights were flashed on and off during the last hour—and a letter from the Vicar, which we did not see until too late, a good peal, another first in Scotland, was rung.

Lunch, then we say our goodbyes to Scotland, the Guv'nor jumping the traffic lights whilst waving goodbye to Miss Beevers, and we head once again for the border and the road into England.

Brampton was reached by driving through a thunderstorm and cloudburst, which reduced speed to 20 m.p.h. However, in spite of this storm, which continued throughout the ringing, the first 7-method peal for the Cumberland Association was safely brought round. We did not bargain, however, for the loud and ribald complaints which were delivered by some local 'ladies' soon afterwards.

Saturday morning saw us at Cockermouth, where an excellent peal was rung on these fine but somewhat noisy bells: we received agreeable comments from appreciative local residents. From Cockermouth through the Lakes to Ambleside, where we had the misfortune to lose a College Youth peal of Yorkshire after 2¼ hours' good ringing on this fine, heavy ring. The three non-members, together with Dennis Mottershead, who was holidaying in the district, with two locals, Alan Capstick and Stanley Richardson, rang four methods on the nice six at Langdale, bringing to an end another pleasant peal-ringing week.

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NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

THE annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Bell-ringers was held for the first time in Bedford on September 20th, and was attended by members from Manchester, Leicester, Northampton and London, as well as those from the Bedford area.

Arrangements had been made for ringing in the morning at Kempston, Bromham and Felmersham. Unfortunately, a late start by certain parties resulted in Bromham not being visited during this period, much to the consternation of the local incumbent, to whom the secretary has apologised on behalf of the Guild.

The canteen of Horne Lane Police Station, Bedford, proved to be an initial meeting place during the lunch-time period. Sandwiches and liquid refreshment were available there by Inspector Amor, of Bedford, his wife and daughter.

Ringing continued during the afternoon at the two churches of St. Paul and St. Peter, Bedford. St. Owen's, Bromham, was again open after lunch and visitors made up for the disappointment of not having had time to call there on the way into Bedford.

The business meeting was held in the lecture room at Police Headquarters, Bedford, by kind permission of the Chief Constable. The following officers were elected: President, Ex-Sgt. E. C. Turner (Leicester City); secretary/treasurer, P.C. J. A. Smith (Leics and Rutland); auditor, Sgt. J. Rawson (Leics and Rutland); committee, Ex-Sgt. C. Willmington and P.W.-Sgt. M. Rawlings (Metro.), Ex-P.C. H. R. Woods (Lincs), P.C. S. Livesey and Ex-P.C. B. Walshaw (Manchester), Inspr. T. R. Butler (Liverpool), Inspr. G. Amor (Bedford). Two new members were elected, viz.: P.C. D. Whitehead (Bucks) and P.C. R. Brewin (Leics and Rutland). It was decided to hold next year's annual meeting on September 19th at either Derby or Grantham.

At about 7.15 p.m. approximately 70 members and friends sat down to a dinner at the Bridge Hotel, Bedford, and were honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Bedford (Ald. A. A. Jones and Mrs. Jones), the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire (H. R. Pratt) and Mrs. Pratt, the Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Bedford (Rev. J. H. King) and Mrs. King.

After a most enjoyable meal came the toasts and speeches by the Mayor, the Chief Constable, the Vicar, the president, Inspr. Amor and Ex-Sgt. C. Willmington. One point in common in all the after-dinner speeches was the very close and sheltered life that must have been led by the president. Proof of this was given by the president himself by the inclusion of a couple of his usual stories in his own inimitable manner in his speech of welcome to the guests.

A social evening under the very capable supervision of Mr. Frank Measures, of Leicester, followed. To commence the programme members of the Leicester contingent demonstrated the 'Rise and Fall' on handbells. This was followed by tune-ringing by the Manchester band. Despite the many requests for a certain school-teacher to sing 'Figaro,' he declined; however, the company was superbly entertained by several songs rendered by Mrs. Webster (wife of Inspr. Webster, of Bedford). The evening progressed with the various dances and competitions which go to make up a 'Measures social.' The president again amused the company with his stories.

The evening terminated at about 11.45 p.m., when numerous volunteers offered to take 'Sir Charles' to bed if necessary. So ended another annual meeting and dinner in the annals of the Guild.

J. A. S.

Peal Tour of Scotland—Cont.

After tea we left for Bradford, and on Sunday morning rang for morning service on the fine ten at Bradford Cathedral, where we renewed acquaintance with Leslie Morris; then on down the A.1 for lunch at Newark, tea and more service ringing at Baldock. London was reached at a respectable hour with another 1,200 miles on the clock of each car.

In conclusion, we should like to express our regrets at the inability of Messrs. Wilf and Michael Moreton and Peter Border to be with us this year; and our thanks to all the incumbents for permission to ring, and to all who met us and helped in the arrangements of another successful week.

D. G. C. and R. G. L.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY

On September 30th the Kings School, Canterbury, Bell-ringers' Society held its annual outing. The outing was to be a mystery tour and, fortified by some outside ringing friends, a happy coachload embarked at 9.15 a.m. upon what was to become a memorable day.

The first tower visited was Saltwood (6 12¾ cwt.), where the bells were left up in readiness for us and the tuneful Mears ring was put to good use for an hour or so. At Burmarsh (tenor 9¼ cwt.) we were very intrigued by the bright green sallies on the light six; but it is a pity that the bells are not a little louder in the belfry. A good course of Bob Minor was rung here.

Having been sustained by an excellent lunch at New Romney, we next prepared to do battle with the bells at the detached campanile at Brookland (5, 12 cwt.). There is no permanent means of securing the clock hammer, but a stout piece of string served the purpose well. A few rounds were rung to feel the 'go' of the bells, then someone suggested some Grandsire. This was duly attempted, but the treble decided to slip wheel and set itself at backstroke. The damage was inspected and eventually put right.

Warehorne (6, 9¼ cwt.) was a pleasant change and gave most of us a chance to relax. The bells are of good tone and go well. After this came Ruckinge (5, 13 cwt.), a ring of long draught and rather shallow tone. The Rector very kindly showed us round the church. A short drive took us to Aldington (6, 15 cwt.), and the bells here were considered to be the best of the day.

A short walk took us to the grounds of Aldergate, where a magnificent high tea was ready. The view of the sun setting over Romney Marsh from here is an unforgettable sight, and this and the rendering of popular ballads by Mr. and Mrs. J. Stockbridge upon their handbells made a wonderful climax to what had been a perfect day. One more tower was in store for us, that of Lympne (6, 10¼ cwt.), where the bells are rung from the chancel steps. They are a good ring, but the treble is very shrill.

A tired but contented party arrived back in Canterbury at 9.15 p.m.

A. R.

WEDDINGS

Mr. G. S. Deas—Miss M. McCartney

A wedding that attracted many ringers took place at All Saints', Gosforth, on September 20th, when the popular secretary of the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, Mr. George S. Deas, married Miss Margaret McCartney. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. W. Turnbull).

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length dress of white flock nylon with short veil. She was attended by Mrs. Ellen Agnew as matron of honour. The best man was Mr. Brian Gooch.

As the couple left the church under an arch of handbells, the ten bells of All Saints' rang out joyously.

The reception was held at the Heaton Assembly Rooms, with a course on handbells preceding the cutting of the cake. The happy couple left later for their honeymoon at Dunbar.

A peal of Grandsire Triples in celebration of the happy occasion was rung on the Thursday following at St. John's, Newcastle.

Mr. J. A. Ainsworth — Miss M. S. Capey

Two ringers, well known on Tyneside and elsewhere, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth and Miss Marion S. Capey, were married at St. Margaret's Methodist Church, Whitley Bay, on September 27th. Many ringers were present in the large congregation at the service conducted by the Rev. P. Capey, assisted by the local minister.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length dress of cream lace and was attended by two bridesmaids in azalea pink, the Misses Denise Tilmouth and Helen Capey. The best man was Mr. Eric N. Harrison.

The couple left the church under an arch of handbells held aloft by fellow ringers. At the reception at the Park Hotel, Tynemouth, the handbells came out again to accompany the cutting of the cake.

The bride wore an olive green jumper suit with light brown accessories as the happy couple left by car for a touring honeymoon.

THREE HALF DAYS

Arranged by Mr. Archie Fitch, and with the generous use of Mr. Arthur Rolfe's car and those of other friends, three enjoyable Saturday afternoon excursions were held on August 23rd, September 13th and October 11th, visiting towers in Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire.

Highlights were the charming six bells at Oakley, and the long and almost straight ladder at Shelfanger. A cracked tower and bells in ruin story concerning Wattisfield was found to be incorrect, although the ropes are very bad. The expectation of six bells at Wetheringsett led to the discovery of a five. (Mr. Dove, please note.) Here we were met by a gentleman nearing 90 who could not get up to the tower, but pushed a wheelbarrow-load of handbells from his house to the church. They were a grand set, and we enjoyed them in Grandsire and Bob Major—an honour for the old gentleman, who is proud of his boxful of handbells.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REPORTING DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—With reference to recent letters about the best way of reporting peals of Doubles, which include variations. In 'The Ringing World' of December 25th, 1955, I suggested the same style as used recently by Mr. Wratten, also suggesting that variations should be classified as 'Pleasure' methods. Thus a peal report would read: 'In two methods and two variations, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, April Day Pleasure and Eynsham Pleasure.'

Personally, I fail to see the reason for learning these variations. If a band is capable of ringing Plain Bob and St. Simon's, instead of bothering with April Day and Eynsham, they could just as easily learn Candlesby and Rugby Slow Course both simple individual plain course methods. Also, it would be possible to ring extents without bobs, which are unnecessary nuisances in Doubles ringing. If an extent is called 'Plain, Candlesby, Candlesby, Plain three times' it will be seen that the 2nd rings only plain courses of Plain Bob, and with a learner ringing this, the interest of the other three 'inside' ringers is more easily maintained than it would be by calling an extent of Plain Bob, bobs with the 2nd behind.

That variations are slowly dropping out of favour is shown when we consider the 'top ten' Doubles methods rung in peals in recent weeks. These are: Grandsire (48), Plain Bob (38), Reverse Canterbury (24), St. Simon's (16), St. Martin's (15), Stedman (11), Winchendon (11), April Day (10), St. Nicholas' (9), Reverse St. Bartholomew (7). Of these, April Day is the only variation. Reverse St. Bartholomew is an irregular and the rest regular individual plain course methods. The regular methods could easily lead to a peal of Spliced in 21 methods.

The following all have plain courses the same as Plain Bob: Norfolk, Old, April Day, Kennington, Hudibras, Ready Money, Seighford, Dedworth, Blunderbuss, Old Hudibras and Dedworth Supreme.

If the Editor thinks they would be useful and of interest I am willing to write articles on Doubles variations and/or a systematic use of the Doubles Collection, including notes on spliced extents.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

PENTLOW BELLS

Dear Sir,—In closing the series on Pentlow bells, may I thank Miss Seabrook, Urban Wildney and company for the information regarding these bells? I have now had the pleasure of ringing on them, and find, although very loud, the 'go' and tone quite pleasing. Later the same day we visited a pleasant five just north of the Essex border and were welcomed amiably by the local captain. During the course of conversation I was informed that some misguided character had pronounced the bells of Pentlow unringable, which he informed me was utter rubbish, although the bells were much too loud to call bobs. Needless to say, several members of the party found difficulty in concealing their mirth while yours truly, deciding discretion to be the better part of valour, quickly called for the next touch.—Yours sincerely,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury.

'NEW ANGLE ON TEACHING BEGINNERS'

Dear Sir,—I am somewhat puzzled and rather indignant at the letter on 'New angle on teaching beginners' by G. Hodkins, of West End, Southampton, as it implies that there is no one capable of teaching change-ringing in Southampton. This, of course, is not correct; but I should be interested to know at which tower he was given the answer 'You learns it' to all his questions. At my tower we may not be expert teachers of change-ringing, but at least we know how to speak.—Yours truly,

JOHN W. FAITHFULL,
Captain, St. Mary's Tower, Southampton.

BRIGHTWELL BELLS

Dear Sir, — Although on rather unstable ground as I did not visit Brightwell myself but based my report, as was necessary in other cases too, on what my fellow tourists told me, I have been instructed to adhere, in part, to what was written in the account of the Gloucestershire and Oxon tour. The tenor and fifth were very certainly *not* easy to handle after nearly two extents of Minor; and the tenor, at least, had a certain amount of weight and skill on the other end of the rope. My humble apologies, however, to the front four.

With regard to the remainder of the letter on page 659, may I say that Mr. Castell seems unnecessarily savage! He also seems to have a vivid imagination since, though never destined to be 'tip top,' the striking was quite adequate, and the band only rang Plain Bob and Kent—methods which the 'unscientific' Brightwell ladies would do well, in their own interests, to learn.—Yours sincerely,

STELLA HUGHES.

Walsall.

P.S.—*Nota bene*, Mr. Castell: 'S' is not a 'he'!—S. H.

GEORGE PEERS, OF TAMWORTH

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer my congratulations to George Peers, of Tamworth, on the peal rung to commemorate his 30 years in the world of ringing.

To the ordinary reader this may not appear outstanding, but few people know of the rough path they have had to follow at Tamworth, both from ill health, the uncertainty of the tower and other obstacles which would have deterred less loyal men. The devotion of George and his father to their church and bells is most commendable in an age when these things do not seem to matter.

When I was called up to Whittington Barracks in 1940, I was soon made very welcome at the home and church of the Peers family, and I must be one of many who can testify to the wonderful friendliness of the ringers, both at Tamworth and Lichfield, in those dark days.

I always remember the excitement of my first broadcast from Lichfield Cathedral. The bells did not go very well, and I was invited to stand in the following Sunday. I thought I had done fairly well, but imagine my dismay when the next letter from home solemnly declared that both grandfather and father knew which bell I had been ringing!—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leics.

'SALLIES IN MOTHBALLS'

Dear Sir,—Mr. L. W. Stevens' letter, as published in the October 3rd issue, contains some strong points which could easily be classed as 'home truths.'

No one can dispute the sad fact that, generally, service ringing is in a miserable state. Mr. Stevens may well ask what is being done to remedy the situation by those who assume responsibility.

It is all very well for the Central Council to carry out delicate peal analyses and to tabulate peal ringers in their order of merit and to establish that a method is 'so' or is 'not so.'

It would be far better to tabulate the attendances of service ringers. Furthermore, no ringer should be permitted to partake in a peal unless he is a 'registered' member of a service band with a percentage of attendances to his credit.

Bells are provided for service ringing; whether this be 'rounds,' 'call-changes' or even 'method' should be of no concern.

The entire responsibility for ringing, or not ringing, cannot be allocated to the vicar. He is, or should only be, responsible through his tower captain, with whom he should work in close co-operation.

I respectfully suggest that a select committee is established to examine the matter and to make recommendations. An official brochure outlining all aspects of ringing would prove invaluable, especially to those requiring recruits. The brochure should be designed to dispel the generally accepted opinion that ringing is just rope-pulling. It could briefly cover history, Guilds and their activities, the Central Council and its duties, bell mechanism, call-changes, method, the social activities, etc., etc. It could contain a page for local information to be completed by the local tower captain and a 'tear out' for the convenience of the probable recruit.

As a service ringer I thank Mr. Stevens for bringing the matter of service non-ringing to light, and sincerely hope that it will receive further discussion and suggestions for improvement through your columns.—Yours faithfully,

A. H. CROSS.

Old Windsor.

BELLS AT HEYDON, CAMBS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dove's Guide is incorrect concerning Heydon on two counts. Firstly, because it is not in Essex but a mile or two over the border in Cambridgeshire, in a little wooded enclave 450 feet up on the brink of the bare chalk edge of the East Anglian heights near Great Chishill. There is nothing higher eastward from here, by the way, till 400 miles across the North Sea into Germany have been traversed.

It was from that country that a bomber came in the war and jettisoned its load on sleepy Heydon, one bomb destroying the nave and tower of Holy Trinity Church, so that, secondly, the bells are no longer.

I went some years ago to see the ruins and saw fragments of wheels and fittings; but there is a happier conclusion to the story: the church has now been rebuilt in Gothic style as a war memorial, and—good news for ringers—a very plain brick tower added, in modernistic contrast, containing a brand-new, but still unoccupied, steel frame for six bells, and a clock mechanism. So perhaps Heydon may soon qualify for 'The Ringer's Guide' once more. —Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

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THE DRIVE FOR BETTER SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—When the College of Campanology was founded, about two-and-a-half years ago, its aims and objects were shown to include, amongst others, two that have received publicity otherwise in recent months, namely, the specific use of handbells in the teaching of hunting in method ringing, and that particular objective of ringing training which has special reference to service ringing.

In regard to the latter it is encouraging that the Central Council has set up a committee to explore the Sunday service ringing position generally throughout the Exercise.

The object of this letter is to confirm that the College, in wishing the committee all success in its good work, will continue its efforts in this field, especially now by urging all members of the College to assist the committee in every possible way, and by offering the committee such relevant information, gathered in College teaching activities, as the committee may consider to be useful in their investigations.

Experience of College tutors and helpers in the past two years tends to confirm the aptness of the contents of the three lists published on page 577 of 'The Ringing World' for September 5th, 1958, and shows that while these lists, as given, tend to overlap somewhat yet they do, in large measure, fairly present the picture, but that to complete it *additions* may be made, of which the following are but some examples:—

To first list—'Towards Improvement'

1. *Practical* recognition of ringers as church workers. For example: (*a*) Providing optional seating for ringers, who necessarily enter later than other members of congregation. (*b*) Having a 'Ringers' Sunday' annually, with handbell touches in the nave, sermons on ringing activity, ringers reading lessons, etc. (*c*) Admission to membership of the band by intermission in a church service.

2. *Encouragement* of younger members of congregation to make their Church membership vital by a practical Church activity, i.e., taking up ringing and making service ringing their contribution.

3. *Stressing* the need for learners to undertake, even if they leave the parish, to continue with their service in this way, the result being frequently of benefit locally through exchange.

4. *100 per cent. objective* of service ringing attendance—competitive.

5. *Encouraging visitors* who are ringers, through notices of ringing times, especially in the church porch, and/or in 'The Ringing World' occasionally.

To second list—'Success Factors'

1. *Devoting part* (at any rate) of the regular ringing practice (in a way similar to that of choir practice) to practise with the set object of ringing some specific method or touch, or even call-changes, for the following Sunday services. This should apply to all but fully experienced bands of good ringers; and the College advocates the practice with all bands containing learners and/or improvers.

2. *Rigidly keeping* the Sunday service ringing to within the capabilities of good performance by the band attending, and giving all a turn who can ring rounds well.

3. *Setting example*, by more experienced ringers, of regularity of attendance at service ringing, and of aiming at faultless performance and striking, by strict attitude towards these ends, particularly during service ringing.

4. *Payment?* A recommended alternative incentive towards regular attendance is the use of small badges of office (e.g., as worn in buttonhole), made available to ringers becoming eligible, in a tower, for Sunday service ringing, and worn to the church service for which they ring only if the holder has not been absent from the previous service(s). Absences are 'made up' by subsequent equivalent attendances, before the badge can be worn again, as determined by the tower captain. This idea may be found particularly useful among younger ringers who take a pride in their service.

To the third list—

'Full-band Retention Difficulties'

1. *Lack of Training Programme* and of a Ringing Progress Plan. These are two essentials, *all* the time, plus interest.

2. *Neglect of the '150 per cent. Minimum'* objective. This follows from the practical need to get together and maintain a band of twice as many ringers as bells in the tower, with special efforts to raise numbers again as soon as they fall to one-and-a-half times as many ringers; e.g., six bells—nine ringers.

3. *Neglected and therefore repulsive ringing chamber.* Have a rota of ringers to assist the steeplekeeper in keeping it as clean, bright and attractive as possible.

4. *Attitude of senior members to junior ones.* In these times all members must be made to feel welcome, especially by the seniors.

5. *Neglect of Public Relations.* Some ringers tend to drift away from service ringing when they learn that there is local objection to ringing. Often this objection is due to lack of liaison with local residents, whose lack of interest in ringing may turn to objection. Experience has shown that even fierce opposition can be overcome by contact, by compromise and even by an invitation to the ringing chamber!

It is emphasised that the foregoing additional items are cited only as examples, others being forthcoming, no doubt, as the result of the survey. Experience shows that Sunday service ringing can be extended and improved by making the necessary co-operative efforts. The College will do all it can to help, especially towards the solution of relevant problems that may be submitted.—Yours faithfully,

S. K. M. KNIGHT,
Registrar, College of Campanology.

STEDMAN CINQUES WITH 'WHITTINGTON'S'

Dear Sir,—The peal of Stedman Cinques on page 664 was not the first containing Whittington's, for the enclosed was rung at Lincoln Cathedral on January 26th, 1931, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, and again on February 18th, 1933, at Surfleet, conducted by J. A. Freeman. This was the first peal on the 12 bells at Surfleet.

Perhaps Mr. A. Walker can tell us of other Whittington peals?—Yours sincerely,

JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

5,000 STEDMAN CINQUES
By the Rev. H. L. JAMES

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 E	5 6 19	
2 1 3 4 5 6 E 9 7 8 0 *		
3 1 5 4 2 6	—	
2 1 6 5 3 4	S	—
2 1 4 6 3 5		—
4 1 2 5 3 6	—	—
4 1 6 2 3 5		— A
6 1 4 5 3 2	—	—
6 1 2 4 3 5		—
6 1 5 2 3 4		—

Repeat A four times with bob for single adding 21.22 in last course. Then call 2.21.

START QUICK SIX

* 4 5 6 7 8 9 11 S 14 20

KIRKHEATON, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Smith 1, D. Ingleby 2, Miss C. Dearnley 3, W. Sykes 4, R. Mitchell 5, R. Senior (cond.) 6. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to 1 and 3.

TEACHING RHYTHM

Dear Sir,—To the enthusiastic learner, as to his teacher, your article (October 3rd, page 633) is a challenge, and one of them is moved to make a few observations.

Your contributor writes: 'He should also be taught to listen to and recognise all the bells.' This, obviously, is the only sure road to good striking, but it does not seem to be generally understood how many people have ears so defective for music that they just cannot carry in mind a note to recognise it when next they hear it.

A personal example may be allowed to illustrate the point: the ability to utter the responses less flagrantly out of tune than the petitions offered by many of the clergy—fair evidence of the extent of the defect—but complete inability to decide whether the treble was the bell in thirds or in fifths when listening to a good call-change band ringing each sequence ten times. One has only to listen to bad striking by a band which should be competent to be forced to agree that many ringers are in the same plight, even if not always aware of it.

That ringers generally do not appreciate how common the defect is may be in part because so many of them enter the belfry by way of the choir. Nor do the normally endowed readily imagine the condition of tone-deafness, or the severity of the handicap with which the afflicted have to contend; to draw attention to which is the chief purpose of this letter.

Surely anyone listening to a piece of ringing can tell whether the striking is good? In rounds on not more than eight bells it should be fairly simple for anyone to hear his own striking (not necessarily to strike well!) just by counting. On higher numbers, especially in the middle, it is not so easy, perhaps because the ear receives more overlapping of notes and overtones. The speed at which the notes assail the ear bears greatly on the difficulties of the unmusical.

To alter speed correctly for going up or down, and especially for dodging, is altogether more difficult, requiring, as it does, a break in the *individual* rhythm, and the musically deaf are at a grave disadvantage. They know whether the ringing is going well or ill, but cannot easily tell what the faults are nor with whom they lie. Since they cannot distinguish their own bell, how can they help themselves? The conception of gaps clicking along in the mind certainly may help some, but depends ultimately on recognising the sound of their bell.

On familiar rings, the gauging of rope movement is obviously a tremendous help, and I suppose with enough practice will enable tolerable striking. In learning this, the system suggeted by W. F. M. should be invaluable.

Another aid which one of the afflicted finds as helpful as any is knowing that the bell speaks just before it, and the rope, come to rest. The thought may go thus: Sounds good—good—good—clip (probably my fault, though it might be someone bashing me, note for next blow)—better—good—not so good—right—crash! just as I pulled off, so I wasn't in that; Martin again, I suppose, if only he'd listen to his bell. Where am I now? Keep your mind on what you're doing, ass!

Teachers might exploit the fact that even the profoundly unmusical may be able to hear and appreciate the rhythm of odd-bell ringing, especially when the bells behind are dodging; this, I submit, is why bad strikers can sometimes make a more passable job of the work behind in Stedman than of anything else. On the other hand, Plain Bob, rung so much by the learner, may seem, except at the dodging, a meaningless succession of notes, the open lead an irritating hiatus scarcely to be distinguished from a bad blow, and a little bell behind at backstroke positively silly.

These lines are written, sir, in humility and deference, and in the spirit of the old aphorism 'Set a thief to catch a thief'—Yours faithfully,

B. M. WILLMOTT DOBBIE.

Edgbaston.

Autumn Tour Of Society Of Friends Of The Exercise

A RECENT report in the 'R.W.' gave some account of the 'Friends'' Whitsun tour and concluded as the writer was journeying to Honiton to take part in the ringing weekend which had been planned back in May.

As it turned out, only three people arrived in Honiton on September 26th in time to ring, and since no one met us no ringing was done. 'Ah well,' said the three at Honiton, 'the rest will turn up at Ottery.' And it was so. The mayor-elect of East Budleigh and organiser for S.F.E., Cyril ('Pickles') Savage, was there on the churchyard steps to welcome all and sundry. Brian Bladon and Lesley Howes added respectability to the scene. The tuneful Taylor eight (18 cwt.) at Ottery were rung until 9 p.m. Later, in the King's Arms, East Budleigh, a count of heads revealed only one absentee.

Saturday, September 27th, was fair and bright. 'Leave E. Budleigh 8.15 a.m. sharp' read the programme, so at 8.25 a.m. we left, all in cars. Around the Exeter by-pass and just west of Alphington to the village of Ide (pronounced 'Eede') went the convoy. There we found Bill Carter, safe after his battles with B.R. The six bells (8 cwt.) by Warner were used for sundry methods before we charged into the foothills of Dartmoor, en route for Dunsford.

Call-change ringers' ropes at Dunsford (6, 14 cwt.), and more harvest decorations, set the pattern for the rest of the day. The problem of coping with two or three feet of spare, single rope was solved in various ways.

Crafty roadmanship by the organiser effectively stopped any overtaking on the hill up to Bridford (6, 9 cwt.). Those not ringing admired the 16th century rood screen or chatted with the local captain of ringers. The Harriers Arms was briefly taken by storm and then left to subside whilst we journeyed on to Lustleigh. As the crow flies, this is about five miles from Bridford, and those who pinned their faith to the Ordnance Survey and ignored grass growing in the middle of the roads, went straight up over Kiln Down, past Torquay's reservoirs, and so down into the picture postcard village of Lustleigh. The six tuneful bells at Lustleigh (11 cwt.) were coaxed into giving good music.

BOILING RADIATORS

Late, as ever, we left for Manaton and Dartmoor. Boiling radiators over Trendlebere Hill and no time to admire Becka Falls were our lot. The tower steps were climbed at Manaton (6, 8 cwt.) and the view of Haytor Down from the top was worth the climb.

'Tow ropes will be carried on *all* cars' read the programme, and, en route to North Bovey and lunch, we almost wished that Cyril had taken his own advice. On North Bovey Green, 'A person shall not, upon the ground, beat, shake, sweep, brush or cleanse any carpet, drugget, rug or mat or any other fabric retaining dust or dirt.' So cars were left on the green, uncleaned in deference to the by-law, and we rang Bob Minor, very fast, on the six bells (12 cwt).

'Mountain guides will meet the party at Chagford.' Perhaps our performance on the only ring of eight (18 cwt.) encountered that day deterred the guides, but these Taylor bells went well. On to Gidleigh where the Rev. S. C. M. Scott's father welcomed us to ring on his five bells (8 cwt.), and their minor key was not disagreeable.

Local ringers welcomed us at South Tawton (6, 11 cwt. in E) and stayed to watch some scientific Doubles. No doubt the sight of Cyril climbing the sally of the fourth bell convinced them that their bells were better rung 'off the balance.'

'Tea—half hour' was next on the programme, and most members rang at Spreyton Church (6, 12¼ cwt.) before eating. After recrossing the main road, the large square at Drewsteignton was found to be useful for parking. Ringing on the fine six (18 cwt.) went well, too. Eleven towers gone, two to go.

Choreton Bishop bells (6, 14 cwt.) were rung as darkness descended, and later Tedburn St. Mary's Church was located. As it lay about a mile from the village and off the main road, discovery was difficult in the dark. The bells (6, 10 cwt.) at this tower are rung from a gallery, and a band of ladies performed well at Stedman. Somewhat weary, the Friends 'tanked up' at the King's Arms (Tedburn and East Budleigh) and found strength to hold a 'public meeting' at the village hall, under the chairmanship of the Mayor.

For Matins, the Friends dispersed to ring on Sunday at Otterton and Woodbury as well as East Budleigh. A large bunch of flowers was presented to Mrs. Salway, landlady of the King's Arms, and all hoped she would be fit enough to accommodate ringers once more soon.

Sunday afternoon, and the homeward journey began. By a somewhat roundabout route we called at Thorverton (8, 14 cwt.) and had some good ringing. After tea in Tiverton, we regretfully passed by St. Peter's Church and went on to ring for Evensong at Dulverton (8, 17 cwt.). The party then dispersed.

Those taking part were: Brian Bladon, Lesley Howes (Stamford Hill), Dick and Elisabeth Bowden, Frank, Mary and Shirley Mack, Mary Hall, John Hunt, Reg Hooper and Bryn Shackleton (Bristol), Philip Mehew, Anne Amor and Helen —— (Bedford), John Gilbert (Long Ashton), Don Cobb (Locking), Graham and Ruby Eyles (Box), Eric Hitchins (North Bradley), Bill Carter (Swindon) and Cyril Savage (East Budleigh).

'SUNBEAM.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The autumn meeting of the Dorchester Branch of ringers was held at Wyke Regis, when the Rector (Rev. F. E. Pratt) gave a most inspiring address and said: 'There are too few people who are true lovers of God, and people who are full of kindness and goodness are not necessarily true lovers of God.'

Following tea, the meeting was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Pratt in the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman. Business transacted included the survey of Sunday service ringing and the Blandford festival for Dorset ringers on October 25th, also the rededication of the bells at Piddletrenthide on October 12th. One new member from Preston was elected.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the Rector of Upwey (Rev. A. S. Bryant). He had held the living for about 23 years, and always took a keen interest in the ringers and the Guild.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Hayne to the Rector, the ladies who served tea and the Wyke Regis ringers.

Towers represented were Abbotsbury, Buckland Newton, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Piddletrenthide, Preston, Wyke Regis and a visitor from Burghfield (Berks).

REDEDICATION

St. Margaret's, Ipswich

The bells of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, were rededicated on October 4th by the Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

A short Evensong preceded the rededication, conducted by the curate; the address was given by the Lord Bishop. After the service the bells were rung. About 40 ringers attended, including Mr. J. Millhouse.

Thanks to Mr. H. Parks, who did the work in record time, the bells go excellently. The contract was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

E. V. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District Annual

Attended by over 120 members representing 20 towers, the annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Canterbury on October 11th. For the service at St. Dunstan's Church the choir was strengthened by several ringers. The Rev. A. L. Lawler conducted the service and the Rev. S. M. Evans, curate of St. Lawrence's, Thanet, preached. The tea in St. Dunstan's Hall was prepared by ringers and friends of the church.

Mr. J. A. Russell (chairman) presided at the business meeting. The secretary and treasurer (Mr. B. J. Luck) reported a reduction in membership, which he thought would be made up when all subscriptions were received.

Officers renominated were: Mr. Russell, chairman; Mr. Luck, hon. secretary; Messrs. E. T. Eades and D. C. Chatfield, District representatives. Mr. W. S. Palin, who had been Ringing Master for the past six years, would not accept renomination. He was thanked for his services and Mr. D. A. Chapman was elected to the office.

Mr. B. J. Luck said he would not seek re-election next year, but he had found his successor, and with the approval of the meeting proposed Mr. T. C. Phillimore as assistant secretary for the current year, with the view of taking over the District secretaryship. This was approved.

The chairman said that it was a great shock to him, and no doubt the meeting, to hear this. Mr. Phillimore would most certainly have the ways of Mr. Luck engraved into him during the following year.

Seven new members were elected from Goodnestone, St. Alphege's, Canterbury, and St. Peter's, Thanet.

Mr. Luck announced that the annual meeting of the Association would be held in this District at Margate.

Ringing took place in the evening at the Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6) and St. Alphege's (6).

RETIREMENT OF RECTOR OF CHESTER-LE-STREET

Canon C. R. Appleton, who had been Rector of Chester-le-Street since 1940, retired on September 30th. After the lifting of the wartime ban, the bells of Chester-le-Street became freely available, and many successful meetings have been held and peals rung during his ministry, always with his keen interest.

'A stroke in June took him to hospital for three months, but even there he listened to his bells at practice and on Sundays. He has since made a remarkable recovery but was advised by his doctor not to appear at the farewell ceremonies. However, he recorded messages to open a garden party, and to the Western District meeting at Chester-le-Street on September 20th, arranged as a farewell to him. On the latter occasion tributes by Mr. D. A. Bayles, the local Ringing Master, Mr. K. Arthur, president, and Mr. K. W. Cheeseman, vice-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, were recorded, to be played back at the Rectory.

Canon Appleton's farewell sermon was also delivered by tape-recorder, and these various recordings on tape inspired an idea to make a disc record as a souvenir which could be purchased by the parishioners. The recordings of bells, choir and organ, with the voice of Canon Appleton reading excerpts from the baptism, wedding and funeral services, and St. Paul's farewell to the Philippians, Chapter 4 vv. 4 to 8, were taken after Evensong on October 5th, and the record will be available shortly.

On the last evening that Canon Appleton was in the Rectory the bells rang out with a peal in thanksgiving and farewell. The band included five of the Sunday service band.

D. A. B.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY J. PARKER

It is with great regret that the death of Mr. Henry J. Parker (better known as 'Harry'), of Buckden, is recorded, having taken place on October 14th.

Harry joined the Ely Association in 1930 whilst living at Great Staughton, and became District secretary in 1933. He looked after the District during the war, after which he worked hard in getting things moving again. During December, 1947, he moved with his work (a gardener) into Bedfordshire, but was often seen at various meetings with his old friends in the Ely Diocese.

In 1952 he again moved back into the diocese and this time came to Buckden, where he joined the local band of ringers, with whom he rang until about six months ago, when his illness struck. He was a regular attender for service ringing and a well-respected member who rang 13 peals for the Association.

To his widow and family we extend our deepest sympathy. The funeral took place at Buckden on October 17th. H. S. P.

MR. R. PARR

Sh. Michael's Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, Lancs, has lost its oldest ringer by the death of Mr. Richard Parr.

A regular churchgoer, 'Dick,' as he was known to his friends, was always punctual in the belfry and will be greatly missed, although his ringing was limited to the treble.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service, and in the evening a quarter peal of 1,440 Plain Bob Minor was rung to his memory by the following band: Honor Winter 1, R. Larkey 2, J. Lunham 3, L. Pearson 4, B. Tattersall 5, H. Poyner (conductor) 6.

MR. J. THOMAS

Mr. Louis A. Wilson, Wootton Bassett, Wilts, writes:—

As one of Jack's oldest ringing friends, I was grieved to read of his passing at Painswick, and I am sure he would not have wished to pass in any other way. I became acquainted with him in 1901 when he came to Swindon as a gas fitter. He came to Wootton Bassett and stayed with me on various occasions, and on his returning to Bristol I often stayed the weekend with him and his brother Bill at St. Michael's Hill. We were both interested in handbell ringing, and it was a treat to see Jack and Bill with four handbells each ringing Grandsire Triples. Incidentally, I myself had a go at it and made some progress.

Jack was fond of fresh air and always slept with his window open; he also had a punchball in his bedroom which he practised on when he first got out of bed. I thought I would like to have a go, with the result that the ball came back and hit me on the nose . . . I told him I much preferred ringing.

When he moved to London I still kept contact, and it was a real pleasure to be with him although hard work, as on handbells he often continued until after midnight. As a ringer and conductor he was at the top, and in his married life he was fortunate in having as mates ladies who could enjoy his life.

May he rest in peace.

MR. CHARLES WOOD

St. Paul's, Stalybridge, Cheshire, has lost one of its oldest ringers by the death of Mr. Charles Wood, who passed away on September 23rd, aged 78 years.

Mr. Wood had been a ringer for 58 years and he was an inspiration to all who rang with him. The bells of St. Paul's were muffled on the Sunday following the interment.

At a meeting held at Mottram of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch of the Chester Guild, Mr. Wood's death was referred to by the secretary (Mr. K. Lewis) and the deputy Master (Mr. E. R. Elkins).

SOME AUTUMN OUTINGS

ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH

The Isle of Wight Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild held their annual outing on October 4th, when a party of 53 ringers and friends crossed to the mainland on the first boat. Two coaches took them to Milford-on-Sea, where a ring was had on the eight bells.

A halt for coffee at Barton-on-Sea and then on to Lytchett Minster, where various methods were rung. A run through torrential rain followed to Swanage, where an excellent lunch was served at the Dorothy Café. Ringing on the beautiful octave at the Parish Church was much enjoyed.

That concluded the ringing for the day, and the coaches made their way to Lulworth Cove for the party to look around the renowned beauty spot, to Wimborne for tea, and through the New Forest to Lymington. A short halt for refreshments was made before embarking on the last boat to the island.

The ringers were delighted to have the company of the Vicar of Newport and the Rector of Freshwater and his wife, and their interest in the Guild's affairs is very much appreciated. The organiser, Mr. C. F. Guy, was thanked on behalf of everybody by the Master, Mr. W. Upton.

BROMHAM, BEDS

Although the weather was not kind on October 4th, Bromham ringers and friends set off in high spirits on their second outing this year.

At Roydon (6, 9 cwt.), the first tower, a touch of Bastow Little Court successfully came round and ringing was of a general standard. Although Hoddesdon tower rocks badly, ringing here was enjoyed on the first octave of the day.

After an enjoyable tea, we rang at St. Andrew's, Enfield (8, 20 cwt.), but difficulty was found in striking this nice-toned octave. The last tower was Cheshunt (8, 16 cwt.), and what a lovely set of bells to finish up on, and what a beautiful church to look round!

Once again we thank Mary Tysoe for arranging such an enjoyable outing, and also the incumbents and the people who met us.

K. C. F.

BRISTOL RINGERS IN WILTS AND HANTS

Heavy rain did nothing to damp the spirits of the members of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucestershire and Bristol Association when they set out for their annual outing on October 14th. After a brief stop at Salisbury for coffee we made our way to Romsey, and soon the Abbey bells were going to a variety of methods, Double Norwich being the highlight. Having taken lunch we literally sailed through flooded streets into Southampton, where we were privileged to ring the well-known bells of St. Mary's. We arrived at North Stoneham just in time to ring for a wedding. The light ten, however, proved almost too tricky for us and we were unable to produce the standard of ringing we had enjoyed at previous towers. Tea was taken at Winchester before setting off for our last tower at Everleigh, where a well-rung course of London Minor ended the day's ringing.

Our thanks go to Mr. A. V. Bennett (Branch secretary) and Mr. F. D. Mack (Ringing Master) for all their efforts in organising the tour and ensuring its success. R. J. B.

MR. VICTOR M. SMITH

We regret to announce the death at the age of 68 of Mr. Victor M. Smith, who for 47 years was a ringer at Godalming Parish Church and for a long period captain of the band. For health reasons he retired last November. The funeral was last Tuesday at Godalming, Surrey.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH

The ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, had a half day trip on October 4th. The outward journey was via Yelverton and Princetown, and Dartmoor was to be seen in its best autumn tints. Manaton was reached ahead of schedule, and after that our time-table went sadly adrift, as we tried to reach Bridford by the back door, although we had taken the precaution to go via Moreton Hampstead. We reached there eventually, after going through lanes where the coach was brushing the hedge on both sides. At a farm we were told if we could manipulate the next corner we had nothing worse than we had encountered. The menfolk got out to walk up the steep hill, and we reached Bridford. From Bridford to Chagford to a well-earned grand tea, now only 25 minutes behind time! After tea, ringing on the fine eight.

[The name Chagford will bring back to the Misses Vantom and Boulden, of Lydd, and Mr. and Mrs. Cobourn, of Harpenden, memories of a holiday spent in Plymouth, and a little trip by cars with several of Emmanuel ringers on September 5th, when we rang at Buckland Monachorum, Walkhampton, Chagford and Widecombe-in-the-Moor, with a picnic tea on the moors.]

From Chagford to Throwleigh, where we had the best ringing for the afternoon; and after cutting down on our tea break and catching up on the journey we arrived at our last tower, South Tawton, ahead of schedule.

At tea, Mr. Sims (Emmanuel captain), who was in charge of the ringing, expressed pleasure at having friends from Bickleigh and other visitors with us, and thanked the café management for an excellent tea, Mr. H. H. Thomas for making the arrangements, with especial thanks to Mr. Pridham for the wonderful handling of the coach. H. H. T.

PENARTH

On September 27th the Penarth ringers and a few friends had an outing to the Swansea area. At Newton we were met by Mr. Trevor Roderick and found the bells, with their light weight and long draught, not as difficult as we had been led to expect, and only the Kent failed because of the bells.

The 'go' of Aberavon bells was similar to our own, which brought back to the learners some of the confidence which had waned at Newton. Here we were joined by two Baglan ringers who journeyed with us to their home tower with its rather loud six. Mr. Gwyn Lewis met us at Cadoxton and he tried to help us through a course of Cambridge Minor.

The Duffryn bells seemed heavy going. Nevertheless, we had some well-struck Plain Bob before moving on to Neath where, watched by Mr. Harry Boyce, we completed a course of Cambridge Minor.

From Neath we went to Sketty, where we were met by Mr. Arthur Hoare and two of his local band. With eight bells again, we rang Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and it was a similar story in Gorseinon, where Mr. W. Dobbins was very helpful.

Our last tower was Llanelly, and here we spoilt the local practice night and really 'blotted our copy-books' by breaking a stay and fusing the lights.

Home was reached at 11 p.m. E. J. R. H.

LAVENHAM

On Saturday, October 11th, the Lavenham ringers held their annual half-day outing, ringing at St. Andrew-the-Great and St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge; and after partaking of tea at the Dorothy Café finished the day's ringing at Trumpington. Many thanks to Miss K. Willers and Mr. T. R. Dennis, who helped to put these towers at the disposal of the ringers. F. S. M.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting on October 11th at St. Michael's, Thornhill, was a special occasion for the Barnsley District Society, when gratitude was expressed to Mr. Daniel Smith who, owing to ill health, has resigned the secretaryship after 25 years in office. On behalf of the District, Canon Coney presented Mr. Smith with an electric blanket and a bedside tea-making outfit.

The Canon recalled that when he came to Felkirk, Mr. Smith and Mr. Harold Chart were amongst the first people he met.

Mr. John R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, also spoke of Mr. Smith's good work as secretary and the help he gave to young ringers. Mr. Smith thanked the members for their gift and said he had not expected anything for his services.

The vote of thanks to the Canon and wardens for the use of the bells, to Mr. Dyson, Scargill, and the local company for the arrangements, and Savile Arms for the excellent tea, was proposed by Mr. Noel F. Moxon. Fourteen towers were represented at the meeting.

The next meeting will be at Wath-on-Dearne on November 8th.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The meeting of the Saxmundham District at Tunstall and Blaxhall on September 20th was well attended, and many methods were rung. The Rector of Tunstall took the service and also organised the tea, for which all were grateful.

At the business meeting a rough outline was given of reducing the number of districts in the Suffolk Guild. It is hoped that a full attendance of members will be present at Leiston on November 15th when this will be discussed fully. New members elected were Mr. W. Wells, Saxmundham, ringing member, Mr. Thomas Cooke, Mrs. Thomas Cooke and Miss Brenda Cooke, of Darlington, Yorkshire, non-resident life members. A. R. B.

THE LATE MR. JOHN L. MORRIS' PEALS

Below is appended the list of peals rung by the late John L. Morris, of Orpington, Kent. His peals were rung in 111 towers and 15 counties, for 15 Associations (143 peals rung for the Kent County) and with 307 ringers.

TOWER BELL PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 3, 2 methods 1 (conducted 1), and one each in 3, 4, 5, 11 and 13 methods.

Minor.—Plain Bob 9 (3), Cambridge Surprise 2, 3 methods 4 (1), 4 methods 6 (2), 5 methods 2, 7 methods 13 (1), 10 and 13 methods two each, one each in 8, 9, 12 and 15 methods, 7 Surprise 2 (1), 9 Surprise 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 8, Oxford Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 21 (4), Kent Treble Bob 2, Little Bob 2, Double Norwich 14 (1), one each of Double Oxford, Ashbourne College and Spliced Kent, Oxford and Plain.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 10 (2), Yorkshire 12 (3), New Cambridge 4 (1), Lincolnshire 4, Rutland 3 (1), Bristol 12 (1), London 5, Ealing 2, one each (conducted) of Aldenham, Dorchester and Fordcombe, one each of Belgrave, Branston, Cornwall, Erith, Hallam, Pudsey, Richmond, Suffolk, Superlative and Teddington, Spliced in 2 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 2 (2), 4 methods 6 (1), and one each in 5, 7 and 10 methods.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3 (including 12,740), Kent Treble Bob 2, Pontefract Surprise 1.

Cinques: Stedman 2.

Tower bell total: 199 (29).

HANDBELL PEALS—3: Plain Bob Minor, Plain Bob Major, Little Bob Major.

Combined total: 202 (29). I. H. O.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Many young ringers took part in the autumn festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch held at St. Erme on October 4th. About 90 ringers were present, representing the towers of St. Mewan, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, St. Erme, St. Ewe, Tywardreath, St. Dennis, St. Columb Minor, St. Gorran, St. Newlyn East, Perranzabuloe and Truro Cathedral.

A service was conducted by Canon R. O. Oatey (rector), who also preached. The organist was Mr. N. J. Trethewey, and among those attending were Mr. W. H. Southeard and the Rev. A. S. Roberts (vice-presidents).

The judges for the test ringing were Messrs. J. Keatt and A. Lock. The standard was above average, and 18 first-class certificates were awarded. The ladies of St. Erme Church provided a splendid tea and refreshments in the evening.

An invitation to hold the spring festival at St. Columb Major was accepted.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

The Chertsey District meeting at Send on October 11th got away to a slow start, mainly due to ringers being kept in their own towers by weddings. However, the younger members had plenty of Grandsire Doubles before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. Sylvester). A thought-provoking sermon was preached by the curate of Chobham (Rev. B. T. Thompson).

The usual sumptuous Send tea was laid on in the school by Mr. Strudwick and his helpers. It was agreed that a gift of glassware be given to Miss Hazel Hancock as a wedding present.

Ringing continued till 8.30 in methods up to Cambridge Minor. Altogether 34 ringers attended, most of them being District members.

R. C.

THE CONDUCTOR'S LAMENT

'Twas October 1st, six ringers arrived,
A peal to attempt, the method Grandsire.
Bell raised, ropes adjusted, off we go;
To lose this peal would be a blow.

Been ringing for one hour, nearly two,
One hour more then we'll be through.
The striking's depreciated, let's give a shout.
'Come on now—do better than that!'

The fifth is the culprit, our John helps him out.
'Under and over me, pass treble, go down,
Lead this time, Percy, keep your bell up.
Stretch up higher and don't let it drop.'

Something is wrong, I can sense it somehow.
Oh, Percy! What have you done now?
The shock is too great, our Kath she calls
'Stand,'
For one pair of trousers lay flat on the ground.

Sunday morning, 10.30, our Percy arrived,
Despite lots of leg-pulling, well he survived.
'Don't do it again, Percy, or you'll get reported.'
'Not me,' says he, for BRACES he'd sported.

K. M. YEO.

[High Halden, Kent, October 1st.]

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: K. Hainsworth 1, Miss M. V. Copping 2, Miss S. M. Taylor 3, R. E. Moulds 4, D. S. Hollas 5, V. Bottomley 6, G. F. Bryant 7, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 8. For harvest festival. The band would like to associate this with the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Thurmott.

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The address of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ward is 581, Middleton Road, Chadderton, Oldham. They desire to thank those who rang for their wedding, and also Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sangwin, and ringing friends in Plymouth, Stratton and Bude for a happy holiday. 3215

The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alan Ainsworth is now 35, Denhill Park, West Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, 5. 3214

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HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED for the Derwen Cripples' Training College, Oswestry, a set of handbells, two octaves diatonic. Please reply to H. Higgs, Highbury, Havelock Road, Shrewsbury. 3174

MISCELLANEOUS

BROMLEY, KENT.—There will be no practice on November 4th.—D. Martin, Sec. 3154

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—First of a series of monthly practices is on Friday, Oct. 31st, at Geddington. Five bells available, 7 to 8.30 p.m. 3221

ST. MARY'S, HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Will our many ringing friends please note that in future, practice will be held on Tuesday, 7.30 to 9 p.m., and not on Monday. 3230

TO CONDUCTORS.—Make a point of presenting a copy of 'The Ringing World' to those who ring their first peal or quarter peal. Send 6d. with report.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting at South Cadbury, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. Badman, Evercreech. 3183

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at Ilkeston on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 3 to 5 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Fletcher, 30, Margaret Avenue, Ilkeston.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3202

DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Bentley, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. November meeting, Campsall. 3227

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Dumbleton, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 3237

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North East Branch.—Saturday, Oct. 25th, practice meeting, Silverton (8), 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 3176

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting with Sussex County at Rotherfield, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Names for tea to W. Rogers, Vine Cottage. Look up Yorkshire.—C. A. Bassett. 3205

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3195

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting at Much Wenlock, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea.—H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock. 3162

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Shepshed, Leics, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Own tea arrangements. Bells 3 p.m.—P. C. Clarke, Sec. 3206

WEST SUFFOLK.—A practice meeting at Barrow (5) on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 2.45 to 4.30 p.m., and Horringer (8), 5.30 to 9 p.m.—L. Wright, Organiser. 3194

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 321st anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on November 1st, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (18s. 6d.) by Oct. 27th, please. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 to 12.15; St. Lawrence Jewry, 2 to 3; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3 to 4.15; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5.15. — John Chilcott, Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 3211

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Hatton on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 29th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warwicks. 3244

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Train 1.5 p.m., Derby, all stations; return 8.38 p.m. from Chapel. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3233

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. A. Ainsworth, 35, Denhill Park, Newcastle, 5. 3241

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6) on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3223

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Maldon, All Saints', Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3131

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City and Bristol Rural Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st, St. Stephen's (10), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., St. James' Church House, Whitson Street. Meeting follows. 3229

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Newton St. Cyres, 7 to 9 p.m. 3238

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting at Worthen, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 3218

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston, Saturday, Nov. 1st, 5.30 p.m. Special method, Lincolnshire Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3216

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth, on Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 29th.—K. R. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley, Herts. 3224

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Rishton, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. A café near the tower.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3234

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 3240

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st, Hindley. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 3243

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Co-operative Café, High Street, Leicester, 7 for 7.15 p.m. New first-class entertainment. Tickets (price 11s.) from undersigned by Oct. 30th. Ringing arrangements: South Wigston (8) 2 to 4, Belgrave (8) 2 to 4, Humberstone (6) 2.30 to 4.30, Aylestone (8) 3 to 5, Birstall (8) 3 to 5, St. Margaret's (12) 4 to 6, St. Mary's (8) 4 to 5, St. John's (10) 5 to 7, All Saints' (8) 5 to 7 p.m. Please note that the Cathedral bells (12) will be available for general ringing from 5 to 6.10 p.m. *only*. Visitors welcomed.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Wigston 3244). 3165

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bring own food—cups of tea provided. Deeping St. James' not available.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3201

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st. All Saints', Burton (6), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Modwen's, Burton (8), available following tea in St. Modwen's Schoolroom at 5 p.m. All welcome. 3222

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Bucknall on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 29th, to R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3239

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Linslade, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (8) 5 to 6 and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 3225

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Sibbertoft, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 3236

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Rowell (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 3228

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 1st, West Bridgford. St. Giles' (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—local cafés.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3187

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Preston St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk. 3200

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tea at Hartfield 5.15 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 3226

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Bournemouth, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available: St. Peter's, 3 to 4.45 p.m.; St. John's, 6 to 7.30 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous, to W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 3219

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in nearby hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Austin, 33, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey. 3217

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Berkhamsted, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 5th, to Mr. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—J. Good. 3213

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Banham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 4th, to Mr. J. Rout, The Nilgiris, Banham, Norwich.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec. 3220

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Tea only for those who notify me by previous Monday.—F. W. Hancock. 3235

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Shifnal, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to J. Vaughan, 15, Park Street, Shifnal. Important business—a good attendance is requested. 3232

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at Handsworth. Please note the change of date. Details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 3242

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, 6.15 for 7

at

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Ringing on Maidstone's new bells during afternoon. 3137

QUARTER PEALS

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 5th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 552 Kent): N. Buckland 1, M. Hill 2, Joan Gray 3, J. Laver 4, W. Naylor 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 11th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Devereux 1, M. Sprackling 2, Miss P. Sprackling 3, E. Penn 4, A. Smith (cond.) 5, N. Sprackling 6. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Sprackling.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Chase, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Issitt 1, Miss P. Lumbers 2, Mrs. D. Porter 3, L. J. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Howe 1, G. Cutts 2, G. R. Hiner 3, F. Brunt 4, J. I. Nuthrown 5, B. Heppenstall 6, M. O'Gram 7, T. Cutts (first as cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob Major for 1, 5 and 7.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

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THE following is believed to be a complete schedule of Principles rung to peals. It is a very short list, and apart from Stedman, none of the methods can be called standard. Peals in new Principles are very rare indeed. Several reasons probably contribute to this lack of interest in Principles, such as the difficulty of ringing without a fixed hunt bell and lack of musical compositions. Also, of far more importance, the production of the methods themselves has one great difficulty. For although hunt-controlled methods can be written down and require no proof of truth in the plain course, it is necessary to check the plain course of any Principle to ensure that it is true within itself. Now that the composition of peals for hunt-controlled methods has almost become an automatic art, our leading composers may have to turn to Principles for fresh fields of composition.

Stedman Triples.—5,040 at St. Peter Mancroft on October 25th, 1731, and at St. Michael Coslany on December 6th, 1731, by local bands of Norwich Scholars.

Stedman Caters.—5,076 at St. John's, Horsleydown, Southwark, on May 28th, 1787, by the College Youths.

Stedman Cinques.—6,204 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Westminster, on October 6th, 1788, by the College Youths.

Stedman Major.—5,037 at Aston on February 17th, 1856, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Stedman Royal.—5,184 at Aston on October 21st, 1876, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Bob Major Triples.—5,040 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on May 20th, 1738, by the Union Scholars, 'containing the Treble Leads and Bobs of ye compleat peal of 40320 Bob Major, Eight In.' The method is Original with bobs made on the front (thirds instead of lead) and the composition is believed to have had all the bells affected by bobs.

Original Triples.—5,040 at Bushey on October 16th, 1926, by the Hertford County Association. The composition had the seventh acting as a plain hunt bell throughout.

Original Major.—5,000 at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on August 26th, 1908, by the Yorkshire Association.

Maidstone Major.—5,760 at St. John's, Wakefield, on August 18th, 1809, by the St. John's Youths. Also two peals at Borden, Kent, in 1813 by the Borden Youths.

Shipway Major.—5,120 at St. John's, Manchester, on March 31st, 1840, by the St. John's Youths. Also 5,002 at Kidderminster on January 31st, 1900, by the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Cox's Caters.—Rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on December 7th, 1845, probably by the Surrey Youths of Camberwell, with John Cox as conductor.

Duffield Major.—5,000 at Duffield on October 8th, 1887, by the Midland Counties Association.

Duffield Royal.—5,040 at Duffield on March 19th, 1888, by the Midland Counties Association.

Duffield Maximus.—5,040 at Birmingham on March 17th, 1891, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Forward Major.—5,088 at Deritend on February 8th, 1889, by the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Association.

Forward Royal.—5,000 at Loughborough on January 3rd, 1890, by the Midland Counties Association.

Forward Maximus.—5,040 at Birmingham on January 13th, 1903, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Erin Triples.—5,040 at Gateshead on June 5th, 1909, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild.

Erin Caters.—5,076 at North Shields on July 12th, 1909, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild.

Erin Cinques.—5,063 at West Bromwich on September 23rd, 1911, by the Stafford Archdeaconry Society.

Aston Major.—5,008 at Handsworth on September 18th, 1909, by the Midland Counties Association.

Aston Royal.—5,120 at Aston on December 11th, 1909, by the Midland Counties Association.

Handsworth Major.—5,056 at Handsworth on June 11th, 1910, by the Midland Counties Association.

Handsworth Royal.—5,120 at Aston on November 26th, 1910, by the Aston Youths.

Shilton Major.—5,184 at Earl Shilton on April 9th, 1932, by the Midland Counties Association.

Spliced Erin and Stedman Triples.—5,040 at Bushey on August 26th, 1939, by the Hertford County Association.

Spliced Erin and Stedman Caters.—5,133 at Newcastle upon Tyne on January 27th, 1925, by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild.

Scientific Triples.—5,040 at Hampton-on-Thames on July 5th, 1958, by the Middlesex County Association.

Of the above methods, Maidstone Major and Cox's Caters are not known.

Stedman Major and Royal as rung by the St. Martin's Youths were in Johnson's variation and not that given in Shipway.

Aston is believed to be the same as Handsworth, but with the Double Kent places in 3-4 instead of 5-6.

Scientific Triples can be found in 'The Ringing World' of July 18th, 1958.

Forward is a treble bob hunt for all the bells, with Kent places in 3-4.

The following methods might arouse some interest in the field of Principles:—

Shipway	Shilton	Handsworth	Stedman
12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21346587	21435687	21354768
24135678	12435678	21346578	23145678
42316587	21436587	12436587	32416587
24361857	24163857	21345678	23461857
23468175	42618375	12435687	24316587
32641857	42163857	12346578	42361857
36248175	24618375	21436587	43216587
63421857			34261857
64328175	26481735	24163857	43628175
46231857			46382715
42638175			64328175
24683715			
42867351			63482715
48263715			
84627351			
86423715			

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REVIEW

'A Handbook of Grandsire Caters.' Edgar C. Shepherd. (1s. post free, from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Four Winds, School Lane, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby.)

One pleasing feature of the present day is the work of a few expert ringers in publishing, usually at a loss it must be admitted, pamphlets and handbooks on a variety of topics. Within the last year we have had made available to us through the efforts of individuals, belfry prayers, beginners' helps and collections of Doubles and Triples methods. Certainly Mr. Shepherd is to be thanked for having filled yet another need of the interested ringer.

At a time when the music of ringing appears to take second place to the intricacy of method construction, it is refreshing to find Mr. Shepherd, through his latest contribution to the study of change-ringing, reminding us of the attractions of Grandsire Caters, generally accepted as the most musical of methods.

Here we have, in ten pages of typescript, all that a conductor needs to be told about the subject. After a prefatory note—not quite so complete as one would wish—there follow 70 touches of various lengths from 269 to 593 and six excellent quarter peals. Next we are presented with a 'utility' peal in three almost equal parts, which the average conductor could learn in a quarter of an hour. We are then given a table with 12 opening courses in the tittums, 12 in the 'inverted' tittums and 12 courses to turn the bells from tittums to the handstroke-home position. A most useful transposition table shows us the callings that leave the three back bells undisturbed. The handbook concludes with brief but adequate notes on the proof of Grandsire Caters.

A minor criticism is that the terms '8—2,' '9—2,' '89' and '98' are not explained in the text, and experience has shown that these are not usually understood by beginners. A further point is the unwieldy format of '7 x 8½,' but the use of the typewriter and the need to keep down the cost of production have dictated this. NOLAN GOLDEN.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston Parish Church on October 4th.

Before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting, the Master (Mr. Frank E. Haynes) referred to the sudden death of Mr. John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green. An accomplished ringer, both on handbells and tower bells, John Thomas had been a frequent and welcome visitor to Birmingham and, by his quiet and unassuming manner, had endeared himself to all those members of the Guild who had been privileged to ring with him. The members stood in silence as a token of respect to his memory.

Mr. M. F. Hall and Mr. R. Bond, both ringers at Handsworth, and Mr. P. Faulks, of Warwick, were elected members, and the tower election of Miss P. Bourn, of Welwyn Garden City, was duly ratified.

The next meeting, the annual, will be held in the City as customary, but as the St. Martin's Hotel is no longer available permission will be sought for the use of the new Church Hall at St. Martin's. The Master reminded the members that, on this same day, January 3rd, the Universities' Association hold their annual meeting and dinner in Birmingham, and that it may be necessary to hold the Guild meeting early in the evening. Several towers will be available for ringing on this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ainsworth, of Newcastle upon Tyne, were very welcome visitors to the meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Aston (Canon Guy Warman) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Brian Downie, who had made arrangements for tea immediately prior to joining H.M. Forces.

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By NOLAN GOLDEN

F	I	H	6ths	O	4ths	2 3 4 5 6
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				—		4 5 3 2 6
	S			—		5 3 2 4 6
				—		3 2 5 4 6

Three times repeated, substituting bob for the single O in alternate parts. Contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and 6 extent home at course-ends. Suitable for any group H plain major method.

Rung at Gressenhall September 24th, 1958.

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By P. G. K. DAVIES

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
2 4 3 6 5	—	4	2	—
3 2 4 6 5	—	X	—	—
4 3 2 6 5	—	X	—	—
2 3 5 6 4	—			

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JOHN KINGDON

WHEN the Rev. John Kingdon returned from the Mission Field in 1937 and became Vicar of Bollington in Cheshire he little thought how great a part bells and ringers were destined to play in his future life. He knew nothing of bells and had never come into contact with those who ring them, but being interested in all matters connected with his church, he eventually made his way to the tower whilst ringing was in progress. The dancing ropes held his attention and interest, and it was not long before he learned to handle a bell and in due course join in the ringing.

In 1947 Mr. Kingdon accepted the living of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester (one wonders whether he would have accepted it had there not been bells there), and it so happened that the office of Secretary and Treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild became vacant shortly afterwards. At the Annual Meeting he was unanimously elected to this dual position and it was very obvious that no better choice could have been made, for he quickly showed that he possessed just those qualities which are so desirable yet not always found for such an office. There can be no doubt that his methodical precision, his attention to detail and his presence at meetings in many parts of the diocese did a very great deal for the solidarity of the Chester Diocesan Guild and helped in no small measure to bring this Guild to the position it now holds in the Exercise.

It was with very great regret therefore that members learned in early September of his impending retirement. A farewell peal at his own tower was obviously indicated, and on September 28th, his last Sunday as Rector of St. Mary's, the band which rang the record peal at Over, Cheshire, in 1950 assembled in the afternoon and rang T. B. Worsley's 5,024 of Bristol. It was fitting that the peal should be conducted by Mr. John Worth, of the Macclesfield Branch, where Mr. Kingdon first learned to handle a bell. A few days later the Rector and Mrs. Kingdon left for Storrington in Sussex where their future home will be.

It was clear, however, that the Guild as a whole wished to express its thanks and good wishes, and at the annual dinner on October 11th Mr. Kingdon's presence was demanded. It was typical of him that he should readily agree to make the long journey to Chester to be present on this occasion, which proved to be the greatest gathering of Guild members and friends on record. During the evening a presentation was made, which included a book on railways. With these tangible tokens of esteem and affection went the grateful thanks and good wishes of the

TOOK THE COLLEGE COURSE

I have wanted to write something about the College of Campanology, because you will remember well enough all the 'hot air' there was about it!

In our village tower one acquired a deep love of bells and of the church for which we were ringing. One would go to a large meeting further afield, and two pulls were enough: the inevitable look came over the faces of any first-class ringers—with every justification, but it was the hopelessness of the situation that was the heart of the matter. Apparently it was condemnation for life, 'Once a poor ringer, always a poor ringer,' beyond the power of any help.

Then in 1956 we went over to the Isle of Wight for our annual meeting, and heard the announcement about the College of Campanology (from one of the 'experts,' from whom we were usually quicker to flee in terror than from any other!). It was the first faint ray of hope.

Shortly afterwards our numbers suddenly shot down below danger level. I went up to practice, wondering if there would even be one, to find ten school children, who had come up out of the blue 'to see what ringing was like.' I went home again to find the draft College of Campanology course being printed in 'The Ringing World.'

With more caution than sense, we didn't apply straight away to the College for help but tried to follow the course, more or less, from 'The Ringing World' draft—till it suddenly shot ahead of us, and I realised the 'or less' had been too operative!

One night, when nothing would go right and the sound was appalling, we wrote off to see if the College could help us. We got ready to be torn limb from limb by the 'experts,' but needn't have worried; it was completely different from the old experience in the past. For myself, when two of us went to the meeting at Canterbury in July, I suddenly realised that the familiar 'look'—as far as I could be aware in the Cathedral—hadn't come over anyone's face. I am not exaggerating in saying that it was like some wonderful reprieve from life imprisonment!

Of course, Rome wasn't built in a day, and I shall go round to meetings with 101 faults and weaknesses ready to be pounced on, and striking still liable to suffer from nerves, but at least one knows exactly what is wrong and can do something about it. The younger members of the course: the same applies, and I have noticed also the kind of 'flexibility' of thinking that the course has given them: a sort of springboard which makes the grasp of change

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, S.E.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt.

*MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	7
*VERNON GREEN	2	†C. MONTAGU MEYER	8
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	9
*PETER J. HUTCHINGS	4	*LEONARD W. BULLOCK	10
†FREDERICK P. MEAD	5	*JOHN W. EUSTON	11
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	6	*HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. H. BARBER. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal in the method on 12. † First on 12. ‡ First in the method.
An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Emily Grainger, mother of the seventh ringer.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

FRED C. LYNE	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	6
MURIEL REAY	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	8
RUTH M. BORDER	4	PETER BORDER	9
WILLIAM H. MALE	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Sept. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

HELEN NEVIN	*Treble*	GEORGE AMOR	6
ANNE E. AMOR	2	JOHN B. LONG	7
BRYAN PATTISON	3	JAMES R. TAYLOR	8
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	4	ROBERT L. PIRON	9
PETER J. SHIPTON	5	ROY EASSON	*Tenor*

Composed by CLEMENT GLENN. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
Rung by members of the St. Paul's Sunday service band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5080 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*†BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	‡JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	2	‡GORDON A. HALLS	7
*DIANA J. PERRINS	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	8
‡DEREK P. JONES	4	*†ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	5	‡G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal together. ‡ First of Royal in the method. First of Royal in the method for the Guild.
A birthday compliment to Roger K. Stretton.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FRANK D. MACK	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WYLDE	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	2	PATRICK J. BIRD	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	8
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	9
*ERIC J. HITCHINS	5	†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
* First peal of Stedman, and on ten. † First peal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

HAROLD LONYON	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
BRIAN HARRIS	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
DEREK P. JONES	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	GORDON A. HALLS	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	†ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit CX).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal 'inside.' † First of Yorkshire Royal. First of Yorkshire Royal as conductor.
A compliment to Patricia A. M. Forster and Gordon A. Halls on their engagement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 12).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY
A PEAL OF 5280 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

ANNE E. AMOR	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
JUNE E. SINFIELD	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
*JOHN W. SINFIELD	3	BRYAN PATTISON	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* 100th peal. 50th peal as conductor. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 144 'Roll-ups.'

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
WILFRED STEVENSON	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
HENRY O BAKER	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HAROLD LONYON	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
BRIAN HARRIS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

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

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 5, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT CROOK	*Treble*	RICHARD RAINFORD	5
HERBERT RAINFORD	2	*ALAN CAPSTICK..	6
LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT ..	3	*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	7
ROBERT WARDEN..	4	JOHN PYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.
* 25th peal together.
Rung to commemorate the 99th anniversary of the Cathedral.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT..	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	REGINALD WOODYATT ..	6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT..	3	DAVID BEACHAM..	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
Rung in memoriam John Bass, who was interred this day.

KINGSTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

NORMAN J. SMITH	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
RONALD F. DISERENS.. ..	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
DONALD G. COBB	3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON ..	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

NORMAN J. SMITH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON ..	6
*DONALD G. COBB	3	RONALD F. DISERENS ..	7
FRANK W. LEWIS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of London.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*DIANA LATHAM..	*Treble*	REX J. CORKE	5
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	2	CHARLES W. DENYER.. ..	6
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ..	3	TOM PAGE	7
EDWARD J. BRAGG	4	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.
Conducted by DUGALD M. MACPHERSON.
* First peal. Rung on Kenneth Williamson's birthday.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. MUNDAY ..	5
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	6
EDGAR J. SMITH	3	*J. HOWARD FREEBORN ..	7
CHARLES COLES	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL ..	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	5
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE..	6
ERIC EDMONDSON	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON ..	7
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	4	†JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* 100th peal together. † 300th peal of Surprise.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ..	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
FREDERICK R. EVANS ..	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT ..	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ..	7
*GEOFFREY PARTING	4	*ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam Henry Dew, one-time ringer at this church.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

PATRICIA H. JONES	*Treble*	A. RYAN PRICE..	5
JACQUELINE S. KING	2	GEORGE DAVIS..	6
ROBERT E. COLES	3	*TREVOR M. RODERICK ..	7
JAMES DANIELS	4	DAVID J. KING..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* 100th peal for the Association.
Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. Ivor J. Richards (Vicar of Llanarth) as Rural Dean of Raglan. Also a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ryan Price, who are shortly leaving the district for West Wales.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FRED W. STONE	*Treble*	*PETER DAVIES	5
BRIAN R. MANNING	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT..	3	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY ..	7
PETER G. BELLAMY KNIGHT	4	†MICHAEL BLORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. ARNOLD MORLEY.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First as conductor.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stone on their 45th wedding anniversary.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

*ALLEN W. CANSDALE ..	*Treble*	*ALAN R. ANDREWS ..	5
*MAURICE T. SYMONDS ..	2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
†ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK ..	3	†TOM BIRD	7
†SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	4	†‡URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Witness: EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE.
Rung non-conducted and strictly silent.
* First non-conducted peal. † First non-conducted on eight bells. ‡ 300th peal.
A birthday compliment to F. Poulson.

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PETWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*†Leonard Stilwell ..	*Treble*	E. Winifred Keys	5
Frank H. Hicks	2	Raymond P. Wood	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	William Rogers	7
†‡Ernest Treagus	4	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff (No. 6 C.C.C.).
Conducted by William Rogers.
* 600th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

John N. D. Chaddock ..	*Treble*	Norman Chaddock	5
Cyril Rusby	2	H. David Holland	6
Norman Smith	3	John A. Anderson	7
John J. L. Gilbert	4	Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
First peal in the method by all except the sixth ringer, and for the Association.
Rung in memoriam Percy J. Johnson, vice-president of the Association.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 24 cwt.

Edwin J. Upton	*Treble*	Augustin V. Good	5
William C. Hughes ..	2	Walter Ayre	6
Gladys Manchip	3	Brian M. Barker	7
*Robert J. Picton	4	†John Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal and first attempt.
Rung immediately after the marriage of Vanda C. Badrick (daughter of the captain of the ringers) and Richard A. Emery.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

D. J. Roaf (Trinity) ..	*Treble*	†M. J. Harbord (Trin. H.)	5
*Frances Secker (Girton)	2	A. R. Heppenstall (Sel.)	6
†P. H. Langton (Trinity)..	3	H. Neill (St. Cath.'s) ..	7
†M. D. S. Hood (Trin. H.)	4	W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by H. Neill.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Rutland.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

James Burns	*Treble*	Cyril Brown	5
Gillian Bridgford.. ..	2	John Ashcroft	6
*Harry Lloyd	3	David Young	7
Sydney Clough	4	William O. Farrimond ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal. Rung to mark the completion of 50 years' service as a ringer at this church by Albert Parker.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Sept. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven 120's of Stedman, five of Reverse Canterbury, five of Reverse St. Bartholomew, ten of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.
Tenor 17 cwt.

David T. North	*Treble*	F. William Slocombe ..	4
Patrick J. Bird	2	Gordon Walford	5
Geoffrey J. Gammon ..	3	Charles E. Baker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon Walford.

BOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Comprising 21 240's, eight variations. Tenor 6 cwt. 18 lb.

*Edward Rudkin	*Treble*	Mrs. G. F. Roome	3
Gladys A. Ashby	2	George F. Roome	4
		Percy Amos	*Tenor*

Conducted by George F. Roome.
* First attempt for a peal, aged 73.
Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding (October, 1883) of the Boys' Brigade. Also as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. B. Hymers, B.A.), appointed to the livings of Clipston and Kelmarsh.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, viz.: An extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and two extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Dinah Swift	*Treble*	David Swift	4
Thomas Harris	2	Roland H. Cook	5
J. Harry Cook	3	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck ..	*Treble*	Ronald Russell	4
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	2	Percy D. Baldock	5
Barry Brown	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
A wedding compliment to Mr. Stanley W. Musson (brother of the conductor) and Mrs. Margaret Watson, who were married this day in London.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of St. Clement's, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each a different composition.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*Margaret M. Jones ..	*Treble*	‡Ralph Bird	4
†Joseph J. Batchelor ..	2	Crawford T. Hillis ..	5
John R. Cooper	3	‡A. Patrick Cannon ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal. † First of Minor in three methods. ‡ 100th peal together in 99 different towers.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

Sidney G. Thompson ..	*Treble*	Brian R. Sutton	4
John H. Pagett	2	Harold V. Cooper	5
Samuel Thompson	3	Frederick G. Handley ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold V. Cooper..
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Bass, as a last tribute by members of the local band. Mr. Bass was for nearly 50 years leader and tower keeper at this church, and was interred the same day.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 12, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 120's. Tenor 20 cwt.

Robert Crook	*Treble*	Robert Warden	4
*Wilfred Bolton	2	Herbert Rainford	5
Richard Rainford	3	†Norman Cross	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert Rainford.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First muffled peal and first of Doubles on the bells.
Rung fully-muffled on the middle six as a token of respect for Pope Pius XII, who died October 9th, 1958.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 HULL SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*Kenneth R. Dunstan .. *Treble*	William Wenban 4
Joan M. Wilcockson .. 2	Dennis Laud 5
Raymond G. Smith .. 3	John R. Mayne .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 50th peal of Surprise Minor. 200th peal as conductor. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 34 methods: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (2) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise; (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (7) Lightfoot and Wearmouth Surprise. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Mary Dowsett.. .. .. *Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 2	Joe E. G. Roast 5
Peter J. Eves 3	Howard W. Egglestone *Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
Most methods by all the band. 75th peal of Minor as conductor.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Union Bob and Chase Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Percy Amos .. .. .. *Treble*	Raymond Henman .. 3
Allan R. Jones 2	Michael R. Bennett .. 4
Robin V. Baker.. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.
Rung for the festival of St. Luke.

MOREBATH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being eight 240's and 26 120's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Francis C. Taylor .. .. *Treble*	W. Donald Salter 4
Charles H. Webber.. .. 2	W. Ronald Trickey.. .. 5
Alan Cooke 3	G. Walford .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by W. Ronald Trickey.
First peal as conductor.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's: (1) London and Wells, (2) Norfolk and Primrose, (3) York and Durham, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham and Berwick, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*John M. Roffe .. .. *Treble*	Leonard C. Blanchard .. 4
Albert E. Scott 2	John A. Underwood .. 5
Cecil Wade 3	James W. Haw .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise, and in 16 methods.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

William J. Marlow .. *Treble*	Jack Chesterman 4
Harry E. Balaam 2	Jack Weaver 5
*Charles Osler.. 3	Robin L. Story .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Robin L. Story.
* First peal of Minor. First on the bells. First as conductor.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single and Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

C. Aubrey Harrison .. *Treble*	Arthur Crowder 4
Septimus Neave 2	Jack Bray 5
Michael Crowder 3	Philip Barnes .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
At 66, Melton Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.

Derek M. Sawyer .. .. 1—2	Ernest Morris.. .. .. 3—4
B. Stedman Payne .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
At 66, Melton Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.

Derek M. Sawyer .. .. 1—2	Ernest Morris .. .. 3—4
B. Stedman Payne .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At 24, Manor Street,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Brian G. Warwick .. .. 1—2	John M. Jelley .. .. 5—6
John A. Acres .. .. .. 3—4	Ernest Morris .. .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 1,408 Yorkshire, 1,472 Superlative and 2,176 Cambridge, with 136 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres .. .. 1—2	Alfred Ballard.. .. .. 5—6
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. 3—4	Peter J. Staniforth .. 7—8

Composed by Harold J. Poole. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
First peal of Spliced Surprise on handbells for the Guild, and first of Spliced Surprise 'in hand' by all the band.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' 21st ANNUAL DINNER

AS in previous years, the bells of the Cathedral and All Saints' were rung prior to the annual dinner. On the 12 bells at the Cathedral rounds were rung, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Cinques and a course of Major on the back eight bells. At All Saints' Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Royal were rung interspersed with rounds.

In the Guildhall 184 ringers and their ladies stood to receive the president of the Association, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean or Worcester. After the loyal toast and the singing of the National Anthem, Bishop C. E. Stuart (Assistant Bishop of Worcester) proposed the toast of 'The Association.' He apologised for the Diocesan Bishop, who regretted he could not be present, but that he was accustomed to deputising for him and had heard himself referred to as 'the good old stand-by.'

Bishop Stuart put forward reasons why people rang bells. Firstly, because it was often a family affair which had continued through the generations. Fathers taught their sons, and these days mothers taught their daughters to ring bells. Heredity was a strange thing according to a schoolboy whom he knew, who defined it in this way: 'If your grandfather had no children, and your father had no children, the odds were that you would have no children.'

Secondly, ringing was a skilled occupation, making demands, but bringing satisfaction and peace. Thirdly, there was the fellowship of the belfry, which did not stop there but was extended far beyond it. But above all, bells were rung to the glory of God, which was a most pleasing thing to do.

However, ringing was not always popular outside the towers, and the Bishop had had telephoned complaints when he was an incumbent. He remembered that it was often the abusers of ringers who were most anxious that the bells should be rung when their daughters were being married.

THE TIME TO WORRY

The Rev. H. L. Davies (Vicar of Cradley) replied for the Association. In some quarters, he said, ringers were much misunderstood, as on the occasion when he heard someone comment upon some ringing with 'There's them ringers—gone mad again.' He thought that there was no reason to take such remarks seriously; the time to worry was when there was no ringing from a tower. One of the most pleasing aspects of ringing was that it gave ringer the entrée to any tower in the country, and there was always a welcome wherever they went. There were great characters in the towers, but there was toughness, too, and ringers would often turn out when they were not really fit so that the bells could be rung on Sundays.

The Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright) in proposing the health of 'The President,' who was also chairman of the dinner, expressed the general pleasure at the Dean's first appearance for such an occasion there. The Association was most pleased to have him with them, and hoped that it would be his first of many such visits.

In his reply the Dean said how surprised he was to see so many people present, and so many ladies, too, all of which enhanced his pleasure in being president of the Association. He considered that the afternoon's ringing was an honour for the Cathedral and a personal enjoyment to him as he listened to the bells. The restoration of the Cathedral tower had recently been completed, and this gave a worthy external aspect to the internal abilities of the ringers. The bells had long echoed across the Severn to the Malvern Hills, and as long ago as the reign of King Edgar there had been a royal order that bells should be rung.

In literature, ringers had been well served on the whole. Thomas Hood ('Dear bells! How sweet the sound of village bells, when on the undulating air they swim! Now loud as welcomes! faint now as farewells!'); Thomas Moore ('Those evening bells! Those evening bells! How many a tale their music tells, Of youth, and home, and that sweet time when last I heard their soothing chime'); Tennyson ('Ring out wild bells,' 'Ring happy bells') recalling the sounds as they came across the Lincolnshire fens to his father's Rectory. Shakespeare was not quite so enthusiastic with his 'Silence that dreadful bell.'

The Dean admitted that he had not expected to find 'belles ringing bells,' but that he was greatly pleased to see this, and quoted from an old inscription in a Cornwall belfry some advice to ringers:

'We ring the quick to church, and the dead
to the grave;
God is our use, such usage let us have . .'

He thought that ringers must be inured to shock from their experience of the clamour of bells, and that they always had to be on their toes for their art. They were vigorous and generous and achieved much in the exercise of ringing. The Dean ended with warm thanks for the good wishes of the Association.

After the dinner there was an entertainment provided by a concert party, 'straight' and humorous songs, a comedian and a musical trio. Later two courses of Stedman Caters were rung on handbells: Mrs. J. Thomas 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, A. M. Tyler 5-6, D. J. Marshall 7-8, Vivien Barnes 9-10. A. W.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,315 Grandsire Triples: W. Lunt 1, W. Rimmer 2, J. R. Lunham 3, A. L. Pearson 4, E. Ashcroft 5, W. E. Rothwell 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. For harvest festival.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Wardle 1, Christine Wakefield 2, A. J. Poynor 3, E. Jelly 4, R. S. Morris 5, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 6. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Powdrill 1, Patricia Wardle 2, A. J. Poynor 3, Christine Wakefield 4, H. Bray 5, T. Roper 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, T. Bolingbroke 8. For harvest festival Matins. Also 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Powdrill 1, P. Martin 2, Patricia Wardle 3, J. Poynor 4, Christine Wakefield 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris 7, H. Bray (cond.) 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLN.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. C. Jackson 1, F. Derry 2, P. C. Pitchford 3, J. E. Brown 4, L. H. Squires 5, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 3 and 4. Compliment to Mr. H. Squires, Hough-on-the-Hill, on his 77th birthday.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Webb (first of Minor) 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulker 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. James, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Johnson 1, Miss J. Mason 2, W. Cole 3, A. Bennett 4, B. Mason 5, L. Pearce (cond.) 6, F. Earl 7, D. Haskins 8. First in method for all except 4 and 6. First quarter rung by resident band since the rehanging of the bells. Also at St. Mark's Church on Oct. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. R. Hussey 1, Molly P. Smith 2, B. Shackleton 3, G. Skidmore 4, D. J. Hunt 5, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Watts 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, T. Fagg 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Watts.

CLIFTON-UPON-DUNSMORE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Skelhorn (first quarter) 1, T. J. Frodsham 2, W. C. Budd 3, L. Whewall 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss D. Murriel (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stevens (first quarter) 2, G. Apps 3, N. V. Johnson 4, J. Jeffrey 5, J. Herbeque 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. For harvest festival.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Paulson 1, H. E. Taylor 2, D. Mellor 3, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 4, R. H. Bullen 5, G. H. Paulson 6, P. Taylor 7, N. Hotchin 8. For Evensong and festival of St. Luke.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,376 Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: Miss B. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, F. Hodgson 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, T. Cox 5, T. Senior 6, W. E. Mashiter 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. First of combined Kent and Oxford for all except 3, 5 and 8. For harvest festival.

DUNS TEW, OXON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. W. Ivings (aged 12, first quarter) 1, W. Ivings 2, E. Honour 3, C. C. Clarke 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. The conductor's 1,451st tower.

EDGWARE, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss C. E. Culley (first quarter) 1, A. H. Warris 2, H. E. Clayton 3, D. J. Ward 4, R. G. Ouston (cond.) 5, P. Robinson (first quarter) 6. First quarter by local band. For harvest festival Evensong.

ELM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Knight (first quarter) 1, Mavis Haw 2, Angela Cook 3, H. Reeve 4, J. Bird 5, G. Mann (cond.) 6. For the festival of St. Luke.

ELTON, DERBYS.—1,300 Doubles (480 Stedman, 820 Grandsire): P. Taylor 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, D. Mellor 3, H. E. Taylor 4, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 5.

EWELME, OXON.—On Oct. 11th, 2,052 Minor (1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 300 Plain Bob, 60 each Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall and St. Clement's, 72 Kent Treble Bob): R. Baker 1, J. Godman 2, E. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, R. Blond (cond.) 5, F. Absolom 6. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. St. Clair Thomas).

QUARTER PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. A. Frith 1, Miss M. Bailey (first 'inside') 2, J. E. Cook, jun. 3, Mrs. J. M. Simpson 4, P. A. Hill 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6, J. Watson 7, H. R. Woods 8, W. R. Read (cond.) 9, J. M. Simpson 10. For Evensong and birthdays of treble and tenor ringers.

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Smith 1, H. Purchase 2, C. Tarr 3, F. Casley 4, G. Sparkes 5, E. Quicke (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Rev. P. W. P. Hancock on his retirement from the living.

IRTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Tembey 1, Vera C. Bell (first 'inside') 2, C. H. Ford 3, H. Wilson 4, T. T. Jones 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since the completion of frame repairs.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wetherall 1, P. Cox 2, L. M. Clark 3, H. G. Westlake 4, H. E. G. Jeanes 5, F. T. Lock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of G. R. Mills, for 46 years a ringer at Langport.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,200 Doubles (Place Bob Winchendon Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): W. Fulker 1, G. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Collins 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): K. Warrington 1, J. B. Dinenage 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, C. M. Smith 4, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 5. For harvest festival Evensong.

LITTLE MILTON, OXON.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Spicer (first of Minor) 1, R. Tuckwell 2, F. Godden 3, R. Baker 4, W. Fulker 5, F. Absolom (cond.) 6.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent Treble Bob): F. Ingall 1, P. Mason 2, A. Ingall 3, L. Willders 4, L. Thompson 5, W. R. Parker (cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, T. G. Pickering 2, T. J. Frodsham (cond.) 3, A. G. Eveleigh 4, W. C. Budd 5, Wendy Griffith 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): J. R. Haycock 1, Joan Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Margaret Stanley 6. First quarter in four methods for all the band. For harvest festival.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Brain 1, N. Leslie 2, M. Edney 3, V. Clifton 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, D. Osman (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to V. Clifton.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Angell 1, F. Phelps 2, R. Angell 3, H. Applegate 4, E. Bray (cond.) 5, D. Applegate 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. In memoriam Mrs. E. Randell.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. Pearson 1, J. Dilworth 2, J. R. Lunham 3, R. Larkey 4, E. Ashcroft 5, K. Rothwell 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Pilkington, captain of the Ormskirk ringers.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Terry 1, Mrs. E. S. Palin 2, C. J. Eades 3, W. S. Palin 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, N. Tumber 8. For harvest festival.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 30th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Collings (first quarter) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, M. J. Bray 3, W. G. Lavers 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, A. W. Myers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, H. O. Thomas 8. A farewell to A. J. Collings on leaving Plymouth to take up studies at Birmingham University.

ROWDE, WILTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,300 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 480 Bob and 580 Grandsire): A. T. Weeks 1, G. Winter 2, F. Paramore 3, T. Cully 4, H. Gummer (cond.) 5, E. Emor 6. A farewell to the Vicar's sister, Miss E. G. Pooley, who is going to the Holy Cross Mission, East Togoland, Africa.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hicks (cond.) 1, Linda M. Southerden (first of Triples) 2, Mrs. D. H. Niblett 3, C. H. Knowles (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, J. Small (first of Grandsire Triples 'inside') 5, D. Hodgson 6, D. H. Niblett 7, R. J. Hicks 8. Rung after early service at which the Bishop of Chichester was celebrant on his first official visit to the parish.

SEND, SURREY.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. A compliment to Mr. W. J. Short, who has been appointed lay reader to this church.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Valerie Hoby (13) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Linda J. Kew (13) 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, L. Stilwell 5, Janet L. Adamson 6, K. D. Walters 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, J. T. Smith 10. First on ten for 1, 3, 4, 7 and 10. Rung for the visit of L. Stilwell (Worthing), formerly a ringer in this district.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Mrs. A. R. Peake (first on working bell) 1, A. R. Peake (cond.) 2, Mrs. V. Griffin 3, C. Jones 4, V. Griffin 5.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rowe (first of Triples, aged 11) 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, M. Cubitt (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, E. J. Rowe 6, B. Bladon 7, L. Green 8.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Honey 1, M. Jones (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Jones 3, J. Honey 4, W. G. Cudd 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Miss J. Porter (first as cond.) 1, H. Rodmell 2, Miss M. James 3, Mrs R. Ducker 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker 6. For harvest festival.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Leah (first quarter) 1, Margaret Wheat 2, G. Barbara Cooke 3, D. W. James 4, A. Sharples (cond.) 5, Margaret Ross 6. For patronal festival Evensong.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford and Kent and Plain Bob): C. Cousins, jun., 1, S. Elsey 2, W. Cousins 3, C. V. Ebberson 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins, sen., 6. For harvest festival.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Cooper (first quarter) 1, A. G. Newman 2, E. Southwick 3, F. Southwick 4, R. Humphries (first as cond.) 5, H. Harris 6. For harvest festival.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Peacock 1, G. W. Jeffs 2, A. B. Clarke (first of Major) 3, L. Witten 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. Richardson 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, P. Stretton (first of Major) 8.

TIMBERLAND, LINCS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): F. Ingall 1, W. R. Parker 2, A. Ingall 3, L. Thompson 4, P. Mason 5, L. Willders (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Sykes 1, B. Downes 2, F. C. Maynard 3, W. Dowler 4, E. E. Holman 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, D. Hewitt (first as cond.) 7, P. J. Chapman 8. Rung for Evensong and as a 72nd birthday compliment to F. C. Maynard, Master of St. Mary's Society.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): E. Rudkin 1, R. S. Roberts 2, G. F. Roome 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Sinden 1, A. Bishop 2, P. Devenish 3, J. Tomsett 4, A. Bagworth 5, E. Jacobs 6, F. Corfield 7, Susan Jacobs (first of Major as cond.) 8.

WOOTTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. C. Lee 1, W. J. Marlow 2, H. Balaam 3, R. Story 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, E. Payne 6. Rung for the bee-keepers' service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Her many friends will be pleased to know that Miss Mary R. Jaycock, of 20, Burlington Road, Burnham, is back in Burnham tower again after her car accident at Guildford on September 27th, when she had 54 stitches put in her face. Although terribly shaken she is otherwise uninjured.

The peal at Hughenden (see page 684) was the 250th for Mr. Philip Mehew.

Mr. Urban W. Wildney rang his 300th peal on October 18th. His peals have been rung in 69 towers with 254 different ringers.

News from St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, is bad. Owing to current repairs to the spire the bells are likely to be silent for at least two years.

Mr. G. E. Fearn rang his 1,000th peal for the St. Martin's Guild when he took part in a peal of London at Erdington Abbey on August 26th.

To the first peal on the recently recast bells of Boughton, Northants, rung a few months ago, the weight of the tenor was published as 7 cwt., approximately. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have since confirmed its true weight as being 6 cwt. 18 lb., and that of the old tenor as 5 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb., not 6½ cwt. as was for many years assumed.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods 'in hand' for the Leicester Guild was accomplished not without a little trepidation. Mr. P. J. Staniforth had rung the tenor the previous evening to a peal at Enderby on a fairly new rope, and finished with a crop of blisters. His hands were carefully bandaged by Jill, and he looked more like a prize-fighter being prepared for a big fight! The precautions were justified and a splendid peal was rung. The composition, by the late Harold J. Poole, was rung on his birthday, Trafalgar Day.

The bells of the parish churches in the Somerset villages of West Huntspill, Langport, Queen Camel and Wedmore will be heard in a programme entitled 'The Faith in Sedgemoor and Avalon' at 9.45 a.m. on Sunday, November 16th, in the West Home Service only.

While at Aldershot they have not rung two quarters by distinct bands from their Sunday service ringers, they have 16 members who have rung quarter peals and another 14 probationers capable of ringing rounds or hunting the treble.

Mr. J. H. Fielden writes explaining that the original account of the Cambridge University Guild week was lost in the post about a month ago. Unfortunately, other letters have gone astray.

The recent peal at Cowbridge, Glam, enabled Mr. Robert E. (Ted) Coles to 'circle the tower,' of which he has been captain for many years. He has taught and maintained a thriving band, which among its young people includes eight members from Cowbridge Grammar School.

Mr. Albert Parker, the chief ringer, has completed 50 years' service at St. James' Church, Wigan. The occasion was honoured by a peal and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Parker were hosts at an excellent tea given to the peal band, the local band and the Vicar and wardens of Poolstock.

A veteran to enter the peal columns is Mr. Edward Rudkin, of Weston Favell, whose first peal at the age of 73 is recorded this week. While he learned to ring rounds and Minimus when at Ridlington in 1911, it was not until three years ago, when he joined Weston Favell company, that he took up change ringing. He also rings at Whiston, where there is the longest pull without guides in the Peterborough diocese.

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MR. PERCY J. JOHNSON'S GREAT WORK FOR YORKSHIRE RINGING

WORD went round at the Snowdon commemoration dinner that Mr. Percy Johnson had been admitted to hospital for treatment but, not being seriously ill, he was expected home in a few weeks' time. It will be realised, therefore, what a shock it was when news came through that he had died on Sunday, October 12th, the day after the dinner—the first one he had missed.

By Mr. Johnson's death the Yorkshire Association has lost one of its oldest members and its senior officer in length of service. He joined the Association in 1901. In 1914 he was elected Ringing Master of the newly-formed Western District, and from that time he had been a member of the general committee without a break. He served for 15 years—from 1917 to 1932—as general secretary, and when he retired from that office he was elected vice-president of the Western District, an office he had filled with distinction to the time of his death.

46 YEARS ON CENTRAL COUNCIL

Mr. Johnson was a well-known member of the Central Council, having served on that body continuously since 1912; for the first eight years as representative of the Leeds and District Society, and from then onwards as one of the representatives of the Yorkshire Association. For a period before the first World War he was president of the Leeds and District Society.

Mr. Johnson's ringing career started at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds, in 1898, when he was 16 years of age. In 1903 he joined the band at Headingley St. Michael's, and in that year rang his first peal. Less than 12 months afterwards, he took part in a peal of London Surprise at Headingley, the first in that method by the Yorkshire Association; he was the last surviving member of that band. The year 1936 saw him back at Holbeck as conductor; he stayed there until 1944 and then rejoined the Headingley band, of which he had been a member ever since, for most of the time as conductor.

Mr. Johnson's full total of peals is unknown, but he rang 299 for the Yorkshire Association, and it is a matter of regret that he did not reach the third century, for that was an ambition he often expressed during the latter part of his life. A talented conductor—he called about 120 peals—he was also a gifted handbell ringer, and many of his peals were rung 'double-handed.' One of which he was particularly proud was the first peal of Double Norwich rung silent on handbells. That was rung at Pudsey in 1932.

His first and last peals, 54 years apart, were both Grandsire Triples. The first was at Holbeck St. Matthew's on March 14th, 1903, and the last at Headingley St. Michael's on April 13th, 1957.

Percy was something of a character, as those who knew him are aware. He expressed himself fearlessly and forcibly both in debate and in ordinary conversation. Once he had formed an opinion no amount of cajolery would persuade him to alter his mind. Small in height but stockily built, a good heavy-bell ringer, he commanded attention by his personality and by his deep voice. He had a remarkable memory—although that had failed of late—and a fund of anecdote. Always ready with a story of bygone ringing days, sometimes of rather doubtful propriety, he would often finish off by saying: 'If "The Ringing World" would publish the yarns that ringers tell, the circulation would go up by leaps and bounds'!

At the Snowdon dinner, while it was still thought that Mr. Johnson was just indisposed, he was referred to as 'Percy, the sergeant-major of the belfry, whose voice has struck fear and terror into the heart of many a young ringer but whose bark is worse than his bite.' That was the Percy whom many people knew; but had the speaker known the imminence of Mr. Johnson's death he would have enlarged on the kind and gentle nature hidden behind that gruff exterior, and the jovial, witty man whose company was a delight to those whom he regarded as his friends.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was at Headingley St. Michael's on October 18th, prior to cremation at Lawnswood. A musical and well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the muffled bells of St. Michael's before the service, conducted by one of Mr. Johnson's younger pupils, Roy Bettley-Cooke. After the service and before the coffin was borne from the church, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the chancel steps by William Talbot, John Ambler, William Barton and Roy Bettley-Cooke.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Michael's, assisted by the Archdeacon of Leeds, the Venerable C. O. Ellison, who is the president of the Yorkshire Association. Colleagues of Mr. Johnson from the National Association of Furnishing Trades Operatives and from the Leeds College of Art were there to pay their last respects. Among the ringers who were present were Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, the secretary of the Yorkshire Association (who also represented the Central Council); Mr. A. E. Marsh, secretary of the Western District; Mr. E. Hudson, secretary of the Northern District; Messrs. J. Ambler, W. Barton, V. Bottomley, T. Strangeway and H. Walker, members of the General Committee; also Mrs. D. Skelton and Messrs. S. Barron, R. Bettley-Cooke, R. Butterfield, P. Dawson, W. Dixon, A. Johnson, E. Johnson, H. Lofthouse, M. P. Page, G. Robinson, W. Senior, I. Slack, W. Talbot and B. J. Whithill.

And so has passed to the Great Beyond one who was highly respected both for his knowledge and for his integrity. The Yorkshire Association has lost a character; it has also lost one of its most able servants. The ringing Exercise has benefited by his life but, although that is now ended, the work he did will live on and be a lasting memorial to him.

W. B.

APPRECIATIONS

Mr. Paul Birkett writes:—

The death of Mr. Percy J. Johnson is a real loss to the Yorkshire Association and to the Exercise as a whole. As a young ringer I remember him as one of the outstanding personalities of the Exercise. His genial manner, humour and friendliness together with his gift of leadership always raised the tone of a meeting. 'P. J.' was one of the most influential members of the Yorkshire Association, also of the Central Council, over a long period of years and did a great deal of work for bellringing in a quiet way. He was always forthright in his views although he showed much toleration and had a great regard for his fellow men. He had a fine memory, both of ringers and events, and could often recall interesting anecdotes to suit the occasion.

Although a sound ringer and one always ready to help an inexperienced ringer, he was a very humble man, who never sought praise or limelight. While being sorry to lose him, it is good to have had the privilege of knowing him. Although 'P. J.'s' work is now completed he leaves an indelible mark of service and affection on ringers and the Exercise. We express sympathy to his widow in her great loss. May he rest in peace.

Mr. R. Bettley-Cooke writes:—

Many of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association, and especially of his local tower of St. Michael's, Headingley, were proud to be among the many friends of Mr. Percy Johnson, and I, as one of them, would like to express some of our thoughts at this time.

We all admired the way in which he could be most forthright and outspoken on the more complex ringing matters and yet be so quietly instructive to learners who really listened to him and tried to learn from him.

His punctual attendance at Sunday service ringing was, until the last few weeks, as regular and clockwork as he liked the ringing to be, and his ability to deliver suitable comments to ringers whose method of ringing or style did not meet his approval was something to marvel at, and also to fear, if one was on the receiving end!

His work for the Leeds and District Society, the Yorkshire Association and the Central Council, all of which he served long and faithfully, will be praised by better men than I, but I, personally, have cause never to forget him, as he taught me to ring and told me all I know of conducting, usually in long walks after service ringing.

So the Exercise has lost another of the old school who regard good striking as a normal thing to be expected of any ringer—a thing we can ill afford to lose, because, as he was so fond of saying, 'So many people these days don't seem to have a pair of ears!'

Our sympathies go out to Mrs. Johnson, and also to Freda and Peter.

OBITUARY

Mr. David Priestley Killed In Road Accident

With deep regret we record that Mr. David Priestley, of 36, Portland Road, Rushden, Northants, was killed in a road accident at Altrincham, Cheshire, on Oct. 20th. He was 23.

Mr. Priestley, who had been in training to become a nuclear engineer, was travelling from Scotland where he had been undergoing a course. It is not known whether he was going to Chester, where he was soon to have taken up a new appointment, or whether he was on his way home to Rushden. It is believed that he died instantly when his car was in a head-on collision with another vehicle.

He had a brilliant career at London University, where he gained a first-class honours degree in engineering.

David learned to handle a bell in 1953 at Higham Ferrers in readiness for the restoration, with addition of two trebles, of Rushden St. Mary's bells. He had since become one of the most outstanding ringers and conductors of the younger generation of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. While at London University he acted for a term as secretary of the University Guild, making many new ringing friends.

Coming so quickly after the sudden death of Mr. John L. Morris, David's tragic death will come as a shock to these friends. Although outstanding at school and at the University, he was sincere and modest, quiet and very likeable. David's father later learned to ring and is now in charge at Rushden. All who know the family will deeply sympathise with them.

A. B.

Mr. Henry Dew

Members of St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, Flintshire, read with sorrow of the passing of Mr. Henry Dew. It was he who trained the Buckley company when it was formed at Easter, 1903, and to such good effect that they rang their first peal of Stedman Triples on Sept. 24th, 1904. He held two practice nights a week, and in those days travelled up from Chester, which was not as easy as it is today. Several of the original band are still alive, and it was from them that I learnt of the skill of Henry Dew.

D. H. B. M.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD HONOUR RETIRING SECRETARY

THE Chester Diocesan Guild's annual dinner on October 11th was a highly successful function, and 152 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meal served in the usual efficient manner by Messrs. Bollands, followed by an entertainment to match the meal.

The loyal toast was honoured and after a short interval the proceedings began with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells. Then followed the toast of 'The Chester Diocesan Guild,' proposed by the Rector of Eccleston (the Rev. E. B. Jones). In a most entertaining manner he assured the company that until that morning he knew nothing about ringers except that they were a friendly crowd. He now knew no more!

When he came to Eccleston he discovered that ringers were nearer to Heaven than anyone else in the parish—55 steps nearer! He described in lurid detail an attempt of his to ring a bell at Eccleston, which had resulted in his being deposited in the font. He now claimed to be the only clergyman who had been in the font twice.

On his first week-end in Eccleston a band rang a peal for the 89th birthday of one of his ringers, Mr. Samuel Jones, who was still able to make short work of the belfry steps. He was interested to learn that ladies had now invaded the belfry though at his own tower no lady had yet presented herself. He wished the Guild well and concluded 'May it long flourish!'

The Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), who responded, referred to the Rector's attempt to ring a bell and remarked that he had found a unique landing place. The floor was usually considered good enough! He could say that the Guild was in a satisfactory state, as the present company bore out. He had received a telegram from Mrs. Kingdon, reading 'Deeply regret absence: best wishes to all.' He was sure that the Rev. J. Kingdon, recently retired general secretary, would convey to her the Guild's greetings and good wishes.

Recently some people had found strange places to ring peals—on a compost heap, on a canal bank in a thunderstorm. An interjection that a member of the Guild took part was greeted with cries of 'Shame!' The Master concluded by thanking the Rector for proposing the toast and honed that he would learn to ring a bell without being deposited in the font.

PRESENTATIONS

Halfway through the proceedings a presentation of a book on the Great Western Railway and a cheque was made to the Rev. John Kingdon, lately general secretary and treasurer of the Guild. In making the presentation, the Master said it was difficult to find words to express all they felt, now that the time had come to say farewell. For 11 years he had carried out his duties with the precision and interest which one expected in a secretary and treasurer but did not always get. Never since the days of the Rev. A. T. Beeston had the Guild been served so faithfully. Mr. Kingdon was a worthy successor.

Mr. Kingdon came to Cheshire in 1937 from the mission field, to Bollington, where he took up ringing. It was not often that someone who took up the art late in life made a success of it—Mr. Kingdon was the exception. But that was typical; whatever he tried he invariably made a success of it. The Guild's position in the Exercise was very largely due to him. He was sorry that the time had come to part with him, but the time to retire was when one was fit to enjoy it. Many of the members were perhaps not aware that Mr. Kingdon was a railway enthusiast. In fact, in his study three books were close to his elbow—the Bible, the Prayer Book and Bradshaw's Railway Guide. On behalf of all members he wished him many happy years of retirement and expressed the hope that he would come back to see them. He also presented him with a picture of the Norfolk coast for Mrs. Kingdon.

Mr. John Worth, on behalf of the long-peal band who rang at his request, his farewell peal, presented Mr. Kingdon with a photograph of himself with the band. As Mr. Kingdon's proposer for Guild membership, he suggested that the Guild confer on him life membership. This was received with acclamation.

The Rev. John Kingdon was obviously affected by the occasion, and thanked the Master for the kind things he had said about him, which he felt were undeserved. He commented that some members paid their peal fees rather on the hire purchase system! The Master had asked him to come back and see the Guild after retirement. Well, here he was, just 11 days after retirement. He could scarcely do better than that!

RAILWAY ENTHUSIAST

His interest in railways was a family failing. His father had passed it on to him and he had passed it on to his son, who in turn had passed it on to his son, who at a very young age could differentiate between electric, diesel and steam trains. He thanked the long-peal band for his farewell peal and the memento. He was proud to be associated with that long peal, which was rung under proper conditions for a record peal. It was rung in a church tower; the bells could be clearly heard outside; and it was rung without refreshment.

He had come into contact with the Guild in the first place through the Macclesfield ringers but it was not until the end of the war that he realised that he could himself take up the art. He could ring a few simple methods but his main concern had been in teaching young people to ring for service. He was sorry to leave the area of the Guild, where he had encountered nothing but friendship.

Mr. A. R. Elkins, Deputy Master, in proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' referred to the Church as the oldest of our nationalised bodies, as it was nationalised by that great monarch Henry VIII., whose famous daughter, Elizabeth, made England a force in the world. Her reign was often referred to as a Golden Age, and was not the present reign the beginning of a Golden Age? In Tudor days ringing was in its infancy but now bells had become part of the warp and woof of our way of life.

The Rev. A. L. Minns, replying to the toast, made the point that the clergy were still officers of the State in so far as they periodically made returns to the Registrar General. He himself had been a ringer for some 30 years but had never had the good fortune to be at a church with a ring of bells. At one church, where they had one bell, he had rung it so lustily that the resident pigeons had strongly objected. Whereupon the churchwardens had arranged for the louvres to be covered, much to the delight of the local pigeon fanciers, who reported the return of birds which had been missing for years. In his present church two bells were hanging by threads and four were lying on the floor. They were building a new church in a new neighbourhood, which would have a tower, and he jocularly suggested that someone might like to have the bells hung there. Ringers served both Church and State and were proud of the connection.

The speeches were interspersed with musical items by Messrs. Taylor and Boyer, tune ringing by the Macclesfield and Wirral Handbell Ringers, and the gathering closed with a course of Bob Major on handbells and the singing of the National Anthem.

A valuable addition to the Guild's possessions is a beautiful handbell presented by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and used to good effect by the Master in calling the meeting to order.

C. K. L.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting At Buckfast Abbey

The Mid-Devon Branch held its usual autumn meeting at Buckfast Abbey on October 18th, when it was well supported by the Branch members, and visitors from North and South Devon and Kent.

Everyone had the opportunity to ring on these magnificent bells, whilst the more experienced ringers, together with three members of the community, rang touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples, and a course each of Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal. A short service was later held in the Violet Evelyn Institute, conducted by the Rev. J. W. Timms, Vicar of Buckfastleigh.

After a bountiful tea in the Parish Hall, an excellent course of Plain Bob Major was rung on handbells by three of the Abbey ringers, with the help of Mr. W. Simmonds, of Torquay. A short business meeting followed, with the president (Preb. E. V. Cox) in the chair. Five new performing members and one non-resident member were elected, and it was resolved to hold the annual meeting at All Saints', Babbacombe, on January 3rd. The usual vote of thanks was carried.

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THE BELLS OF ST. CLEMENT'S

THIS historic ring of bells has now been re-cast and rehung and, with the beautifully restored Wren church was reconsecrated on Sunday, October 19th, by the Bishop of London in the presence of H.M. the Queen and other members of the Royal Family, together with high-ranking officers of the R.A.F., for whom the church is to serve as a permanent memorial to airmen of the Commonwealth Air Forces who lost their lives in the war.

The service of reconsecration will have been witnessed by many through the medium of TV and the usual newspaper and periodical reviews and pictures followed the occasion. Ringers, however, may like to have a more detailed account of the work which has been carried out.

The original ring of eight was cast by Philip Wightman in 1693 and the tenor weighed 22¼ cwt., in E flat.

In 1843-44 George Oliver, of Whitechapel, recast the fifth and added two trebles to make the 10, which were so familiar to pre-war Londoners. In addition, there was a small clock bell cast by Robert Mot, of Whitechapel, in 1588.

St. Clement Danes' tower is not a large one but the old 10 were hung in one tier, level with the louvred sound openings and occupied all the available space. They were a nice ringing 10 with a character of their own, and were rung regularly by the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association.

RESTORATION AFTER BLITZ

At the beginning of the war they were taken down and stored at the base of the tower, but at the height of the blitz when the tower and church were enveloped in flames and so much heavy timber crashed to the bottom, it is said that they became hot and the firemen's hoses cracked them. Soon after the loss of his famous church and bells the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, died, many said from a broken heart. When examined on removal, seven of the bells had large visible cracks and the other three were doubtful. It was therefore decided to recast them all. The old clock bell, however, was not cracked, and this had been preserved as a five-minute bell.

The tower had suffered considerably, and the architect (Mr. W. A. S. Lloyd) was very concerned as to its safety. A scheme was prepared by the Whitechapel Foundry which placed the bells in a two-tier iron and steel frame at the level of the old ringing chamber, some 18 feet lower than before, and with this plan the engineers were in agreement, and the work was started in 1955. The bells are now a ring of 10 (tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb., in the key of E), with a flat fourth, hung dead for carillon use only.

ELECTRIC CARILLON MACHINES

The old carillon machine and clock were cumbersome things placed in a chamber beneath the ringers, with wires going up one wall through the ringing chamber to the belfry, and the clock winders had to make daily visits to keep the machines going.

All this has been replaced with an electrically-wound timepiece driving the four stone dials with miniature quarter and hour striking units, made by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed, of Clerkenwell.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank made the three electric carillon machines, which are small motor-driven brass cylinders pegged to play 'Oranges and Lemons,' the R.A.F. March and the hymn tune 'Old Hundredth.' The pegs operate switches which, through relays, energise large solenoids connected mechanically to the bell hammers. The miniature quarter and hour strike mechanisms work on the same electric hammers.

There are two hammers to each bell, which are permanently poised and are, therefore, clear of all ringing gear. A simple tumbler switch in the ringing chamber, with red and green indicator lights, renders chimes and tunes inoperable during ringing.

The whole makes a neat and impressive installation and the tone and 'go' are excellent. If there be any criticism at all it is that the fifth and sixth ropes fall rather close to the north wall, but this was unavoidable as the engineers were insistent that a clear passage should be left along the south side of the frame to allow maintenance men to get to the air-conditioning plant in the roof of the church.

The band of serving or ex-R.A.F. ringers who rang Stedman and Grandsire Caters for the reconsecration service were, unfortunately, not heard on radio or TV, as the bells had to be lowered by 11 o'clock. But it is to be hoped that it will not be long before many more people have the opportunity to hear and ring on this latest addition to London's restored towers.

ST. JOHN AT HACKNEY

This church, which contained a ring of eight (tenor 24 cwt. in E flat), by Robert Patrick at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1786, was destroyed by fire in May, 1955. The bell-frame and fittings were badly damaged, but although the bells were not seriously damaged, the calamity presented the church with an excellent opportunity for remedying what had been a badly-oscillating tower.

St. John's Church was built in 1797 to replace the 14th century building, the tower of which still stands nearby. The tower was added in about the 1820's and was raised on the portico of the new church. The old eight were then transferred and were rung from the new tower for the first time on October 22nd, 1854. Considerable movement occurred when the bells were rung, particularly at the junction between the tower and the portico.

Under the direction of the architect, Mr. William C. Lock, and the consulting engineer, Mr. Douglas Weare, the tower has now been considerably strengthened and the position of the bell-frame lowered. The bells have been recast at Whitechapel into a new ring of eight, with the tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

From tests made at the summit of the tower recently, it was found that the movement was now negligible and the 'go' and tone of the new bells are all that could be desired.

They were dedicated by the Bishop of Stepney on October 21st—almost 104 years to the day from the time when the old ring first rang from the new tower.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The problem of 'The empty belfry,' 'The depleted band' and 'The unringable bells'

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, one of the largest Associations in the country, is preparing a vigorous attack on these problems. Already a scheme has been launched to make good instruction available wherever it is needed, and really helpful grants to be made for the restoration and repair of bells.

This is taking the form of a new scale of affiliation fees, which aims at more positive recognition of the Association by all Parochial Church Councils in the diocese and a greater awareness, by the Church, of the contribution of ringers to the life of the Church.

One of the first practical problems to be solved in this campaign was the production of a suitable form of standard instruction, which would teach recruits to handle a bell correctly and with good style, and teach them the basic need—that of ringing good rounds and raising and lowering a bell in peal to perfection.

A booklet has been written and printed for this purpose and will now be available, free of charge, to every new recruit coming into the belfries of the diocese. Its style is simple and direct, and it will be followed by a companion booklet teaching the first steps to change-ringing.

Whilst the booklet is primarily for the use of the Bath and Wells diocese, it will be available at a modest charge to any others who may be interested.

It is hoped that the not-too-distant-future all the bells in the Diocese will be ringing, and fully manned by resident bands.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The autumn meeting of the Society on October 11th was held at Brewood, a pleasant country village with a fine parish church, in the tower of which is hung one of the best 'eights' in the West Midlands (tenor 21 cwt.).

The attendance of 89 must have been very gratifying to the Rev. S. D. Austerberry, Vicar, who conducted the service and gave the address, and to Mr. C. S. Dumbell, who made the arrangements for this most enjoyable meeting.

A bountiful tea was kindly provided by the Brewood ringers and their wives. As one ringer remarked afterwards, it was well worth coming to a meeting at Brewood just for the tea alone. In view of the fact that no charge had been made for tea, a collection was taken, and this resulted in over £4 being handed to the Vicar towards Brewood Church funds.

R.A.F. APPRENTICES' TOUR

A group of bell-ringers from the Wendover and R.A.F., Halton, apprentices' sections toured eight towers in the Cambridge area on September 27th.

The towers visited were: Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford, Little Shelford, Harston, Meldreth, Melbourn and Royston, approximately one hour being given to each tower. The tour proved very enjoyable.

Methods rung were: Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Maior, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Plain Bob Doubles, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, Grandsire Minor.

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JASPER SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE 26th Jasper Snowdon commemoration dinner was held at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds, on October 11th. Prior to the dinner there was general ringing at St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Headingley, St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, and St. Francis', Holbeck. Two peal attempts also took place, one of which—Bristol Surprise at Horbury—was successful. The 12 bells of Leeds Parish Church were unfortunately not available owing to the presence of television engineers in connection with the Leeds Musical Festival Week, which commenced on this day.

The president of the Association, Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, presided at this friendly gathering of 115 ringers and friends, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Messrs. S. F. Palmer and W. Barton (trustees), Mr. W. E. Critchley (peal secretary) and District secretaries Messrs. E. Hudson, J. J. L. Gilbert, H. S. Morley and A. E. Marsh. Principal guests included Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Barnett, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood.

The president gave the loyal toast and then read messages of greetings and good wishes from Miss Margaret E. Snowdon and from the Association treasurer, Mr. G. Benfield, who is at present in the United States.

The first and principal toast to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Association was proposed by Mr. W. Barton. Mr. Barton commenced by quoting a verse from the well-known hymn:—

> 'Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
> Bears all its sons away;
> They fly forgotten, as a dream
> Dies at the opening day.'

These words, he said, precede the obituary biography of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon in the Yorkshire Association report for 1885. They were not, however, well chosen, for the name of Snowdon will be remembered as long as church bells are rung by human agency and text books are needed to instruct pupils in the intricacies of our art. His name will live on long after the paint wears off the peal board in Pudsey (the speaker's) tower, which records Snowdon's 129th and last peal.

ACT OF PENANCE

Jasper was no ordinary man. Following every peal that he rang, he would sponge himself down with cold water. It is difficult to understand why a man should spend three hours bringing his body up to a warm and pleasant glow and then reduce it to freezing point with cold water. Did he regard it as an act of penance for the annoyance caused to those people living near the church who had to endure three hours of Treble Bob? Was the weather milder in those days or were ringers made of sterner stuff?

Jasper was also very fond of walking—not just gentle strolls through the countryside, but long treks lasting for days. He once walked from Leeds to London, a journey which took him six days. On arrival he partook of a hurried meal and caught the next train back to Leeds. We in the north can understand his eagerness to get away from London—what we cannot understand is why he should want to go there at all!

During his presidency of the Yorkshire Association, Snowdon made himself responsible for the compilation of the annual report, a task which he carried out single-handed. At one time he was seriously concerned at the number of members who had not paid their subscriptions. He tackled this problem by listing the names and towers of all defaulting members in the report, following which the subscriptions simply rolled in.

Mr. Barton went on to refer to several other past officers of the Association. One who would be remembered personally by most of those present was the late Canon Marshall, that genial parson ringer, a true son of the Church, who by his wisdom, tact and keen sense of judgment guided the affairs of the Association so successfully for many years.

Then there was that delightful person Jimmy Cotterill, for 28 years treasurer of the Association. Jimmy was a great ringer and conductor, and called the then record length (10,400 changes) of Treble Bob Major. His untimely death in 1935, whilst preparing to go to the annual general meeting at Doncaster, was a tragic blow to the Yorkshire Association.

He was followed in office by Sid Palmer, who continued to serve as treasurer for 17 years. Happily enough he is still with us and, at 84 years of age, still takes an active part in ringing.

One of the most proficient conductors of Grandsire and Stedman there has ever been, and secretary of the Association during the early part of the first World War, was Clement Glenn. Although exiled from ringing for more than 20 years, his peal total reached about 500, 376 of which were rung for the Yorkshire Association, and of these he conducted 288. When, in 1914, the Association was divided into four districts, most of the work of reorganisation fell on his shoulders—and how well he carried out this task.

This toast is, of course, intended to embrace all past officers of the Association, and Mr. Barton mentioned such names as William Snowdon, Charles Henry Hattersley, George Bolland, Charles Jackson, Percy Cooper, Frank Rayment, Fred Hutchinson, William Ambler, George Lewis, Francis Willey, Fred Cryer, Arthur West, Ted Cawser, Arthur Haigh, Leonard Brightman, Bernard Cook and Fred Clark.

PERCY JOHNSON

'But there is one other whom I feel I ought to mention, one who would have been here tonight had his health permitted. In fact, I think this is the first Snowdon dinner he has missed—our old friend, my personal friend, Percy Johnson. Percy, the sergeant-major of the belfry, whose voice has struck fear and terror into the heart and bosom of many a young ringer, but whose bark was worse than his bite. Many youngsters have profited by his mode of teaching—they couldn't do otherwise if they did as he said. Those of us who have known Percy down the years have known him as an excellent ringer, a first-rate conductor, and one who has always preached and stressed that good striking is the sole criterion of good ringing. But there are still a few of us knocking around who remember him also as the secretary who brought order out of chaos.

'Mr. Johnson took on the job of general secretary just after the first World War. Clement Glenn was the secretary in the early part of the war, but he left hurriedly to join the Navy, and that caused a certain amount of disruption. He was followed in office by an exceedingly capable man—Mr. Harry Williams, of Headingley—a good man, but one who just had not the time to give to the office, and things got rather out of hand. The issue of the annual report had ceased, not through any fault of the secretary, but because of restrictions and cost. But material which should have gone in the reports had accumulated, papers were lost or mislaid, the books were incomplete. Then there was the worry about the Northern District which, so far as the Association was concerned, was then absolutely dead. Not a single officer remained in the District. That was the position when Mr. Johnson took hold. Then, shortly afterwards, there was discontent and threats of resignations from up and down the county because the committee had been compelled to cancel resident life membership in order to keep the Association going; in fact, some individuals and some whole companies did resign when they knew that they had to start paying subscriptions again.

'But Mr. Johnson tackled this problem in the same fearless and forthright manner in which he seems to tackle everything. He defied or ignored his critics—and they were not a few—and in 1921 a report was issued which covered all the lapsed years from 1916 onwards. I am not saying that that report was faultless, it couldn't be from the material that was available; I grant that it was published at a loss, but it did more than any other single factor to put the Association on an even keel after the upset of the first World War. Granted there was depleted membership; but that, to a large extent, was rectified before Mr. Johnson relinquished office. But that was not all. There was the inauguration of these commemoration dinners in 1922, of which Mr. Johnson was the progenitor.'

Mr. Barton then formally proposed the toast 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association.'

A fitting response to this toast was given in a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by Messrs. W. E. Critchley, W. F. Moreton, W. Barton, L. W. G. Morris and J. Ambler.

THE VISITORS

The toast of 'The Visitors' was then proposed by Mrs. C. C. Marshall, this being the first occasion upon which the annual dinner had been addressed by a lady speaker. As a 'mere woman' Mrs. Marshall welcomed to Yorkshire, representing the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Barnett, who had 'brought along' her husband, Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council); also Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, the Rev. J. Wylie (Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley) and other visitors.

Mr. E. A. Barnett responded on behalf of the visitors. He assured Mrs. Marshall that he was not one of those who thought that north of Birmingham lay the frozen wastes—surely, this started at St. Albans! As a Southerner, he felt like a Daniel in the lions' den, but nevertheless it gave him great pleasure to be present at this, one of the main ringers' dinners of the year, and to meet again so many old friends.

Mr. Barnett then referred to Miss Margaret Snowdon, and said that it was he who had had the pleasure of seconding her election as an honorary life member of the Central Council—the greatest honour which could be bestowed upon one who had never previously been a member, and one which she well deserved.

Between the speeches the company was entertained with musical items by Mr. Edward Yorke (tenor).

The president thanked Mr. A. E. Marsh for his assistance in organising the dinner.

THE COMPANY

Ven. and Mrs. C. O. Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Critchley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawn, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lofthouse, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. P. Massam, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Short, Mr. and Mrs. C. Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Staveley, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Strangeway, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thorley.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S WEEK AT BRISTOL

I SUPPOSE the only trouble with Cambridge Guild Weeks is that they are too infrequent. It seems a pity to have such a grand time only once a year. This year's Ringing Week, organised by Tony Cleaver, was no exception. Friday and Saturday, August 22nd and 23rd, saw members travelling to Exeter, where they assembled outside the west door of the Cathedral at 3.15. We started for Stedman Cinques but as the ringing was not worthy of such magnificent bells Frank Haynes called it round after 1 hour and 50 minutes. Afterwards a good touch of Spliced Surprise was rung on the Thomas eight and we made our way back to Bristol, our centre for the week.

THE RINGING MACHINE

'It wasn't the size
Which occasioned surprise.'

Sunday being a day of rest, we rose at 7.30 a.m., ate a hearty breakfast and went to Redcliffe, where we were made welcome, and a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on the fine 12. Later in the morning we rang at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, and then, after lunch, went to the home of our organiser, where Brian Price's ringing machine had been set up. Members had great fun here persuading it to ring 'Glasgow,' though 'Big Bob' proved elusive. Mrs. Cleaver did very well, providing tea for about 20 of us—many thanks!

Later in the week the ringing machine was moved to headquarters.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to speak too highly of this magnificent engine, developing, as it does, some 10-bell power. The machine can ring anything on six, eight or ten bells containing a repeating block no longer than a lead of treble ten. When in the hands of its inventor it behaves perfectly.

Monday morning started the Guild Week in earnest. The first tower was the fine eight at Chewton Mendip, where the peal band arrived in haste, rang a lead of Original Triples, and left, in similar haste, for Mells, where a peal of Cambridge was rung. In the afternoon the Guild assembled at Wells for ringing on the grand ten there. Inside they are not too easy to hear, but although the back bells are deep set they had few vices. We returned via Cheddar (8) and the famous Gorge, the younger and keener members going on to Bath Abbey for practice.

Tuesday began early with Corporate Communion. We then divided into two parties—most going to Keynsham and All Saints', Weston, while a peal band set out to tour Bristol in the hope of finding the Marshfield road. This was eventually located, Marshfield reached and a peal of Yorkshire rung. A peal of Cambridge was lost in the afternoon, but others enjoyed themselves in Bath. Later Cambridge Royal was scored at St. Stephen's, Bristol.

CONSCIENTIOUS STRIKING

Wednesday was a successful day though unfortunately we could not ring at Gloucester Cathedral. A peal of Bristol was rung at Almondsbury—a fine eight which can be heard so perfectly in the tower that any blow which is not perfect 'stands out a mile for all to hear' and shames its striker. The afternoon was spent losing a peal at Wotton-under-Edge and ringing on the fine and historic 12 at Painswick. Invigorated, no doubt, by the drive back, we reached headquarters in good time and excellent form for the business meeting. During the course of the meeting it was unanimously agreed to send wishes for a speedy recovery to Major J. H R. Freeborn, who had unfortunately sprained his ankle earlier in the week.

Thursday heard ringing on the fine eight at Ditcheat, the 10 at Yeovil and a peal attempt at Sherborne. Here the noise in the ringing chamber was so great that when one member wanted to alter his rope, and the conductor bellowed 'Stand!' in his best stack-yard voice, two of the band promptly went into changes. Stedman Triples came to grief after half an hour. A practice followed and then a tea as leisurely as luncheon had been.

THE GRAPES OF WRATH

The rest of the party had gone round by Milborne Port and Wincanton and we joined them at Queen Camel. Someone bought some grapes and having offered them round, discovered what fun there was in watching people dispose of the pips, stalks and skins. One had no trouble at all; he spat a pip out in the donor's face, though outside the tower, I hardly need add. In the tower the bells were raised and soon Cambridge Minor was being rung. In view of the number of tenor men and would-be tenor men, most of the ringing was Minor, though a course of Stedman Doubles was rung.

The evening was spent as guests of Frank Hansford at Redcliffe. Half a course of Cambridge Maximus and some touches of Cinques were rung with members of the Redcliffe band.

On Friday morning we said goodbye to several of the party and then divided, one party going to Long Ashton and, after a great deal of searching, Barrow Gurney and Portishead, while the rest went for a peal of Bob Major at Blagdon. The bearings were dry, unfortunately, and Bob Major was called round after a quarter peal, the tenor man being wet through by this time. Brian Price then took blackboard and chalk and, putting on his schoolmaster's manner, he explained a new principle to us, which we rang. I don't want to start three months' acrimonious correspondence, but we called it 'Blagdon Triples.' The Rector of Blagdon invited us round for lunch, and I think few of the band had any regrets about the last peal as we enjoyed his excellent hospitality.

Congresbury in the afternoon presented an interesting feature—small tower— typical ground floor ring—a light eight, no doubt, and a tenor of 35 cwt. so deep set that it took two to pull it off. Here the advance party joined London University Society and several touches were rung together.

During the afternoon another party had set out for London at Clevedon and they joined us in high glee at Chew Magna. They had rung a good peal and one of the band was so delighted that he had stood drinks all round.

The evening was spent over dinner, enjoying steak and chips, and other relaxations. Saturday saw a peal attempt at Cirencester, which I believe was successful, but most of us were bound for home carrying memories of another wonderful week, and thanks to Tony Cleaver for his organisation, and all the incumbents who had made it possible.

J. H. F.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Meeting At Maidstone

The annual District meeting at Maidstone on October 11th provided a good opportunity for ringing on the new bells, recast and rehung by Taylors a few months ago. About 50 members attended the service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon F. Bennett), during which a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung.

At the business meeting, 13 new members were elected. The secretary's report and statement of accounts showed that in spite of a slight drop in membership, there was plenty of evidence of healthy activity in the District.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: District secretary, R. L. Sills; District representatives, A. Waddington and W. R. Manser; 'The Ringing World' representative, P. M. Town.

A list of meetings for next year was finally adopted, and it was decided that the annual coach tour should be to Essex.

There was unanimous support for the Central Council survey of Sunday service ringing, and it was decided that the forms be sent out so that replies would be received before the November committee meeting.

A vote of thanks was expressed to the Vicar and the ringers of All Saints' and St. Michael's for arranging the meeting and preparing the tea.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

SNOWDON DINNER — Continued

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MISCELLANEOUS

BROMLEY, KENT.—There will be no practice on November 4th.—D. Martin, Sec. 3154

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY extend an invitation to their friends in other towers to join them at the annual Gopher Dinner, Friday, November 14th. Tickets 13s. each. —F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, Notts. 3278

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 321st anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on November 1st, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (18s. 6d.) by Oct. 27th, please. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 to 12.15; St. Lawrence Jewry, 2 to 3; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3 to 4.15; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5.15. — John Chilcott, Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 3211

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District. — Meeting at Elstow, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Phyllis M. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3245

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Train 1.5 p.m., Derby, all stations; return 8.38 p.m. from Chapel. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3233

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6) on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights. Dis. Sec. 3223

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston, Saturday, Nov. 1st, 5.30 p.m. Special method, Lincolnshire Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3216

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth, on Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3224

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bring own food —cups of tea provided. Deeping St. James' not available.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3201

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st. All Saints', Burton (6), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Modwen's, Burton (8), available following tea in St. Modwen's Schoolroom at 5 p.m. All welcome. 3222

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 1st, West Bridgford. St. Giles' (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—local cafés.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3187

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Preston St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk. 3200

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tea at Hartfield 5.15 p.m. 3226

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, November 3rd, at 7 p.m. 3258

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3264

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting at Elland (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. F. Linfoot, The Mount, Wistons Lane, Elland. 3249

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Teas. Please notify not later than Nov. 5th Miss Vera Parish, 67, Burman Road, Wath-on-Dearne, Rotherham. 3253

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Next meeting at Tempsford (6), Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Southill bells not available. A good company is hoped for.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 3259

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cottingham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, King Street Rooms, 5 p.m. (price 3s. 6d.). Names by Thursday, Nov. 6th, to Mr. K. Ornbo, 54, Burniston Road, Bricknell Avenue, Hull. Cups of tea available for those not sending names. 3271

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Ringing meeting, Great Budworth (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 5th, to Mr. J. Scott, High Street, Great Budworth. 3279

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Black Torrington, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin. 3254

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District).—Meeting at Dronfield, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—A. B. Cooper and E. A. Wardill. 3280

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Roker, Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 5th, to Mr. R. J. Wilson, 21, Mill View Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland. 3265

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Saturday, Nov. 8th, tea and meeting at Maresfield. Uckfield in evening. Names to C. Catt, 55, Lampool Corner, Fairwarp. Names will be taken for annual dinner (January 10th).—C. A. Bassett. 3277

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3270

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in nearby hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Austin, 33, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey. 3217

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 5th, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 3159

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wroughton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Tea. Advise Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 3257

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Berkhamsted, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 5th, to Mr. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—J. Good. 3213

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th, Hoddesdon, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at Broxbourne followed by tea. Ringing at Broxbourne in evening.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3269

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Chart Sutton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Please bring tea. 3256

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District. —Joint meeting with Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, near Oldham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For tea arrangements please see Rochdale Branch notice.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 3260

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Bowness (8) on Saturday Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere. N. M. Newby. 3281

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD (North Western District), Saturday, Nov. 8th, at St. Mark's, Glodwick (Oldham). Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6. Tea 5 p.m. at Irlans Café. Names by Nov. 5th to F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Stoneleigh, Oldham. *Teas cannot be ordered otherwise.* A 20 minutes' diesel service from Manchester Victoria to Oldham Mumps Station. No. 4 bus from Mumps Bridge to church door.—Hudson, Sec. 3276

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston St. Mark's, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bring own food. P1 bus (Larches Estate) from town centre or railway station—alight Pedder Street.—L. Walmsley. 3272

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Banham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 4th, to Mr. J. Rout, The Nilgiris, Banham, Norwich.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec. 3220

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mortimer (8) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. R. Cowdry, Sherborne, Victoria Road, Mortimer. 3246

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Please be sure to send names for tea by Nov. 4th to Mrs. S. Frost, Blacksmith's Arms, Harworth, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 3274

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Shifnal, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to J. Vaughan, 15, Park Street, Shifnal. Important business—a good attendance is requested. 3232

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Debenham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Nov. 4th to W. J. Button, 7, The Street, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 3268

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Steyning (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester. 3275

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, New Alresford, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Bell Hotel. Names for tea not later than previous Tuesday to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 3266

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Egham (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names at the latest by Nov. 12th.—Mr. D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham. Good attendance by all members of the District earnestly requested.—H. Hancock. 3249

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, to C. T. Hillis, 244, Hythe Road, Willesborough, near Ashford. No names, risk of no tea.—C. T. H. 3263

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15th, in St. Dunstan's Church Hall. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) not later than Wednesday, Nov. 12th, from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, enclosing cash, please. 3272

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Marden, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, to Mrs. C. Nye, The Hill Tea Rooms, Marden. 3261

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Blechingley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday Mr. F. W. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 3251

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Leiston on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential (no names, no tea) to Alan R. Bridges, 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. Note: Special item on agenda to discuss—Suffolk Guild Districts. 3250

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Preliminary notice. The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 7 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. each. Further details later.—P. Dickinson, Sec. 3267

OBITUARY

MR. C. E. JONES

The Manchester District has lost in Mr. C. E. Jones, a ringer who was connected with St. Peter's Church, Swinton, for the past 35 years, but owing to ill-health had not been ringing for the past two years. He was a very welcome visitor at surrounding towers. The funeral was at Swinton Parish Church on October 17th, and was attended by ringing friends.

OUTINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

This year's outing on September 13th was a great success as it was one of the few fine days of the summer. Ringing at the first tower—St. Mary's, Portsea—unfortunately had to be curtailed because of a wedding. Promptly at 1.30 we presented ourselves at Portsmouth Cathedral, where Miss Knight and Roger Baldwin had the bells up and waiting; but we did not do justice to these lovely ten, and the best ringing was some Yorkshire Major.

Mr. Daughtry was waiting at Arundel, where most of the party had a ring and wandered off to see the town and castle before tea. One little group was nearly killed in the process: they were crossing the Arun bridge when a car swerved on to the pavement, pinning a man against the wall. Some of the ringers had a narrow escape.

After a good tea at the White Hart, a move was made to Angmering, where we had to help ourselves to the bells. Mr. Haffenden gave us a friendly welcome to Goring tower, which has the heaviest six in Sussex. These bells were rung to various Minor methods. A leisurely journey home completed a happy day. C. A. B.

FRAMSDEN HALF-DAY TRIP

October 11th was the annual half-day tour for the Framsden and District party. For the first time this took the form of a mystery tour, which was truly run to Eaton Socon and Biggleswade, where an excellent tea was awaiting the party. Ringing here after tea, some of the party saw the organiser's letter appropriately fixed up in the belfry revealing St. Paul's, Bedford, as the last call of the day, to the delight of all. Ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise, Stedman Triples and Caters, and Cambridge Royal. Home was reached by some around 2.30 a.m. after 14 hours and 190 miles covered.

HARPENDEN, HERTS

Some of the ringers of Harpenden Parish Church had a very enjoyable day on October 11th, when they visited some of the out of the way towers in Hertfordshire. In the morning, Datchworth, Little and Great Munden and Standon—a lovely six in an unusual tower—were visited. After a picnic lunch came Westmill, where Audrey Bailey, who had joined us for the trip, was able to say 'This is all' to the towers of Hertfordshire (congratulations, Audrey!); Aspenden, the only eight of the day; Ardeley and Weston. A quick cup of tea, and with numbers slightly depleted, on to St. Ippolyts, and so to the last tower of the day, King's Walden. Mr. A. Day expressed a vote of thanks to the incumbents and to the local ringers. M. A. C.

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe (6), Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Nov. 5th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3282

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Tickets for supper and social at Lavenham, Dec. 6th, now obtainable from Miss R. Seabrook, 31, Callis Street, Clare, price 6s. 6d. each. Please note, no tickets will be available after December 1st. 3283

LETTERS

PAYING THE FOOTING

Dear Sir,—When I was a lad none of the blooded veterans who followed the hounds would condescend to accept a drink at the inn during a hunt from a lad or any stranger who had not proved his worth as a huntsman. I do not doubt that in the circles of bell-ringers the same principles applied. I can well believe that no band of Stedman ringers would accept a round of drinks from some novice who bumped his stay every other pull, and could not keep his place in rounds, let alone hunt the treble through a plain course of Grandsire. But the day would come when the pupil would be able to raise the tenor in peal and maybe call a touch of Spliced Surprise. How proud he would then feel to be allowed to buy a round of drinks for the rest of the band and, indeed, 'pay his footing.'

Inevitably there would be people and localities with whom or in which the paying of a footing could be carried to excess, and to safeguard against over-drinking or over-spending the institution of a footing fee became a very wise precaution, temperance being better than intolerance. But with the change in our approach to conviviality old customs are dying out. There are, however, still many amongst us who appreciate the labour of our mentors in bringing us to our present standard of proficiency, and appreciate, too, the tolerance of those who stand in with us to ring a touch of this or that. In such company it is indeed an honour to be allowed to pay our footing; and what an honour I would esteem it to be allowed to pay my footing in the company of such as William Shepherd.—Yours sincerely,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

MR. W. C. GILLINGHAM

Dear Sir,—The Mr. William C. Gillingham whom Mr. Crook recently met in Canada was born in November 1889, and his father, also a William C. Gillingham, was well known at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, where he chimed the bells for Sunday services for a period of 28 years. His son rang quite a number of peals under the conductorship of the famous James Motts, including a peal of Kent Maximus a few days after his 17th birthday. His last peal in England was a peal of Superlative Surprise Major on April 23rd, 1907. The family left England on May 2nd for Canada.—Yours sincerely,

WM. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

Sir,—The W. C. Gillingham referred to in Belfry Gossip, October 17th, came of an Ipswich ringing family; his uncle, Charles H. Gillingham, rang in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus. He left England for Canada in 1907, having then rung 21 peals; he came back in 1912 to be married at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on March 2nd, when a peal was rung to mark the occasion. Before returning to Canada he rang the fourth at St. Mary-le-Tower to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. I don't think he has ever been back again; neither, as far as I know, is any of the family left in the town.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

SINCE the last article in this series, the following towers have recorded their first peals—some claimed as such, and some not: Kentisbeare (Devon), Standon (Staffs), Boroughbridge (Yorks), Kirk Deighton (Yorks), Edgmond (Salop), St. Juliot (Cornwall), South Scarle (Notts), Tintagel (Cornwall), Lelant (Cornwall) and Heveningham (Suffolk). That means quite a good number this time. I suppose the day will come when all pealable towers will have been pealed, but there is plenty of scope yet, especially amongst the 6- and 5-bell towers.

As a point of interest, the numbers of 'unconquered' rings I make as follows: 12 bells, one; 10 bells, one; 8 bells, 29; 6 bells, 482; 5 bells, 514. These figures are for the British Isles only. Thus there are still over 1,000 churches where a peal has not yet been rung—nearly 20 per cent. of the total number with rings of bells. Of the 6-bell towers, 160 of them are in Devon and a further 48 in Cornwall (seven of the 8-bell towers are also in Devon). This will probably be expected, although it may cause some surprise to know that the third south western county, Somerset, has had peals on 170 of its 181 6-bell towers—a very high proportion indeed. Actually, there are still more than half the towers of Devon which are virgin territory. Somerset (50), closely followed by Suffolk (49), are the counties with the greatest number of unpealed 5-bell towers. Northamptonshire has most of these, but has had peals on 67 of the 94. At the other extreme, not one of the 33 5-bell towers of Devon has had a peal rung in it! No county has had peals on all its rings, although a few have on all those which are ringable. Counties with the fewest virgin towers are: Cheshire (3), Durham (2), Leicestershire (3), Middlesex (2), Northumberland (3), Surrey (2) and Sussex (3). At the other end of the scale, as indicated above, Devon has more unconquered rings than most counties have towers!

Now to return to our usual story. One or two corrections of footnotes are called for. The peal at Barnard Castle, believed to be the second on the bells and the first of Major, is not quite right, I fear. There have been two previous peals—Stedman Triples in 1906, and Kent T.B. Major in 1912; so this was the third. This tower has the longest peal silence since our last review. Likewise there *had* been a previous peal in seven Doubles methods at Litlington (Cambs). This was the first peal on the bells in 1921. Seven Minor methods had also been rung at Edith-Weston previously, and as recently as 1954, when the last peal before the recent one was rung.

After Barnard Castle, Elford has been the longest without a peal. There had been just the first peal on the bells in 1922 previously. Mr. Wilfred Williams' North of England and Scottish tour broke the peal silence of several towers. Dundee (St. Mary's) and Leith had not been heard since 1927. The former now has scored four peals and the latter two. Carlisle, St. Stephen's, had its last peal in 1931 (five in all now), and Cockermouth its last in 1933 (seven in all now). As was noted in Belfry Gossip, Tamworth has had a long silence. The recent peal broke the silence of 31 years. The tower was quite popular early on: 20 peals were rung from 1884 to 1896, 13 from 1905 to 1915 and four from 1920 to 1927, so its total is now 38.

Wootton, Northants, last had a peal in 1931; the first was in 1907, and there have been eight altogether now. Sharow's last was in 1932. There have been ten here, the first as far back as 1887. It was in the year 1933 that Potton and Payhembury were last seen in the peal columns (as the footnote claimed in the first case). Thirteen peals have been rung at Potton, but there had only been one before the recent one at Payhembury—also Grandsire Doubles. I confirm that the peal at Bamburgh was the third on the bells. The other two were in 1920 and 1936. Although quite a popular tower 30 years ago, Clifton Reynes had not appeared in the peal lists since 1937; nine peals were rung from 1905 to 1914 and 13 from 1920 to 1937. Shottesham's only previous peal was in 1938, and Sopley and Halvergate have also been silent from that year. The former had two peals then (the first on the bells), and the latter six from 1936 to 1938.

Woodlesford, Yorks, had 17 peals from 1887 to 1910, then a silence to 1938 when a peal was rung that year and another in 1939; then silence again until this year. Willersey last appeared in 1945 (one peal before that—in 1937). Woodchester, also silent from the same year, is of interest because all its ten peals (first in 1894) have been of Doubles although a 6-bell tower. Lea had its last peal in 1947, likewise Stalybridge, which was a very popular tower at the end of the last century. Thus 35 peals were rung in the 1880's alone, then another 15 from 1892 to 1911. Between the wars only six were rung, from 1926 to 1930. Then there was silence until the odd peal in 1947. Lastly, we have had Whitnash's third peal (first in 1920, then 1948, and now 1958).

Then we come to the congratulations section. Firstly, another 5-bell tower joins the double figures list—Forncett St. Peter. Southwark Cathedral has had its 200th peal since 1881, Burnham its 150th, Darley Dale its 100th and Buxton (Norfolk) and Fairfield their 50th peals. Congratulations to all these. Ringers might like to know of the following imminent landmarks: The next peal at Duffield will be the 250th on the bells; the next at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, will be the 100th, and at Frindsbury the 50th. Silk Willoughby, with 98 peals at the moment (up to and including the peal on September 27th), should shortly be the third 6-bell tower to reach the century. Mention of this will be duly made when it happens.

Finally, one or two points of interest. The peal at Wantage was the first of Major on the bells, despite the fact that the first peal was rung there in 1893, and there have been 11 altogether. The peal of Cambridge Royal at St. Peter's, Nottingham, was the first of Surprise Royal since the first peal on the ten bells in 1922, although there have been about 100 peals since then. Lastly, with the peal of Wooler Surprise Minor at Langleybury on September 24th, I believe that all the Surprise Minor methods have now been rung to a 5,040.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5191 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Treble*	†Peter F. Windley	7
Peter Woodward	2	†Geoffrey Townend	8
J. Martin Thorley	3	†Kenneth Park	9
*David Cubitt	4	James H. Kirby	10
W. Eric Critchley	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	11
†David Atkins	6	John E. Kirby	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells.
Rung on the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

*James Woolford	*Treble*	*Margaret E. Wilkinson	7
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	Jack Bray	8
Mary C. Payne	3	Walter Tomlinson	9
Charles McGuiness	4	John Walden	10
John Freeman	5	George E. Feirn	11
†John Moss	6	Stanley E. Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

R. George Morris	*Treble*	†Lewis F. Cobb	7
Michael J. Best	2	†Laurence E. Hitchens	8
James E. Daniels	3	George E. Evenden	9
Herbert H. Abrahams	4	Ronald N. Marlow	10
*Cyril A. Wratten	5	David Hoare	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Edward J. Chivers	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* 125th peal. † First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt.

Albert M. Tyler	*Treble*	Michael J. Horseman	6
Mary H. Hall	2	William H. Kingcott	7
Leonard Derrick	3	Henry J. Sanger	8
Anthony J. Sanger	4	William G. Gigg	9
Arthur H. Reed	5	Sidney G. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. Whitehead. Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
In memoriam John Thomas and Major J. H. B. Hesse.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt.

Wilfred J. Newman	*Treble*	Walter H. Raxter	6
Mrs. J. Thomas	2	*Robert W. Cole	7
Arthur J. Martin	3	*Harold E. Raxter	8
*Colin B. Longmore	4	Thomas W. Lewis	9
Joseph D. Johnson	5	Joseph E. Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by Morris J. Morris. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal on ten bells.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

Katharine Burchnall	*Treble*	Charles E. Brown	6
Grace Burchnall	2	James W. Raithby	7
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Geoffrey Paul	8
Frederick G. Hooper	4	William L. Exton	9
Peter N. White	5	Walter Nichols	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Trevor Taylor	*Treble*	†Geoffrey Hopkinson	5
Ivor Jenkins	2	Sydney Hough, jun.	6
*E. Dorothy France	3	Geoffrey Fearnehough	7
Dorothy Heap	4	Derek Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Trevor Taylor.
* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 20, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Roland Biggs	*Treble*	Anthony E. Cox	5
Arthur Newton	2	Arthur Foxall	6
Doreen Cox	3	David A. Cornwall	7
Percy Newton	4	Victor Evans	*Tenor*

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Biggs on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 26, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Sydney J. Anthony	*Treble*	William Allman	5
Eric Hornby	2	*John Ryder	6
*Roy Forster	3	Harold Worrall	7
Harry W. Howard	4	Walter Allman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Worrall.
* First peal of Bob Major.
Rung to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
*Elizabeth M. Yardley	2	George E. Fearn	6
Ruth M. Border	3	*Brian J. Woodruffe	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Bristol.

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BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Oct. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Henry H. Fearn	*Treble*	Peter Border	5
John A. Anderson	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Ruth M. Border	3	*Brian J. Woodruffe	7
John Pinfold	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	Joan Beresford	5
Brian Bladon	2	John R. Mayne	6
Alick Cutler	3	G. William Critchley	7
Alfred J. House	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

W. Harford	*Treble*	G. Marchant	5
*W. J. Goodfellow	2	B. Kingston	6
†B. Taylor	3	W. Dare	7
T. Yeomans	4	T. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by T. Lewis.
* First peal 'inside.' † First of Major. First as conductor.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Miss Dillys Hulbert, who will be leaving the district to reside at Redcliffe, Manchester.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

Ruth M. Border	*Treble*	Henry H. Fearn	5
*Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Anthony A. Ager	6
*Brian J. Woodruffe	3	George E. Fearn	7
John Pinfold	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W Washbrook. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburgha,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

Mary H. Hall	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	5
*Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Edgar C. Shepherd	6
Ruth M. Border	3	Peter Border	7
Brian J. Woodruffe	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Philip G. K. Davies	*Treble*	Robin G. Leale	5
David A. S. Hawkins	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Ralph Bird	4	Robert Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Stedman and of Triples.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt.

Charles McGuiness	*Treble*	George S. Deas	5
Mrs. C. N. Lea	2	Kenneth Arthur	6
Mrs. J. A. Ainsworth	3	Charles N. Lea	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	Robert Telford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.
Rung in memoriam David Priestley, who was killed in a road accident the previous day and who, while resident in the area, was a popular member of this Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Richard J. Clifton	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	6
Diana J. Perrins	2	John A. Acres	7
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Ernest J. Jelley	8
John M. Jelley	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

WOLBOROUGH, NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Oct. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Pamela J. Stephens	*Treble*	E. Maurice Atkins	5
John L. S. Glanvill	2	Christopher Webb	6
Heather Hood	3	Herbert W. Spencer	7
W. John Andrews	4	Frederick Wreford	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
* First peal. The second ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
In memoriam E. J. T., died October 24th, 1956.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

*John Peglar	*Treble*	*Joseph M. Stretton	5
†Edmund E. Pearson	2	*Robert A. Reeves	6
*Janice Grimsley	3	Alan R. Pink	7
*John H. Gregory	4	*Edgar S. Hitchcox	*Tenor*

Composed by Benjamin Annable. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † First of Bob Triples 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. C. O. Moreton), who is just retiring.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

William B. Cartwright	*Treble*	Clifford Skidmore	5
*Eric J. Booth	2	†Colin Conway	6
Fred Price	3	Reginald Woodyatt	7
H. James Turner	4	David Beacham	*Tenor*

Conducted by William B. Cartwright.
* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Triples.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30½ cwt.

David Cubitt	*Treble*	Ian M. Holland	5
Milton C. Fowler	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
David S. Hollas	4	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
Rung to commemorate the rebuilding and reconsecration in October, 1858, of the church after a disastrous fire.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt. in A.

NEIL BENNET .. .. .. *Treble*		*GEORGE F. NIX 4	
*P. ALLAN B. TOOMBS .. 2		TREVOR TAYLOR 5	
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3		DEREK TAYLOR .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal 'inside.'

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Single Oxford, four extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. *Treble*		F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER 4	
MISS K. BURCHNALL .. 2		*HAROLD STEVENSON 5	
MISS G. BURCHNALL .. 3		WILLIAM L. EXTON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal in two Minor methods.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. John T. Gascoigne on completing 60 years as a ringer at this church.

IDEN, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOAN V. GARNETT .. .. *Treble*		FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4	
DAPHNE F. LESTER 2		ERIC A. FELLOWS 5	
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. 3		ALBERT H. KEMP .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
First peal in the method by all the band.

SWINNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of ten extents of Stedman, 18 of Plain Bob and 14 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.
Rung after the wedding of Gordon Bassett Baldwin to Heather Isabelle Wenger.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 12 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt., approx.

*IVY ROE .. .. *Treble*		*HAROLD STEVENSON 4	
WILLIAM L. EXTON 2		*J. EDWARD BROWN 5	
*FREDERICK DERRY 3		F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal in four Doubles methods.
In memoriam Arthur J. Chamberlain, a ringer at Southwell Minster for 64 years, and who died October 7th, 1958, aged 78.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in C.

*JUNE CARTER .. .. .. *Treble*		‡ERIC H. KNAPP 4	
†REGINALD V. JOHNSON .. 2		IVAN A. C. BUTCHER .. 5	
‡§ALLAN J. BUTCHER .. 3		*WILLIAM J. SALE .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by IVAN A. C. BUTCHER.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Doubles in the method. ‡ First of Doubles. § First 'inside.' First peal on the recently augmented bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John Cornish, youngest son of the Vicar of Danehill, and Miss Honor Williams, daughter of the churchwarden of St. Olaf's, Hart Street.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*JUNE M. KEY .. .. .. *Treble*		ALAN G. FOSTER 4	
BARNABAS G. KEY 2		DAVID W. BRUNNING (15) .. 5	
ERIC EDGINTON 3		JOHN K. SMITH (14) .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.
* First peal. First as conductor.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (12 callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

MISS G. BURCHNALL .. *Treble*		WILLIAM L. EXTON 4	
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2		F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5	
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3		*CHARLES J. COPP .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.
* 50th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Copp on the occasion of their silver wedding, and to Miss Ann Foster, daughter of the conductor, on this her 21st birthday.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Oct. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents and 240 Morris's arrangement of Grandsire, four extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, two of April Day and 32 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. *Treble*		MICHAEL J. STOKES 3	
MARY SOLOMON 2		*JEFFERY B. GORROD 4	
		TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.
* First peal away from cover bell, and first of Doubles. The treble ringer is now the first person to 'circle the tower.'
Rung for Trafalgar Day.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Capel T.B., (4) Sandal T.B., (5) London Scholars' T.B., (6) Kingston T.B., (7) Oxford T.B. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. *Treble*		ROBERT B. SMITH 4	
WILLIAM H. DOWSE .. 2		†LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 5	
BASIL JONES 3		BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor on tower bells.

TUTBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Oct. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

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

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Minor.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 38 methods: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London Surprise; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham Surprise; (4) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. .. *Treble*		DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4	
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2		JOE E. G. ROAST 5	
PETER J. EVES 3		HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
Most methods by all the band.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Single Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

CHARLES E. BROWN ..	*Treble*	†ARTHUR MELTON	4
*FRED DIXON	2	‡JOHN E. BUNDY	5
ROBERT H. HURST	3	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

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

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARTIN MAJOR	*Treble*	ROBERT L. PIRON	4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS.. ..	2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ..	5
ROY A. WARD	3	ALAN S. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Mager on the birth of their son, Christopher Paul, on October 20th.

PENN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven different extents, each containing 360 Plain Bob and 360 St. Clement's College Bob, 52 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SUSAN J. SLADE	*Treble*	MICHAEL HATCHETT	4
MONICA M. BLAGROVE ..	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	5
HERBERT A. BRADBURY ..	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*PATRICIA A. WARDLE ..	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4
PETER R. JOHNSON	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
RUSSELL S. MORRIS ..	3	JOHN M. JELLEY..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising five extents each of Norfolk and April Day, six each of Old and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK C. PUGH ..	*Treble*	TERENCE A. SPARKES ..	4
PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE ..	2	*RODNEY S. SMITH	5
WALTER H. RAXTER	3	GORDON RAWLINGS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.

* First peal 'inside' and on six bells. First in five Doubles methods by all except the conductor.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cattermole. of Droitwich, parents of the conductor. Also a coming-of-age compliment to Mrs. Calder.

HANDBELL PEALS

CRUMPSALL, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 11, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT 33, CLEVELAND ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 23 methods, being seven extents, viz.: Wragby, St. Albans, Charlwood and Neasden Delight; Willesden, College Bob IV, Old, Oxford and Newdigate Delight; College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; Plain, Double and Fulbeck Bob; Reverse and Reverse Canterbury Bob; Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14½ in D flat.

*ALLAN SHARPLES	1—2	†DEREK TAYLOR	3—4
†TREVOR TAYLOR	5—6		

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First peal in 23 Minor methods. † First in 23 Minor 'in hand.' Most methods yet rung by the Association.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours,*
AT 79, ST. PETER'S ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 31 methods, being seven extents, viz.: Cromer, Steventon, Tibenham, Chalfont Alliance and Crayford Little Court; Walsingham, Lammas, Olney, Fulmer Alliance and Little Bob; Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV and Old Oxford Delight; Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel and Kingston Treble Bob; Morning Star, Norbury, College Exercise, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; Double, Fulbeck and Plain Bob. Tenor size 14½.

ALLAN SHARPLES	1—2	DEREK TAYLOR	3—4
TREVOR TAYLOR	5—6		

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

First peal in 31 methods for all, and most methods yet rung for the Association.

CRUMPSALL, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 24, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT 33, CLEVELAND ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods, being seven different extents, viz.: Oxford Treble Bob, Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure; Treble Bob; Morning Star Treble Bob; Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; Reverse and Reverse Canterbury Bob; Double and Fulbeck Bob; Plain Bob. Tenor size 13½.

*NEIL BENNET	1—2	DEREK TAYLOR	3—4
TREVOR TAYLOR	5—6		

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

* First handbell peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT NO. 29,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

VALERIE WILLARD	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	DAVID J. MARSHALL	7—8
VIVIEN BARNES	9—10		

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

With affection, memories and gratitude for the life of John Thomas.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 21, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,680 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

KENNETH B. SISSONS ..	1—2	ALAN SHEPPARD	3—4
JOHN POTTS	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

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ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. W. Abbot 1, Betty J. Marsh 2, J. H. Hayne 3, F. B. Stedman 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft, chairman of Dorchester branch from 1957 until his death.

ALFORD, LINCS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Brenda Willoughby (13) 1, G. Willoughby 2, J. Baggley 3, S. H. Sutton 4, J. I. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Carline 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. For the Parish Mission.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bristow 1, J. Smith 2, J. Manning 3, Miss P. Norman 4, Mrs. Townsend (cond.) 5, C. P. Podbery 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Rich.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Cooper (first on six bells) 1, K. Prime 2, I. Hillburn 3, E. Skinner 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, C. Norton 6. For harvest festival.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss L. Masters 1, G. Gunstone 2, R. Purnell 3, P. Pearce 4, G. Parsons 5, P. Gaisford 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, E. Wicks 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity, on Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Molly P. Smith (first of Cambridge) 1, Monica E. Horseman 2, R. G. Hooper 3, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 4, D. J. Hunt (first of Cambridge) 5, D. E. Cobb 6, P. Bird 7, J. Brain 8.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.—At the Church of St. Peter-in-Thanet, on Oct. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. Sole (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, E. Milsted 3, C. Durham 4, S. Gee 5, A. Dadds 6, A. Hinkley 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8. For the 26th wedding anniversary of Mrs. N. Bridges, the 47th wedding anniversary of Mr. A. E. Jarman, a local ringer, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Durham.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—At the Church of St. Luke, on Oct. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. D. Faircloth 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, J. Lyddiard 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, A. S. Richards 6, J. E. Cannell 7, J. W. Smith (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2. For patronal festival.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Joan Bacon (13, first of Triples) 1, W. Birmingham 2, Janet Adamson 3, H. Oglesby 4, G. W. Limmer 5, K. Walters 6, G. Gilbert (cond.) 7, D. Livingstone 8. First of Bob Triples 3, 4 and 6. Rung after harvest festival Evensong.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's Church, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Margaret Squires (first quarter) 1, T. Pryce 2, J. Smith 3, L. Chamberlain 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, R. Welton (first quarter) 6, H. H. Brittan 7, A. W. Skelton 8. For Trafalgar Day.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. Norris 2, J. Pares 3, H. Hodgetts 4, T. Ashby 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Cobb (first quarter) 8. Rung in honour of Henry Hodgetts, who celebrated his 75th birthday on October 22nd.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Kindred (first quarter) 1, Mary Solomon 2, J. B. Gorrod 3, P. G. Tovell 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Parton (first quarter) 1, J. Marsh 2, E. Drew (cond.) 3, J. Courtman (first 'inside') 4, W. Francis, jun., 5, C. Jones 6, F. Hinton 7, F. Bennett 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. F. C. Hinton, father of the ringer of the 7th.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Newis 1, Sheila Percival 2, J. Hulme 3, Jill Mayes 4, P. Tompkins 5, J. Church 6, G. Mayes (cond.) 7, T. Dilley 8. For Evensong.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, H. Grocock (first of Minor) 2, H. Wand 3, H. Squires 4, P. E. Parry (cond.) 5, L. Squires 6.

COOMBE, OXON.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): A. Franklin 1, H. Floyd (cond.) 2, G. Wastie 3, A. Leach 4, R. Franklin 5, W. Franklin 6. First quarter in four methods by all except conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

COVENTRY, WARWICKS. — At St. Michael's, Stoke, on Oct. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: R. D. Hayne 1, Mrs. P. Wright 2, E. Sibley 3, D. Ellender 4, N. Haille 5, H. Folwell 6, A. R. Wright 7, W. Stote (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent Treble Bob Major to be rung on the bells by a Sunday service band. For Evensong, and to celebrate the engagement of N. Haille to Miss Thelma J. Barrow.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Marshall (first quarter) 1, D. Marshall (first quarter) 2, Hilary Johnson 3, H. Johnson 4, S. F. Webb 5, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

DYMOCK, GLOS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. E. Spiers 1, Joy Smith 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. Smith 4, C. Phillips 5, R. Chew 6. Rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. J. Roberts, captain of Newent Tower for 50 years.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. P. Colstick (first quarter, aged 16) 1, C. J. Ashdown (aged 15) 2, S. R. Myall (aged 15) 3, F. W. Kefford (first quarter, aged 17) 4, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, A. T. Ashdown 6. For Matins.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 552 Kent): Miss A. Fundrey 1, R. G. Corby 2, E. L. Duffield 3, E. White 4, J. H. L. Blick 5, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 6. Rung before thanksgiving service, and as a farewell to J. H. L. Blick, who is leaving the parish to take up training for the ministry at St. David's College, Lampeter.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Moss (first quarter) 1, G. Green 2, D. Laker 3, A. Laker 4, P. Felton 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, L. Ainger 8. For Evensong on Gift Day. The ringer of 2nd is aged 86, and has regularly rung at this church for 72 years.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Slowman (first quarter) 1, W. A. Smith 2, C. J. Belcham 3, D. E. Belcham 4, G. D. L. Sandwell 5, M. J. Hulett (cond.) 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Whitby 1, R. Parish 2, F. Whitby 3, F. Hoad 4, J. Collins 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Aley 7, S. Clark (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to W. Wheeler on his 70th birthday.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Vinten 1, T. J. Matthews (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Funnell 3, G. Beeney 4, F. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Pannett 6. A farewell compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Rothwell 1, J. P. Partington 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, Mrs. A. Ward 4, R. Maher 5, A. Ward 6, G. S. Mills (cond.) 7, C. S. Taylor 8. For the annual service of the Heywood Sunday School Union.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Whiting 1, J. M. Clifton (first quarter) 2, W. Martin 3, W. Wilby 4, B. Whitworth (first quarter) 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Deighton 7, H. Pentlow 8. Rung jointly by Rushden and Higham Ferrers ringers in memoriam David Priestley.

HICKLING, NOTTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury, Cliffords Pleasure, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, 300 Grandsire): M. W. Lewis 1, Mrs. M. E. Pollard 2, F. W. Midwinter 3, S. Adams 4, W. L. Exton (cond.) 5. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Pickard, of Southwell.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Minor (Court and Plain Bob): D. Armstrong and R. Blackshaw 1, B. Mills 2, R. Larkin 3, J. Meredith 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,440 Minor (Court and Plain Bob): B. Mills 1, R. Larkin 2, J. Meredith 3, D. Armstrong 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. Both for evening service.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Harwood (first in method) 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, F. Welch 3, R. Welch 4, W. Monckton (first 'inside') 5, R. Hebditch 6.

LACOCK, WILTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Gaisford 1, F. W. Box 2, R. Purnell (cond.) 3, A. Bartlett 4, R. Lovelock 5, M. Mace 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

LANCASTER, LANCS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hornby 1, J. Woods 2, N. Cross (first 'inside') 3, R. Warden 4, R. Rainford 5, S. Jeffery 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, J. Pye 8.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hughes 1, J. Goodfellow 2, Rosalie Beer 3, Penelope Welsh (first of Triples 'inside') 4, J. Woodman (first of Triples as cond.) 5, Margaret Way 6, G. Marchant 7, M. Bennett 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. Rung to mark the wedding this day of Nevil James, tower captain, and Jill Birch, both ringers at Llandaff Cathedral.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Ireland 1, I. Hughes 2, G. Walford 3, G. Gammon 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6. For harvest festival.

PENDLEBURY, LANCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rothwell 1, N. Tompkins 2, J. Thornley 3, A. Lomas 4, C. Rothwell 5, D. Ogden 6, B. Rothwell (cond.) 7, W. Thornley 8. In memoriam Mr. C. F. Jones, who has been ringing for 34 years in the district and captain of St. Peter's, Swinton tower. The conductor was a grandson of Mr. Jones.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAM.—On Aug. 29th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: G. Stickland 1, J. Goodfellow 2, B. Taylor 3, M. Peterson 4, G. Marchant 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. First quarter of Little Bob for all.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Glover 1, L. G. Hine 2, J. Ayres 3, E. J. Marley 4, C. J. Turner (cond.) 5, W. S. Burrows 6, C. C. Deem 7, E. H. Marks 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Stuckey.

POWICK, WORCS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Brickell (first quarter) 1, H. Cole 2, G. J. Lewis (cond.) 3, D. Price 4, A. T. Hollis 5, F. Hyde 6. A wedding compliment to D. Brickell, of the local band, and Miss Janet King Sear, who were married at Colwall the previous day.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Wakefield (14, first away from tenor) 1, Cecily C. Roberts 2, C. R. Jelley (15) 3, R. A. Routh 4, C. M. Press (14, first as cond.) 5, Rev. D. J. Snelgar 6. First quarter for 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Philip James Burgess, belfry carpenter.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Wright 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, Miss G. Smith 3, Miss J. Horton 4, M. R. Blackman (cond.) 5, Miss J. Morton 6. For Evensong, and a farewell to Miss J. Morton, who will shortly be leaving the district.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 26th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Euston 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. Rea 3, J. Chapman 4, B. W. Story 5, G. Parsons 6, R. L. Story (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the conductor, which took place the previous day. The bride was present during the ringing. They both very shortly leave England to take up an appointment in Nigeria.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White (first of Triples) 1, W. Moreton (cond.) 2, P. Woodward 3, D. Cubitt 4, K. Park 5, G. Townend 6, J. Kirby 7, H. Chant 8.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Ireland (first quarter) 1, G. Gammon 2, G. Salter 3, I. Hughes 4, G. Walford 5, C. Webber 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, C. Baker 8.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Newth 1, M. Fromm 2, S. Howard 3, D. Smith 4, H. Barratt (Barley, Herts, cond.) 5, A. Horn 6.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hims 1, C. Hims 2, M. Clarke 3, H. W. Knight 4, E. A. Price 5, J. Evered 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. First quarter by 1, 2, 3 and 8. Rung half-muffled following the interment of Preb. Wilfred Noel Kempe, Vicar for 6½ years, and sub-Dean of Wells Cathedral.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: P. Adcock 1, F. Arnold 2, F. Phillippo 3, J. Smith (cond.) 4, T. Spight 5, W. Clover 6, W. G. Saunders 7, H. Tooke 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 3.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch at Hethersett on October 18th was attended by 32 members and friends. At the business the belfry elections of Messrs. P. Shipton, Timothy G. Pett and George W. Buckle were confirmed, and Alan Ellis, of Norwich, who had left to live in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, was transferred to the non-resident members' list. The best of luck was wished him in his new home.

The passing of Mr. W. R. Catchpole, of Buxton, was observed by one minute's silence. The former president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, was welcomed. The Rector (the Rev. R. G. Harwood), who conducted the service and gave the address, was thanked, as were Mrs. Alborough (organist) and Mr. R. Lofty and family for making the arrangements.

Methods rung varied from Plain Bob to Cambridge and there were also touches of Forward, Imperial, Duffield Major and Erin Triples.

A DAY IN DERBYSHIRE

The ringers from Heywood, Lancs, had a long and somewhat exhausting day in Derbyshire on October 4th. Towers visited were Fairfield, Buxton (8), Bakewell (8), Wirksworth (8), Duffield (10), St. Luke's, Derby (8), St. Peter's, Derby (8), St. Andrew's, Derby (10) and Ashbourne (8). They also visited Leek (10) and Middlewich (8). Lunch and tea were eaten while travelling.

Methods rung were: Triples, Grandsire and Stedman; Major, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Ashbourne College; Caters, Grandsire and Stedman; Royal, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Oxford and Duffield.

ERNEST READ HIS OBITUARY

It is not often, fortunately, that anyone reads his own obituary notice, but Ernest Morris, of Leicester, received a shock when he read in the local 'Evening Mail' the following heading to a full column article:—

'Time has been standing still at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, because the church has had no permanent clock winder since the whole-time verger died a few months ago.

'Climbing the 80-odd steps to the tower every two days to wind the heavy clock machinery was a tough job, even for the verger, Mr. Ernest Morris, who was used to it.

'When Mr. Morris died . . . days went by without the clock ticking, and passers-by, so used to watching the clock, were concerned . . . etc.'

This naturally caused a great stir, telephone messages, personal inquiries, etc., to find out exactly when Mr. Morris died, and a certain amount of distress in the family.

However, two days later the same newspaper published a photograph of Mr. Morris with the caption, '**Back to Life.**'

MR. BRYAN PATTISON'S 100 PEALS

Mr. Bryan Pattison, now at Durham University, has completed his first 100 peals, which were rung in 53 towers for 11 Associations. Details: Doubles 11 (conducted 11) including 21 methods; Minor 33 (25), including ten in seven methods: Triples 5 (1); Plain Major 9 (3); Treble Bob Major 1 (1); Surprise Major 26 (6) in 15 different methods; Caters 6 (4); Royal 2 (1); Surprise Royal 5; Surprise Maximus 1. Handbells 1 (Major). Total 100 (52).

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Meltham won the Association silver cup at the six-bell contest held at Calverley, near Pudsey, on October 18th. Five teams entered, and the test was 600 changes in any method after a plain course practice. Mr. N. F. Moxon was the judge, Mr. D. N. Stables marker, and Mr. P. Wheatry timekeeper.

Results: Shelley 112 faults, Sandall 222, Meltham 56, Friezland 100, Thornheath 388.

Replying to a vote of thanks, the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Lane) said the Association would be most welcome to return to Calverley at any time in the future, on condition that it did not allow another 30 years to elapse between visits.

The secretary was requested to try for Armitage Bridge bells for the April meeting and contest and, alternatively, Earlsheaton. A proposal by Mr. G. Perrin that the Association should hold another meeting before April was carried.

A warm vote of thanks was passed to the local company and their ladies for providing tea, and the gift of 10s. to the Association's funds as half the profits from the teas.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

For the first time in the history of the Guild, a quarterly meeting of the Andover District was held at East Woodhay on October 18th. Some 20 ringers rang various Doubles and Minor methods. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. W. Omerod), and his wife and helpers served tea. At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. A. W. Alliston, members were asked to support the District's half-day outing on November 15th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

All Souls' Church, Loudoun Road, South Hampstead, has a 3-cwt. bell, the gift of the Canadian National Railway. This railway is changing over from steam to diesel, and an application by Mr. George Dow, L.M.R. commercial officer, resulted in the gift of the bell. The bell was dedicated by the Bishop of Willesden recently in the presence of Canadian National officials and is being sent to the Whitechapel foundry for tuning.

Five-year-old Stephen Newton regularly rings the five-minute bell for morning service at Nantwich Parish Church.

The composition of 5,040 Little Bob Royal (see page 632) was originally produced by Mr. C. Wallater in 1904.

The peal at Bromsgrove, Worcs, on October 25th was the 25th on the bells by Mr. Arthur J. Martin, the popular steeplekeeper.

The method rung in the peal at Hughenden (see page 684) was London Surprise Major and not Bristol Surprise Major. Will those who keep records please correct.

When the bells of Farnham Parish Church were removed for retuning and refitting at Loughborough it was found that the fourth bell (cast in 1723) was badly cracked in the crown and will need recasting.

Reader's letter in 'Radio Times': 'The bells of St. Mary's Church, Dover (9.45 morning service, September 21st) were a delight. It is said that when the weather is suitable they may be heard in the streets of Calais.' Can any reader confirm this?

Mr. Peter Border, of Coventry, can claim to be the youngest ringer to ring 500 peals. His 500th peal was rung at Evesham on October 25th. Mr. Border is 26 years and 8 months old, but he does not expect his record to stand for long.

Probably the active ringer with the longest connection with any one tower is Mr. G. Green, of Great Baddow, Essex, who rang 'inside' to a quarter of Grandsire Triples on October 26th. Now aged 86, he has rung regularly at this church for 72 years and is still going strong.

Ringing veterans will note with pleasure that Mr. Henry Hodgetts rang in a quarter peal in honour of his 75th birthday, which took place on October 22nd.

Mr. E. Rodenhurst, of Whitchurch, writes pointing out that the 1903 edition of 'Stedman' (page 99) gave a 5,016 of Stedman Cinques with Whittington's by W. L. Catchpole.

Although the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Wakefield was especially arranged to mark the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, the band would also like it to be recorded that it remembers with gratitude the life and work of the late Percy Johnson, a vice-president of the Association, interred that day.

Wearing white blouses and grey skirts, eight members of Crondall Women's Institute gave a demonstration of handbell ringing at the Hampshire Federation of Women's Institutes at Winchester. Change ringing and rounds were demonstrated and tunes played to the audience of 1,000 women. The band had been trained by Mr. Keith Cox.

In the peal of Doubles at Grimley, Worcs, on October 26th, at least four of the band struck their first blow in three of the methods rung. The ringers of 2, 3, 4 and tenor are members of Dodderhill, Droitwich, Sunday service band, and after a quarter of an hour tea break, rang on the lovely Dodderhill bells for Evensong, despite somewhat damaged hands.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD HAS A BEST-EVER DINNER

THE general opinion at the Coventry Diocesan Guild dinner, held at the Wine Lodge Hotel, Coventry, on October 18th, was that it was the 'best-ever' dinner in the history of the Guild. Canon H. A. Hayden, Rector of St. Nicholas', Warwick, this year's chairman, presided over a company of 120, and supporting him on the top table were Mrs. Hayden, the Rev. D. M. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. F. W. Perrens and Mrs. Perrens, Mr. A. H. and Mrs. Beamish, Mr. H. Windsor and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

The chairman, in a speech of welcome, paid high tribute to members of the Guild for the help he had received at St. Nicholas' since they had been able to get their bells rehung. He was pleased to say that the bells were now being rung twice on Sundays by members of the Guild, who had all been trained since the bells were overhauled. - After more than 30 years' silence it was a particular pleasure to him to hear them ringing joyously Sunday after Sunday calling the parishioners to service. He was greatly indebted to the Coventry Diocesan Guild for their help in achieving this and wished them success in the future.

MR. ADOLPHUS ROBERTS

The Rev. D. M. Davies, Rector of Stoke St. Michael's, in proposing 'The Coventry Diocesan Guild,' brought good wishes for a pleasant evening from Mr. Adolphus Roberts, better known as 'Bob' Roberts. He explained that 'Bob' had unfortunately had to give up ringing after fracturing his arm. He spoke very highly of his service to St. Michael's for many years and thought at 87 years of age he was perhaps one of the oldest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was not quite sure how many years he had been a member of that Society but was sure there could be very few with a longer membership. Mr. Davies spoke very highly of the work the Guild were doing and said how fortunate they were in having such enthusiastic officers to manage their affairs. It was a pleasure that both Mrs. Davies and himself looked forward to each year to meet the ringers of the Diocese at their annual dinner and to take part in such a pleasant evening. He coupled with the toast the name of the president, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

In his reply, Mr. F. W. Perrens said it was a pleasure to have a full house once again at this function. He paid tribute to the many young people present and congratulated the band at Whitnash on achieving their first peal by a local band of Sunday service ringers. He also expressed his pleasure at the progress made by Studley and Wootten Wawen since their bells had been rehung and he was also pleased to see such a large number of new members that evening from those two towers. He had a word of praise for Mr. Harry Windsor for the very good work he was doing in the Southern Section, but was afraid the same could not be said for the Northern Section. Although the standard of ringing was very high in the Northern Section, there was still a number of towers without ringers and he hoped this could be rectified in the future.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

He was very delighted indeed to see so many new faces at the dinner this year and thought that this augured well for the future prosperity of the Guild. Finally, he reminded members of the value of their own paper, 'The Ringing World.' He said he wished to underline the fact that it was their own paper, and he asked them to do all they could to make contributions to it and in so doing help to make the paper even more valuable than it is. He reminded those present who were not taking 'The Ringing World' that they should do so. The larger the circulation of the journal the lower the cost per copy.

The toast of 'The Ladies' was proposed by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, who said what charm and dignity ladies brought to the ringing chamber. He placed them in three categories. One, the under 20's and unmarried, who treated their ringing not at all seriously and looked upon it as a form of exercise and relaxation. He was just experiencing this at St. Nicholas', Warwick, where he was teaching a band primarily composed of young ladies who fell into this category, but felt they would ultimately become the backbone of the tower.

His second class was the young ringer who was married to a ringer. This started off as being a fine combination, as they jointly supported a tower, but it usually resulted in the loss of the lady and eventually the gentleman, who later returned to the tower. Ultimately, until the family was out of hand, it meant that only one could come ringing. The other class was the lady with no further ties of family, who often became the most reliable member of the band. In paying tribute to the Ladies' Guild, the speaker said that he felt that branch of the Ringing Societies had proved its worth to ringing as a whole and could number amongst its membership some very notable ringers, far too many in fact to attempt to name them. The Coventry Guild was surely indebted to the ladies, as their last honorary secretary and treasurer had been a lady, who had served the Guild in a most able manner for over 25 years. What better tribute could he pay them? Looking around the room that evening, with nearly fifty per cent. ladies, he felt that he had not been sufficiently generous in his references to their charm and beauty. He called for the males present to stand and drink a toast to the ladies there, coupled with the name of Mrs. D. E. Beamish.

PROVED THEIR ABILITY

Mrs. Beamish, in thanking the proposer for his very nice remarks about the ladies, felt that ladies had a place in the tower, having by their ability proved themselves competent to ring alongside their male counterparts in all methods and on all numbers. She referred to the proposers' three categories and said she belonged to the third. Speaking on behalf of the ladies present she was sure that their association with ringing gave them much pleasure, and she hoped it would continue so.

Summing up, the chairman called for the oldest and youngest ringers present—Mr. W. Collett, of Warwick St. Mary's, and Miss Judith Suffolk, of Chilvers Coton. They were acclaimed with musical honours by the company. He also paid tribute to the honorary secretary for his work for the Guild and for having arranged such a delightful evening for them all.

Solos and duets were rendered by Mr. Albert Barley and Mr. Hubert Summers, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Summers, junior. Tunes on handbells were rendered by the Harbury Handbell Ringers, and the highlight of the evening was a course of Stedman Caters by Mr. W. Male on his tower bells. This instrument he constructed and is a church tower, complete with clock, etc. The bells are operated by a keyboard at the base of the tower and are very musical. Mr. Male's achievement was loudly applauded.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD'S REORGANISATION

There was a very good attendance for the final meeting of the Northern Branch held at Washingborough on October 18th.

After the usual service and tea the business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. A. Freeman, Guild Master. Mr. J. Moss, of Lincoln, was elected a member of the Guild.

The meeting endorsed all that had been suggested at previous meetings with regard to the new constitution, so that on December 31st the old Branch will cease to exist and the Grimsby, Gainsborough and Lincoln Districts will become Branches. The names agreed by the Guild half-yearly meeting were approved so the new Branches will be known as the North Lindsey, West Lindsey and the Central, formed from the Grimsby, Gainsborough and Lincoln Districts respectively.

Mr. J. Bray, Guild hon. secretary, spoke of the past history of the Branch, back to the days when it was the North Lincolnshire Association, and mentioned how well it has been served by the early officers.

The chairman thanked the retiring officers for their work, making special reference to Mr. Frank Lord, who for the past 10 years had carried out the duties of hon. secretary so efficiently. Mr. Freeman presented Mr. Lord with a cheque from the members—an appreciation for his services. Mr. Lord, who was taken by surprise, thanked the members for the gift and wished the new Branches every success.

The occasion brought out much discussion, particularly amongst older members, on the early history of the Guild. Before the formation of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild there had been several Ringing Societies covering the Diocese. In the south of the county there was the thriving South Lincolnshire Association, which prompted ringers in the north to meet at Market Rason on June 13th, 1884, to form the North Lincolnshire Association. This became the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on the Guild's formation on April 29th, 1899, thus the Branch had a life of 60 years, during which many famous ringers had been associated with its activities—Gabriel Lindoff and Arthur Craven, to mention but two.

The Branch has had only one Master during its life. It was in 1922 that Mr. J. A. Freeman the well-known Guild Master, was appointed, and he has held that office up to the present time. Mr. J. Bray was for 10 years Branch hon. secretary before becoming Guild general secretary in 1948.

On January 1st, 1959, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will have six Branches of approximately equal strength. Each will have the same representation on the Guild Committee, and in the opinion of the officers and a big majority of the members, the affairs of the Guild will be administered more easily and more to the satisfaction of all concerned.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

After a lapse of about 25 years the Clifford District held their quarterly meeting at Talgarth on October 18th, when some 30 members and friends had a full ringing programme, including Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor. There was also some 'Churchyard Bob,' ably guided by a budding conductor from Bredwardine.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. Ll. E. James) gave an enlightening address at the service. The tea, prepared by Talgarth ringers and their wives, was sumptuous and necessitated a little belt-loosening before the business meeting.

Meetings were fixed for Whitney on November 15th and Clifford on January 17th, and three new members—A. Matthews, E. Smith and E. Pugh—all from Talgarth, were elected.

OXFORD GUILD AUTUMN MEETING

WITH plenty of opportunities for ringing in the morning and evening and an agenda full of interest to occupy the afternoon, the autumn meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Reading on September 27th was full of activity. The Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) presided, supported by the Guild officers.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. G. Edmans announced that the Guild's banner, dedicated last July, was the gift to the Guild of the Central Bucks branch. Appreciation of this generous gift was expressed by Mr. F. Sharpe (Deputy Master) and Mr. T. J. Fowler. Two suggestions in connection with the banner were adopted, viz:—A short history of it be compiled and kept in the Guild's library and that the banner should be kept in Great Horwood Church. The Guild also decided to present a book token to Miss Irving, who did the embroidery.

Correspondence included a letter from the Rector of Bletchley concerning the Sear window and it was decided to insert a letter in 'The Ringing World' asking all who appreciated the services of the Sear family to ringing to send a donation towards the cost of the window. Mrs. W. J. Paice wrote thanking all those members who by their friendship had helped her husband, particularly during his last illness.

Mr. E. J. Foster, who was elected a vice-president at the annual meeting, made a special journey from Hawley, Hants (where he is living in retirement), to thank the members for his election. A similar letter of thanks was received from Canon G. Dixon.

SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY

The hon. general secretary called attention to the circular of the Special Committee of the Central Council on Sunday service ringing and stated that she was calling a meeting of branch secretaries to deal with the circular. Her action was confirmed.

In this connection Mr. P. Walker, who had arranged for the new printed report of the Guild, called attention to the following facts: Twenty-four towers reported to be unringable; 90 with no members of the Guild; 49 with less than four members. He felt that something should be done to reduce these figures.

The Master congratulated Mr. Walker and his helpers on an excellent piece of work in preparing the report. The hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) commented that the cost of each copy was 5s. 5½d. Discussion arose when Mr. N. Diserens proposed a peal booking fee of 6d. per rope to help with the cost, but the meeting finally accepted Mr. Diserens' suggestion to leave the matter over for discussion at a later date.

NEW RULES

The draft of the new rules, recommended by the General Committee, was proposed by Mr. H. Lawrenson (Newbury) and seconded by Mr. W. Butler. Most were passed, but some provoked an animated discussion. A definition of membership was accepted as 'members of the Church,' although many were in favour of 'practising members of the Church.' As to subscriptions, the amount is to be decided at each annual meeting, to take effect from the following year. A charge of 2s. 6d. is to be made for each copy of the Guild's report.

Branch representation on the General Committee is to be the secretary and one other for every 100 members or a part of 100 exceeding 25. Elected committee members are reduced to six and the following were elected: Miss D. Fletcher (Beaconsfield), W. Birmingham (Slough), A. Diserens (Reading), P. Walker (Oxford), F. White (Appleton) and one vacancy that can be filled by co-option.

A grant of £50 was made towards the restoration work at Cumnor, which is costing £400.

BRANCH BOUNDARIES

The revision of branch boundaries was the subject of a motion proposed by Mr. W. Birmingham (Slough). He pointed out the unwieldy nature of his own branch and that it would take the East Berks and South Bucks Branch 3½ years to visit all their towers, making one visit a month. On the proposition of Mr. H. L. Roper it was decided to refer the matter to the Branch secretaries' meeting.

Mr. A. D. Barker proposed the rejection of the peal at Egham about which there had been some correspondence in 'The Ringing World.' There was no seconder and the matter was dropped.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. L. Roper. This included the Vicar of St. Laurence's for his address at the service, Mrs. A. Diserens and Mrs. D. Catherall and helpers for tea arrangements, Mr. R. Diserens and his parents for local arrangements, and Mr. S. Lester (Radley) organist.

Towers visited included Swallowfield (5), where a new band has been formed after silence for more than 20 years. Here the bells are hung in a small tower supported by a wooden structure and the back four are in an almost straight line. A plan is afoot to rehang the bells and, if possible, to add a sixth bell.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The annual gathering and peal attempts to honour the memory of Major John Hesse were held at Wrington on October 10th-11th this year. Major Hesse was a well-known ringer throughout the country and did much for Wrington and its fine ring of 10 bells.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Yatton on the Friday evening was unsuccessful, but on Saturday a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Wrington in 3 hours and 15 minutes, conducted by Mr. Albert Tyler. This was also rung in memory of Mr. John Thomas.

The company were then entertained to tea by Mrs. Hesse and were pleased that Mr. Rodney Hesse was also able to be present. In thanking Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality once more, Mr. H. J. Sanger said that he was sure it was a good thing to remember the great ringers of the past. On this occasion there was a note of sadness in the death of Mr. John Thomas, who was to have called the peal.

The peal band were pleased to welcome Mr. A. A. Hughes, who came up the tower before the peal, but were sorry he was unable to stay for tea.

Those present were the Rev. B. Lee (Rector of Wrington), Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott, Miss Mary Hall and Messrs. A. Tyler, H. Sanger, A. Sanger, L. Derrick, A. Reed, W. Gigg, S. Smith and M. Horseman. M. J. H.

REDEDICATIONS

Piddletrenthide

Rehung in July after an absence of about eight years, the five bells of Piddletrenthide, Dorset, were dedicated by the Bishop of Sherborne (the Rt. Rev. Maurice Key) on October 12th.

When the bells were removed from the tower in order that they could be sent to Loughborough for recasting and tuning, they had been silent for many years because of unsafe timbers and frame. Nobody seems to remember definitely when the bells stopped ringing. Some say about 20 years and some 30 or even 40 years.

The service of Evensong, during which the dedication was performed, was conducted by the Bishop, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Cooper Anderson) and the sermon was preached by the Bishop.

Among those present at the service were representatives of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Preston, Wyke Regis, Buckland Newton and Langport, Somerset.

The bells were rung immediately after the act of dedication, and after the service touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung.

The Vicar states that money is still needed to meet the cost of the work which has been carried out to the bells and tower, and that the parishioners are very keen to have a sixth bell hung as a suitable space was left when the new frame was installed. R. H. D.

St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork

Sunday, September 23rd, was the climax to the rehanging of the Cathedral bells, for on this date the Dean rededicated the bells to the greater glory of God.

The rededication took place on Ringers' Sunday at Matins before a crowded Cathedral. The lessons were read by Fred Bogan and Fred Dukes. After the collects, the Dean rededicated the bells. The inspiring sermon was preached by Canon R. J. Kerr (Rector of St. George's, Dublin), who took as his text the title of Fred Bogan's article in the Cathedral Year Book, 'Come at My Call.' The Minor Canon (the Rev. E. P. Mills) conducted the service.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung before all services, and during the afternoon seven ringers from Limerick Cathedral turned up, so the bells were put to good use, and it is pleasing to record that Joyce Foster rang several 120's of Bob Doubles on the third bell, and a right good job she made of it, too. Lindsay Bingham and Edith Spencer both did well at plain hunting, whilst George Bingham was as steady as a rock on the tenor. Harry Ellis, Cyril Foster, Fred Bogan and Fred Dukes all assisted in keeping the 'babes' right.

At 5 p.m. all transport made for the Lock —correctly spelt Lough!— to the residence of Fred and Dorothy Bogan. A magnificent and most welcome feast awaited the seven Limerick and the Drogheda ringers. All the visitors were most grateful to the Bogans—the perfect hosts. The Limerick people rang for Evensong, after which they returned to their homes, all much impressed by the Cork bells and the Bogans. Very many thanks to Cork!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNRINGABLE TOWERS IN 'DOVE'

Dear Sir, — Replying to Mr. Southwood (page 660), I endeavoured when compiling the 'Guide' to class as unringable only those towers where the bells have been derelict for a long time and are unlikely to be rehung in the foreseeable future.

Roughly 160 rings are so indicated and I have verified at least one quarter of them by personal inspection. The remainder have been for the most part obtained from Association reports—the Norwich Diocesan Association's list of towers not in union accounting for almost half.

Unfortunately, not all Association reports are reliable. For instance, the Cumberland Association's report shows Cockermouth bells as unringable—a statement which appears nonsensical after reading the report of the recent peal tour in Scotland. Apparently at one time there was no ringing there—a condition which happily no longer obtains, but the use of the word 'unringable' was unfortunate.

The Lancashire Association has persisted for years in classifying St. Peter's (R.C.) Church, Lytham, as 'U,' notwithstanding that an Association meeting was held there in recent times, and the local ringers with whom I had the pleasure of ringing assure me that the bells have at no time been unringable.

Brixworth, Irnham, Sedgefield and Llangynwyd bells were shown as unringable in error. Great Comberton's were out of order when the 'Guide' went to press but were rehung during the long time the publishers took over printing, and since publication both Hertford (All Saints') and St. Albans (St. Stephen's) towers have been made safe. The two tenors at Bloxham (Oxon) are no longer disused, and ringers who keep their copy of 'Dove' up to date might like to note these.

I plead 'not guilty' to classing as 'unringable' the two Cornish towers cited by Mr. Southwood, nor do I understand A. A. F.'s reference to Wetheringsett (page 692) as 'Dove' gives a ring of five (Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of an octave), so if the party had consulted 'Dove' beforehand they would not have anticipated finding a ring of six!

While I do not share Mr. Southwood's optimism that five out of ten of my 'unringables' may be found safe—my information is that there are many more 'unringables' besides those stated—I support wholeheartedly his suggestion that keen and determined ringers should make a point of visiting these towers, and I will most gladly make the necessary corrections in any future edition of the 'Guide' if any of the bells should prove to be ringable.

Whilst on the subject of persistent misreporting, will the many conductors, and the Yorkshire Association, please note that Drighlington tenor weighs only 14 cwt. 16lb., and **not** 16cwt., as so frequently quoted. This was another example of Warners' 'inflated' weights.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Moral for four members attending the Norwich Diocesan Association (Northern Branch) meeting at Hethersett: Bus time-tables must be studied as carefully as a new method if buses are to be caught.

SALLIES IN MOTHBALLS

Dear Sir,—It would seem that the Welfare State attitude has now appeared in ringing circles.

Why put the blame on the Central Council because some bells are not rung for Sunday service? After all, the members of the Central Council are scattered throughout the whole country and meetings of a select committee must be expensive to arrange and would serve no purpose.

The Central Council will soon have so many irons in the fire that meetings must be held monthly to cope with an ever-increasing agenda, and ringing members will receive no benefit from it at all.

Why 'pass the can'? If a tower nearby has no Sunday service band, then local ringers should try and help out, and each Association and District should make their own survey. After all, the idea in forming an Association is to link together all towers in its area and to deal with its problems in a light of local knowledge.

Finally, I must add that I wholeheartedly agree with your correspondent, A. H. Cross, in his views on peals and peal ringers. Peal ringers very often form Sunday service bands, but I think the time has come when it must be realised that the 'backbone' of the Exercise is the Sunday service ringers. Peal ringers are, at the best, only the 'ribs.' — Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

Note. — The functioning body in dealing with silent towers is Associations and Districts. The Central Council's survey has one fundamental purpose, to quicken interest, and not to let a lackadaisical attitude develop.—Ed.

Dear Sir,—The correspondence on 'Sallies in Mothballs' makes very sad reading. But it is not all bad. How nice of someone to trouble to put in the mothballs! — Yours sincerely,

C. N. VAISEY.

Freshford, near Bath.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to draw the attention of ringers to the formation of a new Society, the 'Leeds University Union Campanological Society.' As most Universities have a bellringers' society we felt that Leeds should be no exception and an enthusiastic response has resulted in 30-odd members being enrolled, a good half of whom are already change ringers. A peal attempt to mark the formation of the Society is to be made on November 5th at Collingham.

We are also making strenuous efforts to acquire a ring of bells for the University Church of Emmanuel, ardently led by its churchwarden. Dr. Youell, who is our new staff president.

Finally, may I express our gratitude to the many friends in the Leeds District who are in any way assisting us in our first difficult stages.—Yours sincerely,

R. BROWN.

144, Beeston Road,
Leeds.

PEAL RINGERS AND SUNDAY SERVICE

Dear Sir,—Many letters to 'The Ringing World' suggest that peal ringers are, in the main, non-service ringers—Mr. A. H. Cross's being the latest to catch my eye ('Ringing World,' October 24th).

With very few exceptions the peal ringers support the service bands very strongly, in fact many of them are captains of local bands while others are leading lights in the various Associations.

Where there is no local band the peal ringer type will go elsewhere to do his or her service ringing.

If a peal ringer leaves a service band it is usually because there is a lack of real interest by other members of the band, resulting in bad ringing and no progress. As the peal ringer likes good ringing and likes to make progress it's not surprising if he leaves a stationary band!

Up and down the country the peal ringers are striving for perfection all the time, not only in peals, but in local practices and Sunday service ringing, and without their efforts the standard of ringing would be very low indeed.

Having struck a blow on behalf of 'those selfish peal grabbers,' I now await a salvo from the 'anti-pealers' league.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

HESTON'S CHALLENGE

Dear Sir, — In reply to the challenge of Heston, Middlesex, appearing in your edition of October 17th, the band of St. Mary's, Willesborough, Kent, rang three quarter peals on Harvest Festival Sunday, October 12th, being 1,260 Plain for 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 1,260 St. Clement's for Morning Prayer and 1,280 Reverse St. Simon's and Reverse St. Martin's Doubles for Evensong. True, Willesborough is a six-bell tower, and three members of the band rang twice, but two of our best ringers were unavoidably absent, the three quarter peals were in different methods, and Mr. Edward Ruck, who, as usual, rang for Morning Prayer, is in his 92nd year.

All credit is due to Heston ringers, but in my opinion, what is more important is the consistency with which such performances are maintained. Your correspondent, Mr. Webb, did not mention whether such a high standard of performance is a regular feature of the Sunday service ringing of his band. — Yours sincerely,

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

Willesborough, Kent.

FOR THE PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—The following peals of Doubles in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' have been incorrectly reported:—

Kirby Muxloe, July 31st, conductor B. G. Warwick; 6 methods and 1 variation, not 7 methods.

Upchurch, August 2nd, W. A. J. Knights; 2 and 1, not 3.

Roade, August 7th, A. C. Cozens; 3 and 8, not 11.

East Woodhay, August 17th, G. K. Dodd; 6 and 6, not 12.

Alderton, August 30th, R. V. Baker; 8 and 6, not 14.

Sutton Bonington, B. G. Warwick; 2 and 1, not 3. Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

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THE LATE MR. DAVID PRIESTLEY

Appreciations

With the sudden and tragic passing of David Priestley at the early age of 23 years, the Exercise has lost that type of young man whom it can ill afford to lose.

Five short years ago David took upon himself the task of learning to ring so that he might serve in that capacity in his Mother Church of St. Mary, Rushden, which was soon to have a new ring of eight installed.

He quickly proved himself to be an apt and efficient pupil, and in a remarkably short time he became a competent ringer in not only plain methods but also in Treble Bob methods.

With his fine intellect, method learning came comparatively easy to him, and at his passing, in those five short years he had at his command a wide variety of Surprise methods, and perhaps his crowning glory in the art was a faultless peal of Stedman Cinques, and there is no doubt that, had he been spared to remain with us, an outstanding ringing career lay before him.

He was of a quiet and unassuming nature, genuine and sincere in all his words and deeds, and a very likeable and a very lovable personality.

His passing, however, is not only a loss to the Exercise, but also to the nation.

From school at Rushden he eventually proceeded to the University of London, and in due course obtained his B.Sc. degree, passing with honours.

As a scientist, he stood on the brink of a brilliant and successful career in the service of the nation, and it is of such promising young men of outstanding academic ability that the nation can ill afford to lose.

We at Rushden will remember David not only with respect for his ringing and academic achievements, but also with affection and gratitude for the friendship we enjoyed with him.

As the bells of heaven ring forth, I like to think of David at the end of a rope, as I am sure he will be, still praising and magnifying his Creator and serving Him in heaven as he did on earth.

To his parents we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow, and I would entreat them to look beyond the gloom of this life and to picture the glorious reunion which awaits us all as we meet with our loved ones in God's heavenly kingdom, with the full-throated roar of the bells of His kingdom to greet us.

They shall not grow old,
As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.

A. G.

Mr. Denis A. Bayles, hon. secretary of Durham and Newcastle Association, writes:—

It had been a very nice week-end, including the visit to the Carlisle ringing festival on the Saturday, where I had sat beside David Priestley at tea. In our conversation we had talked, among other things, of the plans for next year's London University tour, for our membership of the London Society gave us another link. I also learned that he had completed his stay at Annan and was proceeding to Warrington for his next job. Then, on the Tuesday I was horrified to read of his death.

David had lived in Newcastle for several months and during that time he had endeared himself to a wide circle of ringers. He had been a very regular attender at Newcastle Cathedral for Sundays and practices throughout his stay and was also a keen supporter of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at its meetings. It was not only his ability as a ringer that made him welcome in peal attempts and other ringing activities, but also his cheerful, friendly disposition that contributed towards the happy fellowship that is an essential part of ringing. One of these occasions was recalled at Carlisle when he gave me a photograph taken on an expedition to Bamburgh earlier this year.

Comparatively little of David's ringing career came within the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and others will testify to his splendid work elsewhere. Nevertheless on behalf of this Association I wish to pay our tribute to a young gentleman whom we were very pleased to have in our membership, for whose stay with us we feel richer and are thankful and in whose sudden decease, with its loss to the Exercise in general, we feel a sense of real personal loss and great sorrow. We extend our deepest sympathy to his parents, relatives and friends in their sudden and severe loss.

Mr. Roger Keeley writes:—

We in London learned with deep regret of the sudden and tragic death of David Priestley. David was secretary of the University of London Society from 1955 to 1957, while a student at University College. It was here that he obtained the best degree for mechanical engineering in the University in 1957.

We remember him for his modest, unassuming personality, his perseverance in learning a new method and his patience in teaching beginners. He always took endless pains to strike his bell faultlessly thoughout a peal. Some of us recall one such peal rung at Stepney, after which he remarked, 'I missed three dodges in that, I must do better next time.' There was no flippancy in this remark, he really meant it, and such was his attitude to all his ringing.

As secretary, he combined an arduous task and academic work with tremendous skill, and, with him, one felt that the Society's fortunes were never for a moment in doubt. It is of such people that one may confidently say—they are the salt of the earth. His loss will be felt in many parts of the Exercise, and we extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Priestley.

MR. ALFRED WHIMPEY

The death occurred in Winchester Hospital on October 23rd of Mr. Alfred Whimpey at the age of 78.

Alfred Whimpey was a real character. He had been sexton and captain of the bellringers at Abbot's Ann for many years and was one of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's staunchest supporters. His happy and cheerful disposition, his ready wit and gift for telling a joke will long be remembered by all who had attended the Andover District meetings.

Crippled in both legs, he was unable to walk without the aid of a stick, but this did not prevent him from crawling up the stairs at Abbot's Ann twice on Sundays, and many young ringers have passed through his hands from the village.

One of his proudest moments was when a band from the District rang the first peal on his native bells as a 76th birthday compliment to him. He was also proud of the fact that he had 20 honorary members from Abbot's Ann enrolled by him for the Guild, and he had hoped to increase this number to 30 in 1959.

The funeral service took place the following Tuesday, the bells being rung half-muffled by Guild members as the cortege left the church. It is hoped to ring a muffled peal to his memory in the coming weeks. G. D

MR. JOHN BASS

With the passing of Mr. John Bass, of Wollaston, Stourbridge, the Worcestershire Association loses the last surviving member of an old company which did much towards putting it in the centre of the 'ringing map' and which included such noted ringers as William Short, Robert Matthews, Alfred Davies, the immortal Harry Withers, Samuel Grove, T. J. Salter and Alfred Hackett, to name but a few, most of whom had been Association or Branch Masters at one time or another.

His introduction to change ringing came at a very early age when his grandfather, Mr. William Lawrence, took him to Wordsley, and he became a visitor to the Wollaston tower towards the end of the last century when Adolphus Roberts was their very able leader and conductor. There are records of several extents of Minor which he rang in 1901, and his first peal, Bob Major, at Sedgeley, came on November 15th, 1902. His last peal was Double Norwich Major at Oldswinford on September 9th, 1950.

Of his recorded total of 513 peals, 440 were rung for the Worcestershire Association, the complete list being: Doubles, various methods, 14; Triples, Grandsire, 61, Stedman, 80, others 3; Caters, Grandsire 6, Stedman 8; Cinques, Grandsire 3, Stedman 4; Minor, Plain methods 63, Treble Bob and Surprise 10; Major, Plain methods 82, Treble Bob 24, Bristol 27, Cambridge 36, London 47, Superlative 14, others 7, Spliced 5; Royal, Plain 3, Treble Bob 5, Surprise 4; Maximus, Plain 2, Treble Bob 3, Surprise 3.

Joining the Wollaston company in 1910, he subsequently became their leader and trained many pupils who became proficient in the art of ringing. Highly esteemed by his fellow ringers, he was presented by them with a silver medallion in the form of a bell upon completion of 50 years' membership of the Association in 1951, and at the Association's annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday in that year he was unanimously elected a Freeman. He resigned the leadership at Wollaston in 1956, owing to ill-health, but remained a member until his death. He was for many years a member of the Parochial Church Council, resigning only when his health began to fail. He always laid particular emphasis upon Sunday service ringing and it was seldom that Wollaston bells did not ring out both morning and evening.

The funeral took place at Wollaston Church on October 11th, with the Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Honey) officiating. He referred in detail to the many ways in which Mr. Bass had carried out his duties and served his church.

Four of Jack's fellow-ringers, Messrs. F. G. Handley, Sidney Thompson, Samuel Thompson and C. E. Stinton, J.P., were bearers, and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. Sidney Thompson, John Lloyd, Clifford Skidmore and Bernard Ashford.

There were many beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends, the St. James', Wollaston, band, and the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and ringers from most of the towers in the area joined the large congregation in paying their last respects to an old and valued friend. B. C. A.

Swindon Ringers' Outing

Thee car loads of ringers from Swindon had an outing into Worcestershire on October 18th, organised by Mr. A. Peake. Ringing took place at Ashchurch, Bredens Norton, Eckington and Pershore before tea in Worcester. Afterwards came two ten-bell towers—All Saints', Worcester, and Claines.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting In Newcastle

The annual general meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on October 11th was made a special occasion by the presence of the Lord Bishop of Newcastle (the Rt. Rev. H. E. Ashdown) at the service in the Cathedral.

The service was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby). A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung after the third collect. The Bishop took his text from the Acts—'They were all with one accord in one place.' He drew from ringing a parable to be applied to the life of a Christian. In ringing, one needed to be always learning, to be part of a team and to be striving to maintain and hand on the tradition. Those three points were necessities, too, for the Christian life. The collection, amounting to £5 4s., was placed in the Bell Restoration Fund.

A company of over 70 members and friends sat down to tea in the Cathedral Library and the business meeting followed the tea. The president, Mr. K. Arthur, expressed his pleasure at seeing such a good representative gathering, which included the Vicar of Embleton and his fellow ringers, probably the first-ever from Embleton to attend an annual meeting. He also proposed a hearty omnibus vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting possible.

The hon. secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles, reported that the year had not included any outstanding event but had nevertheless seen the work of the Association continuing steadily, with meetings well attended.

IMPROVED FINANCES

The hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley, reported an excess of income over expenditure in the year's working. The total balance had increased from £68 14s. to £94 8s. 9d., with the corresponding figures for the General Fund being £50 7s. 7d. and £70 19s. 10d. The improvement resulted in the main from the reduced amount of peal ringing, which had greatly reduced the cost of the annual report. It was a satisfactory financial position, but there was no room for complacency.

The hon. editorial secretary, Mr. J. Brewster, had recorded only 22 peals for the year—a decline of two on the low total for the previous year. The peals were rung in 18 towers by 45 members with six conductors. The highest individual totals were: J. A. Ainsworth 20, G. S. Deas 18 and K. Arthur 14, with J. A. Ainsworth and K. Arthur heading the list of conductors with seven each.

In the election of officers there was re-election of all save that of hon. editorial secretary, where Mr. J. Brewster felt obliged to resign due to pressure of other duties. In the absence of any other nomination the offer of the general secretary to combine the offices was accepted, making the complete list for 1958-59 as follows: President, Mr. K. Arthur; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley; hon. general secretary and editorial secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles; hon. auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird. District officers:—Eastern: Vice-president, Mr. C. N. Lea; secretary, Mr. W. F. Sheraton. Western: Mr. K. W. Cheeseman and Mr. C. T. Lamb. Northern: Mr. J. A. Ainsworth and Mr. G. S. Deas. Southern: Mr. T. Cooke and Mr. E. P. Rock.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Mr. R. W. Leighton, who mentioned especially the excellent work of Mr. J. Brewster and the regret that was felt that he could not continue in office.

Meetings for 1958-59 were arranged as follows: Christmas social function, Chester-le-Street, January 3rd. J. W. Parker Commemoration, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, March 14th. Half-yearly, Fenham, May 9th, 1959. Annual general meeting, Darlington, September 26th, 1959.

A motion by the president for the amendment of Rule 11 to create two trustees, to whom should be entrusted the oversight of the Association's property, was accepted. Sixteen new members were elected.

Among other business the secretary was asked to convey fraternal greetings to the meeting of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association to be held at Carlisle the following Saturday. Sympathy was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness in the loss of Mrs. McGuiness, sen. Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ainsworth and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Deas, whose weddings had taken place since the end of the Association's year.

During the day the bells of All Saints', Gosforth; St. George's, Desmond; SS. James and Basil's, Fenham; St. Mary's, Gateshead; and St. John's and the Cathedral in Newcastle were available for ringing, and a variety of methods was rung. D. A. B.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

About 50 ringers attended the fifth annual ringing festival of the Stratton Branch at St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, on October 25th.

The service was conducted and the address given by the Rev. C. P. Triplett, with Mr. W. Parnell as organist. Tea was provided at the Kings Arms Hotel.

The Guild's Ringing Master, Mr. D. Burnett, took the chair at the annual meeting which followed and the Guild secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella) was also present. The Rev. R. Watts (Kilkhampton) was elected chairman for 1959, Mr. R. J. Hicks re-elected secretary, and Miss C. de Jong (Stratton) treasurer vice Mr. A. Bissett. Ringing consisted of Grandsire, call changes and rounds. R. J. H.

A TALE OF SUSPENSE

(or The Lack of It)

To you, my friends, I will relate
A tale that you will all debate
About six ringers led by Kate,
Who got into a funny state.

Three maids were there with all their graces,
But wait! Our Percy has no braces,
His slacks seem bent on going places,
Causing the maids to wear red faces!

One hour fifty and all was nifty,
But now poor Perce looks rather shifty,
He has good reason to, I'm sure,
His slacks are moving towards the floor!

John could not see our Percy's plight,
And, trying to keep the poor chap right,
Quothed '4-5 up and keep it tight,'
But Percy was a sorry sight.

His slacks had slithered to the floor;
Gasped Kathy, 'What an awful bore!
Stand them up we must for sure
Ere someone comes in through the door.'

The moral to us quickly races
That if you wish to show your paces
Before the maids with all their graces,
Do **not** start without your braces!

V. R., E. M., W. W. R.

The attempt was at High Halden, Kent, on October 1st.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: E. G. Fletcher 1, J. Corbett 2, Alma Greaves 3, J. T. Gwilt 4, A. C. Morris 5, C. A. Barron (cond.) 6, J. Green 7, J. W. Perkins 8. First of Major for 2, 3 and 7.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On October 18th the Hinckley District held their monthly meeting at Leire, a small parish set deep in the heart of the South Leicestershire countryside. It was an occasion which had been long looked forward to by District members. Leire has for many years been unique among the four-bell towers. The names of its ringers, who, Sunday after Sunday, have rung out the score and four, have appeared frequently in the peal columns, ringing Surprise Major with the best. Now, mainly due to their efforts, Leire is a four-bell tower no longer, for on October 4th the Bishop of Leicester dedicated two new treble bells, which had been given by the ringers and their friends. And so it was that on the 18th ringers from many towers in the surrounding district went along to savour their excellence.

The afternoon's ringing was followed by Evensong taken by the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Craven), after which tea was served in the village school. District business being disposed of, a return was made to the tower for further ringing on the delightful six.

Afterwards a social evening in true Hinckley District style was held at the local inn. Stedman and Treble Bob 'in hand' went remarkably well, and all the old songs were sung, before the company finally made their way back in the dark to Leire Halt for the last train home. M. V.

OBITUARY

THE REV. S. P. ROWCROFT

A serious loss to the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild is the death of the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft, Vicar of Abbotsbury and chairman of the Branch since the retirement of Canon A. W. Markby. Although not a practising ringer, he was keenly interested in the art of church bellringing and was always eager to forward the interest of the ringers. His interest led to honorary membership of the Guild and subsequently election as vice-chairman.

After service in the Royal Flying Corps in the first world war, Mr. Rowcroft was ordained in 1919. He did much towards building new churches at St. Helens and Wigan, and later held livings at Lozells, Birmingham and Frankley, Worcestershire, before coming to Abbotsbury in 1953.

Members of the Dorchester Branch at the funeral were Mr. R. H. Duke (hon. secretary), Mr. H. J. Ford (Ringing Master), Mr. J. H. Hayne, Mr. D. Wood, the Rev. P. J. Heaton (vice-chairman) and Mrs. D. P. Duke. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Townsend (son-in-law) and the Ven. J. C. Chute (Archdeacon of Sherborne).

MR. W. J. ROBERTS

The death occurred after a short illness at Over Hospital, of Mr. W. J. Roberts, of Newent, Glos, on October 19th, at the age of 80 years.

Mr. Roberts had been in business as a wheelwright for over 50 years. He served in France with the Royal Engineers during the first world war, joining in 1914. One of the founder members of the North Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, he had been captain of Newent tower for 50 years. During that time he had rung and conducted several peals in Doubles and Minor methods; he had also trained many young ringers in the surrounding towers.

At the funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Newent, on October 23rd, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Hodgins), four local ringers acted as bearers. The bells were rung half-muffled immediately after the service and during the evening.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The newly-dedicated bells at Piddletrenthide which are in a new frame and on ball bearings, were tested by members of the Dorchester Branch when they held their quarterly meeting on October 18th. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Cooper Anderson) assisted by the Branch vice-chairman (the Rev. P. J. Heaton) and ladies of the church served tea in the village hall.

At the business meeting, when the vice-chairman presided, tribute was paid to the late Branch chairman (the Rev. S. P. Rowcliffe), who had died earlier in the week, and the company stood in silence.

It was reported that the band learning at Piddletrenthide under Mr. W. A. Riggs were making good progress. Mr. Riggs thanked the hon. secretary for arranging ringing at the dedication.

Subject to confirmation, Branch practices will be held at follows: November 5th. Maiden Newton; November 29th, Upwey: December 13th, Cattistock: January 3rd, Frampton: January 10th, Abbotsbury. The next Branch meeting (annual) will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 17th. The usual votes of thanks were passed.

Salisbury Branch

The Salisbury Branch held a very enjoyable meeting on October 18th at Downton. The day was reasonably fine, the bells are a treat to ring and the tea was 'super.' The Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Overton) conducted the Guild service and then joined the company for tea, at which time we numbered 27, including visitors from Wareham, Bournemouth and Birmingham. At the business meeting, preliminary consideration was given to the review of Sunday service ringing, and to the suggestion of a Branch outing next spring.

Ringing continued at Downton till 8 p.m. and included Double Norwich, Cambridge and Bristol, while some members went on for the evening to the light six at Britford, where methods were rung up to Cambridge.

Y. L. E.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

When the Crewe District held their meeting at Nantwich on October 18th. attended by 64 ringers from 12 towers, Mr. Joe Boyer, a former Nantwich ringer, who now lives at Southport, brought along the handbell team of the No. 1 Company, Southport Boys' Brigade. Their programme of handbell ringing after the customary ringers' tea was warmly applauded.

The Rector (the Rev. E. M. B. Southwell) conducted the service and he was thanked in the vote of thanks after tea by Mr. W. Kerr, the Branch secretary. Also thanked by Mr. Kerr were Mr. J. Brough, leader of Nantwich ringers, for making the arrangements, and Mrs. E. J. Boffey and the ladies who assisted with the tea.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District).—Meeting at Dronfield, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—A. B. Cooper and E. A. Wardill. 3280

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Saturday, Nov. 8th, tea and meeting at Maresfield. Uckfield in evening. Names to C. Catt, 55, Lampool Corner, Fairwarp. Names will be taken for annual dinner (January 10th).—C. A. Bassett. 3277

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3270

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3159

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in nearby hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Austin, 33, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey. 3217

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th, Hoddesdon, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at Broxbourne followed by tea. Ringing at Broxbourne in evening.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3269

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Chart Sutton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Please bring tea. 3256

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, near Oldham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 3260

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mortimer (8) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3246

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Debenham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3268

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, New Alresford, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Bell Hotel. 3266

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Publow (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Sec. 3291

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting at Dunstable, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Priory bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2/6) 5 p.m. in Priory Cafe. All welcome.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 3296

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Nicholas', Wallasey. Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free only for those who notify by previous Tuesday.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3317

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Alsager, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Nov. 12th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3323

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 3321

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby on Saturday, Nov. 15th at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon Sec. 3298

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Exhall on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. H. D. Harrison, 199, Wheelwright Lane, Exhall.—D. A. Carpenter. Dis. Sec. 3297

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Combined meeting, Saturday, Nov. 15th, 2 p.m., Blackhill, St. Aidan's, also at St. Mary's R.C. bells available. Names to Miss M. Sproat, 11, Gallagher Terrace, Blackhill. 3288

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at Tibshelf: usual times. Names for tea to Mr. Radford. 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3294

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at Godmanchester (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3302

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Colerne, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea, by Thursday, to G. Sheppard, 38, High Street, Colerne.—H. Heath. 3303

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Egham (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names at the latest by Nov. 12th.—Mr. D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham. Good attendance by all members of the District earnestly requested.—H. Hancock. 3249

HAWKHURST GUILD. — Meeting, Rye, Saturday. Nov. 15th. Bells 3.15 p.m. to 7 p.m.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3308

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, to C. T. Hillis, 244, Hythe Road, Willesborough, near Ashford. No names, risk of no tea.—C. T. H. 3263

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15th, in St. Dunstan's Church Hall. Tea 4 45 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) not later than Wednesday, Nov. 12th, from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, enclosing cash, please. 3272

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Marden, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, to Mrs. C. Nye, The Hill Tea Rooms, Marden. 3261

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District.—The meeting advertised for Bowness on November 8th is **altered** to Nov. 15th.—N. M. Newby. 3320

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Ramsbottom on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5.—J. Porter. 3311

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Eccles, Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3322

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—A joint meeting with the Syston District at Great Glenn on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Crown. Please notify for tea, by Nov. 12th, L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. Phone Great Glenn 225. —L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3301

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Croft, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Schools at 5. Names for tea, please, by the previous Wednesday, to Mr. Fred Watson, 5, Pochin Street, Croft, Leicester. Please note change of tower.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3309

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Diseworth, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. W. Fletcher, 28, Hall Gate Lane, Diseworth. 3300

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray Branch.—Meeting at Hose, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, please, to Mr. A. Moulds, Hose, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. 3304

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Next meeting, Upton, Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Willingham bells evening.— Geo. L. C. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3285

MARSDEN. — Ringers' Day, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) available 2 p.m.-8 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. Names, by Nov. 13th, to Roy Shaw, 4, Lane Ings. **No whist drive.** Dance and buffet supper 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. All ringers' wives and friends welcome. 3318

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —South and West District.—Meeting at Twickenham, Nov. 15th. Ringing at All Hallows' 3-4.30 p.m., St. Mary's 6.30-8-30 p.m. Service at All Hallows' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting St. Mary's Parish Room 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3305

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warborough on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells at 3. Tea for those who notify, by Nov. 12th. Mr. F. Absalom, Beverley, Warborough.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 3312

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Nov. 15th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: St. Clement's Major.—B. C. Castle. 3307

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Croughton, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 3306

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Warmington (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by Tuesday previous.—P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 3284

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 3313

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Balderton, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. C. W. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, Newark.—W. L. Exton. 3290

STEBBING, ESSEX.—Rededication of the bells by the Dean of Bocking, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, please.—P. Wood, 3, Downs Villas, Stebbing, Dunmow. 3288

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Leiston on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential (no names, no tea) to Alan R. Bridges, 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. Note: Special item on agenda to discuss—Suffolk Guild Districts. 3250

SURREY ASSOCIATION —Southern District.—Practice meeting at Blechingley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 30 p.m. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday Mr. F. W. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 3251

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 6 p.m. All welcome. 3314

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Handsworth, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me by 13th. No. 52 bus from Commercial Street, Sheffield; alight at the Plaza.—J. J. L, Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3316

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry 3.15-4.15; St. Giles-in-the-Fields 5.15-6.15. Dinner, Bonnington Hotel, 7 p.m Names, by Nov. 18th, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage, Herts. 3247

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Caldicott (Mon.), Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by November 18th, please. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 3295

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Surfleet, Nov. 22nd. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday previous, to Mr. C. Rawding, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 3292

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch. — Meeting at Holme Hale, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 20th, to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. 3324

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—Will members please note that the next general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Jan. 24th, 1959, and the next Western District meeting at Wetherby on Dec. 20th, 1958, due to local circumstances. — L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., A. E. March, Dis. Sec. 3315

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The Diamond Jubilee Dinner of the Guild will be held at the Saracens Head Hotel, Lincoln, on October 17th, 1959. Further details later.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 3310

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The five-bell tower of Piddington was selected for the annual meeting of the Bicester District on October 18th and various Doubles methods were practised. The Rev. Mr. O'Reilly, of Ludgershall, conducted the service, and the company were afterwards entertained to a ringers' tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jones.

Branch officers elected were: President, the Rev. J. H. B. Elkerton; vice-presidents, the Rev. Hugh Benson and Mr. Frederick Sharpe; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kinch; representative on Guild Committee, Mr. E. G. Jones vice Mr. W. Baggett, who was thanked for his services during the past years.

The secretary reported a drop in ringing members of the Branch and hoped that recruits would come forward. The Misses Pamela M. Guildford and Wendy A. Jones and Philip A. Jones, of Piddington, were elected members. The next meeting will be at Ambrosden on January 10th, and the branch outing on May 30th (provisional). The usual votes of thanks were passed.

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STRIKING COMPETITION

THE regular reader of 'The Ringing World' will be aware that striking is becoming an increasingly popular subject of articles and letters. It is evident that quality of striking on the whole leaves much to be desired, although there are notable exceptions. At the towers where a high standard is maintained the learner is fortunate for he or she has a standard available every Sunday and at every practice. At the other towers the position is much more difficult.

No Association or Guild can shrug its (metaphoric) shoulders and excuse itself from tackling the problem of striking on the grounds of the very real difficulties involved. The problems of securing the status of ringers as Church workers and belfry reform no doubt seemed as difficult to our grandparents, but they tackled it with the results we enjoy to-day.

The North-West District of the Surrey Association was not satisfied that everything was being done that could be to focus attention on striking and give practical effect to securing improvements. The subject was discussed from time to time and various suggestions put forward. They included listening to bands ringing for services or at practice and competition ringing. In the end, despite the risks it felt were involved, it was decided to proceed with a simple striking competition. The first was held in October, 1957, and proved an enjoyable afternoon, but in one year little else could be proved. The most important factor was that over 90 ringers were present, the largest attendance at a District meeting for years and that an opportunity was given to hear some good striking.

At the annual meeting in January it was decided to hold another competition and October 25th was the chosen date. The same rules were adopted for it and are summarised below. Entry is restricted to genuine Sunday service bands and there are no entry fees or prizes. Bands may adjust ropes for length and ring up to two minutes rounds before ringing the test piece. This is 252 changes of any Triples or Major method, but bands from 5 or 6-bell towers may ring Doubles or Minor. The judge and marker are out of sight and do not know which band is ringing.

As in 1957, the day proved to be a fine one, which showed Ashtead up at its delightful best. A delay caused by a wedding put the starting time of the service and the competition back forty minutes, but nerves survived this, and the discovery that a new set of ropes had had to be fitted the previous evening because of the bad condition of the old ones.

The six teams then took their turns at ringing, all choosing Grandsire Triples, and then the 90 people present adjourned to the school, where tea was waiting. When it had been finished (had the Ashtead band been out scrumping the previous evening?) the District Master, Mr. Gordon Peters, introduced the judge, Mr. Charles Kippin, of Southampton.

His opening remarks were that the ringing was generally better than in the previous year, probably due to less nerves. Nevertheless, this remark gave great encouragement to the organisers. In fact, three of the five bands that competed both years had less faults, and a fourth had scored only one more. The faults per change were 91 per cent. of the previous year's figure.

The winning team was St. John's, Croydon, which had but one hesitation and maintained a good pace of ringing. Second was All Saints', Banstead. They missed one dodge, but kept a good compass. Most of their faults were centred on two bells, and Mr. Kippin reminded all of the care that must be taken to strike odd-struck bells correctly. In third place was St. Mary's, Beddington, who had no trips and maintained a nice compass throughout. Ashtead, Ewell and Wimbledon were the other three competitors.

Mr. Kippin concluded by saying that bells 4, 5, 6 and 8 recorded most bad blows, and of these the 5th was most consistently slow at back.

Suggestions were then made for the committee's consideration for future years, after which Mr. Leslie Dawson, former captain of Christ Church, Friezland, was introduced to the company. He had brought with him a record of his tower ringing Oxford Treble Bob Minor and, thanks to Mr. Ted Lewis, a local ringer, a record player was waiting to play it. There was universal admiration for the wonderful standard of striking achieved, although it was equally obvious that closed handstroke leads would take a lot of getting used to by Southerners.

Summarising the position after two competitions, it can now be said that, provided that the effort can be kept on a friendly basis and cut-throat competition avoided, the competition does provide a focal point once a year for attention on striking. It gives an incentive to bands to improve their striking, an annual demonstration of progress (or regression), and until a better idea is thought out, it is better than doing nothing to improve the general standard of striking in an Association or Guild's territory.

In conclusion, there is one rather sobering thought which gives a preview of the probable results of the Central Council's research into the state of Sunday service ringing. This District has 27 towers, which take sufficient interest in it to have a representative. Of these, six have entered for the competition this year. Of the remainder, it is doubtful if more than four could raise a Sunday service band capable of ringing 252 Grandsire Triples.

WILLIAM PARROTT.

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A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Philip Mehew	4
Alan J. Frost	2	Joan M. Wilcockson	5
Kenneth R. Dunstan	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. 3D.26).

TWELVE BELL PEAL

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of Christ,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt.

Walter F. Judge	*Treble*	Charles Coles	7
Frank A. Barratt	2	Neil I. Allnatt	8
Brian R. White	3	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	9
James H. Pailing	4	Philip H. Tocock	10
William C. Porter	5	Francis A. White	11
J Richard Chaundy	6	Graham H. Webb	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

TEN BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Tower,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Paul J. Rigby	6
Ruth M. Border	2	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Arthur D. Cook	3	John A. Anderson	8
G. Ronald Edwards	4	Peter Border	9
Geoffrey J. Hemming	5	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Evelyn M. Fletcher	*Treble*	Adrian J. Tumber	6
*Reginald A. Reed	2	Don C. Exell	7
Daniel T. Matkin	3	David J. Forder	8
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	4	†Geoffrey K. Dodd	9
Margaret E. L. Beamish	5	Maurice J. Butler	*Tenor*

Arranged by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* 150th peal for the Guild. † First of Caters. First of Plain Bob Caters by all the band, on the bells, in the county, and for the Guild.

STAFFORD.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*Edmund Malin	*Treble*	†Robert J. Warrilow	6
Frederick R. Wiggin	2	Roy K. Mowforth	7
David W. Friend	3	‡Edward V. Rodenhurst	8
*Richard J. Warrilow	4	George W. Hughes	9
Ernest Stitch	5	Howard Howell	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George W. Hughes.
* 50th peal together. † First of Stedman. ‡ 100th peal on ten bells.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 4 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Robert B. Smith	*Treble*	Leslie W. G. Morris	6
Bernard F. L. Groves	2	Leslie Boumphrey	7
Basil Jones	3	John Worth	8
John E. Bibby	4	Brian Harris	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed and conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
First peal in the method on the bells, in the county, and by the Association.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

Doris E. Lidbetter	*Treble*	F. Charles Goodman	6
Nolan Golden	2	William Love	7
Arthur G. Bason	3	George Sayer	8
Stanley W. Copling	4	Bert Gogle	9
H. William Barrett	5	Clifford Bird	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
A farewell compliment to Canon J. A. H. Waddington, Vicar, 1945-58.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Norman tower of the Cathedral Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

Clifford Bird	*Treble*	F. Charles Goodman	6
Arthur G. Bason	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	7
William Love	3	H. William Barrett	8
Stanley W. Copling	4	Nolan Golden	9
George Sayer	5	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
All the above are regular service ringers at 'Mancroft.'
Rung in honour of the induction of the Very Rev. John Waddington, formerly Vicar of St. Peter, Mancroft, Norwich, as Provost of the Cathedral on this day.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

Patricia A. M. Forster	*Treble*	Gordon A. Halls	6
Derek P. Jones	2	Harold Taylor	7
Charles Walklate	3	Vivienne M. Horton	8
Sampson Walklate	4	Ronald G. Edwards	9
Robin G. Turner	5	Albert E. Thompson	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and the 31st anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Stewart Bailey	6
*†Gwendolyn I. Howlett	2	John F. Grove	7
‡Rev. Ian D. Campbell	3	Edwin C. Birkett	8
*‡Roger King	4	Jack N. Brown	9
John Bibby	5	John E. Spice	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by John E. Spice.
* First peal in the method. † First of Royal. ‡ First on ten bells.
The conductor has now rung each of the 13 bells in the tower to a peal, and is the first to 'complete the circle' since the bells were recast.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

DOREEN D. DUTTON	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	2	*ALBAN DISNEY	6
WILLIAM A. LACEY	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* 100th peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. R. Evans, instituted and inducted as Rector of Anstey the previous evening.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK A. BARRATT	*Treble*	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	6
EDWIN G. MOORE	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	GRAHAM H. WEBB	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

JEREMY A. M. SALTER	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
*RICHARD A. JACKSON	2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	6
*JOHN G. PUSEY	3	DONALD R. MARSHALL	7
*NIGEL J. MAGGS	4	JAMES H. PAILING	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Niblett on their recent marriage.

HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	FREDERICK W. ELLIS	6
FREDERICK J. SPICER	3	GERALD PENNEY	7
CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER	4	STANLEY HUCKLE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.
First peal as conductor.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOLLAND	5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	2	JOHN S. SEAGAR	6
DENNIS HOLLAND	3	GORDON K. CHADDOCK	7
SYDNEY J. PHILBRICK	4	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
ALAN F. THIRST	2	ALAN J. FROST	6
GRAHAM McKAY	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALAN F. THIRST.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,984 Superlative, 1,216 each of Cambridge and London, and 704 Bristol, with 127 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER C. HUNT	*Treble*	RONALD F. DISERENS	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	JOHN N. DISERENS	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	7
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung for the induction of the Rev. H. Hartley, as Vicar of this parish.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRANSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Treble*	JOHN E. COOK	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
*DOREEN DUTTON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
WILLIAM A. LACEY	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* 100th peal. First in the method for the Guild, and by all the ringers except the third.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
PETER BORDER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*REGINALD UPTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
LEONARD CHAMBERS	2	JOHN HAWTIN	6
†JAMES A. LORD	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4	GEORGE HOWLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples 'inside.' 100th peal on the bells.

LONDON, S.W.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
WILLIAM S. DEASON	2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS	6
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	3	ALAN J. FROST	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,088 changes of London, 1,024 of Cambridge and 992 each of Superlative, Pudsey and Bristol, with 101 changes of method and all the work of the five methods for each bell.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Olive D. Couchman ..	*Treble*	Albert J. Lancefield ..	5
Frederick G. Huckstepp	2	†Colin A. Tester	6
*John R. Cooper	3	Mark S. Lancefield ..	7
*Geoffrey Pearson ..	4	Thomas Cullingworth ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* 100th peal together. † First in five Spliced Surprise Major methods.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

John Ambler	*Treble*	Alexander E. Marsh ..	5
William Barton	2	Roy Bettley-Cooke ..	6
Leslie W. G. Morris ..	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Thomas W. Strangeway..	4	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by William Barton.
The conductor's 300th peal for the Yorkshire Association.
Rung with half-muffled bells in memoriam Percy J. Johnson.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 FIFE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	*Treble*	Gordon A. Halls	5
Diana J. Perrins	2	Francis R. Lowe	6
Patricia A. M. Forster ..	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Roger Baldwin	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method, rung without previous practice.

FIFE SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—16—12—36—14—58—12—38.
L.E. 13527486 2nds.
F.C.E.s: 24365, 32465, 43265, 46253, 32546.
Composition as for Kerry Surprise Major.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*Ronald K. Russ	*Treble*	Ernest J. Munday	5
Jennifer M. Davies ..	2	Donald E. Cobb	6
Albert Diserens	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
John N. Diserens	4	Ronald F. Diserens..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 CHELSEA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. William Critchley ..	*Treble*	Dennis Knox	5
Brian Bladon	2	Alick Cutler	6
Claudia A. Critchley ..	3	Alfred J. House	7
Joan Beresford	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Colin Wignall	*Treble*	*J. Barry Pickup	5
*Cyril Crossthwaite ..	2	Norman Smith..	6
*Philip Dunderdale ..	3	Derek Ogden	7
Roger Leigh	4	H. David Holland.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method.

CHELSEA SURPRISE MAJOR
56—56 . 14—58—16—14—38 . 14 . 36 . 14 . 78.
2nds place lead. 4ths place bob.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Claire Dillamore	*Treble*	William R. Parker ..	5
*Peter A. Sharp	2	Jack L. Millhouse ..	6
*John M. Burton	3	Michael W. Crowder ..	7
*G. Leonard Thompson ..	4	†Geoffrey R. Parker ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Little Bob Major. † First of Little Bob 'inside.'

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Robert A. Reeves	*Treble*	Charles Coles	5
*Dennis C. Bowen	2	Ernest J. Munday	6
Frank A. Barrett	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	7
Edgar J. Smith	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. B 42).
Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First of Major on the bells.
Rung on the Feast of All Saints. Rung also as a compliment to Brian C. Stirland and Hazel Hancock on the occasion of their marriage.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

A. Percival Knights ..	*Treble*	Leslie Smith	5
*Thomas Senior	2	William Holland	5
Ronald Birch	3	Barry Holland	7
†George R. Hiner	4	Dennis Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Knights. Conducted by Dennis Holland.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.
Rung on the 17th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 960 Plain Bob, 3,840 Grandsire and 240 Morris.
Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

James A. Adams	*Treble*	Alec Gammon	3
Mrs. Laurence Busby ..	2	Laurence H. Busby	4
Roy H. Jones	*Tenor*		

Conducted by James A. Adams.
Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Butler, of Bucknell, near Bicester, Oxon, and as a welcome home to the Vicar (Rev. L. Wright) and Mrs. Wright.

MERROW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F.

*R. Ian Vaughan	*Treble*	A. Pamela Warren	4
†Joan E. Probert	2	Douglas A. R. May.. ..	5
†Valerie A. Bundy	3	Peter G. Smart	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter G. Smart.
* First peal of Minor. † First away from treble. First as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Butcher, 45 years verger of Merrow, who was interred this day.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 17 lb.

Tony Owen..	*Treble*	John E. Couzens	4
Cecil V. Ebberson	2	William Rose	5
Samuel H. Waterfield ..	3	*Owen Green	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tony Owen.
* First peal.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*JANET MORGAN .. .. *Treble*	MARGARET PRITCHARD .. 4
†PAMELA J. DOLMAN 2	JEFFREY B. WEBB 5
ANN BARR 3	CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three different extents of Plain Bob, with six changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. *Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON 4
A. WILLIAM BIRD 2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
PETER KINDRED 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*JOHN C. PERRIN .. .. *Treble*	ANDREW M. MAWE 4
†DOUGLAS W. WOODCOCK 2	RALPH BIRD 5
*PETER J. MILTON 3	COLIN F. MCGILL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band.

BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SANDAL TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHRISTOPHER W. BLOOMER *Treble*	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 4
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
ALAN J. FROST 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
First peal in the method.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*PAMELA M. JERVIS .. .. *Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. BLOOMER 4
GILLIAN NEAL-SMITH .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE 5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 3	JOHN D. ROCK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal on six bells.

TEDBURN ST. MARY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALEXANDER R. JONES .. *Treble*	*JOHN W. MANLEY 4
*CHRISTOPHER D. J. WEBB 2	DEREK JEWELL 5
SYDNEY F. SKINNER.. .. 3	GEORGE SKINNER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY SKINNER.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Anthony Perry and Miss Jean Seward, married in this church this day.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent, one of Kent and Oxford, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

MARION L. LIDGEY .. .. *Treble*	V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 4
HARRY MILES 2	*S. ARTHUR READ 5
ARTHUR F. BURLEY 3	ALAN CARVETH .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First peal in four methods.

EWELME, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 19 cwt.

*PATRICIA REASON .. .. *Treble*	†RICHARD BAKER 4
FRANK GODDEN.. 2	REGINALD TUCKWELL .. 5
*JOAN BUSBY 3	*RONALD CARPENTER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD TUCKWELL.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. First of Doubles in the tower. All the ringers except the tenor are Sunday service ringers.

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', St. Remigius', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund, Reverse St. Bartholomew and All Saints. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROGER A. BREWIN .. .. *Treble*	DEREK M. SAWYER 3
F. KEVIN THOMPSON.. .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 4
ROYSTON WILMORE .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
Rung for the Feast of All Saints, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Mary A. Carpenter.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

(Four callings.) Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

GEORGE GILBERT .. .. *Treble*	GORDON W. LIMMER .. 4
*JOAN BACON 2	HOWARD OGLESBY 5
†BRENDA STAINTHORPE .. 3	GEORGE COUSSINS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all. First as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Admiral Sir Herbert Fitzherbert.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DOREEN CHAPMAN .. .. *Treble*	ANDREW BLAXLEY 4
MARY GARLEY 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
THOMAS GARLEY.. 3	ARTHUR GARLEY .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
Rung for All Saints' Day, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, this being her first attempt for a peal.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 9 cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. *Treble*	*FRANK ANDERTON 4
*THOMAS F. METCALFE .. 2	JAMES DICKINSON 5
*KEITH NEWBY 3	W. THOMAS TURNER.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal and first attempt.

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KIRBY HILL, NORTH YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(York Minster Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb.

*Iris M. E. Lemare	*Treble*	Michael Maskill	4
Sedman H. Steel	2	James A. D. Woolford	5
Margaret E. Wilkinson	3	Harold Walker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Walker.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

LLANFIHANGEL, RHYDEITHON, RADNORSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eardisland St. Mary's Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Sydney Daniels	*Treble*	Frederick R. Harris	4
†Joyce Davies	2	Leslie Evans	5
Rosemary Bray	3	Reginald Herbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Evans.

* First peal away from covering bell. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung for All Saints' Day.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

W. Geoffrey Hair	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	4
*D. Keith Lane	2	*Gordon H. Lane	5
Francis R. Lowe	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Rung for the Patronal Festival; also as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

STOKE-SUB-HAMBDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

Eric Naylor	*Treble*	Victor Roberts	4
S Arthur Read	2	Edward J. Chivers	5
Eric C. Wadman	3	David Hoare	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Hoare.

Rung on the Feast of All Saints' Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 22, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
In the Old Harness Room, Stevenage Bury,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
(Ten different callings.)

*Mrs. B. V. Wade	*Treble*	W. Lawrence	3—4
*Miss M. A. Smith	2	W. Brown	5—6

Conducted by W. Lawrence.

* First handbell peal.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Oct. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Bray	1—2	*George E. Feirn	7—8
Frank Lord	3—4	*John Freeman	9—10
Jack Bray	5—6	†C. Aubrey Harrison	11—12

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Feirn.

* First peal of Maximus 'in hand.' † First 12-bell peal.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Smith 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, J. H. Cook 3, H. T. Bonshor 4, A. E. Hinman 5, C. E. Cooper 6, G. A. Bowcutt 7, R. H. Cook 8. First of Bob Major for all except 2nd and tenor. Rung as a tribute to the Vicar (the Rev. C. N. Daybell), who is retiring, and in appreciation of his 50 years' ministry.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Grandsire, 360 April Day and 180 Plain Bob): R. Mills 1, J. Hobbs 2, Miss B. Russell 3, G. Hawkins (cond.) 4, J. Davis 5, W. Bush (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Plank, former members of the band, on the birth of a daughter.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, J. Kape 3, J. Meads 4, A. Newton 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, F. Reed 8. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Betty Stephenson 1, G. North 2, A. W. Bond 3, H. W. Woolven 4, A. W. Gravett 5, F. Page 6, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7, C. W. Riddleston 8. For Evensong.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,080 Oxford and 180 Bob Minor: G. Crompton 1, C. Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, T. Tarbatt 4, H. Rusby 5, M. Moxon (cond.) 6. To mark the patronal festival and the 99th anniversary of the bells.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 2nd, 1,312 Kent Treble Bob Royal (Granta Variation): G. A. Halls 1, Patricia A. M. Forster 2, M. R. Blore 3, J. B. Stennitt 4, E. Walklate 5, C. W. Walklate 6, H. Taylor 7, Vivienne M. Horton 8, P. J. Rigby 9, S. Walklate 10.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with treble leading and 6-8 behind): Sheila P. Miller 1, M. P. Howard 2, Evelyn M. Hicks 3, Patricia M. Howard 4, F. H. Hicks 5, G. F. Tizzard 6, J. A. Howard (first as cond.) 7, Miss K. M. Shepherd 8. First quarter by 1 and 2. First quarter by the local band for over 20 years.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (tenor covering): Miss M. Wilson 1, Miss M. Park 2, Miss L. Beevers 3, Miss K. Branson 4, R. Bumphry 5, A. Best (first of Major) 6, C. R. Raine 7, R. S. C. Wilson 8, A. W. Lloyd 9. For the dedication festival.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carolyn D. Cockman (first quarter) 1, W. Robinson 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, W. Parrott 4, M. J. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the christening of Timothy Paul Robinson, second son of G. D. Robinson, a member of the band.

EWELME, OXON.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Kyd 1, P. Reason (first 'inside') 2, Joan Busby 3, R. Baker (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, R. Carpenter 6.

FARNSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ivy Roe 1, F. W. Midwinter 2, C. F. Briggs 3, H. Stevenson 4, W. L. Exton (cond.) 5 A compliment to M. W. Lewis, of North Muskham, who has departed for London University.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. V. Powell (first quarter) 1, T. J. Gundy 2, I. G. Jones 3, L. H. Colcombe (cond.) 4, A. Colcombe 5, F. Williams 6. For evening service.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 1st, 1,239 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1, Miss A. Thackray 2, S. Ivin 3, P. J. Staniforth 4, B. Martin 5, J. A. Smith 6, R. Grant 7, S. Burton (cond.) 8, H. B. Bowley 9, H. Broughton 10, W. J. Root 11, A. Mann 12. Rung for the installation service of the new Provost of Leicester (the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston, C.B.E., M.A.).

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lake 1, F. Mills (first quarter) 2, D. Mitchell 3, C. Hughes 4, Miss V. Hester 5, R. Smith 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kerley (12, first quarter) 1, F. Rowsell (cond.) 2, Desmond Kerley 3, W. Harford 4, David Kerley 5, J. Evans 6, G. Kerley 7, R. Westcott 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the Freemen of Llantrisant.

QUARTER PEALS

LONDON.—At St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, on July 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Brown 1, Miss D. Crowe 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, J. Euston 4, G. Harvey 5, J. Rae 6, M. Williamson 7, W. Wilson (cond.) 8. Also at St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, on October 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Brown 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, G. Parsons 3, G. Harvey 4, F. Ranson 5, M. Williamson 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Bell 8. Also at Holy Trinity Church, Wandsworth, on October 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Bell 1, Miss D. Crowe 2, B. Story 3, G. Harvey 4, F. Ranson 5, M. Williamson 6, W. Wilson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

LYDD, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. S. Humphery 1, Olive M. Boulden 2, Kathleen M. Yeo 3, Maisie Vantom 4, R. Swift 5, S. J. Boulden 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, A. L. Terry 8. Rung to commemorate the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury for the re-hallowing of the sanctuary, chapel and organ of this church, damaged by enemy action in 1940.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 Grandsire (Morris') and 960 Plain Bob): Ann N. Lepper 1, Jill M. Lane (cond.) 2, Valerie A. Bundy 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, P. G. Smart 5, R. Warren 6. For Evensong in memory of Mr. H. Butcher.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. Simpson 1, C. F. Briggs 2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, A. E. Chilton 4, A. Simpson 5, W. L. Exton 6, J. W. Raithby 7, H. Stevenson 8. Rung on the first Sunday of this year's Gopher ringing.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 5th, 1958: 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. Guildon (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Fernley 2, Eileen M. Fearn 3, Margaret Boumphrey 4, Carol Fernley 5, B. Harris 6, B. Jones 7, L. Boumphrey 8. For harvest festival.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Terry 1, Mrs. E. S. Palin 2, Miss K. M. Walsh 3, W. S. Palin 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, N. Tumber 8. Rung for the christening by the Archdeacon of Canterbury of Andrew Paul, son of the Rev. and Mrs. M. Gilbert, of Ospringe.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Shallcross 1, J. P. Partington 2, J. Kershaw 3, J. H. Fielden 4, M. D. Fishwick 5, G. S. Mills (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 26th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Darby 1, R. A. Jackson 2, Miss R. R. Corner 3, R. Elliott (first of Minor) 4, J. Pusey 5, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 6.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. C. Prosser 1, T. J. Gundy (cond.) 2, H. Taylor 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, I. G. Jones 5, F. Williams 6. For evening service, also a wedding compliment to Miss E. Prosser and Mr. F. M. Ford.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Jones 1, D. G. Mayell 2, E. E. Bray 3, L. B. Coles 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. First quarter after recast of the 5th bell. It is over 2½ years since the bells were rung.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Chivers (first quarter) 1, Hazel Young (first quarter) 2, D. Hoar 3, E. Brown 4, J. Holbrook (first as cond.) 5, F. Carter 6. Rung to celebrate the acceptance of the ringers of 1 and 2 to membership of the Bath and Wells Association, and preceding the service enrolling them as members of the St. Nicholas company of ringers.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 19th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Ilkeston Variation): E. Whiting (cond.) 1, C. A. Thompson 2, E. A. Head 3, L. J. Minns 4, G. Gower 5, R. Plummer 6, W. J. Flatt 7, L. E. Etheridge 8. For morning service. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Hines (first of Major) 1, C. R. Catchpole 2, E. A. Head 3, E. Whiting (cond.) 4, G. Gower 5, R. Plummer 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, W. J. Flatt 8. Rung for the wedding of Leonard J. Mims and Miss Marion J. Lewis.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Chick (first quarter) 1, G. Walford 2, A. Chapman 3, C. Webber 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, F. Taylor 6.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gates (first quarter) 1, C. H. Ford 2, J. Rothery 3, M. Blackburn 4, I. T. Jones 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Edwards (first quarter) 1, Jill Creasey 2, R. Kemp 3, M. Edwards 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, H. W. Eggleston (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Bob Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, A. Grainger 5, Miss J. Peacock 6, L. Woods 7, A. Ammerlann 8.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: E. H. Willows 1, A. Whiting 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, E. Walklate 4, B. R. Manning 5, J. Foster 6. A wedding compliment to Miss M. Turner and Mr. R. Barker, who were married on July 19th.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's Church, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hurst 1, B. Holland (cond.) 2, A. P. Knights 3, F. Brightmore 4, L. Goodhall 5, J. Dunn 6, D. Holland 7, L. Leach 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam His Holiness Pope Pius XII. R.I.P.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Minor (540 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob): A. Stimson 1, J. Webb 2, H. Bonshor 3, C. Tyler 4, R. Tyler 5, C. Cooper (cond.) 6. For the patronal festival of All Saints, also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Kenney.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Channon (first of Triples) 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, J. Perrett 4, S. G. Peck 5, J. Wallman (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, M. Stanyon 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, A. E. Bissat 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, J. W. Sangwin 5, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, R. C. Cann 8. Rung after Evensong, also a birthday compliment to E. Gilbert, ringer at this tower.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchnall (cond.) 1, Lavina Hulford (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. Olive Moxon 3, Eleanor Rose 4, B. Hough 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, N. Moxon 7, D. Hough 8. First of Triples for 3, 4 and 8. For Evensong.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Leah 1, Margaret Wheat 2, G. Barbara Cooke 3, G. Gee 4, A. Sharples 5, D. W. James (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

WALESBY, LINCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Doyle (first away from tenor) 1, R. C. Warburton 2, W. H. Longbottom 3, J. Sutherland 4, F. Kennington 5, J. Burton (cond.) 6. First quarter for 4 and 6.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 (720 Spliced Oxford and Kent, 720 Plain Bob): W. W. Cousins 1, J. Fox 2, W. R. Wiskin 3, H. Follen 4, E. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. For the inaugural service of the 1958–59 session of the Deanery Men's Fellowship.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Wilkes (first quarter) 1, Jill Fisher 2, J. S. Eastwood 3, K. Williams 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, Pamela M. Gill 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Ireland 1, G. Walford 2, C. Webber 3, I. Hughes 4, D. North (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6. First of Bob Doubles 1 and 3. Rung to welcome the birth of a grand-daughter to the tenor ringer.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. A. Morton (first quarter) 1, F. Morton 2, J. E. Brough (cond.) 3, J. D. Smith 4, A. A. Jaques 5, J. Adams 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. I. O. Pugh, who was inducted on October 4th.

WOLLASTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 each of London and York): C. Stinton 1, S. G. Thompson 2, H. V. Cooper 3, S. Thompson 4, B. Sutton 5, F. G. Handley (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mrs. Cooper, mother of the third ringer, on reaching the age of 90.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The sudden death of the Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia (Dr. H. W. K. Movill) on October 24th was marked by special ringing in many churches on October 29th, the day of his funeral. A peal was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and there was special ringing at Parramatta, St. Mary's (R.C.) Cathedral, Sydney, and at St. James', Turramurra. 'A very prince of the Church and a great Christian gentleman' is our correspondent's tribute to the late Primate.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Addington, Surrey, are grateful to Mr. Ralph Bird for his untiring efforts in training a local band. which successfully rang its first peal on October 25th, 1958, of Plain Bob Minor.

Mr. Fred Rogers, of Portsmouth, makes a very welcome appearance in the peal columns again after his illness over 18 months ago. The rest of the band wish him continued good health and many more peals like this one, which he rang in his usual brilliant style.

For family reasons Mr. Brian D. Threlfall is resigning the office of hon. secretary and treasurer of the Universities Association at the annual meeting to be held at Birmingham early in the New Year.

The Sunday service band at St. Peter Mancroft journeyed to Bury St. Edmunds on November 1st to ring a peal in honour of their former Vicar, the Rev. John Waddington, being installed that day as Provost of Bury St. Edmunds.

The band which rang the peal at Cossington would like to associate it with Ernest Morris, who would have been ringing but for the fact that he was called upon to act as verger for the Bishop of Leicester. For several years Ernest has been waiting for All Saints' Day to fall on a Saturday to ring an All Saints' peal, and we are sorry that he missed it!

The peal of London Surprise Royal at Wells Cathedral, the heaviest ring of ten in the world, is probably the most conspicuous feature of our peal pages this week. It will be noted that Mr. Edward Jenkins turned in the 56 cwt. tenor. But for business commitments. Mr. F. Dunkerley would have been a member of the band and they wish to associate his name with the attempt.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, Cornwall, was Charles Sangwin's 60th peal.

After the meeting of the Lewisham District at Greenwich, a badge of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral was found in the ringing chamber. Will the owner please apply to Mr. A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

London ringers noticed 'a healthy improvement' in Miss F. Brown, of Australia, when she rang in a quarter peal at Holy Trinity, Wandsworth, during a visit to London. They suggest it may be due to the good atmosphere at Stoke Bishop.

Mrs. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, is now busily engaged in collecting contributions for her grocery stall in connection with the Christmas Fair which is being held for St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, during the first week in December. Ringing friends near and far will doubtless help 'Our Bessie.'

Having received his first instructions in handling a bell on Armistice Day, 1918, Mr. Ivor Probert, of Burghill, Herefordshire, completed, on November 11th, 40 years' service as a bellringer. Ivor has rung some 20 peals for the Hereford Diocesan Guild and for several years has been captain of the local band. In the 1930's Double Norwich Court Bob and Cambridge Surprise were a regular feature of the Sunday service ringing.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS' 321st ANNIVERSARY DINNER

WITH traditional dignity the 321st anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held on November 1st at the Bridge House Restaurant beneath the shadow of Southwark Cathedral. A company of 151 stood to greet the Master, Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, as he made his ceremonial entry escorted by his senior steward, Mr. Wilfred Williams, and the junior steward, Mr. B. K. Lunn. The association of the Master with Cambridge University was marked by the presence of members of the University Guild and the Cambridge Youths.

As usual, the senior College Youths were honoured, but there was only one present, Mr. J. R. Sharman, with over 60 years' membership. Seven or eight members of more than 50 years' standing stood up to take wine with the Master. There was hearty applause when the senior Past Master, Mr. Alfred B. Peck, was similarly honoured.

The Master prefaced his remarks in proposing the toast of 'The Church' with a welcome to the company, especially visitors from Cambridge. The Society's visit to Cambridge this year was most pleasurable and they were received with warm hospitality.

They had no record of clerical ringers in the 18th century as far as he knew; it was not until the middle of the 19th century that clerical ringers came to the fore. The Rev. F. E. Robinson saw that time did not hang on his hands, as he rang 1,250 peals. In fact, a large number of clergy took up ringing and they had the founding of the Diocesan and County Associations. They had had many clerical members of their Society. Canon Coleridge was one, but as far as he know not one had been Master.

Why did they ring? He thought the answer was that they enjoyed ringing. 'I do not think it is a bad thing to say we enjoy ringing, because most ringers feel at the same time they have a duty to perform as Church workers.

The Master recalled the days when he rang at Much Hadham, where they took their surplices and cassocks into the ringing chamber, and that gave them just time to sing in the choir. There were many ringers who sang or who had sung in the choir. Within bell-ringing there was a wonderful fellowship and it would be well if they could extend that fellowship.

RINGING AT ST. PAUL'S

The Archdeacon of London (the Ven. O. H. Gibbs-Smith), in reply, said he wanted to acknowledge the debt the Church owed to ringers and he was very proud to be associated with the ringers at St. Paul's. The bells of St. Paul's, Westminster and Southwark were all rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Provost of Southwark would agree with him that ringing was an absolutely essential service to the Church.

At St. Paul's there was no department which ran more smoothly and efficiently than the bellringers. Their service at St. Paul's was performed at a very high level: that was why, perhaps, there was so little interference from the Dean and Chapter. He was one of those agile enough to go up to the belfry, and the reason why he often went was because his young daughter, aged six, had such a passion for bellringing.

The service of ringers was taken very much for granted and yet ringers were the people who told the world about the Church and were their best publicity agents. 'In the name of the Church I thank you—for all you have done in the centuries past and for what you are doing to-day.'

The Provost of Southwark (the Very Rev. G. E. Reindorp), who proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' mentioned in a witty speech his appreciation of the services of the ringers of Southwark Cathedral. They had some strange men in their Society. He recalled a tall, auburn-haired man who led a choir at a festival who was wearing not the hood of a doctor of music but the hood of a doctor of medicine. He afterwards found out that he was a gynæcologist, and the only adornment on the wall of his consulting room was a certificate of membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The Provost wished Mr. B. K. Lunn, who was giving up his office as junior steward in order to train for the ministry at Trinity College, Dublin, all success.

The secretary, Mr. John E. Chilcott, who replied, said he had received apologies for absence from Mr. Albert Walker, the Myers, of Plymouth, Mr. John H. Jones (Tamworth) Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, Mr. Harry Miles (Carbis Bay), Mr. Alan R. Macdonald (Poole), Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, the Rev. Norman Motley, Mr. J. Henry Fielden, Mr. W. Manser and Mr. Frank C. Price. He was sorry to say that both Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Dyke were ill, and he was sure they would wish him to send a message wishing them a speedy recovery.

MEMBERSHIP GROWING

It was his duty to report on the general health of the Society and he was very pleased to say that it was very satisfactory. They had a steadily growing membership and all activities continued to be well supported. They had made 36 new members during the year and, as they knew, they did not canvass for members. Those who had joined had come from Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cumberland, Cornwall, Ireland and Australia. Many were young but were well known as ringers. Mr. Smallwood was stirring up activity in Derbyshire and he hoped it would not be long before there was a College Youth peal there.

They had held their cycle of practices and meetings. The only change was that Cornhill bells were out of action. They in London were very fond of these bells and hoped that they would soon be restored. This year their county meeting was held in Cambridge, where the ringing arrangements were first-class and the meeting was well supported. Another exceptional occasion was the joint meeting with the Cumberland Youths at Beddington. They had never held a joint meeting before and it was hoped that at some future date, although not too soon, another meeting would be held.

In regard to peals, 16 had been rung during the year against 23 in the previous year (but that total included four Society peals in a day. The peals included one of Surprise Maximus, five Stedman Cinques (including one at St. Paul's and one of Past Masters), two Stedman Caters, two Surprise Royal, four Surprise Major and two Stedman Triples (one at Newport Pagnell by local College Youths).

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood while the following, who had died during the year, were remembered, not all of whom were College Youths:—

Frederick W. Richardson, Frank Bennett, Albert C. Hardy, Alfred Barnes, James Fernley, John H. Brothwell, George W. Moss, Charles J. Camms, Charles W. Smith, Frederick R. Williams, Ernest H. Oxenham, Frank E. Pervin, William A. Lewis, John B. Hessey, Frederick Dench, Ernest E. Grimes, Frederick Vickers, Fred Russell, Joseph Hardcastle, William Vale, William Denyer, Mrs. Phyllis Poole, James E. Lilley, Felix J. Sutton, J. G. Macdougal, Walter Sear, Alfred Jones, William J. Webb, William R. Catchpole, Herbert P. Cliff, William J. Paice, Leslie Sadler, George Foxell, John L. Morris, John Thomas, David Priestley and Percy Johnson.

The secretary said that the Rev. Llewellyn-Edwards, who was an old and valued member, when he died left the Society £150. The terms of the bequest were that the bells of a City church should be rung on Shrove Tuesday and afterwards the members partake of suitable refreshment. As the Society needed a new name book, although the honoured the bequest by ringing the bells of St. Lawrence Jewry, some of the money was spent on a very lovely name book. He would like to mention Mr. Russell Wilson, who was kind enough to present the beautiful skins with which the book was bound. The peal book also had been written up until the end of 1957.

Last year Mr. Peck announced that he was not standing as secretary, and the Society decided to respect his decision. Last December they made presentations to him and to Mr. Hughes. To Mr. Peck was presented an engraved silver cigarette case and lighter and to Mr. Hughes a cut glass and silver salad bowl. Together with these gifts was a list of subscribers. He was very pleased they were able to show in a tangible form the affection they had now for them.

'HOW LOVELY THE BELLS SOUNDED'

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who proposed the toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies,' said a few weeks ago he had an example of how much the public counted on their efforts to get first-class striking and perfect rhythm. The Rector of Aldgate's daughter was getting married, and the Rector wanted the bells, which were in a poor condition, to be rung for the wedding. They doctored the bells as much as they could. Seven of the eight men turned up and he said 'Ring seven,' and they rang 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. The eighth man turned up and they started very well. Soon there was a big bang. They rushed up to see what had happened and found that the seventh bell had fallen. He said 'Keep going.' Later, at the reception, a number of people came up to him and said 'How lovely the bells sounded.' That was perfectly true.

Mr. Hughes had a special word of thanks for the incumbents of the churches where they held their practice meetings. As to kindred Societies, they had with them representatives of Societies from all over the country and they gave them a hearty welcome.

The Rev. J. F. D. Triningham, Rector of St. Lawrence Jewry, and Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, of the Cambridge University Guild, replied.

Mr. M. P. Moreton proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and said if they looked at the first issue of 'The Bell News' they would find that the number of peals rung was small and the methods simple. By 1900 London Surprise was not so rare. 'The Bell News' had been succeeded by 'The Ringing World' and now they were getting many peals of Spliced Surprise. Without 'The Ringing World' they would not know what meetings were being held or read reports of meetings. The Central Council would be very difficult to organise; there would be no controversial matters: nobody would know what was being rung. If 'The Ringing World' ceased publication, however, the greatest loss would be of news of friends all over the country. He asked them all to do their best to keep 'The Ringing World' as a flourishing paper.

(Continued next page)

COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Cont.

Mr. Frank Smallwood, in reply, said he was very pleased to note that they were good enough to toast 'The Ringing World,' as it was their paper. It had been served by three very good editors. Perhaps they did not know there had been a fourth. Last year, when the Editor had a Continental holiday, he occupied the editorial chair for a fortnight and he had the pleasure of blue-pencilling the footnotes of the inevitable peal of Double Norwich. If they compared 'The Ringing World' of to-day with that of 20 or 30 years ago they would see a remarkable improvement in the quality of the printing. It was remarkably well printed and a credit to the Woodbridge Press and the Editor.

JIMMY DWIGHT, THE POET

The concluding toast, 'The fragrant memory of their Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago,' was proposed by the Master. He said of the Master of 1658, Peter Smith, they had no information. In 1758, unfortunately, the habit of recording the Masters' names in the name book had ceased. The Master of 1858 was James Dwight, and he certainly left his mark behind him. He took part in the first peals of Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques 'in hand.' The first was in 1851 and the second in 1854, and they were both rung for the Society. In 1861 a peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques was rung at Cornhill, the then record length, in which he took part, and he was so pleased that he wrote an ode to commemorate the occasion. The last line read 'and Jimmy Dwight, the poet.' Not only was the ode produced at College Youth dinners but it was also sung.

The toast was honoured in silence.

During the evening a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by W. T. Cook 1-2, W. Williams (conductor) 3-4, M. V. Chilcott 5-6, B. D. Threlfall 7-8, John Chilcott 9-10, M. P. Moreton 11-12. To the great delight of the company Mrs. A. A. Hughes played a selection of tunes on handbells, accompanied by Mr. Stanley Fox.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the Master on the top table were the Provost of Southwark, the Archdeacon of London, the Revs. A. C. Blyth, H. J. Fynes-Clinton, E. G. Turner, J. F. D. Trimingham, Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, C. G. J. Watts, A. A. Hughes, J. F. Smallwood, E. G. Fenn, A. B. Peck, F. E. Haynes, J. S. Mason, F. J. Cullum, F. C. Sharpe, H. N. Pitstow, B. K. Lunn, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and P. Moreton.

Others present: Messrs. S. Atwell, B. J. Baker, S. H. Barker, C. A. Barron, J. Basher, A. W. Beard, R. H. Begrie, P. Betteridge, R. J. Bowden, S. St. J. Bovack, B. W. Brightley, G. F. Bryant, F. W. Budgen, D. Burnett, J. Chalk, A. P. Cannon, G. W. Cecil, M. V. Chilcott, D. G. Clift, W. H. Coles, F. E. Collins, R. J. Cook, W. T. Cook, J. H. Crampion, R. G. Cousins, F. E. Darby, P. Davis, S. H. Dearden, H. C. Edwards, J. P. Edwards, R. G. Edwards.

Messrs. S. Foskett, L. J. Fox, S. Fox, T. G. Fox, D. Fowles, J. H. R. Freeborn, the Rev. G. Galley, Messrs. J. G. Gipson, A. W. Gravett, W. T. Grice, C. Haines, R. Hamilton, F. E. Hansard, G. H. Harding, N. V. Harding, J. S. Hawkins, R. Heppenstall, R. W. Hinde, H. Hodgetts, S. Holgate, G. W. Holland, R. J. Hooper, P. J. H. Hudson, W. A. Hughes, S. F. W. Kimber, W. H. Kingcott, D. Kirby, D. Langdon, E. H. Langley, A. F. Lewry, J. H. Lott, L. W. Look.

Messrs. G. McKay, F. W. Mackintosh, L. Mannering, T. E. Marks, W. Marsh, A. G. Mason, R. B. Meadows, B. P. Morris, E. Moore, H. Neill, D. J. Neil-Smith, C. E. Norris, R. E. Norris, W. F. Oatway, B. J. Ongley, D. Painter, D. E. Parsons, R. I. F. Parsons, A. J. Phillips, J. Phillips, J. G. A. Prior, D. Randall, J. Rea, L. A. Reece, A. S. Richards, W. A. Riddington, W. J. Ridgman, J. D. Rock, L. A. Rogers, A. G. Rose, E. J. Rowe, H. Rumens, R. K. Russ.

Messrs. G. Salmon, J. B. Sansom, V. Savage, T. J. Setter, J. R. Sharman sen., J. R. Sharman, H. Smith, H. Stalham, R. Sumner, B. J. Swinson, W. A. Theobald, A. F. Thirsk, H. E. Thompson, B. D. Threlfall, A. Toome, C. W. Towers, W. Turk, A. M. Tyler, G. W. Ward, J. A. Waugh, G. Webb, H. Weedon, J. O. Weller, F. White, T. W. White, W. Williams, C. E. Willmington, R. Wilson, A. C. Winn, H. W. Woolven.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

The second annual report of the College of Campanology for the year ending August 31st, states that it can record progress and there is evidence to show that with further publication of its aims, methods and achievements, such progress could be greatly extended. Wherever its work has been launched its efforts have been welcomed as meeting a need, in some cases where other efforts have failed. Of all the pupils tested this year only one is reported as having failed.

The record of achievement for the year is as follows: —Membership, 80; courses of instruction completed or under way, 7; panels, examiners, 15; tutors, 29; towers at which instruction is given, 26; learners, over 150; ringing talks given, 47; members whose status has advanced during the year, 26; members' ways of advancing ringing during year, 10.

The College records with pleasure the elections to fellowships of Mr. Ernest Morris, president of the College, life-long ringing instructor, record long peal ringer and author of works on ringing; Mr. Frederick Sharpe, hon. consultant to the College (bells and towers), author and acknowledged authority in this field, president of the Central Council.

Officers of the College for 1958-59 are:—President, Mr. Ernest Morris; vice-president, Mr. Harry Miles; hon. chaplain, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; deputy hon. chaplain, the Rev. Malcolm Melville; hon. consultant (towers and bells), Mr. F. Sharpe; Press and public relations officer, Dr. F. S. J. Hatcher; principal, Mr. A. York-Bramble; registrar, Miss S. K. M. Knight; bursar, Surgeon-Captain A. Lawrey; students' delegate, Mr. Roger Baldwin. The four last-named constitute the Administrative Committee.

Correction.—The method rung in the peal at Morebath (page 705) was Grandsire Doubles, not Plain Bob Doubles. In the peal at Buckland (page 704) two 120's of Stedman were rung, not seven. The ringer of the third in the peal at West Hallam on June 28th should have been Edwin Walklate, and not Clive Walklate.

A PEAL WEEK-END IN THE DUKERIES

Mr. John Ketteringham, of Lincoln, kindly arranged four peals near Retford on October 24th-26th for friends from Derbyshire and the Southwell Guild. The writer nearly failed to make Gamston in time for the Friday evening peal, having completed 200 miles from Snowdonia, the last 20 in dense fog.

A good, fast peal of Bob Minor was accomplished on these nice Hedderly bells in ample time, however, though the conductor was feeling the effects of eight miles of tramping over 3,500 feet high Carnedd Llewellyn the previous day, and the long drive followed by a peal with only sandwiches since breakfast, before he crawled to bed at the Aldridge Hotel, Retford.

The drive to Cuckney next morning lay through Clumber Park, whose great avenue, tinged by autumn, merged into the misty distance. John had oiled these pleasant bells, and, with a young band, a peal in five Minor methods was completed before partaking of the welcome hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rooke, at Warsop.

On the way to Tuxford a slight detour was made to visit Laxton, which is the sole surviving village to use the mediæval three-field strip system for its agriculture. The recently augmented eight at Tuxford have the disadvantages of a long draught and very quiet trebles, but Herbert Rooke had boldly chosen to call John Ketteringham's new and interesting, but none too easy, composition of Little Bob Major. Fears appeared justified when 'Stand' was called after 40 minutes, but a second start was made and the peal successfully brought round. Fourteen-year-old Kenneth Ballington is to be commended on ringing the method without previous practice and on 'sticking to it' despite the sore hands of over six hours' ringing that day.

Next morning the old-style ten at St. Swithun's, East Retford, was visited in its fine central tower. There that remarkable veteran, Mr. John Segar, mystified and amazed us with his almost unique and uncanny ability to tap complicated methods on handbells, as well as with his composition systems, and an interesting hour was spent.

The afternoon peal was at nearby West Retford, a nice-toned six hung in the old style. Wath Delight had been chosen, but a conducting error in the second 720 caused a halt, and as one of the ringers had promised to be in time for a quarter peal at Cresswell that night it was fortunate that Kenneth, who had been excused this peal, turned up to see why we had stopped. He again showed his ability to master the unfamiliar quickly, and this time the first peal of Wath Delight Minor was successful.

Service ringing was at East and West Retford, and the kind people at the Aldridge prepared supper before the journey homeward through Sherwood Forest was begun

D. P. J.

The peal at Isham, Northants, on November 1st, was the first to be rung by the local band since the war. Mr. E. M. Atkins, although not now often present with the band, has been a member since 1906, when the bells were installed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE SURVEY

Dear Sir,—Several of your correspondents have recently referred to the problem of depleted bands and silent bells and it is encouraging to read in a recent issue of the determined efforts being made by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association to get all bells in their Diocese ringing and fully manned. Possibly valuable ideas and information may result from their new and vigorous approach to this problem.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was one of the first of 18 Associations which have already promised fullest co-operation in the survey of Sunday service ringing being carried out by the Central Council, and its contribution promises to be a very valuable one.

The Yorkshire Association has already submitted its survey report to the committee, and several other Associations have their surveys well under way. It is hoped that within the next month or so many other Associations will undertake this worthwhile task.

Details of the survey were published in 'The Ringing World' of September 5th, and supplies of printed questionnaires for Associations to send out to towers are available on request from the Editor.

Members of Associations or Guilds can render a valuable contribution to service ringing by encouraging their Associations and Guilds to undertake as soon as possible the survey of towers in their areas as requested by the Central Council Committee.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK,
Convener,
Central Council Committee
on Sunday Service Ringing.

ELECTRICALLY-OPERATED RINGING

Dear Sir,—We hope that you will allow us a little space in your columns to ask for some advice.

In the bell-tower of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, is hung a noble octave (tenor 41 cwt.), but we suffer the disadvantage of being close to two hospitals and a university college. All the practice that we are allowed is 1½ hours a week.

Consequently, when we read in 'The Ringing World' of March 28th of a peal rung at St. Andrew's, Histon, we were extremely interested to learn that there was employed a device whereby the clappers were tied and the bells sounded on electrically-operated handbells in the bell-chamber. For some time we have been trying to work out some such device ourselves so that we can practise at will, but without success.

We immediately wrote to Histon asking for details but have had no reply. Perhaps our letter was insufficiently addressed to reach its destination.

We therefore appeal to your readers. If anyone knowing how this contrivance works will be kind enough to send us the necessary information, we shall be extremely grateful.—Yours sincerely,

W. B. PITCHER, Secretary,
St. Peter's Cathedral Bellringers' Society.
13, Ashbourne Avenue,
Mitcham, South Australia.

'SALLIES IN MOTHBALLS'

Dear Sir,—I should like to add a little to Mr. Stevens' letter ('Ringing World,' October 3rd) and also to that of my dear old friend, Arthur Cross ('Ringing World,' October 24th).

I am afraid there are many 'good' ringers who put themselves first and their service to God and His Church second or even third.

I well remember at a meeting a few years ago congratulating a young lady on her excellent striking. She could ring in any method that was called for. I then asked her where she rang on Sundays. She said, 'Oh, anywhere I can get some good ringing; they only ring Grandsire Doubles at our church.'

I told this young woman what I thought of her and many others like her. I would mention that the young lady in question is not a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and I don't know that we want her.

It would be a good thing if some such ringers adopted the motto of a well-known organisation, 'Service, not Self.'—Yours faithfully,

JOHN FOWLER.
Cookham.

ST. CLEMENT DANES

Dear Sir,—I should be very grateful if any past or present members of the Royal Air Force and its associated Forces who would be prepared to ring on Sundays and/or on such special occasions as ringing may be required (these are not yet known, but no doubt April 1st will be one) at St. Clement Danes on a rota basis would drop me a line stating (a) how often they could come, and (b) whether morning or afternoon—Matins is at 11 a.m. and Evensong at 3.30 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

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

MR. PERCY JOHNSON AND HEADINGLEY

Dear Sir.—An omission of part of my memoir of the late Mr. Percy J. Johnson in 'The Ringing World' of October 31st and a consequent mix-up of dates, gives a wrong impression of Mr. Johnson's connection with ringing at Headingley St. Michael's, Leeds.

He went back to Holbeck, from Headingley, in 1906 (not 1936, as quoted in 'The Ringing World') and then rejoined the Headingley band towards the end of the first world war. He continued a member of the Headingley band, without a break, from then until the end of his life. Where the date 1944—given in 'The Ringing World' as when he rejoined the Headingley band—has come from I do not know.

Apropos the muffled peal of Superlative rung at Headingley as a tribute to Percy Johnson, which I conducted, there is a small matter which might be of interest. The report bears a footnote that it is my 300th peal for the Yorkshire Association. Since sending in the report I find that Mr. Johnson (my dear friend, Percy) rang in 150 of those peals—exactly one half of them.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BARTON.
Pudsey, Yorks.

KENT'S UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Following the example of our Essex correspondents, I am submitting a list of the bells in Kent which are either not allowed to be rung or are unringable. It may be of use to any ringing party organisation, or any potential 'tower-restorers.'

Rings of eight.—Sandwich (only the tenor ringable); Mersham (last rung about four years ago, many of the wheels rimless, tower locally supposed to be unsafe); Rochester, St. Margaret's.

Rings of six.—Hothfield (tower badly cracked, no ringing allowed); Kennington (tower locally supposed unsafe, since the front five bells all swing the same way; ropes removed and chiming apparatus installed 1951); Eastling (bells completely derelict, clocked); Elmstead (bells also clocked); Sheldwich (bells have been derelict for 50 years, two are out of their frames on the bell chamber floor, surrounded in sticks and filth); Southfleet (bells unringable); Lamberhurst (tower at present unsafe, bells not being rung); Sandhurst (bells supposed to be unringable).

Rings of five.—Ivychurch, Newchurch and Kingsnorth (all these towers supposed locally to be unsafe, bells not allowed to be rung in any of them); Canterbury, Holy Cross (frame and fittings shaky, brasses almost worn away, not rung); Godmersham (bells derelict, clocked); Preston-by-Wingham (frame and fittings unsafe, bells swing-chimed for services); Woodnesborough (bells hung for chiming only). Frinsted (bells disused and in poor condition); Bredgar (bells unringable).

The rings of eight at Birling and five at Brookland are almost unringable owing to the state and 'go' of the bells. I was under the impression that the ring of five at Nettlestead was not rung, but since there was a ringing meeting there earlier this year, I presume this situation has now been changed. The ring of six at Wouldham is ropeless, but otherwise ringable.

I am inclined to question the justification of the unringability of the bells at all the towers that are reputed to be unsafe. Most of the towers in question seem to be fairly strong, and no cracks are visible. I know that in at least one case the Vicar is responsible for the neglect of the bells.

I am hoping to make a survey of the unringable towers in Kent. So far my clientele has been entirely local: I would be very grateful to receive any information about any of the towers, especially those of Sandhurst and St. Margaret's, Rochester, of which my information is negligible.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.
Kennington, Ashford.

FIRST PERFORMANCE OF PRINCIPLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Blagrove has, I think, omitted Washbrook's Surprise Principle from the list on page 699 of 'The Ringing World' of those in which peals have been rung. My 'Ringing Worlds' are temporarily inaccessible, so that I cannot quote the precise date, but I believe the peal was rung at Caversham in or about 1913.

I must say I feel rather doubtful about Maidstone Major and Cox's Caters, but in the absence of figures one can do no more than surmise that they were, perhaps, methods really.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.
Crayford, Kent.

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CARLISLE'S 800 YEARS OF CIVIC INDEPENDENCE

TO celebrate Carlisle's 800 years of Civic Independence the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association held a ringing festival on October 18th, which was attended by ringers from all parts of the North of England and also Edinburgh. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Stephen's were rung throughout the afternoon and evening.

The ringers attended Evensong in the Cathedral, conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. Cyril Mayne), and Canon W. R. M. Chaplin (president of the Association) read the lesson.

The Dean, in his sermon, said: 'You are engaged in a very important piece of work because there is not a moment when you can afford to lift your attention from the ringing. It is a work which demands a tremendous amount of concentration, and you have to keep your minds on what you are doing the whole time.

'When you are ringing you are doing God's service. It might be a good thing if, before you begin to ring, you offered up a prayer to God, a short prayer, that your work might be worthy. It is team work and an incentive, not to rivalry but to co-operation with others.'

At the tea, served in the Fratry, and with the Town Clerk and Mrs. H. D. A. Robertson and the Dean and Mrs. Mayne as guests of honour, the secretary (Mr. J. W. Brownrigg) welcomed the visitors. He said although they could not find information about bells in Carlisle 800 years ago, there was a record by the Lanerost Chronicler that on the restoration of the Cathedral, after its destruction by fire, Bishop Strickland (1400–1419) 'raised the tower and furnished it with four bells.' One of those bells, the seventh of the present ring of eight, exists to-day. It would appear that bells existed in the Castle and Moot Hall as well as the Cathedral, as Sir Walter Scott writes when the Bold Buccleugh in 1596 rescued Kinmont Willie from the Castle, 'The bells of the Castle rang out, those of the Cathedral and Moot Hall answering them.'

Replying to a welcome, the Town Clerk said it was only that week during the visit of H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh that he realised the importance of bells and bellringers. It was essential that the bells should be ringing while the Royal Party drove from the station to the Town Hall, and it was also essential that the bells should stop immediately the Royal Party arrived. The Cathedral ringers co-operated wonderfully and assured him that if a yellow duster was waved from the Town Hall the bells would stop in 25 seconds. This was done and the bells ceased with perfect timing.

Mr. Kenneth Arthur, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, expressed on behalf of his Association and other visiting ringers fraternal greetings. Carlisle and Cumberland, he said, would go down in the history of change ringing. The first peal in Cumberland was rung at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, in 1865 by the oldest Society of change ringers—the College Youths—and the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths got its name from the Duke of Cumberland.

The president of the Association thanked the ringers and wives of Carlisle for making the necessary arrangements and for providing such a wonderful tea. The ringing ranged from rounds to Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich, and some good striking was heard from both towers.

MR. RAT CAME TO INVESTIGATE

While a handbell peal was being rung in the old harness room at Stevenage Bury by a band which included two ladies a rat came to look at the band quite a number of times. The conductor, Mr. W. Lawrence, is unable to confirm whether the rat came out at the end of each six-score, but at the end of the performance he disappeared.

The peal, we believe, makes history. Each of the ladies rang a single bell.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—In reading my earlier letter (published on page 611) as an attack on Doubles ringers, Mr. Haines has completely misunderstood its import. The peal at Kislingbury was cited, not for any 'idle critical' reason, but as a specific case where the C.C. Analysis Committee will, in order to complete its tables, have to decide how many methods were rung. It is my contention (and this is where Mr. Haines and I DO cross swords) that there were only twelve methods, not 21, in that peal. A call CANNOT constitute a method, which is defined by its plain course—and no amount of cycling after a day's work (with or without tea) will alter that fact. And now, before Mr. Haines implies from this that I am objecting to all Doubles variations per se, perhaps he would care to turn to the peal columns on pages 493 and 557 of this year's 'Ringing World'?

As Mr. Dodds says, many of these variations are quite unknown to the majority of Doubles ringers. The following table, while not claiming to be exhaustive—it gives only one name for each variation, for example—may be of interest and, I trust, use.

PLAIN COURSE

Call:	Plain Bob	Reverse Canterbury	St. Simon	St. Nicholas	St. Martin	Winchendon Place
Plain Bob Bob:	Plain Bob	Southrepps	St. Simon	St. Giles	St. Martin	St. Miles
Rev. Cant. Bob:	Kennington	Rev. Cant.	St. Albans	St. Nicholas	St. Paul	Winchendon Place
Old Bob Single:	Old	St. Columb	Cassington	St. Thomas	St. Peter	St. Luke
Grandsire Single:	April Day	Clifford's Pleasure	Eynsham	St. Andrew	St. Leonard	St. John
Grandsire Extreme:	Besthorpe	Costessy	Shropham	Norwich	Mileham	Walsingham
All Saints Plain Lead:	Seighford	Little Aston	Elford	Shareshill	Austrey	Ryton

Thus, for example, St. Simon's rung with a Grandsire single is Eynsham, and St. Martin's with a Reverse Canterbury bob, St. Paul. — Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

REDEDICATIONS

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX

The dedication of the two new trebles at Feltham, Middlesex, which took place on Saturday, October 25th, was a very happy occasion, attended by about 40 ringers and friends, including Mr. A. A. Hughes and his son, Mr. W. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who cast the two new bells.

The design and construction of the frame and the work of erection has been carried out entirely by the local captain, Mr. T. Price, Master of the Middlesex County Association. The work is a fine piece of engineering, and the 'go' of the new bells is absolutely perfect; they are steady and easy to handle, and in tone they blend admirably with the rest of the ring. The result is that Feltham now possesses a charming little light ten.

The dedication service, which was preceded by ringing on the old eight, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Calder). When the two new bells were dedicated, rounds were rung on the ten.

A lovely tea was provided by the local ringers in the Church Hall.

Afterwards the Rev. G. C. Taylor, president of the Middlesex County Association, in a few informal words. congratulated Mr. T. Price on his achievement. In reply, Mr. Price expressed his thanks for the help and advice given by Mr. W. Hughes during a number of pleasurable visits to the Whitechapel Foundry, and also to Mr. Stephen Gamble, of the local band, who had spent many hours assisting him.

Mr. Price mentioned a number of people present who had long associations with Feltham. Firstly, Mr. A. J. Lewis, who read both lessons at the service, and who had been the greatest help and encouragement throughout the project; he had been active in parochial affairs for over 50 years. Secondly, his brother, Mr. W. A. Lewis, who had attended the dedication of the original eight in 1901. Finally, Mr. W. Welling, of Old Windsor, who had rung a peal of Stedman Triples at Feltham just 50 years ago.

Ringing on the 10 followed. Methods rung included London and Cambridge Surprise Royal, Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Caters and a touch of Plain Bob Minor to try out the front six. The bells were much admired and enjoyed.

J.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET

The fifth bell of Publow, which has been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was rededicated at the 9.30 a.m. service on October 26th. After rededication the bell was pulled off by Mr. F. C. Mogford, and as the clergy and churchwardens returned to the vestry the bells were rung in rounds. Local ringers were very satisfied with the bellfounders' work.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Banbury and District Branch held its autumn meeting at Wroxton on October 18th when, in spite of the sunny afternoon which must have kept some members in their gardens, about 40 members and friends from London and North Berks assembled under the new Branch chairman, the Rev. T. W. Griffiths, of Great Tew. The service was conducted by the Vicar and tea served by the ladies in the Village Hall. Three new members were elected, one of whom is the great-grandson of Mr. F. Selwyn, the veteran ringer of Banbury, who was also present. The next meeting was fixed for Adderbury on January 3rd, and it was agreed to hold a dinner and social evening in Banbury on January 10th. After the business meeting there was further ringing at Wroxton and also at Hanwell.

SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING 1957

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 3, Cinques 6, Royal 2, Caters 4, Major 4, Triples 3, Minor 1. Total 23.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Caters 2, Major 14, Triples 15, Minor 25, Doubles 19 (3). Totals 75 (3).

Bedfordshire Association.—Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 16, Triples 3, Minor 15, Doubles 1. Total 39.

Cambridge University Guild.—Royal 2, Major 12 (2), Triples 1, Minor 4 (2). Totals 19 (4).

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 2, Royal 9, Caters 1, Major 42, Triples 4, Minor 28, Doubles 17 (4). Totals 193 (4).

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—Nil.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Caters 1, Major 10, Triples 3, Minor 2, Doubles 2. Total 18.

Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association.—Minor 1. Total 1.

Derbyshire Association.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 27 (1), Triples 4, Minor 38 (2), Doubles 8 (1). Totals 81 (4).

Devonshire Guild.—Royal 2, Major 4, Triples 5, Minor 3, Doubles 3. Total 17.

Dudley and District Guild.—Caters 1, Minor 1. Total 2.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Caters 4, Major 9, Triples 4, Minor 4. Total 21.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association.—Doubles 1. Total 1.

East Grinstead Guild.—Major 2. Total 2.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Royal 2 (1), Major 15 (2), Triples 2, Minor 44 (2), Doubles 6. Totals 69 (5).

Essex Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 52 (1), Triples 5, Minor 57, Doubles 3. Totals 122 (1).

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 5, Major 11, Triples 7, Minor 19 (6), Doubles 21 (1). Totals 66 (7).

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Royal 1, Major 9, Triples 5, Minor 5, Doubles 1. Total 21.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Caters 1, Major 12, Triples 2, Minor 6, Doubles 13. Total 34.

Hertford County Association.—Royal 5 (2), Caters 2, Major 28 (3), Triples 2, Minor 32 (5), Doubles 2. Totals 71 (10).

Irish Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 3, Major 5, Minor 1, Doubles (1). Totals 11 (1).

Kent County Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 3 (1), Caters 2, Major 57 (5), Triples 24, Minor 57 (1), Doubles 10. Totals 154 (7).

Ladies' Guild.—Major 2. Total 2.

Lancashire Association.—Maximus 5, Cinques 1, Royal 9 (3), Caters 4, Major 51 (2), Triples 17, Minor 24 (5), Doubles 4. Totals 115 (10).

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 7, Cinques 8 (3), Royal 14 (5), Caters 14 (5), Major 72 (16), Triples 27 (4), Minor 28 (2), Doubles 21 (4). Totals 191 (39).

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 2, Cinques 1, Royal 7 (2), Caters 2, Major 35 (8), Triples 12 (1), Minor 59, Doubles 11. Totals 129 (11).

Llandaff and Monmouth Guild.—Royal 1, Caters 3, Major 3, Triples 5, Minor 1, Doubles 7. Total 20.

London County Association.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 2, Triples 1. Total 8.

London University Society.—Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 4. Total 7.

Midland Counties Guild.—Major 16, Triples 6 (1), Minor 8, Doubles 2. Totals 32 (1).

Middlesex County Association.—Cinques 1, Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 32 (1), Triples 2, Minor 10, Doubles 4. Totals 53 (1).

Norwich Association.—Caters 3, Major 46 (1), Triples 11, Minor 70 (3), Doubles 12. Totals 142 (4).

North Staffs Association.—Major 7, Triples 1. Total 8.

North Wales Association.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Triples 1, Minor 1, Doubles 1. Total 5.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 3, Caters 3, Major 61 (3), Triples 20, Minor 29, Doubles 14. Totals 131 (3).

Oxford Society.—Triples 3, Minor 1, Doubles 1. Total 5.

Oxford University Society.—Caters 1 (1), Major 11 (5), Triples 3 (2), Minor 6. Totals 21 (8).

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Royal 1, Major 10, Minor 15, Doubles 16. Total 42.

National Police Guild.—Nil.

St. David's Diocesan Association.—Major 1, Triples 1, Doubles 1. Total 3.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 2, Cinques 2, Royal 4, Caters 1, Major 30, Triples 2, Minor 3. Total 44.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Royal 2, Major 15, Triples 3, Minor 16, Doubles 5. Total 41.

Scottish Association.—Major 1. Total 1.

Sheffield and District Association.—Nil.

Shropshire Association.—Royal 2, Major 4, Minor 1, Doubles 4. Total 11.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Caters 1, Major 3, Triples 4, Minor 16, Doubles 3. Total 27.

Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Royal 2, Caters 8, Major 16, Triples 4, Minor 6, Doubles 5 (1). Total 44 (1).

Suffolk Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 8, Caters 3, Major 48, Triples 2, Minor 59, Doubles 14. Total 135.

New South Wales.—Nil.

Surrey Association.—Maximus 1, Caters 1, Major 11, Triples 3, Minor 6 (3), Doubles 1. Totals 23 (3).

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 4, Triples 1. Total 7.

Sussex Association.—Royal 1, Caters 4, Major 33 (2), Triples 8, Minor 11, Doubles 6 (1). Totals 63 (3).

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Major 2, Triples 1, Doubles 1. Total 4.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Major 3, Triples 7, Minor 1. Total 11.

Universities Association.—Major 2 (1), Minor 2 (2). Totals 4 (3).

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Royal 6, Caters 4 (2), Major 13, Triples 5, Minor 10 (1), Doubles 2. Totals 40 (3).

Worcester and Districts Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 32 (3), Triples 10 (1), Minor 11. Totals 57 (4).

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 7, Caters 1, Major 33 (2), Triples 10, Minor 29 (4), Doubles 9 (6). Totals 90 (12).

Other Societies and Unattached.—Caters 1, Major 9 (1), Triples 1, Minor 4, Doubles 5. Totals 21 (1).

TOTALS: Tower bells 2,333; handbells 153.

GRAND TOTAL: 2,486.

Figures in brackets denote handbell peals included in the totals.

A FURTHER ANALYSIS

Particulars of Methods having had more than 10 peals rung in them during 1957:—

Maximus: Cambridge 14.

Cinques: Stedman 15.

Royal: Cambridge 43, Plain Bob 24, Yorkshire 14.

Caters: Grandsire 40, Stedman 51.

Major: Spliced Surprise, 2–25 methods 58, Bristol 51, Cambridge 87, London 37, Lincolnshire 25, Rutland 18, Superlative 36, Yorkshire 109, Kent T.B. 48, Double Norwich 80, Plain Bob 190, Little Bob 10.

Triples: Grandsire 153, Stedman 71, Plain Bob 14.

Minor: 14 methods and over, 19.

Doubles: 7 methods and over, 40.

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With thanks to H. L. Roper for additional valuable help.

WEDDINGS

Mr. Bryan C. Stirland — Miss Hazel Hancock

Many friends of both bride and bridegroom gathered at Christ Church, Ottershaw, on November 1st for the wedding of Mr. Bryan Stirland, of St. Mary's, Reading, to Miss Hazel Hancock, popular secretary of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The bells were rung by local ringers before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dudley Hiam). The bride, given away by her father, wore a full-length dress of white brocade. She was attended by Miss E. Loveland and Miss E. Hiley in blue brocade and Miss Penny Thompson in pink. The best man was Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd. As the couple left the church the bells were rung by members of St. Mary's, Reading, band.

The reception was held at the Otter Hotel, attended by 50 guests. The happy couple later left for a honeymoon in Plymouth, the bride travelling in a charcoal grey suit. During the afternoon a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Ottershaw to mark the occasion.

Mr. Trevor A. Cross — Miss P. Smee

On October 25th the wedding took place between Mr. Trevor A. Cross and Miss Patricia Smee at the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, Leatherhead. The bride, who was dressed in white, was given away by her father. The service was conducted by the two curates of Leatherhead.

As the bride and bridegroom left the church the bells were being rung and 'fired' by the local ringers as a token of their best wishes to the happy couple. The reception, attended by over 60 guests, was held at the Prince of Wales.

After the reception and whilst the bride and bridegroom were getting ready for their honeymoon at Bournemouth, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung by the following: G. Mariner 1, Pauline Sprackling 2, A. H. Winch 3, F. Oakshott 4, A. Smith 5, Rev. C. Marshall 6, A. J. Smith 7, B. Hawkins 8, G. T. Butcher (conductor) 9, C. S. Jarrett 10. First quarter of Royal by 2 and 4.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY IN S.W. HERTS

On October 18th Mr. Ken Dunstan arranged another three peal attempts near Watford. The programme seemed easier than the one in May, which included two rings of ten, but in the event the bells proved more exacting than expected. Pat Cannon set off in very brisk style on the tenor at Aldenham, calling Yorkshire, and a very fast peal would have been rung had not the sixth rope begun to disintegrate below the sally, necessitating a cautious finish.

The little six at Elstree in the afternoon promised to be an easy ring, but despite the beauty of tone of these new bells, the clappering left a lot to be desired and made some of the bells appear very sluggish, so that the band were beginning to feel rather tired for the evening peal at Bushey. The first peal of Evening Star Delight was successfully accomplished at Elstree.

A late start was made at Bushey, but the tenor man, Ralph Bird, who now joined us specially to 'circle the tower,' was fresh, and a good, brisk peal of Rutland was rung, completing the trio, these bells sounding best at such a speed, though work is needed to achieve it. Did Phil Davies recognise his excellent composition, it is wondered, for none 'let on' that he had participated in the first performance.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN

With a feeling of personal loss ringers in the Newark district learned of the passing of Mr. Arthur J. Chamberlain, of Southwell, on October 7th, aged 78.

A man of integrity, a ringer who, in his prime, would have a go at most things and stick at very little, and a friend of all learners was A. J. C., as he was affectionately known by most ringers in Nottinghamshire.

Learning to ring at Southwell Minster in 1894, at the age of 14, he remained a member of the Minster band for 64 years until the time of his death, during which period he rang in the region of 77 peals.

One of his favourite pastimes was composing 'date' touches, and for the young conductor there would always be a scrap of paper produced with a few musical touches for service ringing, especially Grandsire Triples.

A. J. C. was a lovable man. No varying moods or sarcastic remarks about his fellow ringers and, above all, he had a wonderful sense of humour and was never happier than when telling a joke against himself. Arthur Chamberlain will be remembered with gratitude for many years to come.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Minster in the evening following the funeral. The sympathy of all ringers in the District is extended to his wife and daughter and family. F. W. M.

CHARLES CHURCH, PLYMOUTH

On November 1st a plaque was unveiled at Charles Church, Plymouth, by the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Alderman G. J. Wingett, dedicating the ruins of the church as a lasting memorial to the citizens of Plymouth who lost their lives in blitzes on the city during the last war. Some 1,200 men, women and children were killed, 40 churches and 4,000 houses were destroyed. Prayers were offered by the Rev. J. A. James, Vicar of Charles with St. Luke's, whilst the Blessing was given by Dr. Norman H. Clarke, the Bishop of Plymouth.

The church was destroyed in March, 1941, and all that remained were the outer walls; the walls of the tower and spire also remained almost intact, but the very fine ring of 10 bells came crashing to the ground, a tangled mass of scrap metal. The church now stands within the Charles roundabout in the newly-constructed city.

Three of the present band at Emmanuel Church were ringers at Charles when the bells were silenced by a Government order in 1940—Messrs. J. P. Sims (captain), A. E. Perkin and H. H. Thomas (hon. secretary). The first two were married at Charles. Messrs. Sims and Thomas were present at the ceremony on November 1st. H. H. T.

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ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Perrin (first quarter) 1, D. W. Woodcock 2, P. J. Milton (first quarter) 3, A. M. Macve 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, C. F. McGill 6. First quarter on the bells by a Sunday service band.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

It was necessary to change the venue for the annual meeting of the Lewisham District from St. Luke's, Bromley Common, to St. Mary's, Bexley, on October 26th, as the date was unsuitable to the church authorities.

Mr. E. A. Barnett presided at the business meeting, when seven new members were elected, and the election of two non-resident members was ratified.

The secretary's report conveyed the impression of a satisfactory condition in general with reservations on minor points. There was one change in the officers, Mr. I. H. Oram (Chislehurst) was elected District Ringing Master in succession to Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham), who received a vote of thanks for his exemplary services. Messrs. A. G. Hill, A. S. Richards and Mrs. M. R. Andrews were elected hon. secretary and District representatives respectively.

The chairman paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. J. L. Morris, and the meeting's respect and grateful remembrance were expressed in the traditional manner.

The Vicar (the Rev. S. Hooper) conducted the service and Miss M. R. Andrews and her assistants undertook the catering for a company of about 50 most efficiently.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Royston Revisited

The last time a ringing meeting was held at Royston was in October, 1952. Between then and November 1st this year permission has been withheld, so it was with joy that the Northern District gathered there.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on October 25th, by invitation of the new Vicar of Clevedon Prebendary T. P. Nicholls.

Following ringing in the afternoon, the Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar. Mr. Ernest Caple played the organ.

In the course of his address, Prebendary Nicholls quoted passages about bells from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' which was inspired by the death of Arthur Hallam, who is buried in Clevedon Churchyard.

Following an excellent tea at the home of Mr. Caple, the Vicar presided at the business meeting. The company stood in silence to the memory of Mr. John Thomas, after which the Vicar said that he had been a parson for 33 years and this was the first time he had addressed and attended a ringers' meeting. No new members were elected but 11 ringers from St. Andrew's, Clevedon, were welcomed back into the Association.

The annual meeting was arranged for Nailsea on the first Saturday in December, and the November practice at Publow. The Corporate Communion will be held at Clevedon on the fourth Sunday in April. The secretary also mentioned that some towers had not yet paid their subscriptions for 1958.

After votes of thanks to all who had contributed to such an enjoyable meeting, ringing was resumed in various methods under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight. M. J. H.

OUTING

EWELL, SURREY

The outing of Ewell bellringers into Wiltshire was something of a misnomer. Of the 60 people who took part only one-third were ringers. Towers visited were Amesbury, the three at Devizes, Southbroom, Bishop's Cannings (reputed to be the first church in England to have eight bells), Upavon and Andover. Messrs. C. W. Munday, R. Spittle and D. Spittle shared the supervision of the ringing and the outing was organised by Mr. J. E. Beams.

A Plymouth Worthy

Dear Sir,—Members of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers have been sorry to hear that Mr. W. C. Hiscott has been very ill, and underwent an operation in a Plymouth hospital in October. Several of his ringing friends have visited him in hospital and we are very pleased to report good progress and a cheerful countenance.

Mr. Hiscott commenced his ringing career about the turn of the century at Charles Church in Plymouth. After the first war, if my information is correct, he was for a time a member of Emmanuel Church band, subsequently becoming an honorary member of the Guild, and although he and Mrs. Hiscott went to reside at Liskeard, Cornwall, early in the last war, he has maintained his membership of the Guild.

When ringing recommenced he became a ringer at Liskeard, but we frequently saw him at our meetings. He has given up ringing, owing to his health, for three or four years.

All his friends in Devon and Cornwall, I am sure, extend to him, through 'The Ringing World,' of which I know he is a regular reader, best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery, and trust he will soon be at home in the delectable Duchy and able to listen again to the bells of St. Martin's, Liskeard, and perhaps take a walk on a mild frosty evening in the direction of the Cheesewring and again hear the bells of St. Cleer. H. H. T.

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The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beard, of East Ham, London, and Sally, only daughter of Mr. C. L. Barker, of Cheltenham, Glos, and the late Mrs. M. E. Barker. 3336

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, including election of officers, at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. John-at-Hackney.—John Chilcott. 3333

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at Godmanchester (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3302

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Egham (8). Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Good attendance by all members of the District earnestly requested.—H. Hancock. 3249

HAWKHURST GUILD. — Meeting, Rye, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3.15 p.m. to 7 p.m.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3308

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No names, risk of no tea.—C. T. H. 3263

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15th, in St. Dunstan's Church Hall. Tea 4.45 p.m.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3272

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Marden, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. 3261

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Next meeting, Upton, Nov. 15th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me. Willingham bells evening.—Geo. L. C. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 3285

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 15th, All Saints', Poplar (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. St. Mary-atte-Bow (8) 6 p.m. Meeting in vestry; nomination of officers. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 3332

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Twickenham, Nov. 15th. Ringing at All Hallows' 3-4.30 p.m., St. Mary's 6.30-8-30 p.m. Service at All Hallows' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting St. Mary's Parish Room 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3305

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warborough on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells at 3. 3312

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3331

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Balderton, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mrs. C. W. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, Newark.—W. L. Exton. 3290

STEBBING, ESSEX.—Rededication of the bells by the Dean of Bocking, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. 3288

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 6 p.m. All welcome. 3314

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Handsworth, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No. 52 bus from Commercial Street, Sheffield; alight at the Plaza.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3316

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Burrington, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 3327

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3340

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter's, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise before Nov. 18th Miss C. B. Clayton, 66, Mansfield Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 3344

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Heighington on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 19th to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 3345

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Epping Upland (6) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3329

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry 3.15-4.15; St. Giles-in-the-Fields 5.15-6.15. Dinner, Bonnington Hotel, 7 p.m Names, by Nov. 18th, to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage, Herts. 3247

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, North Mymms, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Bells (8), Service and tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3348

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Caldicott (Mon.), Nov. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by November 18th, please. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 3295

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at Clifton. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 19th, to Miss J. Mayes, 75, Broad Street, Clifton, Beds.—Anne E. Amor. 3335

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Surfleet, Nov. 22nd. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday previous, to Mr. C. Rawding, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 3292

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Meeting at Holme Hale, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 20th, to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. 3324

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Leonards. The secretary promises not to read the lesson. All Saints', Hastings, after tea. Names.—H. Reynolds, 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 3337

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Please note change of date. Bells 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 18th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3325

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting in the Bromley area on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Details of towers and times to follow. 3334

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 29th at Bethnal Green. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. S. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex. Nearest station Bethnal Green, or 'bus from Liverpool Street to St. Matthew's Row. Gentlemen cordially invited. 3341

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—General meeting, Marsham, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 25th, to Mr. H. Carter, Clovelly, Buxton Road, Aylsham. Presentation to the Rev. Mr. Lillingston after tea.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 3330

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Wilton, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at South Newton from 6 p.m. Names, please, by 25th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3338

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Mitcham, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Christ Church, Colliers Wood, bells 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Rooms after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath. Parish bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 3328

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 7 p.m. Licensed bar. Tickets now available from the secretary, price 12s. 6d. each. There will be a short Evensong at St. Lawrence's Church at 5.15 p.m.—P. Dickinson, Sec., Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, Hants. 3339

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John's Church, Surrey Road, on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Conway 1, A. V. Davis 2, Joan K. Beazley (first on eight) 3, Mrs. A. V. Davis 4, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 5, A. H. Coote 6, H. A. Mitchell 7, M. J. E. Best 8.

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THE HUNT RIGHT AND WRONG

Or An Echo Of Old Berkshire

IN September, 1891, the 'Reading Mercury' carried a description of the restoration of Blewbury Church; it contained a history of the bells and their founder, of whose sad end it told . . . .

'A new bell was cast by a man named Hunt, who placed upon it the following inscription:—

Three times run and twice cast,
Blewbury tenor was made at last.

It is said that Hunt threatened if he did not succeed in making the bell in three castings he would destroy himself. He did commit suicide some time afterwards, and was buried with a stake driven through his body at the crossroads outside the village, at a spot still known as Hunt's grave.'

A few days later, the correspondent found himself under fire from a reader who indignantly contradicted 'this unfounded statement': The bell alluded to was cast at the foundry at Cholsey by Mr. John Hunt, in the year 1825, and was filled with beer in the yard of the foundry. Mr. Hunt was the founder of several church bells, two of which are in the tower of Cholsey Church at the present time. Some time after casting this bell, Mr. Hunt left Cholsey and took the foundry at Bow, called Clay Hall Ironworks, which he carried on for some years, and on his retirement went to live at Bardon villa, where he died in 1868, aged 81 years; 'His end was peace.' Suffice it to say he was not buried with a stake through his body at the crossroads. After the final paragraph of hurt feelings, the writer signs himself 'Charles Hewett Hunt, The Elms, Cholsey. 5th Oct., 1891.'

Explanation and apology came ten days later: 'I am sorry I was not sufficiently precise to prevent the error of confusing the old bell and the new bell,' wrote Mr. Lowsley. 'There are two Blewbury tenors, so also two Hunts who made them. If Mr. Hunt had considered, he must have discovered that his beloved relative of Cholsey, who had recast the bell in 1825, could not be identified with Mr. Hunt of Blewbury, who made the bell in 1558, inscribed—

"J. Hunt made mee, Blewbury tenor for to be;
Three times runne and twice caste,
Blewbury tenor was made at laste."

'My father told me he was walking in his orchard when he heard such discordant clangs that he went to see what was the matter, and found the bell split—this ended the bell made in 1558 by J. Hunt who, tradition says, hanged himself, and was buried at the crossroads. Everyone must know that this practice has been discontinued for a century, therefore this man could not be Mr. Hunt's relative (the custom now being burial at midnight without religious service).

'Now for the new bell (1825) made by J. Hunt, I cannot say what was done before the bell came to Blewbury; but once here it was slung up under the yew tree in the churchyard, and filled with beer contributed by the farmers, publicans and other inhabitants of the parish. None was tasted until the bell was full, and then it was distributed by my father, some of which I now have (66 years after). The bell was then hung and tuned. A man by the name of Bosley walked to and fro on the footpath by the Cleeve for days while the chipping was going on, with the bell rung at intervals for him to declare when it was in tune.

'I have great regard for this bell, for when a boy some 60 years ago (i.e., 1830), I have lain in bed counting the strokes of the curfew, rung at 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. The clerk, who rang the curfew, was remunerated with a small payment—said to have been left by a person who was lost on the adjacent downs and was guided home by these bells. One other incident of the bell permit me to give: When a boy, I was playing near the church when the bell was being rung; all at once there was a noise like thunder—the man in charge rushed out of the belfry terror-stricken. We ran to see what had happened, and found the clapper had fallen out. The bells are heavy and good, as a local poet once described them as—

"Blewbury great rollers,
And Hagbourne fine bells".'

Mr. L. Lowsley concludes his letter with a recital of Blewbury's old buildings, prehistoric monuments, and local worthies—the Rev. Acres Wentworth, the friend of Wesley, Huggins, Ludlow, and Parson Jones the miser. But to me the most interesting figure is the lonely Mr. Bosley listening by the Cleeve.

VICTOR SHEPPARD.
(Cape Town.)

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAMBLEDON, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Thomas J. Lock	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan	4
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Philip Mehew	5
*Ronald J. Sharp	3	Dennis Knox	*Tenor*

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

* 150th tower for a peal. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a wedding compliment to Barbara A. Mitchell and Hendrik O. van Asselt, in Rotterdam.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Kenneth Arthur	5
*Mrs. K. Arthur	2	Leonard Stilwell	6
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	William Rogers	7
Alick Cutler	4	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by William Rogers.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

LOCKERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Mrs. T. J. Lock	*Treble*	Kenneth Arthur	4
C. Edward Lankester	2	Ronald H. Bullen	5
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 2, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5120 HAMPSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Philip Mehew	6
William Rogers	3	William T. Beeson	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	Dennis Knox	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

First peal in the method for the Guild and by all, except the ringer of the fifth.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	*Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Dennis Knox	6
Robert C. Kippin	3	William Rogers	7
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Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by William Rogers.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Philip Mehew	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
Arthur V. Pearson	2	William T. Beeson	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Dennis Knox	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Mrs. K. Arthur	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
Philip A. Corby	3	Kenneth Arthur	7
Dennis Knox	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 2,880 London, 640 Bristol, 960 Cambridge and 640 Superlative, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Dennis Knox	2	Philip Mehew	6
Mrs. T. J. Lock	3	Arthur V. Pearson	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.

First peal of Spliced in the Isle of Wight.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

Leonard Stilwell	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	William T. Beeson	7
William Rogers	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
Mrs. T. J. Lock	2	Alick Cutler	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Leonard Stilwell	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Dennis Knox	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Frederick R. Scott	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	William T. Beeson	6
Reginald A. Reed	3	Philip Mehew	7
William Rogers	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by William Rogers.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*Herrick B. Bowley	*Treble*	Richard F. Prime	7
Avril Thackray	2	John Bramley	8
Ernest Rawson	3	†John A. Acres	9
John R. Smith	4	*Alan E. Jacques	10
Brian Martin	5	G. Stedman Morris	11
†Shirley Burton	6	William J. Root	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.

* 75th peal together. † 50th peal together.

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On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

*Mrs. J. A. Ainsworth	*Treble*	Kenneth Arthur	6
Kenneth Lawson	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
*Charles N. Lea	3	Edmund P. Crowdy	8
Roland Park	4	W. Norman Park	9
*Mrs. K. Lawson	5	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Cawser. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

Leslie W. G. Morris	*Treble*	William Barton	6
M. Vivien Copping	2	Alexander E. Marsh	7
*Sheila M. Taylor	3	†Robert E. Moulds	8
Alfred Smith	4	J. Henry Fielden	9
Maurice J. Thurmott	5	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal. First peal by a resident West Riding band.
Rung on the 12th anniversary of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. G. A. Chase, D.D., as Bishop of Ripon.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

Mrs. H. B. Schofield	*Treble*	*David Cubitt	6
Frederick A. Munday	2	Frederick Seager	7
Roy Bettley-Cooke	3	†Frank Rayment	8
Max P. Page	4	Sam Longbottom	9
*B. Gillian Schofield	5	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* First peal of Kent Royal. † 50th peal for the Yorkshire Association. First as conductor in the method and on ten bells.
Arranged and rung to commemorate Armistice Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BALLAARAT, VICTORIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL (MELBOURNE) SOCIETY.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
On the Alfred Memorial Bells of the City Hall,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E flat.

Peter G. Richards	*Treble*	Arthur H. Fisher	5
Mrs. Geo. W. Pipe	2	Gerald Weston	6
Barbara J. Beeson	3	John J. F. Roper	7
Graeme W. Heyes	4	George W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin H. Lewis. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
First peal of Major on the bells, the only other peal being Stedman Triples in 1934, conducted by George Martin.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Fri., Oct. 10, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Patrick,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.) in F.

Mrs. Geo. W. Pipe	*Treble*	Arthur H. Fisher	5
Brenda L. Sheppard	2	Graeme W. Heyes	6
George W. Pipe	3	John J. F. Roper	7
Ernest H. Hughes	4	Peter G. Richards	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
First peal ever rung on these bells which were cast in 1851 by Murphy, of Dublin.
Rung with muffled clappers in memoriam Pope Pius XII.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 20, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary's Basilica,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Tweive-part. Tenor 26 cwt.

Robert W. Ferras	*Treble*	Edward J. Fowell	5
Lawrence R. Curran	2	John J. Cumins	6
John C. Sheehy	3	Thomas W. Goodyer	7
John S. Clark	4	*Edward J. Sheehy / G. Kenneth Stacey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
* First peal. First of Triples on the bells and first on bells by local band.
Rung fully-muffled in memoriam Pope Pius XII.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

George Challans	*Treble*	Harold Denman	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Dennis Cooper	6
Derek P. Jones	3	Douglas H. Rooke	7
*Kenneth Ballington	4	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.
Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First touch in the method.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Consisting of 2,520 Oxford Bob, 1,680 Grandsire and 840 St. Clement's, with 96 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

Bertie A. Cornell	*Treble*	Gerald Penney	5
Eric Edmondson	2	Derek E. Latchford	6
Thomas J. Southam	3	Bertram C. Johnson	7
Frederick Ellis	4	Richard A. Porter	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bertram C. Johnson.
First peal of Spliced Triples in three methods by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 640 Superlative, 640 Cambridge, 320 Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method.
Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

Norman J. Goodman	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	5
*Ruth M. Border	2	Peter Border	6
†Brian J. Woodruffe	3	Arthur V. Pearson	7
John Pinfold	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of 6-Spliced. † First of Spliced Surprise Major.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

*Brian J. Withill	*Treble*	Max P. Page	5
John Rhodes	2	F. Keith Williamson	6
J. Martin Thorley	3	Peter F. Windley	7
George Robinson	4	Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Roy Bettley-Cooke.
* First peal on a working bell.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

*David G. Yeo	*Treble*	Patrick J. Bird	5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Donald E. Cobb	6
Ronald G. Beck	3	Philip M. J. Gray	7
Antony W. T. Cleaver	4	John H. Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Robert Wake	*Treble*	E. Winifred Keys	5
S. Kathleen M. Knight	2	Frederick W. Rogers	6
Tower R. Taylor	3	William Rogers	7
William T. Beeson	4	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore (No. 2 C.C.C.).
Conducted by William Rogers.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Mrs. A. Diserens	*Treble*	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Albert Diserens	2	Cyril E. Lewington	6
John N. Diserens	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Frank W. Lewis	4	Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
A wedding compliment to Hazel L. Hancock and Bryan C. Stirland.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Jack Pilgrim	*Treble*	C. Jack Gibson	5
Raymond Peck	2	Richard S. Payne	6
Ernest G. Pearce	3	Peter S. Bedford	7
L. Edward Etheridge	4	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by John W. Blythe.
Rung for the birthdays of Mrs. Jarvis, of Southwold (90), and Mr. Pearce (son of the ringer of the third).

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

William L. Exton	*Treble*	Herbert T. Rooke	5
Katherine Burchnall	2	George Challans	6
Grace Burchnall	3	John R. Ketteringham	7
Harold Denman	4	Douglas H. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde (C.C.C. No. 14).
Conducted by Douglas H. Rooke.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Reginald Tuckwell	*Treble*	Frank Godden	5
*Kenneth Timbury	2	James Blond	6
James Godman	3	Frank Absalom	7
Harry Badger	4	Robert Blond	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Robert Blond.
* First peal in the method.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Sandra Haydock	*Treble*	Douglas Lowe	5
A. Gordon Lawrence	2	Henry Parker	6
Reginald W. Worrall	3	John Ryder	7
Mrs. D. Lowe	4	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Henry Parker.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt.

*Ernest F. Brooks	*Treble*	‡Anthony R. Peake	5
Raymond C. Westney	2	W. Bertram Kynaston	6
†Peter V. Spackman	3	‡Eric Sutton	7
‡Dr. C. G. Roworth	4	*James Amor	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Bertram Kynaston.
* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First of Stedman Triples.
Rung on All Saints' Day and to commemorate the 325th anniversary of the installation of the back five bells.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Leona Wilson	*Treble*	Thomas W. Hesketh	5
†Margaret Forrest	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Doreen Dutton	3	Ronald Kenrick	7
Peter Coxall	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean Marshall, of Parbold.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 5, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*R. Stuart Mallaburn	*Treble*	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
William L. Gofton	2	Kenneth Arthur	6
Richard A. Gofton	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
R. Alder Gofton	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of the ringer of the fourth (October 21st, 1958).

LANE END, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

William Carter	*Treble*	G. Arnold Moore	5
Albert Lawton	2	William Talbot	6
*Jeffrey Davis	3	Eric Young	7
*Charles Webb	4	†Frederick Hulme	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.
Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Albert Lawton.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., Nov. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*Alfred J. House	*Treble*	†George J. Butcher	5
*Arthur G. Mason	2	*Frank J. Matthews	6
*Mrs. T. H. Francis	3	*Thomas H. Francis	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Frederick J. Cullum	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Segar, jun. Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
* First peal of Triples in the method. † First in the method.
In memoriam David Priestley, also Frederick J. Cullum, sen., who died November 7th, 1931.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	ANTHONY AGER	5
PETER BERESFORD	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	PAUL J. RIGBY	7
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	5
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	6
JILL R. PARSONS	3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	7
FRANK E. DARBY	4	RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.
Rung to welcome Paul John, born October 15th, 1958, to Joyce and David Parsons.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*STELLA M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
ARTHUR J. HART	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	6
LEONARD STILWELL	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
FRANK H. HICKS	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX (No. 8). Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*GEORGE J. GIBBS	*Treble*	*JAMES R. A. MULLER	5
†GEORGE COUSSINS	2	GORDON W. LIMMER	6
†RICHARD E. DEAN	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
†HOWARD OGLESBY	4	RONALD I. SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal. † First of Bob Triples.
Rung half-muffled for Armistice, remembering Peter Blamey, Martin Blamey, R.A.F., Bryan O'Neil (all Burnham local pre-war band) and Eric G. Gilbert, R.E.M.E.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
PATRICIA M. BOURN	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 31).
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

LONDON, N.W.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, KILBURN.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in A.

*DESMOND G. MITCHELL	*Treble*	*JOHN V. TEMPLE	5
MICHAEL ROSE	2	*DEREK E. SIBSON	6
ROGER KEELEY	3	†MARTYN HAWKES	7
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

OLD SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

BURLEY P. NORRIS	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE	3	*GORDON A. HALLS	7
ROGER BALDWIN	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by DENIS R. CARLISLE and GORDON A. HALLS.
Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* 100th peal for the Association. First peal in the method for the Association

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	*Treble*	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	6
ALBERT DISERENS	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
Rung for the Feast of St. Leonard.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
*†KENNETH BALLINGTON	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
WILLIAM L. EXTON	3	†DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 25th peal. † 25th peal together.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1), (2), (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

KENNETH BALLINGTON	*Treble*	DENNIS SMEDLEY	4
JAMES T. ROOKE	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	5
RICHARD HOBBS	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 WATH DELIGHT MINOR
(C.C.C. 3D 11.) Being one 2,160 and four different extents.
Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	RICHARD HOBBS	4
KENNETH BALLINGTON	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
HAROLD DENMAN	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal of Wath Delight Minor.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ELISABETH LOVELAND	*Treble*	EUNICE A. HILEY	4
JILL M. LANE	2	JOHN KING	5
ROY COLLINS	3	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.
A wedding peal for Hazel Hancock and Bryan Stirland, married at Ottershaw earlier this day.

SHELFANGER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents and two Morris' 240's of Grandsire, 12 extents of St. Simon's and 16 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK C. ROPER	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	2	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	4
	*ARTHUR E. COOK	*Tenor*	

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal of Doubles.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

TILSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	GEOFFREY PARTING	5
JOHN S. DEAN	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

HECKFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	3
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	4
	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*	

Conducted by FREDERICK R. SCOTT.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, and two extents each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

JACQUELINE S. KING	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	4
JAMES DANIELS	2	DONALD G. CLARKE	5
DAVID J. KING	3	GEORGE DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose, York, Carlisle, Beverley, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

J. GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
WILLIAM A. YATES	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Nov. 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STAMFORD SURPRISE MINOR
(Four variations of calling.) Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb. in G.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, and for the Association.
Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. Sydney Flint, of Maghull, with congratulations and best wishes from his friends in the Norwich diocese.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Nov., 7, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in F.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	LEONARD J. MINNS	4
GEORGE FILBY	2	GEORGE FILBY, JUN.	5
*ALBERT LAWES	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in three methods.
A compliment to the third ringer on his silver wedding anniversary.

ABBOT'S ANN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	3
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	4
	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*	

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* 50th different treble rung to a peal.
Rung with the bells fully-muffled in memory of Mr. Alfred Whimpey, late local captain.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven spliced extents: (1) London Bob and Double Court, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Reverse Plain Bob and College Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (7) Plain and Double Plain Bob, 96 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

*DORIS E. LIDBETTER	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
†BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First to 'complete the circle' here. † First peal in more than seven methods
Rung in honour of the 86th birthday of Herbert W. Lidbetter.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 April Day, 720 Plain Bob, 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	4
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
ALBERT DUNK	3	†KENNETH B. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* 175th peal. † First peal and first attempt.

BROUGHTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	4
DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

First peal on the bells.

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CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

MICHAEL J. PALMER ..	*Treble*	R. JAMES COOK	4
*H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	2	ROBERT W. HINDE	5
GRAHAM MACKAY	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal of Minor.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

E. PATRICIA LEWIS	*Treble*	JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR ..	4
*ELIZABETH ROGERS	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	5
KEITH BURBIDGE	3	PETER F. T. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.
* First peal of Minor, and first 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to the priest-in-charge, the Rev. D. P. Lury, prior to his formal induction as rector of the new church combined with the benefice of Charing.

LOCKERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

DAVID A. S. HAWKINS ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	4
GEOFFREY K. DODD	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
ROBIN G. LEALE..	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

MORETON PINKNEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. LEONARD'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, three variations. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

PATRICIA F. CURTIS	*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	2	JIM C. RAINBOW	4
GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
First peal of St. Leonards ever rung.
Rung within the octave of the Festival of St. Leonard, Confessor.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz.: Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH.. ..	*Treble*	*KENNETH ARTHUR	4
KENNETH LAWSON	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
BRYAN PATTISON..	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First of Surprise on the bells.

PENHOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

PATRICIA H. JONES	*Treble*	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ..	4
JACQUELINE S. KING ..	2	GEORGE WARD	5
*BRYAN J. JOHNS	3	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal of Minor.
A compliment to the Rev. Ivor J. Richards on his appointment as Rural Dean of Raglan. Also a wedding compliment to his cousin, Miss Joan Smith, and Mr. Norman Townsend, who were married prior to the peal.

SHERBORNE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*PHILIP FAULKS	*Treble*	FREDERICK KINCHIN	4
†SHIRLEY STROUD	2	JOHN SLACK	5
WILLIAM H. MALE	3	FRED C. LYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
* First peal on a working bell. † First 'inside.'
Rung as a welcome to the Ven. J. H. Proctor, M.A. (Archdeacon of Warwick), who was inducted the previous evening as Vicar.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 88 methods, viz.: Reverse St. Simon's, Union, Uffington and Reverse St. Nicholas, Reverse St. Simon's, Reverse New and St. Alphage; Reverse St. Osmund, St. Julian, Datchet and Reverse St. Remigius; St. Gregory, Reverse St. Vedast and Reverse St. Osmund; Reverse St. Martin's, St. Faith, Stowe Place and Reverse Winchendon; St. Andrew's Place, Reverse Huntspill and Reverse St. Martin's; Canterbury, Reverse Bob, Reverse Shipway, Reverse All Saints, St. Bartholomew and St. Sebastian; Coxwell, Stedman S.C., Reverse Bob and St. Botolph; Shepperton Alliance, Stanwell, Kempton and Hanworth Little Bob; Chalvey Alliance, Clewer, Spital and Dedworth Little Bob; Horton Alliance, Hampton, Ickenham and Northolt Little Bob; Astleham Alliance, Ashford, Twyford and Greenford Little Bob; New Bob and Itchingfield; Forncett and New Bob; St. Vedast and Chipstead; Bedingham and St. Vedast; Huntspill and Oakley; Ellingham and Huntspill; Shipway and Tandridge; Colnbrook and Shipway; Westminster II and Chesham; Knapton and Westminster II; St. Hilary and Ockham; Intwood and St. Hilary; Blackburn and Broughton; Lyng and Blackburn; Reverse Canterbury and Dorton; Raveningham and Reverse Canterbury; St. Nicholas and Longford; Fundenhall and St. Nicholas; St. Remigius and Hascombe; Harpley and St. Remigius; Winchendon and Thornborough; Haddiscoe and Winchendon; Plain Bob and Boxford; Candlesby and Plain Bob; St. Simon's and Rugby; Braywood and St. Simon's; St. Osmund's and Merton; Longworth and St. Osmund's; St. Martin's and Slapton; Welford and St. Martin's; 340 changes of methods and no bobs used. Tenor 13 cwt.

MONICA M. BLAGROVE ..	*Treble*	MICHAEL HATCHETT	4
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	5
WILLIAM BUTLER	3	ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
The greatest number of regular individual plain course Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.
Rung on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

YARDLEY-HASTINGS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wellingborough Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

*PATRICIA THOMPSON ..	*Treble*	EDWARD SMART	4
HARRY WOODING	2	*TIMOTHY WOODING	5
*ANNE FOWLER	3	SIDNEY ELLIOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WOODING.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. L. J. Thompson) and Patricia, his youngest daughter, the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEAL

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Oct. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 66, MELTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.
Tenor size 19 in F.

DEREK M. SAWYER	1—2	*ERNEST MORRIS	3—4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5—6		

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal in two Doubles methods 'in hand.'

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pat Jones 1, Mrs. D. J. King 2, E. Philips 3, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 4, T. Yeoman 5, A. Hannington 6, R. E. Coles 7, D. J. King 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Nevil James and Miss Jill Birch, both ringers at Llandaff Cathedral.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bradder 1, C. Godfrey 2, B. Elliott 3, H. Wood 4, B. Matthews (cond.) 5, R. Elliott 6. A farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, who leaves for national service in the R.A.F.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, Claude Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. In memoriam Maria Prior, aged 93. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion J. Eland (first quarter, aged 13) 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. B. Aldridge 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Claude Corderoy 8. For Remembrance service. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Claude Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. B. Aldridge 5, J. P. Blond 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. On Armistice Day. All rung half-muffled.

BRADFIELD, YORKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Barber 1, Rev. A. King (first quarter) 2, B. Holland 3, T. Senior 4, R. Birch 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—On Nov 7th, at the Church of Emmanuel, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Molly P. Smith 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, Monica E. Horseman (first of Yorkshire 'inside') 3, D. E. Cobb (first of Yorkshire as cond.) 4, R. G. Hooper (first of Yorkshire Major) 5, D. J. Hunt 6. M. J. Horseman 7, J. Brain 8. First of Yorkshire 1, 6 and 8.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Clinton 1, R. J. Tomkins 2, J. H. Thomas (cond.) 3, F. J. Bedford 4, G. H. Corbett 5, W. Turner 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 7th, quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: A. White 1, Elizabeth Roberts 2, H. Roberts 3, A. Lawton 4, E. Young 5, W. Talbot 6, H. White 7, G. A. Moore (cond.) 8. First quarter in method 1 and 2. For harvest festival.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Martin 1, C. Lovelock 2, J. Trout 3, R. Tigwell 4, H. Fell 5, H. Heath 6, W. Page (cond.) 7, F. Hunt 8. Rung fully muffled in memoriam Malcolm W. Martin.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Brenda M. Balls 1, E. P. Duffield 2, D. Whent (first in method) 3, F. G. Oliver 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, E. E. Davey 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, T. Earle 8. A welcome to Rosemary Ann Millatt, daughter of the conductor, born the previous day.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Riley (first quarter) 1, G. Armitt (first 'inside') 2, R. Cartlidge 3, V. Stonier 4, R. Worrall (cond.) 5, H. Aidley 6. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Roy Worrall to Miss Cynthia Grey, both ringers at Astbury Parish Church.

CONISBROUGH, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 1, M. C. Fowler 2, Miss Kathleen Mallender (first in method) 3, H. Scott 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, H. D. Holland 6, W. E. Critchley 7, J. Thorley 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, T. S. Baker (cond.) 2, Barbara Marchant 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Susan Goodfellow 1, June Richardson 2, T. S. Baker 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 2nd, at Christ the Saviour Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss E. Palmer 1, Mrs. M. M. Price 2, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 3, G. M. Harvey 4, Miss J. Scrutton 5, F. A. Ranson 6, S. H. Price 8. For Evensong, and a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Price, who are retiring to Somerset.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST BEDFONT, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 1st, 2,160 Plain Bob Doubles: M. G. Lane 1, T. S. Baker 2, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 3–4, A. D. Grant 5, D. J. Evans 6.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Nov. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. I. Whitson 1, M. S. Taylor 2, Lois Beevers 3, Marion Park 4, Margaret Wilson 5, J. Martin 6, C. Brown 7, R. Wilson (cond.) 8. First in method for 7.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross (first quarter) 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, at the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Wratten 1, Miss E. Hough 2, G. L. Webb 3, A. Berry (first as cond.) 4, R. French (first of Triples) 5, Miss A. N. Banks 6, A. Jackson 7, J. Wellard 8. Rung for All Souls and All Saints.

FULHAM, S.W.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. M. Tyler (cond.) 1, T. P. Edwards 2, R. G. Hooper 3, R. J. Bowden 4, T. E. Marks 5, T. W. Look 6, D. Burnett 7, John Phillips 8, T. E. Setter 9, F. E. Hansford 10. For Evensong.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Payne 1, Mary Tysoe 2, R. J. Harrison 3, R. Walker 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, C. Lovell 6. A birthday compliment to Rodney Walker, of Harrold. Rung by Young Ringers of Bedfordshire.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Chinnery 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss J. Smith 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Maybrey 5, J. Martin 6, J. King (cond.) 7, D. George 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Biggs 1, Sheila Wallace 2, A. Foxall 3, D. Knox (cond.) 4, W. Avery 5, E. D. Poole 6, S. M. Bailey 7, G. Harrison 8, L. J. Young 9, D. Cornwall 10. First in method for 2, 3, 9 and 10. For All Saints' Day.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Moland (first quarter) 1, M. Edney 2, R. Hayden (first 'inside') 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, A. Ralph (first quarter) 6. First quarter by resident band. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Payne 1, F. Wood (cond.) 2, J. Firkins (first quarter) 3, C. Brazier 4, D. Devereux (first 'inside') 5, P. Warren 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells by the local band for at least 30 years. For Remembrance Sunday.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Webb 1, C. Morris 2, P. Merry 3, J. Voyce 4, J. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Royal 6. First quarter in two methods by all the band. For Evensong.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Greenacre 1, E. Greenacre 2, Freda P. Greaves (first of Kent Major) 3, L. W. Houghton 4, C. Tovell 5, J. Wilson 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. In honour of the 100th birthday of Mrs. C. Winlow Smith.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Townsend 1, R. Pratt 2, P. Chilton 3, B. Hebborn 4, G. Hebborn 5, V. Pratt (cond.) 6, S. Harrison 7, A. Cooke 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, G. Parsons 2, W. Prockson 3, D. Sibson 4, M. Williamson 5, F. Shorter 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, W. Wilson 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 26th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: K. J. Minchinton 1, A. H. Fisher 2, Mrs. G. W. Pipe 3, J. J. F. Roper 4, G. W. Pipe 5, P. G. Richards 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. H. W. K. Moule, Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia. Rung on 1, 2, 3, 6, 8 and 10 of the back ten.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela M. Turner (first quarter) 1, J. K. Foot 2, R. E. Tallis, jun. (first 'inside') 3, R. E. Tallis, sen. (first in method as cond.) 4, M. C. Hughes (first 'inside') 5, Vivienne A. Neal (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells since they were rehung. For Remembrance Sunday.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stitch 1, J. A. Roden 2, C. Griffiths 3, Annette Frost 4, G. Smallwood '5, A. Williams 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. Rung in honour of the ordination as priest of the Rev. David Sutcliffe (curate), and the visit of the Bishop of Stafford for Penn St. Bartholomew's mission week.

PORTSMOUTH.—At St. Mary's Church, Portsea, on Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. T. Macey (first away from tenor) 1, T. R. Taylor 2, J. Handford 3, R. W. Wake 4, F. W. Rogers 5, L. D. Duguid 6, E. F. Salmons (cond.) 7, E. Winifred Keys 8.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. I. Chapman 1, A. Gibbs 2, Miss D. Lawless 3, Miss S. Collins 4, M. Coleman 5, W. J. Whitmore 6, G. E. Watson 7, B. Austin (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 3 and 5.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, T. J. Warner (cond.) 3, V. W. Rigg 4, R. Cann 5, C. W. Bragg 6, G. E. Fearn 7, J. Bragg 8, E. C. Shepherd (comp.) 9, T. R. Hayward 10. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. Hutton 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, M. Bland 4, J. Fowler 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, D. M. Salisbury 8, T. East 9, L. Woods 10. In memoriam Canon G. D. Barker, 50 years a priest, Canon Residentiary at the Cathedral, died November 1st, 1958.

STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE, BERKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 1, N. Leslie 2, J. Strawford 3, M. Ednev 4, D. Leslie 5, C. Timms 6. First known quarter on the bells.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Spackman 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, C. G. V. Burgess 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. R. Boyd 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob): D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2–3, C. G. V. Burgess 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. R. Boyd 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Doubles in nine methods: Miss D. A. Evans 1, C. G. V. Burgess 2, M. G. Lane 3, A. D. Grant 4, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 5, J. R. Boyd 6. For children's service. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire, 120 St. Simon's, 120 St. Martin's, 60 Stedman): M. Seymour 1, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 2, C. B. Fynes 2, T. S. Baker 4, A. D. Grant 5, Josephine Pole 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam David Priestley.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 9th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, R. Sanders 3, J. W. Chapman 4, J. W. Rea 5, W. G. Wilson 6, M. Williamson (cond.) 7, J. W. Euston 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles: W. Knight 1, W. Smith 2, B. Rainsford (first as cond.) 3, L. McQueen 4, K. Stacey 5, P. Holland (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Dr. H. W. K. Moule, formerly of Dover, Archbishop of Sydney, and Primate of Australia.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: G. A. Payne 1, F. E. Wood 2, Nadine Price 3, E. W. Penn 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, P. D. Warren 6. First quarter of All Saints by all the band except the conductor. Rung on the Feast of All Saints.

WALSOKEN, CAMBS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Greenacre 1, T. Greenacre 2, E. Greenacre 3, C. Tovell 4, G. Mason (cond.) 5, M. R. Reed 6.

WAPLEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. G. King 1, B. W. Metcalfe 2, J. M. Stallard 3, J. W. Sprules 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: I. Garvie 1, C. S. Aylett 2, P. Stone 3, R. Harris 4, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 5, G. Gardner 6, H. Scar 7, R. Winter 8.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Oxford Bob): T. Templeton 1, J. H. Cook 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, G. A. Bowcutt 4, A. E. Hinman 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A compliment to Asfordby's veteran ringer, Mr. Evander Littlewood, on his 85th birthday, also to mark his 70 years as a ringer.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Helen Wright (cond.) 1, A. Taylor 2, D. Malloch 3, F. Shallcross 4, D. J. Marshall 5, D. Lamont 6. For the wedding this day at this church of Miss Joan Carter (ringing master) to Mr. W. Harrison, of St. Peter's Church. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (840 Grandsire, 420 Plain Bob): D. J. Marshall 1, Helen Wright 2, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 3, D. Malloch 4, F. Shallcross 5, M. Gibson 6. First quarter in more than one method for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Wright 1, Helen Wright 2, D. Thompson 3, D. Goodwin 4, F. Shallcross 5, D. Malloch 6, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 7, M. Gibson 8. For harvest thanksgiving and as a 12th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

MICKLETON, GLOS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. J. Hemming (cond.) 1, G. C. Hemming 2-3, Mrs. D. H. Niblett 4, D. H. Niblett 5, G. E. Evenden 6, R. Woodyatt 7, T. W. Lewis 8. Rung after meeting short for Yorkshire Major.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Gillett (first quarter) 1, F. Lane 2, S. Brown 3, W. Copley 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Atkinson 1, Miss C. Rodgers (first 'inside') 2, I. Tilling 3, Miss S. Chaddock 4, Miss M. Mills 5, Miss E. A. Wardill 6, N. Chaddock 7, J. N. D. Chaddock (first as cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ROADE, NORTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, All Saints, Plain Bob): Miss M. Davis (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Neesham (first as cond.) 2, Miss F. Curtis 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens 5. For Evensong.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): B. C. Burroughs 1, D. R. Mitchell 2, E. Jane Langton (first touch of Kent T.B.) 3, June M. Clements 4, P. H. Langton (cond.) 5, G. Francis 6.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Stephens 1, B. Wakefield (cond.) 2, E. H. Jefferies 3, A. H. Painter 4, P. Wakefield 5, R. Cook 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. B. Houghton), who died on October 20th.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. A. Evans 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, M. G. Lane 4, D. G. Pickett 5, J. R. Boyd 6. For Matins. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Fallen.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman and 1,200 Grandsire): Mrs. S. Sharp 1, Mrs. E. P. Rock 2, R. E. Cox 3, F. R. Addison 4, E. P. Rock (cond.) 5, S. S. Rutter 6. First quarter 2 and 6. Rung for All Saints and the fifth anniversary of the restoration of the bells.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Aven 1, P. Roynon 2, H. Tudgay 3, A. Bull 4, N. Knee (cond.) 5, L. Hawkins 6, T. Mallard 7, J. Titt 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WARWICK.—On Nov. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Faulks 1, W. Collett 2, J. Price 3, W. S. Oakley 4, H. Huxley 5, W. H. Male (cond.) 6, R. Andrews (first of Triples) 7, W. Clement 8. A compliment to Mr. W. S. Oakley on the occasion of his silver wedding.

WATERLOO, S.E.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Deverell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, H. G. Andrews 3, J. A. Hales 4, C. W. Ottley 5, L. Bailey 6, W. Grainger (cond.) 7, L. W. Bullock 8. For the 124th anniversary of St. John's Church, also a birthday compliment to J. A. Hales.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. C. J. Kay 1, F. Lawrence 2, Miss J. M. Price 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, L. Dovey 5, A. Davies 6. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. Evans 1, R. Wright 2, M. Stracey 3, J. Young 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, A. Hammond 6. First containing Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Yates (cond.) 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, R. Hinton 3, P. Foster 4, J. Linnell 5. First quarter since rehanging.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. E. Crisp 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Rawlings 1, Anne Garnett 2, A. Bishop 3, J. Tomsett 4, M. Sinden 5, Susan Jacobs 6, F. Corfield (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Nov. 9th, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Monica M. Blagrove 1, K. Buckingham 2, F. T. Blagrove 3, G. F. Jenkins 4, A. J. Glass 5, A. C. Wenban 6, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WROUGHTON, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. M. Court 1, R. Clothier 2, R. Johnston (cond.) 3, R. J. Court 4, F. Cook 5, C. Moore (first quarter) 6. Rung on the 80th birthday of Mr. W. Ricketts, a regular ringer at this church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. J. Fowell, in forwarding copy of a peal rung at St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney, writes: 'Just can't understand why any ringer coming out here to settle selects Melbourne to Sydney. Excuse me if I sound biased, but we not only have more variety and greater number of towers, but excellent weather, beaches, sunshine and no snow.'

The peal rung at Overseale, Derbys, on Saturday, October 4th, and published on page 684 of 'The Ringing World,' was a peal of Biddenden, not Biddenham.

Congratulations to the three first pealers at Yardley-Hastings, also thanks to Edward Smart, of Bozeat, who stood in at short notice to make the peal possible.

Mr. H. C. Spencer informs us of a slight error in the peal report of Plain Bob Major at Wolborough, Newton Abbot (page 719), in which his initials were given as H. W.

A veteran of the North Staffordshire Association, Mr. Albert Lawton, took part in a peal at Lane End on November 6th for his 74th birthday. Happy birthday!

Ringing at Knowle, Warwickshire, for Guy Fawkes Day, dates back to 1672, when the ringers were paid 2s. 6d. and also given gunpowder. The Fifth was honoured again this year with a quarter peal.

With the peal of Erin Triples at Erith on November 7th, five members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have rung Erin to Triples, Caters and Cinques. They are Mrs. T. H. Francis, Messrs. Alfred J. House, Arthur G. Mason, Frank J. Matthews and Thomas J. Francis. Mr. Francis has conducted all three.

We have a number of carol tunes for eight bells available for copying, mainly from the collection of the late John Armstrong. These will be forwarded on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

The Rev. John Draper, of St. Paul's Church, Durban, is shortly sailing for England on the 'Carnarvon Castle' and arrives at Southampton on January 2nd. He is taking a six months' course at Canterbury. While he only rings the treble, he is hoping through contact with members of the Kent County Association to improve his ringing.

The ringer of the fourth bell in the peal at Addington (see page 737) was Andrew M. Macve and not as printed.

Latest description of a ringers' tea to reach the Editor—'a gargantuan gastronomic spread.' Perhaps the ladies would not appreciate such a Rabelaisian reference.

The ringers of the peal at Burgess Hill, Sussex, on November 8th, wish to congratulate Mr. Arthur Gravett, of St. Peter's, Brighton, and for many years a ringer at Burgess Hill, on his 78th birthday. They also thank Mrs. Stella Knight for standing in at the last minute and also for the wonderful tea she provided.

In 1913 Mr. William Abraham, of Bristol, rang his first peal 'inside,' the conductor being the late Mr. Fred G. May. Forty-five years later Mr. Abraham has arrived in Cape Town, and has made his home near the house where Mr. May lived until his death in 1956. Five days after landing he was in St. Mary's, Woodstock, tower, where his regular attendance is of great help to the band.

There were four 'firsts' in the half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, on Remembrance Sunday. First on eight by 13-year-old Keith Townsend and 11-year-old Roger Pratt. First 'inside' on eight by 13-year-old Peter Chilton. First on eight as conductor by Vernon Pratt, aged 15. The band consisted of one deputy churchwarden, three choristers, two servers and one sidesman.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AT DINNER

THE fifth annual dinner of the Essex Association was held at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on October 11th. The Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) presided over a company of 100, and supporting him on the top table were the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, the Bishop of Colchester, the Provost of Chelmsford and Mrs. G. E. Gordon, the Archdeacon of Southend, the Master of the College Youths (Dr. P. A. F. Chalk), Dr. Armstrong Gibbs and Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said the Church in Essex was faced with a task so vast that it was frightening to think about. Those people who lived in country districts with well-established parish churches looked questionably at the contributions made to the Diocesan Quota, and which were earmarked for the provision of churches and parsonages in the new towns. They asked why should the existing parishes subsidise the New Towns. This was an entirely wrong attitude to take.

In the New Towns there were great opportunities to get to the people, and these opportunities could not be missed. One only had to talk with New Town clergy to realise what they had to deal with. Baptisms every Sunday, Sunday Schools with 500 or more scholars, parishes filling up with 80 or 90 new people each week, and so on. Ringers could help by seeing that the bells of churches within the New Towns were rung regularly for services.

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford in replying said that he was very conscious of the debt the Church owed to ringers. Ringing was practically peculiar to the British Isles, although there were certain overseas territories where it was practised.

The Church in Essex had a real task to face in the New Towns, but he was confident that it could be overcome if all sections of the diocese pulled together. It was essential for the Established Churches to realise that they had a part to play in providing churches in the New Towns.

Dr. Allison concluded his reply by exhorting the Association to provide such a witness in their ringing and lives that other people might be moved to come and worship.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND COLLEGE YOUTHS

The Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths proposed the toast of 'The Essex Association.' Dr. Chalk said that it was an honour to him to be asked to propose this toast as he was an Essex man. When he was born, he was expected to progress in the following manner: first, walk; secondly, talk; and thirdly, learn to ring. It was while his family was living at Maldon that he learnt to ring at the parish church there. After a while, they moved to Stansted Mountfitchet, where he came under the eye of Walter Prior. Dr. Chalk described in humorous vein the graduated procedure of being admitted to the band for service ringing.

The 'Controller of the Feast,' namely the secretary and treasurer of the Association, replied. Mr. Gant said that they were very pleased to have Dr. Chalk and his wife with them, and drew attention to the fact that quite a number of the past Masters of the Ancient Society had been Essex men, either by birth or adoption, among whom were Messrs. E. P. Duffield, J. Bullock, G. Cecil and T. G. Fox.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE RINGING

Dr. P. J. Spencer Phillips proposed the toast of 'The Vice-Presidents,' and the Bishop of Colchester, who replied, said at the last dinner of the Association at which he had been present he had appealed for an effort to be made by the Association to ring for weekday Confirmation services when these were held at churches possessing a ring of bells. He was thrilled to be able to report that his request had been carried out. Not only were the bells being rung, but in one case—St. Michael's, Braintree—a peal had been rung before the service! Such a response was so encouraging to the clergy.

The Archdeacon of Southend proposed the toast of 'The Guests and Artistes,' to which Dr. Armstrong Gibbs replied in suitable terms.

During the evening, the company was entertained by Miss Joan Edwardes, who sang enchantingly, Dr. Armstrong Gibbs, who gave his usual immaculate performance on the piano, and by handbell ringing. Part songs were sung by the Danbury Beaux and Belles, who also led the company in community singing.

Rang London Major For His 81st Birthday

Some of the former glories associated with the name of Gofton and St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, were revived on November 5th when another peal of London at St. Paul's included Goftons on 2, 3 and 4. But this was not just another to add to a long list, for it was in celebration of the 81st birthday of R. Alder Gofton on October 21st.

This may or may not be a record, but it is certainly a remarkable feat of physical and mental endurance, and all the band congratulated him heartily on his splendid performance before enjoying his hospitality in drinks all round.

R. Alder Gofton is now the sole survivor of the band that rang the first London Major 'in hand' by four brothers on November 3rd, 1920. The two performances were linked by the use of the same 5,024 by Lindoff. Billy and Dick are the sons of R. Alder Gofton.

James E. Gofton, another of the famous four brothers, died earlier this year in Newcastle, although his death was not reported at that time to 'The Ringing World.'

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Penzance Branch At Phillack

The annual meeting of the Penzance Branch was held recently at Phillack, and was splendidly attended by over 100 members, including Mr. Douglas Burnett (Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (diocesan secretary), Miss E. Symons (Branch chairman). Mr. Robert Cochrane (Bishop's Hatfield) was a welcome visitor. The Rector (Rev. D. C. Mercier) conducted the service and gave an address. The Rev. A. S. Roberts (Branch secretary) read the lesson.

A splendid tea was served by local ladies, and at the business meeting the officers of the Branch were re-elected. A balance in hand of £13 12s. 2d. was reported. It was agreed to contribute £2 2s. to the Constantine Bells Fund: the three bells were being augmented to six and would be dedicated in December, and as the tower was on the border it would probably belong to the Truro Branch.

A vote of thanks was expressed enthusiastically to the Rector, local ringers and helpers for the success of the meeting, and also to the Tuckingmill ringers, who had very much augmented the male section of the choir at the service. Never before had such a choir been heard at a meeting.

Good use was made of Phillack's grand eight during the afternoon and evening, and many present also enjoyed ringing at the nearby towers of Gwinear (6), Lelant (6) and Carbis Bay (8). Landewednack (The Lizard), the most southerly tower in the British Isles, was chosen for the spring meeting.

RECORDED BELLS FOR TWO N. STAFFS TOWERS

Faculties were granted with 'great reluctance' by the Chancellor (Judge Connolly H. Gage) at a Special Consistory Court held at Stoke-on-Trent on November 11th for the use of recorded bells in churches at Ashley, near Market Drayton, and at Bagnall.

The applications were opposed by the Rev. H. Bayles, secretary of the Lichfield Diocesan Advisory Committee, who said bellringing was an English art it would be a pity to lose. 'These recorded bells are artificial and do not accord with the Book of Common Prayer.'

The Rector of Ashley (the Rev. David H. N. Wells) said bellringing was a dying art, and the Advisory Committee would have to face that fact sooner or later. His church had been presented with £300 to install recorded bells, and the Parochial Church Council were in favour.

CRACKED 16th CENTURY BELL

Mr. Tom Bailey, solicitor, representing Bagnall Parochial Church Council, said the only bell in St. Chad's Church, Bagnall, dated back to the 16th century. It was cracked, 'rather hideous,' and its only recommendation was its antiquity.

Mr. Bailey added that he had been authorised by the Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent to say there was no objection to the recorded bells from the Archdeaconry.

The Rev. Eustace Kenneth Victor Pearce, Rector of Bucknall-with-Bagnall, said there was no space on the ground floor at St. Chad's for bellringers and there would not be sufficient space to erect a staircase to a bellringers' loft if one were built.

LOCAL CHURCH RECORDINGS

The Rector said a recording could be made of some local parish church bells for use at St. Chad's.

A petition of 90 signatures from parishioners supporting the application was submitted to the court.

It was submitted that both church towers were unsuitable to support a genuine ring of bells.

The secretary of the Advisory Committee submitted that recorded bells could lead to recorded sermons and choirs.

In giving his decision, the Chancellor imposed a condition in the case of Ashley that the bell apparatus should be locked, be used only on Sunday and nothing but a village chime should be used on the instrument. He concluded: 'I sincerely hope those interested in the good of the Church will think twice before these applications are made, and search their hearts and consciences to see if it is not possible to have a ring of bells in their towers.'

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Witney and Woodstock Branch

The Branch autumn meeting was held at Northleigh, where members and visitors were greeted by fair ringing, cheerful faces and 'Welcome to Northleigh' written on the tower blackboard. Ringing started at Freeland, where some trouble was experienced with the very light bells. An excellent touch of Plain Bob Minor preceded the service, which once again was an experimental one (embodying material collected for the Guild Office Book Revision). The full Northleigh choir turned out to help with the excellent singing.

This Branch seems unusually fortunate in its teas. The provision this time was up to the highest standards that anyone can hold. After the short business meeting and a showing of coloured slides there was more ringing at Northleigh and Stonesfield.

SOUTH HAMPSHIRE PEAL RINGING TOUR

'There's ringing and "grabbing," arranging and touring,
Composing and striking and hunting and [dodging;
Each mate must excel in some principal part,
The Pentathlon of Greece could not show so much art.

The parties are met and arrayed all in white,
Famed Ellis ne'er boasted so pleasing a sight.
Each nymph looks askew at her favourite [swain,
And views him half stript both with pleasure and pain.'

I MISQUOTE from the Rev. Reynell Cotton's 'Hampshire Cricket' without qualms, for was not its author a cleric, and did not T. J. Lock's team visit Hampshire this year on their annual tour?

We came into the county as most people do, from the north-east, and found as most people do that it is a very unexciting way of entering the shire. Not that the fault is Hampshire's—it is the Army's, for the Army does not improve the districts that it takes over, as most people in Britain realised during the war. Soon we were to pass through the large and hideous conglomeration of buildings that is Aldershot; but before this, Don, our driver, found us an extremely pleasant way to spend an hour-and-a-half. This was to take lunch at the Queen's Hotel, Farnborough—during which we faintly heard jet planes practising for the air show.

Aldershot behind, we reached the most attractive main street of 'Oldtown' or Alton, where the Beeson family joined us, and turned into the Meon valley. Passing through some eight or nine villages we reached Soberton and left a band to attempt Cambridge Major. Before ringing a peal of Surprise Minor at Hambledon a visit was made to Broadhalfpenny Down, where the first cricket club proper came into being in 1750. Standing on opposite sides of the crossroads, both the signpost and the historic inn are named the Bat and Ball! Two unusual things were seen here. The first was that whilst the inn's front door is in Hambledon, the rest is in the village of Catherington; the second was the narrow elliptical shadow cast on the gently-swaying inn sign—this was moving from the bowler's hand to the bat and back again!

With two peals to our credit we soon reached our admirable H.Q. for the week—the Cotswold Hotel, Southampton—here to find dinner almost ready. It was rumoured that three people later tried to establish an all-night conversation record, breaking up (or down) at 4 a.m.!

Our Sunday morning walk took us over the Itchen to ring and attend service at Bitterne Park, the site of the first permanent Roman settlement in Britain. After viewing the fine modern glass, some of us adopted 'shirt-sleeve order' during the walk back to lunch. A scenic tour through Winchester and the fringe of the New Forest, relieved by tea at Lyndhurst, was followed by ringing at St. Michael's, Southampton, our welcome by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and the Kippin family being most friendly.

BLACK MONDAY

I am sure that the term 'Black Monday originated on a ringing tour—I think we all felt this, after losing *two* safe peals. However, the fact that the two Rons swapped smoothly and unnoticed between two wrongs did enable us to take coffee amid the ruins of Old Southampton, instead of completing our peal of Yorkshire Royal at St. Michael's. A quick visit to Lymington was followed by two hours' good Bristol at Milford-on-Sea, until our conductor, exulting in the music of the 65's, could not resist calling three wrongs. Bill Rogers and several of the ladies added to our grief by describing to us the delights of their swim, for it was a glorious afternoon.

We redeemed ourselves by well and successfully ringing Hampshire Surprise at Sherfield English, which has a fine light ring in the octagonal tower of its modern and pleasing church. Joined by the equally-successful band from Lockerley, we moved on hurriedly to the sleepy town of Romsey for lunch, and after an all-too-brief look inside the South of England's finest church—to wonder at its progression from Saxon through peerless Norman to perfect Early English—we began our attempt for 4-Spliced Surprise Major. Our longest incomplete ring this, the end coming suddenly and inexplicably after 2 hours and 50 minutes' good striking on these impressive bells.

Ken Dunstan had to return home on the first day and so we were pleased to see him back again when we reached Alverstoke on Wednesday morning. Fred Scott had also motored from Slough to meet us there, and it was not long before our attempt for Rutland had settled down to striking that was only slightly maculate. Once more we broke down in a sudden and bewildering manner, but being pleased with the preceding ringing and determined to to better, we sought and obtained permission to try again after lunch, and rang the peal without further incident.

The rest of the party were granted permission to ring at Fareham, and after lunch attempted, and lost, Portsmouth Surprise at Portsea, again ringing nearly two hours.

Returning to our H.Q. for an early dinner we were pleased to find George Pullinger waiting to meet the party. Some of us were very generously taken to Ringwood for practice night by Mr. and Mrs. Kippin and Roger Savory, to whom we are most grateful. The writer was very pleased to fulfil a long-standing desire—to meet Ron Marlow, and to ring at Ringwood. On arrival at the Cotswold we found that Philip Corby had arrived as planned, making the party almost complete.

As expected, we were beaten to Curdridge on Thursday morning by our remaining member from Birmingham—he modestly admitted to leaving at 4 a.m. and breakfasting in Southampton! A good peal of London was rung here, and opinions varied widely about the bells—the writer thinks that the higher harmonics are irritatingly loud, piercing and painful, and as a result did not enjoy the peal at all, especially as the tuning is inaccurate. In the afternoon we left a band to ring Cambridge at Shedfield, where the local band are all ladies, and were pleased when Miss Daysh came with us to ring at Swanmore. Another early dinner, and three of us, joined by Margaret for the last of several times, drove to Portsmouth for the Cathedral practice—a deceptively long and discouraging drive, too. Our welcome and ring on this very fine ten more than compensated us, and we were glad to meet Kathleen Knight, Roger Baldwin, York-Bramble and Fred Burnett.

THUNDERSTORM

On Friday we changed for a while to floating transport, leaving for the Isle of Wight, with a cool breeze gradually dispersing the light mist. The first bell-buoy that rang evoked nostalgic memories of the Mersey for Ralph, and we learnt that these bells are all harmonically tuned to a rigid specification—bell collectors note!

The fine but little-rung bells at Carisbrooke proved odd-struck, but with new ropes would be enjoyable to ring for a peal. Lunch was found in Newport and a carnival encountered in Ryde, where everyone had a quick ring before the procession reached the church. Eight of us then left for Brading to attempt 4-Spliced Surprise. At first the bells sounded inside like 'a series of muffled explosions,' but gradually seemed to become more and more pleasant, and a very good peal was rung—followed by a dash to Cowes for the last ferry boat.

As we passed Ryde Church we could hear Cambridge being very well rung, and it was thought that, with one course to ring, the band might just catch the boat—they did, with minutes to spare! The morning's heatwave developed into a terrific thunderstorm which caused prolonged failures of the electric lighting in both towers during the peals, though it had ceased by the end of the Brading attempt. Mary Hall joined us (for the next two days) at supper time, after which Alick presented Tom and Kath with a camera, expressing our gratitude for all their hard work in making the tour as successful and happy as it was.

AT NORTH STONEHAM

Yorkshire Royal on Saturday morning at North Stoneham was abandoned in favour of Major, in which we were joined by Reginald Reed, a good peal resulting. Dennis Knox called 5,216 Lincolnshire at Bishopstoke, after which Len Stilwell (who has now rung 600 peals) admitted to this being his longest length for a peal! This band, and the non-peal ringers, wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. George Pullinger for entertaining them, and for providing refreshment in their home.

In the afternoon Stedman Caters was attempted on the magnificent ten at St. Mary's, Southampton, but we were sorry to lose this after one-and-a-half hours, sorry because it would have been a wedding compliment to John Chilcott and Eileen Ricketts. So ended the last peal attempt, but we still had the evening and following morning to indulge in pleasant social intercourse.

Guildford was the stopping place for lunch on Sunday—here we saw Mark White on the bridge, and here also Mrs. Corby strengthened the case for lady drivers by arriving to meet Philip within a minute of the planned time.

Many greetings and then farewells were exchanged before we left on the last stage of our journey to London; and now it remains for me to say thank you—to, once again, Kath and Tom, all incumbents and tower captains, and to Don, our keen and helpful driver.

CALLIGRAPH.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. J. N. Boyack 1, R. J. Chapman 2, F. C. Maynard 3, B. R. Downes 4, E. E. Holman 5, F. W. Sykes 6, W. Dowler 7, T. Hawkings (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 6 and 7. For Evensong

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DOUBLES AND VARIATIONS

Dear Sir, — The letter from Mr. Blagrove seems to me a very fair example of the brotherly love between Doubles ringers mentioned by one of your correspondents a few weeks ago.

Might I suggest two far more satisfactory techniques for revealing such lapses.

First, a very simple idea tried out last year at the C.C. meeting in Dublin. The Peals Analysis Committee present their report which is duly adopted and then at some later stage in the meeting it is pointed out that a peal accepted in this report is irregular—chaos then ensues! The net result is that everyone accepts that it is irregular, but lets it stand.

The alternative procedure is to leave the matter for some years until the Peals Analysis Committee wake up of their own accord—this experiment has also been tried with some success!

In a more serious vein, when I look at the masses of methods in the Doubles Collection which contravene all traditions on method structure I feel that those who ring so called variations of the better methods show good taste and should not be discouraged by all this rubbish about methods with different work at the lead-end only being variations. — Yours sincerely, RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Stretton-on-Dunsmore.

STEDMAN CINQUES WITH WHITTINGTONS

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Jack L. Millhouse's letter (page 694), I have no knowledge of any earlier Whittington peals other than those he mentions at Lincoln Cathedral in 1931 and Surfleet, 1933.

We rang some of it in Birmingham, but did not like the 'music' between the course-ends.—Yours sincerely, ALBERT WALKER.

Birmingham 28.

HESTON'S CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to St. Leonard's, Heston, band on ringing two quarter peals with two separate bands for their harvest thanksgiving services. Recently the Allesley, Coventry, ringers attempted two quarters with entirely different bands. Plain Bob Major was successful, but Spliced Surprise Major in six methods was lost after about half an hour's ringing.

FRANK W. PERRENS.

Coventry.

TWO CORRECTIONS?

Dear Sir,—I have two queries I should like cleared up. The first occurred in your publication dated October 31st, in the article, 'Cambridge University Guild's Week in Bristol.' Do you or, indeed, would any member of the ringing faternity consider Congresbury, Somerset, bells, tenor 35 cwt. to be a light ring of eight as stated in the above mentioned article?

The second occurs in your issue of November 7th. Since when has the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Nottingham, had a tenor of only 25 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C? Surely this should read tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.—Yours truly, PETER J. ROBERTS.

Barry, Glam.

MINIMISE TIED BELL INSTRUCTION

Dear Sir,—Reference B. M. Willmott Dobbie's letter ('Ringing World,' page 694) the teaching of rhythm and striking should form a major part of the instruction given to learners, but I think it is one which is not only sadly neglected but is in some cases never mentioned. There are several reasons for this, I suppose, and I give below some of the causes of bad striking together with my opinions, for what they are worth, if anything.

In many cases instruction starts with a 'tied' bell and continues until the learner is considered proficient enough to ring in rounds with an 'open' bell. This has much to commend it except for the fact that by the time ringing in rounds has started the habit of listening for the sound of each bell has not been established and is generally considered of less importance than style of ringing and ability to control the bell. I think the ideal method is to limit the 'tied' bell practice to a minimum and provide instead very short touches of rounds on varying numbers of bells from two to six, always with an instructor at hand, until a stage has been reached when the instructor is dispensed with and the 'tied' bell practice further limited to ringing up and down, and for the correcting of individual faults.

After this, experience should be gained in ringing on different numbers of bells to prevent specialisation, my own particular cross, as I find it difficult to maintain a good rhythm on 8, 10 or 12 bells without undue concentration.

Two much emphasis on the musical qualities of ringing provides an attractive but unnecessary red herring, as until the change ringing on eight bells stage is reached the field is narrow. A more worthwhile qualification than being able to tell whether the tenor is E flat or D sharp is to be able to carry the rate of striking in one's head. Here the Head Nodders and the Adam's Apple Wobblers are to the fore. It may be argued that this is also a fundamental qualification for the appreciation of music, but surely this is as far as one's musical training should go.

Lastly, I must rebel at allowing a learner to ring either a Principal or a twin-hunt method until he has mastered the method of Plain Bob and has an appreciation of its importance in the fields of method construction, proof and composition. Plain Bob is the simplest possible method and it allows the learner relatively more time to listen to his striking and the general ringing rhythm.

To sum up, I think 'tied' bell instruction should be minimised; that choristers make no better ringers than people of the same calibre as myself, whose musical repertoire is limited to the National Anthem, 'Rule, Britannia' and 'Land of Hope and Glory,' all slightly off key; and that the Grandsire and Stedman fiends cause much bad striking by the learner, who is worrying whether to go in quick, in slow, in the hunt or in the local.—Yours etc.,

MICHAEL HATCHETT.

Rickmansworth.

PEAL RINGERS AND SUNDAY SERVICE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I, for one, entirely agree with Mr. Ring ('Ringing World,' November 7th). Why draw a distinction between service ringers and peal ringers? It's a distinction without a difference. All peal ringers in the Essex Association are service ringers and in some cases leaders of their own band.

One very useful purpose served in peal ringing is the experience gained in the way of confidence and better striking by the beginner in his or her early peals which cannot be obtained in any other way.

The publication of peals and their compositions and new methods makes interesting copy for our periodical; without such it would have a precarious existence.—Yours sincerely,

LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

Braintree.

'SERVICE RINGERS OR SELFISH PEAL RINGERS?'

Dear Sir,—I have no doubt what the thoughts of our Mr. William Ring are, although I do not know whether he is a 'ring' on his own or not, for he appears to support the peal ringer yet mentions the word selfish towards him, so where are we — service ringers, selfish peal grabbers or he?

I suggest to him, so as to satisfy and defend himself, that he takes a scrutiny of the 22 peals which were rung in or above Major in which approximately 177 ringers took part, published in the same issue as his letter, and find out how many of those 177 ringers rang in Major or above for the morning service at their own recognised church.—Yours, etc.,

J. BURGESS.

Friezland.

THE GUIDE — AN APOLOGY

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me to make a very humble apology to Mr. Dove re my reference to Wetheringsett being quoted as six. I had to make a last-minute change in our programme and hurriedly scanned 'Dove's' for details, like as not without my spectacles and read six for five. I regret any embarrassment I may have caused.

I have, however, discovered an omission and, rather than put my foot in it again, made a second and thorough investigation on Nov. 8th.

The church at Shimpling, Suffolk, contains a ring of five not mentioned in the Guide; 1-2-3-4 are by Thomas Newman 1735, tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in A by Mears 1843. They were apparently rehung on the addition of the tenor and they appear to have had very little ringing done on them. The balls of the clappers are well worn on one side due to chiming, the other side is as round as new as the bells on that side are hardly worked. Two wheels are broken, three intact. I think they could be rung if the wheels were made good.

The bells would be very noisy if rung from a floor just below. If rung on the ground there would have been approximately 25 ft. of rope without guide. There's no sign of guide fixings; maybe this accounts for their disuse.

The church stands well back from the road and remote from the parish it serves.

ARCH A. FITCH.

Sudbury, Suffolk.

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LETTERS—Continued

UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—There have been a number of letters quite recently on unringable bells in various parts of the country, but has anyone stopped to think why these bells have been classed as unringable in the first place?

In some cases where cracks have suddenly appeared in the tower or the bells are going really badly and in need or rehanging the reports are genuine, but in many other cases it is neglect, not only by the vicar and churchwardens but also by the ringers in the surrounding area.

I feel that if our forefathers had bothered a little more about the bells in the churches in their neighbourhood many of these rings of bells could be rung to-day instead of being in their present state of neglect.

Surely it is the business of the district secretary to make inquiries about these towers and to try and make periodical visits every five years or so if only after a meeting at a nearby tower.

Even to-day towers after a few years' silence are gaining the reputation of being unringable. A recent case of this was at Beedon, Berks, where the local captain had spent many hours caring for the bells. He has now been dead eight years, since which the bells had not been rung until a month ago when local ringers paid a visit and found them as good as ever.

The same thing applied at Farnborough, Berks, well off the beaten track, and the Oxford Guild Report gives Midgham as unringable, although I am informed by the district secretary that a local ladies' band ring them twice on Sundays.

But the strangest experience that I have had with unringable bells is at Chute Forest, an isolated tower in Wiltshire. Here there is a modern ring of six bells by Mears and Stainbank, which I am informed by the Vicar were installed when the church was built, this being less than 70 years old. The tenor bell here is 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb., and the Vicar is positive that the bells have never been rung as a chiming apparatus was installed with the bells, the pulleys for this being fixed over the holes in the ringing chamber ceiling.

The woodwork and wheels are still as new, but there is the usual amount of twigs, the belfry floor being about a foot deep. The fate of the church is in the balance, the Vicar wishing to have it pulled down and sell the bells, whilst the villagers are fighting to keep their church. Our visit was only the second to the belfry during the present Vicar's incumbency. If the church is to remain, a complete restoration of the roof costing £2,000 is required—an impossible sum for such a small community. However, it is hoped we can ring the bells before their removal.

One wonders what the local ringers of those days were thinking of allowing bells to be hung for ringing without visiting or trying them. Can anyone dispute the Vicar's statement?

It is only since Mr. Dove had his excellent Guide printed that ringers realise that there are bells in some of these churches, and I think the tower grabbers are doing more than anybody to keep these bells ringing, if only on very rare occasions.

I therefore appeal to district secretaries to keep the bells in their area ringing. It rests with the individual ringer as to how long a ring of bells will stay silent before they qualify as being unringable.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On Nov. 9th, at the Bell Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the back eight): W. Pomeroy 1, M. G. Selby 2, Miss B. M. Smith 3, R. W. Selby 4, Rev. A. Webb 5, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 6, G. J. Hemming 7, G. R. J. Hemming (first quarter, aged 16) 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WIVELISCOMBE TENOR'S WEIGHT

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent's query regarding the weight of Wiveliscombe tenor, I quote the following from an old book based on the history of 'Wifela's Combe' (and going back to the 12th century) published by Barnicott and Pearce, The Wessex Press, 1911, and edited by F. Hancock, Vicar of Dunster and Prebendary of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, Wells:—

'No. 8. Tenor (weight 23¼ cwt.). "By Winter's gift I measure time for all; to mirth, to grief, to church service to call." Robt. Winter of Bishop's Lydeard, Esq., donor. John Tyler and J. C. Timewell, Churchwardens. W. A. and D. C. T. Pannell, Cullompton, 1829.'

If 'Correspondent' would like to 'turn it in' we shall be pleased to meet him (or her) on any practice night (Thursdays) at 7.30.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM NURCOMBE.

Wiveliscombe.

We Had The Kitty!

After an enjoyable ringing meeting held at Great Budworth, Cheshire, on November 8th, several of the ringers, together with wives, visited the local hostelry. Ten o'clock came all too soon and 'time' was called. All the 'kitty' had been used with the exception of a small amount of 4s., and our correspondent adds he was instructed to send this amount to 'The Ringing World' and give it the nom-de-plume 'Great Budworth Kitty.'

Our correspondent's footnote reads: 'The company consisted of 14 ringers and four wives. All the 14 ringers take "The Ringing World." If we had more 100 per cent. gatherings our problems would be solved.'

CORRECTIONS FOR NEXT EDITION OF GUIDE

Dear Sir,—'A Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain' is unfortunately incorrect in several instances besides that of Heydon, Cambs.

(1) The weight of the tenor at Gretton, Northants, is stated to be 9¼ cwt. I have a letter from Messrs. John Taylor and Co. written several years ago, giving its weight as 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.—rehung by them in 1924.

(2) Whiston, Northants, is stated to be 14¼ cwt. About 1931 Messrs. John Taylor and Co. gave me its weight as 15 cwt. 4 lb.—rehung by them in 1896. This weight is clearly stated on a peal board recording a peal rung in 1936.

(3) Castle Ashby tenor is E flat—not E as given in 'Dove.'

(4) Adstone, Northants, has but one small bell in a west-end gable (there's not a tower). The first Guide gives five bells, tenor 16 cwt.

(5) Nussington, Northants. This tenor is 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., and the weight is clearly printed in the belfry by the firm who last rehung these bells, which are a minor five. The tenor is not 11 cwt.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Bethersden, Kent, is a fairly small village and has a fine old church with six good bells. Last week when in the village I was talking of the bells to a lady and she said, 'We have no ringers here now.' I believe there are five or six peal ringers in this village and maybe a few call change ringers, and yet Sunday service ringing is by arrangement. I am not an anti-pealer but a service ringer of many years.—Yours faithfully,

REG PELLETT.

Woodchurch, Kent.

NEWS FROM VICTORIA

Ever since an attempt for Major at Ballaarat in March of this year came to grief our appetites have been whetted to score a peal on this noble octave (cast in 1867 by Mears and Stainbank). But on September 27th, armed with spanners, ropes and oilcans, reminiscent of 'Great Adventure days,' we doctored the notorious 7-8 of the City Hall ring and were lucky this time. A very good peal of Bob Major came round in 3 hours 17 minutes.

As can be imagined, there was much rejoicing after the attempt and the party were royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Heyes (parents of Graeme W.) in Ballaarat City—thus Eureka Stockade was again fought and won! The band would like to associate this peal with Mrs. Richardson, of Lincoln, and Charles Sharples, of Lancashire, together with Frank Oakshott, of Leatherhead, who was in the March attempt.

Bells are pitifully scarce in Victoria, and it has saddened many hearts that the octave in the magnificent R.C. Cathedral of St. Patrick in Melbourne has been in very poor repair. Led by Peter Richards (late of Hamilton, N.Z., and still later of Tunstall, Kent), Ken Minchinton, Diana and George Pipe have put in many hours' work up in the bell chamber and belfry. They were made pealable a month or so ago, but an attempt was stopped after 1 hour due to a cathedral service. As a gesture the St. Paul's Cathedral Society offered to ring the bells muffled for His late Holiness Pope Pius XII on October 10th, and were asked by the authorities to attempt a peal. Thus the first 5,000 ever was brought round on this rather unmelodious but unique octave, cast in 1851 by Murphy, of Dublin—a space of 107 years. The press made much ado of this and recordings were taken of the ringing.

The idea then occurred to us (hardly peal-grabbers!) that we might be able to attempt at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral a peal within the following fortnight to complete the three ringable towers in Victoria for peals in the month. Luck was against us—a great disappointment—but we lost Stedman after about 1 hour. However, we rounded of proceedings with a non-conducted quarter of Stedman Doubles on the 'pretty six' (1, 2, 3, 6, 8 and 10) of the back ten, which readers can imagine would sound splendid with a 31¼ cwt. tenor. PILGRIM.

P.S.—Rouse up, chaps! You who are thinking of making Great Adventure II. We're looking forward to making you very, very welcome here in Melbourne, and indeed all over Australia—the lure of another 12, too!—P.

A REVIVAL AT STAINES

St. Peter's Guild of Change Ringers, Staines, was revived after being in abeyance since 1935 at a meeting on November 10th, presided over by the Rev. R. W. Carter, Vicar. Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Ronald I. Shepherd; secretary and treasurer, John L. Taylor; steeplekeeper, Gordon Walmsley; chairman, Miss Jenny Tydeman. A tower and belfry improvement fund has been opened, and fund-raising activities proposed include a jumble sale in the New Year.

Arrangements have also been made with the Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe (Vicar of St. Mary's, Staines) for regular practices on Mondays from December 1st onwards. With the exception of peal ringing by visiting bands, this tower has been virtually silent since the war, and although there are no regular service ringers attached to the church as yet, it is hoped that with the assistance of St. Peter's Guild and members of the S.W. District of the Middlesex Association a regular service band can be built up.

WALTHAM ABBEY JOINT MEETING

Welcome autumn sunshine and the beautiful old Abbey, with its lovely ring of 12, made a fine setting for the joint meeting of the Essex Association (S.W.) and Middlesex Association (N. and E.) held at Waltham Abbey on November 8th. Such meetings are now annual events shared by many Associations. A company of 100 were reminded that the Abbey was the venue chosen for the first-ever joint meeting of any Associations when these two companies held such a meeting way back in 1920. The back-room boys responsible for that event were 'Bill' Hewett and the late 'Ernie' Butler, who shared a city office.

At 3 p.m. a full company set a high standard with a course of Grandsire Cinques, and it was pleasing to note that throughout the day methods from Caters to Maximus made pleasant listening.

Canon A. V. G. Cleall was very sincere in his welcome to a large congregation, and his address was delivered in his usual forthright and inspiring manner. He revealed his love of the Abbey bells and recognition of their service to the church.

The sight of everyone enjoying a sumptuous tea paid great tribute to the work and organisation of the local ladies, led by 'Auntie Grace' (not half of the company had notified their intention to attend). It also confirmed that ringers' wives and mothers do secretly love to play their part in our meetings.

The respective Masters—Mr. J. Crampion and Mr. G. Hart—paid tribute and thanks to Canon Cleall and all who had contributed to making the meeting so pleasant and successful.

In the hush of eventide when numbers had dwindled the meeting was closed, and the full beauty of the back eight was heard in a touch of Spliced Surprise, which was obviously enjoyed both by those listening and those fortunate enough to take part. C. E. W.

JOINT MEETING AT SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD

Between 60 and 70 ringers, representing 28 towers, attended the joint meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association and the Mansfield Branch of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Sutton-in-Ashfield on October 18th.

Ringing commenced at 3.15 p.m. and continued until 5 p.m., when an excellent tea was had in the Rectory, kindly provided by the local ladies.

After tea, Mr. T. Radford, a vice-president of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, gave a very warm welcome to all present and said that the meeting had enabled him to renew some old friendships. Mr. S. Fossey, chairman of the Mansfield District, replied to this welcome and expressed the hope that the two Associations would continue working together. He also moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing the tea. Mr. B. A. Sollis, on behalf of the local ringers, said that they had enjoyed entertaining everyone.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Greasley on December 27th as a joint meeting with the Society of Sherwood Youths.

Four new members were elected; they were Mr. C. Hodgkinson, Mr. R. Pedley and Miss S. Fitzpatrick, of Greasley, and Mr. W. Iball, of Mansfield.

The bell fund collection realised £1 1s. 6d. Mr. H. T. Rooke proposed and Mr. G. Challans seconded that this sum be divded equally between the two Associations: this was carried unanimously.

Methods rung during the day included rounds and call-changes for the beginners, Grandsire Doubles, London Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. D. H. R.

ROPE MAKING FOR BRISTOL CATHEDRAL'S BELLS



The bells of Bristol Cathedral are to ring out again. Not the original bells, which remain relatively unused through risk of damage to the central tower, but the bells of ancient Temple Church, burnt out in the blitz. These have been retuned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough and rehung in the north-west tower of the Cathedral.

The new bell ropes have been presented by Joseph Bryant, Ltd., makers of 'Poulard' church bell ropes. The Dean of Bristol, the Very Rev. Douglas Harrison, expressed his interest in seeing them made, and our photograph, reproduced by courtesy of the 'Bristol Evening Post,' shows him watching the final stage in the making of the set of eight ropes with which the bells will be rung again after a lapse of many years.

The sally of the tenor rope is being given a final trim by the foreman ropemaker, Mr. George Woodman, who takes a personal pride in seeing that every rope is as perfect as can be made. A touch of interest is added by the fact that Mr. John Bryant, shown standing in the foreground, is the eighth generation of this well-known Bristol family of ropemakers.

JOINT MEETING AT GREENWICH

The combined meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association and the Northern District of the Surrey Association held at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, was a very happy occasion. In a church beautifully decorated for the harvest festival, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Higgins) conducted the service, and the young ladies of the local band, assisted by Mrs. Dafters and Mrs. Jones, of Lewisham, prepared a most satisfying tea for the company of 50 present. A cordial welcome to Surrey friends was offered by Mr. J. Dafters.

NORTHAW RINGER SHIPWRECKED

Mr. John Beale, Second Officer of the 5,000-ton freighter, 'Forresbank,' whose home tower is Northaw, Beds, was in the tragedy when the 'Forresbank' was destroyed by fire off the South African coast.

On Sunday, November 2nd, John took part in the ringing at St. Mary's, Woodstock, and he was able to join the band again for practice on the following Tuesday and demonstrated he had not lost his interest and skill in ringing although he had been away from home for over a year. The following day he had lunch with Mr. V. Sheppard and sailed for Durban an hour later.

Four days later the news was received on the mid-day radio at Cape Town '"Forresbank" abandoned and on fire.' It was subsequently learned that the crew had taken to the boats, and were picked up by the 'City of York' and were safe in Durban. The hull is on the rocks, having burned fiercely, and salvage is out of the question.

Mr. Cyril Chambers, the well-known Durban ringer, contacted Mr. Beale, and the news he gives is that the crew had lost all their possessions. They expected to be in Durban for two weeks.

TO HAMPSHIRE FROM HERTFORDSHIRE

On Saturday, November 1st, a small party of ringers left St. Albans for a tour of Hampshire and Berkshire. For the first ring of the day we were joined by two Ashtead ringers, and with our numbers increased to eight had a very enjoyable ring at Arborfield. We were warmly welcomed by members of the local band, two of whom joined us for the rest of the tour. The next tower was Heckfield (5). The tenor has been reported to weigh from 15 to 20 cwt.; we will only confirm that it took some expert muscle-work to turn it in to Grandsire Doubles. We enjoyed ringing there, however, and appreciated the welcome.

After an excellent lunch we moved to Strathfieldsaye, another five, hung in a dome. After a head-first entry into the belfry by means of a ladder and trap door, we managed to light the oil lamp and find the dark rope circle. We were surprised at the excellent 'go' of the bells.

As we had a little time in hand, a visit to the local Roman remains at Silchester was suggested. The Vicar was very co-operative and allowed us to ring on the light five (tenor 6 cwt.) in the church nearby. The next call was the highlight of the day—the well-kept eight at Bramley. Another five at Swallowfield concluded the ringing.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains who made possible a most enjoyable day. C. C.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's monthly meeting on November 8th at Wath-on-Dearne was attended by representatives from 14 towers. Presiding at the business meeting, the Rev. J. H. Oxer gave the Society a hearty welcome. The next meeting will be a special one—the first visit to Wakefield Cathedral, with Sandal bells from 2.30-4 p.m., tea in Brook Street School, Wakefield and the Cathedral bells at 5.30. Paul Thompson, of Hoyland Common, was elected a new member. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. John S. Seager, who mentioned specially Miss Vera Parish and the local company for the arrangements and the ladies responsible for the tea.

Mr. Harold Chant said 1959 would be the Society's jubilee year and he had tried to put together the history of the Society. (We hope to publish extracts from this in 'The Ringing World.'—Editor.)

A WEEK IN LINCOLNSHIRE

IT was a fine Sunday afternoon when four young ringers from Mid-Essex were joined by one from Kent at Chelmsford railway station on August 31st, all set for a week's ringing in Lincolnshire. The transport was a Vauxhall Victor hired for the week, with the wheel in the capable hands of Dick Harrison, of Broomfield, the rest of the band at that stage being Ivan Saunders (Danbury, the organiser of the tour), Bert Brinkley (Springfield), Ian Oram (Chislehurst) and Tom Roast (Danbury). At Colchester we picked up Philip Erith, of Ardleigh, who completed the band.

Our first tower was at Chatteris, where we rang for evening service. North again via Peterborough to Market Deeping, just over the border in Lincolnshire. Eventually we arrived at the Queen Hotel, Lincoln, at 9.30 p.m., which was to be our headquarters for the remainder of the week.

Ringing began on Monday at Branston, where we were met by Mr. John Cook. A bell-rope had now been strapped over the bonnet of the car with the sally across the radiator as our mascot. On to Dunston, our first five, where the Vicar provided refreshment. Martin, Timberland and Ruskington followed; at the last-named the ropes hang in two parallel rows of three. After lunch at Sleaford came Silk Willoughby, Folkingham with its noble tower, and the leaning tower at Horbling, where Philip was presented with the tenor to ring at his 100th tower. After an early tea at Donington we were ringing Little Bob at Wigtoft, and another chancel ring at Algarkirk, an anti-clockwise six. At Frampton we were met by the local ringers and a course of Cambridge was rung. On to Tattershall, Wellingore and Navenby, where the incumbent met us in each case.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE.

Tuesday we headed north to Saxilby for our first tower, and then to the fine Norman church at Stow. On to Willingham, Upton and Lea to be met by Mr. G. Lunn, the local District secretary. After lunch in Gainsborough we crossed the border into Nottinghamshire to ring at North Wheatley, where the bells have recently been in the hands of the founders. Back into Lincolnshire to Corringham, Blyton and Messingham, where we were met by the Rev. Michael Freeman who rang with us, before going on to Appleby (probably the worst six of the week). At Winterton the local captain met us, and with him we rang a touch of Cambridge.

Tea was in Barton-on-Humber before going to Thornton Curtis, where entry to the belfry is over a coke heap. At Elsham a new method was discovered—Bastow Little Court—which became popular later in the week. On leaving Elsham we failed to conquer a hill, but eventually arrived at Brigg for a course of Single Court. The sexton at Broughton had gone out with the belfry key and so we made our way to Kirton-in-Lindsey, only to find a choir practice on; but soon the west-end was competing with the east-end in a course of Bastow.

Wednesday dawned sunny and remained so all day. Bardney started the day, followed by the excellent six at Horncastle, West Keal, East Keal and its fine Early English tower, and Stickney. The fifth at West Keal was so slow that one could set it up before hearing it speak. Lunch was at Boston, where Dick excelled himself by reversing into a narrow parking place in the crowded market place.

A WELL EFFECT

After lunch we visited Fishtoft, Freiston, Bennington and Old Leake. At Wrangle we were told that at our next tower, Friskney, the bells were almost unringable; but on arrival found that apart from descending six steps to the belfry, which gives the effect of ringing in a well, and the walls green with damp, the 'go' of the bells was quite good. Here we introduced Forward into our method repertoire. On to Wainfleet's very pleasant six, and after tea to Halton Holgate, where Dick, eager to ring the tenor at his 200th tower, found that a previous band had broken the tenor rope, but made up for it with a run of 75 m.p.h. along a disused air strip to Candlesby, with its miniature five in a miniature church. Willoughby followed, and finally to Alford, to be met by the local ringers and to end the day on this excellent six.

(To be continued)

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Branch held its autumn meeting at Pakefield on October 11th. Fine weather greeted ringers and friends to this extremely eastern tower and the eight bells were soon ringing to a variety of methods under the capable guidance of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. E. T. Chapman).

The choral service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle, who incidentally is also Vicar-elect of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, to which church he will be inducted early in the New Year.

The short business meeting was presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, who was supported by the association president, Mr. F. Nolan Golden, and other officers. Two new members were elected, viz., Rev. G. C. Galley, newly-appointed curate at Great Yarmouth, and Mr. P. M. Shipley, a probationer, of Kessingland. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 6th at Acle.

The branch chairman welcomed Mr. W. B. Duncan 'back to the fold'—he has recently retired to live at Gorleston—and congratulated him on attaining 50 years' membership of the Association.

Mr. Ben Thompson presented to Mr. Golden a copy of Shipway's 'Campanologia,' dated 1816, for inclusion in the Association's library. On behalf of the Association, Mr. Golden suitably thanked Mr. Thompson.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, organist, also to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kindred and the lady helpers for the magnificent tea which has become part of the Pakefield welcome.

HARLINGTON LEG OF PORK SUPPER

The traditional leg of pork supper was held this year again at the Red Leaf Restaurant, Hayes. The ringers of Harlington rang at 7 a.m. and at 7 p.m. in accordance with the will of the donor in the year 1605. This dinner has always been held, as the will reads, on November 5th.

The Rev. A. F. Morgan presided at the supper. With him was Major L. F. Ellis, Rector's warden, with a company of 35 ringers and visitors. Mr. L. Grice, captain of the Harlington ringers, said he was pleased to have in the company Mr. W. A. Coles (vice-president of the Middlesex County Association), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. G. Bannister (captain of Hillingdon), Mr. M. J. Palmer and Mr. C. A. Ashpool. During the evening handbells were put to good use.

Mr. Grice said that he was pleased with the ringing at Harlington during the last year. Harlington had always been a call change tower but he now had an enthusiastic band ringing methods who hoped to advance. Practice nights were well attended.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. C. Case 1, L. Smith 2, W. F. Eyden 3, J. Linnell 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM GAYES

The death of William Gayes on October 28th, at the age of 85, took from the Macclesfield area one of the real old timers, who was known as 'Old Bill.'

He started to ring at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, in 1890, and during the 1890's was one of the band who developed change ringing in the town. He maintained his interest until 1914, when he was called up to serve with His Majesty's Forces. Coming home, he did not go back to the tower, but kept in touch through W. Matthew, who worked next door to the blacksmith's shop where William Gayes was employed.

In 1927 Christ Church tower was in danger of having a chiming apparatus fitted. Mr. Gayes was approached and agreed to take over the tower. There were then only four ringers left, but a full band was trained. From the small beginning of a peal of Grandsire Doubles in June, 1929, has been developed a band ringing Stedman and Cambridge regularly for Sunday service. Of the original four ringers, Messrs. John Worth and Wilfred Stevenson went on to ring hundreds of peals and long lengths of Bristol and Cambridge. Of the band which rang the peal on November 3rd no less than nine were taught by him. He had not done any regular ringing for about five years, but whenever there was a peal on at Christ Church he was always walking round the church listening.

As the Rev. S. May said during the funeral service in church: 'Well done, Old Bill, for a good and useful life.'

MR. WALTER LITTLE

Mr. Walter Little, who died on November 5th at his home, The Ford, Great Dunmow, Essex, aged 74, had a commendable record as a Sunday service ringer. He had suffered from an internal complaint for a long time.

He started his ringing career at Great Dunmow in 1903 when he assisted to form a change ringing band. Upon moving to Stebbing he became a keen Sunday service ringer with the local company. His quiet and unassuming manner endeared him to all who knew him.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's, Stebbing, on November 10th, the Vicar, the Rev. F. Boykett, officiating. Many friends attended. Dr. L. Castleden and Mr. H. W. Smith represented Great Dunmow and Mr. H. W. Moore represented Bocking. He leaves a widow and a large family, several of whom have learned to ring. His son, Alfred, is the present captain of the Stebbing tower.

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ST. PETER'S, STAINES (8). Regular practice Tuesdays commencing Dec. 2nd, 7.30 to 9 p.m. tower bells; 9 to 10 p.m. handbells. 3365

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice has now resumed on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. at Stebbing. All visitors will be made welcome. 3373

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter's, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 3344

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3389

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3340

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Epping Upland (6) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 3329

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Swindon Village (5), Saturday, Nov. 22nd, 6 to 9 p.m. A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), Saturday, Dec. 13th.—Mary Bliss. 3375

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, North Mymms, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Bells (8), Service and tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3348

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at Clifton. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Mayes, 75, Broad Street, Clifton, Beds. — Anne E. Amor. 3335

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Please note change of date. Bells 3 p.m. 3325

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, Chislehurst, Annunciation, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Bromley Parish Church, 4 to 5 p.m. and after tea. 3381

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined evening practice at Reigate (10) on Tuesday, Nov. 25th. Bells 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 3362

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Practice, Desborough (8), Friday evening, Nov. 28th. Bells recently retuned and rehung. Visitors welcome.—S. R. Collins. 3374

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage (6), Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3384

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Campsall, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, near Askern, Doncaster.—G. Watson, Hon. Sec. 3386

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Annual meeting at Huntley (6) on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Canon J. G. Lister, Huntley Rectory. 3363

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Saturday, Nov. 29th, St. Werburgh's (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Annual meeting, Dec. 20th, St. Ambrose.—F. Hussey, Branch Sec. 3380

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey (12), on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Nov. 26th to The Sacristan, Tewkesbury Abbey. No notification, no tea.—G. H. Burrows, Branch Sec. 3385

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, Nov. 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. S. Petter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon. — C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3356

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 3391

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 29th at Bethnal Green. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. S. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex. Nearest station Bethnal Green, or 'bus from Liverpool Street to St. Matthew's Row. Gentlemen cordially invited. 3341

A NORTH HAMPSHIRE TOUR

Ringing at Sherborne St. John at 9 a.m. on November 1st, said the programme, and about a quarter of an hour late the first touch was on its way on the poor six in the tower with the green spire, reminiscent of Hertfordshire. The bells at Church Oakley were also of indifferent tone and produced peculiar rumblings for good measure. Our visit to Dean was most unsatisfactory, as several of the clappers were very stiff, especially that of the fourth, so that method ringing was pointless. A short drive brought us to the pretty village of Laverstoke, with St. Mary's tower housing a good Mears six (tenor 11 cwt.), and a course of London was rung.

The bells of Hurstbourne Priors had been thought to be unringable until recently, but we found their 'go' fair, the chief trouble being the tendency of the third to drop suddenly. Cambridge went quite well. Our final call before lunch was the excellent Taylor ring at Longparish (6, 7¼ cwt.), easily the best six of the day.

Two ex-R.A.F. members of the party, who were stationed at Middle Wallop, were able to satisfy long-standing ambitions to ring at Over Wallop on the odd-toned five. Prior to ringing at Goodworth Clatford we were invited to a cup of tea by the Vicar (the Rev. S. A. Gidlow). The bells at Abbot's Ann were muffled in memory of the late captain, Mr. Whimpey, but as three and four were muffled the wrong stroke, a most usual effect was produced. Another cup of tea awaited us after a pull at Amport—a chancel ring—thanks to the generosity of the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. H. Cholmeley).

Our arrival at Tangley was delayed by a herd of cows, but soon the merry five were away to Stedman. Mr. Webb welcomed us at East Woodhay, where the bells are of a pleasant tone but are very odd-struck and, being very quiet as well, are tricky to strike accurately. The only eight of the day followed. Highclere (tenor 11 cwt.): despite the fact that we were a mixed band our ringing was of a high standard and included a course of Bristol on this good octave. A pleasant drive through the nearby park brought us to Burghclere, where we were pleased that Mr. Gosling had a pull with us.

Our final tower, Sydmonton, was perhaps the main attraction of the day. Only within the past few months had the bells been rung for the first time for almost 70 years, and so we were wondering what the 'go' would be like. Before ringing, however, a most complicated chiming apparatus had to be disconnected and a new rope fitted to the third. Then, by torchlight, the bells were raised singly and some rounds attempted. These being successful, Bob Minor and Cambridge came round without much difficulty. The bells are a very pretty ring, and it is a pity they are so noisy in the ringing chamber.

So ended another enjoyable outing, and the thanks of the party are extended to all those who met us, particularly to the incumbents of Goodworth Clatford and Amport for their kind hospitality, and not least to Geoff Dodd for all his useful local information.

I. H. O.

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, please, to Mrs. Knight, 17, The Gattons, Burgess Hill.—D. Lester, Hon. Sec. 3367

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at St. Bartholomew's (6). Tea (free) 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. B. Cooper, 123, Plover Street, Bolton. Holy Trinity (8), evening only from approximately 6.15.—Thornley. 3364

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, South Shore, Blackpool, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner, Sec. 3370

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds, 16. 3343

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Anstey, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Nov. 26th, please, to Mr. R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, Leicester. 3387

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Algarkirk, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Nov. 24th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3382

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—General meeting, Marsham, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 2 p.m Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 25th, to Mr. H. Carter, Clovelly, Buxton Road, Aylsham. Presentation to the Rev. H. G. Lillingston after tea.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 3330

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY and SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Bulwell, Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea by Nov. 26th.—D. R. Taylor, Societies' Room, The University, Nottingham. 3372

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Olney, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea by Nov. 24th. —R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 3376

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Evening practice, Fulmer (6), Nov. 29th, 6 p.m.—W. Butler, Hon. Sec., Windsor 1484. 3590

PENN.—St. Bartholomew's Change-Ringers' Guild.—Advent Sunday, Nov. 30th. Special ringers' service, Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30 p.m., also after the service until approximately 8.45 p.m. Light refreshments. All welcome. 3349

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Kingsthorpe, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous to Mr. S. F. Earl, 42, Foxgrove Avenue, Kingsthorpe, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 3347

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Annual meeting at Bridport, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 3359

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Wilton, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at South Newton from 6 p.m. Names, please, by 25th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3338

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Advanced practice, St. John's, Crawley, Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Look up Rutland. 3354

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Mitcham, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Christ Church, Colliers Wood, bells 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Rooms after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath. Parish bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 3328

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 7 p.m. Licensed bar. Tickets now available from the secretary, price 12s. 6d. each. There will be a short Evensong at St. Lawrence's Church at 5.15 p.m.—P. Dickinson, Sec., Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, Hants. 3339

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Liss on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by 26th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 3379

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Milverton (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 3360

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual general meeting at Topsham, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 2nd to Mr. R. W. Berry, 45, Retreat Road, Topsham. 3326

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Banstead, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Lady Neville Pavilion, followed by business meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith. 3377

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 6th, at Magor. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Dec. 2nd.—J. S. King. 3358

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Acle, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, South Walsham Road, Acle, Great Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3388

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Fanmakers Hall 5 p.m. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, available after tea. 3378

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Bulwell. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 3383

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting at Woodbridge, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3371

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting at Redhill (8) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday Mr. A. Strecter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 3361

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 15s. 6d. each) still available from the undersigned. Numbers strictly limited, so apply now!—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3351

QUARTER PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Powdrill 1, Christine Wakefield 2, Rev. P. Blackman 3, Patricia A. Wardle 4, A. J. Poynor 5, T. I. Roper 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Martin 8. For Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 4th, at St. Saviour's Church, Oxton, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Eastwood 1, W. A. Boote 2, Mrs. A. J. Martin 3, Miss J. M. Richmond 4, W. A. D. Griffiths 5, A. Gorringe 6, A. J. Martin (cond.) 7, M. J. Begley 8. First quarter for 2 and 8. First of Triples for 1, 3, 4 and 5. Rung by members of the local band as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Gorringe on their golden wedding anniversary.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 360 Oxford, 180 Plain): Ruth H. Appleby (first quarter) 1, W. Lee 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, P. Wheatley 4, P. M. Dawson (first as cond.) 5, R. Waddington 6. Rung as part of the traditional 'Plot Night' ringing by members of the local band.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith 1, Jenifer George 2, D. Parker 3, N. Martin (cond.) 4, D. Manger 5, C. Rowe 6. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith 1, D. Manger 2, J. Pannell 3, N. Martin (cond.) 4, J. Parker 5, C. Rowe 6. A farewell to the Rector (the Rev. N. J. Woodhall), who becomes Rector of Basingstoke.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. P. Barton (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Harding (first quarter) 2, R. Keeley 3, T. A. Easterby 4, J. M. Lakin 5, D. Martin 6, M. Hawkes (first as cond. on eight) 7, H. D. Wilson (first on eight) 8.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Walklate 1, Miss P. Forster 2, Miss E. Foulk 3, S. Walklate 4, H. Letts 5, G. Freebrey (cond.) 6, F. R. Lowe 7, M. R. Bloor 8, B. P. Morris 9, F. Disney 10. Rung on the Festival of St. Leonard.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Kape 1, Miss J. Cooke 2, Miss H. Bonner 3, Mrs. E. Mead 4, R. E. Dean 5, E. D. Poole 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, M. Spracklen 8. For Evensong and All Saints.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Priestley 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss E. Hiley 4, F. Lewis 5, J. Martin (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob Minor 1 and 2. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Drury on their silver wedding anniversary.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Bond 1, D. Johnson 2, K. Kirk 3, J. Rank 4, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 5, J. Perrett 6. A farewell to the Rev. R. Foord on his retirement after 27 years as Vicar.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and April Day): G. A. Payne 1, Pauline F. Sprackling 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, F. E. Wood 4, P. D. Warren 5, E. W. Penn 6. First quarter in six methods by all the band.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 2nd, 1,280 London Surprise Major: R. K. Russ 1, Jennifer M. Davies (first in method) 2, A. Diserens 3, E. J. Munday 4, R. H. Begrie 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 7, N. J. Diserens 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Maddy (first quarter) 1, A. B. Skinner (first 'inside') 2, A. S. Richards 3, J. Faircloth 4, L. W. G. Skinner (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, M. S. Lancefield 3, L. C. Smith 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, L. T. Pope 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Seymour 1, G. Balls 2, E. Leggett (cond.) 3, F. Clarke 4, B. Gibbons 5, J. Leggett 6. First quarter on the bells by an all-resident company. A wedding compliment to Mr. A. Webb and Miss D Leggett, who were married at this church on All Saints' Day.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 699.)

There are 11 regular twin-hunt pure Triples methods, all of which have been rung to peals. These 11 methods have also been spliced together in one peal.

Grandsire Triples.—A peal board at St. Peter Mancroft records a peal rung on August 26th, 1718, and also refers to previous false peals. Grandsire Triples and Caters had been practised in London since 1684, and although the Norwich peal is the first known, it is extremely unlikely that it was the first rung. Grandsire has also been rung under the titles Hick, Hank and Garthon's Triples.

Double Grandsire Triples.—Peals of Double Triples were rung on November 17th, 1765, at Spitalfields, and on January 4th, 1766, at St. George's, Southwark, by the College Youths. These may have been Grandsire Double Triples, however, and not Double Grandsire Triples. Similarly, a peal at Richmond, Surrey, on January 4th, 1767, by the Richmond Society. The Society of All Saints' Youths rang a peal of Double Grandsire on December 31st, 1779, at Wakefield.

Reverse Grandsire Triples.—The peal at Hackney on March 9th, 1782, by the Cumberland Youths, was probably the first in the method.

Single Oxford Bob Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 14th, 1788, by the All Saints' Youths, under the title 'Wakefield Surprise Triples.' Also rung at Benenden, Kent, on March 7th, 1821, and at Horsham, Sussex, on February 7th, 1882.

Double Oxford Bob Triples.—5,040 at Chester on November 20th, 1908, by the Chester D.G.

Single Court Triples.—5,040 at Warnham on September 18th, 1886, by the Sussex C.A.

Double Court Triples.—5,040 at Christ Church, Ealing, on October 2nd, 1933, by the Middlesex C.A.

St. Clement's College Bob Triples.—5.040 at Chester on February 24th, 1911, by the Chester D.G.

College Triples.—5,040 at Chester on February 24th, 1911, by the Chester D.G.

London Bob Triples.—5,040 at Bridgend on March 5th, 1927, by the Llandaff and Monmouth D.A.

Hereward Bob Triples.—5,040 at Chester on October 5th, 1935, by the Chester D.G.

Spliced Two Triples.—5,040 at Bridgend on January 27th, 1926, by the Llandaff and Monmouth D.G. Grandsire and Single Oxford.

Spliced Four Triples.—5,040 at Hastings on March 13th, 1948, by the Sussex C.A. Two plus Double Court and St. Clement's.

Spliced Six Triples.—5,040 at Kingswinford, Staffordshire, on October 31st, 1953, by the Worcestershire Association. Four plus Double Grandsire and Hereward.

Spliced Eleven Triples.—5,040 at Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, on June 10th, 1954, by the Worcestershire Association. The first peal in all 11 regular twin-hunt Triples methods.

A few irregular twin-hunt Triples methods have been rung to peals.

New Grandsire Triples.—5,040 at Horsham on November 16th, 1777, by the Horsham Society.

Union Triples.—5,040 at St. Lawrence Jewry on February 17th, 1728, by the College Youths.

Double Union Triples.—5,040 at Leeds, Yorks, on March 1st, 1771, by the Leeds Society.

Darlaston Bob Triples.—5,040 at Darlaston on October 10th, 1891, by the Stafford Archdeaconry Society.

Spliced Grandsire and Union Triples.—5,040 at Bridgend on May 16th, 1925, by the Llandaff and Monmouth D.A.

Spliced Grandsire and New Grandsire.—5,040 at Eccleston on July 14th, 1932, by the Chester D.G.

Spliced St. Eltydd and Single Oxford.—5,040 at Bridgend on February 21st, 1934, by the Llandaff and Monmouth D.A.

The following three-lead course pure Triples methods have been rung to peals.

College Single Triples.—5,040 at St. Olave's, Southwark, on March 23rd, 1728, by the College Youths.

Fulham Triples.—5,040 at Harrietsham, Kent, on January 14th, 1749, by the Lenham Society.

St. Dunstan's Triples.—5,040 at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, on January 27th, 1728, by the College Youths.

Spliced Three Triples.—5,040 at Leeds, Yorks, on September 22nd, 1769, by the Leeds Society. College Single, Fulham and Single Oxford Bob Triples.

The following are irregular six-lead course methods which have been rung to peals.

Plain Bob Triples.—5,040 at St. Sepulchre's, London, on January 17th, 1690, by the College Youths (A.S.C.Y. Records). 5,040 at St. Peter Mancroft on May 2nd, 1715, by the Norwich Scholars (peal board). See page 253.

St. Simon's College Bob Triples.—5.040 at St. Bride's on April 12th, 1732, by the College Youths.

Middlesex Triples.—5,040 at Twickenham on January 21st, 1733, by the Twickenham Scholars.

Cumberland Imperial Place Triples.—5,040 at Hackney on February 17th, 1801, by the Cumberland Youths.

Oxford T.B. Triples.—5,040 at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821, by the Huddersfield Society.

Kent T.B. Triples.—5,040 at Liversedge on November 5th, 1842, by the Liversedge Society.

Kent and Oxford T.B. Triples.—5,040 at Shifnal on January 23rd, 1844, by the Shifnal Albion Society.

Canterbury Pleasure Triples.—5,040 at Warnham on February 3rd, 1887, by the Sussex County Association.

The following regular six-lead plain methods have been rung to peals.

New Bob Triples.—5,040 at Shoreditch on March 28th, 1750, by the Cumberland Youths.

Penning's Bob Triples.—5,040 at Stansted on April 13th, 1907, by the Essex Association.

Stansted Bob Triples.—5,040 at Stansted on October 26th, 1907, by the Essex Association.

Waterloo College Bob Triples.—5,040 at St. Giles', Norwich, on January 14th, 1953, by the Norwich D.A.

St. Edmundsbury College Bob Triples.—5,040 at Hethersett on February 4th, 1953, by the Norwich D.A.

Carshalton Bob Triples.—5,040 at Salle on February 11th, 1953, by the Norwich D.A.

Hawkhurst Bob Triples.—5,040 at Aldermaston on November 15th, 1955, by the Oxford D.G.

Mulbarton Imperial Bob Triples.—5,040 at Hethersett on December 12th, 1956, by the Norwich D.A.

St. Stephen's Imperial Bob Triples.—5,040 at Hingham on January 16th, 1957, by the Norwich D.A.

Paston Imperial College Bob Triples.—5,040 at Hingham on May 29th, 1957, by the Norwich D.A.

The figures of the following methods are not known. In some cases they may have been local names for standard methods.

Richmond Triples.—5,040 at Richmond, Surrey, on March 10th, 1742.

Royal Triples.—5,040 at Dover on November 11th, 1750.

London Union Triples.—5,040 at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on December 28th, 1782.

Wakefield Pleasure Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on February 15th, 1756.

Vauxhall Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on September 23rd, 1761.

Merry Wakefield Delight Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on December 25th, 1762.

Wakefield Royal Bob Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 14th, 1763.

Wakefield Evening Delight Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 14th, 1763.

Barnsley Evening's Pleasure Triples.—5,040 at Barnsley on February 23rd, 1773.

Wakefield Delight T.B. Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 14th, 1788.

Coronation Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on September 20th, 1805.

Morning Pleasure Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on January 1st, 1789.

Sheffield Triples.—5,040 at Rotherham in April, 1782.

Wakefield Royal Double Bob Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on January 29th, 1771.

Five Shillings to Drink Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on January 15th, 1789.

Wakefield Surprise Triples.—See Single Oxford Bob Triples above.

Royal Union or Crown Bob Triples.—Spliced College Single, Fulham and Single Oxford Bob Triples, see above.

(To be continued)

OUR BELLS

Handed to a ringer at St. James' Church, Grimsby, after a particularly unsuccessful practice.

The citizens take their nightly walk
In our tree-lined avenues,
Perhaps to spoon or maybe talk
About the latest news.

They listen enthralled to the song of a bird,
The girls are misty eyed;
'Tis the sweetest music ever heard
From one of the feathered tribe.

Alas! Alack!! 'Twill end too soon,
The bird will desert his perch,
When furtive figures are seen to loom
Converging on our church.

Silence falls o'er this old town
Of grime and fishy smells,
As word is passed with many a frown
'''Tis Practice Night at the Bells.'

Hark to the sound of scurrying feet,
They are rushing helter skelter.
Our brave policemen keep to their beat,
But the population take shelter.

The cause of this is plain to see,
Should you care to climb the tower;
But take a warning, friend, from me,
Be prepared to meet a shower.

You enter quietly, take a seat,
No doubt 'twill take some believing,
But really, friend, you're in for a treat
When this flipping lot get weaving.

You sit in a daze, your tongue is tied,
Your senses are dulled with fear.
There's no mistake you have qualified
For the 'Bravest Deed of the Year.'

Away, brave friend, before 'tis too late,
As far as you can away from it.
Away, brave friend, from that tower of hate,
Book a seat in the 'Jet Propelled Comet.'

Peace descends, the practice is o'er,
The police are calling 'All Clear.'
At every window, at every door,
Terror-struck faces begin to appear.

Our feathered friend with throat so sore
Tries to trill his beautiful call,
But bless my soul he is beaten once more
By the din from 'The Hole in the Wall.'

You culprits eight, take heed I say,
Next time your skill you try,
I beg of you, I beg, I pray,
Spare a thought for the passer-by.

5,088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

By STEPHEN IVIN

23456	M	B	W	H
45236			—	—
25346	—	X		—
32546	—	X	—	—
52436	—	X		—
35426			—	
24653	—		—	
56342	—		—	
23645	—			—

Repeat twice.

First rung at Daventry July 5th, 1958.

5,088 CHELSEA SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	B	W	M	H
42356				—
63254			—	—
25634		—		—
32546	X			2
36524		—	—	2
23645	X			2

Two times repeated.

First rung at Willesden, October 30th, 1958, conducted by the composer. The composition is also suitable for Ashtead.

BOW, E.—On Oct. 26th, 1,280 Spliced Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. Hutton 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, S. Penfold 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, J. Fowler 5, M. Bland 6, T. East 7, L. S. Woods 8.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, S. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon Place. Place Bob, Grandsire, Plain Bob): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, C. Gammon 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

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OUR FIRST RINGERS' MEETING

ON November 1st, All Saints' Day, my wife Joan and I attended our first ringers' meeting. Being complete novices in the art of change-ringing (we are struggling with what, to us, are the intricacies of Grandsire Doubles), we did not quite know how we should fare in the company of 20 or so proficient ringers.

Our first surprise on opening the church door was the sight of George. George has visited our tower occasionally to assist our two patient instructors. Generally he has been garbed in an old sweater over an open-necked shirt and baggy trousers. On this occasion George's six feet three inches were immaculate in a well-cut suit with knife-edge creases, snow-white shirt, and restrained tie. Obviously, we thought, a monthly meeting is some occasion! We were quite right, and our first has left its impressions.

Perhaps the chief of these was that of Charlie, who regularly week by week, aided by Harry, the Guild secretary, comes and patiently (usually) teaches us. Often on practice night have our clashes and faulty striking made him wince and groan. But on this occasion we saw him absolutely, wholly, completely and utterly in his element, his face flushed with pleasure, as he called several touches of really well-struck Stedman with some of the good ringers. If anyone lives for bell-ringing it is Charlie, and we can never thank him enough for coming each week to instruct us, especially as we are not very promising material.

Then there was Harry, who travels about a dozen miles to get to our tower on practice nights, where we see him as a rather quiet but very helpful assistant to Charlie. On the occasion of the meeting we saw him for the first time in action. Unobtrusively, but very efficiently, he guided the meeting on an even keel. Rounds for beginners, something spliced for the experts, the Vicar thanked and put in the picture as regards the service, a touch of 120 Grandsire for novices like Joan and I, the president of the Guild welcomed, six for Bob Minor—Harry managed it all.

On the arrival of the president, who to us was just another ringer, a voice hissed in our ears: 'Here is the president!' The words were said with such respect that Joan felt she ought to curtsey, and I had a ridiculous impulse to grab a bell-rope and ring wildly, for just at that moment no one was ringing and Harry was organising ringers for rounds. It seemed all wrong that the president should walk into church and find a silent tower.

George is a man of parts. This was brought home to us at the meeting, for his rather sleepy expression completely belies a very active brain, a fact we speedily realised as we saw him ably conducting a most joyous ring in several complicated methods. Then, too, surprise of surprises, he turned organist for the service, playing with feeling and expression.

The service was one which left a definite impression. The whole company sitting at the front of the church, the words of the hymns (new to us) set to familiar tunes, the prayers, and the Ringers' Prayer in particular, and by no means least, the Vicar's talk, so well chosen for the day.

As tea was in the village hall, a furlong distant, and the bells were up, it was decided to lock the church. Joyce, one of our band, pushed the huge key into the lock and there it wedged itself. Not one of us could either tease it out, or coax it to turn. So the Vicar stayed on guard, to be relieved in due course by the verger who, during his spell on duty managed, by some process known only to himself, to extract the key from the lock; thus all was well.

Although we knew the members of our own band, and Sydney and Tony from a neighbouring tower, there were inevitably many whom we had not seen before, who yet left their mark. The tall man who helped his even taller young son in one or two touches; the young married couple who rang together and looked as if they had always done so; the girl in the black frock whose expression when ringing was so completely composed that one thought nothing could ever ruffle her calm; and the two 12-year-olds who were both so shy of ringing before so many, and yet who managed so well.

These impressions, and many more, contribute to our happy memory of our first ringers' meeting, which has left us with only one regret. Why, oh why, did we not take up bell-ringing 20 years ago, when in our 'teens?

JOAN AND TERRY ROBERTS.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Mrs. T. J. Lock	*Treble*	Thomas J. Southam	7
G. William Critchley	2	John R. Mayne	8
Patricia M. Bourn	3	Leslie Boumphrey	9
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Frederick E. Collins	10
Leslie W. G. Morris	5	Edward P. Duffield	11
Thomas J. Lock	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

TEN BELL PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Elizabeth M. Yardley	*Treble*	Bryan D. A. Woolley	6
Arthur V. Pearson	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
Muriel Reay	3	John Pinfold	8
Clive M. Smith	4	Norman J. Goodman	9
Frank E. Haynes	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*John K. Smith	*Treble*	†Brian Dawson	6
*Verona C. Naylor	2	†Peter Foster	7
Rhoda Hemmings	3	David W. Brunning	8
E. Marion Key	4	Barnabas G. Key	9
William J. Leach	5	Edward J. White	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Caters. † First of Caters 'inside.'
Rung for the tenth birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*Walter Avery	*Treble*	‡Dennis Knox	6
Geoffrey Harrison	2	David A. Cornwall	7
Arthur Foxall	3	§E. Dennis Poole	8
†Sheila Wallace	4	Sydney M. Bailey	9
Roland Biggs	5	†L. Joseph Young	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Glenn. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Caters. § 25th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Ronald Barlow	*Treble*	Robert Arrowsmith	5
William P. Deane	2	Alan D. Steele	6
*Rachel Smith	3	Phillip S. Whalley	7
*John Nixon	4	Douglas R. Whalley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Douglas R. Whalley.
* First peal of Major.

RUSHDEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

Patrick I. Chapman	*Treble*	William J. Whitmore	5
*Dianne Lawless	2	Geoffrey E. Watson	6
Shelagh R. Collins	3	Arthur Gibbs	7
*Murray A. Coleman	4	Harry Richardson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to David Priestley.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Carol Fearnley	*Treble*	Robert B. Smith	5
Bernard F. L. Groves	2	*William H. Dowse	6
*Frank Osbaldiston	3	Neil D. Lomas	7
Sidney Hough, jun.	4	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in the method.
An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Hough, senior.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Edwin G. Buck	*Treble*	*Albert W. A. Leggett	5
G. William Critchley	2	Jack S. Dear	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Colin A. S. Harwood	7
*Leonard B. Scoot	4	J. Richard Castledine	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.
Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wulfram,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr.

William A. Theobald	*Treble*	Brian D. Threlfall	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Jack L. Millhouse	6
*Alan J. Frost	3	Michael P. Moreton	7
Alan F. Thirst	4	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. George and St. Denys,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
T. B. Worsley's. Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

Gillian Bridgford	*Treble*	Frank Reynolds	5
John Ashcroft	2	Lawrence D. Clement	6
John Nelson	3	David Young	7
Harold Lonyon	4	Joseph Thornley	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
Rung in memoriam of those killed in the two world wars.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation No. 2. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Treble*	*GRAHAM T. BALL	5
JOHN W. RAWSON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	4	ROLAND W. PROUDMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
RODERICK J. LEES	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
JAMES H. PAILING	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Treble*	ALAN J. FROST	5
WILLIAM S. DEASON	2	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	6
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
Rung to mark the 626th anniversary of the foundation of this church.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Nov. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*JEREMY A. M. SALTER	*Treble*	JAMES H. PAILING	5
*JOHN G. PUSEY	2	*DONALD R. MARSHALL	6
DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	7
*ROBIN N. PITTMAN	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of London. First of London for the Society by a resident band.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	PETER BORDER	7
PAUL J. RIGBY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
Rung to celebrate the retirement, after 50 years' service as beadle at this church, of Sidney W. Freemantle.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	*Treble*	ANTONY H. BATES	5
MARGARET THOMPSON	2	DAVID WIGHT	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
*SYLVIA E. ATKINS	4	ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3, and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5008 GOLDHANGER COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ALISON M. MANN	*Treble*	BERNARD C. MANN	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	ROY K. DUESBURY	6
HARRY R. APPLETON	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
WILLIAM J. BRUNT	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in the method, which is No. 282 in C.C.C. of Plain Major methods.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Oxford Society.)
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	*Treble*	CHARLES COLES	5
FRANCIS A. WHITE	2	FREDERICK SHARPE	6
PHILIP H. TOCOCK	3	JAMES H. PAILING	7
BRIAN R. WHITE	4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
Rung on the eve of the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

BEN S. THOMPSON	*Treble*	GEORGE A. KINDRED	5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	2	JOHN W. G. KINDRED	6
MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN	3	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	7
A. WILLIAM BIRD	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
Rung to congratulate the Rector (Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle) upon his appointment as Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and the assistant curate (Rev. John Fellingham) upon his appointment as Rector of Coltishall with Great Hautbois, Norfolk.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 ICKENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN HILL	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROSALINE A. FARLOW	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	5
JOSEPH L. STANIER	2	HARRY EDGE	6
LEO EVANS	3	ALFRED S. BAYLEY	7
HAROLD G. THOMAS	4	FREDERICK W. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED S. BAYLEY.
First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight in 1951. Rung for the Patronal Festival; also in honour of the tenth birthday of H.R.H. Charles, Prince of Wales.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method; each bell does all the work of each method. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*PATRICIA REEVE	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
J. HENRY FIELDEN	2	ALEX E. MARSH	6
SHEILA M. TAYLOR	3	ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
M. VIVIEN COPPING	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
* First peal.

ICKENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
58—58. 14—58—36. 14—14. 38—34—58.
2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob. Tipler's C4/6.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. HARFORD	*Treble*	JAMES DANIELS	5
*WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW	2	†WILLIAM T. PETTY	6
THOMAS YEOMANS	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
GEOFFREY MARCHANT	4	†D. WALFORD DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together.
Rung as a first anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard N. Pressly, of Smethwick, Staffs.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

GLENDA ROWLEY	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
*ELIZABETH ROBERTS	2	ERIC YOUNG	6
HAROLD ROBERTS	3	WILLIAM TALBOT	7
ALBERT LAWTON	4	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.
* First peal 'inside.'
A 16th wedding anniversary peal for Elizabeth and Harold Roberts.

CHARLTON HORETHORNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

VICTOR SAVAGE	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS	2	FREDERICK SAVAGE	6
*ERIC C. WADMAN	3	VICTOR ROBERTS	7
ANTHONY J. SANGER	4	GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. (C.C.C. No. 14).
Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal in the method.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

RAYMOND OVERY	*Treble*	JAMES H. LILLEY	5
GEORGE APPS	2	ERIC H. KNAPP	6
JAMES JEFFERY	3	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	7
FREDERICK GODSMARK	4	REGINALD V. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
Rung in honour of Mr. George Apps' 50 years' membership of the above Association, and for over 53 years a regular ringer at this church.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr.

ROGER MAHER	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
NORMAN SMITH	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
J. BARRY PICKUP	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for St. Luke's Fellowship Campaign, 1958.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

LESLEY HAWES	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
MICHAEL J. PALMER	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
RICHARD E. PRICE	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
Rung in association with, and in thanksgiving for, the dedication of two trebles at nearby Feltham.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*ERIC ROBERTS	*Treble*	GRAHAM T. BALL	4
JOHN B. BENNETT	2	CHARLES V. CATTELL	5
†BERYL AYRIS	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN E. HARTLEY.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*CHRISTOPHER SCOTT	*Treble*	TERENCE RANDALL	4
VALERIE WATERFIELD	2	*DAVID EMMERSON	5
DUNCAN MCNEIL	3	RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.
Rung for the festival of All Saints by the Sunday service band.

WING, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, viz.: 14 Plain Bob, 15 Plain Bob (April Day variation) and 13 Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

JEAN A. KIRKMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	3
BARBARA MANSHIP	2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	4
JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.
Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's, one of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE P. ADAMS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. BUCKLE	4
*GEORGE LOVE	2	EDWARD HOWSE	5
†MARY MADDISON	3	‡BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.
* First peal in four methods. † First in four methods 'inside.' ‡ 350th peal.

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SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

George E. Fearn	*Treble*	Clive M. Smith	4
Ruth M. Border	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
John Pinfold	3	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

G. Colin Jackson	*Treble*	Frederick Derry	4
J. Edward Brown	2	*Phillip C. Pitchford	5
Frederick G. Hooper	3	F. William Midwinter	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled for Armistice on the 40th anniversary.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Doreen M. Gibbons	*Treble*	†Royston Blackler	4
*Jane K. A. Cook	2	Brian J. Wylde	5
David Heighton	3	Patrick J. Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.' First as conductor.

EWYAS HAROLD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*Michael V. Powell	*Treble*	Leslie H. Colcombe	4
Thomas J. Gundy	2	Ivor G. Jones	5
Aubrey J. Probert	3	Frederick Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas J. Gundy.

* First peal. First as conductor.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

Alec T. Denson	*Treble*	Donald F. Murfet	4
George E. Crisp	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Donald E. R. Knights	3	Mansfield Ginn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mansfield Ginn.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Mary Marriot and Donald E. R. Knights (Ely District secretary) on their engagement.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Wells, London Surprise, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Hermon J. Oliver	*Treble*	Roy R. Tiffin	4
Colin M. Tiffin	2	Harry Turner	5
Ernest W. Furbank	3	Laurence H. Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Turner.

Rung open to the memory of Mr. F. W. Keddie, who died recently. Mr. and Mrs. Keddie restored and augmented these bells in 1947 as a memorial to their three sons, who lost their lives in the last war.

HONILEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of Plain Bob and 26 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

A. Charles Morris	*Treble*	J. Thomas Gwilt	3
Anthony A. Upton	2	Robert E. Tallis	4
		*Sydney J. Southam	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Charles Morris.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. S. Windmill, who was inducted on November 3rd.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B.

G. Leonard Thompson	*Treble*	Ronald Applewhite	4
Mary C. Payne	2	Louis Willders	5
John F. Pearson	3	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. Mabel Vessey, of this parish.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 12, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Raymond G. Smith	*Treble*	William Wenban	4
Dennis Laud	2	John R. Mayne	5
Joan M. Wilcockson	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

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

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 45 methods: (1) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star and Elston (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London Surprise; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise; (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford and St. Clement's; 107 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Mary Dowsett	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	2	*Joe E. G. Roast	5
Peter J. Eves	3	†Howard W. Egglestone	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 25th peal on the bells (conducted 22). † 100th peal. The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Essex Association, and by all the band.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

Sydney Flint	*Treble*	Edward Ashcroft	4
Robert Larkey	2	Harry Poyner	5
John Lunham	3	William Deacon	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Deacon.

Rung as a compliment to Sydney Flint for his 80th birthday.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Fulbeck, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob; (2) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (4) Double and Single Court; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in A.

Mary C. Payne	*Treble*	G. Leonard Thompson	4
John F. Pearson	2	Ronald Applewhite	5
Louis Willders	3	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

BRINKWORTH, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*Dr. C. Guy Roworth	*Treble*	Eric Sutton	4
Peter Minchin	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
Charles G. Jones	3	Victor Griffin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Minor. 25th as conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a welcome to Robert James Harrin, nephew of the ringer of the second, born November, 1958.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents (C.C.C. Nos. 52, 48, 50, 34, 51, 29 and 28). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Grace M. Beardow	*Treble*	Andrew R. Carter	4
†Josie R. Hutchings	2	F. Keith Williamson	5
*Keith Goldthorpe	3	J Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' 50th as conductor. First peal by the Society.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 18 methods, comprising seven 120's: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich; (2) Norfolk and Primrose; (3) London and Wells; (4) York and Durham; (5) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (7) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham and Berwick.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

Mrs. J. W. Haw	*Treble*	Leonard C. Blanchard	4
Albert E. Scott	2	James W. Haw	5
Cecil Wade	3	*Ronald C. Noon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Sangster.

HANDBELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At The Limes, Station Road,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank Osbaldiston	1—2	Bernard Groves	5—6
Robert B. Smith	3—4	William H. Dowse	7—8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William H. Dowse.
First peal of Major on handbells by all the band. First as conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At 66, Melton Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Derek M. Sawyer	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	B Stedman Payne	7—8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

John Taylor & Co.
LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEALS

BROMSBERROW, GLOS.—On Nov. 8th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: W. E. Spiers 1, Joy Smith 2, R. G. Powell 3, L. Smith 4, C. Phillips 5, J. J. Webb 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. W. J. Roberts, captain of Newent tower for 50 years.

WAPLEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 11th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: J. Powell 1, M. Webb 2, J. Ferris 3, P. Delany 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first half peal ever rung on these bells, and the first half peal by all the band.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.—On Nov. 8th, 2,592 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Naylor 1, Elizabeth Grime 2, Joan Gray 3, R. Bowden 4, A. Cleaver 5, F. Mack 6, J. Gilbert 7, P. Gray (cond.) 8.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. J. Stephens 1, H. C. Spencer 2, Miss M. Russell (first quarter) 3, P. A. Lock (first quarter) 4, W. J. Harvey 5, D. J. Roberts 6, W. J. Simmonds (cond.) 7, A. J. Garbett 8. For Evensong on eve of All Saints' Day.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Cornhill 1, W. Mumford 2, A. Radley 3, A. Langridge 4, D. Hammond 5, L. Radford 6, J. Towers (first as cond.) 7, J. Luxon 8. For harvest festival.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Stephenson 1, G. North 2, A. W. Bond 3, A. W. Gravett 4, Cherie Payne 5, W. A. Riddington 6, H. W. Woolven (first of Triples as cond.) 7, C. W. T. Riddleston 8. For Evensong.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. Smith 1, Jennifer George 2, J. Pannell 3, N. Martin (cond.) 4, J. Parker 5, C. Rowe 6.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Monica Horseman 1, K. Prime 2, E. J. Goldstone 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, C. Clarke 5, J. Brain 6, J. H. Gilbert 7, M. J. Horseman 8.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hulme 1, Jill Mayes 2, Sheila Percival 3, Mrs. A. Craven 4, J. Church 5, G. Mayes 6, P. Tompkins (cond.) 7, T. Dilley 8. For patronal festival Evensong.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Holway 1, C. Webb 2, C. C. Turner 3, J. Manley 4, W. Webb 5, C. J. Turner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4 and 5.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor (first quarter) 1, R. E. Coles (cond.) 2, H. Blick 3, R. Lee (first 'inside') 4, B. Thomas 5, I. D. Davies 6, E. Carter 7, L. Groom 8. Rung half-muffled with 7, 6, 8 covering for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 9th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): G. Case 1, J. Dean 2, J. Hughes (cond.) 3, G. Parting 4, D. Clays 5, J. Tilston 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

EAST CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. E. Cobb 1, Freda Phillips 2, J. Peacock 3, H. Best 4, K. Prime (first in method as cond.) 5.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Doreen Thorneycroft 1, Betty Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, A. Booth 4, G. Mansfield 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6. First quarter by treble. Rung half-muffled.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Painter 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, A. W. J. Appleton 3, L. G. Coburn 4, R. Newson 5, A. Day (cond.) 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, F. W. Ellis 8. For harvest festival.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Johnson 1, Christine Ford 2, M. C. Austin 3, E. Treagus 4, A. Buswell 5, P. Richardson 6, R. Borsberry 7, M. Marshall (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 5 and 7. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Body (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, A. Buswell 2, Shirley Parsons 3, Christine Ford 4, S. T. Ford 5, P. Richardson 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For evening service.

QUARTER PEALS

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Garrett 1, G. W. Golding 2, Miss P. Rayner 3, W. W. Webb 4, M. Hawkins 5, P. Ruch 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, A. Grant 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles with 7, 6, 8 covering (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): R. E. Tallis (first quarter) 1, E. E. Hewlett 2, A. A. Upton 3, J. L. Lightfoot 4, A. C. Morris (cond.) 5, M. C. Hughes 6, A. Nix 7, A. A. Tingle 8. Longest length 6 and 8. Rung on the anniversary of the failure of the Gunpowder Plot, in accordance with the age-old custom of the tower.

LEIGH SINTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth A. Sidwell (first quarter) 1, A. C. Boxley 2, J. Ranford 3, F. Merrick (cond.) 4, W. Sidwell 5, C. Deakin 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Clark 1, S. C. Easter 2, M. J. Edwards 3, I. R. Panton 4, R. J. Harrison 5, F. White 6, A. Hubble (cond.) 7, J. Towler 8. For Evensong.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Page 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, A. T. Parker 6, F. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Oct. 19th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre: 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, G. F. Roome (cond.) 3, T. Jennings 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, Miss N. G. Williams 6. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, T. Jennings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, Miss N. G. Williams 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob: C. T. Hillis 1, J. J. Batchelor 2, P. F. T. Smith 3, K. Burbidge 4, J. R. Cooper 5, A. Waddington (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells. Rung for the pageant of the prayer book.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 480 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): J. Peacock 1, Monica Horseman 2, F. Neate 3, C. Kortright 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, F. Phillips 6.

PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Cornick (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, Dr. C. A. G. Ward (first 'inside') 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. Cornick 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Perry.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, G. Sandwell 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Weeks (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, F. E. Roberts 4, G. West 5, B. A. Cracknell 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Coomber 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bains 1, A. Hewitt 2, Mrs. J. Finn 3, M. Lings 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, H. Judd (cond.) 7, S. Bircham 8. Rung to celebrate the baptism of Richard Carl, son of the conductor and Mrs. Judd, christened this day.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Morgan (first quarter) 1, J. B. Webb 2, J. Dolman 3, J. B. Perkins 4, C. M. Smith 5, J. H. Allen (cond.) 6.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Miller 1, S. G. Peck 2, R. Channon (first 'inside') 3, J. Perrett 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, M. Stanyon 6. For the Parish Communion, the celebrant being the Bishop of Willesden, who held a Confirmation the previous day at which H. Miller and R. Channon were confirmed, also the brother of the ringer of the 4th and the sister of the conductor.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. D. Fellows 1, Jill Tombs 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, A. D. Fellows 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, A. L. Dunn 6, M. T. Sprackling (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, R. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Sheila Ingram (first on 10 bells) 1, R. C. Chapman 2, G. Ingram 3, A. J. Print 4, V. B. Hunt 5, L. Hallet 6, C. R. Steed 7, F. C. Lyne 8, J. L. Findon (cond.) 9, E. Smith 10. Rung half-muffled by regular service ringers, on the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, for Remembrance Day.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Chapple 1, Mrs. D. Pearce 2, Miss P. Gaunt 3, R. Christopher 4, Miss V. Hart 5, D. Muttrum 6, H. Reed (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8. First quarter 1 and 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

TODMORDEN, YORKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,380 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hodgson (first quarter) 1, P. Schofield 2, H. Sutcliffe 3, R. Cryer 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, D. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. M. Steele (first of Triples 'inside') 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. K. Brady 8. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Borer 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, R. K. C. Wilkings 3, Miss N. Hales 4, P. Borer 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Sung Eucharist. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, D. W. Gray 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. W. Gray 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. M. Steel (first of Major 'inside') 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, G. A. Parsons 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Nov. 16th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Pearce Higgins (first quarter) 1, B. Coatsworth (first on eight) 2, Miss D. Robinson (first of Triples) 3, A. Lewry 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, G. Harvey 6, W. Wilson 7, H. W. Barrett 8.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Myra J. Wilkins 1, B. W. Metcalfe 2, Sandra Lewis 3, Rita M. Webb 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, P. G. King 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

WARWICK.—On Nov. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,288 Grandsire Triples: A. Martin (first quarter) 1, J. Price 2, W. Collett 3, H. Huxley 4, W. S. Oakley 5, K. S. Hohl 6, W. H. Male (cond.) 7, P. Faulks 8. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. S. Oakley 1, G. Aldhouse 2, W. Collett 3, W. H. Male 4, R. J. Edden 5, H. Huxley 6, A. J. Pitman 7, J. Price (cond.) 8, F. G. Lyne 9, W. Clement 10. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Susan Eyre 1, B. Evans (first 'inside') 2, Monica Barrett 3, J. Young 4, R. Wright (first as cond.) 5, D. Stone (first quarter) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Rawlings 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, A. Bishop 4, M. Sinden (cond.) 5, Susan Jacobs 6, F. Corfield 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Snell 1, P. S. Whalley 2, Rosalie Mitchell 3, L. Whalley 4, Rachel Snell 5, J. Nixon 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, A. D. Steele 8.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Wilkinson 1, Mrs. B. D. Williamson 2, S. Petter 2, Miss B. Mayers 4, F. Cherryman 5, K. Newman 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, C. A. Slyfield 8. For Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

YELVERTOFT, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and April Day and 300 Grandsire): Miss B. Drake (first quarter) 1, W. Drake 2, R. Wilson 3, P. L. Westerman 4, W. J. Kinchin (first as cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. For patronal festival.

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BELFRY

The new church at St. Mark's, Biggin Hill, Sussex, has given an order for a ring of six bells costing £2,000. The 60ft. bell tower, now being constructed, should be completed this year. It is hoped to have the consecration in the spring. The training of a band of ringers is being planned in a neighbouring church.

Congratulations to Leeds University Campanological Society on ringing their first peal.

The local band at Willesborough, Kent, have so far rung over 100,000 changes for service ringing this year.

Advice from a Yorkshire ringer: 'Never shout at a ringer who owns a car. He may come in useful some time.'—From 'The Belfry.'

The band who rang in the in memoriam peal at Wetherby, for Mr. Percy J. Johnson, included four of his pupils. The two first-pealers have been ringing for over 40 years.

After the peal at Acle on November 8th, rung in honour of Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter's 86th birthday, the band were, as usual after this annual event, hospitably entertained at 'Hollycroft.'

The band who rang the peal at Wing, Rutlandshire, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of Wing, for entertaining them to tea afterwards. This was the first peal on these bells since November, 1931, and probably only the third rung there.

The ringers of the peal at Berrington, Salop, desire to thank the Rev. R. H. Hill and local ringers for their hospitality. Swindon ringers have a similar acknowledgment to make to the Rector of Brinkworth.

The first peal on the bells of Ashbourne Parish Church since 1923 has been accomplished. It was rung at the second attempt, the first attempt (Stedman Triples) failing through a shift between a well-known Derbyshire lady ringer and a well-known College Youth!

GOSSIP

Bells will be heard prior to the broadcast service on Sunday, December 7th, at 9.45 a.m. in the Home Service, from Constantine Parish Church, Cornwall, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. O. Mossop), and the preacher will be Canon J. E. Fison, of Truro Cathedral.

Another veteran in a birthday peal is Mr. Sydney Flint, who rang the treble for his 80th birthday at Aughton, Lancs.

Official weight of Market Bosworth tenor, given by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., is 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. Controversialists please note (the same as in the Guide).

By ringing the fourth at Pakefield on November 13th, Mr. A. W. Bird, of Gorleston, 'circled the tower.' The peal was Mrs. E. T. Chapman's first of Major. Congratulations, Ella! You rang very well.

Mr. E. G. Buck, Northern District secretary of the Herts County Association, makes a welcome return to peal-ringing after his recent operation, with the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Barkway on November 1st.

For some time past, Mr. George Goodman has been teaching beginners at Putney and other towers. The first signs of success became evident during the quarter he arranged at Wandsworth. All credit to them!

While the peal was in progress at Burton-on-Trent, on November 15th, an I.T.A. television unit was busy at a dog show in an adjacent hall. The ringers hope that viewers had a background of bells, as the ringing was for a national event—the tenth birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The bells of Christ Church, Shankill, Lugan, Co. Armagh, will represent Northern Ireland in this year's Christmas Day broadcast. They are a fine ring of eight with a tenor of 22 cwt.

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THE PHANTOM PEAL RINGER RIDES AGAIN

THE scene is the village of Amport, in Hampshire; the time, the witching hour of midnight on the first Friday in November. Hallowe'en has come and gone; the countryside lies dark and silent as the grave.

But hark! Do ghouls still walk? What ghostly music fills the air? The villagers stir restlessly in their beds and fearfully recall old legends of yesteryear. Can it be the dreaded phantom ringers?

At Amport R.A.F. Station the sergeant of the guard wakes with a start, the hairs of his scalp tingling. He dons his carpet slippers with shaking fingers, stumbles to the door and listens unbelievably. Are the ancient tales true, or has 'B' Flight broken out again? In any event this is a matter for the civil police, and the sergeant does not hesitate; he dials '999.'

Meanwhile, at the village church, six phantom ringers are conferring with the Rector, who justifiably points out that, although the bells are theoretically fully muffled, they will have to be made a lot quieter before any midnight peal-ringing takes place. Our phantoms can only agree and, as no more muffles are available and the ascent to the bell chamber appears hazardous in the extreme, they reluctantly decide to abandon the attempt and to go on to the next tower.

As certain phantoms sit yawning in their chariot, waiting (as usual) for the phantom tenor king, a Ford car chugs out of the darkness and halts beside them. The following conversation ensues:—

Police Sergeant: 'Good morning!'

Phantoms (in chorus): ' 'Good morning, officer!'

Police Sergeant: 'Is this the church?'

Phantoms: 'Yes.'

Pause for suspicious glances on both sides.

Police Sergeant: 'You haven't just been in there by any chance, have you?'

First Phantom 'Er . . . .'

Second Phantom: 'Umm . . . .'

Third Phantom: 'Yes.'

Police Sergeant (triumphantly, rattling handcuffs and twirling moustache): 'Ah-ha!'

Posse, comprising sergeant, constable and military policeman, pile out of the car and surround quaking phantoms.

Some little time later, explanations having been forthcoming and the full names and addresses of all of our heroes duly noted ('Yes, that's it, officer, Arthur Patrick, my 2,342nd tower, no doubt you've heard of Loughborough . . .') the party made tracks for Abbot's Ann, where attempt No. 2 was scheduled to start at 3 a.m. Arriving two hours early, some time was spent in rendering the muffling as effective as possible without making the bells completely inaudible, and a start was eventually made at half-past one. Winchendon Place Bob Doubles ran smoothly to a successful conclusion, and our spirits rose appreciably.

We slept in the car until breakfast-time (6 a.m.), when we received a warm welcome from the proprietor of the local transport cafe and were brought back to life by bacon, eggs and coffee.

PEP-PILLS!

Seven o'clock saw the party adjusting ropes at Broughton in readiness to attempt the first peal on the bells. Pep-pills were much in evidence here, and those who used them are able to present a very favourable report on their effectiveness: no doubt their use will soon be banned by the Central Council. The steady seven were duly rung on these pleasant bells.

On to Lockerley in brilliant sunshine, where Bill Deason met us looking disgustingly wide awake and sporting a new hat which the late R. Hood would have been proud to own. It was apparent from the size of the feather that an ostrich is shivering somewhere. Four methods were rung at a stately pace on these musical but somewhat noisy bells.

Lunch was waiting at the village inn, and we sat down well satisfied with our total of three out of four so far, and every prospect of scoring the remaining three to set up a new record.

However, this was not to be. At Sherfield English, where Chris Kippin joined us, Cambridge Major had been tapping along in fine style for nearly two hours when a conducting error put paid to our hopes; a sad disappointment, for this eight certainly rates as one of the most musical in Hampshire.

Over tea it was decided by a majority that the two remaining attempts should still take place, and the party consequently set off for Stockbridge to try for another 'first on the bells.' However, a broken treble rope brought the ringing to a premature conclusion in the third extent. No more luck came our way at Goodworth Clatford, where permission had kindly been given to ring the bells unmuffled from 9 p.m. until midnight; a mysterious fire-up in Cambridge Minor ended the day's ringing.

In spite of the apparently unsuccessful outcome, most of the band were well satisfied with what had been achieved, particularly as the standard of striking had never fallen below good throughout the day, and it is hoped that another attempt will be made in the not too far distant future.

We extend our grateful thanks to seven kind and co-operative incumbents (especially those who gave permission for us to ring at somewhat unusual hours); to all the local ringers who met us; to the phantom tenor king who kept us all awake and was 'not a bit tired but just irritable' at the end; to Geoff Dodd for his customarily impeccable arrangements; and most of all to Dave Hawkins for his fortitude in driving nearly 200 miles without sleep between Friday evening and Sunday morning, ringing three peals, losing divers others and still getting us safely home.

R. L.

IRISH ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S 75th BIRTHDAY

Many greetings were received on November 7th by Mr. William Pratt, president of the Irish Association, on the occasion of his 75th birthday. These included messages from Mr. E. A. Barnett on behalf of the Central Council, Mr. F. E. Dukes, the Irish Association, the three District secretaries of the Irish Association on behalf of their members, and many towers.

On November 8th a company representative of the Irish Association assembled at Holywood to ring a peal in honour of the birthday. Included in the band were Mr. Harry Ellis, Limerick (Southern District), Mr. F. E. Dukes (Eastern District), Messrs. H. Brown, T. J. Dunwoody and Miss Jean Stewart (Northern District), Messrs. W. Hall, W. A. Patterson and F. E. Fagg (Belfast churches). Unfortunately, after 50 minutes' ringing, the attempt failed due to a trip. A quarter peal of 1,264 Plain Bob Major was then rung by W. Hall 1, H. Ellis 2, F. E. Fagg 3, H. Brown 4, W. A. Patterson 5, Miss Stewart 6, J. T. Dunwoody 7, F. E. Dukes 8. Afterwards Mr. Pratt joined in ringing several touches.

Tea followed at the Parochial Hall, where Miss Stewart produced a birthday cake with '75' figured on it. Congratulatory speeches followed from Messrs. Dukes, Dunwoody, Ellis and Patterson in appreciation of Mr. Pratt's services to the Association. Mr. Pratt suitably replied.

ARCHDEACON OF STAFFORD SOCIETY AT DINNER

THE seventh annual dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on November 8th, when there was an attendance of 101. This figure was limited by the amount of available accommodation; many applications for tickets had to be returned.

For the first time since this annual dinner was inaugurated, the function received civic recognition through the attendance of the Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall, Cclr. and Mrs. F. Harrison. Another distinguished visitor was the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. A. S. Reeve), who was accompanied by Mrs. Reeve. Other visitors included the Vicar of Walsall (Rev. V. S. Nicholls) and Mrs. Nicholls, Dr. A. S. Lavelle (Vicar of Wednesbury) and Mrs. Lavelle, the Rev. T. O. Boulton (Vicar of Penn) and Mrs. Boulton, Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Evans, Mr. and Mrs. F. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. J. Courtman and Miss Harrison. The Society's popular president, Ven. W. A. Parker (Archdeacon of Stafford), was in the chair, and he was supported by Mrs. Parker. Apologies were received from the Bishop of Stafford, the Dean of Lichfield, the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) and Mr. G. Peers, jun., of Tamworth.

Following a good meal came the toasts, the first of which, 'Church and State,' was proposed by the Mayor of Walsall, who said what pleasure it gave him and the Mayoress to be present that evening. It was essential that the Church and the State work in complete harmony together.

In reply, the Vicar of Walsall stated that Walsall was fortunate in having a man like Cclr. Harrison, who displayed his sterling Christian qualities not only as a churchwarden but in his civic duties also.

Proposing the toast of 'The Society,' the Bishop of Lichfield spoke of his appreciation of the work done by ringers throughout the diocese Sunday by Sunday. He was pleased to know that the Society had a large number of young members, and he appealed to those present that evening to maintain the traditions of the Society in the future.

Replying to this toast, Miss Annette Frost, a young ringer from Penn, said that while ringers obviously got pleasure from their ringing their main satisfaction should be in the service they were rendering to the Church.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. G. Darlington, of Wednesbury, who said how delighted he was to see the Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall and the Bishop of Lichfield and Mrs. Reeve giving the dinner their support.

In reply, Mr. A. Wynne Evans, of Wolverhampton, speaking as a non-ringer, said how impressed he was with the spirit of goodwill which obviously existed amongst ringers.

Mr. Bennett (lay secretary) then thanked the Archdeacon of Stafford for so efficiently taking the chair. Thanks were also expressed to the artistes for their services. Entertainment which followed was provided by Major B. Pearson (conjurer), Miss Margaret Hyde (soprano), with Mr. K. Wood (accompanist) and Mrs. E. Drew and Miss M. Roden, from Claverley Dramatic Society

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Messrs. H. Knight, F. Brotherton, E. E. Speake and H. Howell.

During the afternoon ringing took place on the 12 bells at Walsall Parish Church.

In the quarter peal rung at Llantrisant (page 739), the Kerleys who were ringing consisted of a father, two sons and a grandson.

'CAMPANOLOGY' — Some Notes By Wilfrid G. Wilson

SOME of your older readers may remember one of our short-lived ringing papers — 'Campanology.' No. 1 was published on September 16th, 1896, and it appeared every Wednesday, price one penny, until No. 26 on March 10th, 1897. Its proprietor was William Bedwell, who had a printing and stationery business in High Street, Lewisham. He was also at that time hon. secretary of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association.

When the Master at St. Margaret's, Westminster (Mr. William H. Hewett), opened his box in the ringing chamber recently, I saw a set of this journal, and Mr. Hewett was good enough to lend them to me. I found them so interesting that I have made these notes of items which I think may be of interest to others of your readers.

The editorial in the first issue set out Mr. Bedwell's 'plan of campaign.' 'For the benefit of our colleagues in the provinces who may be arranging to visit the Metropolis we intend to publish a list of dates, times and places of meetings for practice in London and its environs' And he did—every issue up to the last had such a list. Visitors to London nowadays would, I am sure, find a similar list useful. We have, I know, Dove's Guide, but that cannot, by its nature, be always up to date. The provinces could also claim to have similar help and it may be, therefore, that a list published every two or three months would suffice.

The next point in his plan of campaign reminded me of recent editorial decisions about anonymous correspondence. 'We have resolved,' he wrote, 'not to admit any contribution which does not bear the signature of the writer.'

And the next, if it were possible today, would bring joy to the hearts of Association treasurers. 'Notices of meetings will be inserted gratis, thus effecting a saving of expenditure to many Associations—a departure which we feel assured will be generally appreciated.'

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

I personally was thrilled to see that the very first peal reported—Oxford Treble Bob Royal at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich—contained the name of my own teacher, J. Armiger Trollope, who rang the second and composed the peal.

An article entitled 'A country ringer's experiences in the belfry of Westminster Abbey' gave the editor a chance to ride one of his hobby horses—as will be apparent from later extracts also. There were six bells at the time; the floor was unsafe, and Nos. 4 and 5 went so badly that only 'set changes' were rung. 'Ringing goes on, but with frequent intervals for rest.' But they had to spread a newspaper over the seats because of the dirt. 'Part of the carpet [?] was regularly supplied by the pigeons and other birds.' On reaching his native village the writer of the article resolved to get the Central Council to present a humble petition to the Abbey authorities headed 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness.'

In addition to an illustrated article on St. Margaret's, Westminster, which probably accounts for the preservation of these numbers in that belfry, issue No. 2 has an article on peal books by J. Armiger Trollope. To those who knew him as probably the most able historian of bells and ringing that the Exercise has had, his suggestion that Associations which were hard up should not spend their money on ornamental peal books must seem strange. I wonder if he would have repeated this 50 years later. He made, of course, the valid point that the early peal books were invaluable, but that in days of printed annual reports, available to all, a better use could be found for Association funds.

In this number was started a page of compositions. Peals of Treble Bob Major from 5,024 to 8,128 were given and, what may well have been a hit at rival publications, it was stated that 'the greatest possible care is taken to examine all peals before being inserted in this Journal, by which we hope to avoid the annoyance and disappointment which has often occurred by the publication of false compositions.'

Note for A.P.C. An advertisement said: 'All bell-ringers should have Hovis bread—cures indigestion.'

No. 3, in its editorial, stresses the necessity for the tuition of young members, and makes the statement—still very true today—'Of what avail is all the study and knowledge of seven Surprise men without the eighth?'

Among the peals published were 11,328 London Surprise Major in 6 hours and 6 minutes at Drayton, Berkshire, composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook, with the Rev. F. E. Robinson in the band, and a peal of Grandsire Triples at Tilehurst, in which Miss Alice White took part. An illustrated article was about St. Martin's, Birmingham, and the composition page, Grandsire Caters.

No. 4 has an illustrated article about St. Mary and All Saints', Chesterfield, with its crooked spire. On reading that when the ten bells (24½ cwt.) were opened in 1820, six peals were rung in two days, one is not surprised that the spire is crooked!

COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER, 3s. 6d.

In No. 5 appears the first of a series of advertisements for the 259th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, price 3s. 6d. For the 321st, this year, the price was 18s. 6d.

Members of the Middlesex Association will be interested to know that No. 6 contained a report of the seventh annual meeting of the Association at Southgate, at which a committee was set up to consider with the South and West Middlesex Guild the desirability of uniting as Districts of one County Association. The Middlesex secretary at that time was Mr. A. T. King, and it is a sign of the times that whenever his name appears in a report of a touch or quarter peal he always gets 'Esq.' put after his name.

(To be continued)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY VISIT LONDON

Members of the O.U.S. and their friends, etc., 14 in all, left Oxford on the 9.7 a.m. express on November 15th on the first stage of their outing. Robin Hodgson, an ex-Master, joined us at Paddington. At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, we were met by Mr. Fox and Roger Keeley, who had done much of the arranging on our behalf, and who was to be our guide over London. The magnificent bells were soon heard to Grandsire Caters; the band, which was certainly not overladen with experience, performed creditably here as elsewhere, and before we reluctantly made our way westwards, Stedman Caters and a half course of Cambridge Royal had been rung, besides a course of Plain Bob and three leads of Kent Royal.

After lunch the first objective was St. Olave's, Hart Street. A little difficulty was experienced at first on this light eight, but before long some good, if not perfect, striking was heard. Dermot Roaf had escaped from the clutches of 'the other place' by this time, and Ruth How and Rodney Meadows also joined us. Several standard methods were rung here besides a short touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods.

We were lagging a little behind schedule by the time we reached St. James', Clerkenwell, asd so we shortened our time to 45 minutes. The bells are rather difficult to ring for several reasons, not the least of which is the fact that they are rather deep set. Notwithstanding this difficulty, the best ringing of the day, a course of Yorkshire, was done here.

After this the O.U.S. had to cross London to Pimlico. Here we found that two of the bells had 'run dry' and had to be oiled before we could ring. This limited us to the inevitable three leads of Bristol and Kent, while Dermot was made to apply his mathematical brain to calling a 63 of Stedman. Further reinforced by Jim Cook and Shirley Rymer, we went to St. Margaret's, Westminster, to be joined by one or two of the London University ringers. Mr. Sanders stood in in some Cambridge Royal, and provided an object lesson to some aspiring O.U.S. members on how to handle a heavy bell. Again Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, and to finish the day's ringing the Society rang a half course of Yorkshire Royal, which was easily the best 10-bell ringing of the day and ran very close to the Yorkshire at Clerkenwell.

Most of the Oxford party arrived home before midnight, but the Master was grateful for the fog which enshrouded him as he climbed into his college at 2.15 a.m. on Sunday.

Our grateful thanks are due to Roger Keeley; without his help there could have been no outing—certainly not an outing which was as successful and enjoyable as this was. J. H. P.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The nomination meeting of the Chertsey District, held at Egham on November 15th, attracted 46 ringers. Among those present were the Master of the Guild, Mr. C. W. Denyer, the general secretary, Mr. S. Russell, and his assistant, Miss R. Hyde.

Ringing before the service ranged from rounds to a well-struck course of Cambridge. The Guild Office was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. C. Strong).

After the usual excellent tea, provided by local ringers, Mr. C. W. Denyer took the chair for the business meeting. Nominations for District officers for 1959 were: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins; assistant R.M., Mr. J. King; District secretary, Mr. J. King and Miss E. Loveland; auditor, Mr. W. Shepherd; executive committee, Mr. T. Luxford. Two new junior members from Egham were elected.

Mr. B. C. Stirland warmly thanked the District for the wedding present made to him and his wife. Members were very pleased to see them both again.

The general secretary reminded the District of the importance of sending in reports of meetings to the 'R.W.' The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. Shepherd. R. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Nicholas Davies makes both interesting and sad reading—interesting as providing useful information concerning unringable towers in this county, and sad because they are unringable—or reputedly so!

Mr. Davies asks for information on two towers in particular. As regards the 6-bell tower of Sandhurst, these bells, hung in a massive 14th century western tower, were augmented from five during the 1930's. They were rung up to the beginning of the last war, but suffered from neglect during the war and after. To the best of my knowledge, there is very little wrong with the bells that could not be remedied by a few hours' work with spanner, etc. At present, the tenor cannot be raised, as it is striking the frame—this could, of course, be easily remedied—and I expect that the other five would take quite a bit of ringing. Even so, when compared with the condition of the recently reopened Hampshire tower of Sydmonton (actually the 'go' of these reputedly unringable bells is quite fair!), no one, I am convinced, would be prepared to include Sandhurst as a genuinely unringable tower.

St. Margaret's, Rochester, is rather different. Here again, the pleasant-toned light eight, which are hung anti-clockwise in a good 15th century west tower, were rung up to the outbreak of war. The frame and fittings are, I understand, in very poor condition indeed; in addition, about a quarter of the ground floor ringing chamber is now blocked by a large heating stove, and at least two of the ropes would now fall on top of this stove. Even were the bells in good ringing order, it would be quite impossible to ring them under present conditions. The only possibility would be a ringers' gallery, installed at the level of the sill of the west window, or slightly higher—even then, the ringers standing over the stove would no doubt have rather a warm time!

I fear that Mr. Davies' information about the other towers is only too correct, although, with him, I am very much inclined to doubt whether all the reputedly unsafe towers are really so. Personally, as regards Mr. Davies' local tower of Kennington, I have heard many well-known ringers in the Ashford area say that the story of the unsafe tower is quite untrue, and, although I have never inspected the bells myself, I am inclined to agree. However, only an inspection by a qualified bell-hanger could decide one way or the other in this and the other 'unsafe' towers in the county, and I trust that this may one day take place.

Finally, there is one more unringable tower which Mr. Davies has not mentioned, and this is—unlike some of the others—a genuine case. The tower in question is Chislet, where the heavy ring of six has, I think, not been rung within living memory. Happily, in this case, restoration is in progress, and the bells are now in process of being rehung by Taylors. I believe it is hoped that they will be in good ringing order by early in 1959.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Fordcombe, Kent.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barnett is correct: Caversham Major was accidentally omitted from the MS which I submitted to the Editorial Office. A peal of 5,040 was rung at Caversham on July 15th, 1913, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The method was first published as Washbrook's Surprise Principle, but this name was later changed to Caversham Major.

The peal of Maidstone Major at Wakefield was reported as '5,760, being the extent of 120 courses, with 1, 7, 8 fixed' A further 5,760 was rung at Borden, Kent, in 1813, followed by 5,856 (122 courses) in 1814. Thus we have a course of 48 changes, and I fail to see how this could fit in as a hunt-controlled method. It was therefore included in the list of Principles.

Cox's Caters was reported as 'a peal of Caters on Cox's Principle on December 7th, 1845, in 3 hours and 45 minutes, composed and conducted by John Cox.'

There is no complete list of all first performances. In 'History and Art,' Mr. Morris made improvements on the C.C. list of 1923, which list was incomplete in many ways. Since the publication of 'History and Art' early performances in other methods and also some earlier dates have come to light. Only by publishing in 'The Ringing World' everything known can we hope to arrive at something like a complete list. If someone sees a mistake in the lists, or notes an omission, I hope they will not sit back and say, 'That list is incomplete.' Instead, like Mr. Barnett, they should put pen to paper and send details to 'The Ringing World.' In this way we might arrive at a complete list of First Peal Performances. The absence of such letters appears to indicate that the lists so far are complete and accurate.

Mr. R. I. Shepherd has sent details of Aston Major, which is the same as Handsworth, but the 12 places are moved to 34.

Caversham	Aston
12345678	12345678
21354687	21435687
23145867	12436578
32148576	21346587
23415867	12435678
32418576	21345687
23148567	12346578
32415876	21436587
23418567	
32145876	24163857
31254786	
13527468	
31524786	
13254768	
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Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

THE SURVEY

Dear Sir,—I would be most grateful if Association secretaries when sending in their replies to the Central Council inquiry on Sunday service ringing would include a copy of their latest annual report. These reports are very useful for providing some of the background information about Associations which we will need in submitting our committee's report to the Council.—Yours, etc., P. M. J. GRAY.

Bristol.

ANOTHER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—The Exercise may be interested to hear of the formation of another University Society—the University of Sheffield Guild of Change Ringers.

An enquiry at the beginning of term revealed that there was a sufficient number of ringers to start a Society, and this resulted in the formation of the Guild, with a membership of 16, including three absolute beginners.

We are indebted to the Vicar, and tower captain Mr. Ditcher, of Ranmoor Church, for the use of the ten bells there on Tuesday evenings for weekly practices.

There are also plans for occasional Saturday afternoon meetings, and the first of these was held at Bradfield on October 18th. During an enjoyable afternoon, several methods were successfully rung on the six bells.

It is hoped that a tour may be organised next summer, and also joint meetings with other university Societies arranged.

The number of universities now without a band of ringers is very small, and Sheffield is no longer among this number.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. RANK, Hon. Sec.

84, Duncombe Street,
Walkley, Sheffield, 6.

ST. MARGARET'S, ROCHESTER

Dear Sir,—Re Kent's unringable bells, I would like to submit the following to Mr. Nicholas J. Davies:—

St. Margaret's, Rochester, has a ring of eight (tenor 13¼ cwt. in G.). The bells were originally a ring of six, and I believe they were augmented to eight by Gillett and Johnston. The dates of the back six are as follows: Treble 1790, 2nd 1884, 3rd 1790, 4th 1621, 5th 1624, tenor 1884. There have not been many peals rung here. It is a left-handed ring with a draught of about 30 ft. with no guides. I believe the Rev. F. E. Robinson called Stedman Triples here, and I think Frank Bennett and A. H. Pulling have both called peals here. The bells are musical, and I have rung in three peals here—two of Kent T.B. and one of Grandsire (the last peal on the bells, February 14th, 1948).

The bells need rehanging, new ropes and fittings, but finance and lack of ringers is the trouble. The bells at Wouldham are a ring of six by Mears (tenor 13¼ cwt. in G). They were rung about two months ago for the induction of a new vicar by the ringers from Meopham, Kent.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS,
Steeple keeper, Rochester Cathedral.

RE PEALS FOR ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—The peal rung at Upchurch on August 2nd, sent in by me, is a three-method peal of Doubles. If Mr. Blagrove thinks April Day Doubles is not a method I would refer him to Mr. E. Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing' (page 377); also to the Central Council's Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods, No. 14. Unfortunately, the Extreme Single is not given, which is a bad end of St. Dunstan's Doubles. These methods for 5-bell ringers are older than I am (64), and all methods of Doubles are taken from the three—Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

(Correspondence continued on next page)

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LETTERS—Continued

WOMEN RINGERS OF 18th CENTURY

Dear Sir,—Recently it was stated that 'the greatest change in ringing in the last 60 years has been the introduction of women to the belfries,' and one has been led to believe that before that period the lady ringer was non-existent.

What, therefore, is one to make of entries like these, which occur in the churchwardens' accounts for this parish?—

1781. 'For ringing—Hanna Young 10/-, Ellen Witehead 4/-.'

1790. 'Hanna Young, for ye ringers, 6/-.'

1808. Jan. 9. 'Mary Totty, for ringers' allowance, 9/6.' MARY S. SMITH (Mrs.).

Heswall, Cheshire.

HOSPITAL MEMORIES

Dear Sir,—I have just been discharged from the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Deanport, Plymouth. As a subscriber to the 'R.W.' from No. 1, naturally my 'R.W.' was brought in to me. I had read it through and dropped it on a chair by my side. A staff nurse passing through the ward stopped, looked down at it, and a conversation something like the following took place.

'Hallo, a ringer?' 'Yes! Are you?' 'No, but Father is.' 'Where does he ring?' 'Croydon.' 'Do you know any of the Croydon ringers?' 'Yes.' 'Then you must know Mr. Fred Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Oatway?' 'Oh yes, quite well.'

'Father' is, I think, Mr. Abbot; I don't know the staff nurse's name, as she is married. I asked her to pass on my compliments to the ringers mentioned. She also knew quite well Mr. Sangwyn, of Bridgerule, N. Devon.

During my stay in hospital (five weeks) I was much comforted by visits from Mr. Harry Thomas (chairman, South West Branch, Devon Guild), Mr. Tom Myers (Plymouth) and Mr. Will Lavers (Plympton), and several members of the craft.—Yours truly,

Liskeard, Cornwall. W. G. HISCOTT.

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REDEDICATION

Desborough, Northants

The rededication of the bells of St. Giles', Desborough, took place on November 19th. The bells have been retuned, refitted with new wooden wheels, back-stays and slides, and remounted with totally-encased ball-bearings.

The ceremony was performed by Canon G. F. Turner, R.D., president of the Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers, and other clergy taking part were the Vicar (Rev. T. R. Bonsey) and the Vicar of Loddington (Rev. G. Dolman). In the procession the cross was carried by a ringer, David Loake.

The ringers who rang rounds after the rededication were Miss Gwenyth Dimbleby, Miss Sonia Feakin, Mrs. A. Loake, Messrs. H. Tailby, G. Wright, D. Loake, B. Foster and B. Yeomans.

After the service, members of the congregation were invited to refreshments in the Hall, while visiting ringers from Rothwell, Corby, Weldon and Kettering joined the local band to ring Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Little Bob Major. All agree that a fine job of work has been done—the noise in the belfry is almost down to zero, and the sound outside is also reported to be greatly improved.

It is a great credit to the band that the work was carried out as economically as possible, and that all the money for it has been raised or promised.

On the gift day £600 was given—an example of generosity towns of greater population and wealth might follow. It is hoped that a grant from the Diocesan Bell Restoration Fund will be made.

GOSPEL OAK BELLS RING AGAIN

There are only six 6-bell towers in the county of London, and all of them have been unringable for some years. In a survey of these towers recently undertaken it was found that the most likely one to be made ringable again was that of St. Martin's, Gospel Oak. The bells had been silent for 8½ years, and inspection showed that while the frame and fittings were basically sound, a lot of work had to be done to make them usable again.

This work included the fitting of a completely new wheel to the third, the checking and lubrication of bearings, sliders, clappers, etc., and the repair of wheel rims and spokes. The ropes were fortunately in good order, except for one which had been pulled up into the belfry and left lying around the broken wheel exposed to London's grime. This rope was rejuvenated by being washed, sally and all, in strong detergent solution, with a remarkably satisfactory result.

On Saturday, November 15th, a band from St. Matthias', Richmond, assisted by a ringer from Somerset on a visit to London, went to the church and rang the bells for the first time after their long silence. The tone was most pleasing and the 'go' excellent. To the great delight of the Vicar (Rev. Leslie St. Aubrey), who has given his wholehearted support to this amateur restoration effort, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung.

Those responsible for this restoration think there must be many rings in the country which could be restored and made ringable again at small expense by ringers sufficiently enthusiastic to do the work themselves, especially in towers where financial stringency precludes a professional restoration. At any rate, they are now turning their attention to other 'unringable' bells in London.

The writer would like to place on record his thanks for the help and advice, freely given, which he has received from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have also supplied the necessary new parts. D. J. N. S.

OBITUARY

THE REV. S. A. GIDLOW

Visitors to Goodworth Clatford, Hants, will regret to hear of the death of the Vicar, the Rev. S. A. Gidlow, on November 8th. On that day he set out to meet a visiting peal band, but it was doubtful if he ever reached the church as he was found lying at the end of his drive and died on his way to hospital. The peal attempt was unsuccessful.

Mr. Gidlow was a ringer, and practised the art until ill-health prevented him from climbing the belfry stairs. Nevertheless, he kept in close touch with ringers, and until 1953 was chairman of the Andover District. Many outing parties and visiting peal bands will remember the teas he and Mrs. Gidlow generously provided at the Vicarage.

When Mr. Gidlow was inducted to the living in 1936, Goodworth Clatford had only three bells, although there was a frame for six. He resolved to set about raising the extra money. In the next year, for the Coronation of King George VI, two new trebles were added, and a third bell was the gift of the Iremonger family. A number of peals have since been rung on the bells.

The funeral service was on November 13th, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by L. Dean 1, Cherry White 2, Hazel White 3, B. Grainger 4, A. G. Smart (conductor) 5, W. Mulford 6. It was the first quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

MR. REUBEN WRIGHT

The death occurred at his home at Theberton, Suffolk, of Mr. Reuben Wright at the age of 89 years, following a heart attack. It was only in July of 1957 that Reuben gave £1,000 towards the restoration of Theberton bells and tower, costing £1,800. After the funeral an attempt was made to ring a half-muffled peal on Theberton bells, but came to an end in the fourth extent. Ringers taking part were R. Peck 1, J. Pilgrim 2, A. Pipe 3, E. Pearce 4, A. Bridges 5, J. Bailey (conductor) 6.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO MR. F. B. YATES

On October 26th, during morning service at King's Norton Parish Church, a bronze tablet to the memory of Frank Bertram Yates, a former churchwarden and noted Birmingham industrialist, was unveiled by the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Ashford) in the presence of a large congregation. Those present included Mrs. Yates and members of the family; Messrs. Frank E. Haynes and Albert Walker represented St. Martin's Guild.

The Vicar in his sermon paid a moving tribute to Mr. Yates' services for many years, his raising of £2,000 for restoration of the church, his gift of two treble bells, increasing the ring to ten bells, and his services as a bell-ringer.

The tablet reads as follows:—

Frank Bertram Yates. Born 23rd January, 1877. Died 4th March, 1957. Ringing Master 1924–1926.

Mr. Yates was a vice-president of St. Martin's Guild and gave two treble bells to Birmingham Cathedral, increasing the ring to 12 bells. A. W.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The November meeting of the Luton District was held at Dunstable on November 15th. Ringing commenced on the Priory bells at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the new Rector (the Rev. C. Maconochie) conducted a short service. Tea was held in the Priory Cafe. There was no business meeting. Over 40 ringers attended the meeting and during the evening the ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise Major.

A WEEK IN LINCOLNSHIRE

(Continued from page 764)

It was westward on Thursday to Eagle, Swinderby, Norton Disney, Bassingham, and to the heaviest six of the week at Brant Broughton (tenor 23½ cwt.). Once more we crossed into Notts to Coddington, where the treble was without a stay, and so to Newark for lunch. Back again into Lincoln to Claypole (bells out of tune), Hough-on-the-Hill, Honington, Barkston, Barrowby and Denton, where we had considerable trouble with the clock hammers. Having time to spare, we entered into Leicestershire, only to find that Croxton Kerrial bells were at the founders'. Bert was persuaded to go without his tea, and we had a ring on the merry six at Eaton. Eastward bound to the Somerset-type tower at Great Ponton, a minor five and the heaviest-going five of the week, and Ancaster. Then to Fulbeck for a touch of Fulbeck Bob Minor, before joining the local practice night at Leadenham, where the Vicar rang with us.

'TWICE MORE'

Eastwards on Friday to four close towers—Nettleham, Welton, Scothern and Dunholme—where we achieved a course of Beverley Surprise. Then on to Wragby, where two incidents occurred. Philip's rope caught on a clock case and caused some confusion, and when lowering the bells, Dick, unusually on the treble, got about half way down and called 'Twice more,' missed, caught, and all rose some way off the floor. Legbourne was the last tower before lunch in Mablethorpe, after which we rang at the parish church, on a very good six.

North to Saltfleetby All Saints', only to find the tower to be unsafe and the bells fixed with strings tied to the clappers. At Saltfleetby St. Clement's the vicar kindly left us some refreshment. Waltham's proved to be a very good six, but at Laceby the tower was in scaffolding. On to Ulceby, Caistor with its long, steep stairway, Claxby, where the locals made a recording of our ringing, and to the lightest six of the week at Bigby (tenor 6 cwt.). Finally to Broughton once again, successful this time in finding the sexton at home. These fine six in a Saxon tower are well worth a return visit.

THE RUTLAND FESTIVAL

On Saturday we joined the many visitors to the Rutland festival, and were pleased to meet friends from Bedford. Joe E. G. Roast had now joined us and was somehow squeezed into the car. On our way down we called at the new five at Waddington, Skillington and Colsterworth. We then rang at the available towers in Rutland, to mention just Oakham, Greetham, Cottesmore and Belton as being outstanding.

The Lincoln ringers were most helpful in arranging for us to ring at the four towers in the city on the Sunday morning, especially as we were privileged to ring on the excellent 12 at the Cathedral, also on the eight at St. Giles', and the two sixes of St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's. After lunch we found the Nocton tower captain at home, and obtained the key to ring. On to Ashby-de-la-Launde, where the bells were described as 'rough but ringable,' and where the fourth ringer was well rung by his bell. Then to the last two Lincolnshire towers at Great Hale and Helpringham, before heading south to call at Clenchwarton, Norfolk, for evening service. Our last ringing came at Ingham, in Suffolk, where our spare rope proved useful on the tenor.

So on bidding farewell to Philip at Ardleigh we once more arrived at Chelmsford station, but this time to part, with 1,273 miles behind us, and 111 towers in seven counties and 21 different methods to our collection. One cannot thank Ivan enough for all his work in correspondence, Dick for his excellent driving, and Bert for keeping the party amused; also to all incumbents and local ringers who either met us or permitted us to ring—in fact to everyone who helped to make this week so enjoyable.

T. R. R.

QUARTER PEALS AND SKITTLES IN SOMERSET

November 8th proved an excellent day for ringers from the Bridgwater and Nailsea area to attempt quarter peals.

A start was made at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, where D. E. Cobb conducted a successful quarter peal of Bob Major, the striking being of a high standard. At 11 a.m. Portishead was searched for coffee, but only one café was found, which was full. The party then divided and went to Easton-in-Gordano and Portbury. Cambridge was unsuccessful at Easton but at Portbury a good quarter of mixed Doubles, conducted by M. Horseman, was brought round in excellent time.

By this time thirsts were worked up and we retired to a sandwich lunch at the Black Horse, Clapton-in-Gordano. After lunch, numbers rose and quarters were attempted at Clapton and Weston-in-Gordano and East Clevedon. Bob Doubles conducted by K. Prime at East Clevedon was the only successful method. Thirty members sat down to an excellent tea at Nailsea Parish Room. At 6 p.m. further quarter peals were attempted at Backwell, Congresbury and Nailsea, but these met with no success.

At about 8 p.m. the pre-arranged skittles match took place in the Ring o' Bells, Nailsea, where the Bobs beat the Singles in a spirited encounter. The top scorers were Herbert Hardwidge and Ruth Gaunt. The evening was brought to a successful conclusion at about 10 p.m. by a spirited rendering of the Ringers' Song.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

On the recently overhauled bells of Elland, the Guild held a successful meeting on November 8th attended by 36 ringers, most of whom were of the younger geperation. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. An enjoyable tea was followed by a business meeting at which the Rector (the Rev. H. Eastwood) presided. Four new members were elected, and it is hoped to hold the annual meeting at Halifax Parish Church in January. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe and acknowledged on behalf of the local ringers by Mr. P. Birkett. A short handbell session followed the lowering of the bells in peal at 9 p.m.

YATTON RINGERS VISIT BIRMINGHAM

On November 8th, Yatton ringers and friends again embarked upon a late outing by rail, this time visiting the Birmingham area. We were met by Messrs. George and Henry Fearn, who guided us to St. Chad's for our first pull. A short break for lunch followed, and we were then accompanied by Henry Fearn to the other towers by coach while George Fearn left us for yet another peal attempt.

Ringing took place at Erdington Abbey and the Parish Church. Next came Sutton Coldfield with bells more comparable with our Somerset's heavy rings, and here almost the whole of our large party managed to get into the larger ringing room at the same time. At Lichfield Cathedral our start was unfortunately greatly delayed. However, tea (which was well worth waiting for) was postponed, so that we could ring these lovely bells, which were the only ones we had the opportunity of rising and lowering in peal.

A race back to Birmingham for a late pull at St. Martin's finished in a big disappointment, as a service still in progress made it impossible for us to ring. 'Many thanks,' however, to those who had arranged the programme and endeavoured to keep things running smoothly. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major and Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

A short break for refreshment and it was time to say goodbye to the relatives and friends we had met and start our journey home, once more arriving 'very late.'

R. D. S.

MR. JOHN A. ACRES' 500 PEALS

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MISCELLANEOUS

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY. — No practice on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, owing to a special service.—A. H. Smith. 3432

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual tour, March 28th-April 3rd, will be in Cambridge. All members and friends welcome. Full details from Dermot Roaf, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge. 3431

PENN.—St. Bartholomew's Change-Ringers' Guild.—Advent Sunday, Nov. 30th. Special ringers' service, Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30 p.m., also after the service until approximately 8.45 p.m. Light refreshments. All welcome. 3349

ST. MARY'S (Parish Church) STAINES (8). Regular practice Mondays from Dec. 1st. Same arrangements as for St. Peter's. All welcome. Additional special method or handbell practices by arrangement with Ronald I. Shepherd, 5, Kenilworth Gardens, Staines. Tel. Staines 5389. 3366

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage (6), Buxton, Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis Sec. 3384

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5), Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3412

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, Nov. 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec 3356

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 3391

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at Bethnal Green. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Nearest station Bethnal Green, or 'bus from Liverpool Street to St. Matthew's Row. Gentlemen cordially invited. 3341

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3367

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY and SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Bulwell, Saturday, Nov. 29th, 3 p.m. All welcome. 3372

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — Evening practice, Fulmer (6), Nov. 29th, 6 p.m.—W. Butler, Hon. Sec., Windsor 1484. 3590

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Annual meeting at Bridport, Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3359

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Advanced practice, St. John's, Crawley, Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Look up Rutland. 3354

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Dec. 1st, at 7 p.m. 3399

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL.—The dedication of Bristol Cathedral bells will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, service commencing 7 p.m. At the request of the Dean, the Branch Ringing Master has selected a band to ring after the service, but a Branch meeting will be held there in January, when all ringers will be welcomed. —A. Bennett. 3406

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 3416

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Milverton (8), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Nailsea (6) on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Divine Service 4. Tea 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 3410

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting at Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Tea must be notified for to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 3409

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Meeting at Harrold (6) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names, please, to the Rev. MacWilliams, The Vicarage, Harrold, Beds.—Miss P. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3435

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hoole, Chester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 3397

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wellesbourne, Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before Dec. 3rd, please. —H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 3357

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual general meeting at Topsham, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 2nd to Mr. R. W. Berry, 45, Retreat Road, Topsham. 3326

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3415

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, St. Mary Redcliffe. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., Canteen, Guinea Street. Meeting follows.—A. Bennett. 3405

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome! Names by Dec. 3rd to F. Newton, Lyncroft Cottage, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Fairford, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Dec. 4th to Mr. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington.—Wenban, Branch Sec. 3403

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Lydney, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 3430

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Practice meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Dec. 6th, 7 to 9 p.m. 3426

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Banstead, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Lady Neville Pavilion, followed by business meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith. 3377

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Special method, Beverley Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec 3394

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Aldenham (8), on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3418

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea, unfortunately, but local cafés available.—M. P. Barron, Sec. 3421

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Annual meeting, Standish, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Dec. 3rd Mr. T. Grounds, 10, Cross Street, Standish, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 3393

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Burton-in-Kendal. Ringing 2.30–7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. E. Braithwaite, 7, Drovers Way, Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland.—Eccles, Sec. 3429

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Burbage, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Old Schools, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Dec. 3rd, to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage. Phone: Burbage 516.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 3398

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barrow-on-Soar, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. B. S. Payne, Melton Road, Barrow. 3420

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 6th. at Magor. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Dec. 2nd.—J. S. King. 3358

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Stoke-upon-Trent, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names tor tea must be received not later than Monday, Dec. 1st, by the Rector's secretary, 27, Church Street, Stoke-upon-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3353

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Acle, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, South Walsham Road, Acle, Great Yarmouth.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3388

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Longcot, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd. to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 3427

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Ravensthorpe, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to me.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 3417

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Market Lavington (6), on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 3414

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wath, Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Vera Parish, 76, Burman Road, Wath, near Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 3428

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Fanmakers Hall 5 p.m. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, available after tea. 3378

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 6th, Bulwell. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 3383

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting at Woodbridge, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3371

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting at Redhill (8) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Danehill (6), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday certain, to Mr. A. Butcher, The Cottage, Christopher Fields, Danehill. 3424

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 29th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 3395

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual District meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. T. Godfrey, Dis. Sec., Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 3408

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Sampford Arundel.—Dedication of new treble bell by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells at 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11th. There will be an open day for ringers on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing (6 bells) from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. F. Warren (Master of the Diocesan Guild). Names for tea by Dec. 8th to Mrs. Williams, Rose Cottage, Sampford Arundel, Wellington. 3346

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 10th, to Mrs. D. Barker, 6a, Meadow Way, King's Langley. No names, no tea.—J. Good. 3368

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Cowbridge, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 3404

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Baker, 10, Garner's Way, Harpole, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 3419

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Sherborne, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage. 3423

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Evening ringing at Halesworth (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th, 7.30 to 9 p.m., including a meeting to consider reorganisation of the Districts at 8.15 p.m. in the ringing chamber. 3425

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and Selby Societies, Goole, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom near church at 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 11th, please, to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 3407

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner, Birmingham, Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 1959. Members who have not received a circular and prospective new members are asked to write before Christmas to B. D. Threlfall, 26, Valley Road, Shortlands, Bromley, Kent. 3392

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 15s. 6d. each) still available from the undersigned. Numbers strictly limited, so apply now!—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3351

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Compson 1, Joan Harrison 2, W. Harrison 3, D. F. C. Molloch 4, E. Jenkins 5, D. J. Marshall 6, R. Shalcross 7, L. Hill 8. First of Major by 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7. For Remembrance Sunday.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Y. A. Tilley (first quarter) 1, R. Jones 2, Miss M. King (first 'inside') 3, R. Henman 4, A. R. Jones (cond.) 5, P. E. Jones 6.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): J. Crawley 1, W. Glover 2, G. Nicholls 3, I. Panton 4, R. Groves 5, L. J. Clark (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. L. N. Ridley.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Reid (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. L. Hall 2, S. Ball 3, N. North 4, H. E. Audsley 5, R. G. Rayfield 6, D. L. Hall (cond.) 7, F. E. Walker 8. For dedication festival.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. Thorpe (first quarter) 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, C. E. Cooper 3, Miss R. Tyler 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. A compliment to Mrs. Frances Ward, of Burrough-on-the-Hill on her 100th birthday.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. R. Mann 1, Miss V. M. Copping 2, Miss S. M. Taylor 3, Miss P. Reeve 4, D. H. Hollas 5, C. Sweeney 6, J. H. Fielden 7, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

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BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. Norris 1, H. Hodgetts 2, E. Ashby 3, C. Evans 4, C. Cook 5, T. Clark 6, J. Rootes 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): F. Hurrell 1, E. J. Coode 2, Miss B. Slark 3, J. Sims 4, K. Small 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, B. G. Beebe 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. C. Homans 1, F. Linfoot 2, A. W. Bond (cond.) 3, J. P. Aspinall 4, A. Rogers 5, D. Roebuck 6, D. Smith 7, D. Sharples 8. A 21st birthday compliment to D. Roebuck.

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MEMENTO MORI!

THAT may seem a strange heading for an article in a ringing journal. Certainly not a cheerful one. But, we are informed, it is to be applied to the art of bell-ringing; and, if that be so, the doom of 'The Ringing World' must naturally follow!

Just lately two quite contradictory statements have been publicly made before the Chancellor of the Lichfield Diocese. For the one, the Secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, opposing the application for a Faculty for installing electronic bells, said: 'Bell-ringing was an English art it would be a pity to lose.' All credit to him! For the other, the rector of one of the churches applying for such a Faculty is reported to have said: 'Bell-ringing was a dying art and the Advisory Committee would have to face that fact sooner or later.'

The question whether these towers where recorded bells are proposed are suitable or not for a genuine ring of bells need not come into the discussion. The point is that the rector's use of the plea that 'bell-ringing is a dying art' in support of his application for artificial bells is thoroughly unsound, besides being totally untrue, and indeed unfair to the thousands of ringers at home and overseas who are working to maintain the high traditions of the Art and giving of their best to gather and train recruits. Not only that, but the statement gives a wholly misleading impression to the general public and calls for a public refutation.

Are we to visualise the gradual dismantling of the hundreds of rings of bells which have called people to the worship of God through centuries, and their replacement by artificially recorded sounds, on the understanding that ringers have no desire and no ability to perpetuate their kind? The idea is too foolish for words. Who could claim the right to predict such a doom except he be basing his assertions upon ignorance, or prejudice, or violent dislike? It stands to reason that one who never moves among ringers and never reads or hears about their gatherings and performances, and knows nothing of the enthusiasm for the art, or of its fascination, can have no grounds for pronouncing any judgment upon the state of affairs.

False prophets are always about. The Church has suffered from them. So have ringers. But we can deal with them, and this sort of prophecy will not worry us overmuch because of its palpable stupidity. For while ringers may be a comparatively small section of the population they are quite a formidable body, and ninety-nine per cent. of them would raise their eyebrows in surprise at the mere suggestion that their art is on the way to becoming moribund. There are too many evidences to the contrary. If there may be indifferent exhibitions of ringing, so also music, painting, or any other of the arts have their tyros; but that does not warrant the assumption that any one of them is dying out. And many of the performances of bell-ringers today are of such surpassing brilliance that they are prophetic of advancement rather than decay.

The writer can claim to have a fairly wide knowledge of ringers' views and doings up and down the country during over 50 years, and can assure the gentleman who is the cause of these defensive remarks that he is hopelessly wrong. The whole thing might not be worth comment but for the fact that it publicises a fallacy and is likely to prove a disservice to the Church and ringers generally.

A mountain of indications is available to weigh against the gloomy outlook. One has only to turn the pages of the ringing journals for more than half a century to appreciate a measure of the progress being made. In addition to an enormous increase in the number of peals rung, an examination of their records will show a multitude of fresh names year after year and a noteworthy number of very young ringers of both sexes. Further, a revival of ringing has taken place in the Universities, and most of the younger Universities now have their own organisations with encouraging prospects. Again, the expansion of county and area Associations through the demand for the formation of fresh branches speaks for itself. One cannot overlook, either, the many towers which perhaps never come into prominence, but where steady teaching is going on and the aim of keeping a Sunday service band up to strength is ever to the front. And much of this, one ventures to say, will be found true of the call-changers' preserves as well as of scientific change-ringers.

We ringers of today, therefore, have this mighty consolation, that as the older generations of ringers pass away the light still glows, and will glow the more brilliantly in the future—aided without doubt by this Journal—notwithstanding all attempt to belittle the art or dig its grave.

C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	PATRICIA M. BOURN	7
*ANGELA GRAINGER	2	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER	8
†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	3	FRANK D. MACK	9
MARY H. HALL	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	10
PATRICK J. BIRD	5	REGINALD G. HOOPER	11
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	6	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal in the method and on 12 bells. † First peal of Cinques 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. Edgar on leaving St. Woolos'.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	GERALD FARRER	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	2	JOHN WORTH	7
BASIL JONES	3	HARRY FARRER	8
EDWARD POTTS	4	HEDLEY WOOD	9
DENNIS A. HENSHAW	5	DONALD PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung fully-muffled as a mark of respect to William Gayes, leader of the Christ Church band 1927–1954, buried November 1st, aged 85 years.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON	7
ALFRED BALLARD	3	WILLIAM A. LACEY	8
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
RONALD J. SHARP	5	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Sept. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
PETER J. SHIPTON	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	CLIFFORD BIRD	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gowing. Mr. Gowing was for many years steeple-keeper here.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
DEREK P. JONES	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
The composition, which contains one each -65, -64, -63, otherwise 4-5-6 only in 6th's place, with the 6th nine times home, was rung for the first time.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 28, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a wedding compliment to Patricia Smee and Trevor A. Cross.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Treble*	ALBERT E. COLEMAN	5
ALFRED W. FULCHER	2	PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	A. WILLIAM BIRD	7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
Rung for the consecration this day of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Gorleston, and for the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar and Rural Dean, the Rev. E. L. Corbell.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CELIA F. WHITFELD	*Treble*	EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	5
*DAPHNE J. PANKHURST	2	JOHN A. W. DOWNING	6
†JOAN M. DOWNING	3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	7
MRS. BETTY PERCY	4	J. MICHAEL SWIFT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

CHARLES H. BAKER	*Treble*	*JOHN M. BLAIKIE	5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN	2	ALAN GILBERT	6
DELIA SMITH	3	W. ALAN RICHARDSON	7
*JOHN B. NICHOLSON	4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First 8-bell peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
*ALAN J. BROWN	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
BRIAN HARRIS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (56). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* 200th peal.

LANCASTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT CROOK	*Treble*	FRANK HORNBY	5
HERBERT RAINFORD	2	†RICHARD RAINFORD	6
*NORMAN CROSS	3	SYDNEY JEFFERY	7
ROBERT WARDEN	4	RICHARD HORNBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.
* First peal of Triples and first 'inside.' † 25th peal—all for the Lancashire Association.
Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate the Coronation of Pope John XXIII which took place on November 4th, 1958.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Frederick Ross	*Treble*	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
Mrs. J. A. Ainsworth ..	2	Kenneth Arthur	6
Charles N. Lea	3	Bryan Pattison	7
George S. Deas	4	Robert F. Telford	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal. First in the method by all, and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 13, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 NANPANTAN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Joseph W. Cotton	*Treble*	Gordon A. Halls	5
Diana J. Perrins	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Patricia J. M. Forster ..	3	G Ronald Edwards ..	7
Francis R. Lowe	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method.

ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 14, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F

Burley P. Morris	*Treble*	Gordon A. Halls	5
J. Frank Smallwood ..	2	Denis R. Carlisle	6
Patricia A. M. Forster ..	3	Harold Taylor	7
Herbert E. Taylor	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Patrick I. Chapman. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal on the bells for 35 years. First of Surprise on the bells.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Ernest G. Jones	*Treble*	Cyril H. Kinch	5
J. Howard Freeborn ..	2	Edgar J. Smith	6
Harry J. Hatfield	3	Philip H. Tocock	7
James Adams	4	George W. Holland ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George W. Holland.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Reversed. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

John H. Fielden	*Treble*	Harold Hamer	5
*Jeffrey Kershaw	2	Stephen Ll. Parry	6
John Meadowcroft ..	3	Ivan Kay	7
Colin Ashworth	4	†Peter Scholfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ivan Kay.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal for the Association.
A 21st birthday compliment to Alan, son of the conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

Brian Harris	*Treble*	Alan A. Potts	5
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	2	Basil Jones	6
Robert Smith	3	Peter Laflin	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by John Worth.

NANPANTAN SURPRISE MAJOR
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RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Lewis F. Cobb	*Treble*	William E. Cheater ..	5
Michael J. Best	2	John Hartless	6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3	Frank L. Harris	7
*Herbert H. Abrahams ..	4	Ronald N. Marlow	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise in eight methods for all the band.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5120 SOUTHLEIGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Mrs. D. H. Niblett	*Treble*	Donald R. Marshall ..	5
Christine M. Woodward	2	Edgar J. Smith	6
Frank A. Barrett	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Donald H. Niblett	4	James H. Pailing	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by James H. Pailing.
First peal in the method.

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BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

John Hall	*Treble*	Septimus Neave	5
Jack Bray	2	Philip Barnes	6
George W. Moody ..	3	Arthur Crowder	7
*Richard C. Warburton ..	4	Michael Crowder	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal and first attempt. Michael Crowder has now 'circled the tower.'

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 18, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Robert T. Lambert	*Treble*	Edwin Bromley	5
Thomas E. Sone	2	Reginald E. Lambert ..	6
Bernard V. Collison ..	3	*Ernest J. Ladd	7
Kevin S. Hohl	4	Colin A. Tester	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Robert T. Lambert.
* 301st peal. First in the method on the bells.
A birthday peal for Mr. C. T. G. Sone and Master Richard Carter.

LONDON, E.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Bow Road,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Barwell B. Dibben	5
Robin G. Leale	2	Alan J. Frost	6
H. Michael Williamson ..	3	Ralph Bird	7
William S. Deason	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Poole. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
First peal of Major on the recast bells.
Rung to mark the 400th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth I.

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MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Watch Tower,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Nicholas I. Wright	*Treble*	*Charles N. Lea	5
*Eric N. Harrison	2	*George S. Deas	6
*Mrs. J. A. Ainsworth	3	Kenneth Arthur	7
Bryan Pattison	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method. Mr. Eric N. Harrison has now 'circled the tower.'

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

Bernard V. Collison	*Treble*	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Janet French	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
*Olive D. Couchman	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Thomas E. Sone	4	*Colin A. Tester	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* 25th peal together.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

John P. Partington	*Treble*	Harold Parkinson	5
Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson	2	Stephen Ll. Parry	6
Allan Smith, sen.	3	Derek Butterworth	7
Michael D. Fishwick	4	Philip J. H. Hudson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Philip J. H. Hudson.
Rung for the Feast of St. Cecilia.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	Colin S. Harwood	5
J. Richard Castledine	2	G. William Critchley	6
Eric Edmondson	3	Thomas J. Southam	7
Patricia Doorn	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Thomas J. Southam.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Frederick G. Hooper	*Treble*	F. William Midwinter	5
*John Meredith	2	Clarence F. Briggs	6
J. David Clarke	3	†Harold Stevenson	7
*Thomas G. Goodwin	4	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal on eight. † First of Major. First peal as conductor of Plain Bob Major.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*Ena Marklew	*Treble*	Graham T. Ball	5
Peter J. Staniforth	2	A. Maxwell Lindsey	6
Alfred Ballard	3	John Vernon	7
*Elizabeth Wilcox	4	Curzon Clarke	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Vernon.
* First peal. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

John W. T. Hibbert	*Treble*	George W. Bishop	5
Mrs. Marjorie C. Hibbert	2	Cyril J. Hibbert	6
*William J. Irving	3	Arthur W. G. Sayers	7
†Joseph Napper	4	Edward T. Sneller	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril J. Hibbert.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George, Colegate,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven extents: (1) Spliced St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

George Sayer	*Treble*	Arthur G. Bason	4
Peter Adcock	2	Alan Ellis	5
A. Spencer Brothers	3	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung to wish god-speed to Alan Ellis, who left after the peal to begin a new life in Toronto, Canada.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's, one each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Primrose Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt.

Albert E. Scott	*Treble*	Cecil Wade	4
Horace M. Day	2	Leonard C. Blanchard	5
John M. Roffe	3	J. Frederick Hubbard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Horace M. Day.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being nine 240's and 24 120's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Francis C. Taylor	*Treble*	Leslie A. Morrell	4
Ivor H. Hughes	2	W. Ronald Trickey	5
Charles H. Webber	3	Gordon Walford	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Ronald Trickey.
Rung as a thankoffering for the incumbency of the Vicar (Rev. S. E. Easter), who has now retired.

COPDOCK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Court, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Alan R. Andrews	*Treble*	George N. Orman	4
H. Frank Pike	2	Arthur G. Button	5
Roy Duesbury	3	Edward E. Davey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Michael E. Turner	*Treble*	Sidney W. White	4
Herbert W. Pearce	2	Joseph T. Barrett	5
Raymond P. Selway	3	William E. Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by William E. Turner.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

A. Charles Morris	*Treble*	Anthony A. Upton	4
Muriel Reay	2	Robert E. Tallis	5
Thomas Gwilt	3	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Charles Morris.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Dunnell on completing 25 years as verger at this church.

HEALEY, ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Allan Smith, jun. .. .. *Treble*	Michael D. Fishwick .. 4
Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson .. 2	Philip J. H. Hudson .. 5
Allan Smith, sen. 3	Derek Butterworth .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Philip J. H. Hudson.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. R. Swift as Vicar of Healey. Also as a wedding compliment to the Rev. G. C. Graham, curate of St. Chad's, Rochdale.

IRNHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one 720 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, and three of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Arthur Cooper .. .. *Treble*	Percy D. Baldock 3
Ronald Russell 2	Frederick W. Pinchbeck 4
James H. Musson .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal in five methods.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Margaret W. Strickland *Treble*	*Robert J. Dean 4
Jack W. Drew 2	Sidney W. White 5
Raymond P. Selway .. 3	William E. Turner .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William E. Turner.
* First peal. † 25th peal together.
Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. B. Ireland.

MUCH-DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. David.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being five extents of Pitman's and six extents of Morris's arrangements, 20 120's (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

Michael V. Powell.. .. *Treble*	Aubrey J. Probert 4
Charles Phillips 2	Reginald G. Powell .. 5
Leslie H. Colcombe .. 3	Michael Munn .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Powell.
Rung to mark 48 years' service of Mr. George Perks as both ringer and sexton at this church.

SILCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

A. Patrick Cannon'.. .. *Treble*	William S. Deason 3
David A. S. Hawkins .. 2	Frederick R. Scott 4
Robin G. Leale .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
First peal on the bells.

STRATHFIELDSAY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being four extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and St. Simon's (all called differently), ten extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

David A. S. Hawkins .. *Treble*	Robin G. Leale 3
William S. Deason 2	Philip Mehew 4
A. Patrick Cannon .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal on the bells.

WEARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Gregory,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being five extents of St. Simon's, ten of Reverse Canterbury, ten of Plain Bob and 17 of Grandsire. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Algy Hooper .. .. .. *Treble*	David White 4
*Ann White 2	George Prescott 5
Marjorie Legg.. 3	Harold Hooper .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. R. Harrison on his retirement.

WETHERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb.

*Harry Mason .. .. *Treble*	George Smith 4
*William M. Scheerer .. 2	†Charles H. Maxfield .. 5
†Geoffrey Thackray .. 3	Roy Bettley-Cooke .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Roy Bettley-Cooke.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
In memory of Mr. Percy J. Johnson.

SYDMONTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 16, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Mary H. Hall .. .. .. *Treble*	Robin G. Leale.. 4
William S. Deason 2	Ralph Bird 5
Philip Mehew 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
First peal on the bells. With the exception of some short touches on two recent occasions, this is the first time that the bells have been rung since the last century.

HANDBELL PEAL

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At Campana,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14¼ in C sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray .. .. .. 1—2	Jack Bray .. .. .. 5—6
Frank Lord .. .. .. 3—4	*Roger Lord .. .. .. 7—8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal.

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HALF PEAL

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—On Nov. 15th, 2,580 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. A. Mitchell 1, Joan K. Beazley 2, A. Buswell 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, C. Conway 5.

ASHCHURCH, GLOS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Underwood (first quarter) 1, B. Halling (first 'inside') 2, A. Halling 3, H. Devereux 4, E. W. Penn (first as cond.) 5, E. Freeman (first quarter) 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Powdrill 1, Christine Wakefield 2, Patricia Wardle 3, T. Bolingbroke 4, J. Poynor 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris 7, G. Bray (cond.) 8. For morning service.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,268 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Beresford 1, R. D. Tomlin 2, W. Ellis 3, A. St. J. Boyack 4, J. Hill 5, F. J. Matthews 6, A. House (cond.) 7, B. Blaydon 8.

BENFIELDSIDE, DURHAM.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Fenwick (St. Mary's) 1, Elizabeth Lennard (St. Aidan's) 2, Margaret Alderman (St. Mary's) 3, G. Simms (University College) 4, C. Herbert (St. John's) 5, B. Pattison (cond., Bede) 6. First quarter peal for the Durham Colleges Society.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Derrick 1, A. Wallace 2, F. Ross 3, C. S. Dixon 4, N. Webb (first of Grandsire as cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. For Confirmation Sunday.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Tebbutt 1, Evelyn Steel 2, H. Gayton 3, H. Robinson 4, E. White 5, P. Inskip (cond.) 6. Rung for the 11th anniversary of the wedding of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, by septuagenarians from the Bedford District and covering between them 318 years of Sunday service ringing.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Houston 1, Miss P. Wincott 2, J. Nicholls (cond.) 3, A. Campden 4, W. E. Burnell 5, P. C. Taylor 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Rushall 1, Miss C. Eustace 2, P. C. Taylor 3, J. Nichols 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, A. Campden 6. Half-muffled in memory of Winifred Maude, wife of the late Canon W. O. Assheton, former Rector of and patron of Bilton.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford Bob, 720 St. Clement's Bob): Eileen E. Wooldridge 1, J. M. Lakin 2, J. V. Temple 3, M. R. Rose 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5, M. Hawkes 6.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Rivett (first quarter) 1, Anne E. Amor 2, Mary Tysoe 3, F. Tysoe 4, R. J. Harrison 5, D. Stainsby 6, C. M. Payne 7, R. L. Piron (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam David Simms, a member of the church, who died after a road accident.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's-on-the-Mount, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Doreen Gibbons 1, Beryl Abbott (first quarter) 2, Jane Cook 3, M. J. Austin 4, D. Heighton 4, P. J. Bird (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Grainger 1, Elizabeth Jackson (first quarter) 2, P. J. Bird (cond.) 3, Barbara Stephens 4, B. J. Wylde 5, R. Blacker 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. S. Deal (14), 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, D. L. Mills (cond.) 3, Mrs. L. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, L. D. Mills 6, E. C. Hynard 7, D. W. Brooks (16) 8. First quarter 1 and 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. M. Philpott 1, Miss A. Wells 2, Mrs. G. W. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. C. Chatfield (cond.) 5, T. C. Phillimore 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Delight Minor (720 Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover, 720 Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone and Ely): A. Richardson 1, I. Jenkins 2, M. Jillian Brierley 3, 8. Hough, jun., 4, N. D. Lomas 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Schofield (first quarter) 1, C. A. Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, Miss M. Moxon 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. A farewell to Christopher Moxon, who is joining the R.A.F.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. C. Thrift 1, I. Panton 2, R. Groves 3, R. S. Payne 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, R. Harrison 6, D. Symonds 7, J. Saunders 8, P. Eves 9, M. Edwards 10. For the county harvest thanksgiving service.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Francis 1, I. Harris 2, S. Pulker 3, J. Benfield 4, B. Dixon (cond.) 5, B. Hale 6, T. Tims 7, C. Tompkins 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. R. Jarvis, a member of this tower for nearly 40 years, and Mrs. Jarvis.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Smith 1, S. N. Bristow 2, C. Tarr 3, S. Smith 4, H. Commins 5, W. Grabham 6. For the 21st birthday of Miss J. Smith.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): M. Hoverd 1, C. Sheffield 2, I. Harris (cond.) 3, R. Hoverd 4, A. Leach 5, H. Hoverd 6, B. Lewis 7, K. Hoverd 8. In memoriam Harry Hoverd, of Crayford, who died November, 1957.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ena Marklew (first quarter) 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, Elizabeth Wilcox (first quarter) 3, A. Ballard 4, E. A. Sowman 5, M. A. Lindsey 6, J. Vernon (cond.) 7, C. Clarke 8. Rung for the anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Seal, donor of the bells.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, T. S. Baker 2, June Richardson 3, A. Grant (first 'inside') 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. For morning service. Also on May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, Hilary Speake 2, P. J. Woodgyer 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. For Evensong. Also on June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, T. S. Baker 2, P. J. Woodgyer 3, A. D. Grant 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. In memoriam Rose Ann Sadler. On Oct. 12th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Speake 1, June Richardson 2, T. S. Baker (cond.) 3, P. J. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, Josephine Pole 6. For Evensong.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. E. Pinney 1, H. W. Pearce 2, L. E. Wear 3, J. S. Hacking 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, W. H. Poole (cond.) 7, S. Wills 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 3, 4 and 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Wills.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Apps 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, Miss D. J. Murrel (first 'inside') 3, R. V. Johnson 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, J. E. Herbecq 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cooke (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Miss P. Dowse (first in method) 2, Miss B. Cooke (first in method) 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, W. E. Mashiter 5, T. Senior 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, F. Hodgson 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ELM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Knight 1, Mavis Haw 2, Angela Cook 3, H. J. Reeve 4, M. R. Reed 5, G. J. Mann (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to H. J. Reeve.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. T. Edmonds (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. M. White 2, J. Woodason (first of Minor) 3, M. W. Mason 4, M. Stokes (first of Minor) 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sanders 1, F. K. Cooke 2, A. F. Grimmer (first quarter) 3, R. Berry 4, R. Hornby (first as cond.) 5, C. Pawsey 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. P. Adams (cond.) 1, P. Pease (first quarter) 2, Vera Nelson 3, T. Pett 4, J. Hindry 5, E. Howse 6, G. Buckle cover bell.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Brown 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Freda Cannon 3, E. Jones 4, M. Hawks 5, F. P. Mead 6, J. Dafters (cond.) 7, J. Rooke 8. First quarter on eight bells 1, 3 and 8. For Evensong.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of S. Nicolas, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Howells 1, Shelagh R. Collins (cond.) 2, Monica E. Collins 3, Ann M. Cox 4, I. Vaughan 5, F. Oldroyd 6, W. Morey 10. For Evensong and a compliment to the Rev. B. Rex Davis, whose ordination to the priesthood took place this day.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Hunneysett (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Miss A. Deacon 2, E. E. Breed 3, G. Beeney (cond.) 4, C. Booth 5, H. Goldsmith 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4 treble.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Grice 1, M. J. Palmer 2, R. G. Leale 3, F. R. Scott 4, D. A. S. Hawkins (cond.) 5, W. S. Deason 8. For practice night.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, R. Parish 2, I. Collins 3, A. Berry (first quarter) 4, R. Hayden 5, L. Whitby 6, W. Wheeler 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Johnson 1, Margaret Marshall (first of Triples 'inside') 2, E. Treagus 3, S. T. Ford 4, R. Borsberry 5, D. Jones 6, M. Marshall (cond.) 7, P. Richardson 8. For evening service.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Hawkins 1, W. A. Lewis 2, P. Ruch 3, J. E. Chilcott 4, J. Killick 5, A. H. Wulwel 6, P. Bettridge 7, G. Ruck (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 5 and 7. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Harbour 1, Miss S. Garrett (first 'inside') 2, G. W. Golding 3, Mrs. J. E. Chilcott 4, W. W. Webb 5, J. B. Sansom 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, J. E. Chilcott 8. For Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. D. E. Latchford 1, D. E. Latchford 2, F. J. Plummer 3, C. S. Harwood 4, A. R. Agg 5, P. Border (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday. In memoriam David Priestley.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Popplewell 1, F. Popplewell 2, H. Armitage 3, Miss S. Brown (first of Major) 4, H. Smith 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Newton 8. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal: F. Richards 1, F. Popplewell 2, H. Armitage 3, Miss E. Westmorcland 4, J. Pearson (cond.) 5, Miss S. Brown 6, D. B. Cater 7, A. Hinchcliffe 8, E. Pickles 9, J. Newton 10. First of Royal for 4, 6, 7 and 8. For Evensong, also to mark the silver wedding anniversary of the conductor.

HURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Gibbs (first of Triples) 1, R. K. Rivers (first as cond.) 2, Miss S. A. Castle 3, R. Castle 4, Mrs. V. Castle 5, B. C. Castle 6, C. Eele 7, F. Hicks 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Waples 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, Miss M. Erik 4, R. J. Picton 5, D. J. Goodman 6, R. V. Wallis 7, B. M. Barker (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 5. Believed to be the first of Major by a local band. For Evensong.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: D. West 1, Miss H. Sharp 2, Miss A. Lufkin 3, Miss H. Stewart 4, L. Sharp 5, E. Smith 6, U. Wildney 7, J. Brown 8. For evening service.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Winch (cond.) 1, Patricia Cross 2, G. Marriner 3, Pauline Sprackling (first of Caters) 4, A. H. Smith 5, B. Hawkins 6, Rev. C. Marshall 7, A. J. Smith 8, T. A. Cross 9, H. V. Young 10. For Evensong, and to mark H. V. Young's 25 years' service at Leatherhead tower.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Masser (first quarter) 1, J. Parish 2, R. J. Moore (cond., first quarter) 3, R. Bacon 4, R. Burgess 5. For Remembrance Sunday.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: L. Derrick (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, J. Brain (first of Stedman Doubles) 3, Ruth Gaunt (first 'inside') 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Thomas (first quarter) 1, Christine Ashmore (first quarter) 2, C. Brewin 3, Jean Hoy (first 'inside') 4, R. J. Hill (first as cond.) 5, M. S. Hardy 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Mellor 1, T. Smith 2, Miss L. Forward 3, H. Badger 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. Webb 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, A. B. Elsmore 3, D. Jaine 4, G. Davis 5, Rev. E. G. Benson 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, A. T. Wingate 8. First of Stedman for 3 and 4.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. Ward 1, G. Sandwell 2, H. Worboys 3, F. May 4, J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 6, A. House 7, G. Blower 8. For Evensong.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judy E. Scales (first quarter) 1, J. Warner 2, P. J. Eves 3, D. A. S. Symonds 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Gouley 1, G. Redwood 2, C. Redwood 3, C. Pring 4, W. Shute 5, L. Cobb 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, E. Turner 8. First quarter 1 and 3. For Evensong.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Ashton 1, B. Backhouse 2, J. Kitchiner 3, D. Munns 4, H. Gurney 5, C. J. Blain (first as cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Freda Phillips 1, H. Pople 12, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, K. Prime 4, D. Miller 5, E. Skinner 6. First in method by all except 3 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 9th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss C. Pullin (first of Stedman Caters) 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, C. F. Sayer 3, F. J. Spicer 4, R. W. Darvill 5, H. V. Frost 6, B. C. Johnson 7, T. J. Southam (cond.) 8, G. W. Debenham 9, A. E. Ewer 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

SHERBORNE, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Faulks 1, Miss S. Stroud (first 'inside') 2, W. Collett 3, W. S. Oakley 4, W. H. Male (cond.) 5, W. Clement 6. Rung for the induction of the Ven. J. H. Proctor (Archdeacon of Warwick) as Vicar.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 24th, 1,272 Minor (Kent, Oxford, Plain and St. Clement's): G. P. Adams (cond.) 1, T. Pett 2, S. H. Waterfield 3, G. W. Buckle 4, G. Love 5, E. Howse 6. First quarter in four methods for 2, 3 and 4.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Rivers 1, Margaret Thompson 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, Sylvia Atkins 4, D. Wight 5, W. F. Oatway 6, W. G. Wilson 7, A. D. Barker (cond.) 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Stanley (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, Miss C. Howlett 3, Dr. G. C. Roworth 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, C. G. Jones 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Stanley 1, V. Griffin (cond.) 2, Miss C. Lansley 3, Miss M. Wright 4, C. G. Jones 5, J. Sawyer 6, P. Minchin 7, B. Warner 8. First on eight bells 1, 3 and 6 and as conductor. To congratulate W. Boden (secretary of St. Mark's tower) and Miss Y. Unsworth on their engagement, and to mark the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Collins.

SHEPPERTON, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Pole (first away from tenor) 1, M. J. Palmer 2, C. B. Fynes 3, A. D. Grant 4, T. S. Baker (cond.) 5.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Mills 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, F. Harvey 3, M. Mills 4, E. E. Davey (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Rupert Clarke.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. White 1, Mrs. N. Chadwick 2, W. F. Moreton 3, H. Chant 4, D. Cubitt 5, P. Woodward (cond.) 6, K. Park 7, G. Townend 8, J. H. Kirby 9, H. Naylor 10. To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Queen Elizabeth the First.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: P. D. Chapman 1, R. J. Chapman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. C. Maynard 4, F. W. Sykes 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, D. Hewitt 7, F. C. Taylor 8. First in the method for all. For Evensong and in memoriam Mrs. W. Morton, grandmother of 1 and 2. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, R. J. Chapman 3, W. Dowler 4, F. C. Maynard 5, E. E. Holman 6, F. W. Sykes 7, B. R. Downes (cond.) 8, T. Hawkings 9, F. C. Taylor 10. First of Bob Caters for all. For Evensong.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Scott 1, Jill Easem 2, Valerie Waterfield 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Jackson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Gilling 1, H. W. Knight 2, Mrs. H. Kingcott 3, R. Smith 4, M. Collins 5, J. Brain 6, W. H. Kingcott (cond.) 7, S. Smith 8. For Evensong.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Knight 1, M. Legg 2, H. Brice 3, H. A. Price 4, C. Bishop 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. A compliment to S. G. Smith on his daughter's coming of age.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Derek P. Jones rang his 100th peal this year on November 21st at Whitwick, Leics. His peal total is now 375, of which he has conducted 178.

With the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Bradford on November 18th, Mr. A. Percival Knights has rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The delay of publication of peals at Norwich (September 5th), Norwich (September 17th) and Dartford (October 28th) arises from letters being lost in the post. The peals from Norwich were twice lost.

We are asked to state that the name of the ringer of the third in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Lane End, Staffs (see page 752), was Geoffrey Davies and not Jeffrey Davis as submitted.

Mr. Gerald C. Hemming, of 36, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham, Worcs, is anxious to obtain a copy of the following issues of 'The Ringing World' for 1953: February 13th, 20th and 27th, and March 6th.

Mr. Trevor Lewis, the captain of Christ Church, Radyr, four miles from Cardiff, has after considerable difficulty recruited a band to ring methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Mr. Stephen Ivin writes from Oxford: 'I really cannot understand how anyone could contemplate attempting seven peals in a day with my old friend Pat Cannon. I have found that one a year is sufficient tax on my endurance!'

Fourteen-year-old Roger Lord rang his first peal on November 15th at Scunthorpe. He took the tenors to a peal of Plain Bob Major 'in hand,' and the band included his father and godfather. Now for your first tower bell peal, Roger!

Knowle, Warks, is not alone in ringing on Guy Fawkes' Day. Both Bilton and Dunchurch ring on this day, and their record dates back to about 1650, writes Mr. W. E. Burnell, captain of Bilton ringers.

The Guildford Guild library has a bound copy of 'Campanology' which is being featured in our columns in Mr. Wilson's articles.

After the peal at Langham, Rutland (publication delayed through lost letter), the conductor, Mr. Horace M. Day, and the rest of the band with two listeners were kindly entertained by Mrs. Hubbard, wife of the tenor ringer.

An in memoriam quarter peal was rung at Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex, on November 19th to Mr. Rupert Clarke, who in 1935 had the old five bells rehung and a new treble added. He was a former churchwarden.

Mr. A. H. Hill, of King's Langley, Herts, has returned to ringing after an absence of 30 years. The local band were very pleased to see him ringing the tenor to a quarter peal on November 23rd.

Last Saturday, the Rochester diocese held a thanksgiving service and pageant in the Royal Festival Hall to commemorate the raising of £500,000 (half the required amount) towards church building. The Lord Bishop requested that all possible bells in the diocese should be rung in the afternoon of this day, and at several towers peals were successful.

Over 100 letters have been received by the Editor this week for card tunes. In view of the very limited number of typewritten sheets which are in circulation, the Editor has decided to publish the tunes. A number appear in this issue on page 798, and others will appear next week. We must warn readers that some are imperfect. Will readers please accept publication instead of an individual reply.

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'CAMPANOLOGY' — Some Notes By Wilfrid G. Wilson

(Continued from page 778)

In issue No. 8 is printed a list of names of 'a company of workers' organised by the Central Committee for the Collection of Peals for the Central Council to deal with compositions in certain specified methods. And what famous names, with what a lot of talent, was in that list—all prepared to devote their time to the work of the Central Council—the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for Grandsire Triples; the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stedman Triples; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, other Triples methods; J. A. Trollope, Bob Major; John Carter, Duffield and Forward; H. Dains, Double Norwich; J. R. Pritchard, Stedman Caters and Cinques; Gabriel Lindoff, Superlative Surprise Major; N. J. Pitstow, London Surprise Major; Tom Lockwood, Treble Bob Major; Arthur Knights, Treble Bob Royal and Maximus.

No. 9 has a paragraph one would like to see more often nowadays. Certain famous London towers are mentioned as being anxious to give young ringers a hearty welcome to their practices!

Compositions giving the total extent of the changes on a specified number of bells have been news in 'The Ringing World' lately. This issue of 'Campanology' gives what it calls the 'Maximum of Maximus'—479,001,600 changes of Plain Bob Maximus, by J. A. Trollope. Such a simple (!) composition, too, that it takes up only about three inches of one column of print.

Readers of J. A. T.'s 'History of the College Youths,' and still more, those who have seen his manuscript history from part of which this book was taken, will be familiar with his skill at pen and ink drawings of churches and towers. In issue No. 10 are some early examples. He writes an article on Guildford — that's near home, Mr. Editor—and illustrates it by sketches of four of its churches.

The 259th anniversary dinner of the College Youths was evidently a great success, to judge by the account of it in this number. The dinner 'was served up in excellent style, not a discordant note was heard, course-end after course-end coming up in record times.'

No. 12 records two peals of Maximus thought worthy of praise in the editorial: 5,016 Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on November 28th, 1896, in 3 hours 47 minutes, composed and conducted by James Motts (first peal in the method); and on the same date, 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral in 4 hours 26 minutes, conducted by Jas. Pettit, in which Mr. W. T. Cockerill rang the tenor (63 cwt.) single-handed.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RINGERS

At the end of three months' existence as 'the first weekly illustrated Journal entirely devoted to the Art of Ringing to be published for One Penny,' the Editor wrote that, in addition to the illustrations of churches, 'we hope to give photos of ringers who have rendered good service to the Exercise, *nor shall we ask or expect any remuneration or premium from these gentlemen for so doing.*' (The italics are mine.—W. G. W.)

It is difficult to imagine our Editor today considering such an assurance necessary when he published a photograph.

This issue also recorded the formation in July, 1896, of the Victorian Association of Change Ringers at Melbourne, Australia. And now, some 60 years after, we have a representative of an Australian Association elected to the Central Council.

No. 15 records five peals rung in Sussex towers as the result of seven evenings' ringing by members of the St. Peter's, Brighton, Society —all conducted by George Williams and featuring such (later) well-known names as George Baker, Frank Bennett and Keith Hart. Two peals of London and one each of Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich Major would still be a creditable performance 60 years later.

'Brother String'—who may well have been the Editor, I don't know—started a series of articles by which he hoped to persuade those ringers who had never progressed beyond Treble Bob to attempt methods like Double Norwich and the Surprise methods. Equally true today, and something I find myself saying over and over again to beginners, is the statement: 'Home study is the great road to success; one hour by the fire is better than three in the belfry.' He also made the point that there was nothing more difficult in conducting touches and peals in these methods than in ordinary everyday methods.

No. 16 has 'Brother String's' article on Double Norwich, and to encourage his readers he starts by pointing out that 'this title does not mean double difficult, it simply means that a similar work is done from behind as from the front.'

THE BRIDGWATER PEAL

A mystifying letter in this issue needs a 'recap' of earlier news. No. 14 published a performance of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Bridgwater, Somerset, the first peal on the bells. An account of the peal referred to 3 hours and 20 minutes of splendid ringing, hearty congratulations from the local ringers, everyone highly gratified, etc. The following week a letter was printed from a Mr. J. Joyce, who wrote that the midway single turned up in 1 hour 47 minutes (i.e., 3 hours 34 minutes for a peal) and the bells ran round in 3 hours 20 minutes at a plain lead, Holt's end single was neither called nor made and the back change turned up twice during the peal, 'therefore I fail to see that it can be a true peal.'

In No. 16, T. Doble, who rang the fifth, wrote that the midway single came up in 1 hour 42 minutes; he denied *in toto* that the back change came up twice, 'and the bells running round at a plain lead is a fabrication as I was ringing the fifth which was in the hunt.'

He goes on to say that during the latter part of the peal there was a considerable amount of rattling at the belfry door . . . 'I cannot say who did it, but J. Joyce was found at the door alone.' This doesn't exactly agree with the congratulations and gratification mentioned earlier. And Mr. Doble ends most emphatically, in italics: 'I myself shall always consider I have the honour to be one of the band who rang *the first true peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Bridgwater.*'

But the queerest part of all this is the letter which also appeared from the conductor and which I must quote in full:—

> 'Having read in "Campanology" about the peal of Triples at Bridgwater, I beg to contradict J. Joyce's statement about the halfway bob single turning up in one hour and 42 minutes' [a misprint for 47 I expect] 'and the home bob single in 3 hours and 20 minutes. Referring to the single which I didn't call, as I told him in the tower at Bridgwater at the end of the peal; but I called Holt's Bob, which was nearly two blows late, therefore I left the single out and called "That's all," and brought the bells round in two leads after the last bob was called, and not one lead as he stated, therefore we hold the peal to be true.—Yours truly,
>
> J. MADDOCK
> (conductor of the peal).'

An interpretation of all this, still leaving one in no doubt about the truth of the peal, would be most interesting. I should add that this was Mr. Maddock's first peal as conductor. He rang the treble, so perhaps he couldn't see whether the bells came round or not!

'TOM TOLLADAY'S 12,000'

An account in this number of the entertainment to supper, by the Rector, of about 20 members of the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, says that W. Truss contributed the ringers' favourite song, 'Tom Tolladay's 12,000.' It would be most interesting if any of your present readers could tell us what the song was.

No. 17 records the first peal of Stedman Caters by John S. Goldsmith at St. Nicholas', Brighton, on January 2nd, 1897. Fourteen years later he was to start our present journal. About the Bridgwater peal, the Editor very tactfully put a note under 'Answers to Correspondents' that he did not think that any further good could result from the publication of more letters about the peal and that it was for the Association concerned to decide whether the peal was true.

In No. 19 is a biography of Mr. J. J. W. Carr, managing partner of the bell foundry started by his father in 1863 at Smethwick. In the 1890's Mr. Carr produced a ring of six maiden bells, of which the firm was very proud. According to the article, this ring was (in 1897) still the property of the firm. Its owners were unwilling to let it pass out of their possession and the bells went 'on tour in various parts of the country where they are used to heighten the attractions of different theatrical performances.' We are not told their weight, only that they were awarded two gold medals and a diploma of honour and were pronounced by the experts to be perfect in tone and finish. What we would really like to know is what happened to them—whether some lucky ringers have them in their tower to use today.

The editorial in No. 20 returns to one of Mr. Bedwell's hobby horses—the neglected state of many belfries, especially in the Metropolis. He puts a deal of the blame on the fact that the clergy in many cases do not support the ringers, and he quotes remarks by the Master of the College Youths. 'If the clergy were found more at the west end of the church, bell-ringers would be found more frequently at the east end of the church.'

'Brother String,' having dealt with Superlative Surprise Major some weeks back, deals in No. 21 with Cambridge Surprise in what he calls the 'Burton Variation,' because this allows more freedom in composition, thus allowing more musical peals to be composed. The method is what today we know as New Cambridge, but I guess not a few readers were mystified by a misprint which made the second, when doing the front work with the treble at the end of the course— dodge 1-2, lead, 3 blows in seconds, 3 blows lead, dodge 1-2 with treble and make seconds!

Whether a portent of the paper's coming demise or not, in this issue was started a 'Sale or Exchange' column—three lines, one insertion, 6d.; three insertions, one shilling. Only one entry appeared—a gent's cycle; so the gross takings on this venture were 4d. a week for three weeks!

(To be continued)

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOUNG RINGER

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SYDMONTON'S FIRST PEAL

Sunday, November 16th, will be a day to remember for the villagers of Sydmonton, Hants, as after nearly 70 years of chiming only they were able to hear their six bells rung for 2 hours and 48 minutes of good ringing in the first peal ever recorded on the bells.

An article has already appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the history of these bells. The first peal attempt was arranged for October 5th but had to be postponed because of a breakdown of one of the cars.

However, no snags arose for the second attempt. The band met at 3.30 and a start was made shortly afterwards for Bob Minor. Two oil lamps were lighted as electric lighting has not yet been completed in the church.

Ralph, the conductor, had to shout at the top of his voice, the bells being immediately overhead. Fortunately there were no trips, and a great sigh of relief was expressed when the bells came into rounds.

We were all impressed by the way that Mary rang a difficult treble; she put up a fine performance, proving that there are good lady ringers.

We would also like to associate Pat Cannon and Trevor Cross with this peal, both of whom were included in the party for the previous attempt but not able to present.

It is hoped now to go ahead with the forming of a local band so that the bells may be rung regularly for every service. G. D.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

'The most successful meeting of the year' was the title earned by the annual nomination meeting of the Farnham District, held at St. Mary's, Worplesdon, on November 29th.

Very many ringers attended and most of the towers in the District were represented. Several methods, ranging from rounds to Cambridge, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The Ringers' Service was conducted by the Rev. L. C. Smale, chaplain to Brookwood Hospital. He gave a very interesting sermon, quoting extracts from a very old book on bell-ringing.

Tea was served at Worplesdon Place, and was followed by a speedy but thorough business meeting, with Mr. C. W. Denyer (Master of the Guild) in the chair.

An apology for absence was received from the District secretary, Mr. C. J. Beadle, who is in hospital having a slight operation. His wife was asked to convey the best wishes of the meeting for his speedy recovery. Mr. S. Joyce gave the vote of thanks to the chaplain, organist and organisers of the tea.

The names of Major E. J. Bragg and Mr. W. Viggers were nominated for the posts of Ringing Master and assistant, to be voted on at the annual general meeting to be held at Aldershot on January 31st. All other committee members were re-elected. Nine new ringing members were elected. M. A. C.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Goodfellow 1, Barbara Marchant 2, T. S. Baker 3, June Richardson 4, D. Fowles 5, P. J. Woodgyer (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

A Fashion Critic Conductor

Inspired by a Belfry Gossip paragraph on the dress of Crondall lady handbell ringers, Mr. W. W. Ring, who conducted 1,260 *Grandsire Triples at Tenterden, Kent, on November 16th, writes:—*

'Miss Millen was rather gay in a cream blouse and plaid skirt, while Miss Meynell turned out in a blue jumper, slacks and brown boots (brown boots—I ask you!).

'The eminent Miss Relf had a Paisley blouse, a skirt by Daks, and beetle-crushers. Miss Marshall wore a white blouse and grey skirt in the best W.I. tradition, but this was offset by beetle-crushers, too!'

The ringers were Winifred Millen (first of Triples) 1, *Mary Meynell* 2, *Violet Relf* 3, *Elizabeth Marshall* 4, *W. P. Tickner* 5, *W. H. Prior* 6, *W. W. Ring (conductor)* 7, *P. Relf* 8.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A meeting of the Saxmundham District held at Leiston on November 15th was well attended, with Mr. L. G. Brett, the Guild Ringing Master, being present. Ringing ranged from Plain Bob Major to Yorkshire Surprise.

At the business meeting Mr. James Bailey, District Ringing Master, gave a warm welcome to all present. The proposed new Districts for the Suffolk Guild gave vent to much discussion. On a motion by Mr. Alan Pipe, seconded by Mr. Peter Bedford, it was agreed that these should be accepted, with the recommendation that Wickham Market and Marlesford should be in the same District. New members elected were Monty Basket, John Ludbrook, Denny Watling and Trevor Hughes (ringing members) and S. Pritchard-Barrett (honorary member), all of Kelsale. A collection in aid of the Suffolk Guild Restoration Fund amounted to 10s. 7d. The date of the next meeting was held over in view of the new Districts. A. R. B.

WAREHAM BELLS

In June the bells of Wareham, Dorset, were removed to Loughborough, the seventh to be recast and the others retuned. When the bells were out of the tower it was then possible to examine thoroughly the beams supporting the frame, and several bad pieces of timber were found. As a result it was decided to remove the old beams and install new girders and a new metal frame.

The Barron Bell Fund had already given £300 towards the cost of restoration, and they have now most generously doubled this. But there is still £600 to be found. The parish is working hard to raise this money, but any donations would be most gratefully received by Mr. Ashton-Taylor, Worgret Road, Wareham—the treasurer of the Bell Fund.

It is hoped to sell pieces of oak from the beams and frame, as some of it is in excellent condition and is hundreds of years old.

BELL-RINGING IS NOT A DYING ART

The statement made by the Rector of Ashley at the Lichfield Consistory Court that 'bell-ringing was a dying art and the Advisory Committee would have to face the fact sooner or later' (see 'R.W.', page 759) has been emphatically denied by Mr. E. H. Edge, hon. secretary, The North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers. To the 'Sentinel' he writes:—

'During the past three months this Association has been conducting, as part of a country-wide census being carried out by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, a comprehensive factual survey of Sunday service bands and ringing at all the churches in North Staffordshire (north of a line Marchington–Eccleshall) with rings of five or more bells. With four returns to come in the position is as follows:—

'Ten- and eight-bell towers—Seven completely manned for all service ringing; seven satisfactorily manned, i.e., at least six bells rung regularly for all services; two less well rung; none not rung.

'Five- and six-bell towers—Thirteen completely manned, four partially manned, three not rung, four unringable.

'In all, more ringers than ringable bells (although the ringing strength of some towers is greater than others).

'With nearly 80 per cent. of the bells satisfactorily rung for services Sunday by Sunday, this can hardly be called "a dying art." At any one point in time the situation has probably never been better.

'There is no doubt that many churches are in need of recruits and others of experienced ringers, particularly for instruction, but these internal difficulties emanate mainly from the last war when for several years the church bells were not permitted to ring, bands were dispersed and no training of new ringers could take place. In many towers there is an age gap of 20 years between the older ringers, taught before the war, and the eldest of the young ringers who have joined the towers since the war.

'Our church bells ring and will continue to be rung for very many years to come.'

CHURCH-GOING IN NORTH STAFFS

Dear Sir,—A great saving of expense and labour would accrue and much acrimony would be removed if the parishioners of Ashley and Bagnall attended at the village 'locals' on a Sunday evening and listened in to the B.B.C. broadcast of church services. The question of the propriety of recorded bells would not then arise.—Yours sincerely,

Leamington Spa. HENRY ALLEN.

'WHITTINGTONS'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Walker's letter on page 761 reminds me that the first peal on the 12 bells at Canterbury in December, 1924 or 5 (I am temporarily unable to check the exact date), was Stedman Cinques in the Whittingtons by the late F. Hayes, of High Wycombe.

Mr. Hayes as a composer was unlikely to have many compositions of Stedman Cinques, so it is more than probable he had called this peal himself in his own tower some years before.—Yours sincerely, E. BARNETT.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GREAT YARMOUTH AND ITS CLOCK CHIMES

Dear Sir,—As many readers will know, the magnificent Parish Church of Great Yarmouth, now rapidly rising from wartime ruin, will soon possess a fine ring of 13 bells (tenor 30 cwt. in D) with a flat sixth.

It is necessary in the very near future to choose the quarter chimes for the clock. These can be on 4, 5, 6 or 8 bells. I am seeking advice from many quarter on the matter, and should be glad to have the views of any readers interested. We already have the Cambridge Chimes (often wrongly called the Westminster Chimes!) on our Town Hall which, apart from their over-familiarity through the wireless, seems to exclude them from our choice.

I hope to be 'at home' to anyone interested at Yarmouth Vicarage on the evening of Wednesday, December 17th, there to make a choice or at least to get a short list of possible chimes. I should be grateful for any helpful letters by then. A grand cruciform mediæval church at the end of an ancient market place seems to call for a grand and solemn chime rather than a merry one; apart from this I have no ideas at the moment. But it would be very pleasant to have a chime which would come to have an association with Yarmouth in the minds of our multitudes of holidaymakers, and which they would hear again with pleasure as they get out of their long-distance motor coaches on Church Plain nearby.—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth Vicarage,
Norfolk.

PEAL RINGERS ARE NOT ONLY TO BLAME

Dear Sir,—I also agree entirely with Mr. W. Ring ('R.W.', November 7th). Why criticise and blame the enthusiastic peal ringer, or any other enthusiastic ringer, for the faults and failures of others?

For a change, let us see put up for criticism the 'dog in the manger' type, the 'stick in the mud' type with little or no interest, and the unreliable Sunday service ringer who only turns up when he feels like it.

Yes, I ring peals on Saturdays and attend Guild meetings; I am leader of a tower whose band try to keep the bells ringing on Sundays (not always successfully).

In addition to our own practice I attend others in the District; in each case we try to ring simple methods when enough Sunday service ringers turn up with enough interest to have a go.

Quite often I travel a distance of 14 miles each way by bus to attend a really good, progressive practice, where Surprise Major methods are regularly rung for Sunday service, and all this band are regular peal ringers.

I quite agree that Sunday service ringing should be the 'backbone'; if this was so there would be no need for the Central Council's concern over the poor state of Sunday service ringing.

There are plenty of 'Sunday service' ringers who have not enough interest to attend a Guild meeting, even in their own District.—Yours, etc.,

R. W. REX.

Thatcham, Berks.

OTHER FACTORS ABOUT SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I am interested in your current series of letters on the question of Sunday service ringing, and quite agree that the vast majority of peal ringers are regularly to be found in the tower on Sundays. I do feel, however, that all your correspondents have fallen into the common error of considering the ringer purely in that capacity, and not also as the member of a congregation and a family.

Shift work makes both peal and regular Sunday ringing difficult. The presence of young children or an invalid in the family may mean that while an occasional peal is possible it is not easy to be committed to a regular attendance on Sundays, particularly if the ringer wishes to attend a service, as to ring would double the length of time away from home.

I can also think of a variety of circumstances in which, perhaps temporarily, attendance at church may conflict with the obligation in the tower. It is obviously desirable that a ringer should live in the parish of the church where he rings, and worship there also, but this is not always possible. If a youngster is introduced to ringing, often by a school friend, he might be able to ring regularly on Sundays only by discontinuing attendance with his family at his local parish church.

Again, the ringer who learns while away from home—perhaps at college or in the Forces—and has even become a peal ringer, may be faced with this same problem on his return. More common is the difficulty of an established ringer who marries and sets up his home at some distance from the church with bells. This is particularly true of the ringer at a cathedral or an old church now in the heart of a commercial or industrial area. If he is regular in his attendance his young family may well have to attend their own church without him.

There are ringers who are organists, and those who find the liturgical observance of the church which happens to have bells is not that to which they have always been accustomed. I can think also of a peal ringer who has always attended with his family a church where the bells have now been unsafe for some years.

Ringers affected by any of these conditions should obviously give an explanation to their own tower captain and the incumbent, if he is interested, but they are certainly not called upon to justify themselves to a casual critic. We should be chary of general criticism and judge only on an accurate knowledge of individual circumstances.—Yours truly,

LUCILE M. CORBY.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

NORTH STONEHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—Two weeks in succession now (November 14th and 21st) the weight of the tenor at North Stoneham has been given in your peal columns as 9 cwt. 26 lb.

Mr. Matkin especially should not have forgotten that the back seven were recast by Taylors in 1956 and rehung almost exactly two years ago.

The tenor, for the benefit of future conductors of peals on the bells, now weighs 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. FORDER.

Swaythling.

BETHERSDEN AND SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—I regret I am quite unable to act upon the suggestion of J. Burgess, of Friezland, and check up on the 177 ringers he mentions to see who rang Major or over for morning service, but I'm certain that very few of them did because many of them I suspect hail from 6-bell towers, and you can't ring Major on six bells however hard you try!

We are not so concerned with *what* they ring but with *whether* they ring for service, and I'm quite sure that most of the 177 ringers mentioned rang for service somewhere—probably always have done and always will do; I therefore stick to my former statement that peal ringers are also service ringers (with a few exceptions, of course).

Mr. Pellet has me staggering with a right-cross from out of the blue—I wasn't expecting such a crushing blow from the Woodchurch quarter!

While it is true that Bethersden bells have been silent for some months, it's *not* because there are no ringers (moral: ignore village gossipers—Reg Pellet, please note): quite a different reason, I assure you; but I cannot go into it here I'm afraid.

We have four peal ringers in the band, but one is out of the district at the moment and another can only ring for service on odd occasions owing to awkward working hours, so that leaves us with two peal ringers (who always turn up); the rest of the band is made up of non-peal ringers, some of whom think nothing of letting the remainder down by coming very late or not at all.

However, our troubles have been ironed out now and we ring at least once every Sunday, call-changes and method ringing, depending upon who turns up; moreover, our ringers can handle their bells, which is more than can be said for some of our neighbours!

If Reg cares to come over to Bethersden at any time we shall be pleased to see him.—Yours, etc.,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

KENT'S UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—A few additional comments on Mr. Davies' letter may be helpful. Of the 8-bell towers, at Sandwich the tenor is still rung for the 8 p.m. curfew, while at St. Margaret's, Rochester, a boiler stands in the ringing chamber, thus preventing the bells being rung.

The trouble at Sandhurst is that the tenor hits the frame; one other six—Chislet—has been unringable for many years, but a restoration is now in hand.

One 5-bell tower was omitted—High Halstow. Here is an excellent example of a disinterested vicar who has had the ropes removed and a new ringing room ceiling installed, without rope-holes. The bells at Newchurch have been rung within recent years: on the occasion of my visit we were told we rang at our own risk, the local band being insured.—Yours sincerely,

IAN H. ORAM.

Lee, S.E.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Case 1, L. Smith 2, W. A. Yates 3, H. C. Edwards 4, W. F. Eyden 5, G. W. Holland 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. In memoriam Harry Ridgway.

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LETTERS (continued)

EQUATE THE OPPOSITE VIEWS

Dear Sir,—Whenever one goes to a meeting, a topic that sooner or later arises is 'peals.' It would appear that in campanological circles it is considered a mark of esteem to have so many hundred peals to your credit. Thus one type of ringer emerges—the type who always has his eye on his peal total. (Can this be called 'peal mania'?) At the other end of the scale we have the person who hasn't a good word to say for peal ringers. (Anti-peal mania, perhaps?) In between, of course, we have the whole host of ringers who are tolerant of both types and subscribe to neither of these extreme views. Where does this get us? Presumably nowhere, for two persons with fundamentally opposed views can never be made to agree. (Try having an argument with someone.)

However, I think it is generally agreed that peal ringing improves striking, and if we look upon peal ringing as a means to an end—better striking and thus better service ringing—and not as an end in itself—merely the adding to one's personal peal score—we shall have equated in some small measure the two opposed views.

Again, is the quality of Sunday service ringing necessarily measured in terms of quarter peals? Surely the quality of service ringing is essentially a local matter where the object is to extend the local bands to their limits, whether it be multi-method Spliced Surprise Major or well-struck rounds, all doing their best at what they are capable. Obviously this limit will vary between bands, and thus, whilst admitting that competition is a great stimulant, it would be wrong to gloat over any apparent superiority at achievement when a particular band has the ringers, facilities and methods at their fingertips. —Yours faithfully,

DAVID STAPLES.

Cheltenham.

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METHODS AND VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—I have clearly been misunderstood by Mr. Wratten. I did not state and never have stated that a call makes a plain course into another method. My argument is that if a conductor wants to report a peal as 21 methods, be it 21 methods or 12 methods and 9 variations, no one has the right to re-report this peal as has occurred in the 'R.W.' recently.

On the pages which Mr. Wratten points out there also on page 557 appears three peals by frinds of mine, and on page 493 another by them. They are reported in methods and not methods and variations, and no one can alter these reports be they members of the C.C. Analysis Committee or a ringer in the smallest tower in the smallest village on this island. The C.C. can split peals into methods and variations if they wish to for their records. They cannot, however, make anyone report a peal in this way and I don't think they are trying to.

Some people, both in and out of the C.C., misunderstand its rules and decisions. The C.C. only offers advice on ringing matters such as composition, methods, etc. I was very pleased to see in the 'R.W.' that the C.C. did not try to make anyone complete the Sunday service survey form but asked Guilds to bring it up at the next meeting and see if its members would undertake such a survey. Therefore let other people stop telling conductors how to report peals lest they offend any good conductors or ringers and the offended leave the Exercise, which I am sure no reasonable ringer wishes to cause.

I once read in the 'R.W.' where someone said the standard of Doubles ringing had fallen off considerably. I know not if this person was comparing Doubles ringing with 8-bell ringing, but recently I had the pleasure of ringing at Burnham.

This town is really aware of the good or bad qualities of bell-ringing, due to the efforts of Mr. George Gilbert. However, this fine old gentleman told me that he had started training his present band after having lost an excellent 8-bell band who could ring Major as well as any band, which must have sounded wonderful on this lovely eight. He, of course, taught his new band Doubles methods, and on Sunday they rang Doubles with 1 and 2 leading and the tenor drumming. Yet the public stopped George in the street and told him that the ringing of late sounded much better than previously.—Yours faithfully, TERRY M. HAINES.

Moulton, Northampton.

HESTON'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 7th, your correspondent, Mr. Hillis, said I did not mention in my letter whether such a high standard of performance is a regular feature of our Sunday service ringing. Naturally we do not ring two quarter peals each Sunday with two different bands.

In January this year we decided to attempt at least one quarter peal each month for Sunday service, and up to the present time we have rung 14 quarters, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. We have 18 regular Sunday service ringers and each one has rung in quarter peals this year. We also have four recruits who can ring rounds.

Wishing Mr. Hillis and his band the best of luck.—Yours sincerely, W. W. WEBB.

Heston, Middlesex.

LATE NOTICES

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on December 13th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 3490

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Skelton on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. — P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 3491

NEW CHURCHES AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—In your report of the 321st anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Archdeacon of London is quoted as saying that ringing was 'an absolutely essential service to the Church.'

This is rather a sweeping statement to make, as obviously it can apply only where a church possesses a ring of bells. There are also many churches possessing ringable bells whose parishioners do not appear to regard their use for Sunday services as either necessary or desirable.

In a somewhat different category are most of the new churches which have been built in this country during recent years. Few of them have been designed with substantial towers capable of accommodating a ring of bells.

These new churches being built today present special problems, as even the provision of a single bell is something of an expensive luxury, when money is scarce and building costs are high. In such cases, where perhaps the organ is represented by an electronic device, it is not unlikely that bell sounds will be produced electronically as well.

Thus it would seem that of all the churches in the land, the proportion requiring a band of ringers is steadily becoming less.

As a matter of interest, I wonder if any of your more knowledgeable readers could say how many of the completely new churches built since the last war have been furnished with a ring of bells.—Yours faithfully,

M. L. MANN.

Lincoln.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite the very foggy conditions, approximately 35 ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild held at St. Giles' Church, Balderton, on November 15th. Thanks to a large party from Greasley, the bells were soon going to a variety of methods before a service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Johnson).

A fine tea was arranged and served by Mrs. C. W. Reed and her helpers. At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, the secretary's action regarding the old records of the Midland Counties Guild was confirmed. After the meeting a general return to the tower for more ringing followed.

5,120 SOUTHLEIGH SURPRISE MAJOR

By Stephen Ivin

23456	W	B	M	H
64235	—		—	—
43652		1		
42563	—	2	—	
42635		1		—

Repeat four times.

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NEWARK'S GOPHER DINNER

THE day dawned with its traditional fog, but this cleared sufficiently by the evening to enable all intending visitors to arrive in time for the sixth annual Gopher Dinner, held at the Northern Hotel, Newark, on Friday, November 14th.

After the partaking of a most enjoyable meal, the loyal toast was proposed by the president, Canon J. H. D. Grinter.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by the longest serving member of the Society, Mr. E. F. Taylor, who coupled it with the name of the Master (Mr. J. W. Raithby). Mr. Taylor recalled that he personally originally introduced the Master to ringing many years ago.

The Master in reply thanked Mr. Taylor for his kind words and wishes for the Society. During the last year the Society, he said, had probably reached its lowest ebb, during the summer months. At the last dinner he had seen a revival but this had petered out early in the year. Later in the year, due to a publicity campaign organised by the Vicar and himself, both in the Church Magazine and the local press, ten new learners had been obtained and a certain amount of progress had been made. All were doing well. He thanked the local papers for the generous way in which they had co-operated in this project.

Mr. Raithby also proposed the toast of 'The President,' and said it was always a great pleasure to welcome the Vicar on the annual outing and to the Gopher Dinner.

The Vicar, thanking the Society for their good wishes, said that he had enjoyed the outing to Chester, which was new ground to him. He apologised for not seeing the ringers as often as he would have liked, but he had not been enjoying the best of health, and despite the well wishes of one busy lady in the parish and the secretary's extolling during the dinner of a muffled peal, he was not yet at death's door.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by the secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, and acknowledged by Mr. S. Adams.

The company included the president (Canon J. H. D. Grinter), the Master and Mrs. Raithby, Mr. F. W. Midwinter and Mr. E. F. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bartlam, Mr. and Mrs. A. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson.

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The Misses G. Burchnall, K. Burchnall, E. Rose, J. Smith, L. Hulford, B. Millhouse, J. Richardson.

ANDOVER DISTRICT OUTING

Augmented by friends from the Newbury area, the Andover District had an enjoyable outing into Wiltshire on November 15th.

At the first tower, Collingbourne-Ducis (6), six ropes were encountered. The heavy six at Netheravon provided the highlight of the day—a course of London Surprise Minor. Amesbury (6) bells were rung before tea at Milliard's Café. Durnford's five bells have a slow-going tenor, and the day's ringing finished at Woodford (6), where the fourth bell is tucked away out of sight behind the organ.

We were pleased to meet en route ringers from Salisbury and Southampton, and to renew acquaintance with the Rev. Kenneth Davis. Thanks are accorded to the Misses White for their arrangements. G. K. D.

OBITUARY

MR. C. PORTSMOUTH

The parish of Harlington, Middlesex, and the Middlesex Association in particular have sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. Charles Portsmouth, who had rung at Harlington for 50 years. His first connection with the Parish Church was as a choirboy, and at 17 he was in the tower as a ringer. He also became the first Scout Master in Harlington. From 1919 to 1929 he was captain of the ringers and later became churchwarden. On a Sunday Charlie was always to be found either in the tower or in his seat in church. He leaves a widow.

The funeral was held on November 26th, the Rector (Rev. A. T. Morgan) officiating. The Middlesex County Association was represented by Mr. W. H. Coles (vice-president), with Mr. L. Grice, captain at Harlington, and Mr. A. Sapsford.

Mr. Coles sends this appreciation:

'Charlie was of a kindly, generous and gently humorous nature, and he had through the years endeared himself to all who were fortunate enough to know him well. Those of us who are left to mourn his loss will be comforted by the faith that by now he will have received his just reward by the greeting "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".' L. G.

MR. HARRY RIDGWAY

Mr. Harry Ridgway, who died at his home at Deenshanger, near Wicken, Northants, on November 17th, aged 76, had been a ringer for well over 50 years—first at Passenham and since 1920 at Wicken. He was a wheelwright.

He passed to higher life the way he always said he would like to. He rang for evening service at Wicken on November 16th, and on Monday mid-day, after having his usual pint at the local, sat beside his fire and slept all earthly cares away.

His peals consisted mostly of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and he was the regular treble ringer in the late A. J. Green's Surprise Major band. To all who knew Harry he was a beloved, jovial character, who was renowned for his fine taste of a good pint and a game of dominoes.

After the funeral his fellow ringers rang a half-muffled quarter peal at Wicken in his favourite method—Stedman Triples. W. A. Y.

MR. B. H. SWINSON

We regret to record the death on November 17th of Mr. B. H. Swinson, of Tower Hamlet, St. Saviour, Jersey, C.I.

MR. GEOFFREY CARTER

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Geoffrey Carter, the well-known member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and also of London University Society. Cremation took place this week at Golders Green Crematorium.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The president (Preb. E. V. Cox) and about 30 members attended the annual meeting of the North West Branch at Black Torrington on November 8th. The Rector conducted the service.

Owing to the illness of the chairman (Mr. F. Smale), the Rev. J. G. M. Scott presided at the business meeting. Mr. R. Pearce was elected secretary and treasurer in succession to Mr. J. Sangwin who had resigned, and Mr. C. Sangwin Ringing Master. Twenty new members from Shebbear College were welcomed. Thanks were expressed to the Rector and the ladies who provided the tea. Ringing included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent T.B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The dominating tower of Aldington, visible for many miles over Kentish countryside, with its fine ring of six bells was the scene of the meeting of the Ashford District on November 15th, for the first time for 21 years.

The meeting started slowly, as the church is very isolated, but the Rector (the Rev. P. E. Goldsmid) and Mr. D. Hooker (captain of the Aldington band) were on hand to welcome visitors to their well-kept ringing chamber. At the service the Vicar gave a thoughtful address based on Psalm 81, verse 3. Mr. Peter Small read the lesson, and Mr. C. T. Hillis was the organist.

It was a cheery party that walked the cold, dark mile or so to the warm Village Hall, where an excellent spread was enjoyed by the 23 visitors.

The Rector agreed to act as chairman at the short business meeting. The secretary reminded the gathering that the District last met at Aldington in May, 1937, when over 100 ringers met to celebrate the late Mr. Charles Slingsby's 100th birthday, and that on that occasion over 200 visitors packed the church and afterwards had tea on the Rectory lawn. He then presented the Rector with a photograph of that meeting, showing Mr. Slingsby and other stalwart veterans, of whom only Mr. F. Mitchell (then secretary of the Association) and Mr. E. S. Ruck are still alive. Mr. Hooker promised to mount the photograph and install it in the ringing chamber. Two new members joined the Association.

Mr. T. Cullingworth voiced the thanks of the visitors to the Rector and Mr. Hooker for such an enjoyable meeting. C. T. H.

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Good King Wenceslas

5, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 8, 78, 76, 55,
5, 5, 5, 4, 558, 78, 76, 55,
1234, 345, 7876, 55,
8876, 554, 1234525.

See Amid the Winter Snow

545, 6788, 54, 233, 44,
545, 6788, 543, 2455,
1123, 456, 1123456,
5, 45, 6788, 135, 2345.

A Virgin Unspotted

6543, 4567, 654348, 65434567, 4654348,
8767, 4567, 34, 1234,
65434567, 4654348.

What Child is This (tune: Greensleeves)

754323468, 765, 7787688,
754323468, 7656778678,
Chorus:
11234687657787688,
11234687656778678.

Jingle Bells

4, 46784, 44, 4678, 3, 3356, 2, 44576, 84,
4, 4784, 446783, 335674444, 345, 78.
Chorus:
666, 666, 648, 76, 555, 556, 666, 6, 77, 8, 74,
666, 666, 648, 76, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6666, 4456,
78.

Holsworthy Bells

41234, 56, 78, 7654567, 41234, 56, 78, 64565, 78,
65, 31, 34, 68, 43, 51, 34,
63212, 63, 21, 3743234.
4123456, 78, 76, 54, 567,
63, 31, 34, 61, 64565, 78.

Holy Night

4346, 4346, 77221, 11, 44,
331, 234, 346, 3, 3, 1, 23, 4346,
77, 57, 2, 1, 6, 1, 46, 4, 5, 7, 8.

While Shepherds Watched

8, 66, 78, 556, 7644, 54, 63456788,
6788, 78.

The First Noel

678, 7654, 321, 234, 321, 234, 32, 1456,
678, 7654, 321, 234, 321, 234, 32, 1456,
678, 7654, 12334, 1234, 321, 456.

Christ is Born

8864, 334, 676, 5476, 6678, 776, 4341, 1, 2, 11.

Brightest and Best (Morpeth tune only)

4, 4, 4, 4, 645, 65456, 87764, 4, 4, 345667,
5, 5, 5, 5, 76565, 456, 67, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,
7, 6, 8.

Bless This House

8, 644, 334, 5468, 778,
8, 644, 334, 321, 4546,
1, 124, 334, 33, 46787,
8768, 543, 211, 46, 788.

Come and Worship

876, 676, 45, 6788, 776, 634, 56778,
667653, 4, 44, 1, 4, 876, 65, 78.

The Lord is My Shepherd

86414314568888, 8, 641, 43, 1456, 8888,
768, 8, 7688, 764, 1111.

Come All Ye Faithful

558548, 343234, 556765436788,
558548, 343234, 556765436788,
12323, 435, 468,
5565, 458, 334, 32, 34,
32, 3456, 5234, 55.

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—The annual reunion day and dinner for this session will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, 1959. Details later.—B. J. Wylde, Hon. Sec. 3442

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting at Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Tea must be notified for to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 3409

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Witton on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify before Dec. 4th H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich.—D. Smith, Sec. 3439

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Old Hill on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Les Cloches, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 3438

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3415

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Banstead, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Lady Neville Pavilion, followed by business meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith. 3377

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Special method, Beverley Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec 3394

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Aldenham (8), on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3418

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea, unfortunately, but local cafés available.—M. P. Barron, Sec. 3421

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wath, Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Vera Parish, 76, Burman Road, Wath, near Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 3428

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Fanmakers Hall 5 p.m. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, available after tea. 3378

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Danehill (6), Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.15 p.m. 3424

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3395

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Sampford Arundel.—Dedication of new treble bell by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells at 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11th. There will be an open day for ringers on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing (6 bells) from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. F. Warren (Master of the Diocesan Guild). Names for tea by Dec. 8th to Mrs. Williams, Rose Cottage, Sampford Arundel, Wellington. 3346

BARNSLEY DISTRICT.—Meeting, Wakefield Cathedral, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 5.30 p.m. Sandal bells 2.30 to 4. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m., Brook Street School. Tea—please notify Mr. John E. Kirby, 53, Pinderfield Road, Wakefield.—J. W. Buxton. 3446

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Banwell (8) on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m.—David H. White. 3445

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Yeovil, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea.—T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 3443

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion 5 p.m. A good company is requested.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 3448

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at Goole. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 11th to Mr. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole. 3456

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Dec. 10th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 3477

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Dickenson, 8, High Street, Staveley, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 3469

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, at Clay-Cross. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis. 3454

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Saturday, Dec. 13th, Tonbridge (8)—Penshurst not available. Names by Dec. 11th to C. Hancock, Ridgefield, Highams Lane. Look up Yorkshire. Names for dinner, please.—C. A. Bassett.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Chesterton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3450

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3466

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting, Ewhurst, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to me, at 30, The Drive, Cranleigh.—D. A. Kirk. 3457

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M., Saturday, Dec. 13th, St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names by Dec. 9th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 3459

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, St. Paul's, Chippenham. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 3465

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon (10), Saturday, Dec. 13th. Names for tea to Dr. H. Craig, 22, Lansdown Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 3441

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Wotton-under-Edge Branch.— Annual meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Dec. 10th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 3460

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 10th, to Mrs. D. Barker, 6a, Meadow Way, King's Langley. No names, no tea.—J. Good. 3368

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m., Cheshunt. Tea 5 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3475

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Wraxall, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 9th, to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol, 7. 3468

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Garston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. A. H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Garston, Liverpool, 19.—T. E. Radcliffe. 3449

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Millom, Saturday. Dec. 13th, 2 to 3 p.m. Names to M. Overfield, The Cross, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby. 3478

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston and Blackburn Branches.—Joint meeting on Saturday, Dec. 13th, Whittle-le-Woods. Refreshments at nominal charge. Names by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. T. Barker, 209, Eaves Lane, Chorley. A6 road.—L. Walmsley and C. Blakey. 3436

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, at All Saints', Hamer (Rochdale). Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea. Nominations for Ringing Master.—Hudson, Sec. 3433

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harbrough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Coach and Horses.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3471

CHRISTMAS WEEK PUBLICATIONS

The publication of 'The Ringing World' for the issue of December 26th will be printed before Christmas.

Notices of meetings should reach this office by Saturday, December 20th, to ensure insertion. Please remember that there are likely to be postal delays.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Cowbridge, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 3404

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, St. Mary's, Clapham Common. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed immediately by tea and business. Evening ringing to be announced next week. Names for tea, please, to Miss Powell, 45, Tremadoc Road, Clapham, S.W.4. 3467

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, Packington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 10th to Mr. R. Clifton, Normanton-le-Heath, Leicester. 3462

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Marston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 10th to E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3463

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, Old Marston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 10th to Mr. R. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. 3411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Bray, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 11th to J. Norsworthy, 15, The Terrace, Bray.—Butler, Hon. Sec. 3488

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Llanstephan, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 3437

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Chippenham bells available from 6 p.m. Note: All members please attend to discuss the rearrangement of Districts.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 3440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Evening ringing at Halesworth (8), Saturday, Dec. 13th, 7.30 to 9 p.m., including a meeting to consider reorganisation of the Districts at 8.15 p.m. in the ringing chamber. 3425

SUFFOLK GUILD.—An important District meeting will be held at Horringer on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to L. Wright, Acting Sec., 5, Horringer Road, Bury St. Edmunds (1297). 3444

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, West Tarring (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne. 3461

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wootton St. Lawrence (6) on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 6 p.m. All welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Worcester, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 9th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, 10, Old Road, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3458

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and Selby Societies, Goole, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom near church at 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 11th, please, to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 3407

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at St. James', Wetherby, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Town Hall. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Dec. 19th to Mr. C. H. Maxfield, 17, Second Avenue, Hallfields, Wetherby.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3476

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner, Birmingham, Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 1959. Members who have not received a circular and prospective new members are asked to write before Christmas to B. D. Threlfall, 26, Valley Road, Shortlands, Bromley, Kent. 3392

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the newly-formed West Lindsey Branch will be followed by a dinner and social on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Apply for tickets (10s. 6d.) now.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 3447

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (price 15s. 6d. each) still available from the undersigned. Numbers strictly limited, so apply now!—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3351

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MR. AND MRS. BIRMINGHAM

TODAY, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker celebrate their diamond wedding, and the congratulations and good wishes of the whole Exercise will be extended to the happy couple on this unique occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker were married at St. Andrew's Church, Taunton (Mrs. Walker's home town), on December 12th, 1898. He was 22 years old, having migrated to Taunton when his father's employment took him from Birmingham. Whilst in this town he became interested in ringing, and learned to ring, together with the late James Hunt, in 1895, at St. Mary Magdalene Church, where the conductor was Thos. W. Radford. It was mainly at the suggestion of his fiancée, as she was then, that he took up the Art; and he rang his first peal on February 1st, 1896. This was Grandsire Triples. He was elected a member of St. Martin's Guild in 1897. On his return to Birmingham about 1900, a rather sorry state of affairs confronted him. There was a band capable of ringing Stedman Cinques but they had no conductor, and had to be content with ringing plain courses.

This did not suit Albert, so he commenced studying conducting, and in 1904 he called his first peal of Stedman Cinques; and from that day Birmingham never looked back. Between 1904 and the present time he has taken part in no less than 553 12-bell peals, conducting 239. Seven were non-conducted, the most outstanding being Stedman Cinques on handbells, when the six ringers drew for a pair of bells out of a hat held by the umpire, James George.

Albert called the first peals on 12 at St. Mary's, Taunton, in 1923, Exeter Cathedral in 1924 and Buckfast Abbey in 1930. He called the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Birmingham, being the first on the bells, by the Guild, and by all the band. He has taken part in peals on no less than 45 12-bell towers, including St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Another noteworthy performance was the first peal of Stedman Sextuples on handbells, which he conducted. He organised a 12-bell week, when six peals in different towers were planned. Five were successfully accomplished, but a broken rope at Wolverhampton brought one failure. His total peals number 850, of which he has conducted 346.

Albert Walker's life has been one of loyal service to St. Martin's Guild and the Exercise generally. He served as Ringing Master from 1906–1910, and 1921–1935. In 1944 he was elected Master and, because of his insistence that the office should go round, served for three years. However, in 1949 the Guild again elected him as Master, when he served two years, resigning to give place to Ald. A. P. Smith, who was in 1950 Lord Mayor of Birmingham. The Guild once again elected him as Master in 1953, and he served for another three years. He has been tower warden and Sunday service Ringing Master at St. Martin's for more years than he can remember, and is held in highest esteem by Canon Bryan Green, the present rector and successor to about a dozen rectors under whom Albert has served.

Naturally, a man of such outstanding ability would find his way to the Central Council, and in 1932 he was elected an honorary member, and has served on the Standing, Literature and Broadcasting, Carter Ringing Machine and other committees with distinction.

For all these efforts Albert has been encouraged, helped and sustained by Mary, his wife, or spouse, as he calls her sometimes. She is as well known to ringers as her husband, and those who enjoyed her wonderful hospitality when they lived at 81, Baker Street, will long remember her kindliness.

To many ringers up and down the country, Albert Walker *is* Birmingham, and Birmingham *is* Albert Walker. Very many owe to him their grateful thanks for giving them the opportunity to ring their first peal of Stedman Cinques. Also quite a number, including the writer, have him to thank for his willing and patient help when they were trying to master the mysteries of calling Stedman. During the whole of his married life he has never spared himself any trouble in helping those with less ability than his own, and he has so many friends and admirers that it is certain his name will go down in ringing history together with other great men associated with Birmingham, such as Thurstans, Lates, Johnson and Carter.

Contemporary with Carter's later years, Albert Walker was among the first to see the value of Carter's compositions, and was the first to conduct the more complicated efforts which he produced, many of which would never have been rung but for Walker's enthusiasm. It is fairly safe to say that he put Carter on the map. Such is his modesty, however, that he would never lay claim to such distinction, and it is left to the writer to say what ought to have been said long ago. Walker saw the evolution of

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, S.E.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

JOHN PHILLIPS .. .. .. *Treble*		GORDON T. PETERS	7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 2		FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ..	8
DAVID E. PARSONS 3		WILLIAM F. OATWAY ..	9
JOHN E. CHILCOTT 4		MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	10
*ALAN ROGERS 5		FREDERICK E. COLLINS ..	11
STEWART F. KIMBER .. 6		FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Stedman and on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. *Treble*		*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
ERNEST MORRIS 2		*GORDON A. HALLS	7
*DEREK P. JONES 3		*JOHN A. ACRES	8
SHIRLEY BURTON 4		*ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER 5		*G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit DZ).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B.

DAVID HOARE .. .. .. *Treble*		HENRY J. SANGER	6
ANTHONY J. SANGER 2		VICTOR G. ROBERTS	7
RONALD D. SHORT 3		ERIC NAYLOR	8
MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 4		GWILYM SALMON	9
DONALD E. LEE 5		RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.
Rung as an expression of gratitude for the life and work of the Very Rev. F. P. Harton, late Dean of Wells, and in memoriam Stephen Wood.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours ond* 17 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

MAY LOMAS .. .. .. *Treble*		ALAN A. POTTS	6
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 2		JOHN WORTH	7
BASIL JONES 3		GERALD FARRER	8
EDWARD POTTS 4		HEDLEY WOOD	9
DENNIS HENSHAW 5		DONALD PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HALEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. S. Cooke, inducted at Christ Church on Tuesday, November 18th. Also for the weddings of Miss B. Booth to Mr. P. Brough and Mr. D. Pearson to Miss P. Crowder, Miss Booth and Mr. Pearson being members of the local company.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. *Treble*		JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2		ROBERT SMITH	7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3		LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
BASIL JONES 4		PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5		BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .. *Treble*		SHIRLEY BURTON	5
DOREEN D. DUTTON 2		ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
RICHARD A. PRIME 3		HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
BRIAN MARTIN 4		PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by T. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

HARRY J. GAYLARD .. .. *Treble*		G. STEDMAN MORRIS ..	5
*ANTHONY R. MANN 2		JOHN M. JELLEY	6
JOHN R. SMITH 3		ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
†GORDON GAYLARD 4		PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal of Major on tower bells. † First in the method.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5008 CHILDWALL COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

AVRIL J. THACKRAY .. .. *Treble*		GORDON A. HALLS	5
DIANA J. PERRINS 2		JOHN A. ACRES	6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3		JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 4		DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. Plain Major methods, No. 280).

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 21, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. *Treble*		JOHN A. ACRES	5
*PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 2		ROLAND BENISTON	6
*†DOREEN DUTTON 3		JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4		†DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 25th peal together. † First in the method. The conductor's 375th peal and 100th peal this year, conducted 178 (61).

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. *Treble*		KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	5
HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. 2		MICHAEL J. BEST	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3		COLIN CONWAY	7
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 4		LEWIS F. COBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. BEST.
Rung for the diamond jubilee dedication festival. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Allan Mitchell, son of the ringer of the second.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*REV. ROBERT LINDSAY .. *Treble*		LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT ..	5
ALAN CAPSTICK 2		†JAMES E. BURLES	6
FRANK BIRKETT 3		RAYMOND SUART	7
ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4		NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal. † 100th peal.
Rung in thanksgiving for the completion of the work of restoring the tower, clock and bells, and the gift of two new trebles. Also as a tribute to the late James Walker, and a salute to Canon and Mrs. W. E. Bradley on their golden wedding anniversary.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Albert Mallen	*Treble*	William C. Rhodes	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Arthur Peakman	6
John Lloyd	3	Thomas Hemming	7
Frederick Jukes	4	Reginald Chance	*Tenor*

Composed by Geo. Hayward. Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jukes on their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. Jukes is the leader of the local band.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

*F. Kevin Thompson	*Treble*	Royston Wilmore	5
Ernest F. Payne	2	Roger A. Brewin	6
H. Leslie Wykes	3	†Kenneth W. Graham	7
Derek M. Sawyer	4	*B. Stedman Payne	*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* 50th peal together. † First of Bob Major 'inside.' The ringers of 1 and 2 have now 'circled the tower.'

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's No. 3 variation. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

John F. Grove	*Treble*	Edward Ashcroft	5
Mary C. Payne	2	A. Leslie Pearson	6
John Lunham	3	Harry Poyner	7
Thomas R. Butler	4	J. Henry Moorcroft	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
Rung to mark the 400th anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth I. Also as a token of respect to the late Ringing Master of this church, William Pilkington.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Heywood's. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Norman Tompkins	*Treble*	*David Young	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Joseph Thornley	6
Gillian Bridgford	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
David Vincent	4	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* 25th peal.
A welcome home to Peter Crook, sen., after four months' absence in Canada.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

Denise Shallcross	*Treble*	Roger King	5
Alan E. Hartley	2	Percy Swindley	6
Geoffrey Parting	3	John S. Dean	7
Edward V. Rodenhurst	4	John W. Griffiths	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John S. Dean.
First peal as conductor and first attempt.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

John W. Sinfield	*Treble*	*John E. Ewer	5
*June E. Sinfield	2	†Michael D. Frost	6
Alfred E. Rushton	3	James G. Newman	7
Frederick J. Plummer	4	George Hawkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by James G. Newman.
* First peal in the method. † First of Grandsire Triples. Mr. J. W. Sinfield has now 'circled the tower.'

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Frank W. Lewis	*Treble*	Frederick R. Scott	5
Robin G. Leale	2	Ronald F. Diserens	6
William S. Deason	3	Cyril E. Lewington	7
John N. Diserens	4	Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to William S. Deason.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Charles W. Beecroft	*Treble*	*Alan R. Bridges	5
James M. Bailey	2	Frank Ruffles	6
Ernest S. Bailey	3	Walter Ruffles	7
Walter W. Miller	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 53). Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Superlative.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Diana J. Perrins	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Gordon A. Halls	2	Derek P. Jones	6
Patricia A. M. Forster	3	*Brian G. Warwick	7
Russell S. Morris	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. B.29).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 50th peal of Major in the method.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

T. Reginald Dennis	*Treble*	*Peter Langton	5
*Eustace W. Bullman	2	Michael D. S. Hood	6
*Hillary Muirhead	3	James R. Taylor	7
*†George Thoday	4	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 26, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Raymond G. Lofty	*Treble*	H. William Barrett	5
Arthur G. Bason	2	George Sayer	6
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Bert Gogle	7
Nolan Golden	4	Harold Blake	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal of Triples in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5376 VICTORIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards	*Treble*	†Roger Baldwin	5
*Diana J. Perrins	2	Francis R. Lowe	6
*Patricia A. M. Forster	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Gordon A. Halls	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 27, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5120 KILBURN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Alick Cutler	*Treble*	John R. Mayne	5
Joan Beresford	2	Dennis Knox	6
G. William Critchley	3	Alfred J. House	7
John Hill	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method. The conductor has now rung peals in 100 different Surprise Major methods.

KILBURN SURPRISE MAJOR.
—38—16—56—16—14—38—14—38
8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

Edward G. L. Coward	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Freda M. Hankey	2	†Alan Streeter	6
Frank Oakshott	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Trevor A. Cross	4	‡Brian Coward	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal on eight bells 'inside.' † First of Triples. ‡ First peal.
Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, November 19th, 1898.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Being 1,260 each of College and London Bob, 588 Double Oxford, 1,092 St. Clement's and 840 Double Grandsire, with 233 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Harold J. Shuck	*Treble*	Thomas Hemming	5
Frederick Jukes	2	Bernard Lawton	6
John Lloyd	3	Clifford Skidmore	7
Arthur Peakman	4	Stephen Mallen	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman (No. 2).
Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.
Rung as a compliment to John Lloyd on his completion of 50 years as a ringer at Brierley Hill.
This composition is rung for the first time and is the first peal of Spliced Triples to be rung with changes of method at both plain and bobbed leads.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 18 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt., approx.

*John Smith	*Treble*	†Harold E. Raxter	3
Gordon Brown	2	Leonard Mills	4
		†Colin B. Longmore	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold E. Raxter.
* First peal in more than one method. † 25th peal.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Wyche,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Winchendon Place Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Leonard Mills	*Treble*	Harold E. Raxter	4
Colin B. Longmore	2	Robert W. Cole	5
Paul D. T. Cattermole	3	Terence Sparkes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold E. Raxter.
First peal of Doubles in seven methods by all the band.
Rung on the 60th anniversary of the church and bells; also a birthday compliment to the conductor and to Mr. Gordon Brown.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

Paul J. Rigby	*Tenor*	Anthony A. Ager	4
Diana J. Perrins	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
Jeffrey B. Webb	3	John A. Anderson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band, and on the bells.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt., approx.

John Smith	*Treble*	Colin B. Longmore	4
Gordon Brown	2	*Robert W. Cole	5
Leonard Mills	3	Harold E. Raxter	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold E. Raxter.
* First peal of Minor in the method.

THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Ronald D. Short	*Treble*	†Cecil T. Clarke	3
†Dennis G. Miller	2	†Frederick W. Sweet	4
		Gwilym Salmon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald D. Short.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles, and in the method as conductor.
† First of Stedman. First in the method on the bells, recently rehung.

BRADFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 18, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Dennis Holland	*Treble*	†Tom W. Senior	4
*Rev. Arthur King	2	†Owen A. Over	5
†A. Percival Knights	3	Barry Holland	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barry Holland.
* First peal. † First of Bob Minor.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Over.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 19, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and a 240 of Grandsire (Morris's arrangement).
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

ERIC WADMAN	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	3
KEITH PRIME	2	VICTOR ROBERTS	4
		GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.
Rung for the 250th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's and Single Court, two 720's of Single Oxford and three 720's of Plain Bob . Tenor 8½ cwt.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL ..	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*VALERIE WATERFIELD ..	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	*RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung for the 11th wedding anniversary of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Treble*	E. T. CHAPMAN	4
A. W. BIRD	2	DORIS E. LIDBETTER	5
GEORGE SAYER	3	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BEVAN W. WILLGRESS.
First peal as conductor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung within the Octave of the Festival of St. Edmund, during a week of social activities in aid of church funds.

COWDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*JOHN E. WARNER	*Treble*	EDWARD J. JENNER	4
JANET FRENCH	2	ERIC J. BRUNGER	5
KEVIN S. HOHL	3	†STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* First peal. † 25th peal for the Association.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in D.

TOM CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4
R. ROGER SAVORY	2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edward J. Long, tower captain at Preston Candover for the last ten years, who died on November 15th, 1958.

CHIEVELEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in eight methods and 14 variations, consisting of one extent each of Winchendon Place, St. Luke's, St. Miles, St. Nicholas, Lapley, St. Giles, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon's, St. Paul's, St. Leonard's and St. Martin's, and three extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, Seighford, April Day, Kennington and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD T. W. PHILLIPS ..	*Treble*	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND ..	4
REGINALD F. CROOK	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
S. FRANK TUFFLEY	3	RICHARD H. C. CANN ..	6

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
First peal in 22 variations of Doubles methods by all the band.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

NOEL J. DISERENS	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	4
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	FRANK W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

TIMOTHY WOODING	*Treble*	*GEORGE F. ROOME	3
PATRICIA F. CURTIS	2	†ALLAN R. JONES	4
		MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal. First in the method for all the band, and for the Guild.
Rung for the Festival of St. Cecilia.

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Court, (4) Single Court, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. HARRY COOK	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	4
RICHARD C. CLIFTON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
ROLAND H. COOK	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

BRIAN HEPPENSTALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM HOLLAND	4
RONALD BIRCH	2	DENNIS HOLLAND	5
GEORGE R. HINER	3	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.
An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. George West, of Wentworth.

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ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

*Michael J. Mulvey	*Treble*	John H. Allen	4
†Barry J. Perkins	2	Clive M. Smith	5
Margaret Pritchard ..	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Mrs. D. H. Niblett	*Treble*	Philip Mehew	4
*Ann M. Cox	2	*James H. Pailing	5
*Frank A. Barrett	3	Donald H. Niblett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First of Surprise Minor as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. M. I. Pailing.

EBRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburgha,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720, composed of seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 80 75 79, 83 82 81, and 58). Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Shirley M. Parsons	*Treble*	Gerald C. Hemming ..	4
*Mrs. D. H. Niblett ..	2	Donald H. Niblett.. ..	5
†Rev. Albert Webb ..	3	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Brian G. Warwick	1—2	Anthony R. Mann	5—6
John A. Acres	3—4	John M. Jelley..	7—8
		Ernest Morris	9—10

Composed by Benjamin Annable. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At 31, Highfield Crescent,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in E flat.

Robert C. Kippin	1—2	Don C. Exell..	5—6
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3—4	*David J. Forder	7—8

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal 'in hand.'

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 23, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

Diana J. Perrins	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Brian G. Warwick	3—4	Ernest Morris	7—8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At 17, Queen Street.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Joyce Dodds	1—2	*Michael D. Frost.. ..	5—6
Geoffrey Dodds	3—4	Stanley Huckle	7—8

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First peal 'in hand.'

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

STAINES, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 29th, 2,624 Plain Bob Major: R. I. Shepherd 1, Catherine M. Powell 2, J. L. Hayns 3, Patricia Doorn 4, W. A. Peck 5, G. Penney 6, M. W. Harbott 7, E. J. Wells (cond.) 8. Longest length in the method for 2 and 3.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. Larkin (first quarter) 1, J. C. Perrin (first 'inside') 2, R. Bird 3, D. W. Woodcock 4, C. F. McGill (first as cond.) 5, A. M. Macve 6. A compliment to the Vicar of Addington (Canon F. W. Greenaway) and Mrs. Greenaway upon their 35th wedding anniversary.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Buss (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Allen 2, R. Russ 3, A. Diserens (cond.) 4, Miss E. Hiley 5, F. Lewis 6, R. Diserens 7, R. W. Rex 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Carter, Pangbourne.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann E. Sharpe (first quarter) 1, V. F. Gough 2, D. A. Shaw 3, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 4, Valerie Mepham 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, W. Girling 3, J. J. Prentice 4, H. Fuller 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. Half-muffled for service of Remembrance.

BARMING, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gunner 1, F. Manser 2, W. Grice 3, W. Manser (cond.) 4, G. Ruffle 5, M. Gunner 6. For Rochester Diocesan Festival.

BETHNAL GREEN, E.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Hutton 1, S. Penfold 2, M. Bland 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, D. Salisbury 5, L. Woods 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

BLADON, OXON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall): R. A. Jackson 1, Miss C. M. Woodward 2, Mrs. D. H. Niblett 3, A. R. Pink 4, F. A. Barrett 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evangeline Roberts 1, A. J. Willis 2, T. R. Sullivan 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, G. W. Reed 5, T. Sullivan 6. First by 2 and 6. A wedding compliment to R. A. Southwood and Jill Tremelling.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Nov. 20th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Daniels 1, L. J. Muller 2, Glenys Evans (first 'inside') 3, D. Llewellyn (first of Triples) 4, F. Rowsell 5, G. P. Sandford 6, W. Dare (cond.) 7, W. T. Petty 8. A farewell to J. Daniels and Mrs. Daniels on their return to Bournemouth.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Boughton 1, E. Calcutt 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, B. C. Ashford 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, J. A. Hilder 6, G. W. Boughton 7, T. Stride 8. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. W. Jones, who has been a ringer 58 years and a chorister 57 years at this church

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Nickolls (first quarter) 1, E. Pickett 2, W. Newnham 3, R. Durrant 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, D. S. Billimore 6. Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of St. Clement's, Turnford, a daughter church of the parish.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 300 Southrepps, 240 Grandsire): S. Miller (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Love 2, R. Johnston (cond.) 3, A. Pocock 4, F. Cook 5, G. Shail 6. For Advent.

CHURCH, LANCS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): C. Clegg 1, Miss G. Fishwick 2, G. Salmon 3, P. Cockshott 4, R. Cockshott 5, L. J. Williams (cond.) 6, B. Martin 7, F. Fishwick 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of augmentation of the bells.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): J. Brinson 1, Anne White 2, A. J. Peters 3, A. Hooper 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, M. Wedlake 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Tavener (first quarter) 1, Mary J. Marshall (first 'inside') 2, D. J. Marshall (first of Doubles) 3, Hilary M. Johnson 4, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 5, H. M. Johnson 6. Rung for All Saints'-tide prior to Parish Communion, celebrated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Clarke 1, K. Small 2, E. J. Coode 3, J. Hurrell 4, Brenda Slark (cond.) 5, G. B. Beebe 6, E. B. Crowder 7, R. Clarke 8. A 21st birthday compliment to E. J. Coode and a welcome to W.O.2 G. B. Beebe, R.A.P.C.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Advent Sunday, 1,385 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Dewe 1, A. J. Sanger 2, Bridget Sanger 3, Mary Beard 4, Marion March 5, J. R. Badman 6, R. J. March 7, A. White 8, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 9, P. March 10. First quarter by 1 and 4. By resident service band.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 31st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: D. Harrabin 1, Elizabeth M. Yardley 2, Ann Cook (first quarter) 3, M. Hall 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5, R. L. Bond 6. For Advent.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Pannett (first away from tenor) 1, T. Mathews 2, B. Stepney 3, Miss J. Funnell 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. A 60th birthday compliment to A. Ellis.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. White (first quarter) 1, L. Mutter 2, D. Salter (cond.) 3, L. Morrell 4, L. Hart (first 'inside') 5, R. Mutter 6.

HOLT, WILTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Gaisford 1, R. Purnell 2, D. Lovelock 3, A. Bartlett 4, F. Box (cond.) 5, B. Mace 6. For the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): D. J. Barnett 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, B. Davis 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, S. Carter 6. First quarter in three methods for 1 and 6.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Marsh 1, Colin Payne 2, Mary Tysoe 3, C. Lovell 4, J. Long 5, K. Wakefield (first as cond.) 6. For the patronal festival.

MONMOUTH.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. K. Smith 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, J. J. Webb (cond.) 3, L. H. Jones 4, K. Goodwin 5, J. Clark 6, E. Goodwin 7, T. H. Browning 8. For the dedication festival.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Burt (first quarter) 1, D. Wesley 2, J. F. Carter 3, J. A. Harland 4, R. K. Russ (cond.) 5, G. Clark 6. First quarter on the bells since the war. Rung for Advent Sunday.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Weaver 1, J. R. Wilson 2, Miss D. R. Saunders 3, M. Fromm 4, L. Stilwell (cond.) 5, R. P. Wood 6, H. C. Weaver 7, E. R. Heasman 8. For the school's centenary service.

SEAVINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Drayton 1, F. Welch (cond.) 2, Margaret Strickland 3, R. Dean 4, J. Cornelius 5, W. Monckton 6. Rung half-mulffled in memoriam Mr. J. Bonning, who was interred earlier this day. Ringers 3, 4 and 5 were ex-school friends of the deceased.

SHIPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Pond 1, G. Monckton 2, F. Welch 3, R. Dean 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. Welch 6, K. Welch 7, J. T. Locke (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1 and 5. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pimm 1, C. Woodley 2, K. Clark 3, R. Woodley (cond.) 4, A. Chown 5, E. Summers 6, B. Coles 7, W. Webb 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. C. Pimm, a ringer for 50 years.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Shaw 1, P. Graves 2, O. Fyson 3, R. Waller 4, D. Pollard 5, F. Talbot (cond.) 6. First of Minor by Sunday service band. For the patronal festival.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Monckton 1, R. Welch 2, R. C. Beale 3, G. E. Monckton 4, J. Cornelius 5, F. Welch (cond.) 6, T. Jefferies 7, W. Harwood 8. A farewell compliment to Terry Jefferies.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. K. Stretton 1, J. M. Jelley 2 B. S. Chapman 3, J. R. Smith 4, R. Jelley 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Dinsdale 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, J. M. Jelley 3, R. K. Stretton 4, A. J. Poynor 5, J. A. Acres 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, C. L. Powdrill 8. For Remembrance service.

STANTON, OXON.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 600 Plain Bob): R. W. Winstanley 1, B. A. Cole 2, E. Venn (cond.) 3, J. Salter 4, R. H. Jones 5.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Cooper (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Jill Tombs 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, A. L. Dunn 5, A. D. Fellows 6, P. W. Webb 7, D. H. Watson 8. Rung for Advent Sunday Evensong, also as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor, who recently attained the age of 90. Mr. W. H. Cooper has now 'circled' the tower in quarter peals.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Keen 1, Miss B. Causer (first quarter) 2, E. J. Causer 3, A. A. Rackham 4, E. Elton 5, G. H. Peers, jun. (cond.) 6, G. H. Peers, sen., 7, N. W. Attaway 8. To celebrate the 65th birthdays of Mr. G. Peers, sen., and Mr. H. J. Dakin.

THORVERTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Ford, sen., 1, H. W. Butt 2, E. W. Ford 3, R. B. Ford, jun., 4, M. T. Butt 5, W. J. Andrews (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3, 4 and 5. A tribute to R. B. Ford, sen., a regular ringer at this tower for over 50 years; also to welcome Anne Mavis, born November 9th, daughter of the ringer of the third.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On No. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Newman 1, J. G. Newman 2, June E. Sinfield 3, I. Knox (first quarter) 4, R. J. Scott 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Chase Doubles: R. W. Hawkes 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, P. D. Warren 3, A. A. Jopp 4, E. W. Penn 5, D. Williams 6. First quarter in method by all the band.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Norris 1, E. Griffiths 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, K. C. Timbury 4, J. O. Berry 5, J. Blond 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, E. Bucknell 8. For harvest festival.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Nov. 19th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Fulker 1, F. A. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, A. R. Greenough 4, J. Berry 5, R. Tuckwell 6, K. C. Timbury 7, R. Blond (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 4.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Percy (first quarter, 12 years) 1, J. Maple 2, Miss E. Willard 3, F. Brooks 4, B. Farrell (cond.) 5, D. Heigill (first quarter, 14 years) 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. W. E. Bird (first quarter) 1, D. T. North 2, I. Hughes 3, G. J. Gammon 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, C. E. Baker 6.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Powell 1, Gloria M. Newton 2, Sandra Lewis 3, Rita M. Webb 4, J. Ferris 5, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Shippey 1, Miss D. Green 2, Miss A. Barnes 3, G. Sharpe 4, L. Harvey (cond.) 5, Mr. J. Bird 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. Rung in connection with the Parish Mission.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Heath 1–2, A. E. Austin 3–4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5–6, L. N. Melton (first quarter on handbells) 7–8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Bloyce 1, B. Gibbons 2, J. C. Macbeth (first 'inside') 3, A. E. Leggett (cond.) 4, P. Perkins 5, D. Culham 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Greetings will ring out on Christmas Day, from 9.20 to 9.30 a.m., in the Home Service, from the towers of All Saints', Rotherham; Woodchester Parish Church, Gloucestershire; Christ Church, Lurgan, Co. Armagh; St. Clement Danes', London; St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh; St. Mary's, Grundisburgh, Suffolk; All Saints', Gresford, Denbighshire; and (recorded) from the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem. Stuart Hibberd will introduce the programme and link the various towers.

Among the apologies read at the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths was one from Mr. A. York-Bramble.

Mr. Norman Chaddock contributes an interesting article on the bells of Rotherham Parish Church to 'The Phœnix Gazette,' the monthly journal of the United Steel Companies Ltd. There is a very good picture of the present band.

By ringing in a quarter peal at Bethnal Green, London, with the band from Hornchurch, Mr. Sid Penfold made a very welcome return 'home' after a lapse of over 40 years, for it was here he learned to ring as a pupil of Matt Wood. Peal boards commemorating peals in which he rang, conducted by Mr. M. Wood and Mr. Attwater, still hang on the walls of this rather uncared-for ringing chamber, but the bells still 'tell a tale' in this East End backwater.

Would the former 'admirers' of Mrs. Elisabeth Bowden please note that the printing of her name in a half peal on November 8th at Wotton-under-Edge as Elizabeth Grime does not denote that her marriage did not really take place at all last February, but was a lapse on the part of the conductor, for which he is humbly apologetic. To make amends he called Lis and Dick Bowden a 'wedding' peal at Cheddar on November 29th.

When Mr. Ernest Morris rang in a quarter peal at South Wigston on Remembrance Sunday his memory went back to November 11th, 1918, when, as S/Sgt. E. Morris of the District Purchasing Office of Supplies, R.A.S.C., he rang the 54¼ cwt. tenor in York Minster to 1,260 Grandsire and also conducted the quarter. The tenor then went badly.

We have still a supply of survey forms available for any Guilds or Associations inquiring into the state of ringing in their areas.

Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell enquires what are the longest lengths of Plain Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.

The handbell peal at South Wigston on November 2nd (see page 806) was the 200th peal together of Brian G. Warwick and John A. Acres.

Included in the band which rang the peal of Kent Major at Leyland, Lancs, on November 29th, was Miss Dorothy Crook, of the local company. Although capable of ringing this and other methods 'inside' (often round the heavy end), she modestly chose to ring the treble. She is probably the first Leyland lady ever to take part in a peal, and to show their pleasure and appreciation the male members of the Leyland band presented her with a brooch.

Two-and-a-half hours after the start of a half-muffled peal to the memory of the late verger at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on November 19th, the lights were switched off at the mains by an intruder. It was the first time for some years that the emergency gas lamp was not lit prior to a peal attempt, and the ringing came to an abrupt conclusion. A churchwarden came up to the ringing chamber some minutes before to watch and had left the vestry door open.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Rev. H. G. Lillingston

A representative gathering of members met at Marsham on November 29th to give practical appreciation of the services rendered to the Association by the Rev. H. G. Lillingston during his presidency, 1955–57. This was the gift of an 8-day travelling alarm clock.

Making the presentation, the president (Mr. Nolan Golden) paid tribute to the tremendous amount of work and encouragement that Mr. Lillingston gave to ringers and ringing in general in the diocese. His attendance at Branch meetings especially gave the leadership that was required, and during his period of office the Association went from strength to strength. It was with great dismay that members learned that he must retire on account of ill-health, and they were all pleased that he had now recovered.

In his reply, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston thanked the members most sincerely and assured them of his continuous interest in the Association, and everything he could do to further their aims he would do.

Fifty members and friends attended the service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, who also gave the address.

Three new ringing members and one non-resident life member were elected at the meeting.

Southern Branch

The Southern Branch held its autumn meeting at Banham on November 8th. The Rector (Rev. H. R. Barton) conducted the service, after which tea was served in the Church Room by members of the Mothers' Union.

Dr. P. H. A. Jonason presided over the business meeting, supported by Messrs. A. G. Harrison and H. Tooke (vice-presidents), W. Love (general secretary), W. G. Saunders (Ringing Master), C. F. W. Phillippo (Branch Secretary) and members of the committee.

Thanks were expressed to the Rector for use of the bells, the organist, and the ladies for arranging the tea.

Ringing on church- and handbells continued well into the evening.

The annual meeting of the Branch was fixed for February 7th at Diss.

REDEDICATION

Charlton Kings, Glos

Recently the rededication took place of the eight bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire. For a long time these bells had gone very badly; some say that they should have had a new frame when last rehung instead of patching up the old. It may well be that those people were right; it always pays best in the long run to do a job well, and make do and mend is not always cheapest in the end.

These bells now have a new frame, and as we heard at tea after the service, new voices as well, for they have been retuned, and a recording of them from the same spot was made before and after and played over to us. These bells have been placed at a lower level in the tower in order to send the sound more upward and outward, thus covering a larger area of this large parish and at the same time making the bells much more tolerable to those who must live under the tower.

The Bishop of Gloucester, in the sermon which followed the act of rededication, spoke of the message behind the call of the bells. He said: 'It is nonsense to say that God can be worshipped outside the church. Our moral standards spring from God, and if we are going to uphold these standards we must constantly renew acknowledgment of God by constant worship.'



MR. & MRS. ALBERT WALKER

To-day Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of 86, Scribers Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham 28, celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary. On behalf of ringers the world over we extend to them our love and best wishes on this happy occasion.

MR. & MRS. BIRMINGHAM

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that wonderful piece of mechanism, Carter's ringing machine, and, like the writer, had the experience of seeing it under all sorts of conditions whilst it was under construction. It was always being altered and improved. At one time it would be arranged to tap out changes on a piano keyboard; at another, to tap them ont on bells; and at another, to tap them out on nothing, but simply produce the graph showing the method being worked out. How appropriate that Walker should have been appointed by the Central Council to be one of the trustees of this wonderful piece of engineering!

The writer regards Albert Walker as one of the two greatest exponents of the ringing and conducting of Stedman Cinques the Exercise has ever seen, and feels confident that he would agree that the other is none other than his old friend Herbert Langdon, of London.

May the happy couple be spared to be with us for many more years. JAFUS.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Despite the fog and cold, over 40 members and friends attended the meeting, held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on November 29th. Ringing started a little later than advertised, due to a baptism, but the bells were kept going to a variety of methods, and during the afternoon and evening five Surprise Major methods were rung.

An excellent tea was provided in the nearby schoolroom (those ringers who are teachers seem fated to a six-day week of 'dinner duty'), and at the business meeting which followed ten new members were elected. The Vicar of St. Chad's was present, and in a short address to the members said how pleased he was to see a new generation taking up the art of ringing.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Church of the Saviour, on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Walton 1, Miss G. Bridgford 2, D. Young 3, J. Bogle 4, R. Eastham (cond.) 5, R. Crook 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

The Inquest

The Railwaymen Ringers came to Christ Church, Crewe, on November 29th to do honour to a well-known ringer, Mr. W. Frank Stenson, by attempting a peal of 5,040 Stedman Caters as a compliment on his 70th birthday and to commemorate his 25 years as a regular Sunday service ringer.

The ringers came from as far afield as Scarborough, Leeds, Bedford, Bridgwater (Somerset), Leamington Spa, Chester, Nantwich and Crewe, and included Mr. Richard D. Langford, the conductor.

But the inquest? After an hour-and-a-quarter's good ringing a trip occurred, and crash went the peal. Then the inquest, with such questions as Who was in the slow?—Who was quick bell?—Who did not make the bob?—Who was dodging with who? Some of these could not be answered, so it was decided to go for a quarter peal. Again, after 45 minutes and only a few courses from home, something went wrong and up went the quarter. Another inquest and again no verdict—unless it was lack of concentration.

However, nothing daunted, off they went again; and yet again misfortune dogged them, for after another 40 minutes' good ringing the railwaymen ran off the line.

As it was now too late for a further attempt the ringers retired, not too gracefully, for tea and to commiserate with Mr. Stenson, who was in 'the band.'

Despite no positive results after three hours' ringing, the visitors enjoyed and much appreciated the ringing and companionship, and arranged to come again in the New Year. Thanks were accorded to Mrs. Stenson for her kind hospitality.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 9th. 1,280 London Surprise Major: H. Neil (cond.) 1, Miss S. Jackson 2, Miss F. Secker 3, J. Schofield 4, P. J. Shipton (first in method) 5, P. Langton 6, A. R. Heponstall 7, C. M. P. Johnson 8. Rung by the Cambridge University Guild for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday.

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4.444—6456545.6—8.776444—345667—
5.555—76565456—6.7.1234567.876.8.

Hesperus
6664.87.76—4445.46.57—
7777.75.54—6666788.78.

Venice
4.34 56 7656—887.6567—
74.56.41.23—745.6778.

St. Lawrence
86654.3678—4314.5667
8765.43456.3—143678.

Austria (adapted)
8.76756778—34567684—
8.76756778—34567684—
7677856778—4566554—
1.234.34456—76543578.67.

Devonshire
414634456—7865434—
42416567—6541121.

Even Me
654.85667.765.7878 (Repeat)
464.686.654—86.78.

Auchincairn
4.634.6.55.745.6—43.1412.1234—
1.6344.341667—65.321.411.121.

St. Peter's
41234456—678567—65634456—867878.

Home Sweet Home
86.554.645.6576—86.554.645.65.78.
41.234.645.6576—41.234.645.65.78—
4.578.7.6—

Huddersfield
84.34.85678—88.7645667—
46.7813465.67 867—487.65678.

Evening Hymn
6.65.667878—
5.67.6456.67—
1.634856.78—
7.76.4346456—
7.56.434.1234—
5.6675.6.78.

Elmhurst
66.656476—83.4566.77—
16.54.12.34—457.321.

Maryton
6665.67.77—4456.11234—
4341.22345—67.85.67321.

Praise, My Soul
44441234—5634657—
66663445—4321654—
12341234.34578678.

Scarey
6667.88.78—7776.44.54—
3332.14.56—6667.88.78.

Rosseau
667887763—4456678768.
66.5443346—66.54431.34—
66.5887768—44.5667.87.68

Salzbourg
86.44566.78—88784566.7—
88.34688.34—11356578.

Tallis
86544334.412334—
86544334.856778.

Drink to me only
6665.545678.54856.78—Repeat
44641.44644—43.44566.7—
6665.545676.54856.78.

Danny Boy (notes adapted)
4876.76346783—8654.346867—
4876.76346783—4876.567878—
4321.22343467—4321.223465—
4446.77843468—4876.34678.3.2.1.

Diademata
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764345674.121334—
446783—335672—
21234576456778.

Hark the Herald
411.21667.444.5678—
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44485667.4448567—
3.334565.765.48876—
3.334565.76548878.

Warwick
864134534678—643123454—
435134.657456—43211121.

St. David
84164567—848534—
43648567—486578.

Salamis
8.767.6456534—6.5461.2345.66—
8.767.6456534.44—57886—6.7.8.78.
6.542.34.56.75.66.65.46.1234.5.66.7—
8.767.6456534.44—5788.66.7878.

Hebron
678765.3456778—6456778.8766556
6545676.776.5445—4634567.6456778.

Nox . . .
66.687665.786456—
63.456765.3216.78.

Work for the night is coming
465443.4.888.876—
465443.4.87678—
7.77.765.67—66.6654—
4.65.443.4—876.78.

Pilgrim Song
4.34456.7.654—4.344.56.7.456—
5.566.77.5334.54—
4.122.335—6.5.7.8.

Sweeping through the gates
66.7876.76.54.35.346565.46—
1122334.35347—68—
4.346.11343467—7765.3456.54—
4.346.11343467—35347.68.

York
86453647—764454—
86453647—656778.

Belgrave
46.41.65437—45.65.43234—
16.37.487667—4456.7878.

Westminster College
8.8768654.4.5678654—
3.45687.8—
1.1124334.1.1124334—
8.76567.8.

Mitford
8.8768654—8.8768654—123.4—123.4—
1.1445654—1.1445654—567.8—567.8—
123.4—123.4—567—8.

Eaton
887645678—76541234—
4456—4456—433415.67—
8134—5.68134—88.76.54.5678.

Missionary
864434—6.888566—864434—6.763454—
4145634—214566—864434—6.875676.

Pilgrims
6.456.787656.7—4.123.4.57657—
6.456.787653.4—1.2347634.5.4—
7.654.8.3.456—1.23468566578.

Pearsall.
412163.4—456776—865443.4—432112—
134565.7—345674—3212163.4x456778.

St. Fulbert
44873456—464312—14348556—676578.

St. John
866441—123454—432134—456778—
88768654—432111.2.1.

Nun Danket
444334—456767.8—444334—456767.8—
777647—7654354—434565—678878.

Quam Dilecta
656678—436787—
764434—7656.78.

University College
6834567—6844454—
6783456—6646678.

Vigilate
66563.34—6666657—
6654348—5.7.8.

St. Cuthbert
88.8765.56—416654—
56.654334—6.4.5.6.

Aurelia
666566.7—883456—
541122.3—454687—
765433.4—11.2365—
766566.7—887678.

For All the Saints
4.654.4.33333.4—
4.11234.567.3.4—
4.767.8.44345—674.8.567.8.

Rock of Ages
88765.56—8876778—
86443.34—8644334—
88765.56—8767878.

Darwell
868461—234567—768345616234—
43.2.1—87654321—21.2.1.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' NEW OFFICERS

The election meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths resulted in the following being appointed officers of the Society:—

Master: Mr. Wilfred Williams; secretary, Mr. John Chilcott; treasurer, Mr. Cyril G. J. Watts; senior steward, Mr. James G. A. Prior; junior steward: Mr. Michael P. Moreton; trustees, Messrs. Ernest G. Fenn and J. Frank Smallwood.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL AT BOW CAUSES BAN ON WEEKDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—Since the restoration of Bow Church, E.3, six years ago, I have been happy to allow visiting parties of ringers to come to ring the bells whenever a request to do so has been received.

I much regret that I shall no longer be able to grant every application, as on Wednesday, November 19th, a party of visiting ringers rang the bells continuously from 6 to 9.30 p.m. The church stands in the middle of the road and across the road on each side there are many people living in flats. Only a few yards separate the church from these homes.

The annoyance caused led some of the residents to call the police. The ringers had obtained my keys from the Rectory when they arrived and had locked themselves in. My spare keys were with builders engaged on repairs, and some time elapsed before I was able to obtain a key to enable a young man to climb the railings and enter the church and bring the deplorable session to an end.

From time to time former ringers from Bow come back with friends and ring for an hour or so, and I had no reason whatever to expect such prolonged ringing on this occasion.

Some of the greatest sufferers were members of my congregation and parents of young children, and some time will have to elapse before any visitors can have permission to sing the bells on a weekday.—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS METTRICK,
Rector of Bow and Rural Dean of Poplar.

EAST LONDON FURORE

Dear Sir,—The peal which was rung on a week night at Bow-in-the-Road has caused such a furore in East London that it may well close the tower to all non-service ringing.

I await with interest the footnote to this peal as it must have been an occasion of much import that an attempt was justified.

It is a great pity that the occupants of the flats opposite did not take matters into their own hands and ensure that it would be physically impossible for the 'backbone of the Exercise' to ring for a long, long time.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

London, N.15.

A MEMORY OF BALLARAT

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Pilgrim' regarding the first peal on Ballaarat Town Hall bells, if my memory serves me right we have William Linter, of Fareham, Hampshire, still with us, and maybe carrying on the good work of change-ringing.

It is quite a coincidence the two peals occupied the same time—3 hours 17 minutes. We had tried to ring Double Norwich but it just would not go, so we rang a good peal of Stedman.

My memory of the peal dwells mostly on having a grandstand view of people going and coming along the corridor, at times pointing out to each other as the ringing went smoothly along, a new experience for all of us when ringing a peal.

I was never more thankful for the finish of a peal than this one.—Yours, etc.,

C. SHARPLES.

THE NEW EIGHT AT HAWKSHEAD

Dear Sir,—Wherever a new ring is installed or a ring augmented there is a certain eagerness or rivalry noticed among ringers to be the first to score a peal on them. Hawkshead, in the Lake District, is an instance of this.

Everything there is brand new (bar the old six bells): frames, wheels, ladders, catwalks, the two trebles—the lot; everything in the tower looks new, and it is not surprising that a band of ringers from the neighbourhood should have an eye on this prize and accordingly arrange an attempt for it.

This was made and was successful on Saturday, November 22nd, and two locals were included in the band. The Vicar of Hawkshead was one of them; he rang the treble. His perseverance was rewarded, and when rounds came up in 2 hours 50 minutes he was surprised to know that nearly three hours had passed so quickly.

After the peal came the pleasant part—the adjourning to the tea room, where the inquest is held mingled with the knives and forks. There was no need for much inquest, however, and the talk soon reverted to consideration of the peal footnote and the answers to Norman Chaddock's questionnaire. Most fellows are agreed that Norman takes some answering. Finally someone said: 'What about paying the score for this tea?' It was then learned that a benefactor had provided it. As one who had partaken I inwardly bestowed my thanks and appreciation.

I am sure that those of our fraternity who do as I do—go pealing on Saturday afternoons (when I get the chance)—will appreciate how pleasant the meal after the peal can be.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES E. BURLES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

'WAIT FOR ME'

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent's letter about the 'light ring of eight' at Congresbury reminds me of a visit to this, our neighbouring tower, for the benefit of one of our local ringers who had never rung there.

The bells are a ground floor ring, and our visitor grasped the tenor rope to ring some rounds. 'Go' was called, and the slow, stately tones rang out 1234567—1234567. Number 8 tried valiantly to complete the octave; indeed, he even played at pendulums in his efforts to join us. It was all to no avail, however, and when the plaintive call, ''Ere, wait for me,' was heard in broad Somerset dialect, we sensed defeat was near. I believe the call of 'Stand' in this instance was received with relief from the heavy end!

Subsequently we spent a very enjoyable evening, and left well satisfied with our efforts on this 'light eight.'—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Barkwell, Somerset.

P.S.—On another occasion I saw an aspiring but inexperienced 'heavy-bell' man rung by the tenor to a course of Major. That was the end of him for the rest of the practice!—J. B.

MEMORIES

Dear Sir,—I would very much like to thank Mr. W. G. Wilson for his article on the old ringing paper 'Campanology' and its proprietor, William Bedwell, whom I knew well and rang with over 60 years ago, in your issue of November 28th.

Mr. Bedwell came to Lewisham from Essex some time in the late 1880's, and when I knew him he was in charge of that tower. He was, as Mr. Wilson states, secretary of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, and he was District secretary when I was elected a member in January, 1897. I am now the only ringer left in the District who knew and remembers him. I well remember, too, Mr. Bedwell publishing his paper, and until last year when they had to be cleared out for restoration work there were several copies in the clock room above our ringing chamber.

My memories of the paper are that if Mr. Bedwell had been a journalist and not a printer it would probably have flourished. Its failure to do so forced him into bankruptcy, his health gave way and he died a comparatively young man not long after. Much of the editorial work was done by the late F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich. He was mace bearer, toastmaster and personal attendant to the mayors of Greenwich. He was a fluent speaker and was equally gifted with his pen.

There are still some of us left who remember the late Mr. A. T. King, whom Mr. Wilson also mentions. Mr. King was the founder and first secretary of the Middlesex Association as we know it today. He was a civil servant and was chief of the National Debt Office. He was also a lay reader in the Diocese of London, and was one of the first laymen in London to occupy a pulpit. Mr. King had a great effect on London ringing and was a kind friend of ringers generally. Many of the London clergy had been at Winchester with him and were his personal friends, and as such he was able to open many London towers (especially the 12-bell ones) to the Middlesex Association which had hitherto been the prerogative of the very select few. He was always 'at home' to any ringers at his office and pleased to see them at any time, and if they had any personal problems would help them if it were at all possible. My memories of Mr. King are very happy ones. —Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close,
Crayford, Kent.

GOSPEL OAK'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—I observe that Dr. Neil Smith has remarked that the Vicar of Gospel Oak showed great enthusiasm for the efforts to get the bells going again.

As the bells became silent at the Vicar's wish, and the local band still exist although ringing at another tower, I find this statement hard to accept.

The bells could have been put in order and rung at any time by the bona-fide band during the last eight years.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

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'CAMPANOLOGY' — Some Notes By Wilfrid G. Wilson

(Continued from page 793)

JAMES R. MACKMAN

James R. Mackman rang his first peal of Major (Kent at Gainsborough in February, 1897) reported in No. 22, and I was reminded that when I first started ringing, in 1926, Mr. Mackman was an officer at the Borstal Institution at Feltham, Middlesex, and he used to invite Ernest Turner and me to go with J. A. Trollope to watch the Borstal boys have a boxing tournament, and afterwards we would ring handbells in his quarters. I can still recall the clang of the iron gates every few yards along the corridors and the jangling of his huge bunch of keys.

A peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was also recorded at Warnham, Sussex, conducted by Geo. Williams, in which each member had rung over 100 peals. Quite a feat in those days.

In an earlier issue a beginner had asked the inevitable question—which is the simplest way of conducting Holt's Original? One of the replies (from A. E. P.) was to set the calling of the bells before to the tune of a well-known hymn, thus:—

O God our help in a-ges past
5 3 4 5 4 4 4 3
Our hope for years to come
4 3 4 7 5 4
Our shel-ter from the storm-y blast
3 4 4 7 5 3 5 3
And our e-ter-nal home
7 4 7 4 3 3

The peal runs to five verses and a small bit over which was called the Amen—2 (S) 5 6 3 (S).

I believe A. E. P. was not the only ringer to call verse in aid to help with this performance.

Recorded in No. 24 is a handbell peal of Stedman Triples at Romford on February 17th, 1897: George R. Pye 1-2, William Pye (conductor) 3-4, Ernest Pye 5-6, Wesley Watson 7-8. The first handbell peal in the method by all and the first in which the three pairs of working bells were rung by three brothers.

The editorial for No. 25 refers to the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria and of various schemes for its celebration. Chatham decided to restore St. Mary's Church and provide a ring of eight bells. Our Editor once again could not resist ending up with 'We hope we may yet hear that steps are being taken to thoroughly restore the bells and belfries of Rochester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey during the present year; the condition they are now in is—at all events the latter place—a national disgrace.'

What I believe was the last issue, No. 26, dated March 10th, 1897, contains no hint of this unhappy event. The full-page illustration, which had been a regular feature, was this time St. Clement Danes', in the Strand. In this year, 1958, the picture and article could not have been more topical.

THE DECEASE

What caused the paper to stop after such a promising start? We are given no idea. But we may guess that Mr. Bedwell's printing business in Lewisham High Street had to be neglected while he was doing the job of a District secretary of the local branch of the Kent County Association, indulging his hobby of ringing on every possible occasion and at the same time trying to run a weekly paper on a personal basis. You, Mr. Editor, will agree I am sure, that a weekly paper, if you are responsible for everything, is a full-time job on its own.

If in trying to pick out interesting items for these notes I have laid most emphasis on London and its ringers, there are two reasons for this. One, of course, was that the Editor was a Londoner and gave, perhaps unconsciously, a greater proportion of his space to the Metropolis, as he called it: the other is, of course, that I too am a Londoner.

What is perhaps really surprising is how little difference there is between the format and contents of 'Campanology' and that of 'The Ringing World,' considering how much all else has changed in the same period.

And now these 26 issues of the paper must be returned to that locked box in St. Margaret's ringing chamber, with thanks to Mr. Hewett for keeping them so safely and (however doubtfully) for letting me borrow them. I wonder what else he has in that box!

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EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): E. C. F. Rogers 1, S. Jenner 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 4, B. E. Jeffreys 5, L. Fox 6, W. A. Leigh 7. J. E. Warner 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Tewkesbury Branch Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Tewkesbury Abbey on November 29th. From the number of notifications received for tea, there had been very high hopes that this meeting would be very well attended—but this was not to be. The fog which pervaded the country made no exception of Tewkesbury and surrounding areas. As a result, many friends, visitors and members who had indicated their intention to attend were prevented from doing so. This naturally was a great disappointment to the ringers who had been able to find their way to the Abbey and who were looking forward to meeting old friends. It was disappointing, too, for the members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Guild of Ringers, who had put in so much work to make their visitors welcome and to ensure a successful meeting.

At the ringing before the service and tea, we were pleased to welcome a few visitors from Swindon. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were successfully accomplished, and we also had some pleasing rounds on the 12 bells.

The service in the Abbey was conducted by Canon B. Purefoy, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Clutterbuck, and we were very pleased that both were able to take tea with us later.

Because of the many empty places, the masses of refreshments which had been so well prepared by the Tewkesbury ringers, their wives, mothers and friends, remained substantially unattacked—although those who were there did full justice to themselves. The vote of thanks for the arrangements was proposed by Peter Warren in his usual inimitable style. Canon Purefoy responded, and in referring to certain of the proposer's remarks stated that it was not that he disliked the sound of church bells but rather that he was of the opinion that the Abbey bells, at least to his ear, were unmusical. He hoped that perhaps some day some benefactor would give a sufficient sum to have the 12 bells recast and retuned, but until that day he would continue to suffer, at least aurally. He stated, however, that he would always be very pleased to welcome to the Abbey bands of experienced ringers.

The business meeting followed, when the following officers were re-elected: The Rev. E. V. Smith, chairman; Mr. G. H. Burrows, of 24, Lansdown Place, Cheltenham, secretary; Mr. E. T. Newbury, Ringing Master; Mr. A. Pulley, representative on the management committee. It was decided to hold future annual meetings at Tewkesbury and to have four other meetings during the coming year.

After the business meeting came more ringing. The tower was favoured by late visitors from Cheltenham and Wakefield, and attempts were made at Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal. Maybe it was that the fog which was thickening outside was penetrating the tower, but after a few unsuccessful efforts our visitors had to leave, and we rang touches of the 'old faithfuls.' E. W. P.

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OBITUARY

MR. GEOFFREY CARTER
AN APPRECIATION

Geoffrey Carter was never a very highly skilled ringer. He rang perhaps a dozen peals, but as a descendant of John Carter he had ringing in the blood. Geoffrey was the ringing companion par excellence. Whilst some parties of ringers may have been complete without him non was ever incomplete that included him. He did not miss many University of London Society functions, but when he was not there it was never quite the same. The party was not complete—it never will be again. He was a part of us in a way that no other member has been, and in the 13 years that the Society and Geoff were together we grew round him from the time that he was one of only a dozen members in all and much the most senior.

He was invariably late, and those who weren't would be looking to the door for that little figure with the queer, stooping, springy walk, the shock of unruly, curly hair, the clothes that none but a bachelor would be allowed to wear, the inevitable pipe and the cough. When he came all knew him and he knew us all. He called us affectionately 'Old Boy' or 'My Dear,' but none ever used these phrases with more genuine affection nor received it in return. There was always much to talk about with Geoff —music, literature, travel, friends, bells, his job in I.C.I., our jobs, and many more topics of which he had such an exhaustive knowledge. He was never ill at ease talking to anyone nor they to him.

He had his faults: he was an abominable correspondent, but then Geoff wasn't the sort of person one corresponded with; he was a poor week-ender—invitations to stay for the week-end somehow never came to fruition; he never learnt to dodge his bell properly, he simply stared you between the eyes and rang over and under—but how well he could do this when the ringing had a beat.

We remember Geoff trudging the Somerset lanes in 1946 ('Two pints to the mile, old boy'); we remember, too, some story about losing his way in the women's dormitory of a youth hostel the same year; we remember him complete with crash helmet and hair flowing out round the sides on the back of David's Vespa or tucked down in the other David's 'bug'; we shall remember him in the hurly-burly of practice night at Gospel Oak. We shall remember him, too, in Somerset again this summer, a painfully sick man but still enjoying it all with that chuckling little laugh, playing with the children and one little toddler of 16 months offering him her hair brush. We shall remember his annual renderings of 'Buttercup Joe' and his fund of stories. You indeed sowed a rich harvest for us, Geoff.

God bless, Geoff . . . God bless.

J. and P. M. J. G.

MR. FRED SEAR

Mr. Fred Sear, who passed away after a long illness on November 20th, was a member of the family of Sear of Bletchley, so well known in Midland ringing circles in the first part of the century.

A railwayman all his working life, he was first employed at Rugby, and then became station master at Steeple Claydon. During his period of service here he was instrumental in getting the bells restored and ringing again. In 1920 he moved to Melford in Staffordshire, but still kept up his interest in ringing at Bletchley, often travelling there for peals, etc. Two more promotions, to Armitage in 1926 and Rugeley in 1933, kept him in the same area of Staffordshire, where he was a frequent visitor to the belfries at Lichfield and Rugeley, until the ban on ringing in 1940. In that year he retired, and went back to Bletchley until 1946 when he moved again to Rugeley to be near his daughters.

Although his new abode was on the outskirts of the town, he came down to the belfry at Rugeley very frequently, being always a welcome visitor, ever ready to help with the training of the young band there.

After a few years, however, his health prevented him travelling in so often, but he always came whenever possible, until a serious operation put a final stop to his ringing. He still kept up his interest in the Exercise, and was always glad to receive a visitor and talk about ringing.

He was buried at Rugeley on November 24th. The local band was represented at the funeral, and a half-muffled quarter peal was rung to his memory in the evening.

MR. EDWIN BISHOP, Jun.

Mr. Edwin Bishop, who died on November 30th, had been a valuable member of the St. Denys', Rotherfield, Sussex, band of ringers for nearly 50 years. It was a great shock to everyone, as the previous afternoon he had been watching the local football team playing at home. He passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 66 years.

A quiet, lovable, unassuming character, he was always most regular in his attendance for Sunday service ringing and practice nights; he was always ready to help learners, and Frank H. Hicks, now of East Grinstead, and the writer of this are just two who benefited from his help.

Mr. Bishop only rang about five or six peals in his early days of ringing, as he had a very serious operation which prevented him from standing in any more peals; but his love for St. Denys' Church and the bells knew no bounds. He was one of the original band who learnt method ringing when in 1908 the bells were augmented from five to eight.

The funeral took place at Rotherfield on December 3rd, and the bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect. A full peal had been arranged in the evening but had to be cancelled because thick fog prevented some of the ringers getting there. It is hoped this will be rung at a later date. Mr. Bishop did not have any family, and our condolences go to his widow who was also a great friend of all ringers. He was laid to rest near the church within sound of the bells he loved so much, and so we said farewell to our brother ringer—may he rest in peace.

W. R.

THE LADIES' GUILD VISIT BETHNAL GREEN

The Central District of the Ladies' Guild, augmented by a number of the sterner sex, held a small but enjoyable meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on November 30th.

Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a much-appreciated tea in the comfortable Church Hall. The following business meeting was presided over by the vice-president. Several apologies for absence were received, including one from Mrs. Lock, the president. Although her absence was regretted, members asked the secretary to convey to her their congratulations on her choir's success in a recent competition, The fact that the cup was being presented that day prevented the conductor from attending.

A satisfactory item of business was the election of two honorary and three new ringing members. It was announced that the next meeting would be held at Stamford Hill on January 31st, this being the annual for the District. Heston was chosen for the quarterly meeting on May 30th. Among the appropriate votes of thanks was one to the gentlemen who so nobly washed-up while the ladies conducted their business.

Ringing in the evening ranged from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise.

VILLAGE BELLS

Softly o'er the landscape stealing
Comes the sound of joy-bells pealing,
Borne on frosty air.
Sweet the tone of their deep voices,
It would seem each one rejoices
On this morn so fair.

Full of hope their notes are swelling
As their message they are telling,
Far away and near.
Now proclaim they, full of gladness,
'Most of joy and least of sadness'
For this bright New Year.

Village Bells! how sweet your ringing!
Much of comfort ye are bringing
To the sick and sad,
And to all, your merry greeting
Brings a joy, however fleeting—
Makes sad hearts grow glad.

So we meet this New Year bravely,
Hand in hand, and mutely, gravely,
Look up to our God.
He will keep up to its ending,
And whate'er is of His sending,
E'en though chastening rod,

Will be for our good—we know it;
Let us then be quick to show it,
And His mercy own;
Whetner sun or cloud be o'er us
God's own presence is before us,
And His Love is shown.

D.

From an old book (circa 1889); can any reader identify author?

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QUARTER PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Nov. 23rd, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. H. Simpson 1, W. J. Robinson 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, B. Gillian Schofield 4, M. J. Thurmott 5, H. B. Schofield 6, F. Rayment 7, A. Ashton 8, F. A. Munday (cond.) 9, T. Pedder 10. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 20th, at St. Stephen's-in-the-City Church, 1,287 Stedman Caters: F. C. Mogford 1, D. J. Hunt 2, M. J. Horseman 3, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, Monica Horseman (first on 10 bells) 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, J. Brain 7, A. M. Tyler 8, D. E. Cobb 9, D. G. Yeo 10. First of Stedman Caters for 2, 5, 7 and 9. Rung for the 11th anniversary of the wedding of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. J. Lawrence 1, Miss D. Fuller 2, A. G. Fuller 3, A. G. Orbell 4, W. J. Couperthwaite 5, C. F. Sargeant 6, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 7, N. Sargeant 8. First quarter of Triples by the Sunday service band. For Evensong.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. M. Farrington (first quarter) 1, E. Pickett 2, W. Newnham 3, J. Weeks 4, R. Durrant (first as cond.) 5, D. S. Billimore (first quarter) 6. First quarter by present resident band. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Peter Rogers and Miss Sylvia Blaxill, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 5 and 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marguerite Battram (first in method) 1, Kathleen Mallender 2, F. A. Staveley 3, F. J. Jackson 4, H. Wagstaff 5, J. McCluskey 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, G. White 8. Rung for the visit of the Archbishop of York in connection with St. George's Church centenary.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. N. Layton (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie 2, Margaret Parkin 3, Margaret Layton 4, H. Fearn 5, D. H. Paine (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, A. Timmins 7, J. N. Lindon 8.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): R. Rogers 1, Miss G. A. Ashby 2, P. Amos 3, G. Atkins 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, Jean Croft 2, L. Runnacles 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For harvest festival. Also on Nov. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Minor: Miss J. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

HILLFARRENCE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Taylor 1, F. Casley 2, W. Nurcombe 3, S. N. Bristow 4, C. Tarr (cond.) 5, G. Sparkes 6. First of Plain Bob Minor for 2 and 3.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,320 Doubles (Antelone, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): E. Drake 1, S. J. Perry 2, D. K. Lane 3, W. G. Lane 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. First quarter in so many methods by all. Rung by the local band for Matins.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. Waples 1, Miss M. Erik 2, Miss G. E. Graney 3, B. M. Barker 4, D. J. Goodman (first as cond.) 5, A. H. Hill 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Waples 1, C. E. Hayter 2, Miss W. Picton 3, D. J. Goodman 4, Miss G. Graney (first of Triples as cond.) 5, R. W. R. Picton 6, B. M. Barker 7, R. V. Wallis 8. Rung for the annual church bazaar.

LONDON, N.W.—At the Church of St. Martin, Gospel Oak, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Westcott 1, Gillian Neal Smith 2, C. M. Bloomer 3, Meriel Holden Brown 4, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 5, H. Makins (first quarter) 6. First of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. Rung on the first occasion the bells were used after a silence of over 8 years, and restored by members of the band.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bridport on November 29th. About 50 ringers attended, representing 11 towers in the Branch, and there were visitors from Yeovil and the Devon Guild.

The very pleasing eight were rung up in peal at 3.30 p.m. Three methods only were rung during the day—Grandsire, Stedman and Yorkshire. There were also two touches of call-changes.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. P. Hinton), who also gave the address. Canon C. Carew Cox read the lesson. The Branch organist, Mr. B. Elsworth, played the organ. A really excellent tea was had in the Church Hall, kindly provided by the Bridport ringers and their wives, who also served the tea.

Before asking the secretary to read the minutes, Canon Cox, the Branch chairman, thanked the Bridport ringers for their generous hospitality; also on behalf of the Branch he congratulated Mr. P. J. Roper (one of the Bridport ringers) on his award of the O.B.E. Mr. Critchard and Mr. Roper both suitably replied. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G. S. Morris and Canon Havelock-Davidson, who wrote telling of his departure from West Dorset.

The hon. secretary's report and statement of accounts were passed as being very satisfactory. Canon Cox said he had given the required three months' notice that he was not seeking re-election as chairman, and he proposed the Rev. O. L. Willmott be elected chairman. Mr. Willmott, however, used his powers of persuasion to such good effect that in five minutes he had Canon Cox re-elected chairman for 'just one more year.' Canon Cox will then have been chairman for 30 years.

The remainder of the Branch officers were re-elected, with thanks for their work during the past year, and Canon Cox congratulated the Branch on the successful start to monthly practices for learners in change-ringing. It was agreed to hold quarterly meetings at Bradpole, Symondsbury, Evershot and Powerstock. The annual meeting would be at Beaminster on November 28th.

The following were elected members of the Guild: The Misses P. Hayne, D. Crabb, V. Case, E. Wall and E. Underwood; Messrs. F. Bool, H. W. Davis, H. J. Smith, C. Poole and N. Saint.

The Rev. O. Willmott said Askerwell now had £770 towards the £1,100 required to hang their bells. The Branch agreed to make a grant of £5.

Mr. C. W. Powell said how pleased the Branch was to have the president of the Devon Guild attending the meeting. Preb. E. V. Cox suitably replied.

Canon Cox expressed thanks to all and closed the meeting with prayer. J. T. B.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: Miss M. Archer 1, F. Ward 2, R. S. Long 3, R. Birch 4, S. Philbrick 5, R. Wildgoose 6, J. R. Perret 7, D. Armstrong 8, J. Seager 9, B. Holland 10, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 11, G. K. Chaddock 12. First quarter on 12 bells for 1 and 7. Rung for Evensong, and a farewell to the Succentor (the Rev. R. Milner), who leaves to become Vicar of Westwood, Coventry.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. G. V. Burgess 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, M. G. Lane 4, A. D. Gram 5, M. J. Palmer 6. For children's service.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Winifred Millen 1, Mary Meynell 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, P. Relf 5, P. H. Barnes 6, E. Stanger 7, A. Gorham 8. For Evensong. Also a birthday compliment to Percy H. Barnes.

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ST. PETER'S, SIDDINGTON, CIRENCESTER.—Reopening of the six bells after rehanging, Saturday, Dec. 20th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Advise Mr. J. Hope, The Towers, 18, Ashton Road, Siddington, Cirencester. All welcome. 3512

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 4 p.m. Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 3490

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Banwell (8) on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 5 p.m.—David H. White. 3445

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Dickenson, 8, High Street, Staveley, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 3469

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Saturday, Dec. 13th, Tonbridge (8)—Penshurst not available. Names to C. Hancock, Ridgefield, Highams Lane. Look up Yorkshire. Names for dinner, please—C. A. Bassett.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Chesterton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3450

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3466

CHRISTMAS WEEK PUBLICATIONS

The publication of 'The Ringing World' for the issue of December 26th will be printed before Christmas.

Notices of meetings should reach this office by Saturday, December 20th, to ensure insertion. Please remember that there are likely to be postal delays.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting, Ewhurst, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to me at 30, The Drive, Cranleigh.—D. A. Kirk. 3457

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m., Cheshunt. Tea 5 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3475

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th—*cancelled* due to unforeseen circumstances. Next meeting Saturday, Jan. 10th; details later. —M. Powell. 3511

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, Packington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3462

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Marston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 3463

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, Old Marston, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 3411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Bray, Saturday, Dec. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. Norsworthy, 15, The Terrace, Bray. — Butler, Hon. Sec. 3488

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Chippenham bells available from 6 p.m. Note: All members please attend to discuss the rearrangement of Districts.—A. R. Mann, Dis. Sec. 3440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—An important District meeting will be held at Horringer on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to L. Wright, Acting Sec., 5, Horringer Road, Bury St. Edmunds (1297). 3444

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 13th, West Tarring (6), 3 p.m. 3461

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wootton St. Lawrence (6) on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 6 p.m. All welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Worcester, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, 10, Old Road, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3458

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting at Neston, Dec. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by previous Wednesday Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3521

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Peter's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3517

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mark's, Exeter, Dec. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to J. Andrews, Brampford Speke, Exeter. 3518

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Saturday, Dec. 20th, annual meeting, St. Ambrose's (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting following. Please attend.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol, 5. 3500

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Stonehouse, Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service and tea. Notify for tea by Dec. 16th. S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 3516

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, Sedlescombe. Tea at Rectory.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3506

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Christmas meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, at Sandridge (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3510

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at the Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 20th, 4.30 p.m. Cafes nearby. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3514

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 6.30 p.m. Special method for practice, Double Norwich.—B. C. Castle. 3501

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at St. James', Wetherby, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Town Hall. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by Dec. 19th to Mr. C. H. Maxfield, 17, Second Avenue, Hallfields, Wetherby.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3476

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—Dedication of the rehung five bells, also the new treble, by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, Dec. 21st, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Light refreshments.—C. Catchpole, Station Road, Burston. 3502

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dickleburgh, Sunday, Dec. 21st. Dedication of new treble. Service 3 p.m. 3495

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint meeting, Greasley (8) on Saturday, Dec. 27th. Bells 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (price 2s. 6d.) for those notifying by Dec. 20th Mrs. D. Beach, Peasholme, Coach Drive, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Notts. —D. H. Rooke, P. C. Clarke, Hon. Secs. 3497

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), Dec. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Brighton Hotel, Queen's Road. Sorry, no service. Note change of venue. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3520

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —IMPORTANT NOTICE.— Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, arranged for the Old Bell Restaurant, will now take place at *The Deacons Restaurant*, 6, *Walbrook, E.C.* (Walbrook runs between Cannon Street and Mansion House.) All those who hope to attend the dinner please note! Tickets (price 15s. 6d. each) still available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3504

A KENTISH TOUR

Prompt on time, a party of 20 ringers arrived at Seal Chart, with its cramped belfry, at the start of a tour of the Tonbridge area of Kent. Trouble with old ropes at Ightham delayed proceedings, but ringing included a course of Beverley on the fair six. Shipbourne bells, by Lewis of Brixton, are very odd-struck, and some very mixed striking resulted.

A drive along country lanes brought us to Hadlow, which bells are approximately the front eight of a 12. An attempt at raising the back six bells of Tonbridge in peal emphasised the need for practice: we were pleased to have Mr. Walter Dobbie to stand in a course of Bristol here. Best results were achieved on the good Gillett eight at Tunbridge Wells by ringing at speed.

Having satisfied the wants of the inner man, we made our way to Speldhurst and Penshurst, which bells are rather difficult to hear satisfactorily. The entrance to Leigh belfry is unusual in that it starts as a conventional spiral stairway which suddenly ends, the remainder of the ascent being by ladder. York was rung on the average six. The seldom-rung bells of picturesque Chiddingstone are spoilt by the seventh which bangs out in the belfry, and the tenor which requires plenty of hard work to be turned in.

A short tea break and then a visit to Hever, to be met by the Rector. These bells are in need of repair but some reasonable ringing was had. The wooden tower of Cowden houses a Warner six, which go well in damp weather. The last two towers were the best of the day—Edenbridge with its fine Gillett eight, which are rung from a gallery (a good course of London here), and finally the heavier ring at Westerham, spoilt by a loud third.

A pleasing feature of this outing was to be met by local ringers at most of the towers. We extend our thanks to them, and to all the incumbents who gave us permission to ring.

I. H. O.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): A. G. F. Mathews (first quarter) 1, Jean M. Addicott 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker 3, N. J. Maggs 4, R. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. W. Winstanley 6. Rung by members of the Oxford University Society for the Feast of St. Hugh, and in memoriam Fr. Hope Patten.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Fisher 1, M. E. Pollard 2, M. Colton 3, J. Butler 4, T. Oliver 5, S. Adams (cond.) 6, R. A. Bartlam 7, A. Colton 8. Rung in memoriam Charles Beecroft, who rang at this church for over 60 years.

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RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, H. Worboys 2, W. Ellis 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire, 360 Stedman): R. J. Castle 1, W. Hunt 2, C. A. Eele 3, B. C. Castle 4, W. J. H. Parker (cond.) 5, J. E. Wightman 6.

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OUR PART IN THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

By the Rev. A. S. ROBERTS

THE late Dr. C. W. Stubbs, Bishop of Truro from 1906 to 1912, wrote a number of poems and carols, and in many of these there are references to towers, spires and bells. The carols were set to music by his son-in-law, the late Dr. T. Tertius Noble, organist of York Minster. One of the outstanding of these is 'The Cornish Bells,' the first verse of eight, in which some 35 towers with bells are mentioned, being:—

O merry ring the Christmas bells
across the Western land,
From Launceston town to Michael's Mount,
from Bude to Sennen Sand.
The joyous echo sweeps along
far spaces by the sea,
And church bells answer church bells with
their 'Gloria Domine!'
O Cornish bells, ring far, ring free,
Ring 'Gloria tibi Domine!'

and another:—

Ring gladsome bells, ring pealing bells,
from Falmouth harbour wide,
To where St. Mary's Minster stands
above the Truro tide.
Ring Christmas bells of Roseland in
your maddest, merriest glee,
From Probus to Penkevil,
from Lamorran to the sea.
O Kenwyn bells, etc.

The Bishop evidently knew his bells in his diocese for the other choruses begin by naming a different ring of eight, except in the case of St. Buryan. No doubt he had heard and been impressed by this unusual but sonorous ring of four, hung in an iron frame in 1901, when a 23½ cwt. tenor was added. They are now unringable.

We must not pretend that Christmas bells are common only to Cornwall. What can happen at Land's End (for the parish of Sennen has six bells) cannot, we know, happen at John o' Groats; but throughout the British Isles we might well add another chorus and join in the singing as well as the ringing:—

'O all ye bells, ring far, ring free,
Ring "Gloria tibi Domine!"'

Christmas is the festival of the family and the home. As there is one great world-wide family of Christian people, so there is the smaller family of the diocese, and the still smaller one of the parish. Whatever our interest in ringing, our first loyalty is to our home tower, although we may sometimes go to cathedral, abbey or secular tower for special enjoyment: more often we go to another parish where it is the task of some members of that family to keep the bells ringing. We cannot judge another family on the strength of one visit, nor can we expect to change local tradition despite the fact that ours may be a more ideal family. In short, an Englishman's home is his castle. The remarkable thing is the freedom with which we ringers can enter another parochial home—the church and tower—to do practically as we wish, even to the extent of a new type of hush-hush ringing at midnight and in the early hours!

More ringers live in parishes with bells than without them, and there is frequently much more ringing of the bells locally than we sometimes imagine. Most ringers will be staying at home at Christmas, and to the joy of all, many who owe their introduction to the Art at home will be returning from school, college and work away from home, very often with greater knowledge gained, and an enthusiasm deepened because of new experiences and a widened vision. Thus many a family will be reunited and strengthened because of the presents of service all will wish to offer, and which will enhance and beautify the offering of the parochial family in its worship at Christmas. This is, of course, why Christmas bells are what they are or have become to many—something expected, but something different and more lovely than at other times. It may be that as Christmas strikes home its claim upon and call to the souls of men, so too the bells add their challenge as they sound in men's ears. Those who ring the bells know they are expected, and they seek to fulfil that expectation, but to those who ring them they are no different nor more lovely except for the Festival which they proclaim.

As long as Christmas remains our bells will be expected to ring. Because this is so every parish with bells must surely have a place for its ringers in its fellowship. Indeed, the ringers must take their place in the fellowship of the parish. The hope is often expressed that the spirit of Christmas might continue. In a very real sense this spirit can be maintained if the parochial family keeps its bells, which recall the birth of Christ, ringing throughout the year on many occasions and at frequent intervals as a living witness that the ringers are ever active within the family.

We will end with the last verse of our carol, interpreting any local reference as we will to our own inspiration:—

O magic moon! O mystic stars!
O music of the night!
Your 'Gloria in Excelsis' sing,
O praise Him in the Height!
'On earth be Peace, good-will to men!',
It is the Angel's song—
Ring Cornish bells, ring one and all,
come sweep the Hymn along!
Ring Cornish bells o'er land and sea,
Ring 'Gloria tibi Domine!'

TEN BELL PEALS

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BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 17, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

RUTH M. BORDER	*Treble*	PAUL J. RIGBY	5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 20, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	7
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G sharp.

*PETER A. SHARPE	*Treble*	*RONALD APPLEWHITE	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
*G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
In memoriam Rev. A. J. Ison, B.A., Rector of Caythorpe, 1938–1958.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars'. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FREDERICK LEECH	*Treble*	JOHN F. BUTLER	5
REGINALD H. NEWTON	2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
*ALMA GREAVES	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
HAROLD F. WHITE	4	*RICHARD E. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 3¼ cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	MURIEL REAY	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
RUTH M. BORDER	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*LESLIE L. C. SMITH	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES	5
RENEE STURGESS	2	ALAN H. STURGESS	6
DAVID JONES	3	S KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	7
†PETER RICHARDSON	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal, aged 14 years. † First 'inside.'

CHATHAM, KENT.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER	*Treble*	PERCY J. SPICE	5
WILFRID G. WILSON	2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	6
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	3	RONALD E. NORRIS	7
THOMAS BEAUMONT	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
A birthday compliment to K. Norris, daughter of the ringer of the seventh and grand-daughter of the tenor ringer.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

*ANDREW M. McVEIGH	*Treble*	ALAN J. FROST	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	RALPH BIRD	6
†ISOBEL INMAN	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (C.C.C. 23).
Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.' First of Surprise Major as conductor. First in method on bells.
Rung in connection with the Rochester Diocesan Festival.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	JOHN H. GILBERT	6
VALERIE W. WILLARD	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
†HOWARD COLLINGS	4	†EDWARD C. WICKHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' † First of Stedman. First of Stedman on the bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	5
*MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH	2	W. NORMAN COOKE	6
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
ROLAND PARK	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Peter David, infant son of the Vicar (Rev. R. Brown) and Mrs. Brown.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE,
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	CYRIL RUSBY	5
*H. DAVID HOLLAND	2	†LEONARD GOODALL	6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* 50th peal of Surprise, and has now 'circled the tower.' † First of Surprise Major 'inside.' First in the method by all except ringers of 4 and 7.
Rung to welcome the arrival of Helen Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rusby.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN AND GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Comprising 4,224 Plain and 792 Gainsborough, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY	*Treble*	JAMES H. PAILING	5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	FRANK A. BARRETT	6
DENNIS C. BOWEN	3	J. HOWARD FREEBORN	7
CHARLES COLES	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in these two methods by all the band and by the Guild.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

*DOROTHY CROOK	*Treble*	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	5
JOHN BAILEY	2	†PETER BARRAND	6
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	ALAN MEADOWS	7
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	4	STANLEY WALMSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
* First peal. † First of Major.
Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

LEYTON, ESSEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

MICHAEL P. ROSE	*Treble*	*PETER P. BROWN	5
J. MICHAEL LAKIN	2	*JOHN R. LEEMING	6
SUSAN JACKSON	3	*MARTYN HAWKES	7
*DEREK E. SIBSON	4	ROGER KEELEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Society.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

BRIAN FORD	*Treble*	GORDON SMALLWOOD	5
CHARLES F. W. EYRE	2	CYRIL GRIFFITHS	6
ERNEST L. STITCH	3	EDWARD G. BOWYER	7
JOHN A. RODEN	4	ARTHUR WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD G. BOWYER.
Rung to commemorate the combined 154 years' ringing service in this tower by Thomas Hinsall, Jeremiah Bloore and Arthur Roden.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 768 London, 1,472 Bristol, 1,920 Cambridge and 896 Superlative, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

J. BARRY PICKUP	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
DEREK TAYLOR	3	*NORMAN SMITH	7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. No. 9).
Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal of 4-Spliced and first of Spliced Surprise as conductor. First of Spliced Surprise by all except the ringer of the seventh.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, with 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell.
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	COLIN A. TESTER	5
*RICHARD V. FULLER	2	RALPH BIRD	6
*DORIS E. COLGATE	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
*STANLEY JENNER	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of 4-Spliced 'inside.'
Rung on the occasion of a Rochester diocesan service of thanksgiving in the Royal Festival Hall to mark the successful completion of the ten-year plan for the building of new churches.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 640 Superlative, 640 Cambridge, 320 Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method.
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	*Treble*	GEORGE DAVIS	5
DAVID J. KING	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
JACQUELINE S. KING	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
IVOR GOULTER	4	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
First peal in the method for all the band.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Sally Barker and David W. Beard on their engagement, and as a birthday compliment to George Davis.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, containing 1,088 London, 1,248 Cambridge, 1,280 Bristol and 1,408 Superlative, with 107 changes of method.
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
*RUTH M. BORDER	2	JAMES H. PAILING	6
FRANK A. BARRETT	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 100th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
PAUL J. RIGBY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

STEPHEN IVIN	*Treble*	ROBIN N. PITTMAN	5
*JEREMY A. M. SALTER ..	2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR	6
*DAVID T. DARBY	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7
*JOHN G. PUSEY	4	JAMES H. PAILING	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

JEAN SCRUTTON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. HARVEY ..	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	HAROLD W. ROGERS ..	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	WILFRID G. WILSON	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ..	4	JOHN EUSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. MORRIS. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
First peal of Bob Triples by all.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. Paul Corin.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 TAUNTON COURT MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD HOWES	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,664 Superlative, 1,660 Cambridge, 960 Bristol and 864 London, with 108 changes of method.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	3	JOHN HILL	7
*ELSIE K. HART	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Spliced. First of Spliced on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 15, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 32 extents (six callings) and five 240's (two callings).
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*ROBERT UNDERWOOD (13)	*Treble*	C. WILFRED LORD	4
JOHN HAWTIN	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	5
†DAVID WALDRUM (15) ..	3	JAMES A. LORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (5) Thelwall and Double Oxford Bob, (6) Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*MICHAEL EDWARDS ..	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	4
*†JOHN WEST	2	PETER J. EVES	5
MARY DOWSETT	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
* First peal in 14 methods. † 25th peal.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Saltmarsh, of Danbury.

KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 22, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Plain Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*MARGARET SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM SYKES	4
*DEREK INGLEBY	2	*RALPH B. MITCHELL ..	5
FRANK LINFOOT	3	*J. RICHARD SENIOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD SENIOR.
* First peal.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Stedman, four each of New, Huntspill, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Grandsire, and eight of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*MARY SOLOMON	*Treble*	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	3
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	*MICHAEL J. STOKES	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT		*Tenor*	

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal in ten methods.
Rung on the occasion of the presentation of the O.B.E. at Buckingham Palace on this day to Mr. P. W. Mobbs, of Carlton Hall.

ASH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE ..	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	2	ALBERT W. DYER	5
*GEORGE E. MONCKTON ..	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal of Minor.

BIBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Grandsire, and eight each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN S. CAREY	*Treble*	PATRICK A. BARTLETT ..	4
A. C. MERVYN DAY	2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN ..	5
PETER W. BARTLETT	3	ARTHUR W. BARTLETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH E. W. WENBAN.
First peal by a local Sunday service band.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents: two of Plain Bob, two of Oxford and three of Kent. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*RUTH H. APPLEBY .. .. *Treble*	WILFRED LEE 4
JOHN RHODES 2	PETER M. DAWSON 5
†JOAN M. DAWSON 3	‡ROGER WADDINGTON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER M. DAWSON.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First in three methods. First as conductor.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band as a 75th birthday compliment to Sidney Keighley, who has been ringing at Calverley for over 55 years.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
(The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.)
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*PAULINE A. MURDEN .. *Treble*	PHILIP D. HOWITT 4
CAROL EUSTACE 2	RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 5
*PETER J. HAWCOCK 3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal.

Rung on St. Andrew's Eve.

FENITON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 17 240's and eight 120's. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK PARR .. .. .. *Treble*	JOSEPH BROADHURST 4
LESLIE MORRELL 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
DONALD SALTER 3	CYRIL JOYCE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*GILBERT PARK .. .. .. *Treble*	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 4
THOMAS D. METCALFE .. 2	JAMES DICKINSON 5
FRANK ANDERTON 3	ALEX EDGAR .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal. All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

BARBARA FOSTER .. .. *Treble*	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 4
*BARRY J. WILD 2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 5
ALLAN SMITH, JUN. 3	GORDON ROTHWELL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal in the method.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

*TOM F. GILLOTT .. .. *Treble*	STANLEY A. BROWN 3
ARTHUR E. BROWN 2	ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. 4
DEREK E. GRIFFIN .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by DEREK E. GRIFFIN.

* First peal.

SANDAL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Violet, Woodbine, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal and Kent T.B., and 720 Oxford, Kingston and London Scholars' T.B., spliced. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. MOXON .. .. *Treble*	*E. GEORGE H. MAYNARD 4
GEORGE CUTT 2	GRAHAM SMITH 5
CHRISTOPHER P. MORRIS ..	
*CHRISTOPHER MAYNARD .. 3	JOHN CUTT .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE CUTT.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the fourth and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING *Treble*	*FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 4
ERIC J. HITCHINS 2	HARRY HEATH 5
L. MICHAEL NOAD 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* 100th peal together.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Ely District.)
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale and Wearmouth; (2) London and Wells; (3) York and Durham; (4) Beverley and Surfleet; (5) Ipswich and Cambridge; (6) Annable's London; (7) Norwich. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

ARTHUR YARROW .. .. *Treble*	DONALD F. MURFET 4
GEORGE E. CRISP 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

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TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 Oxford T.B., 1,440 Kent T.B. and 2,160 Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

BRUCE MCKIE	*Treble*	DAVID S. HARRIS	4
ROBERT A. COCHRANE ..	2	WILLIAM T. HOLMES ..	5
AUDREY M. BAILEY	3	ERIC EDMONDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRUCE MCKIE.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal of William T. Holmes at Skelton-in-Cleveland, Yorks.

BRITFORD, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Advent Sunday, Nov. 30, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ANTHONY LEWIS	*Treble*	JAMES LEWIS	4
*ROLAND G. DAVIS	2	RONALD N. MARLOW ..	5
*BARRY E. A. CLEMENTS ..	3	*HENRY W. HITCHINGS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
* First peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT 22, PORTUGAL STREET,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 13 methods, comprising 864 Plain Bob, 384 each of Reverse Bob and Double Bob, 648 each of Wellington Little Court and Gainsborough Little Bob, 288 each of Fulbeck Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, 192 each of C.C. Collection Nos. 258 and 259, 144 each of Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court, 288 of Crayford Little Court and 720 of Little Bob, with 467 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

*M. D. S. HOOD (Tr. Hall)	1—2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	5—6
*P. H. LANGTON (Trin.) ..	3—4	†D. J. KIRBY (Selwyn) ..	7—8

Arranged by G. E. FEIRN. Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.
* First peal of Spliced. † First on handbells. This is the greatest number of Major methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT EMMANUEL COLLEGE,
TWO PEALS OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.		Tenor size 17 in E.	
*P. HODSON (Emmanuel)	*Treble*	*P. HODSON (Emmanuel)	*Treble*
H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..	2	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) ..	2
M. D. S. HOOD (Tr. Hall)	3	M. D. S. HOOD (Tr. Hall)	3
A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	4	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	4
P. H. LANGTON (Trin.) ..	5	P. H. LANGTON (Trin.) ..	5
D. J. ROAF (Trinity) ..	*Tenor*	D. J. ROAF (Trinity) ..	*Tenor*
Conducted by P. H. LANGTON.		Conducted by D. J. ROAF.	
Umpire: J. SCHOFIELD.		Umpire: P. F. WINDLEY.	

First peal as conductor.
* First peals.
These two peals were rung simultaneously.

HANDSWORTH WOOD, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5½ *Minutes,*
AT 72, WORLD'S END ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY ..	1—2	†CLIVE M. SMITH	3—4
		BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.. ..	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal on handbells. † First of Minor on handbells.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE	1—2	BERNARD GROVES	3—4
		ROBERT B. SMITH	5—6

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, G. Atkins 4, J. Linnell 5.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Christine M. Harbott (first quarter) 1, Catherine M. Powell (first of Plain Bob) 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, B. Piper (first of Major 'inside') 4, M. W. Harbott 5, P. Jackson 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, H. M. Williamson 8.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Bees (first quarter) 1, T. G. Phillips 2, Monica Horseman 3 W. P. Blake 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman 6, D. Cobb (cond.) 7, J. Lott 8. For the patronal festival.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: June Dear (first quarter) 1, J. Bray 2, L. Hughes 3, L. Scoot 4, E. Buck (cond.) 5, A. Leggett 6, J. Dear 7, J. Varney 8. For Advent Sunday.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 1st, at St. Saviour's Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Hooper 1, Monica Horseman 2, A. Lee 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. E. Cobb 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, J. H. Gilbert 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsre Triples: H. Wingrove 1, R. Broadley (first 'inside') 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, J. Meads 4, D. Lamb 5, A. Bridges 6, F. Reed (cond.) 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. A. Cornell 1, E. Edmondson 2, S. Huckle 3, Mrs. H. Y. Price 4, R. Castledine 5, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 6, G. Penney 7, D. C. Price 8, W. Ayre 9, R. A. Cochrane 10. Rung after a failure of a peal attempt to mark the 400th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth I., who was living at Hatfield Palace.—Also on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Pettitt 1, J. Knight 2, J. T. Kentish 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, W. Ayre (cond.) 5, E. Edmondson 6, S. Huckle 7, E. C. Chambers 8. Rung to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury to morning service.

BORDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Patricia Robinson 1, J. Grensted 2, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 3, A. J. Dunk 4, E. C. Barton 5, B. Collins 6, Michael Nolar (first quarter) 7, K. Williamson 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. A 21st birthday compliment to Audrey Williamson, sister of the tenor ringer. Rung for Advent Sunday.

BRIDESTOWE, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Manning 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, W. Boucher 3, J. H. Benoy (first as cond.) 4, F. Wells 5, T. Kerslake Fice 6.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Avery 1, F. J. Lambert 2, J. H. Edwards 3, A. Hoad 4, G. King 5, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 6, J. Harris 7, A. B. Allcorn 8.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. E. T. Clark (first quarter) 1, B. Gilian Schofield 2, K. Rushworth (first quarter) 3, J. D. Nixon 4, J. W. Gibson 5, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 6. A 14th birthday compliment to Kenneth Rushworth.

CAYTHORPE, LINCS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bennett 1, C. L. Simcock 2, G. W. King 3, G. Scott 4, H. Squires 5, L. Squires 6, J. Cragg (cond.) 7, J. Pheasant 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. A. J. Ison, Rector for 20 years and a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, interred here the same day.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 2, A. G. Grant 3, Joan Cheney 4, R. Harris 5, J. R. Robinson 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX. — On Nov. 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Brenda M. Balls 1, Marian H. Mills 2, H. Webb 3, B. Webb 4, A. E. Leggett 5, E. E. Davey 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CORSTON, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Wadman 1, A. F. Lee 2, D. Hoare 3, H. Palfrey 4, C. Brown (first touch in the method) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. K. Dodd 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Surprise Major for 2, 4 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Murrel 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, Miss A. Millam 3, F. Godsmark 4, J. Jeffery 5, R. V. Johnson 6, J. H. Lilley (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. George Apps and Miss Grace Stenning and as a birthday compliment to Horace Lilley and Miss A. Millam.—Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (8 covering): Miss D. Murrel 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, F. Godsmark 3, J. Jeffery 4, J. Herbecq 5, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 6, E. Brett 8. First in method by all except conductor. For Evensong.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Thomas 1, W. White 2, H. K. White 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, D. Jordan 5, G. W. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss G. Bishop and Mr. Arthur Churchman.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Smith 1, J. Maybrey 2, H. Colcomb 3, Rev. E. Bugden 4, J. King (cond.) 5, D. George 6. For St. Nicholas' Day Evensong.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Doubles (720 Woodbine, 600 Oxford): J. Smith (cond.) 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, F. White 4, J. Burgess 5, A. Farrand 6. Just for a ring by all who rang for service on Sunday.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 21st 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Rogers 1, J. Linnell 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5.

HARBORNE, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Blackstaff 1, Miss E. M. Fletcher (cond.) 2, Miss R. C. Russell 3, J. T. Atkins 4, E. G. Fletcher 5, T. Russell 6, C. Blundell 7, W. Roper 8. A birthday compiment to the ringers of 1, 5 and 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 23rd. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Clark 1, R. Parish (first in method) 2, F. Whitby 3, R. Hayden 4, J. Collins (first in method) 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

LLANELLY HILL, BRECONS.—On Nov. 30th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. M. Saunders (first quarter) 1, G. Ward 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, W. H. Saunders 4, B. Johns (first as cond.) 5, R. C. Horsington 6. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells and augmenting to six.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Boucher 1, R. Hill 2, J. Sangwin 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, R. C. Cann 8.

LYDD, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. T. Humphery 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, S. Boulden 4, C. T. Hillis 5, J. R. Cooper 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, L. Terry 8. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Burgess, Vulcan Cottages, Lydd.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. Aley 3, B. G. Burton (cond.) 4, G. Blake 5, C. Clayden 6. Rung half-muffled before a memorial service to Miss E. Goff, who was verger at this church and a member of the local band.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.—On Nov. 9th,1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Bryant 1, Miss E. Hough 2, J. Martin (cond.) 3, W. Chandler 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. Wellard 6. Conducting shared. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Bryant 1, W. Chandler 2, A. Berry 3, A. Jackson 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, F. Prue (first quarter) 6. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss S. Toye (first quarter) 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, B. Taylor 3, J. W. Wallace 4, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 5, Miss Y. Harding 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss P. U. Llewellyn, a ringer at Penarth, on her engagement to Mr. J. P. Salvage.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire): Sylvia Watson (first quarter) 1, G. Perry 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, H. Corben 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. L. and Dr. C. A. G. Ward.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1.344 London Surprise Major: A. J. Hart 1, F. H. Hicks 2, G. Francis 3, E. W. Keys 4, F. W. Rogers 5, W. A. Riddington 6, W. Rogers (cond.) 7, W. T. Beeson 8. First in method for 1 and 3. A 10th birthday compliment to Andrew John Corby.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Sharratt 1, T. Pendlebury (first quarter) 2, Miss C. Pendlebury 3, J. A. Townsend 4, J. H. Joyner 5, C. A. Brass 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Fred Sear.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Nov. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. V. Frost 1, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 2, T. J. Southam 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, R. W. Darvill 6, W. Little 7, G. W. Debenham 8, G. Penney 9, W. A. Nicholls 10. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Bernard H. Swinson, who died suddenly at his home in Jersey and was buried at St. Saviour's Church, Jersey, earlier this day.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. Chalkley 1, S. H. Ashton 2, A. Harris 3, L. Runnacles 4, G. Cherry 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rowe 1, Miss P. Rowe (50th quarter, aged 13) 2, E. J. Rowe 3, M. Cubitt (cond.) 4, M. J. Rowe 5, H. Howson 6, F. Gilbert 7, L. Green 8. A farewell to Brian Bladon.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. S. Crossman 1, A. R. Crawford 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker 3, M. B. Kemp 4, J. G. Pusey (first as cond.) 5, J. D. Orme 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Cann 1, R. Pearce 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Heard 5, C. Sangwin 6, J. W. Sangwin (cond.) 7, O. Gittens 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Stickler, also Father Kingdon, Vicar of Bridgerule for over 70 years. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, R. C. Cann (first 'inside') 2, A. E. Bissat 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, H. Heard 8. Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Dec. 7th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. W. Euston (cond.) 3, J. W. Chapman 4, J. W. Rea 5, R. Wright (first of Major) 6, H. M. Williamson 7, R. Sanders 8. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Cooke (first quarter), 1 H. Prout 2, J. T. Rooke (cond.) 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Rung as a 13th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. F. Pratt 1, R. G. Smith 2, R. G. Bell 3, A. J. Hickson (first quarter) 4, E. H. Durrant 5, W. G. Paul (cond.) 6, D. Laud 7, G. W. Seaman 8. For Evensong.

WESTONZOYLAND, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Freda Phillips 1, Mrs. D. Gay (first 'inside') 2, D. Kent 3, D. Gay 4, R. Short 5, C. Clarke (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 3.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Miles 1, S. White 2, S. Walter 3, H. R. French 4, B. J. Luck (cond.) 5, E. Wood 6. Rung for the patronal festival and a farewell for the Rector.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.— On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Spliced (448 Yorkshire, 576 Cambridge, 256 Superlative): W. J. Button 1, F. Ruffles 2, P. M. Clarke 3, M. R. Page 4, L. G. Brett (cond.) 5, C. W. Beecroft 6, W. Ruffles 7, W. W. Miller 8.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Franklin 1, J. Keyte 2, H. Floyd 3, M. Journeax 4, D. Woodward 5, A. Leach 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, A. W. Franklin 8. Rung to thank the people of Woodstock, who gave the money to buy a new set of ropes.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. N. Price 1, T. A. Price (14½ years, first 'inside') 2, H. W. Knight 3, R. H. Brice 4, J. Brain 5, H. A. Price (cond.) 6, S. G. Smith 7, J. K. Baker 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. Ernest Morris. He rang his 1,800th peal at Loughborough Foundry on December 8th, his 1,500th tower bell peal at Croft on December 6th, and his 300th handbell peal at Barrow on December 12th. He informs us that his next book, 'Tintinnabula,' is now in the press and all illustrations passed. It should be on sale early in the New Year.

Advent Sunday at Britford, Wiltshire, was marked by four first peals of Grandsire Doubles. The band deserve peal cards for the occasion.

When the Bishop of Malmesbury rang after the rededication of Bristol Cathedral bells the question arose, 'How many ringing bishops are there?' The writer has rung with two, but are there any more?

Further to the recent correspondence concerning Stedman Cinques in the Whittingtons, we are informed that the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Newport on November 22nd contained nine courses in the Whittingtons. Is this the first time that this has been done in a peal of Grandsire Cinques?

Carlton Colville, Suffolk, bells were rung to a peal on November 25th to mark the decoration that day at Buckingham Palace of Mr. P. W. Mobbs, of Carlton Hall, with the O.B.E. Unfortunately his son-in-law, Mr. J. Garrod, the tower captain, was unable to participate in the peal.

Three ringers with 154 years of Sunday service ringing at St. Bartholomew's, Penn, behind them were commemorated by a peal on the bells on November 29th: Tom Hinsall, the verger, was for many years treasurer of the belfry fund, Jeremiah Bloore was a former secretary, as also was Arthur Roden. These tributes by fellow ringers make pleasant reading.

Cambridge University Guild have set Oxford University Society something to emulate. Six ringers rang two handbell peals of Minor simultaneously. There were, naturally, two conductors and also two umpires. We congratulate them on their powers of concentration.

Two letters have reached us this week addressed to 'The Ringing World,' Woking. Since 1942 our address has been at Guildford. Both were from correspondents of long standing.

We hope our readers will enjoy 'Our Christmas Quiz.' Even if you cannot find all the answers have a shot. Even with the many profound students in the Exercise we do not expect an all-correct entry.

We regret to hear that the 93-year-old veteran, Mr. Frank Sinkins, is in Belgrave Ward, Grove Hospital, Tooting, S.W.17. He will miss his ringing for Christmas for the first time since he started at the age of 11. To his many friends he sends his best wishes, which we are sure are fully reciprocated.

Paul Webb is chairman of the Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers in more ways than one. He went to ring the treble at Hagley and found that he was catching 'handstroke' well above the sally, so he lengthened the rope's end, pulled up a chair, and rang a quarter peal of Bob Minor sitting down.

The former captain of Chelsfield, Kent, ringers, Mr. John Parker, and Miss Jennifer George were married at Chelsfield on December 6th. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom rang in a touch of Grandsire Doubles with the best man, Mr. D. Parker, ringing the treble. This was followed by a quarter of Grandsire Doubles rung by Miss J. Outhwaite 1, Miss V. Colt 2, J. Parnell 3, R. Martin 4, D. Manger 5, C. Rowe 6.

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BRISTOL CATHEDRAL'S RING OF EIGHT REDEDICATED



The band that rang during the service of rededication of the bells of Bristol Cathedral. Left to right: A. V. Bennett, E. Abrahams, F. C. Mogford, F. G. Leaker, H. S. Gregory, E. J. Brown, Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst, A. A. Hilliar. [Photo by courtesy of 'Bristol Evening World.'

IN the presence of a large congregation, the bells of the bombed Temple Church, now rehung in the north-west tower of Bristol Cathedral, were rededicated by the Bishop of Malmesbury (the Rt. Rev. E. J. K. Roberts) on Tuesday, December 2nd. Among those attending the service were the Dean of Bristol (Dr. D. E. W. Harrison), the Archdeacon (Ven. P. G. Reddick), the trustees of Temple Church, and the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Mr. W. H. Trueman).

Following the prayer of rededication which was said at the foot of the tower steps, the Bishop formally presented the bells to the Dean, saying: 'Receive these bells, which have been solemnly rededicated, as a sacred trust committed unto thee, as Dean of this Cathedral Church; and take care that they may be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

A red pilot light in the ringing chamber then flashed its warning to a waiting band made up of senior members of the various city towers, who pulled the bells off and rang rounds for two minutes. At the conclusion of the service it was most appropriate and a great honour for those present that the Bishop of Malmesbury was able to join them for a few moments and take part in the ringing of one of the first touches.

The remainder of the evening's ringing was, at the express wish of the Dean, limited to some 20 or so selected members of the City and Rural Branches, representative of as many towers as possible. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich, and the care which the Ringing Master (Mr. F. D. Mack) took in placing his bands for touches was rewarded by some quite good ringing, despite the dazzling power of specially installed photographic lighting equipment and a cameraman flitting through the circle of ropes taking 'close-ups' of various ringers in action. Needless to say, of the many classic profiles photographed only very few appeared in a disappointingly brief item in the B.B.C.'s television programme 'View on the South West.'

The tone and 'go' of the new bells are very pleasing, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co. (who were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler) are to be congratulated on a fine job. A word of praise must also go to Messrs. Joseph Bryant, who donated an excellent set of ropes complete with royal blue sallies.

THE BELLS

Treble.—2ft. 9½in., 8 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb., Bilbie (1726).

Second.—2ft. 9½in., 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb., Bilbie (1726).

Third.—2ft. 10½in., 8 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb., Purdue (1658).

Fourth.—3ft. 0½in., 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb., Bilbie (1740).

Fifth.—3ft. 2½in., 10 cwt. 1 qr., Taylor (1887).

Sixth.—3ft. 3½in., 10 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb., Taylor (1887).

Seventh.—3ft. 7½in., 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb., Taylor (1887).

Tenor.—4ft. 1in., 21 cwt. 1 lb., Taylor (1887).

At the entrance to the belfry a tablet will be placed with the following inscription:—

'To the Glory of God for the benefit of His Church and the citizens of Bristol, and as a permanent testimony to the love and devotion of Matilda Strickland, the life-time friend and helper of Dame Violet Wills, D.B.E. The bells of the Temple or Holy Cross Church in this city, destroyed on November 24th, 1940, were renovated and hung in this tower, November, 1958.'

R. J. BOWDEN.

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TWO LONDON SOCIETIES HOLD JOINT MEETING

Another very pleasant annual gathering took place in London on December 6th, when the joint meeting between the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held. Members and friends totalling over 70 from all the Home Counties appeared in the towers during the afternoon or evening, and by their countenances all seemed satisfied.

The ringing, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, in the afternoon, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in the evening, was also well up to standard for such an occasion. A highlight of the day was, of course, tea in the Fan Makers' Hall, which was prepared and served by Mrs. Davis and other prominent helpers, who again showed how sympathetic and understanding they are towards the needs of man—the young and the not-so-young, as it was noticed several 'veterans' were there feeling at home in more senses than one.

Although there was no business to transact, one recent sad event, in the death of Geoffrey Carter (a member of both ringing Societies) was referred to by Mr. W. H. Coles, and the meeting stood in silent tribute to the memory of a late friend. Mr. T. J. Lock then extended a welcome to all members of the Cumberland Youths (a formal gesture which is taken in turns), and to everyone else present who were not members of the Middlesex County Association. Mr. F. J. Cullum replied, and looked forward to the pleasure of many similar occasions. He added, with appreciation, the fact that his Society had been permitted to ring a peal at Hillingdon, and offered reciprocation.

A vote of thanks, by Mr. Coles, was accorded to the two incumbents for the use of the bells and hall, to the tower-keepers, and to Mrs. Davis and the several other ladies. He also mentioned that the peal of Erin Caters at Hillingdon referred to was a very good one and contained some excellent striking.

The ringing was in charge of Messrs. Butler and Cullum, and all tastes were catered for by courses and touches of a variety of odd- and even-bell methods.

THE BELLRINGER'S NIGHTMARE

(Death-watch beetles, etc., cause havoc in St. Martin's Tower, Brasted, Kent.)

Our captain, Fred, was quite a normal chap
who seldom got into a flap,
But hearing of the tower's danger, his conduct
had become much stranger.
He muttered to himself at lot—of death-watch
beetles and wet rot,
And it was easily discerned that Fred was very
much concerned.
He was a coleopterist and eke a campanologist,
And his concern with bug and bell led to the
following sequel.

. . . . .

The night was dark, the wind was cold as up
came our bell-ringer bold,
He hurried through the entrance gate because he
thought he might be late.
Straight up the belfry steps he ran, as only good
bell-ringers can,
But why he'd come he could not tell, unless it
was to ring the bell.
'As sure,' he said, ' as my name's Fred, I really
should have stayed in bed.'
It came to him as quite a shock when midnight
chimed out from the clock.
He climbed up to the belfry floor and tried the
switch inside the door,
It wouldn't work!—In consternation, Fred cried
out: ' Oh, botheration!'
His language always was refined, quite parlia-
mentarily inclined;
You see, he'd been to public school and self-
control was there the rule.
As in the dark he fumbled round, he heard a
deathly ticking sound,
And nearly bolted down below when up above,
a ghostly glow
Emanating from the beams, threw phosphores-
cent, fitful gleams
Which spread around an eerie light, enough to
show a creepy sight,
For death-watch beetles in great hordes, crawled
out from holes in beams and boards.
He stood and watched them, petrified, and
couldn't move howe'er he tried
As on they came in serried ranks indulging in
the queerest pranks,
Of which, the strangest thing they did, was form
into a pyramid,
Reaching up to where there swung, the ropes
by which the bells were rung.
Upon it somehow all took hold and the bells
they wildly tolled.
This, being in the dead of night, gave the village
quite a fright.
The Rector scrambled out of bed and very soon
joined up with Fred;
The two churchwardens also came and the
treasurer did the same.
The architect sent word to say he couldn't get
there till next day.
The hon. sec. with an anxious look, arrived
complete with minute book,
The builder, showing great goodwill, came in
his car from Crockham Hill;
They stared aghast at what they saw, and with
one voice they cried ' Oh lor!'
Nor knew what else to do or say but stood there
as the floor gave way;
And down they went with startled yells—men,
beetles, floorboards and the bells.
But fortunate they were, you see, below there
stood a Christmas tree
Erected on the tower floor, which broke their
fall, and what is more,
They, like a lot of presents lay, snug in the
branches, on display.
The Rector as he clambered down, was heard
to say, with ne'er a frown,
But not with any sign of glee: ' I'll have to
tell the P.C.C.
That certainly life's not all honey, for now we'll
need a lot more money.'

And if you ask concerning Fred—he woke, and
found himself in bed. J. P. H.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton District Dinner

The annual dinner of the Melton District was held this year at the Midland Woodworks Canteen in Melton Mowbray (by kind permission of the management). Eighty-eight ringers and wives and friends sat down to a sumptuous spread, which had been prepared by the canteen manageress and her staff.

Amongst the guests were the Vicar of Melton (Canon C. M. S. Clarke) and the Rev. A. G. L. Lancaster, Vicar of Waltham-on-the-Wolds, The president (Mr. Paul L. Taylor), Mrs. Taylor and friend, vice-president (Mr. E. C. Turner) and Mrs. Turner, the peal secretary (Mr. Shirley Burton) and Mrs. Burton, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Williams were also present.

Mr. Williams proposed the toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild,' and Mr. Paul Taylor very suitably replied. The chairman (Mr. J. H. Cook) gave a welcome and proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' also one to a very popular lady ringer on her birthday.

Mr. E. C. Turner replied for the visitors, and the whole company rose and sang 'Happy Birthday.'

A very good evening's entertainment followed, given by Ken Burton and his quartet, and a very fine demonstration by trick-cyclist Jack Skinner. There were also games and dancing.

Northern District

The Northern District held its December meeting at Stevenage—a bad day with fog and damp making things more dismal than they really were. To visit a church on its patronal festival is a great honour, but it's sad to relate that the District did not respond to this meeting. After tea the fog really came down and kept away those who would have made the trip if the weather had been reasonable.

Ringing commenced at 3.45, followed by a short service and tea. Mr. Fred Plummer took the chair for the business meeting. The secretary informed the members that the C.C. census was going along very well and so far everyone had been very quick in their replies.

The meeting was very concerned about the great increase in the cost of the annual report. It was proposed that this be put on the agenda for the District A.G.M., to be held at Hitchin on January 3rd.

Further ringing continued until 8.40, when some very good striking was obtained.

Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob Triples to Cambridge Major.

OUR CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Mr. C. Wilkinson, of Hambleden, near Henley, Oxon, supplies our Christmas Quiz. A book token prize will be awarded to the best attempt received not later than January 12th, 1959. Address envelope 'Christmas Quiz,' 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

1. Queen Elizabeth I is said to have greeted a deputation of 18 craftsmen with the cryptic remark 'God save ye, gentlemen *both*!' What lay behind the royal quip?

2. In the famous poem, 'Curfew must not ring tonight!'—where, and on which bell?

3. Why does the treble bell at Liverpool Cathedral carry two texts although all the larger bells, including the Bourdon, carry only one?

4. Where does one stroke on a bell bring despondency but two strokes joy and relief?

5. When the ship's bell is struck 16 times what is the time?

6. Who was killed by phantom sleigh bells?

7. 'Ring out wild bells to the wild sky!' Which bells are said to be those referred to?

8. Where do eight 'ancient youths' perform royally behind the face of a one-handed clock?

9. Which bell-founder is remembered for an epic ride?

10. Which bells, recently recast, were so made and hung that in theory they could be turned to a new clapper position by slackening a single nut?

11. 'From its uncommon size and unusual sound it is extremely dangerous and may prove fatal to those affected with sickness.' Which 'dangerous' bell is referred to?

12. If a ringing friend pointed to a dabchick and ejaculated 'Cor!', what might be the reason?

13. One ring of bells has crossed the Atlantic Ocean five times. Where is it now?

14. Where does King Edward VIII's name appear upon the tenor bell of a church?

15. Where may one have the 'pleasure' of ringing a Rudhall ring from a raft?

16. In the Bible one bell inscription is authorised. Which is it?

17. A record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Fenchurch St. Paul's. Do you think it will be accepted by the Central Council?

18. Occasionally, through some mischance, a bell causes the death of some person. This could happen twice with the same bell nowadays but would have been virtually impossible before 1846—why?

19. The Mears family had a long connection with the Whitechapel Foundry. Can you name the first bell with which they were concerned?

20. Which church has a tenor bell presented by Queen Victoria to mark the fact that the church stood in an ancient royal forest?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RESIDENTIAL COURSE FOR RINGERS

Dear Sir,—The warden of Dillington House, near Ilminster, Somerset, which is a College for Adult Education, run by the Somerset Education Committee, has suggested that a short residential course for ringers should be held there, and has put forward for consideration the period Monday evening, April 6th, to Friday morning, April 10th, 1959 (i.e., shortly after Easter).

Whether such a course was organised would depend on the degree of support likely to be forthcoming, and I should be glad if anyone interested would let me know by not later than January 10th.

It is at present proposed that the course should consist of lectures, discussions and visits to neighbouring towers. The fee would be seven guineas per student, which covers board and accommodation and any transport required by students for visits to towers.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary, The Central Council.

'EXCELLENT GOOD SENSE'

Dear Sir,—I have just read the letter from Lucile M. Corby ('R.W.', December 5th), and my immediate thoughts were, What excellent good sense!

What a change from the letters of some gentlemen, who squabble and fuss, and even haggle over a difference of a few pounds in the reported weights of tenor bells!

A most refreshing and thoughtful letter, and I wholeheartedly support her last sentence.—Yours sincerely,

JACQUELINE S. KING.
Chepstow.

'GOLDHANGER COLLEGE BOB MAJOR'

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of 'Goldhanger College Bob Major,' published on page 771 of your issue of November 28th. This is method No. 282 contained in the Collection of Plain Major methods, and I shall be glad if the authors of this book can say if it has been correctly named as a college method, or should it be recorded as Goldhanger Imperial Bob Major, having regard to the contiguous places in 1-2?—Yours faithfully,

J. W. GRIFFITHS.
Chester.

THE PRIZE RING OF CARRS

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. G. Wilson wonders (page 793) what happened to the prize ring of six by Carrs, of Smethwick.

They are the back six of the eight at Pennsett, near Dudley, Staffs.

The late Tom Miller had a wonderful yarn about how he tuned the 'tribbles' after having apparently found they were all the same note to begin with.

Other ringers may comment on the quality of the bells.—Yours sincerely,

SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY.
Smethwick.

BELFRY CUSTOMS IN WARWICKSHIRE

Dear Sir, — The item in recent Belfry Gossip concerning Guy Fawkes' Day ringing prompts me to write this note, for I am now embarking upon a task that I have long since hoped to undertake.

It is my intention to compile a list of belfry customs currently observed in Warwickshire (including the cities of Birmingham and Coventry), and to this end I have prepared a questionnaire which, I hope, ringing captains will complete for me at towers that I am unable to visit personally. As far as I am aware, the last survey was prior to 1900, the results appearing in the admirable 'Church Bells of Warwickshire' in 1910. Since then, ringing customs must have undergone drastic changes, but to what extent? I hope to find out, and am sure that my many ringing friends in the county will co-operate.

If any Warwickshire ringers care to drop me a line I shall be most grateful. I hope to visit a good many towers during the next four weeks in search of belfry customs.

The questions I shall ask concern *all* Sunday service ringing (even single bells for early services and weekday celebrations, etc.) and 'traditional' uses such as the curfew, Guy Fawkes ringing, Easter Vestry, and so on. Naturally, this list could be greatly extended, but space does not permit the inclusion of all the occasions on which bells might be rung.

I am particularly anxious to discover whether the 'Passing Bell' has died out—it was last rung at Knowle only a few months ago, when on the customary payment of 1s., the age of the deceased was rung in twenties.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY A. UPTON.
Knowle, Warwickshire.

HANDBELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—I have just noticed in your issue of September 5th (page 579) a letter from Mr. Robert Yendall querying the advantage of employing 'numbers' rather than 'musical letters' in writing handbell music; yet Mr. Yendall states that he has been ringing handbells for 74 years. The main advantage of numbers is that the 'music' is then independent of any key to which a set of bells may be tuned.

It should be remembered that the 'Morse code' system which I had advocated was intended for schools, youth clubs and the like, whose simple sets of bells may be variously tuned. Not long ago I was asked to judge a competition between four schools, each of which had their own lettered music for the key of their own ring for the same tune. The tunes were simple and numbering would have enabled each school to use the same set of music without any of the transposition to which Mr. Yendall takes exception.

As I have already pointed out, the system is not intended for the more elaborate sets of bells apparently used by Messrs. Yendall and Chant, nor for advanced musical compositions. For these many well-tried methods exist, and they are not here in question.—Yours faithfully,

M. D. BELL (Col.).
Ashtead, Surrey.

MR. IVIN'S QUIP RESENTED

Dear Sir, — I consider the remarks from Stephen Ivin in last week's Belfry Gossip in extremely poor taste, and I think he owes me a public apology. I have rung ten peals with him, and have no particular wish to ring any more. He is far too unreliable and temperamental.—Yours sincerely,

A. PAT CANNON.
Dorking, Surrey.

Dear Sir,—I would rather ring seven peals in a day with Mr. Cannon than 120 of Bob Doubles with Mr. Ivin, even if the latter behaved himself in an adult manner, which is in itself highly improbable.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

P.S.—If Mr. Ivin wants his hat back he can have it for half-a-crown as it is four sizes too big for me.—R. G. L.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Stephen Ivin's unfavourable comments in Belfry Gossip (page 792) are typical of this brilliant but temperamental young ringer.

When Stephen has travelled half the miles that Pat Cannon has to give young ringers their first peal of Plain Bob Doubles, Minor or Major, he can consider himself as being of some real use to the Exercise as a ringer.

There is too much of this type of backbiting amongst the ringing fraternity of today, which does no good to anyone; alas, we seem to have our fair share in this area.

Knowing them both personally I suggest that Stephen try to adopt Pat's gift for taking a joke against himself before making any further remarks of this type.—Yours sincerely,

G. K. DODD.
Highclere.

P.S.—We can probably find a spare rope in the next seven-in-a-day attempt if you are interested.—G. K. D.

TOM TOLLADAY'S 12,000

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson's notes on 'Campanology' (page 793), there is a reference to Tom Tolladay's 12,000, and a bound volume of 'Campanology' in the belfry bookcase of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Being a member of St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, in the '90's, I well remember W. (Bill) Truss singing the song of Tom Tolladay's 12,000 Grandsire Caters, which was rung at Fulham. The first verse was (I quote from memory)—

Tom Tolladay ahold of the treble he took,
And at his brother ringers so serious did look.
He bade them now all get their ropes and be ready,
And when they were ready, he shouted, 'Now steady.'
Chorus:—
So ring away, pull away, ring my boys ring,
As this long peal has been rung we'll merrily sing.

The other verses had the names of all the ringers. Probably the whole song is in existence today.—Yours, etc.,

G. E. SYMONDS.
Ipswich.

(Correspondence continued page 828)

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LETTERS—Continued

HESTON'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—Without detracting from the very fine efforts of the ringers at Heston in ringing not only 14 quarter peals for Sunday services this year, but also achieving two on one day with different bands, I do rather wonder how many of those 18 regular Sunday service ringers attend the practice night with any degree of regularity. I believe very few. Some, I know, are not able to; but if the four recruits Mr. Webb mentions are ever to ring anything more than rounds they must have the help of experienced ringers.

There has, I regret to say, grown up over the last few years an idea amongst some of the older members of our towers that when young learners are introduced into their belfries, they are no longer needed, and in some cases not wanted. *Nothing* is further from the truth. They are the people who can teach our learners more from their wealth of experience than any of the people in their late 20's and early 30's.

Let us have less of this apathy and boasting of individual and collective achievements, good as the effort may be, and get on with the job of teaching the learners how to ring, coupled with good handling and striking; for without them our bells will not be rung on Sundays in the future, and after all, that is what they are put in church towers for.—Yours faithfully,

D. FOWLES.

Cranford, Middlesex.

Note.—We feel certain that there was no spirit of boasting on the part of Heston ringers in their performance. It was reporting an actual fact for the encouragement of other towers. —*Ed.*

STEDMAN CINQUES AT CANTERBURY, 1924

Dear Sir,—I am afraid that Mr. E. Barnett is in error when he states in 'The Ringing World,' dated December 5th, 1958, that the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Canterbury Cathedral on December 18th, 1924, was in the Whittington position.

The composition of this peal, composed by the late F. Hayes, is published in the Kent County Association report for 1925, page 97, peal No. 2,922, and the composition has 19 courses in the inverted tittum position, and 19 courses in the handstroke home position, the bells being turned with a bob at 1. This type of composition is normally used for half-muffled ringing, and is not suitable for ringing with the bells open. Probably the reason why the late Mr. E. G. Buesden, who conducted the peal, made use of this composition was to avoid the complexity of a normal turning course, as it was the first peal on 12 bells by 11 of the band.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

OBITUARY

MR. W. A. NORMAN

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Archdale Norman, of Hatfield, Herts, in the early hours of December 1st, aged 84 years.

A native of Sharnbrook, Beds, he learnt change-ringing as a youth and rang in many churches around Sharnbrook and Rushden. He was also active in handbell ringing.

For the last 27 years he had resided at Hatfield, where his widow is well known in the district in connection with her school. Mr. Norman had been a keen reader of 'The Ringing World' since the early days of its publication.



MEMBERS OF THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD who forgathered at Crewe on November 29th to honour the 70th birthday of Mr. W. Frank Stenson, the Guild's secretary. For story of the unsuccessful peal attempt see page 809. Although a peal was not scored, it was a very happy birthday.

[Illustration kindly loaned by 'Crewe Chronicle.'

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD

Southern District

Saturday, December 6th, was certainly an ideal day for the annual District meeting, held at Sketty. The good attendance was a surprise to everyone.

Mr. J. A. Bennett, of Bristol University, who attended the meeting, was many years ago a probationer at Sketty, and his visit brought back old memories. Most towers in the District were represented.

The new vicar (Rev. Garfield James) conducted the service, and in his address referred to the bells as being 'Church music beyond the stars.' The lesson was read by Mr. Derrick Ashtridge.

The highlight of the District secretary's report was the announcement that the eight bells will be in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Swansea, by Easter.

Mr. J. T. Williams was elected hon. District secretary, and Mr. Trevor Roderick thanked the outgoing secretary for his services since Mr. Ernie Stitch resigned. Mr. Arthur Hoare, in his reply, thanked them all for their kind remarks, and hoped that the change would revive fresh interest in the Southern District. Mr. J. M. Roderick was re-elected hon. District auditor.

The next meeting will be held at Gorseinon in March, 1959. Five new members were elected (two resident and three life members).

It was proposed to give a grant of £5 towards the cost of installing St. Mary's bells.

Mr. Wilfred Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the local ringers, their wives and friends, for the excellent tea provided, and Mr. J. T. Williams thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, and conducting the service, also the organist for presiding at the organ.

Ringing during the day was above the average and the bells were lowered at 8.30 p.m., bringing to a close a successful meeting. J. A. H.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

A very enjoyable meeting of the Monmouth Branch was held at Magor on December 6th. Despite the cold weather, a goodly number of ringers attended and enjoyed this little-used, pleasant ring of six bells.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Clayton-Evans, and the Rev. Ivor J. Richards (Rural Dean of Raglan) read the lesson.

A most welcome tea was afterwards served in Magor Church School, prepared by Mrs. Clayton-Evans, the headmaster and their helpers. The Rev. Ivor Richards sincerely thanked these kind folk.

New members were elected from Abergavenny and Caldicot. Progress was reported from Caldicot and Blaenavon, where there were large bands of young people.

Abergavenny was decided upon for the annual Branch meeting in January. Mention was made of the Branch dinner, to be held in Newport on February 7th next.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The quarterly Northern District meeting at Mitcham on November 29th proved a most representative one, there being present 42 ringers from 15 towers within the District. Ringing in the afternoon on the six bells at Christ Church varied from rounds and Grandsire to Cambridge Minor. Evensong at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul was conducted by the Vicar, after which tea was enjoyed in the Parish Rooms. This had been prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Collins, assisted by Mrs. Oatway and the local young ladies.

At the routine business meeting which followed, nominations were invited for officers for 1959. The only change made was at the suggestion of Mr. H. V. Young, who declined nomination as a committee member and nominated the Rev. C. Marshall, of Leatherhead. The collection for the bell fund amounted to £1 4s., and after the usual vote of thanks the ringers adjourned to the Parish Church for ringing until 9 p.m.

AMONG AMERICAN BELLS

By GORDON BENFIELD

ROPES pulled up to the ceiling; the chiming apparatus still connected; the usual courses of Bristol and Double Norwich in their picture frames; an odd Association membership emblem and photographs of prominent change-ringers, past and present; photographs of towers . . . there they were, all the familiar things that a ringer looks at to kill time in an empty ringing chamber as he begins to wonder if he's come to the meeting on the wrong day. Familiar, yes—but very strange, because I was in the heart of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.!

It was my privilege recently to travel some 4,000 miles through the United States on an English Speaking Union Travel Scholarship. The purpose of my trip was to study certain aspects of American education, and I was certainly kept very busy with a full schedule of interviews, visits and new experiences; but not too busy to look for some bells—what ringer ever is? That's how I came to be standing in the ringing chamber of Mitchell Tower at the University of Chicago, and how I came to have other experiences which I feel I should like to share with readers of 'The Ringing World.' Let's carry on then where we started out, in Chicago.

UNPULLED FOR 45 YEARS

Yes, the ropes are still there in the ringing chamber of Mitchell Tower, where the 10-bell Alice Freeman Palmer Memorial Chime hangs, but no one has pulled them for 45 years. For a few brief years in the first decade of this century, when the bells were installed by Mears', change-ringing was actually practised in Chicago by a band imported from this country. The first 720 of Bob Minor was rung in November, 1908, and one of the band, Frances J. Rimes, is still living in the city. By 1911, however, change-ringing had stopped for what seems to be a not unfamiliar reason. A letter of the president's secretary of the day notes: 'We have never been able to do much change-ringing owing to the nervousness of our neighbours.' An expression of that nervousness in the form of a letter of a student of the day is worth quoting:—

> 'It is between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon of a "sane" Fourth of July, and I find myself suddenly thrust to the ragged edge of dementia by the insane ding-dongings of those everlasting bells. If I were a self-respecting student, I should proceed at once to organise an expedition to drag them down from the belfry the next dark night and make "versunkene Glocke" of them all in the bottom of Lake Michigan.'

While change-ringing was discontinued, tune ringing was practised from the first and never permitted to lapse. The University's 'Societas Campanariorum' organise the ringing three times a day for short periods, ending with the 'Alma Mater' at 10.5 each night as a tribute to the athletes of the University, to speak to them of 'love and loyalty and sacrifice and of hope and inspiration and endeavour for the morrow.' The director of the 'Societas' is Mr. James R. Lawson, the carillonneur of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel's 72-bell carillon. It was at Mr. Lawson's invitation that I found myself among the bells of Chicago, and I was privileged to watch him play a Sunday afternoon recital on the carillon and to be taken by him to examine the fittings of the Mitchell Tower bells. Mr. Lawson, who has been in England this summer, is a man of great determination, and he is making serious plans to try once more to introduce change-ringing, or at least, the 'ringing up' of the bells. A set of ropes has already been delivered! The bells are almost certainly still ringable, requiring only minor renovations. Mr. Lawson can handle a bell and has some students who are anxious to start, so although we cannot envy him his task we can and should wish him well.

CHARLESTON'S BELLS

In late October it was still very hot in South Carolina, and when his open bedroom window is directly underneath a tower and the bells strike every quarter of a stuffy, sleepless night, even a ringer begins to wish them ill—especially when the Westminster first quarter is the complete repertoire, and this is appropriately repeated to mark the second and third quarters and the hour!

But the bells of St. Michael's, Charleston, have plenty to be mournful about, and in the light of subsequent sunny days I became rather fond of them. They came from Whitechapel in 1764, eight in number, and were hung for ringing though little was ever practised. They were brought back to England after the Revolution as a prize of war, only to be bought by a London merchant and shipped back. When they arrived at the dock the townspeople, overjoyed to see them back again, swarmed on board ship, dragged them away to the steeple and rehung them immediately.

Later, two bells cracked and were sent back again to England to be recast. During the Civil War the bells were sent to Columbia and were burned in the great fire there. The metal was salvaged, sent to England and again recast. Knowing their sad story—and this is only part of it—I must say that as I stood on the frame, looking at their broken wheels and stays and listening to the Rector of St. Michael's describing the affectionate regard the people have for their old bells, a strange feeling of sadness overcame me and, had it been more British, I could have wept for them myself. They are still chimed regularly and play a great part in the life of the city.

RIVAL SCHOOLS

There are, I believe, 15 towers in America with bells hung for ringing, but at only two of them are the bells still rung up and change-ringing practised. Both these towers are at well-known American independent boys' schools — Kent School, Connecticut, and Groton School, Mass.—and there has always been both friendly rivalry and frequent united endeavour to improve their knowledge of the art. It will not seem strange to readers, I'm sure, to be informed that by coincidence one of the schools I found myself wanting to visit officially was Groton, and the business side of my appointment with the headmaster soon led us on to the subject of bells. So came about my introduction to the Rev. Malcolm Strachen, the member of the school staff responsible for training the boys to ring. With Mr. Strachen I climbed the magnificent tower of the school chapel and pulled up the tenor of the 22 cwt. Mears eight. Unfortunately, the boys who do the ringing could not be freed at that time without considerable inconvenience, but I was very thrilled to learn that the bells are rung every Sunday morning—rounds and plain hunting, with sometimes an attempt at Grandsire—and that although he has never been to England and had to learn his ringing from an English instructor many years ago, Mr. Strachen is doing a grand job keeping the art of change-ringing alive in this corner of New England.

HANDBELL RINGERS

I must not conclude this brief account of my experiences among the bells of America without mentioning the very happy times I had in Washington, D.C., and Kansas City as a guest of Branches of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. It was my privilege in Washington to share for three days the home of the secretary of this enthusiastic Association, Mrs. Norman Erb, and to meet and ring tunes with members of her band. I don't think I could ever forget the warmth and generosity of their welcome and their eagerness to hear English bell news.

At the village Presbyterian Church in Kansas City I found myself guest of honour at a well-attended social evening planned by two bell choirs who, after enduring my talk on English change-ringing, gave a delightful programme of tune ringing. I shall long treasure a tape-recording which I was given of the combined singing and bell choirs performing a special arrangement of the hymn 'O God our help in ages past.' I had hoped to visit in Boston the president of the Guild, Mrs. Arthur Shurcliff, who though now advancing in years is still a well-respected and powerful force behind American ringing. I was very sad to learn, however, that she was ill in hospital. I took the liberty of writing to her on behalf of English ringers (she did ring in England many years ago), wishing her well, and was pleased to receive a cheerful reply only last week.

There is certainly no lack of interest in the ringing of bells in America at the present time, and if this article does something to sow the seeds of a greater concern for what they are doing I'm sure any such recognition will be applauded by our friends across the Atlantic.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Christchurch District

The annual District meeting of the Christchurch District was held at Christchurch on December 6th. Forty ringers attended and there were visitors from Kingston-on-Thames, Wimborne and Southampton District.

The annual Guild service was conducted by Canon R. P. Price (Vicar of Christchurch). An inspiring sermon was preached by Canon C. Dudley Kirkham (rural dean), based on the text 'Fellow-workers with Christ.'

Tea was served in the Priory Restaurant, and this was followed by the meeting. As the chairman of the District, Rear-Admiral D. H. Everett, was unable to be present, Canon R. P. Price acceded to the request of the members to preside. The hon. secretary's report for 1958 recorded an increase of nine members. He also reported that there had been an increase in the number of ringers attending the four quarterly and the four practice meetings held during the year. Reports on the activities of all towers in the District were given, and these showed an overall picture of steady progress in seven out of the 11 affiliated towers. The remaining four towers were reported to be lacking in recruits and interest in the Guild activities.

District officers elected for 1959 were: Chairman, Rear-Admiral Everett; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. T. Godfrey; vice-chairman, Mr. M. J. E. Best; joint Ringing Masters, Mr. W. E. Cheater and Mr. R. Marlow; representatives to the executive committee, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and Mr. A. V. Davis; auditor, Mr. R. Hurst.

The meeting was informed by Mr. H. A. Mitchell (captain of Bournemouth, St. John's, tower) of an appeal which had been made for £1,000 for an immediate repair of the bells and a projected repair of the tower and spire. A donation of one guinea was voted to the fund and a collection was also made at the meeting. Any donations from friends of the tower or visitors who have enjoyed the pleasure of ringing on the bells during their summer holidays should be sent to Major C. F. Ball, 20, Branksome Wood Road, Bournemouth.

After some discussion, the meeting agreed to take no further action at present in reorganising the George Williams commemoration dinner, which was not held during the past year owing to the lack of support, and financial difficulties.

Good use of the Priory bells was made both before and after the annual meeting by all those who attended. W. T. G.

Christmas Greetings to all our Readers

The Editorial Committee, the Editor and Staff of 'The Ringing World' at Guildford and Mr. J. E. Jeater send their good wishes to all readers, and thank the many correspondents for their cards and greetings.

NEW ZEALAND.—To the Editor, 'The Ringing World,' and English ringers, with the best wishes of the ringers at the Cathedral, Christchurch, New Zealand.—G. N. Sloan, Sec., 9, Hanson's Lane, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch, N.Z.

ST. MARY'S, APSLEY, ringers send Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year to all ringing friends. A hearty welcome to practice on Mondays. 3530

To ringers at home and in far away places—a merry Christmas and happy New Year.—J. ARMSTRONG, Morpeth. 3494

A merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year to all our friends both near and far is the earnest wish from all members of the ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, Barking, Essex. 3535

Mr. P. N. BOND sends all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to his many ringing friends, particularly to fellow Cumberlands.

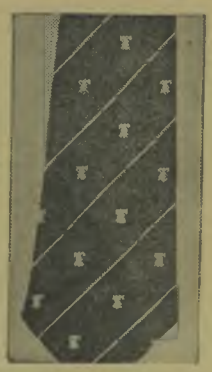
To all my band, our secretary, all Suffolk ringers, and friends near and far beyond our border, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Les. BRETT, Framsden, Suffolk.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. BULLEN, of Station Road, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, wish all their ringing friends happy times, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. 3532

Christmas greetings to Gordon WALFORD from all his friends at Cotford. 3525

A happy Christmas with good health and prosperity in the New Year to all our ringing friends is the wish of Marjorie and George CROSS. 3563

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EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH, ringers extend best wishes for Christmas, and may 1959 bring happy 'meetings' and good 'hunting.' Greetings to Miss Judy Midgley (Calgary), Miss Izard (B.C.), to our visitors of 1958, and all the 700 visitors of post-war years from length and breadth of the land. 3550

To all our ringing friends we extend hearty greetings for a happy Christmas and for 'good hunting' in the New Year; also grateful thanks for good fellowship in 1958.—Paul and Flo FIELD, Marshfield, Knole, Langport. 3544

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to my many ringing friends both young and old. —John FOWLER, Cookham. 3519

Wishing all our many friends the best of everything at Christmas and many happy hours in the coming year. From Mr. and Mrs. E. J. LADD and Margaret, and Ann GEORGE. 3540

To all my ringing friends: Good wishes for health, happiness and prosperity.—H. GOODWIN (late of Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent), 35, Farnsworth Road, Rotherham, Yorks. Confined to house. 3552

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS send sincere greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all old ringing friends. 3508

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. (Jack) HILLIAR, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7, extend the season's greetings and all good wishes to all their ringing friends. 3527

A very happy Christmas and a bright New Year to all ringers, their relatives and friends, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. JEFFRIES, of Wolverton, Bucks. 3529

Greetings and sincere wishes to all members of the Sussex County Association, remembering especially those that are ill at this time, from Reg. JOHNSON. 3537

A very happy Christmas to all our friends. May you lose fewer peals, and both receive and give greater pleasure in your ringing in 1959.—From David, Frances, George and Hilda MASSEY, Parbury Bungalow, Frome, Somerset.

To all ringing friends old and new, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—A. J. PITMAN, 25, Taylor Avenue, Lillington, Leamington Spa. 3524

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. POOLE, Marlow. 3538

To our friends: We send best wishes for a happy Christmas and New Year.

Our 1958 'season' was happy and prosperous, and 'terms and service' are unchanged for 1959. An advertisement will appear in these columns in March, 1959.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred PRICE, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Telephone: Southbourne 46005.

To all ringing friends: A happy Christmas and a successful New Year, from Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 3452

The Master of THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD, the hon. secretary and officers send heartiest greetings for Christmas and best wishes for the New and succeeding years, with happy ringing. 3492

To all ringers everywhere I send sincere and hearty wishes for a happy Christmas and a bright New Year. — William SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey. 3496

To wish all our friends and ringers everywhere a very happy Christmas, with lots of good ringing, and every good wish for a bright, happy and prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE, Bristol. 3542

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. SMALLWOOD, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire, send greetings to all ringing friends, old and new, best wishes for a merry Christmas, and peace, happiness, prosperity and good health in 1959. 3528

All good wishes for a very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends from Evelyn STEEL. 3543

To our many ringing friends, old and new, everywhere, now too numerous to mention individually, my many Guilds and Associations, 'The Ringing World' and all it means, Mr. White, Editor, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New and succeeding years; also grateful thanks for many, many happy times and years.—W. Frank and Mrs. STENSON, Crewe. 3493

Best wishes to all ringers and friends for Christmas and the New Year. From Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 3551

To all our friends, both old and new,
At Christmas time we think of you;
We send you greetings most sincere,
With lots of changes in the coming year.
—Mr. and Mrs. L. WRIGHT and June. Bury St. Edmunds. 3515

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to its members and to ringers everywhere.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Nominations and notices of motion for the A.G.M., 1959, must reach me by February 1st (Rules VI and IX).—F. V. Gant. 3499

EAST ANGLIA.—Whit week, 1959.—Any ringers interested in a ringing tour as above (no peals) please let me know as soon as possible. Own transport necessary.—Paul Field, Knole, Langport, Somerset. 3545

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL. — All ringing stopped until further notice owing to work on the western spires.—F. A. Sedgwick, 4, Vicars, Lichfield. 3564

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A further supply of Guild badges now available, beautifully plated and polished, pin or stud fitting, 3s. each, post free.—T. J. Fowler, 16, Black Butts, Cookham, Berks. 3523

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MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined evening practice at Nutfield (6) on Friday, Dec. 19th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. Streeter, Dis. Sec. 3526

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Peter's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3517

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, Sedlescombe. Tea at Rectory.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 3506

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Christmas meeting, Saturday, Dec. 20th, at Sandridge (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3510

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Helmshore, Saturday, Dec. 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 3522

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—Dedication of the rehung five bells, also the new treble, by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, Dec. 21st, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Light refreshments.—C. Catchpole, Station Road, Burston. 3502

WONERSH, Surrey.—Dedication of ring of eight, Sunday, Dec. 21st, by the Archdeacon of Surrey at Evensong, 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3554

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint meeting, Greasley (8) on Saturday, Dec. 27th. Bells 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (price 2s. 6d.) for those notifying by Dec. 20th Mrs. D. Beach, Peasholme, Coach Drive, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Notts. —D. H. Rooke, P. C. Clarke, Hon. Secs. 3497

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), Dec. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Brighton Hotel, Queen's Road. Sorry, no service. Note change of venue. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3520

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 3rd, Babbacombe. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Upton bells available 7 p.m.

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Adderbury, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 30th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Raunds (8), Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 3541

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Annual general meeting, Creaton, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Spratton bells available in evening. Names for tea by Saturday, Dec. 27th, to Mr. S. Brown, Matt's Cottage, Creaton, Northampton. No name, no tea. —W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 3549

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Devizes (8), Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6) available. Names for tea to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 3562

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Nottingham St. Mary's on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea, unfortunately, but local cafés available.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3533

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by social evening. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 3556

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—IMPORTANT NOTICE.— Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, arranged for the Old Bell Restaurant, will now take place at *The Deacons Restaurant, 6, Walbrook, E.C.* (Walbrook runs between Cannon Street and Mansion House.) All those who hope to attend the dinner please note! Tickets (price 15s. 6d. each) still available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3504

KENT BELL-RINGERS' TOUR IN THE WEST

A delightful weekend had a party of Kent ringers from Tunbridge Wells, Brenchley, Edenbridge, Maidstone and Canterbury in the West Country on November 1st. At their headquarters at Chippenham they were joined by two car loads of Wiltshire ringers.

An unfavourable start was made at Zeals, Wiltshire, but the memories of this 6-bell tower were soon wiped out by the nice eight at Castle Cary, after which everybody was more than ready for lunch.

The heavy, majestic ring (6) at Queen Camel was followed by Ditcheat and the lovely ten at Evercreech. The bells of Chewton Mendip made a wonderful finish to the day's ringing.

Sunday was a busy and strenuous day. Leaving Chippenham at 7.45 a.m. for Bristol, the first ringing was at St. Mary Redcliffe, where the party were not only impressed by the beautiful bells but the magnificence of the church. At St. Ambrose's (8) there were so many of their own ringers in the small belfry that it was quite a squeeze to get the visitors in. After ringing at St. James', despite the heavy rain a visit was paid to Clifton Suspension Bridge to admire the view.

Lunch at Bath was followed by a look round the Abbey. At 2 p.m. we left for Chippenham and rang on the eight of St. Paul's. These bells were rung half-muffled in memory of two local ringers killed in a road accident.

Evening service ringing was at St. Andrew's, Chippenham. The bells here when rung at a steady pace are pleasing to listen to. Tunbridge Wells was reached at 12.30 a.m. on Monday.

All the party are indebted to Mr. Harry Heath for arranging the tour, and also to Mrs. Heath for the wonderful tea she provided on Sunday. J. L.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Rachel Newstead 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, F. G. Oliver 3, G. W. Barnes 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5.—Also on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Plain Bob): Rachel Newstead 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 3, W. J. Brunt 4, F. G. Oliver 5, G. W. Barnes 6. Both rung by local band.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. A. Mitson 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, J. E. Ivings 3, R. Hart 4, L. N. Melton (cond.) 5.

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3 2 4 6 5			X	—	—

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Rung at Curdridge on September 4th, 1958, conducted by P. A. Corby.

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A UNIQUE MEETING

IT was surely one of the most unique ringers' meetings that could be held. Not that the business side of it was any different from any other ringers' meeting. It was the place where it was held. The place? Quex Park. The meeting? The annual of the Quex Park Society of Change Ringers.

The Society was originally formed in 1880, but lapsed for years, until it was re-formed some years ago by the ringers of All Saints', Birchington.

To those of you who have rung here, your visit would have probably been made in the summer, or at any rate when the hours of daylight are longer. If your visit was under these conditions, have you ever stopped to think what it is like on a late afternoon of a cold, damp, foggy November day? The trees are bare, the grass is still sodden from all the rains, the spire is just visible in the approaching darkness.

The nearer the tower you get, however, you can hear that you are not the first one to arrive. You can see a glimmer of light from one of the windows, and catch a smell of wood smoke from a fire in a side room, which is probably half way up the chimney by now, and hear the voices—'Steady with that barrel, Bert,' or, 'Mind those sandwiches, Jack.'

The 'Boys' are there; the fire is half way up the chimney; the kettle on the grid (two bricks) and just starting to sing. There are enough to ring so we have a touch or two until 'Tea up' is called. We sit on forms and have a good tuck in, and afterwards listen to stories of the old boys who used to ring there, and some about the not-so-old boys who still ring there.

The estate agent, Mr. Graham, comes in, and we settle down to business, perhaps less formal than some, but nevertheless conducted in equally as good a manner as any.

The minutes are read and confirmed, the balance sheet is presented and approved. The officers for the year are elected: Jack Russell as secretary and captain; as the proposer said, 'You did it all right last year, so you might as well do it again.' Bert Luck is re-elected as vice-captain and Ted Milsted is the obvious choice as steeplekeeper—after all, he works on the estate, and he can get to the tower quite easily.

Mr. Graham promises to replace the one or two panes of glass that have been broken, and to install a new fireplace. He then retires to his television and we to our ringing until the barrel is broached.

The room warms up and so do the ringers, and we really enjoy a sing-song; snacks are passed round, including baked potatoes. Bill Bridges' banjolele works overtime, and nobody seems to notice that it is not tuned in properly.

At 9.30 the door is opened by one of the minions of the law, who is quickly followed by two more; they are regaled with a glass and a snack. A course of Grandsire is rung specially for their benefit—their first experience of ringing—and they leave us while we proceed to lower the bells. The hands of the clock now point to 9.50, another annual meeting is over and we go our separate ways: the writer for his last bus, with the hope that next year he may get another invite to what can be called a unique meeting.

F. L.

INSPIRATION FROM A REDEDICATION

'THE RINGING WORLD' of December 5th contained a report of the rededication of the bells of Chipping Campden, and as I was going to that Gloucestershire village a verse ran through my mind—

> In Thy house, great God, we offer
> Of Thy own to Thee.'

Little did I know that it was to be sung that afternoon. By our ringing of the bells we offer something that is peculiar. No one else can do that; a machine may produce similar sounds, but that is not a personal offering.

This offering must be of our best. If it is our best it matters not whether it be Spliced Surprise or plain rounds; and then when the last 'That's all' is called we shall be sure that, at least, our ringing has been found acceptable, if nothing else.

In the time that is left, let us do all that we can to improve our own standard, and in doing so help others. Meetings in many places are not so well attended as they might be—not only by those of higher standards but by many who might well benefit.

Let us retune in this way, that our message may be spread farther and wider. For some it will mean a lowering as these bells were lowered; for others a lifting up.

The rededication of bells is a costly and great event. How much less costly in terms of money is our own rededication. The one ring of bells rehung and rededicated will spread a message over a larger area, but it is small compared with the area covered by those 40 or 50 ringers who came to Chipping Campden for that service of rededication not merely of bells, as the Vicar said, but of the ringers themselves.

CHARLES ROUSE.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

*REV. ALBERT WEBB	*Treble*	†JEFFREY B. WEBB	7
*PAUL J. RIGBY	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	8
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	9
PETER BERESFORD	4	*JOHN A. ANDERSON	10
GERALD C. HEMMING	5	*EDMUND MALIN	11
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Maximus. † First of Maximus, and in the method. The conductor's 50th peal on 12 bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon T. Charles Jones, B.A., on completing 21 years as Vicar and 14 years as Rural Dean of Evesham.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	*†JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	*GORDON A. HALLS	7
*DIANA J. PERRINS	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	8
*ERNEST MORRIS	4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	5	*DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit BX).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 600th peal. First in the method as conductor.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.

*THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE	*Treble*	*DEREK C. CHATFIELD	6
*L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	3	THOMAS H. HOLMES	8
WILFRID S. PALIN	4	BERTRAM J. LUCK	9
PHILIP J. WESTWOOD	5	EDWARD A. DIXON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Luck on the occasion of their silver wedding on December 9th, 1958.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

STELLA DAVIS	*Treble*	*C. JOHN CASTELL	6
*HENRY LAWRENSON	2	GEORGE DAVIS	7
REGINALD A. REED	3	TOM CHAPMAN	8
GEORGE S. WIGGINS	4	HAROLD P. REED	9
ALAN R. PINK	5	*ARTHUR SAYERS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal on ten bells. First 10-bell peal as conductor.

Rung on the Patronal Festival of St. Nicolas.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
(No. 3 version.) Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

DON C. EXELL	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	8
NELIA M. LEAHY	4	MAURICE J. BUTLER	9
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb.

MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH	*Treble*	ROLAND PARK	6
KENNETH LAWSON	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
*CHARLES N. LEA	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	8
W. NORMAN PARK	4	BRYAN PATTISON	9
EDMUND P. CROWDY	5	J ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First of Yorkshire as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 UPLYME SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
*ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HILL. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 1,800th peal. The first in the method and rung without previous practice.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	*WALTER RUFFLES	8
JOHN R. SMITH	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	9
HARRY D. LISTER	5	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

Rung in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Maximus, which was completed at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, in August, 1908; also for the induction of a new Vicar, the Rev. Basil Layton Spurgin, M.A.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paulinus.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Edwin Barnett	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Mary R. Andrews	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Edwin A. Barnett	4	Walter J. Lemon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

Rung on the occasion of a Rochester diocesan service of thanksgiving in the Royal Festival Hall to mark the successful completion of the 10-year plan for the building of new churches. Also as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. A. Agg.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 640 Bristol, 640 Yorkshire, 480 Cambridge and 480 Superlative, with 129 changes of method.
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Christine M. Woodward	*Treble*	Dermot J. Roaf	5
Frank A. Barrett	2	James H. Pailing	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Donald R. Marshall	7
Donald H. Niblett	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum	*Treble*	*Ralph Bird	5
Joan Beresford	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	†George J. Butcher	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* 500th peal. † 50th peal on the bells. First in the method by all except the ringers of treble and fourth.

In memoriam Geoffrey Carter.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in D.

J. Howard R. Freeborn	*Treble*	James H. Pailing	5
Brian R. White	2	Edgar J. Smith	6
John G. Pusey	3	Francis A. White	7
Frank A. Barrett	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed by Patrick I. Chapman. Conducted by James H. Pailing.

In memoriam Mrs. William Judge.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bertoline,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*Peter Morrell	*Treble*	George A. Packer	5
Eric B. Allman	2	Bernard J. Ongley	6
Harold F. White	3	†Edward J. Holloway	7
Fredk. S. Sutton	4	Ivor R. Nichols	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

* First peal. † First of Major.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 2,880 London, 640 Bristol, 960 Cambridge and 640 Superlative, with 110 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	5
Henry H. Fearn	2	John Pinfold	6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3	Arthur V. Pearson	7
Norman J. Goodman	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Superlative, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

Patricia Reeve	*Treble*	William Barton	5
J. Henry Fielden	2	Gordon Benfield	6
M. Vivien Copping	3	Leslie W. G. Morris	7
*David S. Hollas	4	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.

* First peal of Spliced. First in six methods on this plan as conductor, and by a local West Riding band.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*Margaret A. Ladd	*Treble*	Maxwell F. Oakshett	5
†Edward J. Jenner	2	Stanley Jenner	6
Hilda Oakshett	3	Charles A. Bassett	7
Bernard V. Collison	4	Ernest J. Ladd	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major on an 'inside' bell.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	Mary C. Payne	5
*Cynthia Bibby	2	Walter Tomlinson	6
Nora M. Bibby	3	George H. Randles	7
Charles McGuiness	4	John Walden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Herbert W. Woolven	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	5
George Francis	2	*E. Winifred Keys	6
William T. Beeson	3	William Rogers	7
Raymond P. Wood	4	W. Arthur Riddington	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by William Rogers.

* 150th peal.

Rung as a first birthday compliment to Andrew Michael, grandson of W. A. Riddington; also to E. F. Packham, of the local band, on his birthday.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Ronald W. Steward	*Treble*	Robert E. Lester	5
*Edward E. Davey	2	George A. Button	6
Frank H. Pike	3	Roy K. Duesbury	7
Urban W. Wildney	4	Alan R. Andrews	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Hunt (C.C.C. 162). Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

* 50th peal in this tower.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Albert W. A. Leggett	*Treble*	Patricia M. Bourn	5
*Jill Mayes	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Jack S. Dear	7
*George A. Spencer	4	J. Richard Castledine	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street,
A PEAL OF 5088 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Susan Jackson	*Treble*	J. Michael Lakin	5
Michael Rose	2	A. Rex Agg	6
*Christine M. Ford	3	John R. Leeming	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Roger Keeley	*Tenor*

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Roger Keeley.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all except 5 and 8.
In memoriam John Leigh Morris, David Priestley and Geoffrey Frank Carter.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Minster and Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 28¾ cwt.

Katherine Burchnall	*Treble*	F. William Midwinter	5
Frederick G. Hooper	2	*Harold Stevenson	6
Grace Burchnall	3	William L. Exton	7
F. Lewis Hemstock	4	†John R. Pratchett	*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* 25th peal. † First peal at first attempt.
Rung with thanksgiving for the life and work of Arthur J. Chamberlain, a ringer at this church for 64 years and who died on October 7th, 1958, aged 78.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5152 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Margaret M. Godley	*Treble*	Joan Beresford	5
William Wenban	2	Kenneth R. Dunstan	6
Marion J. Skinner	3	John R. Mayne	7
Joan M. Wilcockson	4	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., Dec. 7, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

Peter G. Richards	*Treble*	George W. Pipe	5
Graeme W. Heyes	2	Arthur H. Fisher	6
Kenneth J. Minchinton	3	*Warne Wilson	7
Diana M. Pipe	4	John J. F. Roper	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Major and first attempt.
Specially arranged for the ringer of the seventh, who hails from Bendigo, 100 miles north of Melbourne.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 8, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Alan R. Pink	*Treble*	Edgar J. Smith	5
J. Howard R. Freeborn	2	Frank A. Barrett	6
Christine M. Woodward	3	*Cyril H. Kinch	7
Charles Coles	4	Donald H. Niblett	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. Nicholas.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Dec. 9, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

Stephen Bromfield	*Treble*	*G. Leonard Thompson	5
*Mrs. F. G. Bloomfield	2	W. Arthur Crowder	6
*Mary C. Payne	3	Michael W. Crowder	7
*Margaret A. Swann	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Gobey. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 31, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents of 120 (ten different callings). Tenor 4¾ cwt.

Clarence F. Briggs	*Treble*	William L. Exton	3
*Frederick G. Hooper	2	F. William Midwinter	4

Harold Stevenson .. *Tenor*
Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
* 150th peal on tower bells. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower,' and the ringer of the second has 'circled the tower' as conductor.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 25, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*Margaret Lovett	*Treble*	Alan Clarke	4
Clifford R. Lovett	2	Robert Downing	5
Brenda Downing	3	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* First peal.
Rung as a last token of respect to Mr. T. Bevan, churchwarden and lay reader, whose funeral took place a few days previous.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 28, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*Gregory Gidman	*Treble*	J. Barry Pickup	4
Philip Dunderdale	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Norman Smith	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal.

BUNNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Graham J. Fisher	*Treble*	Frederick Derry	4
†J. Edward Brown	2	Sydney Adams	5
F. William Midwinter	3	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minor.
Rung on the eve of Advent, and with gratitude and birthday compliments to Mrs. L. Midwinter (70, November 29th) and Mrs. Adams (80, November 28th), mothers of the ringers of the third and fifth.

LEWKNOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*William Fulker	*Treble*	*Reginald Tuckwell	4
James Blond	2	Robert Blond	5
*Frank Godden	3	†Frank Absolom	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert Blond.
* First peal of Minor. † First in six methods.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of 1 and 6

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

Malcolm Journeaux	*Treble*	*Edward Venn	3
Roy H. Jones	2	*Bryan A. Coles	4

Alec Gammon .. *Tenor*
Conducted by Alec Gammon.
* First peal.
Rung in memory of George Gunn, a former churchwarden and verger for many years.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's College Bob, 1,440 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*PETER KINDRED .. .. .. *Treble*	MICHAEL SOLLEY 4
RAY PECK 2	ALAN R. BRIDGES 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

* 75th peal.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

DENNIS SMEDLEY .. .. *Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS 4
JAMES T. ROOKE (15) .. 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to J. T. Rooke; also as a birthday compliment to G. Challans, H. T. Rooke and F. Cooke.

WOLLATON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*ROBERT PRESTON .. .. *Treble*	DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 4
JOHN MEREDITH 2	†TOM GREASLEY 5
BRIAN BUSWELL 3	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal. First in five methods. Believed to be the first peal since 1914.

Rung as a farewell peal to the treble ringer, who is joining H.M. Forces.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Bourne, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

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

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Shirley Townshend, a member of the local band.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris's 240. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*MARY MEYNELL .. .. *Treble*	†JOHN R. COOPER 4
†VIOLET I. E. RELF 2	*PERCY V. H. RELF 5
KATHLEEN M. YEO 3	*JOHN F. BURDEN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by KATHLEEN M. YEO.

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

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Relf.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley, Cambridge, Durham, London, Surfleet, Wells and York, with varied callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

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

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung as part of the celebrations to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., combined Oxford and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ROYSTON BLACKLER .. .. *Treble*	PATRICK J. BIRD 4
MICHAEL T. ROTHWELL .. 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE 5
FRANK D. MACK 3	DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

Rung to mark the opening this day of the University's new engineering building (Queen's Building) by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Simon's and Stedman (eight different callings), 16 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 18 extents of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*CATHERINE M. POWELL .. *Treble*	†REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL 3
*MARY WHITE 2	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 4

‡H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in four methods. † First in four methods 'inside.' ‡ First of Doubles. The conductor's 25th peal of Doubles, and he has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

BENEFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in G.

*C. L. PAGE .. .. .. *Treble*	D. C. URQUHART 4
*A. WILLS 2	R. W. SPENCER 5
F. A. GINNS 3	*P. J. STRETTON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by R. W. SPENCER.

* First peal.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

PAULINE WILTON .. .. *Treble*	DONALD E. COBB 4
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5
ERIC J. HITCHINS 3	FRANCIS G. WILTON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal on six and in the method.

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SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 42 individual plain course methods, viz.: (1) Westminster II and Ockham S.C.; (2) Westminster and Broughton S.C.; (3) Westminster and Chesham S.C.; (4) Blackburn and Ockham S.C.; (5) Blackburn and Broughton S.C.; (6) Blackburn and Chesham S.C.; (7) Knapton and Westminster II; (8) Lyng and Blackburn; (9) Intwood and St. Hilary; (10) New and Chipstead S.C.; (11) New and Oakley S.C.; (12) New and Itchingfield S.C.; (13) Huntspill and Chipstead S.C.; (14) Huntspill and Oakley S.C.; (15) Huntspill and Itchingfield S.C.; (16) Forncett and New; (17) Ellingham and Huntspill; (18) Bedingham and St. Vedast; (19) New, Chipstead S.C., Oakley S.C. and Itchingfield S.C.; (20) St. Nicholas and Hascombe S.C.; (21) St. Nicholas and Thornborough S.C.; (22) St. Nicholas and Longford S.C.; (23) Winchendon and Hascombe S.C.; (24) Winchendon, Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C. and Longford S.C.; (25) St. Remigius, Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C. and Longford S.C.; (26) Fundenhall and St. Nicholas; (27) Haddiscoe and Winchendon; (28) Harpley, St. Nicholas, Winchendon and St. Remigius; (29) St. Nicholas, Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C. and Longford S.C.; (30) Merton S.C. and St. Simon's; (31) Slapton and St. Simon's; (32) Rugby S.C. and St. Simon's; (33) Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C. and St. Simon's; (34) Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C. and St. Martin's; (35) Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C. and St. Osmund; (36) St. Simon's and Braywood; (37) St. Martin's and Welford; (38) St. Osmund and Longworth; (39) Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C., Braywood, Welford and Longworth; (40) Colnbrook S.C. and Shipway's Pl.; (41) Raveningham S.C. and Rev. Canterbury; (42) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; with 281 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. V. GRIFFIN	*Treble*	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE.. ..	2	VICTOR GRIFFIN	5
*FRANCIS G. WILTON ..	3	THOMAS R. COLLINS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal in 42 methods. First peal of Spliced Doubles by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT 31, HIGHFIELD CRESCENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor size 12 in F.

*R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 1—2	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.. 3—4
DON C. EXELL .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1958, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT 36, EASTGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in G.

*FRANCES FAIRBANK .. .. 1—2	CHARLES BARKER.. .. .. 3—4
*MALCOLM LINCOLN .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by C. BARKER. Witness: DENNIS H. PARHAM. * First peal.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 10, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 32, THORNBURY AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

*DON C. EXELL .. .. .. 1—2	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 5—6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3—4	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 7—8

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1958, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 66, MELTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*DEREK M. SAWYER .. .. 1—2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. .. 5—6
†ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 3—4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. 7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS (adapted).
Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* 25th peal. † 300th handbell peal.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: D. Lambert 1, Mrs. H. A. Hawthorne 2, R. Caporn 3, Margaret Hogg 4, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, C. Rogers 6. Longest length for 1, 4 and 6. This was an attempt for a peal, but was finished at halfway owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. O'Bryen 1, C. H. Bagot (cond.) 2, W. B. Pitcher 3, H. F. Cox 4, B. R. Cox 5, B. S. Bowden 6. First quarter 3 and 6. For Evensong.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Harbott 1, F. Bishop 2, V. Green 3, C. Champion 4, R. W. Hinde 5, R. J. Cook 6, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 7, J. R. Castledine 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6–8 covering): M. Wakeling 1, S. Wood 2, D. Laker 3, E. H. Knapp 4, J. H. G. Gardner 5, R. E. Stoner 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, A. Hilton 8. Rung in welcome to the new Bishop of Chichester on his first visit to the parish.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Dec. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. A. Riddington 1, Betty Stephenson 2, G. North 3, C. W. T. Riddleston 4, A. W. Gravett 5, F. Page 6, A. W. Bond 7, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 30th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Doreen Gibbons 1, Jane Cook 2, M. J. Austin 3, R. Blackler 4, M. T. Rothwell 5, P. J. Bird (cond.) 6, F. D. Mack 7, B. J. Wylde 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2 and 5 and as conductor. Also at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Stephens 1, Beryl Abbott 2, D. Heighton (cond.) 3, J. Baldwin 4, Angela Grainger 5, M. Taylor (first quarter) 6. Both rung for Evensong by the U.B.S.C.R.

BROCKWORTH, GLOS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Thomas (first quarter) 1, R. Fry 2, P. Gilbert (first quarter) 3, L. Barry (cond.) 4, A. Lynall 5, F. Blowen 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Charles Taylor, for many years tower master at this church.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Nov. 23rd, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor (tenor covering): E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, J. Phillips 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. Randall 5, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 6, W. W. Shorter 8. For Evensong, and as a welcome for the Rev. A. Klose, a new curate from Australia. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, D. E. J. Watts 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. Randall 5, J. Phillips 6, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. For Evensong. Also a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of 6th.

CASTLE DONINGTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Shirley E. Clarke 1, A. Whiting (cond.) 2, J. S. Knighton 3, M. A. Fern 4, A. H. Allen 5, E. J. Hibbert 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 5. Rung to mark the dedication of the new Church Hall.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, J. Camp 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, P. Badcock 4, M. G. Swift 5, E. G. Swift (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for all except the conductor. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. G. Swift 1, M. G. Swift (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, K. C. Vickers 4, C. J. Shepherd 5, E. J. Briden 6. For Evensong.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl Nicholls (first quarter) 1, E. Pickett 2, W. J. Newnham 3, R. Durrant 4, J. Weeks (cond.), 5, D. S. Billimore 6. Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of St. Clement's, Turnford, a daughter church of the parish.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, T. Hutchings 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, R. Lee 4, J. Thomas (first quarter) 5, H. Blick 6, I. D. Davies 7, L. Groom 8. Rung half-muffled for the Old Boys' Association, Cowbridge Grammar School, memorial service for Fallen Old Boys, on the occasion of the school's 350th anniversary. The Sunday service band included two pupils, one Old Boy and one master.

QUARTER PEALS

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Merrett (first in method) 1, F. Walker 2, Mrs. D. L. Hall 3, C. E. Jones 4, S. Ball 5, A. Hall 6, D. L. Hall 7, R. G. Rayfield (cond.) 8. Rung in connection with the Rochester Diocesan Festival.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. C. Cozens 1, W. Chester 2, G. Care 3, E. Line 4, W. A. Yates 5, I. J. Dickin 6, G. Holland (cond.) 7, Miss J. M. Packwood 8.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. French 1, Miss M. A. Ladd 2, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 3, B. V. Collison 4, K. S. Hohl 5, J. T. Medhurst 6. First of Stedman for 1 and 2.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Hewett (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Marsh 2, W. Parrott 3, Adrienne Gibson (first 'inside') 4, F. Oakshott (cond.) 5, G. D. Robinson 6. A farewell to the curate (the Rev. J. Rose-Casemore).

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. F. West 1, Miss A. Lufkin 2, W. A. Rouse 3, Miss H. Stewart 4, L. Sharp 5, J. Brown 6, S. Leach 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 1, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 2, T. A. F. Wickens 3, J. F. Penfold 4, A. C. Rye 5, Mrs. C. Court 6. Rung for the christening of Stephanie Ann Lam, granddaughter of the tenor ringer; also for the 25th wedding anniversary of the tenor ringer.

HAGLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Webb 1, Elizabeth Oakeshott 2, A. Simpson 3, W. Rich 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, C. Catt (first as cond.) 6. Rung by a Birmingham University band.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. Cox 1, A. Pickering 2, R. Chance 3, B. E. Woodall 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, L. Clissett 6, H. Shilvock 7, T. Greenhall (cond.) 8. For morning service. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Greenhall 1, L. Clissett 2, B. E. Woodall 3, A. H. Harris 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, T. Greenhall (cond.) 6, H. Shilvock 7, A. Pickering 8. For evening service. Both rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. P. Blackaston, M.A.), upon his appointment as Rector of Alvechurch.

HAMPTON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. Leale 1, R. Woodcock 2, Gillian Neal-Smith 3, W. S. Deason 4, C. M. Bloomer (cond.) 5, D. A. S. Hawkins 6. For morning service.

HATTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss J. Elliman 1, A. C. Morris 2, A. A. Upton 3, G. Aldhouse (cond.) 4, H. M. Windsor 5, F. Clark 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung for the dedication of the memorial tablet to the late A. S. Dodds.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (followed by the whole pull and stand): Mary Garley 1, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 2, T. Garley 3, A. Blaxley 4, E. Johnson 5, A. Garley 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick Boulton, churchwarden and one-time ringer.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Nov. 26th, at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (tenor covering): S. J. Way (first quarter) 1, C. H. Rogers (first quarter) 2, Mrs. C. M. Meyer 3, V. Green 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, G. Harvey 6, C. M. Meyer 7, W. Wilson (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9. For Confirmation service. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Way (first in method) 1, Miss P. J. Holborn 2, C. H. Rogers (first in method) 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, G. Harvey 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, W. G. Wilson 7, Miss B. M. Humphrey (first quarter) 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, Miss W. Elliott 2, E. Coulsdon 3, C. Buttons 4, C. W. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. L. M. Burton, mother of the ringer of the 5th.

LINTON, KENT.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Olive Couchman 1, T. Grice 2, T. Sone 3, L. Head 4, C. Dring 5, J. Wallis 6, L. Mannering (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. For Evensong. Also on June 21st, 1,372 Grandsire Triples (from the Original): T. Grice 1, Olive Couchman (first 'inside') 2, G. Fry 3, C. Tester 4, J. Wallis 5, F. Leeson 6, L. Head (cond.) 1, P. Town 8. For the 78th birthday of Mrs. R. Fryer, for 60 years a member of the choir. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Mattingley 1, A. Lamb 2, C. Bridger 3, A. Coucher (first 'inside') 4, P. Town (first as cond.) 5, J. Houghton 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6. A welcome to the Bishop of Dover for the Confirmation service. The Misses Jean and Margaret Stevens, members of the band, were confirmed.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan E. Probert 1, Shirley B. Aston (first quarter) 2, Valerie A. Bundy (first in method) 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, P. G. Smart 5, J. A. Etherington (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, T. J. Frodsham 2, W. C. Budd 3, J. R. Haycock 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Margaret Stanley 6. For Evensong.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Allcock 1, A. Coote 2, T. Owen (cond.) 3, J. S. Williamson 4, A. Allcock 5, J. E. Couzens 6.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Dec. 13th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner 1, C. C. Deem 2, B. Mills 3, J. Ayres 4, E. J. Manley 5, R. F. Shepperd 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, R. T. G. Wood 8.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Winter (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Cox 2, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, S. J. Pugh 4, C. F. Wixey 5, C. J. Leighton 6.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Jones 1, R. Thatcher 2, J. Holbrook 3, E. Brown 4, F. Carter 5, D. Hoare (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge by all except the conductor. Rung by members of the Sunday service band for the patronal festival (St. Nicholas), and the visit of the Suffragan Bishop of Taunton.

READING, BERKS. — At 'St. Giles' Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Wilkinson (first of Triples) 1, Angela Mullocks 2, Molly Tilbury 3, Lucy Allen 4, Jennifer Davies 5, J. Coates 6, M. Downs (cond.) 7, R. Hudson (first quarter) 8. For Matins.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Cooke 2, A. Chapman 3, G. Hutchings 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, F. Taylor 6. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. L. Taylor).

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): D. Hart 1, Heather Stewart 2, F. Harvey 3, P. W. Mills 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6. For morning service.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Nov. 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Rea 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, M. Williamson 3, D. Sibson 4, J. Cook 5, G. Goodman 6, W. Wilson 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung to the memory of Thomas Francis Harley Parkinson, Lieut., R.N., on the 30th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 14th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. C. Wadman 1, K. Prime (first 'inside') 2, R. Fox 3, T. R. Marks 4, M. Rose 5, D. Gay 6, V. G. Roberts 7, D. Hoare 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, G. Salmon 10. First quarter on 10 bells for 1 and 6. For Evensong.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Womack 1, D. McNeil 2, D. Emmerson 3, Valerie Waterfield 4, C. Scott (first 'inside') 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 14th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Susan Rawlings (first of Treble Bob) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. Thirtieth quarter on the bells this year.

WOODSTOCK, CAPE TOWN.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, O. Lamb 2, R. Law 3, W. Abraham (first touch in South Africa) 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Stickley 6, R. Towler 7, J. Ernstzen 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Supt. Claude Rush writes that the fund for the restoration of Eye bells has now reached £1,209. This year he had 14,000 greeting cards printed with the church as a picture, and all these have been sold. His collection of salvage, mainly waste paper, amounted to 110 tons, and from this source he realised £608. Waste paper had been received from Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire. Congratulations on a really colossal undertaking.

Mr. Jim Bennett, of Grundisburgh, left last week for a world tour. The first stage of his journey is on the S.S. 'Dinteldyk' for San Francisco, via Panama.

The captain of the Benefield, Northants, band (Mr. C. L. Page) took part in his first peal on December 6th. It is hoped that his success will encourage other young learners in this tower to emulate him.

Over 2,000 copies have already been sold of the popular Ringer's Diary and the publishers anticipate the print order of 3,000 being exhausted in a few days. Who said ringing was a dying art?

The front cover of 'The Field' for its issue of December 25th contains a beautiful picture in colour of the ringing of the Christmas bells at Sopley, Hants, a 5-bell tower with a ground floor ring. All the ringers are handling their bells correctly.

The offer of the warden of Dillington House, near Ilminster, Somerset, to arrange a short course for ringers (see page 843) should make an appeal to many of our readers. Dillington House is the Somerset College for Adult Education, and although it dates from the 16th century it has been internally modernised to accommodate 40 people. The house stands in formal grounds and is surrounded by spacious parkland.

The 50th anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, in August, 1908, was commemorated by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells on December 13th. It was intended to ring Maximus but last-minute illness reduced the band. Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, of Braintree, is the last survivor of the first peal. When the original peal was ended, someone remarked: 'We have rung the first peal of Cambridge Maximus.' To this, Mr. Wiffen replied with his usual witticism: 'Who can say this was not done before Noah went into the Ark?'

East London members suggest for an 'Any Questions'—'Is it pleasant or otherwise to have a skin like a rhinoceros?'

The morning service on Sunday, January 4th, at Leicester Cathedral is being televised on I.T.V., 11.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. The bells will be on the air before and after the service.

This has been a year of loss to the University of London Society. At St. Olave's, Hart Street, the headquarters church of the Society, an in memoriam peal was rung on December 6th to John Leigh Morris, David Priestley and Geoffrey Frank Carter.

Mr. W. Wilson rang the seventh bell of Holy Trinity Church, Wandsworth, to a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on November 27th without a stay or slider. This was due to the incumbent allowing All Saints' Church Youths to teach the new curate to ring.

The general restoration of Lichfield Cathedral is estimated to cost £200,000, of which about £130,000 has been raised. The top of the south west spire has been taken off to a depth of 6 ft., and there is no knowledge as to when the bells can be rung again.

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THE BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY 1909-1959

By H. CHANT

AFTER a preliminary meeting in December, 1908, the first meeting of the Society was held at the Windmill Inn, in Shambles Street, Barnsley, on Saturday, January 9th, 1909. How many ringers were present is not recorded in the minutes, which for the first few years of its existence are recorded only annually; but Albert Nash afterwards stated that 'about 50 members were present at the foundation.' The balance sheet records that '37 subs. at 1/-' were taken at the meeting.

Who provided the original impetus is uncertain, although I imagine that both A. Nash and C. D. Potter had a great deal to do with it. The reasons behind the formation are less nebulous.

After the formation of the Yorkshire Association in 1875, a 'West Yorkshire Society,' which C. D. Potter describes as having 'flourished in the Barnsley area as late at 1879,' appears to have gone out of business. The Minor ringers of the Barnsley area appear to have had a thin time at these early Yorkshire meetings, and a growing desire was felt to form a society in which Minor ringers would have greater opportunities.

C. D. Potter always emphasised this as being the principal aim of the Society and, indeed, at the resumption of the meetings after the 1914–18 war, it was stated in the minutes that: 'As this Society was first formed for the upholding of Minor methods, six bell bands may claim first privileges at all times.'

The officials elected at this meeting were: President, C. D. Potter (Barnsley); secretary-treasurer, A. Nash (Wath), and vice-president, W. Woodcock (Darfield).

WOODCOCK'S VICTORY

The W. Woodcock mentioned here was a fine Minor ringer who was continually experimenting with Minor methods of the Treble Bob variety. His notebook contains in addition to established favourites of that period many methods with a footnote in his elegant handwriting, 'W. Woodcock's composition' or 'Woodcock's transposition.' Some of the methods are hopelessly false, others irregular, and quite a few have 5ths place without the treble behind; but some are 'regular' methods, and one at least—'Woodcock's Victory'—has found its way into the Central Council's Collection under the name which he gave it.

I have no doubt that most of them were rung at Darfield or Wath or both, as the names of ringers of both these towers appear on the peal boards hanging in the belfries of both. W. Woodcock died in 1921, aged 65.

C. D. Potter held office in one form or another, apart from the year 1911, until his death in 1939 at the age of 83. Although never a great ringer (he rang, I believe, one or two peals), his enthusiasm and generosity knew no bounds. He was the backbone of the Society almost until the last few months of his life; a venerable and much-respected figure. Founder of a reputable building firm, he was by trade, I believe, a stonemason, and a great authority on church architecture. My earliest recollections of him are of a slightly stooping figure with a stick, white-haired and with a large walrus moustache, showing me round the various churches that we visited during the Society's monthly meetings.

When he settled for a short time in Royston about 1933, he found the bells silent owing to lack of ringers. This would not do for C. D. P.! He approached me and almost bludgeoned me into taking on the training of a brand new team! In due course the ringers were sufficiently competent to perform for Sunday service—and C. D. P. insisted that they should not do this until I considered that they would 'not make a mess of it.' I came over from Felkirk for the occasion, and the sight of Mr. Potter's beaming face as we descended the belfry steps after a creditable performance more than compensated for all the effort entailed.

Alas, the band has recently gone to pieces and the bells are once again silent.

'THE BRAINS OF THE SOCIETY'

If C. D. Potter was the 'heart' of the Society, Albert Nash was the 'brains.' When a serious accident during the war years badly burnt his face and reduced his hands to shapeless stumps, it impaired neither his mental ability nor his power to transform this into active ringing both on handbells and tower bells. He was at home on any number of bells from six to 12, and was constantly encouraging Minor ringers to move to higher numbers; and many peals of Surprise Major which he conducted contained often two, three or more ringers who normally rang at 6-bell towers or had what he termed 'a 6-bell foundation.'

He did a great deal of research into Minor methods, both regular and otherwise, and his notebook, crammed with information about ringing, from Minor to Maximus, is among my most treasured possessions. His charts of Minor methods now hanging in Wath belfry are works of art which should be perused by anyone interested in this subject. Well educated, he was an excellent speaker with an acute sense of humour and a ready wit.

On one occasion after listening to a speaker at some local meeting talking at length about nothing in particular, he was asked as he rose to speak about some relevant point or other, by this same gentleman who was in the chair, if he would please be brief as many ringers were anxious to return to the belfry.

Albert's reply was: 'Brevity is my strong point—it ought to be yours!'

The meeting, if I rightly remember, quickly terminated.

He relinquished the office of secretary-treasurer in 1912, but was later president in 1929.

In 1910 Charles E. Bell, of Darfield, was elected vice-president in place of W. Woodcock. C. E. Bell was a dapper little figure who could ring quite a few Treble Bob methods, and who died in 1956 at the ripe old age of 90.

The year 1911 saw a double change in the officials, J. Easter, of Wragby, becoming president and G. Hunt, of Horbury, vice-president.

JOHN EASTER

John Easter must have been a popular figure seeing that he was chosen in preference to C. D. Potter after both had been nominated for the position. He was certainly a remarkable man. He took up change-ringing at Ackworth at the age of 60, where he learnt to ring Bob Minor. Shortly afterwards he joined the Wragby company, where he learnt Treble Bob methods, and at his death could ring no fewer than 24 Treble Bob methods! His favourite method was Primrose Surprise. He rang two peals—the first at Tong in 1908 with the famous Tong company, conducted by the well-known Minor ringer George Bolland, and the second at Wragby in 1910, which was the first on the bells by a local band.

For the last 21 years of his life he was head gardener at Nostel Priory, and when he died in 1912 at the age of 75, Lord and Lady St. Oswald were mourners at his funeral. 'All along the pathways through Nostel Park the coffin was borne shoulder high by relays of bearers, and after the funeral service in the church, he was laid to rest beneath the shadows of the church he loved so well,' writes an eye-witness (Frank Atkinson). He was also president in 1912 when he died.

In 1912 a J. Holmes was elected vice-president in place of G. Hunt, and C. D. Potter moved into the position of secretary-treasurer in place of A. Nash who expressed a wish to retire. In the two remaining years that were left before the 1914–18 war ended the meetings for a few years, the officials were F. Tinker, of Penistone, a quiet and faithful ringer, who was elected to fill the position left vacant by John Easter, with Henry (Harry) Cutts, of Royston, as treasurer and C. D. Potter as secretary.

The creation of a separate position as treasurer was due to the influence of C. D. P., who confided to me many years afterwards that it was better if 'one could keep an eye on the other'!

The man chosen as treasurer, H. Cutts, was 'the last of a once-famous band' at Royston. A fine ringer of treble bob methods who rang in peals with the Wath and Darfield bands. I have heard both Panther and Gill speak highly of him both as a man and as a ringer.

Charles Walsh, of Wath, who was elected vice-president in 1914, I remember as a fine tenor ringer who always intrigued me by ringing in his shirt, minus his collar and tie, with his braces slipped from off his shoulders and dangling by his side, whilst his trousers maintained their position by some miracle of equilibrium. He was as strong as an ox and made light work of the most awkward tenors.

There were two committee meetings during the year with a view to purchasing a cup and starting an annual contest. The war, however, put an end to any further developments and nothing more was heard of a contest until the mid-1920's.

The meetings of the Society restarted in July, 1920, when a general meeting was held at Brookes Hotel, Barnsley, although there is evidence of activity by the Society in the two years preceding the meeting. C. Walsh was elected president and Arthur Panther, of Wath, treasurer, with C. D. Potter as secretary, the last two retaining these positions until 1930.

PEALS ON MEETING DAYS

Arthur Panther was a member of the excellent Wath company, where his father was a ringer before him. He was asthmatical and never whilst I knew him really enjoyed very good health, but was always cheerful nevertheless. No one was ever more devoted to the Society than Arthur. On one occasion a young and enthusiastic member arranged to ring in a peal attempt at Almondbury on the same Saturday that the Society were holding a meeting at Cawthorne. He called at the meeting on his way home and was greeted as he entered the belfry by a glaring Arthur, who said: 'And where's *tha* been?', although it was obvious that the question was superfluous.

The much-surprised youth admitted that he had been 'ringing in a peal,' whereupon A. P. told him at great length and in no uncertain terms what he thought of people who put peals before meetings—especially Barnsley and District meetings—and wound up a verbal fusillade with: '. . . and tha never does it again. Does tha understand?' The youth understood. He never repeated the offence, for offence it was.

Herman Rusby, of Cawthorne, who was present at the time, recently asked me if I still remembered the incident. Remember it? After 30 years or more I can still feel the lash of Arthur Panther's tongue!

(To be continued.)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Taunton Deanery Annual

The A.G.M. of the Taunton Deanery, held at Milverton on December 6th, was the most successful for many years.

During the afternoon and evening ringers were present from over 30 different towers: 14 towers within the Deanery were represented, with visitors from towers as far apart as Radstock (Bath), Dulverton, Havant (Portsmouth) and Ealing (Middlesex).

The Guild service was conducted by the Association Master, the Rev. Henry Warren (Vicar of Exford).

At the business meeting which followed a very enjoyable tea, the Deanery vice-chairman (Mr. S. G. Coles) welcomed to the meeting the Master, general secretary, peal secretary and treasurer, and commented that this was the first Taunton meeting that he could remember at which all the Association officers had been present. He then invited the Master to preside for the ensuing business.

In his report, the secretary (Mr. A. H. Reed) stated that the Branch membership had increased by nine to 119 and that one new tower, Ruishton, had joined the Association.

All the Branch officers were re-elected for 1959, and six new members were elected to the Association: Messrs. Baker, L. Hellings, Holway and E. Pike (all of Sampford Arundel tower), and Miss Jennifer Lowman (Ruishton) and Mr. Adrian Bird (Wellington).

Quarterly meetings for 1959 will be held at Rockwell Green, Creech (St. Michael's) and North Curry, with the annual meeting at St. James', Taunton, subject to the local incumbent's permission. Weekday practices were also arranged for January 8th at Wellington, and Wednesday, Feb. 18th, at Sampford Arundel.

The Association treasurer stated that he was getting some response from Parochial Church Councils asking them to pay an affiliation fee to the Association.

The meeting closed with the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Gigg) expressing the usual vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. The ringers then returned to the tower to make use of the bells until almost 9 p.m., in a variety of methods to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A well-attended District meeting took place at Woodbridge on December 6th, when ringing on the fine eight was enjoyed until an adjournment was made for tea.

At the business meeting Mr. C. W. Pipe outlined the proposed amalgamation of the Ipswich and Woodbridge Districts. Mr. Clifford R. Lovett, of Grundisburgh, was elected District secretary.

Further well-struck ringing up to Spliced Surprise took place, and thanks were accorded Mr. A. Stanley Woodard for obtaining permission to ring and arranging the tea.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The holding of the winter meeting of the Eastern District at Goole on December 13th was made memorable by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Goole. There was a Christmas tea for the 85 ringers and friends, an iced Christmas cake having been made for the occasion by Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Goole. This was cut by Mr. A. E. Sellers, of Beverley Minster, the oldest ringer present. Thanks to the Mayor (Mrs. Campling) and the Mayoress (Miss Campling) were expressed by Mr. L. M. Woodhead, and the Mayor replied by welcoming the Association to Goole.

Mr. Sellers presided at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: Miss Elizabeth Mortimer and Mr. Alan Grundy (Selby Abbey), Miss Frances Fairbank and Mr. Malcolm Lincoln (Beverley Minster). An invitation to hold the next meeting at Howden was unanimously accepted. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (Rev. M. Hanson) for conducting the service, and to Mrs. J. J. Taylor for the Christmas cake and tea arrangements. Both replied; Mrs. Taylor remarking that she enjoyed working for ringers and the Church.

Church Bell Hired by Americans

A 17th century 5 cwt. bell from the disused Church of St. John, Stanton, West Suffolk, was hired two years ago by the U.S.A.F. at Shepherd's Grove base for 50 dollars a year. With the closing of the base shortly the bell is to be returned to the Stanton Parochial Church Council.

The bell has been hung on a tripod outside the base chapel. Prior to that the bell had not been rung for 50 years.

Capt. J. W. Prigden, the base chaplain, recalled that at his last station in Louisiana the chapel had used a brass bell from an old railway train, and at another base in Missouri a bell from an old steamship which plied the Mississippi.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The meeting at Wakefield Cathedral, with ringing in the afternoon at Sandal, on December 13th, was attended by representatives from 14 towers.

The president (Mr. Noel F. Moxon) presided at the business meeting which followed tea in the Brook Street School. Mr. Harold Chant announced that 'The Ringing World' was publishing a history of the Society in connection with its jubilee year. It would be given in instalments. The Editor hoped it would induce more young members of the Society to take the journal. Mr. John W. Moxon (Sandal) supported this appeal.

One new member, Roger Turbitt, of Shelley, was elected. The Society's jubilee year would start with the annual meeting at Barnsley on January 10th.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the Provost, the president also thanked Mr. John E. Kirby, the local company for arrangements and the ladies for the tea. The Rev. Parry Oakden replied on behalf of the Wakefield company. The Sandal company was also thanked.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

Thirty-five ringers representing 15 towers were present at the annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch held at Sherborne on December 13th. The Guild Office was conducted by the Rev. R. A. Wells (hon. secretary) in the Abbey, the lesson read by the Rev. R. Longridge and the address given by the Vicar (Canon Wingfield-Digby).

The annual meeting was held after tea at Coombs Café, with the Rev. R. S. Chaffey Moore in the chair. The interim statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of just over £30.

It was announced that the hon. secretary, having served for three years, had asked to resign, and that Mr. B. Powlesland, one of the Ringing Masters, had also resigned on leaving the district. The following elections were made: Chairman, the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore; vice-chairman, the Rev. R. A. Wells; hon. secretary, the Rev. R. N. Longridge; Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. Shute, B. Ridout and A. E. Woods; committee, Mr. J. Ralph and Mrs. D. M. Wright. The Archdeacon of Dorset was elected an honorary member.

Meetings in 1959 will be held on the first Saturday of each third month, instead of the second Saturday as at present. Those provisionally fixed were: Compton Abbas (March), Yetminster (June), Motcombe (September) and Blandford (December), subject to the approval of the new incumbent.

A donation of 2 gns. is to be sent in response to an appeal by Mere for new ropes. At Branch services it was decided to take a collection for a fund to meet belfry needs. The meeting ended with the usual votes of thanks.

Ringing was resumed at 6.30 p.m.; parties also visited Lillington and Yetminster.

ROUND AND ROUND CHELTENHAM

Amid the fog on November 29th, ringers from St. Albans and South Wales joined forces for a day's ringing around Cheltenham. The party of 15 represented nine towers.

The two cars met head-on in a narrow road near Chedworth, Glos, and it was on the six bells at Chedworth that the day's programme started, with Plain Bob Minor. The easy-going eight at Prestbury were followed by Bishop's Cleeve's beautiful octave.

After a short break for lunch and getting lost in the fog, Leckhampton was finally reached. This is one of the five rings in Britain where the ropes hang in the chancel. The heavy-going six at Brockworth were perhaps not the best bells to choose for our first attempt of London.

Upton St. Leonards and Barnwood were visited before the party divided. The St. Albans car vanished into the fog in search of the meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey, while the Cardiff party rang a course of Cambridge at Churchdown, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minimus on the five at Swindon Village, and Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and Kent at Great Witcombe.

We left Gloucester after satisfying various thirsts and appetites at 9.30 p.m., with thoughts of thanks to incumbents and tower captains who made such an enjoyable day possible. C. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE PEAL AT BOW, E.3

Dear Sir,—The correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World' are nearly always interesting, very often surprising and even, as in the issue of December 5th, astonishing. Firstly, we get a letter from the Rector of Bow denying that he had given permission for a peal, yet only in the previous paragraph saying: 'The ringers obtained my keys from the Rectory.' This seems to be another case where there is disagreement after the event has taken place, and I feel, in fairness to both sides, that the Exercise at large, and the public in Bow, should know the truth behind this peal attempt. I myself know nothing of the details, but I do know some of the ringers concerned. They are men of integrity, and I cannot believe that they would do anything to bring themselves into disrepute.

Surely the solution is obvious. Either the rector had been properly approached, and had given permission for a peal, or else the band 'grabbed' the tower under false pretences. If the former is the case, then presumably the organiser of the peal had written to the rector and received a reply. It can hardly have been a refusal since the keys were obtained from the Rectory. If these letters are in existence (and I should hope they have been kept), they should be submitted to two responsible persons, such as the president of the Guild for which the peal was rung and, on the rector's side, to a senior clergyman in the diocese. Their findings should be published in 'The Ringing World' and in the local papers circulating in Bow. If the rector really had given permission for a peal, then he should have the courage to admit to his angry parishioners that the blame was entirely his. If on the other hand the peal was obtained by false pretences, the organisers should be censured by the appropriate Guild.

It may well be that the rector will claim he gave permission to ring, but not for so long a time. I should find it difficult to believe that he did not know what the term 'peal' meant: as incumbent of a church with a famous ring of bells, and as one so senior (he signs himself also Rural Dean), he must have this knowledge.

May I suggest that all peal organisers in writing their requests, for their own protection and for the good name of the Exercise, put down quite clearly not only the time they hope to begin ringing but also the time they expect to stop. There can never be any doubt then, and the blame cannot come back on the ringers.

And now to my second, and greater, piece of astonishment. Is Mr. Ernest J. Rowe really advocating that the public should do violence to ringers who displease them, and even disable them? Read his letter in any way, and I cannot make it mean anything else — it is not, surely, facetious? This is irresponsible talk from one who is a ringer. I can assure Mr. Rowe, and any members of the 'belligerent' public, that if I suffer at their hands, they will not only face an assault charge but find themselves defending an action for damages in the civil courts. But perhaps they would not care to try.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. NEAL SMITH.

Twickenham, Middlesex.

EVENING PEALS IN BUILT-UP AREAS

Dear Sir,—Surely the time has now come for us all to ponder very seriously the harmful effects that the Exercise can suffer as a result of adverse criticism by the clergy and the public concerning evening peal ringing in congested localities on occasions other than those of national rejoicing or important local celebration. In London and environs building land is now very scarce and many of our beautiful churches find themselves completely surrounded by new housing estates, etc. The old battle cry of 'The bells were here first, therefore thou shalt endure' is out of date, and a more realistic approach to the problem must be made if we are to prevent situations arising such as the aftermath of the Bow affair and the embarrassment caused to members attending the Middlesex Association meeting at Twickenham resulting from a visiting band ringing an evening peal in the same week 'for the 626th anniversary of the foundation of the Church!'.

If we wish to indulge in evening peals in 'difficult' localities then why not make a concerted effort to soundproof the towers concerned for such occasions? The vast majority of evening peals are rung purely for the personal pleasure of the participants. The discordance left in the wake of these itinerant weeknight pealers reflects unfairly on the local bands who are the ones left to face the music! There are not many towers that do not lend themselves to temporary soundproofing or sound reducing treatments, and I am sure that the publication in 'The Ringing World' of various practical methods would be of interest to all concerned. With towers suitably treated in this way evening peal ringing could be a blessing instead of the curse that it is now becoming.

During the past year the enthusiastic young band of beginners at St. Peter's, Staines, led by John Taylor, have, of their own volition, carried out a house-to-house canvass on both sides of the river in order to sound local inhabitants, churchgoer and non-churchgoer alike, on their attitude to bells in general and concerning our activities at St. Peter's in particular. This voluntary survey has done much to create further local interest in our art. We enjoy the goodwill of the local residents but limit peal attempts for personal enjoyment to four per year. In this way we hope to maintain the happy relationship which now exists in this area.—Yours faithfully, RONALD I. SHEPHERD.

Staines, Middlesex.

GOSPEL OAK BELLS

Dear Sir,—I entirely agree with E. J. Rowe's letter re Gospel Oak bells (page 811). I was for many years a member of that band. We met regularly twice on Sundays, and if we did not ring out the old year and ring in the new, the residents wanted to know why.

Those were the days when we had vicars who liked to hear the bells ringing. St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, was a very keen centre for 6-bell ringing. The following are some of the well-known ringers who used to attend, unfortunately now departed: Messrs. R. Beven, F. Smith, A. Newlands, G. Newson, A. E. Bonfield and W. J. Norton. The last named is still with us.—Yours faithfully, R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CELEBRITIES

Dear Sir, — A paragraph in Mr. Wilfred Wilson's excellent and interesting notes on 'Campanology' in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of December 5th, expressing the hope of the editor of that journal to 'publish photographs of ringers who have rendered good service to the Exercise,' prompts me to say how much I feel that publication today of a series of such photographs would be of real interest to the great majority of your readers.

Although I have had the privilege and pleasure of meeting and ringing with many of the leading members of the Exercise in the southern half of the country—I am proud of the fact that the late J. Armiger Trollope conducted my first peal—my knowledge of the leading ringers of the Midlands and the North is very little, despite the fact that many are household names through continually appearing in our paper. I am therefore of the opinion that a weekly series of photographs of ringers who come within the category defined above by the Editor of 'Campanology' would be most interesting to those readers in a similar position as myself.

The photograph of Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, in this week's issue enhances my views on this subject and is a case in point as, although I feel I know Mr. Walker through his many splendid performances throughout the years, I have never had the pleasure of meeting him personally, and the publication of his photograph is most interesting.—Yours, etc.

Wembley. ERNEST H. KILBY.

ST. ALDATE'S, OXFORD

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be interested to learn that the six bells of St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, are now with Messrs. John Taylor, being cleaned and retuned. On their return to the tower, we hope some time in March or April, they will be rehung in a new iron frame and on ball-bearings, and will be fitted with new clappers, new wheels and headstocks, etc. In fact, to quote Mr. Paul Taylor: 'St. Aldate's bells will be outstanding amongst the Oxford rings for perfection and ease in going order.'

Unfortunately, the job is much bigger and more costly than was originally anticipated, for when a Faculty was applied for the architect insisted that the bells should be rehung in a lower position in the tower, necessitating also the lowering of the bell-chamber floor and the ringing room ceiling. This turned out to be a good thing, because when removed they, and the old oak frame, were found to have been badly attacked by beetle.

Over the years, possibly because of its situation in the very centre of Oxford, our tower has had the pleasure in teaching very many ringers, both students and townsmen, their first steps in change-ringing. Very many of them will no doubt remember my predecessor, the late Albert Barrett, who delighted in this work and who we still try to emulate.

It has therefore occurred to us that some of these people (and, we hope, some of those who have not yet rung on our bells but who may some time in the future) might like to make a donation to this restoration work. We can only say that if they do, their kindness will be very greatly appreciated. Gifts may be sent to me or direct to the Rector, marked 'Bell Fund.'—Yours sincerely, J. VENN

(Tower Captain).

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LETTERS—Continued

RINGING AT BOW

Dear Sir,—I note that the band who rang the peal at Bow on November 19th consisted mainly of tower and peal snatchers. I am pretty certain that not one single member of this band has ever rung here for Sunday service. The local people do not like the bells at the best of times.

The Rector (Rev. Francis Mettrick), who I should say is one of the staunchest supporters of the Exercise, has agreed to ringing in small doses. Ninety-nine per cent. of the ringing for Sunday services has been carried out by the London County Association, who have endeavoured to stick to the rules at other times. Not so the gate-crashers—they like to stir everyone, especially round about 9 p.m.

In view of this conduct the Rector is deciding whether to ban all but service ringing. If this came about perhaps it would teach some ringers to be less selfish in the future.—Yours sincerely,

Romford, Essex. L. W. BULLOCK.

WOULDHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to letters which have been appearing recently in 'The Ringing World' about unringable towers in Kent, it may be of interest to you that Wouldham bells, quoted by one of your correspondents as being unringable, are in fact ringable. A local band has been formed during the past year, but I am unable to say how it is progressing. I understand that the bells go rather heavily.—Yours faithfully,

MAURICE E. DOWNS.

East Malling, Kent.

LITTLE HEATH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Under Great Ilford—St. James', Little Heath, Deedes and Walters in 'The Church Bells of Essex' give the church as built in 1862, and the five bells (tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C) all cast in 1872 by John Warner and Sons, London.—Yours faithfully,

Danbury, Essex. J. E. G. ROAST.

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THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Branch held their usual winter meeting at Acle on December 6th. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. W. Alexander), whose inspiring address drew as its theme the Rector's own ringing progress since he came to the parish a year ago and straight away started to learn to ring. The Rev. G. C. Galley was the organist.

The meeting, presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), supported by the Association and Branch officials, stood in silence in memory of Mr. James Spaulding, of Eccles, who had died since the last meeting.

Miss Anne Moore, Miss Susan Hubbard and Mr. Frank Balls were elected probationary members. Loddon was voted as the venue for the Branch annual meeting on February 14th.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, organist, and Mr. and the Misses Lidbetter for the excellent tea arrangements.

THE EXTENT OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—Some time ago you were good enough to publish an inquiry from me about James Hewett's composition of 362,880 Grandsire Caters. An interesting reply from Mr. Edgar Shepherd appeared in your columns, and in addition, Mr. William H. Hewett very kindly lent me his copy of the figures, which was given to him some 50 years ago by an old London ringer, William Weatherstone, of whom it was noted in these columns a few years ago that as a staunch Nonconformist he would never ring on a Sunday, while as a cabinet-maker by trade he also never worked on a Monday. Mr. Hewett adds that it was he who started him on change-ringing.

I feel that as a matter of general interest and as a greater safeguard against the figures of such an unusual composition being lost, their publication in 'The Ringing World' would be a good idea, and I enclose a copy.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Being the first composition on record containing the full extent of the changes on nine bells

By JAMES HEWETT

Member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers

The leads of the First Long Course. 23456789

These long courses (each consisting of 28 leads) are produced by a bob every lead except when the ninth makes thirds place, and singles as shown in the index. 234567

Index showing the number of the lead in each long course where a single is made.

					1	5	8	9	13	17	19	24
57293846	s	346275	456372	546372	346572	S	S		S	S	S		
59782634		347265	457362	547362	347562						S		
68549372	b	374265	475362	574362	374562					S			
34628759	b	734265	745362	754362	734562				S				
27394568	s	234765	345762	354762	534762		S						
29753846		523647	234657	235647	253647	S		S		S		S	S
85269473	b	234576	345276	354276	534276	S	S		S	S	S		
46835729	b	237546	347256	357246	537246						S		
37496285	s	273546	374256	375246	573246					S			
39724568		723546	734256	735246	753246				S				
52389674	b	523746	234756	235746	253746		S						
68542739	b	623547	634257	635247	653247	S							S
47698352	s	234675	345672	354672	534672	S	S		S	S	S		
49736285		237645	347652	357642	537642						S		
23459876	b	273645	374652	375642	573642					S			
85263749	b	723645	734652	735642	753642				S				
67895423	s	623745	634752	635742	653742		S						
69748352		263547	364257	365247	563247	S						S	
34629578	b	634275	645372	654372	634572	S	S		S	S	S		
52384769	b	637245	647352	657340	637542						S		
78592634	b	673245	674352	675342	673542					S			
79865423		763245	764352	765342	763542				S				
46739285	b	263745	364752	365742	563742		S						
23456879	b	236547	346257	356247	536247	S				S			
85293746	b	364275	465372	564372	364572	S	S		S	S	S		
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67849352	b	376245	476352	576342	376542					S			
34627589	b	736245	746352	756342	736542				S				
		236745	346752	356742	536742		S						
		345267	354267	534267	423567	S		S					

The part-ends of the peal.
42356789
34256789
32456789
43256789
24356789
23456789

The above four divisions called alike with extra singles at the 15th, 19th and 23rd lead of the 30th course, the 23rd of the 60th, the 19th of the 90th, and the 15th, 23rd and 28th of the 120th, constitute the first part. This five times repeated, omitting the single at the halfway and the end, completes the peal.

Note.—The 8th does the same work every long course, the 7th every six, the 6th every 30th and the 5th every 120th long course.

January, 1892.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District

The nomination meeting of the Guildford District was held at Ewhurst on December 13th. Ringing began on the eight bells of the Parish Church at 3 p.m. and continued in a variety of methods until 4.30, when a service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. de C. Bensted.

Afterwards, tea was taken in the Church Hall, and this was followed by a business meeting, at which all the present officers of the District were nominated to serve for a further twelve months.

Ringing throughout the afternoon and evening was directed by the District Ringing Master, Mr. T. Mark White.

BALDOCK RINGERS' DINNER

Interest in ringing tunes on handbells is no new matter at Baldock, and after the traditional dinner, held at the Rose and Crown on December 13th, a feature of the evening was the ringing of 'Hark! the herald-angels sing' by a band consisting of the rector, the curate, the churchwardens and the churchwardens' wives—none of whom are ringers.

After an excellent meal there were brief speeches by Canon F. C. Brenchley, Mr. J. Welch (president of the Herts Association) and Mr. E. G. Buck (captain of the Guild). Unfortunately, a peal attempt of Cambridge was unsuccessful during the afternoon, but everyone enjoyed the dinner.

J. S.

CHANGE RINGER MARK II

By E. A. BARNETT

MANY readers will probably recall the occasional notes and comments which have appeared in these pages during the past five years about a ringing machine being constructed by Professors R. J. Walker and J. Kiefer, of the Department of Mathematics, Cornell University, New York. News of this project first came as the result of a short letter from the writer which appeared in 'The New Yorker' early in 1953, and this has led to an interesting and pleasurable correspondence which has continued at intervals ever since.

'Change Ringer Mark II' was completed just over a year ago, a party at which it was the 'guest of honour' being held on June 1st, 1957. Of the party, Professor Walker wrote:—

'The machine behaved very well at its inaugural, although it did make a few mistakes; it is by no means perfected as yet. Fortunately the mistakes were not serious (the changing mechanism would stick and the same change would be repeated several times) and nobody noticed it but Jack and I. We had nearly a hundred guests at the party and most of them were quite interested in their introduction to change ringing—or else they were very polite.'

Details of the construction of the machine, together with a copy of an explanatory note handed out at the time, have recently come to hand. The note is headed 'Something About Change Ringing,' and goes on:—

'"You'll remember, my lord, that you starts by making the first snapping lead with the treble and after that you goes into the slow hunt till she comes down to snap with you again."

'"Right you are," said Wimsey. "And after that I make the thirds and fourths."

'"That's so, my lord. And then it's three steps forward and one step back till you lay the blows behind".'

Such is the quaint but incomprehensible language which has introduced the art of change ringing to many Americans in Dorothy L. Sayers' 'The Nine Tailors.' Miss Sayers goes on to explain—

'The art of change ringing is peculiar to the English, and like most English peculiarities, unintelligible to the rest of the world. To the musical Belgian, for example, it appears that the proper thing to do with a carefully-tuned ring of bells is to play a tune upon it. By the English campanologist, the playing of tunes is considered to be a childish game, only fit for foreigners; the proper use of bells is to work out mathematical permutations and combinations . . . . To the ordinary man . . . the pealing of bells is a monotonous jangle and a nuisance, tolerable only when mitigated by remote distance and sentimental association.'

By way of explanation of change ringing, let us consider the ringing of the full peal of changes on four bells: a 'change' is merely an arrangement of the four bells in some order, a 'peal' is a sequence of different changes (a short peal is a 'touch'), and the full peal is the collection of all possible changes—24 on four bells. Bells are designated by numbers, from 1 for the treble or highest pitched bell down to 4 for the tenor (probably so called because there were often ten bells in churches). The bells start out in 'rounds':—

(a) 1 2 3 4

For a second change, how about 4321? That would be very difficult to achieve in a church since the tenor would be rung last on one change and first on the next, and it would take a superman on the rope of bell 4 to obtain such a result when the bells are being rung with at most a short pause between changes. In fact, in England (and in Mark II) a bell never alters its position by more than one place in going from one place to the next. Thus, alternately interchanging the bells from the first two and last two positions, and then in the middle two positions, in going from change to change, we would have the 'hunting course' (note the pattern of any individual bell's movement):—

(a) 1 2 3 4
(b) 2 1 4 3
(c) 2 4 1 3
(d) 4 2 3 1
(e) 4 3 2 1
(f) 3 4 1 2
(g) 3 1 4 2
(h) 1 3 2 4

At this point a continuation of our pattern would bring us back to rounds (order (a)) before we had rung all the desired changes. So a slight deviation is introduced into our pattern at this point: the bell which has just come from the first or 'lead' position stays in second position for one change while those in third and fourth positions 'dodge,' and then goes back to lead position again:—

(i) 1 3 4 2
(j) 3 1 2 4
(k) 3 2 1 4
(l) 2 3 4 1
(m) 2 4 3 1
(n) 4 2 1 3
(o) 4 1 2 3
(p) 1 4 3 2

at which point our alteration in pattern must again be introduced so as not to repeat change (i). In the lovely language of change ringing, 'the bell the treble takes from lead makes second's place and returns to lead again, while the bells behind dodge':—

(q) 1 4 2 3

and so on, to

(x) 1 2 4 3
(y) 1 2 3 4

This particular 'method,' or rule for going from change to change, is called 'Plain Bob.' We have indicated the ringing of Plain Bob Singles, the word 'singles' meaning four bells. Other numbers of bells (from 5 to 12) are designated by 'Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Quatores (pronounced 'katers'), Royal Cinques and Maximus.' Other methods have such nice names as Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, Double Norwich Court Bob, Stedman, Yorkshire Surprise, etc. All methods must be simple enough patterns to be executed by the ringers (one to each bell-rope) rapidly and without recourse to any charts. Consequently, on more than four bells, the bells would come back into rounds after only a few lead-ends (the second of the two consecutive changes when the treble is in lead), were not further slight modifications occasionally introduced. These are called 'bobs' and 'singles,' and are called by the conductor (usually one of the ringers) at appropriate times. You may have read, about a year ago, of the failure in England of the first attempt to ring the full peal of 40,320 changes on eight bells (usual peals are of about 5,000 changes and take three hours): the conductor forgot to call a bob about half way through!

Mark II is so named because there *was* a Mark I, which unfortunately did not work. (Mark II inherited some tendencies in this direction, too.) In the early stages of work on the machines, correspondence was initiated with Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary-treasurer of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Surprisingly, he was not appalled at such an attempt to mechanise this 300-year-old art, and even sent descriptions of previous attempts to construct such devices. 'The Ringing World,' of which you will find several copies scattered about, has printed occasional descriptions of progress on the machines, and lists Mark I's salute to Her Majesty on the occasion of her coronation. (It also interested one young Englishman in suggesting by mail that he take a Ph.D. in change ringing at Cornell.) Most of the construction of Mark II was carried out by Mr. Donald Stevens as his senior engineering project two years ago.

(To be continued)

WIVETON, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Stephenson 1, J. Rone 2, G. Slater 3, L. V. Page 4, R. E. West 5, T. Owen (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. First on bells since rehanging.

WIGTOFT, LINCS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Elkington 1, J. W. Bailey 2, L. H. Taylor 3, J. H. Taylor (first of Minor) 4, H. Barsley 5, R. Stephenson (first as cond.) 6.

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ELECTRICAL RINGING—ANOTHER VIGOROUS PROTEST

A vigorous answer to the decision of the Lichfield Consistory Court regarding the installation of electrical bell-ringing in the churches of Ashley and Bagnall, which was also reported in the 'Birmingham Post and Gazette,' has been given by Mr. Edgar Shepherd in a letter to that newspaper. Mr. Shepherd wrote:—

'Dear Sir,—The news of the installation of bell-ringing apparatus at Ashley and Bagnall, noted in "Talk of the Midlands" on November 11th, will bring sadness to the hearts of many of us who have been brought up to believe that the Church should stand for truth and sincerity in its worship and oppose an uncompromising militancy to all forms of sham.

'Synthetic bells, and all apparatus designed to simulate the sound of bells being rung, have been condemned by leaders of both Church and laity, and as recently as October, 1956, the Lord Archbishop of York, speaking at the annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, said: "I regard this as one of the most bogus frauds of Christendom." "The Bradford Telegraph" followed this up by reminding us that bell-ringing is an act of worship, and the leader writer went on: "If it is to be replaced by a gramophone because sufficient ringers cannot be enlisted, then it might as well be dispensed with altogether. . . . The bells must ring out again; but their song must come from the hands and hearts of men, not from the mechanical lungs of an ecclesiastical juke box."

'The notion that bell-ringing is a dying art is a strange one, and it would be very interesting to learn upon what information the Rev. David H. N. Wells has based his statement. It is true that in some districts there are few ringers: indeed, where there are no bells it is not reasonable to expect to find ringers. The art of ringing is very old; and far from there being any sign of its demise, the fact is that there has been an astonishing growth of the practice, and at the present time it is probably flourishing far more than it has ever done. In addition to the great network of territorial and Diocesan Guilds that covers Great Britain and both parts of Ireland, there are ringing societies in the leading universities, in the training colleges and secondary schools, and even in some primary schools, so that young men and maidens, old men and children join week by week in this wonderful act of praise, seeking to perfect themselves in their art, to the glory of God.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD,

Vice-President and Librarian, The St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese of Birmingham.'

Thorpe, Surrey, Bells Ring Again

For many years the three bells of St. Mary's, Thorpe, near Chertsey, have been unsafe to ring, owing to dry rot in the bell frame. Restoration work costing £400 has been undertaken. The bells have been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank into a ring of four, but it is hoped eventually to have a ring of six. For the time being the bells are hung stationary.

The tenor of the old ring was cast by Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel Foundry, the middle bell by William Eldridge, of Chertsey, in 1693, and the other by Thomas Swan, of Longford, Middlesex, in 1753.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Gray (cond.) 1, Miss F. Brown 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, R. Brocklehurst 4, M. Hill 5, J. Laver 6.

OBITUARY

Mr. B. H. Swinson—An Appreciation

The late Bernard H. Swinson, who died in Jersey, C.I., on November 17th, would not be known to a lot of ringers. He learned to ring as a teenager in his native St. Albans, and did most of his ringing there and in London. Shortly after passing his 21st birthday, his employment took him abroad and he found himself sojourning in Egypt. Later he served in Colombia, Venezuela, U.S.A. and Canada.

It was in Venezuela that I first met him. He always took 'The Ringing World,' and it was from an announcement in the journal that he learned of the impending arrival in Venezuela of my wife and myself. Apart from business colleagues, he was the first person we met in Venezuela, and such was his interest in ringing matters that the arrival of a kindred spirit was an event to him, and he made it his business to seek me out at the earliest opportunity—actually within ten minutes of arrival in Caracas.

Naturally, most of our conversations centred on ringing and ringers, and the question arose—could we do any handbell ringing? Bernard and myself were the only two who could ring, so we had to find another to ring two handbells in order to do anything worth while. My wife, who had no previous knowledge of ringing, volunteered to fill the breach and we were able to start regular practices. This in time led to the ringing of several peals of Doubles, and nobody was more delighted with, or enthusiastic about these modest performances than Bernard. Altogether we rang ten peals—eight in Venezuela, including the first on the South American Continent, and two in the U.S.A.

Although debarred for so long from practical ringing by circumstances beyond his control, he was keenly interested in the mysteries of composition, and published at least one meritorious peal of Stedman Triples. He had also composed several peals in plain major methods, and had contributed articles and correspondence to 'The Ringing World.'

He retired towards the end of 1957 and took up residence in Jersey in January of this year, looking forward to a long and happy retirement. However, this was not to be, and his death, which was not preceded by any illness, came suddenly. I am sure I will be expressing the feelings of those who knew him when I say how sorry we were to learn of his death, and in extending sympathy to Mrs. Swinson.

For our part, my wife and I will be ever grateful to Bernard and Mrs. Swinson for the kindness they showed to us when we were strangers in a strange land—a true example of the brotherhood fostered by our art. R. P.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

A maiden effort worth noting was the peal of Doubles in three methods at Nash, Monmouthshire, on December 6th. It was the first peal for five of the band, and the conductor, who had rung a peal previously, was calling his first peal.

Almost three years ago to the day, Mr. Roy Towler scored a quarter peal at Woodstock, Cape Town. Being on leave from Basutoland, he popped in to see the Cape Town ringers and have his usual quarter. He had not touched a rope since his last visit.

Scorton, Lancashire, commemorated the silver wedding anniversary of two of the band—Messrs. J. Metcalfe and Richard P. Davis—not only with a peal but a splendid repast afterwards, attended by the band, their wives and friends, and also the Vicar and his wife. Many parts of the peal had been recorded by Mr. Thomas Moss, and these were played back together with previous ringing on the back six bells. The recordings brought out the beautiful tone of the bells. The hostesses were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

QUARTER PEALS

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Wright 1, M. J. Cooper (first quarter) 2, A. Keller 3, Caroline Collier 4, J. Saxton 5, A. B. Cooper 6, G. Davison (first as cond.) 7, S. Slaney 8. For Evensong, and for the 14th birthday of M. J. Cooper and the homecoming after National Service of Alan Keller.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela R. Gough 1, S. W. Brown 2, H. W. Brown 3, R. D. Brown 4, G. North 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. Stalham (cond.) 7, F. Lewis 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 1, 2 and 4.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. Bannister 1, Marjorie Hill 2, A. W. G. Twinn 3, A. R. Turley 4, D. Robinson 5, M. J. Palmer 6, F. A. Price 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 6. For Evensong.

IDE, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent Treble Bob): R. Pitman 1, A. R. Jones (first in two Treble Bob methods) 2, C. Webb 3, W. J. Andrews 4, J. Carter 5, S. Skinner (cond.) 6.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star; 720 Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel and Oxford): Margaret C. Mackay 1, A. McFall 2, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 3, W. H. Dowse 4, A. Osbaldiston 5, F. Osbaldiston 6. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 28th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Miss C. Withell 1, R. H. Jones 2, H. W. Badger 3, T. H. Smith 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung after the induction of the Rev. L. V. Gedge as curate of the parish. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bagnall 1, T. H. Smith 2, Miss C. Withell 3, E. Parsons 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, J. Eaton 6. For Evensong on St. Andrew's Day.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On Dec. 7th, 360 Reverse Canterbury, 900 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Deam 1, B. C. Machon 2, E. Venn 3, A. Gammon 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5. For Evensong and to mark St. Nicholas' Day.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Gibbs 1, H. Richardson 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, D. Edwards (first in method) 4, L. Witten 5, A. Wilson 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, F. Swann 8.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Charman (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Curtis 2, Miss G. Smith 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, Miss J. Morton 6.

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To fellow members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and ringing friends everywhere we extend sincere New Year greetings.—Mr. and Mrs. K. ARTHUR.

ENGAGEMENTS

CHACKSFIELD — CURTIS. — The engagement is announced between Roland John, only son of the late Mr. C. Chacksfield and Mrs. Chacksfield, of Hawkhurst, Kent, and Joyce Helen, youngest daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Curtis and Mrs. Curtis, of Storrington, Sussex. 3567

SALISBURY—HUTTON.—The engagement is announced between Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. T. Salisbury, of Hornchurch, Essex, and K. Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hutton, of Baldock, Hertfordshire. 3578

RETURN THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker thank their many friends for congratulations received on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary, December 12th, and send every good wish for a prosperous New Year.

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MEETINGS

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), Dec. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Brighton Hotel, Queen's Road. Sorry, no service. Note change of venue. — George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 3520

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at St. Peter's, Bedford. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 3570

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting and social for January to be held at Warwick (St. Mary's) on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. Ringing again after tea, followed by social at 7 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea, please, by Dec. 31st.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 3574

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 3rd, Bristol Cathedral (8) 3 p.m. Evensong 4. Tea 5 p.m., Chapter House. Names *essential* by December 31st, No names no tea.—A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol, 5. 3582

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Goudhurst, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names (with cash, please) by Wed., Dec. 31st, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 3583

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Wigan, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport 3576

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Annual meeting at Accrington, Jan. 3rd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., price nominal. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Wednesday Mr. R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3585

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting, Syston, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Red Cross Hall 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 3569

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

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—cafés near the church.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3571

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Adderbury, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 30th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon.

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

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Nottingham St. Mary's on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No tea, unfortunately, but local cafés available.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3533

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by social evening. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 3556

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —IMPORTANT NOTICE.— Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, arranged for the Old Bell Restaurant, will now take place at *The Deacons Restaurant, 6, Walbrook, E.C.* (Walbrook runs between Cannon Street and Mansion House.) All those who hope to attend the dinner please note! Tickets (price 15s. 6d. each) still available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 3504

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Wraxall on December 13th, and in spite of wintry conditions was well attended. After ringing in the afternoon a service was held which was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Young, from Failand.

Tea followed in the Library, and some 40 members and visitors were present. After the usual votes of thanks a business meeting followed, when five new members were elected as follows: Miss R. Webb, Miss S. Lewis, Miss G. Newton, Mrs. B. King, Miss B. Smith. Members were asked to make a note of the change of date for the annual outing, which is to be held on September 12th.

It is hoped that the annual meeting of the Western District, which is to be held in March, will be in Bristol. B. J.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hatch 1, A. House 2, R. Tomlin 3, W. Smith 4, W. Ellis 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hallett 7, E. Blower 8. Non-conducted and silent. For Evensong.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Beach 1, Miss J. French 2, A. J. Beach 3, K. S. Hohl 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, C. Hancock 6. Rung prior to morning service which Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attended.

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BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Couperthwaite 1, A. G. Orbell 2, Miss D. Fuller 3, M. J. Lawrance 4, W. J. Couperthwaite 5, C. F. Sargeant 6, A. G. Fuller 7, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 4 and 6. First of Major by the local Sunday service band. For Evensong.

CHESTER. — At St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Swindley 1, J. S. Dean 2, J. F. Hughes 3, A. B. Close 4, S. Jones 5, G. Parting 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, R. King 8. For Confirmation service.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Hurrell 1, E. J. Coode 2, Brenda Slark 3, K. Small 4, T. Easterby 5, F. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (first as cond.) 7, J. Sims 8. First in method by all the band except 5 and 7. First for the tower. For Evensong; also birthday compliment to the conductor.

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