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## HOLY TRINITY, HULL

ONE of the largest parish churches is Holy Trinity, Hull, a church rich in history and known to hundreds of ringers who are familiar with its ring of ten with a tenor of 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D. The Editor is indebted to 'F. A.' for his research into the history of the towers and bells.

Holy Trinity, Hull, is built of brick, faced with stone, for which the city was famous in the Middle Ages; the church has some of the oldest medieval brickwork in the country, and this came from Sir William de la Pole's brickyard just within the North Gate. The lower tower was built soon after 1300, but the upper tower is Tudor, as can be seen from a breach in the brickwork, and also by the documentary proof of the wills of Jeffrey Thurescrosse, merchant, dated 1520, who left £40 'to the upholding of the steeple of Trinity Church,' and Dame Joan Thurescrosse, 1523, who left £40, 'to the building of the steeple.' On each side of the lower stage are two windows of three lights each and on the upper stage are similar windows more highly enriched with pedimental canopies terminating in finials (a bunch of foliage at the top) above the battlements. All the windows in the tower are furnished with cross mullions or transoms. The height of the tower is 147½ feet.

The first mention of the bells is in a will dated 1482, which reads: "the Great Bell of the said church to be rung . . . for the souls of notable men of the said town afore passed to God." By 1522 there were some signs of the coming storm of the Reformation, for the windows and doors of the church were barricaded with briars, the pavement was torn up, the tongues were torn from the bells and the services ceased. The church was under an interdict!

The next mention of the bells was in the Minute Books of 1698, when the charge for ringing the Lady Bell at funerals was to be 1s. more than formerly. The other important bell was known as the Great Bell. On May 3rd, 1710, the 4th, 5th and 6th bells were mentioned. In 1720 the steeple was reported to be in a dangerous condition, and on April 18th that year it was agreed that 'in respect of new pinnacles none of the bells shall be rung or put in motion by tolling upon any occasion whatever, but only struck upon.' An order was given to a bell founder in 1727 'to cast into 8 the 6 bells lately hanging in the belfry, and the bell belonging to the Charterhouse and that belonging to the Exchequer to be hung in their

the Charterhouse bell took over the duties of the Lady Bell and the Exchange Bell those of the Great Bell.

A stringent agreement was made with the bellringers—Joseph Carver, John Bakes, Benjamin Halling, Jeremiah Gibson, Robert Hardgrave, John Wells, Henry Peirson, Daniel Capes and John Watkin—by which they undertook to ring the bells on the 'seven ringing days of the year and to keep the said bells in good order for ringing, and to preserve all the ropes and other utensils thereto belonging, as much as in them lies so as none of them be wasted or lost,' and at the death of any of their members to find a proper person to fill the gap. For this they received £10 per annum, with the right 'to mount the steeple at any time and to ring for their own advantage.'

On April 6th, 1747, the Great Bell was 'broke or split' and could not be used. The dues had to be maintained however, so it was ordered that 'when the Lady Bell is used as the Great Bell, the same shall be rung or tolled for the space of one hour, and in each case the same to be paid as for the Great Bell.' Also in 1747, three of the bells had to be recast to ease the steeple, and matters were so bad in June, 1802, that it was a question whether there should not be a new ring of 8 bells. It was decided, however, to recast the 7th bell and to put the hangings of all the bells in order. The inscriptions on the bells at a later date were:—

Treble, 'Earth at the solemn sound awake.' 1727.

2nd, 'Thou air with measured tremor shake.' 1727.

3rd, 'Let distant hills return their lays.' 1727.

Wm. Mason, Vicar. Joseph Bell, Daniel Bredges, Churchwardens.

4th, 'Thomas Lester of London made me.' 1747.

5th, 'Rickard Bell, Robert Ramse, Churchwardens.' 1759.

Lester and Pack London Fecit.

6th, 'Rev. John Healey Bromby, Vicar. James Harrison, Founder.'

7th, 'William Horncastle, John Yeoman, Churchwardens.' 1802.

Tenor, 'J. H. Bromby, Vicar. H. W. Fenbig, T. Marshall, Churchwarden.' 1821.

The Rev. J. H. Bromby was appointed Vicar of Hull on November 28th, 1797, and held the living well over 60 years. The oldest 'peal' recorded is that of Grandsire Triples in 1873. In 1899 the old ring of 8 bells, tenor 20 cwt., was recast and augmented to 10, tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D by John Taylor and Co. The church, tower, bells and ringing room are a credit to the city of



## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., June 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

JOHN SCOTT ... .. Treble	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3	H. JAMES TURNER ... 9
JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 10
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 11
TEREY R. HAMPTON ... 6	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

In memoriam William H. Barber.

## TEN BELL PEAL

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

DONALD COOMBS ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	*PETER J. EVES ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 8
RAYMOND OVERY ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 9
KENNETH SNELLING ... 5	GEORGE W. CECIL ... Tenor

Composed by DENIS A. BAYLES. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal of Albanian Surprise Royal by all without previous practice. First in the method for the Association.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

H. BABER ... .. Treble	†H. FORD ... .. 5
*D. PULLIN ... .. 2	†R. DUDDEN ... .. 6
L. PULLIN ... .. 3	†J. WITHEY ... .. 7
J. FURZE ... .. 4	†C. FORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. WITHEY.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK E. DUKES ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
*THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
*RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Thomas H. Francis and Margaret Addison.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Thurstans' Four-part..	ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH ... 5
JOAN BERESFORD ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 6
DENNIS BERESFORD ... 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7
PETER BERESFORD ... 3	RBT. G. W. BROUGHTON Tenor
JEFFREY B. WEBB ... 4	

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E.

*MRS. S. H. JONES ... Treble	JACK BAILEY ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7
EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 4	SIDNEY H. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman. A patronal peal to commemorate the 11th centenary of the martyrdom of St. Wystan.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

SIDNEY T. HOLT ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* 400th peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... Treble	ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	RALPH HARRIS ... 6
*MARGARET ROWLAND ... 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal in the method. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

SHIRLEY BURTON ... Treble	*HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 5
LEONARD TREVOR ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Frank Mellor, of Hinckley.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	ARTHUR CROSS ... 5
*GEORGE COUSSINS ... Treble	ANTONY H. BATES ... 6
FREDERICK TINDALL ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... 7
†JAMES BROOKS ... 3	*IAN MACROBERT ... Tenor
CYRIL HESKINS ... 4	

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First peal, aged 15. † First peal of Triples. The conductor's 500th peal.



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## NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

JOHN ANDERSON ... ..	Treble	ROLAND PARK ... ..	5
THOMAS W. CROWE ... ..	2	EDMUND P. CROWDY ... ..	6
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... ..	3	W. NORMAN PARKY ... ..	7
ERNEST WALLACE ... ..	4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

In memoriam William H. Barber.

## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*COLIN E. WRIGHT ... ..	Treble	*THOMAS G. FOX ... ..	5
*FREDERICK SOUTER ... ..	2	FRANK V. GANT ... ..	6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... ..	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... ..	7
*JOHN E. GROVES ... ..	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... ..	Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung for the official birthday of H.M. George VI.

## LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

CHARLES W. COOK ... ..	Treble	JOHN F. GOODALL ... ..	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... ..	2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... ..	6
*JOHN G. GIPSON ... ..	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... ..	7
GEORGE E. CRISP ... ..	4	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Major.

## AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRANK BARNARD ... ..	Treble	*J. DEREK SMITH ... ..	5
*KEN. W. MACKINTOSH ... ..	2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... ..	6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... ..	3	EDW. V. RODENHURST ... ..	7
HAROLD G. SMITH ... ..	4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

## BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ERIC DODDS ... ..	Treble	JOHN F. GOODALL ... ..	5
GILLIAN A. SMITH ... ..	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... ..	6
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER ... ..	3	GEOFFREY DODDS ... ..	7
*ANNA B. STOCKDALE ... ..	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. W. T. CLEAVER. Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

\* First peal of Surprise Major and 25th peal. First peal in the method by all and for the Association. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

## DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 36 lb. in G.

Pitstow's Transposition ... ..		SIDNEY BRIGGS ... ..	5
FREDK. A. SALTER ... ..	Treble	FREDK. G. HOOPER ... ..	6
MRS. J. NIBLETT ... ..	2	WALTER NICHOLS ... ..	7
CLEMENT GLENN ... ..	3	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... ..	Tenor
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... ..	4		

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

GEORGE O. WRIGHT ... ..	Treble	ALAN H. HOUGH ... ..	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... ..	2	T. KELHAM DEACON ... ..	6
CHARLES R. BELTON ... ..	3	T. HENRY WRIGHT ... ..	7
FRANK BAILLESS ... ..	4	GEORGE P. GARNER ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

A birthday peal for the wife of the conductor.

## EWELL, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS N. LAYTON ... ..	Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... ..	5
*CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... ..	2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... ..	6
*JOHN HILL ... ..	3	ALBERT J. ADAMS ... ..	7
GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... ..	4	FRANK E. DARBY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... ..	Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... ..	5
CYRIL J. BARBER ... ..	2	WILLIAM J. FLATT ... ..	6
ERNEST A. HEAD ... ..	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... ..	7
ERNEST C. STAFF ... ..	4	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GEO. PARTRICK. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung on the 130th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK MELLOR ... ..	Treble	EDGAR VALLANCE ... ..	5
ALFRED BALLARD ... ..	2	JOHN E. S. MORETON ... ..	6
†JOHN H. BAILLESS ... ..	3	CECIL E. CARR ... ..	7
LEONARD TREVOR ... ..	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Bob Major.

## THAXTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND

ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE SCHLUETER ... ..	Treble	H. WALTER SMITH ... ..	5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... ..	2	HARRY TURNER ... ..	6
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ... ..	3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... ..	7
JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... ..	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First Surprise peal on the bells since their restoration.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF RADLETT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... ..	Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... ..	5
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... ..	2	ALICK CUTLER ... ..	6
MAURICE HODGSON ... ..	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... ..	7
RONALD J. SHARP ... ..	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.



**THORPE BAY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., June 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16½ cwt.**

VICTOR W. GRIMWADE...Treble	DONALD COOMBS ... .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 6
*CYRIL H. GODFREY ... .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 4	GERALD FROST ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal away from treble.

**PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Mon., June 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.**

ALAN ELESMORE ... ..Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY ... .. 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... .. 7
*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... .. 4	†MAURICE G. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal of Major. † 75th peal.

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Mon., June 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.**

DAPHNE LLOYD ... ..Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS ... .. 6
NANCY P. BIRKS ... .. 3	R. GORDON CORBY... .. 7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

A birthday compliment to Mr. B. J. Budd. Also a farewell peal for Miss N. P. Birks, who is leaving for an appointment in London.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

**ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., May 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ANTHONY BARLEY ... ..Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... .. 4
HUGH LONGLAND ... .. 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ... 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ... .. 3	CHARLES J. COPP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

\* First peal (aged 14). A farewell peal to the ringer of 2nd, who is leaving the district.

**MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE...Treble	†WILLIAM GRIGGS ... .. 4
*JACK MALLOWS ... .. 2	*FRED HOLLY ... .. 5
†EDWARD SMART ... .. 3	GEORGE CARE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Gayton and Mr. J. J. Partridge.

**REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Lightfoot, Surfleet, Ipswich, Bourne, York, Cambridge and London. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First 720's of the first two methods. For the wedding of Mr. T. J. Burchmore and Miss J. Nightingale (ringers at this church). Also for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Upton.

**SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 of Double Court, two of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES ...Treble	ALBERT E. PRYKE ... .. 4
HARRY TURNER ... .. 2	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 5
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 3	JOHN SITCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

A welcome to Rev. James Frackleton McAlister, M.A., who was inducted and instituted as Vicar of South Weald on May 30th.

**WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM DICKINSON ...Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS ... .. 4
*THOMAS W. FLINT ... .. 2	DONALD CHADWICK ... .. 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

\* First peal.

**WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(Northern Branch.)

*On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising three 720's of London and two each of York and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. COOPER ...Treble	SAMUEL THOMPSON ... .. 4
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 5
SIDNEY G. THOMPSON ... .. 3	FREDK. G. HANDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cooper, of Wordsley, parents of the treble and 5th ringers. Also as a 70th birthday compliment to John Bass, and to mark his 50th year of membership in the above Association.

**WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sun., June 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

**A PEAL OF TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR,  
5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb

FREDK. J. ROBERTS ...Treble	ERNEST J. KING ... .. 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 2	*CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 3	BASIL W. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

\* 50th peal.

**BURGH, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Fri., June 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH,*

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ... ..Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE ... .. 4
*FREDERICK W. ORRIS ... .. 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 5
*GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

**BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.**

**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*J. P. VESSEY, JUN. ...Treble	JAMES W. RAITHEY ... .. 4
PERCY HOLMES ... .. 2	FRANK W. VERNON... .. 5
ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... .. 3	PETER N. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER N. WHITE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. K. Holmes, wife of the 2nd ringer.

BARTON STAGEY, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.  
CHARLES BALL ... .. Treble | RICHARD SMITH ... .. 4  
MARY A. TANNER ... .. 2 | JOHN A. HILL ... .. 5  
NESTA D. SMITH ... .. 3 | LESLIE A. TREMEER ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE A. TREMEER.

A compliment to Canon G. C. D'Arcy, 25 years Vicar of Barton Stagey. Also a birthday peal to Miss NESTA D. Smith.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD...Treble | †PETER BARNES ... .. 4  
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD ... 2 | ROY DUESBURY ... .. 5  
\*RAYMOND TALBOT ... .. 3 | GEORGE N. ORMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES:**

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two each of Kent Treble, Oxford Treble and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST J. GOWER ... .. Treble | \*HAROLD PARKINSON ... .. 4  
DEREK WHITFORD ... .. 2 | \*CHARLES CLEGG ... .. 5  
KENNETH HARTLEY ... .. 3 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... Tenor

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS. Umpire: JAMES WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in four methods.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERBERT G. ANDREWS Treble | FRED A. MALONEY ... .. 4  
MISS P. KITCHEN... .. 2 | C. ARTHUR POTTS ... .. 5  
JOHN MANSFIELD ... .. 3 | COLIN DRUMMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR POTTS.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

\*ALAN ELESMORE ... .. Treble | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4  
\*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... .. 2 | HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 5  
†J. NORMAN HADLEY ... .. 3 | †MAURICE G. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor in the method.

WALGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising ten 120's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire, and one 240 of Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble | EDWARD G. BENNETT ... .. 3  
RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 2 | PERCY AMOS ... .. 4

AC.2 P. I. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells for at least 50 years (rehung in a new metal frame 1937), and maybe the first ever on them.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 14, 1950, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising three extents of Oxford and four extents of Kent, each differently called. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

\*ALBERT TURNER ... .. Treble | †FRANK ROBEY ... .. 4  
†GEORGE HANCOCK ... .. 2 | \*HARRY JOHNSON ... .. 5  
DEREK DAVIS ... .. 3 | \*JACK BREWSTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK DAVIS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

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BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

*On Thurs., Mar. 23, 1950, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,*

*IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4

HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5-6

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

*At 9, WINDSOR STREET,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

EDGAR VALLANCE ... 1-2 | W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5-6

ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

*On Wed., May 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,*

*IN SOMERVILLE COLLEGE,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, five callings.

ALISON M. RAIKES ... 1-2 | DIANA M. PANTING ... 3-4

SUSAN M. BROWN ... 5-6

Conducted by SUSAN M. BROWN.

First peal by all members of the band.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

*On Fri., June 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*

*IN THE CHANCEL OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6

HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 3-4 | HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., June 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,*

*At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:**

Containing 202 calls, all Singles.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*

*At 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14 in D.

\*DAVID G. JACKSON ... 1-2 | GIBSON JACKSON ... 5-6

WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 3-4 | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

\* First peal of Major. First peal for all 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

*On Sun., June 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,*

*At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 17 in A.

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD ... 5-6

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4 | FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., June 5, 1950, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,*

*At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

No. 168.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 5-6

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Mr. Jas. E. Daniels has now rung each pair to peals of Plain Bob Major. 150th pea! 'in hand' as conductor.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH



# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

**ANCASTER, Lincs.**—On June 4th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: W. Towns 1, I. Towns 2, Miss J. Brandon 3, G. Vickers (first quarter) 4, E. Towns (first as cond.) 5. A farewell compliment to the ringer of 2nd, ringer, server and choir member, on his departure for the Forces. First quarter by a local band.

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearce 1, F. G. Barron 2, H. Reynolds 3, J. Harding 4, E. Jurd 5, E. Brown 6, H. Nobes (cond.) 7, F. Edwards 8. For the ordination of the Rev. W. H. Girling, M.A.

**ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, E. Skinner 2, F. Skinner (cond.) 3, W. Cavill 4, I. Hillburn 5, W. Somers 6. For the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**AXMINSTER, DEVON.**—On May 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Morris 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, R. Keeley 3, N. Mallett 4, W. Yates 5, C. W. Powell 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge 'inside' for 4. Believed to be the first of Surprise on the bells.

**BIOCESTER, OXON.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joanna Chase 1, C. H. Kinch 2, C. Stockley 3, H. Hatfield 4, W. Baggett 5, E. Pearson 6, E. J. Smith (first as cond.) 7, L. Ward 8.

**BETCHWORTH, SURREY.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. C. Cannon 1, Miss M. Munt 2, C. S. Hoar 3, Rev. K. G. Hoar 4, C. Munt 5, A. P. Cannon 6, N. Golden (cond.) 7, T. Arrow 8. First of Triples by 1 and 2.

**BRISTOL.**—On June 4th, at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Audrey Timms 1, Mary Bliss 2, Mary Kennelly 3, G. Beynon 4, C. T. Brown 5, L. C. I. Watson 6, C. Barwick 7, E. J. Taylor 8, J. R. Worrall (first as cond. on ten) 9, I. H. Trueman 10. Longest length on ten bells for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Also longest length on ten for the University of Bristol Society.

**BROOKFIELD, LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Anne on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bevan 1, Margaret Paton 2, J. M. Payton 3, J. T. O'Dell (first 'inside') 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, J. Dennis (first quarter) 6.

**BORDEN, KENT.**—On June 3rd, 1,280 Canterbury Pleasure Major: S. Rayfield 1, Eileen S. Wyles 2, F. J. Cheal 3, C. Jarrett 4, W. Palin 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, B. Edwards 7, E. Naylor 8. First of Canterbury Major for all the band.

**BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Turland 1, Mrs. K. Rogers 2, Mrs. W. Collins 3, E. Garratt 4, K. Rogers (cond.) 5. On the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Peterborough.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.**—At St. John's Church on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Blount 1, F. Godmark 2, R. West 3, R. Simpson 4, G. Sturt 5, T. Gasson (cond.) 6, A. Feist 7, A. Brown 8.

**CASTLE EATON, WILTS.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. J. Skinner 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, A. Peake 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, W. W. Daniell 5, A. Adams 6. For the wedding of the Vicar of Castle Eaton.

**CHECKENDON, OXON.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Winfield 1, E. Baughan 2, A. Wiggins 3, Miss Lucy Slade 4, G. J. Hearn 5, C. Baughan 6. On the occasion of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Allen.

**CREWE, CHESHIRE.**—1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Layland (first quarter) 1, H. Smith (first 'inside') 2, R. T. Holding 3, H. F. Holding 4, W. Ker 5, R. D. Langford 6, G. A. Packer (cond.) 7, E. J. Holloway 8.

**CRICKLADE, WILTS.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Witts (first quarter) 1, C. J. Gardner 2, A. R. Peake 3, R. Shailes 4, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Vicar (Dr. S. W. L. Richards) on his retirement.

## QUARTER PEALS

**CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Welshe 1, C. W. J. Lock 2, John Henson 3, G. Davis 4, R. E. Colman 5, E. Colman 6.

**EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.**—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Prior 1, Miss E. McLean 2, Miss Joyce Taylor 3, Miss K. Branson 4, C. Ward 5, R. Wilson 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, J. Marshall 8. First quarter for 2, 3 and 6. First quarter on the bells for 12 years.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Old, April Day, Bob and Canterbury Doubles, with 300 of Grandsire): Miss F. Hope 1, Miss D. Boulton 2, Miss J. Morse (cond.) 3, Miss E. Morse 4, W. Godwin 5, P. Pitts 6.

**FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Alec Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, P. Blake 4, H. Eldred 5, R. Newman 6, B. Willis 7, A. Warren (cond.) 8. To commemorate the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the 6th.

**HALSE, SOMERSET.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Harris 1, H. Comins 2, W. T. North 3, G. Walford 4, O. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 5, F. Burton 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. W. Thurlow 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 3, Valerie Willard 4, H. G. Hart 5, A. Wenban 6, R. E. W. Wenban 7, C. C. Mayne 8. First in the method for 4 and 6.

**HATFIELD, YORKS.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Jackson 1, D. G. Jackson (cond.) 2, W. H. Jackson 3, A. H. Shaw (first quarter) 4, W. Eric Critchley 5, Albert Shaw (first 'inside') 6.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. F. Todd 1, L. Fidler 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, D. C. Mears 5, E. Winters 6, W. Croft 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On May 28th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. F. Harman 1, W. D. Prockson 2, E. F. Pryor 3, R. F. H. Harman 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 6, H. Kirby (first in method) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Newton 1, I. Biggs 2, D. Cox 3, A. Cox 4, P. Newton 5, C. H. Whitton 6, J. Kape (first in method as cond.) 7, A. R. Blaby 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—On May 28th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Whiterod 1, J. Papworth 2, P. Elliott (first of Kent) 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6.

**KEYMER, SUSSEX.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Linington (first quarter) 1, W. Small 2, J. Backshall 3, J. Backshall 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, A. Backshall 6. The ringers of 3, 4 and 6. made three generations of the same family.

**LEAFIELD, OXON.**—At St. Michael and All Angels on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Baker 1, J. Wiggins (first 'inside') 2, L. Smith 3, A. Frankin 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, N. Locke 6.

**MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Aley 1, E. Bartram 2, F. J. Stimson 3, J. Fenton (cond.) 4, F. Sheppard 5, H. Clayton 6, H. Bailey 7, T. Templeton 8.

**MONMOUTH.**—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Sims 1, J. C. Goulding 2, Miss D. M. Barnett 3, D. J. King 4, A. G. Hazelden 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6, L. H. Jones 7, T. Castree 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 4.

**NETHERAVON, WILTS.**—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Giddings 1, J. Dear 2, S. Grant (cond.) 3, G. Vines 4, G. Buckland 5, J. Keddle 6. For Queen Mary's birthday.

**OAKLEY, HANTS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Canon G. H. Jeudwine 1, Miss H. Jeudwine 2, J. B. Hessey (cond.) 3, Mrs. E. McArelli 4, C. Chant 5, H. McArelli 6.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's on May 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. M. Brown 1, Miss R. M. K. How 2, J. D. Mozley 3, N. G. McCrum 4, K. M. Grayson 5, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 3.

**PRESCOT, LANCs.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Finney 1, J. M. Preston (cond.) 2, R. Preston 3, R. C. Preston 4, Wm. C. Finney 5, N. D. Hawthorne (first quarter) 6, W. Riley 7, E. Thomas 8. First quarter of Triples for 3 and 7.

**PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.**—On May 28th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: C. H. Godfrey 1, A. Reeve 2, B. Sadler 3, P. Sadler 4, S. Philbrick 5, J. Belcham 6, F. May 7, F. Souther 8, G. Frost 9, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 10.

**RAINFHAM, KENT.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, F. J. Cheal 2, E. Naylor 3, J. Hale 4, B. Edwards 5, W. J. Walker 6, T. A. Cross (first as cond.) 7, P. Plumridge (first quarter) 8.

**RAMSGATE, KENT.**—At St. Lawrence's on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Holmes (first of Triples) 1, S. Gee 2, J. A. Hilton 3, P. Newing 4, T. H. Holmes 5, W. Bottrill 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. For the visit of Princess Margaret to open the War Memorial Hospital.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—At St. Edward the Confessor's on May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Langstone 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 3, H. W. Roome 4, Miss S. Booth 5, Mrs. C. C. Roome 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. M. Aspinall 8. 4.6.8 covering. In memory of Lord Wavell.

**ROTHERHAM, YORKS.**—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. Holland 1, Shirley Bampton 2, Mrs. J. E. Turley 3, P. Knights 4, J. G. Brothwell 5, D. Holland 6, J. E. Turley 7, P. E. North 8, H. O. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal 1, 2 and 6.

**ROYDON, HERTS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wright 1, S. Frost 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, J. Terry 4, B. Burton 5, R. Berendt 6. First quarter for 4 and 6.

**SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.**—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pinfold 1, Miss G. Plimmer (first 'inside') 2, H. W. Haslam (first as cond.) 3, Ed. Large 4, T. Elliott 5, H. T. K. Haslam 6, N. J. Goodman 7, F. H. Walters 8.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—On May 21st, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Glasspool 1, Miss E. Arthur 2, Mrs. J. Kippin 3, J. W. Faithfull 4, D. C. Williams 5, M. J. Butler (cond.) 6, Miss J. Cox 7, R. Brown 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Eileen Arthur.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On May 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. C. Wenban 1, W. J. Nudds 2, F. Cattell 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, C. Wenban 5, T. Clarke 6, R. Wenban (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5.

**TOTTENHOE, BEDS.**—On May 28th, 1,272 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Sinfield 1, A. Broyd 2, D. Knox 3, Brenda Philpott 4, D. Chatfield 5, J. Newman (cond.) 6. First quarter peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob by all.

**TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.**—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Bright (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, Stella M. Wickens 3, C. H. Wickens (cond.) 4, P. Romney 5.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's on May 28th, 1,272 Stedman Caters: C. Finch (first of Stedman Caters) 1, E. E. Holman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, G. W. Slack 4, H. Rumens 5, J. C. Adams 6, F. C. Maynard 7, J. Goodall 8, J. H. Crampin (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 9, F. Taylor 10.

**WARSPOL, NOTTS.**—On May 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. Webster 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, D. H. Rooke 3, W. Allwood 4, D. Chadwick 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Surprise 1 and 2.

**WESTBOURNE, HANTS.**—On May 28th, 1,280 Double Norwich: D. Martin 1, Audrey Bailey 2, P. R. Layton 3, Helen Gardner 4, Frances Edgar 5, V. J. Benning 6, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 7, R. E. Price 8.



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The peal at Walgrave, Northants, for the tercentenary of John Bunyan, is of special interest. As the Exercise knows, John Bunyan was one of the most 'picturesque' bellringers, having been an Elstow, Beds, ringer. It is said that the greatest factor to his 'conversion' was that while engaged in the siege of Leicester one of his companions was shot by his side, and this greatly changed his mode of living. The bell which Bunyan used to ring was cast by Hugh Watts, who was Mayor of Leicester 1633 and churchwarden of St. Margaret's in 1615. It was, therefore, very appropriate that St. Margaret's, Leicester, should be represented by the present-day vergier, Mr. Ernest Morris, who conducted the peal.

The peal is claimed to be the first peal on the bells for at least 50 years and may be the first ever on them. From the South African War until 1937 they were out of commission. They were then hung in a new metal frame, but are still not easy to ring, and the tenorman, Patrick I. Chapman, is congratulated on what was a real job of work at every stroke.

Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, has now called peals of Oxford Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The peal of Plain Bob Major at Stoney Stanton was specially arranged as a 21st birthday greeting to the ringer of the treble, Frank Mellor, who has now rung his first peal away from the tenor.

The 130th anniversary of the first peal on Fressingfield, Suffolk, bells was marked by ringing the same composition on June 10th. The first peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight in 1819, was rung by the Redenhall company and conducted by Edward Whiting, jun., great-grandfather of Ernest Whiting, who called the 130th anniversary peal.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. M. H. White, secretary of St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, band, has completed 50 years as a ringer at this church. In honour of the occasion and his birthday, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung on June 3rd by R. Hayden 1, B. G. Burton 2, F. Springham 3, F. Bird 4, W. H. Alley 5, W. Wheeler 6, S. Clarke (cond.) 7, W. Bird 8. On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung conducted by P. A. Chalk, in which Mr. White participated.

Errata: In the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Edmonton on May 24th the ringer of the treble was Alick Cutler and the third Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip.

In view of the exhortation to improve service ringing at Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, quarter peals in Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob Minor have been rung between May 18th and June 4th.

The band who participated in the peal of Stedman at St. Wystan's, Repton, on June 3rd, to mark the 11th century of this saint's martyrdom, thank Mrs. S. H. Jones, wife of the Ringing Master, who rang the treble with complete confidence at very short notice. This was her first attempt for a peal of Stedman.

One of the young ringers at Kingston Magna is at present serving with the R.A.F. about 50 miles from his home. He generally comes home by motor-cycle at week-ends and returns in time to report for duty on Monday at 8 a.m. One Sunday, after ringing and reading one of the lessons at evensong, he started on his ride back, but before he had ridden ten miles his motor-cycle went on strike. Not to be beaten, he continued his journey on foot. After walking nearly 35 miles he had the luck to get a lift for the short distance left and was at his post with ten minutes to spare.

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## CENTRAL COUNCIL AT EASTBOURNE—cont.

*Festival of Britain ..... Standing Committee to Act ..... Methods Committee and Shipway-Steadfast Controversy ..... Chester selected for Next Meeting ..... Civic Reception*

## FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN.

The following notice of motion was proposed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher: 'That this Council, through an appropriate committee and by liaison with the organisers, should determine the nature of the part to be played by the Ringing Exercise in the Festival of Britain.'

Dr. Hatcher said that he supposed all of them were fully alive to the festival being organised for 1951. In various parts of the country they had started discussing 'ways and means' six months ago, and had formed district committees. The festival was the centenary of the Great Exhibition of 1851, but this one would be on a much greater scale.

He felt that all guilds and associations should consider their responsibility in regard to the festival, and do something to mark the occasion. The Council should also consider doing something on a national level. He suggested that all ringers should get into touch with the chairman of their local festival organisation and express their willingness to co-operate.

Among the suggestions he had heard was in regard to St. John's, Waterloo Road, which adjoined the exhibition. This church was destroyed by fire and it was suggested that the bells could be put in a ringing condition, to be rung during the course of the festival year.

They had all read the idea of another ringer, of a campanile on perspex lines so that people could see the bells ringing. If such a tower was erected at the exhibition, it would create great interest and the Exercise would derive much benefit by the advertisement.

Mr. G. H. Spice seconded the motion.

The Hon. Secretary said the view of the Standing Committee was that this was a matter of urgency and anything that had to be done would have to be done at once. They suggested the appointment of Dr. Hatcher and Mr. Spice as a sub-committee to make a report which would be presented to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee should be given power to act upon the receipt of that report.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said there was one thing that was particularly urgent in giving publicity to any efforts which were likely to be made, because the various national and regional handbooks in connection with the festival were now in preparation. He was asked for an article of 500 words on Norwich churches to go in the Norwich Festival Handbook, and he would certainly say something about the bells.—The motion was carried.

## METHODS COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS.

With the permission of the chairman, Mr. Harold J. Poole amended the notice of motion which appeared under his name in the agenda to read: 'That the unanimous decision of the Methods Committee upon matters with which they were authorised by the Council to deal shall be published at once in "The Ringing World" and submitted to the next meeting of the Council for consideration.'

Mr. Poole said the thing that brought this matter to his mind was the publication of a peal in 'The Ringing World' as Steadfast. He felt that in the past there had been a lack of definite decisions of the Council. Here was a case where the Methods Committee came to a unanimous decision and printed that decision in 'The Ringing World,' and within a fortnight they were challenged that they had no authority to do so, and they were wrong in doing it.

The Methods Committee had been selected especially for their ability and the only thing they could do was to stand by them and uphold their unanimous decisions. It might be

true that they did get some cranks in ringing. Any decisions by the Methods Committee should be published at once as a guidance to the Exercise.

Mr. R. Ballard seconded the motion, which was then carried.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said in regard to the Shipway-Steadfast controversy, the Methods Committee were asked for a decision, and he regretted that it had not been put into the report of his committee. He asked if the Council would accept that decision now.

Mr. H. J. Poole proposed that such action should be taken, as it would be another twelve months before the next meeting of the Council.

The Rev. Felstead said that they had received a request about Steadfast, and at first they were inclined to ignore the whole business, as things were apt to die a natural death, but when peals began to be published in that method and there was a possibility of someone attempting a peal, they thought some action should be taken. The unanimous view of the committee was published in 'The Ringing World.' In his letter he did try to express the committee's opinion that Steadfast was no different from Shipway's principle 150 years ago.

Mr. C. H. Kippin seconded.

Mr. E. A. Barnett supported the decision and said he did write to 'The Ringing World' on the subject because he thought they should make it quite clear that Steadfast did not differ from Shipway.

## THE NEXT MEETING.

The Chairman said that under the old rule the next meeting of the Council should be in London, but the new rule enabled them to go where they liked. London would be a very difficult place next year, as he understood a great deal of the accommodation was already booked, and prices were high. The Standing Committee had an invitation to go to Chester, and suggested it should be accepted.

Mr. R. S. Anderson asked the Council seriously to consider visiting London next year in view of the festival. London was the centre of the country. He moved that the Council go to London. Dr. Hatcher seconded.

Mr. G. Pullinger asked if a place near London could be selected.

Mr. F. Sharpe proposed the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the invitation of the Chester Diocesan Guild should be accepted.

Mr. T. R. Butler seconded, saying that it was 25 years ago since the Council went to Chester.

Mr. J. W. Jones supported the old rule of the Council meeting in London. 'London,' he said, 'is a very "getatable" place and I never experienced any difficulty in getting accommodation.'

The vote of the Council was: Chester 62, London 49.

## MEMORIAL TO CANON COLERIDGE.

The President said that the Oxford Diocesan Guild was proposing to build a memorial to Canon Coleridge. It would take the form of a tablet in the cloisters of Christ Church, similar to those erected for the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. It was also proposed to recast the second bell at Christ Church, add a new treble, alter the rope circle, and do other work which would be necessary.

The Standing Committee considered this proposal and they felt that it should be a national memorial. They recommended that the Coun-

cil contribute the sum of £50 towards the total cost of £450.

Mr. Harry Miles seconded and this was agreed to.

## PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Mr. H. Miles was appointed to the Peal Analysis Committee in the place of Mr. C. Dean, who had to give up the work owing to illness.

## ATTENDANCE ROLL.

The Hon. Secretary presented the Attendance Roll, which showed that 24 societies were fully represented and 11 societies not represented. The total number of representative members was 108, and honorary members 13, giving a total of 121.

## VOTE OF THANKS.

The President proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to those who made their visit to Eastbourne so successful. He asked in the first place that the Council should send a letter to Mr. Oliver Sippetts regretting his illness, and wish him the best possible return to health. Continuing, Mr. Lewis said he wished to propose a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Eastbourne for the use of hall, for the entertainment which they were presenting and for the privileges granted to the conference during the week-end. He would like to especially thank them for the special bus they ran to take the members to the Holy Communion service in the Parish Church that morning.

They also thanked the Bishop of Lewes for coming to give them a welcome. He expressed the hope that the Bishop of Chichester, who had been overworked, would soon feel better. They also thanked the Vicar of Eastbourne for arranging the Communion service, the Sussex County Association for all they had done, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. Wallater, Mr. R. G. Blackman and Mr. F. H. Dallaway.

The Hon. Sec. said he would like to add his own thanks to Mr. P. H. Rollison, who had done such an immense amount of work in arranging for the visit to Eastbourne.

Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, expressed his pleasure that the Council had accepted the invitation to visit Chester, and assured them of a hearty welcome.

The President also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for the careful way they had prepared the reports for the Council meeting.

In conclusion, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. W. Rogers to the president and officers, the Standing Committee and sub-committees for the work they had carried out during the past year.

## CIVIC RECEPTION.

The conference was followed by a civic reception at the Winter Gardens, where the members of the Council and their wives were received by the Mayor and Mayoress. A strawberry and cream tea followed. It was enjoyed by a company numbering about 200.

Mr. E. H. Lewis voiced the thanks of the company to the Mayor and Mayoress for their delightful hospitality. He felt that the meeting at Eastbourne had been one of the most outstanding in the history of the Council. I do not think we have ever had better arrangements or received greater hospitality.

In acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Mayor said he hoped their proceedings had been profitable, and they would take away with them pleasant memories of Eastbourne.

A social evening was afterwards held in the Town Hall.



## RING OF TEN FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

### Two Trebles Dedicated at Slough

The territory covered by the Oxford Diocesan Guild comprises the three counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxon. Each county possesses a ring of twelve bells (at Reading, High Wycombe and Oxford), but although Berks and Oxon each have three peals of ten, there was not one in Bucks.

To redress this need the Slough ringers undertook the task of raising the necessary funds, and to try at the same time to collect sufficient to have the octave, cast and installed in 1913, rehung in ball bearings. Owing to the precarious state of the parish finances, and the Rector's aim to establish another church school ultimately, the ringers were told that no appeal was to be made to the parishioners or worshippers in the parish, but that if they could produce the money outside, the Church Council would not stand in their way.

As a first step towards procuring £600, an appeal was made in the local Press inviting the donation of a bell as a war memorial. Lt.-Col. J. N. Horlick and Mr. O. P. Horlick (of the well-known malted milk firm) munificently offered a bell each in memory of a brother and a son lost respectively in the 1918 and 1939 wars. By appeals to local tradesmen and firms, by a series of socials, by the generous assistance of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and ringers' private subscriptions, the balance was collected, and the bells were rehung and augmented in time for Easter, the ten bells being rung as the new trebles were consecrated ceremonially before being hoisted.

#### THE DEDICATION.

On Saturday, May 20th, in the presence of the donors, the Mayor of Slough (Ald. J. E. Taylor), Mr. R. Wickens (representing Horlicks, Ltd.), Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman (Vicar of Bray and branch chairman), Mr. T. J. Fowler (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. W. Hughes (representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) and a large concourse of ringers, the Lord Bishop of Buckingham (Rt. Rev. R. M. Hay) dedicated the new bells, the rehung eight and a commemorative plaque beneath the tower.

The Rector (the Rev. Claude Williams) expressed the gratitude of the church and the Borough of Slough to the donors of the new bells, to the founders for producing two such beautiful bells, to Mr. E. J. Sargeant for his skill in producing such a splendid plaque and to the ringers for their efforts. The opening rounds following the dedication were rung by the local band, viz., F. V. Sinkins (85), W. Birmingham (captain), W. E. Judd, A. D. Rivers, Miss P. Clements, Miss A. Ewins, B. T. Lister, E. Hudson, W. Henley and E. H. Preston (steepkeeper). It is interesting to note that when the original bells were augmented to eight in 1886, Mr. Frank Sinkins also took part in the opening rounds, and he is the sole survivor of that occasion.

In his address the Bishop spoke of the appropriateness of the gift of bells as memorials. He said, 'The ultimate and deepest thing any man can do is to give his life in this world for its deeper causes and to enter the world beyond. It is a splendid example to give up the lower for the higher things, and these bells as they ring out will always remind us of this. The bells appeal to man to remember his higher nature.'

Following the service the Bishop visited the belfry and was introduced to those present. He gave a friendly welcome to the visiting ringers, who included Mr. H. Fearn (Birmingham) and Mr. R. Bell (Watford). Ringing continued in a variety of ten-bell methods for an hour and a half. Unstinted praise was given to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the excellency of their work by all who tried the

bells, and the sweetness of the new trebles was apparent to everyone. They are clearly audible both within and without the tower and are a wonderful 'splice,' greatly enriching the ring. Slough has every reason to be proud of a ring of ten which, for its weight (tenor 17½ cwt. in E), is so favourably commented upon.

#### HISTORY OF THE BELLS.

The fine Parish Church of Slough, with its 200ft. high spire, was completed in 1913 and supplanted an ugly building erected in 1835 as the new mother church of the parish to replace the ancient Church of St. Lawrence, Upton, erected c. 1100.

When the new parish church was built (in 1835) the four bells from Upton were removed there in 1855 and hung in a frame designed for six bells. They ranged in weight from the treble weighing 3½ cwt. to the tenor, 7½ cwt. Both of these were discovered cracked, but the others, dated 1619 and 1725, were intact. The cracked bells were recast at Whitechapel, and two new bells, one heavier and one lighter, were cast to make a ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.).

#### CHANGE RINGING INTRODUCED.

Mr. Frank Sinkins relates how unconventionally change ringing was introduced to the tower. In 1880 the bells were rung for a Confirmation service, and while the ringers were waiting to ring afterwards two of the band went to a local pub and refreshed themselves too well, but not too wisely. On re-entering the belfry one pulled off a bell, which rang itself down in the middle of the Bishop's address. The Vicar summoned the ringers demanding an explanation, when the awful truth came out! The two offenders were refused permission to ring again, and Mr. A. C. Fussell suggested the whole band resigned, re-formed and sought instruction in change ringing under Mr. William Baron, of the West Middlesex Association. Thus good came out of evil, and the Slough ringers learned a new art. Shortly after the foundation of the Oxford Guild in 1881 they transferred their allegiance to their own territorial association.

In 1886, the ringers by now being proficient change ringers, it was felt desirable to complete the octave. Mr. F. Charsley kindly gave the new bells in May, but the treble proved unsatisfactory, and Mr. Sinkins recalls the distraction to the neighbourhood by the days of incessant din as the tuner chipped off lumps of metal with a chisel. In August it was recast. Further dissatisfaction was caused by the inharmonious tone of the sixth, the 1619 bell, but through the intervention of Mr. W. H. Fussell it was spared destruction and returned to Upton, where it still does service to-day, and Mr. Charsley donated a further bell. On February 5th, 1887, was rung the first peal in Slough, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, conducted by William Baron for the Cumberlands.

In 1876 plans were prepared for a fine new church. The eastern half was dedicated in 1878, and in 1913 the western portion with its fine tower and spire was completed. A splendid new ring of eight bells was provided with a tenor weighing 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. installed in an iron frame. The Cumberlands also rang the first peal on these bells, Stedman Triples, conducted by George Williams in October, 1913.

Another interesting peal was Mr. W. H. Fussell's 1,000th rung on the eve of his departure for Australia, September, 1934, with the visiting ringers from England.

To date 42 peals have been rung at Slough, 29 on the light eight, and 13 on the present bells. With a hospital erected during the war right beside the church, ringing is naturally restricted, but the local band are now eagerly awaiting the opportunity of scoring the first peal on the ten bells.

## Peterborough Diocesan Guild

### ANNUAL MEETING AT WICKEN.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting was held at Wicken on Whit Monday. Although this village lies right on the borders of Buckinghamshire and no public transport was available, the meeting was an outstanding success. Towers available during the day were Newport Pagnell, Stoney Stratford, Buckingham, Towcester and Wicken before the meeting, and Cosgrove, Hanslope, Olney, Paulerspury and Wicken after the meeting, one small party visiting Beachampton.

The Guild service was at 3.15 p.m., the church being filled with ringers and friends. The Rector of Wicken (the Rev. H. P. Hoskin) conducted the service, the lesson was read by the president of the Guild (the Ven. C. J. Grimes, Archdeacon of Northampton), and the address given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, who took his text from Psalm 19, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands, and their words into the ends of the world.' In a moving address the Lord Bishop hoped that the ringing of the Angelus at midday would again return and men would hear it and offer prayer to God wherever they might be. The choir was augmented by visiting ringers.

Tea was served in the schools, being arranged locally by the Rector, ringers and lady helpers, a record number of 196 sitting down. This proved a little bit of a problem, but everyone enjoyed a good spread. It was unfortunate that the Lord Bishop and the president had to leave before the business meeting commenced, but both had a few words to say to the meeting before leaving. A vote of thanks was expressed to them by Mr. G. H. Hancock, seconded by Mr. E. G. Orland. The Rev. E. V. Penn, branch president, also spoke a word of welcome on behalf of the Towcester Branch.

The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. B. J. Saddington (auditor), the Rev. F. L. Mordin, the Rev. T. W. Long, Messrs. A. J. Green, W. Yates, A. Bigley, W. Rose and P. Chapman. The officers were re-elected and the annual report adopted. Grants from the Bell Restoration Fund suggested by the committee were accepted as follows: Raunds £10, Daventry £10, and Brafeld £10.

The secretary reported that he had received a quotation for Guild badges; this was accepted by the meeting and it was hoped these would be available in a few months' time. The war memorial tablet in All Saints' Church, Northampton, had been restored, and the committee in charge of this work were thanked.

A ballot for Central Council representatives resulted in the election of Messrs. G. Jeffs, B. P. Morris, R. Moon and G. S. Valentine. The next annual meeting is to be held at Kettering.

Mr. G. H. Hancock proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a great success, which was seconded by Mr. E. G. Orland and carried unanimously. The Master then closed the meeting and ringing was resumed in a large variety of methods.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

### SWINDON BRANCH.

The summer quarterly meeting was held at Bishopstone on June 10th, and visitors attended from Aldbourne, Cirencester and Shrivenham, in addition to branch members. The Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Hibbert), and a good tea was provided at the True Heart Inn.

At the business meeting the branch secretary gave a report of the Central Council meeting at Eastbourne, calling special attention to the number of covering bells allowed in peal attempts.

It was proposed that the next meetings be held at Wroughton, Lydiard Millicent and Wanborough. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.



## Mrs. F. I. Hairs' 300 Peals

By ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at Dartford recently, Mrs. F. I. Hairs brought her total up to 300. Mrs. Hairs, the daughter of Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, who has rung more peals than any other living ringer, has taken part in a number of notable performances. Among them is the record length of Grandsire Caters on handbells (8,099) in July, 1912.

She was also the first lady to ring peals of Stedman Cinques 'in hand,' in November, 1913, and Cambridge Maximus on tower bells, at Waltham Abbey in June, 1924. By ringing 1-2 to Superlative in 1923 she became the first lady to ring a Surprise peal on handbells. Her complete list of peals, in 244 of which her husband, Mr. Frank I. Hairs, has taken part, is as follows:—

### TOWER BELLS.

Triples: Grandsire 2, Stedman 14.  
Major: Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 12, Kent Treble Bob 3, Cambridge Surprise 17, Superlative 12, Yorkshire 2, London 3, Bristol 4.  
Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 17.  
Royal: Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford 1, Cambridge Surprise 18, New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 2, Middlesex 1, Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge 1.  
Cinques: Stedman 2.  
Maximus: Cambridge Surprise 3.  
Total tower bells 122.

### HANDBELLS.

Minor: Plain Bob 1.  
Triples: Grandsire 12, Stedman 10.  
Major: Plain Bob 59, Double Norwich 5.  
Kent Treble Bob 5, Superlative Surprise 1.  
Caters: Grandsire 11, Stedman 29.  
Royal: Plain Bob 25, Kent Treble Bob 3.  
Cinques: Grandsire 2, Stedman 12.  
Maximus: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1.  
Total handbells 178.

## SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual outing was held on Whit Monday, the party consisting of two busloads of ringers and friends. The tour into Wharfedale commenced at 6.45 a.m., the first stop being Wetherby, where the light eight were soon going to various standard methods. Rev. C. O. Ellison (president of the Yorkshire Association) gave the party an enthusiastic welcome.

Leaving Wetherby the buses proceeded through Harrogate across Blubberhouse Moor, where the scenery is magnificent, to Skipton-in-Craven. Cups of tea had been kindly provided by the ladies of the church, following which members proceeded to the tower at Holy Trinity Church, where the splendid ring of eight bells was rung to the enjoyment of all.

From Skipton the next stop was four miles to Gargrave, where the Assistant Bishop of Craven was awaiting our arrival and the eight bells at St. Andrew's Church were rung to standard methods. The party returned through Skipton across the moors to Ilkley. Unfortunately, owing to an apparent misunderstanding, the belfry door was locked and the party had to be content with looking around the inside of the church.

Tea was served at the Royal Hotel and the party moved on to Otley, enjoying the eight bells at All Saints' Church. A unique experience here was that each rope, besides having tufted ends, had two coloured balls fixed between the sally and the rope end, presumably to stop sliding hands down the rope.

The last call was at Guiseley, and again the ring of eight bells was soon going to Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, etc. On the wall of Guiseley belfry is half bell wheel with photographs of the casting of the bells by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The weather was fine but breezy until the last call at Guiseley, when heavy rain was falling, but this failed to damp the enthusiasm. The two buses proceeded homewards and the last of the party arrived home at 11.45 p.m.

L. M. W.

## OBITUARY

### MR. EDWARD CASSELL.

We at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, will sadly miss our cheery old friend, 'Teddy' Cassell, who passed away at his home at 41, Inglethorpe Street, Fulham, on June 15th, after some months' illness following a stroke. The funeral was on June 21st.

Teddy's punctuality for service ringing and practice nights was a grand example to many much younger folk than himself, and his willingness to 'have another go' or learn something different, with a joke, helped the learners over many sticky patches.

He was born in Gloucestershire and gave his heart to the bells from his early boyhood. He had many peals to his credit and his last quarter was on January 19th for the men of the 'Truculent.'

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Cassell, who nursed her husband night and day all through his illness, and to their sons and daughters.

I. E. D.

### MR. W. H. WALDRON.

The following tribute to the late Mr. W. H. Waldron, of Peterborough, whose death was reported in our last issue, has been received from 'G. S. B.':—

Born at Uffington, near Stamford, it was here that he first became initiated into the art of campanology, and in 1910, when he removed to Peterborough, he became a member of the belfry of St. Mary's. This tower through various reasons during the last few years has suffered badly in the depletion of its band, and Mr. Waldron, reluctant to lose all he had gained through the years in knowledge and friendship, accepted the invitation to become a member of St. John's. He had been a member of this tower for four years.

'Billy,' as he was affectionately known to all his friends, was elected to the secretaryship of the local branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild when it was founded in 1924, a position which he still retained; as a token of respect and grateful thanks for his loyalty and unflinching service, he was last year presented with a barometer, suitably inscribed, by the members of the Guild on the completion of 25 years' service.

Some of the most outstanding achievements in his ringing career were, perhaps, the three peals in which he took part, comprising 32 Surprise methods; of these he was rightly proud. They were rung in three different Lincolnshire towers and conducted by Mr. Horace M. Day, one of Mr. Waldron's oldest friends.

The late Mr. Waldron, a widower for 15 years, retired in 1947 from the L.N.E.R., where he had been a turner in the Engineer's Department. He leaves two sons and three daughters, to whom the sympathy of the Exercise is extended.

To his memory 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at St. John's Church on June 11th by the following: A. French 1, S. Wright 2, W. Rose (cond.) 3, C. Wood 4, F. Warrington 5, L. Hadman 6, G. Bush 7, W. Barker 8.

## Midland Counties Guild

### VISITS HANBURY AND HOAR CROSS.

No better choice of surroundings could have been made for the Midland Counties Guild for their summer outing than a visit to the Needwood Forest district.

The first stop was at St. Werburgh's Church, Hanbury, where Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung before proceeding to the cathedral-like Church of Holy Angels, Hoar Cross.

Built by the beneficence of Lord and Lady Meynell Ingram, this church possesses features such as may be found in few of its size. Beautifully proportioned and rich in carving of wood and stone, its beauty holds one spell-bound.

The magnificent ring of bells, reputed to be

## York Minster Society

### PRESENTATION TO MR. T. F. EARNSHAW

On Sunday morning, June 11th, before the start of service ringing, on the eve of his 82nd birthday, Mr. Thomas Frederick Earnshaw, the Minster's oldest ringer, was presented with a case of pipes, pouch and tobacco by the Dean (the Very Rev. Eric Milner-White) on behalf of the ringers and the Minster.

The president of the York Minster Society, Mr. Harold Walker, reminded the company that recently Mr. Earnshaw relinquished the presidency after 38 years. During this long term of office he had gained the respect and affection of his fellows. This year Mr. Earnshaw completes 60 years' full membership of the Society and also of the Yorkshire Association. He learned to ring at Easingwold and on moving to York was elected a probationary member of the Society in 1888.

By 1890 he had progressed from ringing the bells of his native village church to be able to take a place in ringing the 12 heavy bells at the Minster and was elected to full membership of the Society. He was the sole survivor of the band which, in 1892, rang the last peal to be rung in the Minster tower. On that historic occasion the efforts of three men were required to keep the tenor going. The ringing of peals had not interested Mr. Earnshaw very much and he had only a modest 20 or so to his credit. To him Sunday service ringing was most important and he had always set a good example by being punctual and regular in attendance.

Mr. G. Horner (50 years' service), Mr. E. Rickets (44 years) and several other members paid tribute to Mr. Earnshaw's personality and excellent work.

The Dean observed that Mr. Earnshaw was ringing the Minster bells when he (the Dean) was a child of four. Of all the arts and crafts in England, said the Dean, the most typical and beautiful was the sounding of a ring of bells. He recalled the emotion caused by the sound of the bells ringing after El Alamein, which broke a silence of three years. He regarded the Minster bells as part of York, as they were held in affection by the people of York. He thanked Mr. Earnshaw for his long years of service to the belfry, the Minster, to York and to God.

In returning thanks, Mr. Earnshaw said he had no idea a presentation was to be made to him that morning and he appreciated the gifts very much. Sixty years was a long time and he had always done his best for the Society and the Minster and thought no man could do more than that. He suggested the authorities should give certificates for long service to all connected with the Minster; such certificates would be treasured long after the recipients had gone. Mr. Earnshaw wished the Dean every success in his efforts to raise £250,000 needed for the presentation of the Minster fabric.

H. W.

one of the heaviest sixes in the country, was certainly an attraction. A short service, which the 53 members and friends attended, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Strong), who gave an inspiring address in which he made reference to his recent visit to the war-wrecked city of Liverpool, where the glorious cathedral stood amidst the ruins, almost untouched, as a triumphant witness of the Christian Gospel. Mr. W. G. Soar (a ringer), of Ticknall, was the organist.

Following tea in the Meynell Ingram Arms, the chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson, announced that the next meeting (a joint meeting with Loughborough District) will be held at Ashby on June 10th.

Mr. W. G. Soar proposed thanks to the Vicars of Hanbury and Hoar Cross for use of the bells, and to the local members for the tea arrangements.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'NINE TAILORS' ERROR

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether any of your readers happen to have the cheap edition of 'The Nine Tailors,' dated March, 1949. There appears to be a misprint just at a critical point. On page 160 in line 6 of the 9th paragraph the tenor in Kent Treble Bob is made in effect to move from 6ths place to 4th before dodging in 5-6 down. Apparently 4th is a misprint for 5th, which escaped the notice of the proof reader. It would be interesting to know whether this error occurred in any previous editions. The actual diagram on the following page is set out quite correctly, lettering and all.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

## 100 PEALS IN ONE TOWER

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip, 'Ringing World,' May 12th, the first paragraph states: 'By completing his 100th peal in Dartford tower, Mr. John Wheadon has become the first to accomplish this feat.'

May I kindly point out that the late Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, scored 100 peals on Lavenham bells. These peals were rung consecutively. The first was on March 4th, 1888, and the 100th on February 23rd, 1929. In the latter were his two sons and a grandson! Mr. Arthur Symonds also 'circled' the tower eight times in peals!—Yours sincerely,

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

Lavenham, Suffolk.

## MAY WEEK AT CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—Handbell ringing formed one item on the programme of the May Week concert at Pembroke College, Cambridge. A band of the Cambridge University Guild, consisting of two members of Pembroke and two from other colleges, rang, after a word of explanation and introduction, a course of Grandsire Triples, followed by a medley of six popular tunes, rung 'four in hand' on 13 bells. The tunes were linked together suitably to make the medley continuous. Several people afterwards spoke appreciatively of the bells, and showed an interest in how they were rung and whether they were principally used for tunes or change ringing, etc.

During the past few terms the C.U.G.C.R. has been asked to give handbell performances at various functions, including a local parish garden fete, a youth club, the Institute for the Blind and on other occasions.—Yours truly,

C. G. WOODHEAD.

Bedford.

## HUBBARD'S 'CAMPANALOGIA'

Dear Sir,—For the benefit of Mr. Albert J. Hughes ('Ringing World,' April 14th) and of Mr. H. Douglas Harris ('Ringing World,' June 9th), I can confirm that the second edition, revised (1864), of Hubbard's 'Campanologia' in my possession does, in fact, contain the lines referred to by Mr. Hughes. They are headed, 'Lines by S. Nobbs, late of the Society of Norwich Scholars.'

Mr. Hughes' memory, spanning 40 years, is very accurate, and, on being reminded, he may recall the following two couplets which he omitted:—

After June 6:

'Those who are gifted with a tuneful voice  
In singing glees or such like strains rejoice.'  
And following:

'. . . . . zeal untired,

'Its compositions intricate are found;  
While in its changes harmony abound.'

For the sake of complete accuracy, the last two lines may be corrected to:—

'Then let despisers who the art condemn,  
Leave us to follow it—we grant their choice  
to them.'

Yours faithfully,

Ilford, Essex.

JOHN F. GROVE.

## WILLIAM BANISTER'S BOOK

Dear Sir,—If one may judge from the letters of your correspondents, the remaining copies of this book are both considerable in number and widely distributed. The Guildford Diocesan Guild library has a copy each of the 1874 and of the 1879 editions. The books are very well bound and evidently well used. Before coming to the Guildford library they were in a collection owned by the late H. J. Tucker.

The second (1879) edition was revised and extended by its author, assisted by the late Henry Haley, who added some of his own compositions. The list of College Youths performances are extended to the year 1878, and the book was published by John Warner and Sons, who added a few pages of advertising matter.

Regarding Hubbard's 'Campanologia,' which is mentioned in the letter by H. D. Harris in your issue of June 9th, I have before me a copy of each of the four editions—the first in 1854, the last 1876. The lines to which your correspondent refers to were written by S. Nobbs, a Norwich Scholar, whose name appears in the 1854 book as a subscriber to its publication. The lines are included in each of the first three editions. A. C. HAZELDEN.

Guildford.

Sir,—Mr. B. A. Newcombe asks if any more copies of this work exist. Yes, I have one, given to me by my old friend Mr. Alfred Tomset, of Lindfield. Its title is the 'Art and Science of Change Ringing,' published by John Warner and Sons, London, 1887. The introduction quotes from Benjamin Kennicott (1742) and the Rev. Woolmore Wigram (1872).

His short article on the art of change ringing is concise. His explanations of the methods, beginning with Plain Bob Doubles, St. Simon's Doubles, New Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Stedman's Slow Course, Plain Bob, are often helpful. Lots of methods not now usually rung, as Union, Place and Double Court Triples, are included; Royal, Cinques and Maximus are also dealt with. He gives many notes on peals, and his chapter on the science of composition proving and conducting is of interest, though quite beyond my understanding.

About 1870 Mr. Banister removed from Woolwich to Devonport and played an important part with the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Col. Trelawney and Col. Troyte in founding the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in 1874. He rang in a few of the early peals and trained a band of change ringers in Devonport.—Yours, etc.,

FREDK. C. SMALE.

Dear Sir,—With reference to letters about W. Banister's book, I myself picked up a copy in a secondhand bookshop at Gloucester. I gave a shilling for it. I see by my note on the fly-leaf that it was in 1932.

The book is now in our small library at the lower tower.—Yours faithfully, R. ALSOP.

Ebbw Vale.

## SHROPSHIRE BELLS AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Recently in your columns it was announced that a series of articles on Shropshire bells and ringers would be published monthly in the 'Shropshire Magazine.'

Might I take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. W. A. Farmer, of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on a fine piece of work, which is giving our Exercise that publicity it is in need of, particularly after the recent sordid articles in the daily newspapers commenting on the moral failings of one or two of our number.—Sincerely yours, etc.,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Broseley, Salop.

## Largest Parish Church

Dear Sir,—In the last three 'Ringing Worlds' a small article has appeared concerning the largest parish church. I have a book, 'Famous Churches,' and it contains the following particulars of areas of a few churches: York Minster, 63,800 square feet. St. Paul's Cathedral, London, 59,000; Westminster Abbey, 46,000; Norwich Cathedral, 33,750; Tewkesbury Abbey, 25,100; Great Yarmouth, St. Nicholas', length 236 feet, width 112 feet (3 feet wider than York Minster), 25,023; Coventry, St. Michael's, 24,015; Boston, 20,270; Hull, Holy Trinity, 20,040; and Bristol, St. Mary Redcliffe, 15,500. Leamington, All Saints', is shown in the book, but no area is given. It would be very interesting to know a dozen of the largest ringing rooms of our churches.—Faithfully yours,

F. ATKINSON,

York Minster Ringer.

Dear Sir,—It was with great interest that I have read the various letters which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' recently with reference as to which is the largest parish church in the country.

For many years it was understood that Yarmouth St. Nicholas' was the largest, with Coventry and Boston next in size in that order. Since, however, the Yarmouth Church was destroyed during the late war and is not now in present use and Coventry became a cathedral some years ago, we here in Boston maintain that St. Botolph's now ranks first in size, although there may be much divergence of opinion.

As Mr. Hunt would like some dimensions I am pleased to give the following exact details: Total length 282ft.; width 100ft.; length of nave 155ft.; height of nave ceiling 68ft.; width of tower 40ft.; height of ceiling under tower 137ft.; height to ringing chamber 142ft.; height to bell chamber 162ft.; height of tower 272ft.

There is seating accommodation for 1,800, but on special occasions, such as King George V. memorial service and VE-Day in 1945, it was estimated that between three and four thousand were present. The great space behind the pews and the side aisles, where nearly 2,000 people were packed standing, was really a sight never to be forgotten, and to use the words of that renowned B.R.C. commentator, Mr. S. P. B. Mais, at the dedication of our new ring of ten bells in 1932, 'there is nothing like it anywhere.' It is indeed the pride of this old town.

Lastly, I have it on good authority that our peal is the highest hung for ringing, but would certainly like to hear any other reader's views.—Yours faithfully,

F. DEWEY.

Boston, Linco.

## GEOGRAPHICAL CLAIMS

Dear Sir,—Once again we have a claim to 'the first peal in the method in a certain locality' refuted (letter from Mr. J. E. Cawser in your issue of June 9th).

I cannot understand why these claims are made.

There is, admittedly, some credit due to a band for ringing the first peal in the district or on the bells, or the first peal in the method by the band or for the association, etc. But what particular honour or glory is there in these 'geographical' claims?

Such claims as the first in the method in the county or in 'Blueland' or 'Redland' or anywhere else you like appear to me to be irrelevant. Why not claim the first in the method to be rung on a 'Pancake Tuesday' or on the vicar's wedding anniversary?

If a band has once rung a peal of 'Nomenclature Surprise,' is there any special credit when it is rung again in, say, 'Blankshire' or 'Dashshire' and so on?

Perhaps some of your claimants will enlighten me?—Yours faithfully,

E. BOUMPHREY.

Glasgow, S.W.2.



## University of London Society

Over twenty members and friends spent the Whitun week-end in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Most of the party stayed in a camp near Havant, the lay-out of which was very familiar to those with Service experience, and which was run by a Lieutenant-Commander (retired). The discipline was not so strict as might have been feared, however, and it was soon discovered that hot water was available for those who remustered as 'leaders and guests' (or 'ladies and guests') rather than as 'lads' or 'lasses.'

A small detachment stayed in a houseboat which was actually afloat on one tide, and those who were thus initiated to a greater or less degree into nautical life are looking forward with quiet confidence, or calm despair, to the summer tour, when the vessels will be not only afloat (as a general rule), but also, it is hoped, mobile.

Saturday was spent on the Isle of Wight, the party arriving in a series of waves from successive ferries, and crossing the island from east to west in the teeth of a howling gale (a cyclist's gale, not a seaman's). It was generally agreed that Carisbrooke and Freshwater were well worth the effort. The departure from the island was as disorderly as the arrival because of the various means of transport from Freshwater to Ryde.

Sunday was comparatively free, apart from service ringing, a quarter peal and a peal attempt, but Monday had a programme of six towers, all of which were successfully visited. Most of the party would have been content to remain at Curdridge, the first tower after lunch, for the rest of the afternoon, so much were they admired, but they nevertheless enjoyed ringing at Bishop's Waltham and Soherston.

In such matters as arriving late, getting lost, falling in the sea and washing up it need only be said that everyone lived up to expectations. To those who have been on previous tours this will be sufficient; to particularise further would offend more than it would amuse.

Finally, the Society thanks all the incumbents and ringers of the churches visited for permission to ring, and Miss Rachel Yeld for organising a most pleasant week-end.

## A CENTRAL COUNCIL EXCURSION

In connection with the visit of the Central Council to Eastbourne during Whitun, one of the younger enthusiasts collected a party with the object of doing a little tower snatching on Whit Monday afternoon.

Leaving headquarters soon after lunch, the first stop was at Willington, where there is a ring of six in excellent going order, and where Stedman Doubles. Plain Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung in fine style.

From here the journey was continued to Alfriston, where a fun fair was found to be in progress in the grounds approaching the church. The church itself has a very low central tower, and the bells here are rung between the nave and the chancel and in full view of the congregation. The bells were raised and whilst Stedman Doubles was being rung the church very quickly filled with interested sightseers, and it was quite possible that the fun fair was for a time partially deserted.

When we reached our car we were taken to task by the arm of the law for leaving it in the wrong place, but we were let off with a caution and we moved on to Lewes, where we found other colleagues keeping the bells going.

During the tea interval Peter B. sought and obtained permission to ring at Beddingham, but he was informed that one of the ropes was broken. There are four bells in this tower, and the Vicar said he would be pleased if we could ring three despite the fact that a rope was broken. A couple endeavoured to raise the bells, but it was felt that it was safer to leave them entirely alone. B.

## TOWER CORNER (12)

### 'THE ART OF STRIKING' (Continued).

Dear Learners,—We broke off last time, you may remember, in Tom's lesson, with blackboard illustration, on the process of striking as analysed under five heads, just as he had completed his explanation of the first point—'compass audibility.' Our instructor continues:—

'The second point, registration of pull-off point within the established compass of the ring, is the one which all good strikers can instantly appreciate, though many may find it difficult to explain. Look at it this way: Suppose instead of ropes we had push-buttons in front of us to ring the bells and that the sound of our bell is heard instantaneously with the pressing of its button. Then we need make no movement whatever until the bell before us has actually sounded, when the slight movement of our finger-tip would create an instantaneous sound from our own bell. The matter of precise striking is now quite simple. All we do is to wait our turn, i.e., wait for our sound-gap, then press.

'But in ringing as we have it the sound of our bell is not heard until an appreciable interval of time after we have started the reversal of bell-swing. The point for us is, exactly how long afterwards? To answer this question intelligently let us recall one of the points of good style in handling the rope. We have learnt to grip the rope with two hands always in contact, and as soon as the bell comes off the balance and the rope begins to descend, we maintain a steady pull downwards with both hands until they pass below waist level. At this point the right hand (left for opposite-handed ringers) leaves the rope to rejoin the left immediately as the rope rises again (either at back or at hand as the case may be), both hands being again in contact on the rope, before they reach chest height. It is at this precise point that the sound of your bell is heard, i.e., as the clasped rope rises past shoulder level. Of course, there will be found slight variations according as to how the rope is "drawn" from the wheel-sheave over the draw-pulley. But to the practised ringer these variations are evident in the first few pulls on a strange rope, and he adjusts his time of pull-off accordingly, so that his association of bell-sound with grip-position becomes automatic. The beginner pulls off his bell by following closely the pull-off movement of his preceding bell, but the practised ringer can pull off at the precisely correct moment by listening only.

'The length of the time interval, then, between pull-off and actual sounding, varies with the size of the bell and the way it is fitted up with its rope; but as a very rough guide we may say that on the average the pull-off is

about four beat intervals ahead of the sounding, in a ring, say, of eight. The lighter bells, of course, are a little less and the heavier bells a little more, when reckoned from top-dead-centre or actual balance point. As beginners you must be constantly on the alert for the appreciation of this interval until you have it precisely and automatically.

Point number three is ear-check. This means consistently checking, by listening, whether your bell is sounding between the two bells bracketing it exactly midway, i.e., whether the interval between the preceding bell and yours is equal to the interval between yours and its follower, and whether these intervals are equal to the others: because in good striking all these intervals are precisely the same, except for the open hand-stroke lead, as we have already explained. If you are not completely satisfied that your interval is right, then you must instantly correct it. This brings us to:—

'Point number four—Consistent maintenance of 100 per cent. bell control. Without this degree of control you cannot hope to make immediate corrections to your striking. But with it you need never strike two consecutive blows badly, providing you know where you ought to be striking! Remember the points of good style in bell-handling, because these are not only for appearance and ease of action, but also for the securing of this 100 per cent. control.

'The fifth and last point is—Applied control-adjustment, using eye, hand and ear. With your bell absolutely under control, and using your eye as an advance guide, and your ear as a final check on the sounding-point, apply control through the hands in the polished way we have shown, i.e., by means of gentle check or pull through a larger distance of movement, rather than by short, sharp, sudden, jerky tugs which are inevitably associated with the bad-style pull of the unfinished length of stroke. Remember, too, that the correct style of pulling is far less demanding on your energy, especially over longer periods.

'As some sort of proof of this let me remind you all,' says Tom, looking round at us to emphasise his point, 'that some of the best heavy-bell ringers have not been physical giants, but rather those who early mastered the secret of "scientific" action in ringing, which uses energy sparingly at the right moments and in the best way.

'Sorry there has been no practical ringing during this lesson; but next time we shall put into practice what we have been trying to clear during our talk, with the blackboard.'

So, till then, Yours as usual,

CORN. R. STONE.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### BICESTER BRANCH AT PIDDINGTON.

Although the bells had not been touched since 1887 except for minor repairs, the Bicester Deanery Branch found the 'go' of Piddington bells still very good when they held their quarterly meeting there on June 10th.

The fourth and tenor were cast in 1738 and 1729 respectively by Ed. Hemins, of Bicester, and the note of the latter is unique in that its chief harmonic is a minor sixth above the strike note.

Some 22 members and friends were present, including the Rev. A. Gatehouse, who conducted the Guild service, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Mundy, the Rev. Covell, who preached, Mr. F. Sharpe (vice-president), who read the lesson, and Mr. E. Pearson (hon. secretary, Banbury District).

Mr. F. Sharpe presided over the business meeting, and towers selected for the next quarterly and evening meeting were Caversfield and Islip.

Ringing took place at Piddington and Bicester in standard methods.

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## RINGERS' OUTINGS

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

Kent was selected by St. Peter's ringers, Sible Hedingham, for their annual outing on June 10th, the party being accompanied by Mr. A. A. Fitch (Sudbury), Mr. T. Bird (Wickham St. Paul) and Mr. F. Bensley (Stoke-by-Clare).

At the first tower, Eltham, the party was met by Mr. F. C. W. Knight, and he piloted the coach on his motor-cycle to the Churches of the Annunciation and St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, St. George's, Beckenham, St. Luke's, Bromley; St. Mary's, Westerham, and St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks. Methods rung were Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. At Beckenham the party were met by J. Emery, an old friend. The bells in all towers were much enjoyed.

## ST. MARY'S, WALTON-ON-THAMES.

A party of 27 ringers and friends decided, as they had 'graduated' at Cambridge last year, to take a few courses at Oxford, so on Whit Monday, after a group photo, we left for Wallingford, and after a pleasant journey arrived at 10.15 a.m. Here the party were met by Mr. Batten and a few local ringers, and touches in various methods rung. The Rector, the Rev. Bowen, visited the tower and welcomed the party.

At Oxford, Mr. Moore, our guide, informed us that the ringing at Magdalen for 'Oak Apple Day' would be at 2 p.m. After lunch our guide soon had the party in the tower, where Mr. V. Bennett gave us a hearty welcome. Following the ringing, at the invitation of the bursar, we were guided to the College Buttery and sampled the college ale, which all agreed was more than three degrees stronger. Ringing was afterwards enjoyed at Christ Church and New College.

After tea and farewell to Mr. Moore, ringing took place at Henley, where we were welcomed by Mr. Nash, and at Windsor, where Mr. Glass had everything in readiness.

## HILLINGDON.

The annual outing of St. John's Guild, Hillingdon, took place on June 10th. With perfect weather, beautiful country at its best and six first-class rings of bells at their disposal, the ringers voted it their 'best ever' outing.

The new Vicar of Hillingdon, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, and his wife accompanied the party and were interested spectators in all the towers visited. Their curiosity augurs well!

The party left St. John's Church at 7.30 a.m., and their journeyings took them through five counties, covering nearly 200 miles, and finally bringing them back to Hillingdon shortly before 11 p.m.

The towers visited were Dorchester, Oxon (8), Cirencester (12), Painswick (12), Cheltenham (12), Burford (8) and Tetworth (6). Many methods were rung, including Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich Major. A different ringing master was appointed at each tower, and everyone's capabilities and wishes received careful consideration beforehand, enabling the best use of the material available and at stated times.

The secretary-bloke had set a pretty tight time-table, but even he relented when ice-creams appeared after the ringing at Painswick. Here also the local butcher was persuaded to produce a piece of ice for application to the eye of one of the inexperienced, which had received a flick from an unmanageable rope!

At Tetworth, where everyone gathered in the local inn for light refreshments, pleasure was expressed at the presence of the Rev. and Mrs. Tyler, while the usual thanks to the secretary-bloke concluded a pleasant half-hour.

## LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.

The Leeds Parish Church ringers held their second annual outing on May 20th, with Southport as the objective. Arrangements had been made to ring at Clitheroe and Whittle-le-Woods on the outward journey, and at Blackburn Cathedral on the way home, but a series of misfortunes delayed the arrival at Clitheroe until, owing to a wedding, there was insufficient time to ring on this modern eight.

The Whittle ringers had gone on their outing that day—into Yorkshire—but the Vicar welcomed the visitors and everyone had an opportunity to try this grand octave, reputed to be one of the best in Lancashire.

On the return journey Blackburn Cathedral was reached on time and here there was an unexpected pleasure, as the Bishop of Blackburn, Dr. Asquith, a former Vicar of Leeds, had come to the tower specially to greet the visitors, a gesture which was greatly appreciated.

An hour's ringing on this glorious new Taylor ten proved quite inadequate, and Mr. Tom Wilson, the local captain, readily allowed an extension of time. Even so it was with the greatest reluctance that the party left Blackburn, in fact one member was heard to express his willingness to stay there all night!

Leeds was reached about 11 p.m., and despite the shortcomings of the weather and the unavoidable hitch to the proceedings early in the day, everyone voted the outing a success, so much so that by the following day plans were being made for a second outing before the end of the summer.

## WARWICKSHIRE RINGERS.

Somerset was chosen as the venue for ringers from Leamington, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, Bidford-on-Avon, Salford Priors and Evesham on June 3rd.

Starting from Leamington at 5.30 a.m., Bath was reached by 9.15 a.m., where three-quarters of an hour was spent at St. Mary's, Bathwick, a useful ring of eight. Some of the ladies venturing into the town shopping were lost and had to get back by taxi!

Twerton's light eight were tried, but proved difficult for the novices, although Salford Priors probationers managed to ring 120 Doubles without assistance, the first time, no doubt, they have attempted it in Somerset.

The highlights of the day, however, were at Chew Magna and Chewton Mendip, whose eight revealed the mastery of bellfounding. The useful touches of Triples and Major left a glorious musical impression which will not be forgotten.

After a sumptuous dinner the ringers eagerly looked forward to Wells Cathedral's heavy peal of ten, but alas! the weight proved to be master—if not of brawn—of Warwickshire skill.

Thanks are tendered to the locals who kindly met the party and made arrangements.

## ST. PAUL'S SALISBURY.

St. Paul's, Salisbury, band, together with other Salisbury ringers and friends, selected Somerset for their annual outing this year.

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The final tower visited was Nailsea. Methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Thanks are due to the various incumbents and local ringers, and also to Mr. E. G. Caple, of Clevedon, for his help with the arrangements. R. E. T.

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## MEETINGS

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 24th, 2 p.m. Tea shop opposite church. All ringers welcome.—S. H. Symonds. 7203

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Patronal festival, Epping, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available 5 to 6.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. for those notifying Mr. V. Hare, Granville Road, Epping. Everybody welcome. 7167

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Rostherne, June 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mrs. N. Sanders, Old Chapel House, Reddy Lane, Millington, near Altrincham.—C. K. Lewis. 7181

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7175

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 24th, at St. Ippolyt's. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 7193



**GUILDFORD, MIDDLESEX AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILDS.**—Calling all members. Joint meeting, Saturday, June 24th, St. Peter's, Staines, 3; Egham 3. Tea at Egham. Wraybury 6.30. 7192

**LINCOLN GUILD.**—Lincoln District. — Please note that the place of meeting on June 24th is now Fulbeck, *not* Leadenham. Other arrangements the same.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 7213

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District. — Monthly meeting, Denby, Saturday, June 24th, 3 o'clock. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—J. F. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. 7226

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).**—The 327th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch (3s.) 1 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 7173

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch. — Meeting tomorrow, Saturday, June 24th, 3 p.m., at Alcester (8). Please make your own arrangements for tea. A really good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Hon. Branch Sec. 7233

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District. — Ringing meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, June 24th. St. Mary's bells 3 p.m. Service and dedication of plaque 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Notice for tea to Hon. Dis. Sec., R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7138

**BELL SUNDAY, BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—Procession leaves Church Street at 1.45, June 25th. Collection en route. Tradersmen's decorated vehicles, friendly societies, children's fancy dress, clubs and associations, fire brigades, all leading local bands. Service, Lent Green, 2.15. Still £500 to raise. Hon. Treasurer Bell Fund, Col. J. M. Wadmore, Woodlands, Linkwood Road, Burnham, Bucks.—George Gilbert, Ringing Master. 7215

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The Lord Bishop of Guildford will rededicate Ash bells during evensong on Wednesday, June 28th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six has been completely recast and rehung in a steel frame. Ringing for all after service. The first meeting after recasting on Saturday, July 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th, please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 7169

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-West Division. — Quarterly meeting at Fobbing, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Frequent bus service from Grays or Southend to Corringham corner, thence 7 minutes' walk. Names for tea to A. Ocken-don, Bay Cottage, Fobbing, Stanford-le-Hope. 7168

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District. — Meeting at Edenbridge (8), July 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than June 29th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7166

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing at Cathedral and St. Giles' afternoon and evening. Service at St. Giles' 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. not later than Monday, June 26th.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex. 7180

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Half-annual meeting at Bingham, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names by June 29th latest to Mr. Wm. Wilson, White Cottage, Nottingham Road, Bingham, Notts. 7184

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh (6), July 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea and business 5, ringing following. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th, to Miss R. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7188

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st. Bells (modern 8) available at 3 p.m. Trains from Moor Street to Danzey. Tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 7196

**BRASTED, KENT.**—A garden fete in aid of St. Martin's Church Restoration Fund will be held on Saturday, July 1st, at Moorcocks, 2.30 to 6.30 p.m. Bells (6) will be available for any ringers who care to come. 7195

**BATH AND WELLS (Taunton Branch) and DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch).**—Joint meeting at Wellington, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea early, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7210

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, July 1st, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. Names before June 30th to Miss D. J. Dunn, Crowstones, Crowstones Road, Darley Dale.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 7216

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Strawberry tea 6.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7211

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—First meeting at Ash (6) after recasting on Saturday, July 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 7217

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting, Stone, Saturday, July 1st. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hudson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 7212

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, July 1st, St. Cuthbert's, Halsall. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who notify by June 28th Mr. A. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall.—J. Burns. 7230

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sonning on Saturday, July 1st, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7208

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Whittington and Kirkby Lonsdale, July 1st. Names for tea to Mr. E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, via Carnforth. All ringers on holiday welcome.—J. Woods, Sec. 7228

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Colne, July 1st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7227

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Buckland, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 7220

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth, on Saturday, July 1st. 11 a.m., executive meeting; 2 p.m., general meeting; 5 p.m., tea, St. Mary's Institute, Fratton Road; 4.15 p.m., Service in St. Mary's Church. Bells available: Alverstoke (8), 11 a.m. till 1 p.m.; Cathedral (8) and St. Mary's (8) after tea. Tea only for those who notify me by Wednesday, June 28th.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth. 7224

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Warminster (8) on July 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley. 7219

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Shaw, 9, Maugerhay, Norton, near Sheffield.—J. E. Turley, J. W. Price Hon. Secs. 7222

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hedon on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Alison Hall at 5 p.m., 3s. 6d. each, for all who notify Mr. C. H. Hunter, 3, King's Close, Hedon, before June 28th. Business meeting afterwards for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 7200

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Robin Hood's Bay, July 1st. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. James S. Beddington, 4, Elm Grove, Robin Hood's Bay, before June 29th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 7234

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, North Nibley (6), July 1st, at 3 p.m. Bring own tea.—Mary Drew. 7232

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, July 1st, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify by June 28th G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 7225

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting and dedication of war memorial at Cathedral, Brecon, on July 1st, at 3 p.m. Bells of St. Mary's and St. David's available 2 p.m. 7207

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yardley Hastings, Saturday, July 8th. Names early for tea to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 7206

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Names for tea by the 4th, please. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., c/o 54, Becke Road, Colchester. 7217

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District. — Quarterly meeting at East Sutton (6), Saturday, July 8th. Details next week. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7214

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Great Tew (8), Saturday, July 8th. Service 4. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 7209

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Ledbury District) and WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western Branch).**—Joint meeting, Colwall, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Names by Tuesday, July 4th, important.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, nr. Worcester. 7229

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dorchester, Oxon, on Saturday, July 8th, at 3. Service at 4, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by July 4th to H. Badger, Branch Sec., 38, North Street, Thame. 7221

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Sturton-le-Steeple (5), Saturday, July 8th. Lincolnshire bus from Retford 1.20 and 3.20. Railway bus 2.44 and 4.44. Try and get to first meeting at this tower. Names for tea by 3rd to Rev. A. L. Thomas, Sturton Vicarage, Retford.—H. Denman. 7218

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Holbrook, July 8th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Stutton bells after tea. Names to Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 106, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 7223

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, July 8th. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Hall, Staverton, Rugby, not later than Monday, July 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 7231

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival on Saturday, July 15th, at Oxford (D.V.). Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. C. F. Sherwood (Vicar of Mapledurham). Business meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30. Tickets 5s. Applications for tickets with remittance to General Secretary by July 8th. Usual towers available. Times of ringing later. Choristers, please get in touch with Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, near Bicester.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 7130

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reminder. Annual festival, Oxford, July 15th. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 7131

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The date of the general quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton has been altered from July 15th to July 29th.—Wm. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7194

**FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL.**—The annual joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District) and Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch) will be held at Wokingham on Aug. 26th. Bells of seven towers available from 2 p.m. Details later.—B. C. Castle. 7204

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, October 14th. Tickets 12s. 6d. each. Applications with remittance to A. R. Ling, 136, Meadow View Road, Catford, S.E.6 7202

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