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REGULAR PRACTICE

THE shortening days with less sunlight may cause some ringers to pause and consider the question of how to spend the dark evenings to the best advantage. We have seen bands quite content to jog along in the same old way without any attempt to improve the standard of ringing or make progress in the art; in fact, the practice is regarded as 'just a bit of ringing.'

Do we not see around us too many cases of apathy and the unwillingness to maintain a regular practice night? There is also in some towers a reluctance to advance even beyond call-changes and in others change ringing bands with no desire to aspire beyond one method. Again, how about that oft repeated plea for better striking? As long as bells are rung well, as long as they are not rung at all hours and at unreasonable times we may be sure that genuine complaints will not be made against bell-ringing.

Good striking is most important in ringing, and it needs great care to strike well in peal or touch, as one poor striker can and does spoil the efforts of the rest, however good they may be. No ringer should be satisfied until competent to place the bell in its exact position every time, but even the best of ringers are liable to make a bad blow, and keen strikers sometimes feel like kicking themselves for doing it. There is a lot of truth in the old saying which tells us that nobody has learnt to ring a bell until he strikes well, but the trouble is that some indifferent strikers do not realise the unevenness of their striking through failure to listen to their own bell. It is a bad policy to attempt method ringing before the bell is not only handled competently by the ringer, but also struck properly.

Conditions differ at various places and towers, but the first duty is the maintenance of service ringing. Some bands take the erroneous view that, having attained a certain standard of ringing satisfactory to the band, no good purpose is served in having a practice evening during the week. Such an outlook is to be deplored and is short-sighted; a regular practice is essential, however good the band, and more so when there are prospects of recruits.

In some districts the dearth of ringers is keenly felt, and a real problem is how to find the right type of recruit, viz., those who will resolve to persevere steadily after it has been fully explained what is required of them as ringers. Teaching several beginners the same evening keeps the instructor busy, but if a little voluntary help could be obtained it would enable the pupils to derive more instruc-

tion and guidance. Learners nowadays have better opportunities for progressing in the art, for during the years of this century great improvements have been carried out, and despite the setbacks of two great wars, there is still tradition to be handed on from generation to generation.

In my early days, I asked myself two questions: (1) What can campanology do for me? (2) What can I do for campanology? Many varied answers could be given. It is, unfortunately, too true that some bands will not join a diocesan or county organisation. They meet only when they have a mind to, or when a fee is known to be available, in which latter case they are prompt in their appearance and punctuality is a great feature. For a ringers' meeting they have no liking, neither do they take nor read this weekly ringing paper, in fact they prefer to remain exclusive. I wonder if such ringers have ever realised what real friendship and brotherhood are to be found in our diocesan and county bodies.

It is also true that some clergy chide us at our special services about church attendance, but their predecessors have been doing this right from the start of our guilds and associations. Probably they are unaware that a goodly number of those who ring are well up in the percentage of services attended throughout the year.

We sometimes hear a few pessimistic voices telling us that change ringing is a dying art and will soon become extinct, but we have only to point out our combined efforts during the Coronation as an example of a united purpose. On television and radio the bells have a warm place in the hearts of the public, and it is up to us as ringers to give of our best on all occasions no matter be they great or small. There are plenty of possibilities for developing campanology in all its branches to those who hear and see by various means; therefore, we must not be caught napping through lack of practice.

We can hardly expect change ringing to become what is generally termed 'popular,' because like any other scientific pursuit its intricacies are so numerous and the difficulty of understanding is so great that it is practically impossible for it ever to obtain that hold on the public mind like many outdoor pastimes, yet we have interested the general public more in recent years in bells and ringing than at any period of our history. We can, with truth, show the public that our art is something more than brute force at the end of a rope, a term sometimes associated with ringers; therefore, let us not neglect regular practice in order to be prepared for future eventualities. W. S.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

OXFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.
HENRY MILES Treble	MARY M. FULLER 5
ROLAND W. MORANT 2	RONALD POCKLINGTON 6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 3	DENIS N. LAYTON 7
MARGARET FIDELL 4	WILFRED ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by DENIS LAYTON.

OXFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT SPRINGFIELD ST. MARY, BANBURY ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 19 in G.

PETER C. WRIGHT .. 1-2	*MICHAEL SLANEY 5-6
*ROBIN G. TURNER .. 3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7-8
PETER BORDER 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

On Sun., Aug. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT SPRINGFIELD, ST. MARY, BANBURY ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

EDWIN H. LEWIS 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS 5-6
ROBIN G. TURNER 3-4	*MRS. JOYCE DODDS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal 'in hand.'

OXFORD.

On Mon., Aug. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT SPRINGFIELD, ST. MARY, BANBURY ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Consisting of 512 Double Norwich, 832 Double Oxford, 464 Hereward, 480 Pershore, 1,008 Plain Bob, 1,056 Double Bob and 800 Reverse Bob with 65 changes of method.

MICHAEL SLANEY 1-2	PETER BORDER 5-6
ROBIN G. TURNER 3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE Treble	R. GORDON CROSS 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	PETER C. WRIGHT 6
JULIA M. PRESTON 3	*PETER BORDER 7
*DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours,

IN THE NAVE OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAXIMUS

In 12 methods: Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Bampton Little Bob, Burford Little Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, Casington Little Bob, Churchill Little Court, Wellington Little Court, Crayford Little Court, and Bastow Little Court, with 91 changes of method.

ROBIN G. TURNER 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7-8
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 3-4	PETER BORDER 9-10
MICHAEL SLANEY 5-6	PETER C. WRIGHT 11-12

Arranged and Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

The greatest number of methods rung in a handbell peal on 12 bells.
First peal of Spliced Maximus for the whole band.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*ALAN P. CAVE Treble	DONALD MARSHALL 5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 6
RUTH M. K. HOW 3	WILFRED ROBINSON 7
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
MURIEL REAY 2	HENRY H. FEARN 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 9
JOAN BERESFORD 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
ANTHONY AGER 5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 11
J. EDWARD CAWSE 6	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the last peal on the bells prior to their recasting in 1937.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	AUREY M. PICKERING .. 7
RICHARD D. RANGFORD .. 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
IVOR R. NICHOLS 3	W. GEORGE PAGE 9
SAMUEL BIRCH 4	EDGAR T. SMITH 10
WILLIAM DAVIES 5	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 11
GEORGE A. PACKER 6	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Rung as a compliment to Miss B. Thompson and Mr. A. Buck on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 15, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt.

*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. Treble	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 6
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY 2	DAVID E. PARSONS 7
*JANET S. BAILEY 3	*JOHN R. MAYNE 8
FRANK E. DARBY 4	JOHN HILL 9
*RALPH BIRD 5	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Royal on tower bells as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	*JOHN A. ACRES 8
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON 9
HARRY POYNER 5	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on ten tower bells. 750th peal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. Treble	ANTHONY AGER 6
JOHN McDONALD 2	HENRY H. FEARN 7
MURIEL REAY 3	*CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	HARRY PARKES 9
TERRY R. HAMPTON 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Royal in the method, and completes the sequence from Minor to Maximus.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.	
BRIAN BLADONTreble	*VICTOR GRIFFIN 6
WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. 2	†WILLIAM SIDWELL 7
B. ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS .. 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 8
E. JOHN BERRY 4	WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. 9
REGINALD G. TOWNSEND .. 5	THOMAS TOWNSEND .. Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
 * First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.
 Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. Canon John Gilbert, M.A., on his retirement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
PETER WOODTreble	RONALD SUCKLING 5
HENRY PRATT 2	ALAN SYDER 6
*JOHN BROWN 3	JOHN LEEMING 7
JUNE STARLING 4	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
 * First peal of Major.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.	
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..Treble	S. ANTHONY JESSON 5
MICHAEL E. BROWN 2	PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 6
*ALFRED BALLARD 3	JOHN B. BENNETT 7
JOHN A. ACRES 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
 * 650th peal.
 A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Harrold, of Wigston Magna, on the birth of a son.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Aug. 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.	
ANTHONY AGERTreble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5
MURIEL REAY 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
JOHN McDONALD 3	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
*BRIAN MARTINTreble	†REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 5
JOHN A. ACRES 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
†HARRY G. WAYNE 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
 * First peal of Major. † First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
JOHN P. FIDLERTreble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
JOHN A. ACRES 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
 Rung as a welcome home to Terry Thorner on completion of his service in H.M. Forces.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.	
SIDNEY J. MERRYTreble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
MARK J. BARKER 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 6
JACK BAILEY 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE 7
*GORDON A. HALLS 4	HAROLD TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
 * First peal in the method. 50th peal as conductor for the Association. The first peal of Yorkshire to be rung in Derby.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.	
*FRANK C. ARNOLD ..Treble	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 5
FREDERICK C. ROPER .. 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON .. 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
 * First peal in the method.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..Treble	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS 3	*GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
 * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
 A compliment to Gerald C. Hemming on the eve of his 21st birthday.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE (UNITY CHURCH).
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
FRANK V. GANTTreble	†FRANK C. MAY 5
DAVID W. BEARD 2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 6
*LAWRENCE J. BEAL 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 4	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
 * First peal of Double Norwich. † 75th peal.



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GULVAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part.		Tenor 12½ cwt.
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON Treble	ALAN CARVETH 5	
JAMES P. BLOND 2	A. HUBERT EPLETT 6	
V. MARY MATTHEWS 3	HARRY MILES 7	
MARION L. LIDGLEY 4	W. REGINALD CURTIS .. Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

A birthday compliment to A. H. Eplett.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	ERIC A. DENCH 5
CLEMENT GLENN 2	PHILIP H. SPECK 6
BRIAN BUSWELL 3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 7
JOSEPH A. FENTON 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed by B. D. PRICE (odd bob). Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

KINGSWINFOR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES

Being 1,680 each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob, and 840 each of Double Court and St. Clement's, with 112 changes of method.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

First peal in four Triples methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. DEACON .. Treble	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
*DOREEN DUTTON 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. .6
RONALD KENRICK 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
THOMAS S. HERRIDGE .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Davidson.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 8, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of four six-scores of Reverse St. Bartholomew, five of Old, four each of Norfolk and April Day, six of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Grandsire and nine of Plain Bob (33 callings).

Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in G.

*ELSIE F. FELTWELL .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3
†BENJAMIN STEPNEY .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS 4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

*First peal. †First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal on the bells after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Rung after meeting one short for Minor.

RUSHDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two six-scores of Stedman, one of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, one of St. Simon's, thirty of Grandsire (10 callings), and eight of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B flat.

*DEREK P. JONES .. Treble	†MARION JACKSON (14) .. 3
†ALAN JACKSON (16) .. 2	†PETER W. CROFT (15) .. 4

*MICHAEL ORME (16) .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

*First peal of Doubles in five methods. †First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells in more than one method.

Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew. Also a 13th birthday compliment to Michael Saunders, probationer at Hitchin tower.

DUCKLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*LESLIE T. OLIFFE .. Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
MRS. B. S. NICHOLS .. 2	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 5
†ERNEST J. HILL 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal.

Rung in honour of St. Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings.

MERVYN R. SHEARN .. Treble	CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT .. 4
JOSEPH J. YEATES 2	MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 5
LEONARD F. DERRICK .. 3	ERNEST F. SHEARN Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD F. DERRICK.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble and 5th ringers.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*A. EDWARD DOBB .. Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 4
JOAN SMITH 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5
GEORGE CHALLANS 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

*First peal of Surprise.

Rung in honour of the wedding at Pleshey, Essex, of the Rev. T. G. Tyndall, assistant priest at Warsop, and Miss Ruth Turner.

BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt.

*ANTHONY SANGER .. Treble	†GWILYM SALMON 4
PERCY H. HULL 2	HARRY SMITH 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	HENRY J. SANGER Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. Rung on the 44th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

PETER E. PARRY .. Treble	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 4
MISS A. M. HOBBS .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 HEReward BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
*PATRICIA LAMBERT Treble | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 4
RICHARD I. GARDINER .. 2 | ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 5
PETER J. CAME 3 | JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal. First peal in the method for all the band. Believed to be the first for the Association.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN MYHILL Treble | ERNEST RUNTER 4
WILLIAM GLOVER 2 | REGINALD THRIFT 5
*GEOFFREY SOLLARS .. 3 | PETER EVES Tenor

Conducted by PETER EVES.

* First peal.

BALLYLESSON, CO. DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, one each of Plain Bob and St. Clement's, each extent a change of method, six different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FORDE PATTERSON Treble | HARRY BROWN 4
WILLIAM PRATT 2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 5
*JEAN STEWART 3 | *WILLIAM HALL (16) .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HALL.

* First in four methods. First as conductor.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and twelve extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

HENRY A. PRATT Treble | ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 3
JOE E. G. ROAST 2 | PETER J. CAME 4
PETER J. EVES Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

DRINKSTONE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

LESLIE PIERCE Treble | LESLIE NICE 4
RICHARD ROSE 2 | *ALAN G. FEVER 5
LEONARD SHARPE 3 | KENNETH BROWN Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH BROWN.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble | JACK PILGRIM 4
RAY PECK 2 | JOHN W. BLYTHE 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3 | NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

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SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

A Tour in Lincolnshire

OWING to a shortage of members, the Society had to cancel its projected Norfolk and Suffolk tour and in its place substitute a shorter and more compact tour in the Lincolnshire area.

On Tuesday, August 6th, the remnants of that once mighty host gathered together at the Branton ringers' practice night at Nocton (six, 8 cwt.). It was at once apparent that the duty of the ringing master on this tour would be much simplified, as it would not be a question of who was to ring, as everyone would have to!

Wednesday began dull and, in fact, remained so far the rest of the day. This, however, did not affect the ringing as was proved when we rang at our first tower, Bassingham (six, 10 cwt.). The next tower was that great evergreen favourite, Brant-Broughton (six, 24 cwt.). This tower lived up to its reputation in every respect, the third giving its usual imitation of a huge tom cat caught by its tail in a stone crusher, the second slipping wheel and last, but not least, the rope of the fourth breaking.

After this we were looking forward to some sane ringing at Leadonham, but we could not find the key, so all we could do was to look in baffled impotence at the two inches of oak separating us from the bells. Fulbeck bells, however, were available and we made the most of this very poor six (12 cwt.). What a pleasure it was to ring at Caythorpe (eight, 10 cwt.), with its fine bells quite living up to the beauty of the church. Thence up hill to Hough-on-the-Hill (six, 13 cwt.), where we were greeted by the Vicar (a ringer), Mr. Macews and a whole host of small boys. After a meal we retraced our steps (or should it be tyre marks?) to Wellington (six, 12 cwt.), and very much enjoyed this light going ground floor ring. Navenby (six, 13 cwt.), with its fine bells, finished off an enjoyable day's ringing.

MAJOR OR MINOR FIVE?

Thursday was again dull when we arrived late as usual at Eagle (six, 8 cwt.), and we were met here by Mr. Smith, who already had the bells up for us. Thence onwards to the two-buses-a-week village of South Scarle (five, 12 cwt.), and the bells leaving us baffled as to whether they were a major or a minor five. After a meal at the 'half-way' house, we proceeded via an aerodrome to Coddington (five, 7 cwt.), where the cogged wheel tenor was much enjoyed. What a pity it was that we had not arranged to have our tea at Barnby-in-the-Willows (six, 6 cwt.), for the setting here was perfect, with the sun shining and the river drifting lazily past. Here we were met by Mr. Holmes, who joined us in some of the ringing, much to the thankfulness of some of the members.

The newly rehung six at Balderton were then visited and it was unanimously agreed that the people concerned had made a good job of them. We were met at our last tower, Claypole (five, 14 cwt.), by a local ringer, who laughed with us at the antics of the bells. It was then full speed ahead for Lincoln, a distance of over 20 miles, to arrive in time for the practice, an effort which it was vowed would never again be repeated.

'DUSTBINS ON WHEELS'

Friday dawned hot and muggy, a real rough cider day, but, unfortunately, none was to be obtained. Branton (six, 10 cwt.) was the first tower visited, where the ringing, although not up to local standard, was said to be passable by some of the villagers. The ringing at Dunston (five, 8 cwt.) was, to put it in a nutshell, clockwork in its precision. Mr. Bee, arriving during the ringing, commented on it. Metheringham, with its long draught, required handling. The ringing was quite good on these

'dustbins on wheels.' The next tower was Blankney (six, 10 cwt.). A sad tower in one respect as it brings back memories of that gentleman among ringers, the late Mr. F. W. Stokes. We could not help but wish that he could have been listening to us and afterwards to give us his ever-ready advice.

After a prolonged search for the key, the parallel six at Ruskington were rung up to a touch of Cambridge and then straight down as the ever present enemy had left us way in the rear. Mr. James H. Musson and some of his local ringers were waiting for us at Silk Willoughby (six, 8 cwt.), where because of a local bereavement the bells were half-muffled. Whole pull Grandsire and whole pull and stand were rung and sounded very effective. After a meal in Sleaford way was made to Metheringham, although this time it was to the accompaniment of a piano only!

Saturday dawned bright and hot, the first ringing being at St. Botolph's, Lincoln (six, 10 cwt.), where we were met by Mr. C. E. Brown. After climbing Lindum Hill, Nettleham (six, 9 cwt.) was reached, where we were met by the Vicar and Mr. W. R. Parker, who was to remain for the rest of the day. A short journey brought us to Scothorne (six, 11 cwt.), with the battered tongues from its previous bells bearing mute testimony to faithfulness of those long forgotten ringers who rang upon them in years gone by. The rhyme beneath them summed it all up quite well: 'Our duty done in belfry high, now silent, tongues at rest we lie.'

WATER IN BELFRY

The next tower visited was Dunholme (six, 9 cwt.), and what a welcome this cool silent belfry was with its convenient jug of water. The Rev. Mr. Carpenter greeted us on leaving the tower. At Welton (six, 12 cwt.), strangely enough for this tower, the bells were all down. We soon remedied this and had some good ringing. Here we were joined by Michael Parkinson and Mr. Parker. Thus with an augmented band we proceeded to our last tower, the hill-top church at Walesby (eight, 12 cwt.). Tea was then partaken of in this glorious spot, one of the finest in the whole of Lincolnshire. A social evening followed in a conveniently placed garden at Welton.

Ringling for service at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on Sunday, brought to an end an exhausting yet enjoyable tour. Miss Betty Brown must be congratulated on the way she kept up with us in the fast pace we had to hit up between towers.

Methods rung: Major, Plain, Little; Triples, Stedman; Minor, Carlisle, York, Durham, London, Wells, Primrose, Bourne, Cambridge, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, Sandal, Oxford, Kent, Oswald, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, College Single, Thelwall, Childwall, Wavertree, College, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain, Little, Original, Double and Reverse Bob; Doubles, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', New, Old, St. Martin's and Winchendon.

As membership was so poor, a meeting was not held. It is hoped next year's tour will be in the Somerset and Devon areas and that more members will support it.

We would like to thank the incumbents and those responsible for the use of the bells, and to those in the Norfolk and Suffolk areas for giving us permission which we so unfortunately had to cancel.

J. E. COOK.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, HANTS. — On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Lee 1, J. Marlow 2, E. A. Smith 3, J. Chesterman 4, H. Balaam (cond.) 5, J. Wheeler (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of A. Digweed, of the above tower, who was laid to rest the previous Saturday.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Law 1, S. W. Brown 2, Valerie Mephham 3, E. E. Trusler 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. H. Paine 6.—Also on Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. C. Hollingdale (first of Minor) 1, H. W. Brown 2, Stella M. Wickens (first of Plain Bob Minor on tower bells) 3, Jean M. Pike (first of Minor) 4, W. A. Wood 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Both rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Ann and Peter Romney, of Keymer.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Wills 1, Miss E. M. Burton 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, J. R. Walton 4, C. J. Weston 5, T. Bolingbroke 6, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 7, J. Daniels 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Jennings.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: L. Hughes (first of Major) 1, D. Sutcliffe (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Hutton 3, C. Harwood 4, T. Holehouse 5, W. Collins 6, J. Dear 7, E. Buck (cond.) 8.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS. — On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Townsend 1, H. W. Bishop 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, W. A. T. Carter 4, E. J. Berry 5, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Durham 8. Rung for Bishopstone Feast and as a birthday compliment to Joe Durham.

BOSTON, Lincs. — On Aug. 30th, at St. Botolph's, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Burrell 1, G. Dawson 2, S. Jessop 3, F. Dewey 4, J. Petch 5, T. Freestone 6, D. White 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8.

BUCKERELL, NR. HONITON, DEVON.—On Aug. 30th, for morning service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles: N. Sparks 1, F. H. Parr (cond.) 2, R. Bakke 3, J. Broadhurst 4, W. Webb 5, F. E. Parr 6. Rung for the patronal feast (St. Giles') and the 21st birthday (Sept. 3rd) of the ringer of the 3rd.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's on Aug. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Stockbridge 1, B. Wildsen 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, A. Butler 4, Mrs. B. Chatfield (cond.) 5, D. Chatfield 6.

HENDON, N.W.—At St. Mary's on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett 1, Miss Ruth Foreman 2, J. W. Parslow 3, D. T. C. Smith 4, E. E. Pratchett (cond.) 5, H. Arnold 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. C. S. Britten (churchwarden) and Mrs. Britten and Mr. A. E. Oliver (sidesman) and Mrs. Oliver.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Robinson 1, W. Small 2, S. A. Hill (first 'inside') 3, J. Backshall 4, P. Hollingdale (first as cond.) 5, R. Cragg 6.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, A. J. Backshall 2, Edna Everest 3, Stella M. Wickens 4, C. D. Linington (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the tower captain, Peter F. Romney, and his twin sister Ann.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Doubles, being 360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire: P. Gardner 1, J. J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick 3, E. F. Shearn 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardridge 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. J. Giddings and Miss E. M. Yeates.

STAMFORD HILL, N. — At St. Anne's Church on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Robson 1, W. Coleman (first 'inside') 2, J. Hales 3, W. T. Forrester 4, I. M. Parry (first quarter as conductor) 5, E. J. Rowe 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 30th, at the Church of St. Margaret, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. H. Coles 1, T. G. Bannister 2, N. Genn 3, Mrs. O. Manchip 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, H. Impey 6, F. Corke (cond.) 7, A. R. Twinn 8.

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wilson (first quarter) 1, D. Payne (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. Kinchin (first quarter) 3, R. Holland 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5. Rung prior to matins.

RINGERS' OUTING**ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA**

The St. Mary's, Portsea, ringers, together with ringing friends from Southampton, Chichester and Titchfield held their outing on August 22nd. Leaving headquarters and picking up friends en route the first stop was at Billingshurst (Sussex) where Mr. Raymond Wood, sen., kindly met the visitors. The bells were soon going to Stedman Triples followed by rounds for the learners, Grandsire Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

After lowering the bells in peal the journey was continued to Ewhurst (Surrey) where an old friend, Mr. W. T. Beeson, was waiting for the coach. A delightful ring of eight was soon set going to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples followed by rounds and concluding with Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise. Ringing over, tea was partaken of in the local inn where justice was done by all.

The coach was again called in and a delightful run through Cranleigh, Godalming and Hindhead brought the tourists to Grayshott (Hants). The melodious ring of eight was raised and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Surprise were tapped off before the bells were lowered in peal. Bidding farewell to Mr. Yarborough, the journey was started for home and after a break for refreshments en route a happy party resumed the last lap. It was unanimously agreed that it had been a very enjoyable half-day, three towers in three counties, and all with spires.



Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, who recently celebrated their golden wedding. A report of Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden's ringing activities appeared last week.

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No less than 74 years separated the ages of
John A. Howard (14) and H. Meads (88), who
rang the treble and third respectively in a quar-
ter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Turner's Hill,
Sussex, on July 19th. This must be something
of a record.

A correspondent writes:
'Mr. George E. Fearn, of
Birmingham, has rung 1,000
peals. This was accomplished when he con-
ducted a 5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major at St.
Andrew's, Netherton, near Dudley, Worcs, on
Wednesday, September 2nd, during a week's
ringing tour. One coincidence in this event was
that the treble ringer, Mr. Len Stilwell, also
rang the treble to the late Mr. William Fussell's
1,000th peal. Congratulations, George, and we
can assume that, despite the wide parting in
your hair, you are the youngest person to
accomplish this great total.'

Members of the Society of Rambling Ringers
are asked to let the Master (Mr. John E. Cook)
know by May whether they can support a tour
next year in Somerset and Devon. Unless better
support is forthcoming than this year the Society
is in danger of extinction.

On August 29th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples was
rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Frederick
C. Lasbury, of Pentre, who was interred the
same day. The band was composed as follows:
George Francis 1, F. Rowsell (cond.) 2, D.
Hulbert 3, J. Evans 4, T. Lewis 5, R. Lucas 6,
W. Dare 7, H. Blick 8.

Many will join with us in wishing the Rev.
F. Llewellyn Edwards, Rector of Kington
Magna and convener of the Press, Literature
and Broadcasting Committee of the Central
Council, a happy birthday on Sunday, Sept.
13th. Mr. Edwards will then have reached the
age of four score years.

The quarter peal of Bob Minor rung at St.
Dunstan's, Canterbury, on August 30th, was
rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs.
Sally Rutherford, who until her marriage in
June of this year was a member of the band.
She is now living at Bewcastle, Cumberland,
where her husband is Rector.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. Dench, of 213, St.
Osyth Road, Clacton-on-Sea,
Essex, reminds us that sixty
years ago, in September, 1893, a peal of Super-
lative Surprise Major was rung at Crawley,
Sussex. Of that peal there are two survivors—
Mr. James Parker, of Caistor-on-Sea, and Mr.
Dench, who is now in his 79th year. Mr. Dench
thinks that the peal at Crawley was about the
50th peal of Superlative rung.

The peal of Minor at Springfield was a birth-
day compliment to the ringers of the treble and
third, oldest and youngest members of the band.
After the peal they were kindly entertained by
the parents of the ringer of the third.

A successful ringing tour has just concluded
in North Wales with peal attempts in the fol-
lowing counties: Flintshire, Denbighshire, Caer-
narvonshire, Anglesey, Merionethshire, Mont-
gomeryshire, also Staffordshire and Cheshire en
route. The tour was organised by Mr. Wilfred
Williams.

In an in memoriam quarter peal (Grandsire
Doubles) for Mr. A. Swan the following ringers
made up the band: T. W. Taylor, Miss D. R.
Fletcher, Miss K. E. Fletcher, E. G. Swift
(conductor), A. Bridges, K. C. Vickers. An
obituary report re Mr. Swan appears elsewhere
in this issue.

Four of the band who rang in a peal of
Stedman Caters 50 years ago at St. Philip's
Cathedral, Birmingham, are still alive. They
are Messrs. Ernest T. Allaway, Albert Walker,
A. Paddon Smith and Sidney J. Jessop. The
peal was rung on August 22nd, 1903, and con-
ducted by the late William Short. Others in the
peal who have passed over are Messrs. Thomas
Reynolds, John Smith, John Neal, Harry
Withers and Arthur E. Pegler.

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK

First Decade Completed

ON Saturday, February 22nd, 1943, after the annual luncheon of the O.U.S.C.R., a meeting was held in the Junior Common Room at New College to discuss the formation of an Association which to-day is known as the Universities Association.

To celebrate the first decade of its life the Association returned to Oxford for its Annual Ringing Week, held this year from August 14th-22nd. Unfortunately, only two of those who were at the inaugural meeting, Wilfrid Moreton and Marie Cross, were able to attend, William Leese being unavoidably detained on duty. The headquarters for the week were at Springfield St. Mary, a hostel belonging to St. Anne's and run by the Community of St. Mary the Virgin.

Owing to the fact that the secretary was not able to arrive until Tuesday, it fell to the writer's lot to organise all arrangements, not only for the ringing, but also in the hostel. She arrived early only to find herself beaten at the post by Ruth How and Mary Kennelly, who had been driven up from the West Country by Beatrice Boyle, who was coming on the tour for the first time. Inside the house we found the other two newcomers, Jane Coates and Roland Morant, and were greeted by the Sister Superior of the Community who, having shown us the Common Room and a few rooms, left us to make ourselves at home in the hostel. It was this unobtrusiveness of the Sisters, who were always at hand when needed, which was a marked feature of Springfield St. Mary. At all times we felt that we were 'at home' and that we belonged rather than being birds of passage; that any lapses would be treated with the kind tolerance of a well-ordered home; and that consideration for others was the keynote of Springfield's happiness and peacefulness.

TRANSPORT PROBLEMS

By tea time a number of members had arrived and settled in. It had been apparent from the lists sent by the secretary that there was going to be a shortage of mechanised transport throughout the whole tour and that it would not be possible for cyclists to cover the distances planned in the time allowed. During Friday afternoon Wilfrid Moreton had been exploring the possibilities of hiring transport in the shape of a 'drive yourself' car. After tea a hasty meeting of the more senior members was held to work out costs, mileages, etc. As the figures arrived at seemed to be reasonable, the matter was put to the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, when he arrived and discussed with some of the junior members who would be affected by the additional cost. It was decided at dinner that a car should be hired for the last five days of the tour.

The period before dinner was marked by the arrival of nearly all the members, including Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuinness, Denis Layton, Ranald Clouston, Geoff. Carter and Margaret Fiddell and several unexpected members. Sister Superior, however, proved herself able to cope with the additional visitors.

After dinner we went to ring at St. Mary's, where some late arrivals were surprised to see that the tenor was being rung by two men. Good use was made of the bells for an hour, but it was felt by the more experienced ringers that they should have been rung more slowly. After St. Mary's back once more to Springfield, there to greet the late arrivals (including Kate Higgins, who recently hurt her spine while gliding), exchange news and to ring handbells.

Saturday morning broke with the promise of another fine summer day, and after breakfast members made their way to St. Giles' Church. Promptly at 9.15 a.m. we were joined by the secretary of the Oxford Society, Mr. Philip Walker, who conducted the members to all the towers which were to be visited in Oxford

during that morning. At St. Giles' the difficulties of access led to some delay in beginning and several times people had to wait on the staircase while touches were rung. These bells soon found out our strength and our weakness, for they are not easy to ring well to Major. From St. Giles' to New College, where so much ringing was done in the days of John Spice, where the Society was founded and its first peal rung. Here the ten bells are hung in a tower that was part of the city's defences in the Middle Ages.

SPLICED SURPRISE AT MERTON

On from New College to Merton with its heavy eight rung from a gallery round the sides of the tower. Here ringing had to be kept to methods which people knew well owing to the weight, distance between the bells and the difficulty of seeing one another. After everyone who wished had rung, it was decided to attempt a touch of Spliced Surprise with a picked band. Much to the surprise of some of those present, a very good touch was brought home and it was felt that we had done something which was worth while. Back to Springfield to lunch and then the party split into 'pealers' and 'non-pealers.' One peal band went to St. Ebbe's (tenor 4½ cwt.) and scored a peal of Stedman Triples. The other band it was originally hoped would be going to Magdalen (10), but, unfortunately, after the bells had been promised for a peal, it was discovered that a conference was to be held in the college that week and the peal attempt had to be cancelled.

The second peal band, therefore, went out to Blewbury, a beautiful village under the Berkshire Downs, there to attempt a peal of Bristol. Here a rope broke after about an hour's ringing. The non-pealers made their way northwards from Oxford to Combe, a village on the far side of Blenheim Park. On the way there one of the motor-cyclists decided that he would take a corner faster than he should have done and was found on the ground by a following car containing Elizabeth Brown and Ruth How. However, no damage was done to either motor-cycle or rider, who was able to continue on his way.

We found the church beautifully decorated for the patronal festival. Here on the fine modern six we rang methods ranging from Doubles to Surprise and introduced Mr. Peter O'Connell, of Groton School, Groton, Mass., U.S.A., to Plain Hunting. He apparently heard us ringing at New College and found his way into the tower. From Combe on to Stonesfield, one of the charming lesser known Oxfordshire churches. Here the tenor sally was so low that several people were able to ring in a kneeling position. To his delight, Peter O'Connell, with the help of Geoffrey Dodds, succeeded in ringing a 120 of Grandsire on the treble. With an hour before ringing at Woodstock, the majority of the party succeeded in having a leisurely tea. While some went up the tower to ring, others explored the park and saw the palace.

IMPRISONED

Woodstock bells are not rung regularly as there is no resident band, and this was apparent in the 'go' of the bells. Several prominent members of the Exercise were found imprisoned behind a door which would not open to admit the remainder of the party. However, unexpected skill was displayed by a well-known contributor to 'The Ringing World,' and we are now expecting a series of articles entitled 'Hints to Young Burglars,' or 'From Larder Door to the Bank of England.' The prisoners were at last released and ringing continued without further delay. Back to Springfield there to be welcomed by Julia Preston and Francis Martin, both of whom were at Springfield St. Mary in their undergraduate days. We learnt also that Anna Tambling, whom none of us had seen

since her marriage, would be joining us on Sunday. While some went to Appleton after supper in the hope of getting a ring before the end of the practice, others rang a handbell peal of Royal. As usual the visit to Appleton finished at The Thatched Tavern, where friendships were renewed and memories of March the Fourth recalled.

Sunday was a strenuous day for all concerned. We joined the Sisters at their early Communion. This was taken by one of the Cowley Fathers. After a hasty breakfast we hurried to Christ Church Cathedral, there to be welcomed by Mr. Walter Judge, the Ringing Master, and members of the Oxford Society. Ringing was so arranged that everyone had an opportunity to ring. Here, too, old friendships were renewed with Mr. Vic Bennett, who was secretary of the Oxford Society for so long, and with Mr. W. Porter, who did so much for the O.U.S.C.R. in the early period after the ban was lifted by helping to teach many beginners at the tied bell practices at New College. After the Cathedral ringing had finished members scattered to St. Thomas', St. Aldate's, St. Ebbe's, St. Mary Magdalen's and to All Saints', while some of the ardent tower snatchers went further afield. At lunch we were joined by Mr. Philip Walker.

The afternoon had been left free so that those who wished to do so could explore the beauties of Oxford. One party, organised by Geoffrey and Joyce Dodds, found its way to Balscote, near Banbury, there to ring on the very light six hung at Home Farm. Another party made its way to Radley, there to ring for the children's service and to enable the president to meet the Rev. J. V. Pixell, who was up at Trinity with him.

Later everyone found themselves involved in a game of cricket, in which the greatest hazards were the pond and the school windows. Here Rodney Meadows proved himself as powerful with the bat as with the pen, and Charles McGuinness proved to be as competent in the field as in the tower. Elizabeth Brown showed herself to be the only woman who could score runs! After tea some returned to Oxford to take part in quarter peals which had been arranged while the remainder stayed at Radley to ring for evensong.

A CALAMITY

It was on the way back that the first calamity occurred which was to affect the transport for the week—the main cable of the president's car was burnt out. This happened just as he got into Oxford. The immediate result was that everyone was late for the quarter peals, which in two cases had to be abandoned, although a quarter of Doubles was rung at St. Thomas' on the back five. With the promise that the president's car would be ready by five next evening, we faced the problem of Monday's transport. After dinner another handbell peal was scored. During the evening we said good-bye to Denis Layton, Rodney Meadows, Elizabeth Brown, Eric Nixon and Francis Martin, but welcomed Anna Tambling, who brought us news of Peter and their two small daughters.

Monday morning brought another beautiful summer day which would be spent in North Oxfordshire. With all cars travelling with five passengers and helped by Gordon Cross, who was home on leave with his family, we were able to convey everyone, except Frank Wright and Geoffrey Carter, to Deddington. The two latter travelled there by bus and it was originally intended to do ferrying between the rest of the towers. At Deddington we were met by Robert Wilson, who was on a harvesting holiday. He took over two passengers for the rest of the day and brought them safely home, although it meant a journey of 25 miles in the wrong direction.

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UNIVERSITY WEEK—Continued

At Deddington we had the first of our fine churches with a good ring of bells, and we made good use of the latter, having some very enjoyable ringing. Next on to Great Tew, to be found in one of the most beautiful wooded parts of the county, its church set in a park and surrounded by trees whose varied colours make such a perfect setting for the local stone in which the church is built. Here, of course, is hung the eight which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn used to say were the finest for their weight (tenor 22 cwt.) in Oxfordshire. Unfortunately, owing to the fact that the bells take time if they are to be rung well, there was not time for everyone to ring as much as they desired. Also we had to leave promptly to go to Hook Norton an hour earlier than scheduled because of an unexpected funeral. Thus we were not able to eat our packed lunches at Great Tew as we had hoped.

At Hook Norton we were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Nind, who is himself a ringer and also the chairman of the Chipping Norton Branch of the O.D.G. The bells of Hook Norton have recently been recast and rehung and are a fine modern ring. Lunch was eaten at the inn opposite the church. From Hook Norton on to Banbury, there to ring on the fine ten in the Parish Church. There we were given a very warm welcome by Mr. R. H. Cave. This was the only ten which we were to use outside Oxford and it seemed as if nothing could come home or be rung well. It was put down to the after effects of our lunch! However, after nearly everyone had had tea to wake themselves up and some had found the local fish shop to make some necessary purchases, we made our way to Adderbury, there to be welcomed by the local ringers and told that we might ring as long as we wished. Adderbury has a very fine church with a beautiful ring of bells. There is a carving of a handbell ringer on the outside of the southern wall of the nave and it was here, too, that the first tower-bell peal for the Association was rung on December 31st, 1943.

The ringing at Adderbury was, on the whole, of a high standard, and many methods were attempted, including five Spliced Surprise. Some of the younger members seemed to be of the opinion that at least two car loads would like fried kipper for supper. Unfortunately for the success of their plans not everyone lives in an industrial city where fish and chip shops are common, and so we know that the fish and chip van does not go out on Monday to such a village as Adderbury, which has no such shop!

On Tuesday we went in the direction of Bicester. Two peals were attempted, one at Ambrosden, now in the middle of an Army camp, and the other at Bicester. At the former a peal of Bristol was brought home, but the latter band was unsuccessful in its attempt for Plain Bob. The non-pealers went first to Rousham, a village set in a park by the River Cherwell. Here are a handy six which we were able to use to good advantage. From there on to Lower Heyford, just the other side of the river. Again a light six and here we were joined by Paul Taylor, who with his car was able to take some passengers and give more comfortable conditions in the other cars. From Lower Heyford to Middleton Stoney Church, which again was set in a park. Middleton Stoney belonged to the Jersey family and as some of Mr. F. Sharpe's men were working in the chapel so we could see it. The day was perfect and the feeling was that it was more pleasant to sit in the sun than to ring.

At lunch the kipper mysteriously appeared again, but, unfortunately, the wrong man got it. Next to Launton, the home of Mr. F. Sharpe. There we were welcomed by the Rector in Mr. Sharpe's absence on holiday. The Rector not only granted us free use of the bells, but showed us the church and gave permission to play the organ. He also allowed us to visit

the Rectory and see the priest's hole recently discovered, and he explained that the two fir trees in the drive were a sign during the Civil War that a Royalist family lived there.

LAUNTON'S OUTSIDE LADDER

At Launton the organiser fell into disgrace with the women of the party for not warning them of the outside ladder! As she explained, she had always gone there before with gentlemen! John Hatcher joined us at Launton looking very fit after his family holiday and we were all delighted to see him. From Launton to Caversfield, again a church in a park. There we saw the pre-Reformation bell which hangs in the church and the very interesting set of war graves: that of British and Roman soldiers whose remains were discovered in restoring the church; Germans who were killed while attacking Bicester Aerodrome and airmen from the Commonwealth who were killed in defending it and on other duties. At Caversfield, Doubles methods were tried, some of which, we believe, would not be sanctioned by the C.C.

After tea in Bicester came Kirtlington, another handy eight which go extremely well. There we were welcomed by the vergers, who told us that we could exceed our hour if necessary. Once again we had pleasant ringing. It was on this day that it first became apparent that there was 'a thing' on transport. The car in which the president was travelling was again in trouble. On Monday small Jane was taken ill and had to be taken home in a hurry, and after we arrived in Oxford that night we learnt that the President's car would not be available for the rest of the week. On Tuesday his driver decided to try conclusions with a car driven by one of the Oxford Police. Fortunately, both sides escaped with only scratched paint.

After supper those who had not been to Carfax went down to ring there. It was then discovered that the key which had been obtained in the morning was the wrong one and that there was no possibility of obtaining the other that night. The majority of people then went on to St. Ebbe's to be welcomed by Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins.

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FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL

This year's festival was held in the Sonning Deanery of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the venue being Wokingham, and despite almost unceasing rain well over 100 ringers from a wide area attended. The bells of Sandhurst and Finchampstead were ringing in the early afternoon and later those of St. Paul's, Wokingham.

St. Paul's Church was well filled for the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Ven. Thorndike Shaw), who is also branch chairman, and the sermon was preached by the Rector of Finchampstead (the Rev. W. Woosnam Jones).

All then quickly made for the Parish Rooms, where tea was waiting, the room being full with hardly a chair to spare. At the conclusion of the meal the chairman spoke a few words of welcome to the visitors and said that they always looked forward with pleasure to the meetings of the four Guilds in Wokingham.

Mr. G. S. Joyce, on behalf of the Guildford Guild, and Mr. J. Chesterman, for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, suitably replied.

After the usual votes of thanks to all who had prepared and served the tea, and also to the organiser who had come along at short notice, the ringers made their way by coach, car or cycle to the towers of Twyford, Wargrave, Waltham St. Lawrence and Sandhurst, while others stayed in Wokingham to ring at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches. Thus despite the weather ended the sixth successful annual gathering of the four Guilds. B. C. C.

MR. C. WALLATER'S 500 PEALS

Mr. C. Wallater, of Willenhall, Staffs, recently completed his 500 peals. They have been rung in 104 towers, in 15 counties for 14 Associations and Guilds. He has conducted 67 peals. His record is appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 1 (conducted 1), Stedman 4 (1), three methods 1, five methods 1, six methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 6, two methods 2, three methods 6, four methods 3, five methods 1, seven methods 1, Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 30 (7), Stedman 115 (44), non-conducted Erin 2, Oxford Bob 2, Darlaston Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 38 (5), Kent Treble Bob 32, Oxford Treble Bob 5, Oxford and Kent 1, Little Bob 2, Double Norwich 15 (1), Cambridge Surprise 18, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 1, Staffordshire 1, London 1 (on treble), Bristol 1 (on treble).

Caters.—Grandsire 22 (1), Stedman 76 (4), Erin 1, Double Norwich 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 13 (2), Kent Treble Bob 11 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 2.

Cinques.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 64.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 3.

Handbells.—Doubles, three methods 1.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty-five members and friends attended the Society's August meeting held on August 8th at Barton-on-Humber. It was a beautiful day, in fact too beautiful as so little water was left in the Humber that ferries were cancelled and ringers from the north side were held up for two hours. Ringers from the south side, however, kept the bells of St. Peter's going, and the northern ringers were welcomed to the town to the strains of Stedman Triples.

The Vicar, the Rev. G. Sylvester, conducted evensong in St. Peter's Church, and with his warden, Dr. F. P. Burstwhistle, joined the ringers at tea in the Church Hall.

The president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, welcomed the visitors—Miss A. Clarke, of Kingston-on-Thames, and Mr. A. Simpson, Cotgrave, Notts—to the meeting, and special note was made of the occasion of three generations of Mr. A. Hoodless' family taking part in the ringing. Dr. Burstwhistle gave a greeting to the ringers from his home district of Beverley, and the Vicar gave the company a hearty welcome and an invitation to come again.

Further ringing took place on the bells of St. Mary's. Standard methods, Little Bob and Double Norwich were rung during the day.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 12th, 1913

DUBLIN

The Irish Association

On Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, 1913, in 3 hours and 9 minutes

At the National Cathedral of St. Patrick

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5,040

CHANGES

Tenor 19 cwt.

Christopher Murray	.. Treble
Edward Lutman	.. 2
Robert Tait	.. 3
Richard Lynch	.. 4
George Booker	.. 5
George F. Wilmot	.. 6
Gabriel Lindoff	.. 7
John Hutchinson	.. Tenor

Composed and conducted by Gabriel Lindoff.

The first peal in the method by all, and in Ireland.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'MINOR FIVES'—A WAGER IN BAD TASTE

Dear Sir,—My explanation of the geographical situation of Everton-cum-Tetworth was given for the help of Mr. Barnett, who seemed confused, perhaps rightly so, in regard to the carve-up of this parish by the county boundaries. Mr. Amos merely wasted valuable space in commenting on this aspect of the matter at all!

Whilst at school during the years of the first world war I received a first-class instruction in both tonic sol-fa and staff notation from a headmaster who was a good pianist and who knew his job! I never aspired to become an instrumentalist. But, on taking up ringing in November, 1922, I found the tonic sol-fa side an immense help. Whilst ringing I always think of the bells in action in terms of tonic sol-fa, never in figures.

Up to now this habit of mine has assisted me in ringing 128 peals, which number includes six Double Norwich Court Bob Major (one 'in hand'), peals in the well-known Surprise Major methods, London, Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire, and Cambridge from Minor to Maximus! I have never yet seen the name of Mr. Amos recorded in your columns as having taken part in a peal or quarter peal of any advanced method, so will leave it to your readers to judge as to which of us made the most use of his musical education, as applied to ringing!

I first heard Everdon bells from the main road at Dodford whilst on my way home from a meeting at this tower in March, 1927, and still have memories of their fine tone at the time. I rang on them on July 23rd, the same year, at a Daventry branch meeting. On both these occasions the bells gave the notes soh, fa, me, ray, doh, and, unless Mr. Amos or some other clever person has been attempting to lower the note of the third with a chisel and hammer, they still sound the same!

The bells at Waffingham, visited by me on November 3rd, 1935, give the notes: te, la, soh, fa, me. I took particular notice of this, as it was the first five of this type I found hung for ringing. Weston Favell I visited on August 23rd, 1939, when Mr. Robinson was in charge of the tower. I had previously heard about this 'doh, te, lah, soh, fa' business and listened to the bells outside to confirm it or otherwise. Despite anything Mr. Amos may say to the contrary, the bells ARE the front five of an octave!

In attempting to make a wager on the tones of Everdon bells, Mr. Amos seems to have overlooked a point which is always to the forefront in the minds of all who have the best interests of the Exercise at heart. Bells are hung in church towers to the glory of God and consecrated in the service of His Church. This not only shows the wager to be in bad taste, but holds up the position of Mr. Amos as a church worker to ridicule and derision. Need I say more?

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coundon, Coventry.

BELLS OVER THE BALTIC

Dear Sir,—Following a recent item in 'The Ringing World' under this heading, I received the following letter on August 31st:—

'Dear Mr. Thurlow.—When I called at Norwich and received from you plenty of interesting information about bell ringing and especially change ringing there, I promised to let you know at what time my programme on these matters would appear on the Finnish Radio. Now I know it: it will be broadcast on Sept. 9th at 19.55–20.30 Finnish time, or 18.55–19.30 B.S.T., if you still have summer time. The programme is in Finnish and its heading is "Kellonsoittajaväljesten maasa" (In the Country of the Bellringers). It will be sent out, i.e., over Lahti station (254 kHz, 1181 m.—our strongest transmitter broadcasting on long waves) and over Pori (on short waves, 19.75 m.).

'I know it is rather difficult to hear the Finnish stations in England, but a promise is a promise and in this way I still have an opportunity to thank you for your valuable help and your great kindness. I have read your book and found in it quite a lot of subject-matter for my programme.—Yours sincerely, Vilhelm Zilliacus, Assistant to the Finnish Programme Director.'

If anyone can give any advice as to how to make sure of hearing Lahti, I should be grateful, as evidently doing this is not so easy as buying my book.—Yours faithfully,

GILBERT THURLOW.

The Exchequer House, Norwich.

HERTS AND BEDS RINGS IN A MINOR KEY

Dear Sir,—With reference to recent correspondence on the subject, I have visited the churches at Roxton, Beds, and nearby Everton-cum-Tetworth, Hunts, and find that neither peal of five is in a minor key.

Roxton has a recast ring, by Warners, of 1893. Mr. Stote is correct in his boundary details around Everton. It is a Huntingdonshire parish and the part of it in which the church lies is detached from the rest of the county by an arm of Cambridgeshire, Gamlingay parish. The portion of the parish in which Tetworth hamlet itself lies is in the body of Huntingdonshire, but to find the church one must first go to Everton, Beds, whence it is about one hundred yards.

Everton-cum-Tetworth bells are a mixed ring in a tall, 14th century sandstone tower crowning a sandy ridge above the River Ouse valley. The oldest is the 4th, cast by John Dier about 1590. They were rehung in 1894 and the tenor was recast. The third is slightly flat and the tenor a trifle sharp, and this might give the impression that it is a minor ring, but this is unintentional and the intervals of pitch of the other bells make the whole scale a major one. They are not often rung.

I know of two minor fives in Hertfordshire which have become minor sixes by the addition of a treble. These are Essendon (1769) and St. Paul's, Walden (1937). The date is that of augmentation. Essendon's are a very pretty ring; the old bells are by Richard Chandler, 1681–5, and the treble by Thos. Pack, of London. St. Paul's, Walden, with a fine 17 cwt. tenor, seem less well in tune, as though an unsuccessful attempt has been made to tune up the flat bell, the 4th, into a major key. Four of the old bells, including the flat bell, are inscribed 'Chandler, 1665.' A district meeting will shortly take place here and will enable interested visitors to appraise these odd bells.

Another possible minor ring is in the ruined tower at Hexton, Herts, of which I wrote some months ago. Nothing has been done yet to bring the bells to safety, but fortunately no further dilapidation has taken place, though I fear the effects of another severe gale. The three bells strike 'soh, fah, me,' and the vacant pits where a treble (headstock still in place) and a tenor (traditionally) once hung can be seen. This makes a minor five; the flat middle bell is a fine 14th century specimen ('Ave Maria' preceded by an initial cross used by William Rufford); the other two are from the Chandler foundry, 1688–1697.

The sad tones of many mediaeval bells lend themselves to minor scales, and Hexton may thus provide an example, but I quote the founders because I have a theory that the Chandler family, founders from Drayton Parslow, Bucks, in the 17th century, were fond of providing minor rings. Has anyone any further evidence to support this idea?—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin, Herts.

LITTLE METHODS

Dear Sir,—An anomalous situation has arisen regarding the naming of 'Little' methods. The Methods Committee has decided that, in all extensions of a given Little method, the treble shall make the SAME PLACE as in the parent method, and Mr. York-Bramble, with whom I have discussed this matter, is in complete agreement.

Several peals have been rung, however, in which the method which should be called Gainsborough Little Bob Royal (treble to 6ths place) has been called Medium Bob Royal. It was called Medium Bob by the Cambridge University Guild, as, at that time, Gainsborough Little Bob Royal was thought to be treble to 8ths place not 6ths; under the new ruling the name Medium Bob is redundant.

In an attempt to clarify the position, we have rung a peal of Maximus containing all the various sizes of 'Little' methods, and we have named those ourselves, which have not, so far as we know, been named before (or which have been incorrectly named as extensions of other methods).

The following is a table of such methods:—

Place made by the treble	2nds at the lead end	Plain hunting at the lead end
2nds	—	Bastow
4ths	Little Bob	Little Court Crayford
6ths	Gainsborough Little Bob	Little Court Wellington
8ths	Burford Little Bob*	Little Court Churchill
10ths	Bampton Little Bob*	Little Court* Cassington

The four methods marked with * are the ones which we have named ourselves. If they have been rung before and named differently, we shall be very glad to use the names previously given.

This is all rather complicated, but is, I hope, clear. The essential point to realise is that, in all extensions of a given Little method, the treble does the same thing as in the parent method.—Yours sincerely,

O. M. SLANEY.

Basford, Newcastle, Staffs.

WANTS TO JOIN LONDON TOWER

Dear Sir,—A lady ringer from my tower, is soon to commence a two-year course at a college in South Kensington and would like to join a tower in that district. I should be glad if any London ringer would write to me at my home address giving a tower where she would be welcome.—Yours faithfully,

F. B. DITCHER.

19, High Storrs Drive, Sheffield 11.

Stockland, Devon, Bells To Be Retuned

The six bells at Stockland, Devon, have been removed to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough for retuning, and a new steel frame is to be provided in place of the 500-year-old oak frame, which had become very weak in places.

Ten years ago Mr. Priddy, a Stockland man, left a legacy of £500 for the renovation of the bells. After the war a renovation scheme was submitted and endorsed by Preb. E. V. Cox, who was born in Stockland Vicarage. The cost was in the region of £1,000. This year an appeal fund has raised about £390, and it is hoped to clear any liability by the end of the year. The bells will be away about six months.

YOUNG SOUTH STAFFS RINGERS TOUR GLOUCESTERSHIRE

425 Miles Covered on Cycles in Moderate Weather

SATURDAY, July 25th, saw six young ringers on cycles assemble outside All Saints' Church, Stone, Gloucestershire. They had started on a nine-day tour which was to take them to many churches in Gloucestershire and to make many new friendships. The party consisted of Trevor Reynolds, of Wolverhampton; John Holmden, of Newchurch, near Burton-on-Trent; Clive M. Smith, David Barr and Bryan Carson, all of Little Aston, near Lichfield; and John R. Joyner, of Rugeley. For this afternoon we were also joined by Ron Forster, who was to meet us several times during the week.

Ringling on the light six (tenor 7½ cwt.) at Stone was mainly Doubles, as the tenor seemed to disapprove of Minor. All Saints—this being the dedication of the church—was rung as a final touch before we went out into the rain. Seven miles over wet roads brought us to Thornbury. As there were only seven of us, Trevor rang the front two so that we could hear this nicely toned ring of eight. The usual methods were rung on the back six (tenor 24 cwt. in E flat). After lowering in peal, a long climb to Alveston brought us to a small church dedicated to St. Helen, on the side of the main Gloucester-Bristol road. We were welcomed by Mr. E. Ball, who gave us the freedom of this excellent ring of six (tenor 15 cwt. in F). The ringing now completed for this the first day, we made for our headquarters, which were at Downend, Bristol, where we were given a great welcome by Mr. and Mrs. G. Joyner.

Sunday was free as far as ringing was concerned, and churches visited by various members of the party were Clifton and St. Stephen's, St. James', SS, Philip and Jacob's, Christ Church, St. Ambrose, and the beautiful twelve (tenor 50 cwt.) at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the tower captains for putting up with the various 'tower-snatchers' and allowing us to ring with them for the Sunday services.

MONDAY

By 9 o'clock the party was on the road heading for Pucklechurch, where we were joined by Mr. W. F. Scudamore and David Pennal, who stayed with us for the rest of the day. The six bells (tenor 12½ cwt. in E flat) were rung to various Minor and Doubles methods before we moved on to the very nice ring of six at Abson (tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp). Here the four standard methods were brought round and we were very sorry to leave in order to cycle to Westerleigh in the heavy rain, which had been threatening us since we left Bristol. The heavy ring of six (tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat) are excellent in every way, and we rang with Mr. J. Ferris and his band, who had placed the bells at our disposal.

After an excellent lunch in Chipping Sodbury, not to mention half an hour's diligent search for the tower key, a rather brief but none the less enjoyable ring was had on the six bells (tenor 16 cwt. in F), which were rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1951. Thanks to Mr. Scudamore's efforts, Yate was 'snatched.' Here there are nicely toned bells, but 'go' all their weight (tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat), although only rehung in 1951. St. Saviour's, Coalpit Heath, bells are an excellent Taylor six (tenor 10½ cwt. in G). The 'go' being all that could be desired, various methods were rung, including a touch of Little Bob Minor, being the 'first in the method' for three of the band. We were sorry to leave, but more ringing was to come before the company could retire to bed.

After H.Q. had been 'invaded' for tea, Knowle, the only Somerset tower of the tour, was visited and ringing on this light eight (tenor

12½ cwt. in G) was very enjoyable. The tall, slender, brick tower is all that remains of Holy Nativity Church, which was burned to the ground during the Bristol air raids. Fortunately the bells suffered no damage, although the tower tends to sway more now. As there was supposed to be a practice at Winterbourne, we went to this church, but found nobody there. However, Trevor got permission from the Vicar for us, and with the help of a local ringer and his wife we had a short ring on this heavy six (tenor 21 cwt.) before returning to Downend for refreshments and bed.

TUESDAY

We bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Joyner early in the morning and set off on the 40-mile trip to Stonehouse, near Stroud, which was to be our new H.Q. for the rest of the week. Ringling on the way up commenced at Wickwar, an excellent six (tenor 12 cwt.). At Cromhall we were met by Miss Drew and the Vicar (Rev. W. F. Burlton), who both rang in touches on this pleasant Gillett and Johnston six (tenor 12½ cwt.). Kent and Oxford and Single Oxford were amongst the methods accomplished here.

In the afternoon the first church visited was St. Leonard's, Tortworth, where the usual Doubles and Minor methods were rung on this six (tenor 12½ cwt.), then a long climb to St. Cyr's, Stinchcombe, where a good start was made by the tenor rope parting just below the sally, not to mention trouble with a clock hammer. After the tying of knots we rang rounds and Grandsire Doubles on this rather clumsy six (tenor 13½ cwt. in E), which are not rung regularly now. After leaving a note of explanation in the belfry, a move was made to Cam, where at St. George's Church we were met by Ron Fox, who remained with us for the following two days. This ring of six (tenor 14½ cwt. in F) was a pleasant change, and St. George's Doubles was among the methods rung.

After inspecting our new H.Q. at Stonehouse we all joined the Stroud ringers at their practice on this nice ten (tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat). The ten-bell ringing was a very welcome change. Having heard that at Painswick (12, 25½ cwt.) the band also practise on a Tuesday night, Bryan and Clive borrowed David's tandem and literally nearly flew to St. Mary's Church. They would like to thank the Painswick ringers for so kindly extending their practice a few minutes for their benefit.

WEDNESDAY

After a 15-mile run had been completed, Sandhurst was reached. The three from Little Aston arrived very late for reasons best known to themselves. (Did somebody mumble Haresfield?) At Sandhurst, which was David Barr's hundredth tower, we were joined by Miss Drew and Miss Edwards, of Cromhall, a ringer on holiday from Somerset, Miss Sheppard, and two local ringers. These nice eight (tenor 15 cwt.) were kept going to some well-struck Triples. The next parish, Ashleworth, was reached by crossing the River Severn in a very primitive punt which allowed as much water to come over the sides as through the bottom. After a key-hunt the six bells, with a tenor of 18 cwt. in E, were raised in peal, the tenor being found to be half-muffled as backstroke. Eventually, after some hard work on the tenor, some Bob Minor was brought round. After dinner the eight (tenor 10½ cwt. in F) at Norton were visited, where an enjoyable half-hour was spent.

The next village, Churchdown, does not live up to its name, the church being on top of a steep hill (most cycles were abandoned half-way up). The ringing here on the six (tenor 10½ cwt. in G) was of a good standard throughout. The six bells (tenor 13 cwt. in F) at St. George's, Brockworth, were rung to the accompaniment of many bangs and bumps from above. When Trevor investigated for us he discovered the clappers swung in all directions

instead of just the way the bells swung. St. George's Doubles was among the methods rung. Thanks to Bryan and David seeing the Vicar, an extra tower on the programme was visited, namely, Holy Trinity Church, Badgeworth (six, tenor 17 cwt.). One of the bells here has an unusual inscription:—

'Badgeworth ringers they were mad,
Because Biggie made me bad,
But Abel Rudhall you may see,
Hath made me better than Biggie, 1742.'

This is an example of the ancient rivalry between the bell founders of those days. This was also Clive's 200th tower.

The light Gillett and Johnston six (tenor 6½ cwt.) at Great Witcombe were rung with ease to many methods, as the 'go' is perfect. Our thanks are tendered to the Vicar and his wife for the refreshing soft drinks. After an extremely long and steep climb, the small Church of St. James, Cranham, was reached. Here we were joined for a practice by Miss Sheppard, Mr. T. Price and Mr. T. Pritchard. The Rev. H. M. Thomas and Miss Thomas kindly supplied the ringers with refreshments. After a good hour's ring on this nice six (tenor 9½ cwt.) a tired party thankfully reached H.Q. by 10.30.

THURSDAY

The towers to be visited had been arranged to give the band an easier day after the last two strenuous days. At the first church, St. Mary's, Frampton-on-Severn (six, 11 cwt.), one of the local ringers joined in some Bob Minor. The tone of the bells, which are rung from the ground floor and hardly audible, could be improved upon. Here John Joyner recorded his 150th tower. We were met by the Vicar at Moreton-Valence, where the tone of the six bells (tenor 10 cwt.) is good, but rehanging would be an improvement. Owing to the frame having become loose at Whitminster since the arrangements had been made, St. Mary's Church, Arlingham, was visited instead. The ringing on the six here (tenor 11 cwt.) brought local folk out, as they were not used to the bells being rung in the middle of a weekday afternoon. The next tower visited was one of the best of the week, namely, St. John's, Elmore, a Taylor six (tenor 11 cwt.). The 'go,' circle and tone live up to the founders' good name.

Two unofficial towers were quickly 'snatched' after Elmore. At the first, Hardwicke, an excellent six (tenor 11½ cwt.), Trevor rang the front two to several plain courses of Grandsire Doubles as there were only five of us. This was also Trevor's 700th tower. After a quick tea in Stonehouse, the same five enthusiasts tore off to Standish where they were joined by Ron Forster. The six bells here (tenor 12½ cwt.) are very good. A couple of six-scores were enjoyed on these bells, which are hung in three tiers, before lowering in peal.

Back to the programme again and the last official tower of the day was visited. This was Eastington, where there are six bells dominated by a 12½ cwt. tenor. This tower will not be found in Mr. Dove's Guide through no fault of his, but because they have recently been removed to Eastington from Frocester, a neighbouring parish. St. Peter's Church, Frocester, is being pulled down as it is one and a half miles out of the village. An hour's good ringing was enjoyed with Mr. Price at Eastington. The 'go' of these bells is excellent considering a local builder did the removing.

FRIDAY

In continuous and heavy rain the band cycled the 20 miles to Churcham, where a brief ring was had on this moderate six (tenor 13½ cwt.) before moving on to Huntley, where we had a hearty welcome from the Vicar before ringing on the 9 cwt. six here, which are rung from

the ground floor. The fourth here is a pre-Reformation bell. After a break in Longhope Village for a snack and to repair a slow puncture, we retired to the Parish Church of All Saints. When ringing the third bell here it was almost impossible to see the rope of the second bell because the staircase to the belfry was in the way, but despite this some quite good ringing was enjoyed on this 12 cwt. six. Half-way through ringing we were glad to see Ron Forster's face appear in the doorway, and he stayed with us for the rest of the afternoon.

After a fairly flat run we arrived at Blaisdon, where the Vicar and his wife gave us a good welcome. The former told us he was a ringer but preferred to ring the tenor behind, so, as he put it, to be 'out of trouble.' The bells are a good six all round, with a tenor 7 cwt. A pleasant downhill run and we were confronted with the spire of the detached tower of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Westbury-on-Severn. Here we were met by some of the local ringers, who joined in with us. Despite the weight of this nicely toned six (tenor 21½ cwt. in E), one of the local ringers told us they had a complete band of girls who could ring Minor by themselves. We tried some Kent Treble Bob, but we, the weaker male sex, decided it was easier to stick to Doubles.

Tea over, the band reassembled at St. Mary-de-Lode's Church, Gloucester, where we were met by the local captain, Mr. H. Worrall, and two of his band. The Vicar also had a brief word with us. The six here (tenor 144 cwt.) are excellent considering they are old bells on plain bearings, and it was a treat to ring them. Very weary ringers were glad to be in their beds that night, as they had already cycled 350 miles.

SATURDAY

Although still rather tired, the party were eager to be on the road and were soon wending their way to Longney (eight, 14 cwt.), where the only peal of the week had been arranged. This was successfully scored in 2 hours 50 minutes, thanks to Mr. L. Barry's conducting it for us, the method being Grandsire Triples. It was John Holmden's, David's and Bryan's first peal on eight bells, Clive's and Bryan's 25th together, and John Joyner's 25th peal. Unfortunately, John Holmden had to leave us after the peal and we wished him farewell as we made for H.Q. for a short rest and dinner.

Afterwards the band assembled with Miss Sheppard at Woodchester, famous for its band of handbell ringers, although the six tower bells (tenor 9 cwt.) seemed to be rather neglected in more senses than one. A very long, steep climb in sweltering heat was experienced before Minchinhampton, a real Cotswold village, was reached, where the party stocked up with ice-cream, 'pop' and sweets. Holy Trinity Church has a very unusual tower which houses an excellent ring of six (tenor 13 cwt. in G). As Trevor had to catch a train, he only stopped for one touch with us; the back five were made good use of, however. After a very welcome downhill run, we arrived at the village of Chalford. Here at Christ Church we were joined by Miss Sheppard again, this being her 'home tower,' to ring their steel bells (six, 10 cwt.). The 'go' is quite good and the tone is not as bad as the band had expected. The clappers are arranged like those in handbells, having springs to rest the clappers on when the bells are set. By slightly pulling at the sally the clapper will knock up and down on the bell. Bryan was thrilled at being able to 'chime' a bell when it was up. After we had climbed up to look at the rather rusty bells, Miss Sheppard very kindly took us to her home, where Mrs. Sheppard, a grand old lady of 90, welcomed us. Here we had an excellent tea, for which we extend our sincere thanks.

For our evening ring we cycled, via Stroud, to Haresfield, where we found an excellent six (tenor 13 cwt.), which had recently been rehung and returned by Mears and Stainbank. Here we enjoyed various Doubles and Minor methods before returning to H.Q.

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MR. PUNCH CONDUCTS A 'BELFRY PROBE'

In response to the request of many readers, the proprietors of 'Punch' have graciously given permission for the following article by Alan Hackney, entitled 'Belfry Probe,' to be reproduced in 'The Ringing World'

'*N*EAR upon half a century of apathy,' it said in the paper round the fish, 'has cast around Stedman Triples a shroud of impenetrable mystery almost romantic in its completeness.'

I usually let this sort of challenge go, but one can get too soft. I removed the fillet with an open mind and read on.

The wrapping, a copy of the campanological paper *The Split Eardrum*, proved to be baffling. The search for more clues about Stedman Triples led me first through damp columns of what appeared to be election results. These proved to be records of peals rung (5040 little Bob Major at Chester, 5280 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Halifax) and fairly plain sailing. More striking, perhaps was an advertisement for a roguish little book by a parson called 'Surprise Methods,' but the only mention of the elusive Stedman was in a brief report of a spree by some Bristol ringers. 'Ringing for the day,' it said, 'finished on the twelve at St. Mary's, and while some of the party quenched their thirst in the King's Head, the handbell enthusiasts enjoyed a little Stedman, Kent and Double Norwich.'

This seems to confirm the view I had been tentatively forming that these Triples were probably alcoholic. On the skin side of the fillet, however, I was able to read the entire article from which the first mention of them had become detached. The most significant part was this:

'On May 18th, 1846, the famous Four-Part was rung on the front eight at St. Martin's. Meeting short for a ten-bell practice, the company decided to go for a peal. It was, of course, the first peal of Stedman Triples to be

rung with common bobs and singles only and it marked the end of the long and arduous struggles of the Birmingham Composers. To Lates it came as a complete surprise. He was outside the tower when the band came down after the peal, and accosted Johnson with the amazed query, "Why, Harry, what peal have you been ringing? The bells came round with a common single." "I know they did!" said Johnson. "It was one of Tom's with two common singles, and now you can have it."

'And John Day remarks, "Those who knew Lates could form a pretty shrewd idea of what he would say after that."'

To get to the bottom of it all, it seemed sensible to start on the column headed 'FOR BEGINNERS,' with the sub-title 'XXII. Here-ward and London Bob.'

Here it said:

'The real object of these articles has been to show that ringers, with an exercise of average intelligence, will find it perfectly easy to extend their practice from one to a number of methods.

'The changes of a plain course can be knit together in one or other of the following ways:

'By 2nds only, when treble leads.

'By 6ths only, when treble leads.

'By 5ths, when treble is behind, and 2nds.

'By 5ths, when treble is behind, and 6ths.'

I bitterly regretted having missed the first XXI articles.

The reference to 'average intelligence' hurt a little, but I skipped down the column till I came to:

'Here is an interesting thing to do. Write out a full course of one of the methods, cut it into ten pieces by dividing it between the rows when the treble is behind and when it is leading. With these ten pieces you can reconstruct any of the four methods.'

I contemplated this slowly for some time.

I then discovered that I must have tried abstractedly to make it all more concrete by dividing the fish into ten pieces, which lay accusingly on the draining board.

It proved impossible, however, to reconstruct the fillet into its original aerodynamic form before my wife arrived with the vegetables.

'Here,' I said ingratiatingly, holding out the sodden instructions as I edged towards the door, 'is an interesting thing to do.'

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HOMEWARD BOUND

Sunday, the last day, came all too soon, and we left Stonehouse for the last time at 8.30 a.m., making for Gloucester Cathedral, where at 9.15 we received a welcome from the ringers here and enjoyed an hour's ringing on this excellent eight (tenor 25 cwt.). Leaving here at 10.30, a mad dash was made for Barnwood, where we were just in time to take part in a respectable fall, the correct way to finish an enjoyable ringing tour.

In all over 425 miles were covered, to visit 52 towers, in which the following methods were rung during the week: Rounds on twelve, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Little Bob and Cambridge S. Minor. The Doubles merchants enjoyed Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. George's, St. Nicholas's, St. Thomas', April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, All Saints', Little Aston and Plain Bob.

In conclusion we would like to thank all those of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association who helped us, all who met us, the various incumbents for use of their bells, Mr. Leslie Barry for conducting our peal, and not forgetting John R. Joyner, who arranged the tour from this end. C. M. S.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED LASBURY

Ringers throughout South Wales will learn with regret of the fatal injury to Mr. Fred Lasbury, of St. Peter's (Pentre) Society of Change Ringers, Pentre, Rhondda, whilst following his occupation as a miner. He was 57 years of age.

Mr. Lasbury came to the Rhondda nearly 40 years ago from Compton Martin, Somerset. Joining the St. Peter's Society in 1915, he soon became an efficient and capable change ringer and was a member of the local band who in 1931 rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by a local band in Wales. His 30 peals on St. Peter's bells included all the standard methods, Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Treble Bob and Double Norwich. He also conducted a peal of Superlative Surprise. Other peals were rung in various South Wales towers, where he was popular and highly respected.

Keenly interested in church affairs, Mr. Lasbury was a chorister, sidesman and a member of the C.E.M.S. His genial disposition, even temperament and readiness to help forward all that was truest and best amongst men made him a fine example of Christian witness.

Brother ringers acted as bearers at his funeral, and immediately after the service the bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled, Mr. Trevor Roderick assisting by conducting touches of Stedman Triples. Later in the day and on the following Sunday the St. Peter's ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob, including 840 Grandsire Triples.

MR. ALFRED SWAN

The death occurred at Chalfont Hospital on August 26th of Mr. Alfred Swan, age 72, after a long illness. A native of the Canterbury (Kent) district, he went to Chalfont at the age of 12, and soon joined the local tower, where he remained to complete approximately 50 years of ringing. Alf, as he was known, served the tower well, as captain for a number of years and towerkeeper for 21 years. Punctual and regular for all occasions, he leaves a gap that will be hard to fill. The last time he climbed the tower was to ring rounds with his daughter, son-in-law and grandson (aged 10). He rang a few Minor peals, some with J. J. Parker, of Grandsire fame. His favourite method was Kent. He leaves a widow, son and two daughters, for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. C. Mackenzie). Old ringing friends attending included Mr. F. Bolton and Mr. Parker. In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung.

Odd-Bob Peal of Stedman Triples

By BRIAN D. PRICE

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First rung at Ilkeston, August 29th, 1953, conducted by C. Glenn.

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HEREFORD RINGERS AT WINDSOR

Saturday, August 29th, will be remembered by the Kingston ringers not only for the torrential downpour, but for a successful visit to Windsor. They enjoyed ringing at Brockworth (Glos), Stanford-in-the-Vale (Berks) and Eynsham (Oxon). The success of the trip was attributed to the organisation by Messrs. L. Miles and D. Roberts.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

After September 19th, the address of Mr. Eric Nobles will be 14, Millway, Duston, Northants. 3117

PUBLICATION

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Will all ringers coming to the University and associated colleges, as freshers, this October, please contact Miss J. A. Rose, Sec., 24, Carnarvon Road, Redland, Bristol 6. 3088

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—All ringers and interested persons coming to Manchester this session are cordially welcome. Further details from the Ringing Master, W. L. Robinson, 13, Peveril Road, Eckington, Sheffield. 2771

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 3086

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8) instead of Coleman's Hatch (not available) Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Foresters Arms. Please notify Mr. Homfray, Hillside, Old Forge Lane, Horney Common, near Uckfield. 3082

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Haddenham (6), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3016

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 3109

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Shalford (5), Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, for tea. Wethersfield (6) available after 7 p.m. 3051

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Teynham, Sept. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—B. J. Luck. 3063

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12th. St. Mary's, Finchley. Bells 3.15. Tea locally 4.45. Business in tower 6 p.m. and further ringing after.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. Wanstead 1575. 3090

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Tea shops nearby.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 3094

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ripple, Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3105

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—The dedication of the recast ring of eight bells by the Lord Bishop of Sherborne will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, at 5.30 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the bells will be open to visiting ringers from 2.30 to 4.30 and from 5.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. provided free for those only who notify Canon C. C. Cox by Sept. 15th. 3052

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Clapton-in-Gordano, Sept. 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3147

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting, Aspley Guise, 3 p.m., Saturday, September 19th. Please send names for tea (5 p.m.).—Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 3148

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton, September 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent before September 16th to Mr. S. Sutton, Cuckoo Lane, Acton, Nantwich.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 3126

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Capenhurst (6), September 19th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by September 15th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3144

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Meeting at Bulkington, September 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (Special method, Lincolnshire).—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 3112

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 19th, Newton-Hall, St. James. Tea, arranged without notice.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3113

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 19th, at Holywell (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 3145

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Withington (6), September 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea to P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 3133

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, September 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Welton, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 3132

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, September 19th, Hatfield (10), 2.45 to 5.30. St. Peter's, St. Albans (10) in evening. Own tea arrangements.—W. J. S. 3131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Boughton Monchelsea (6), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 3097

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Cuxton (5), Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Please note change of date. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Sept. 15th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3103

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION & LADIES' GUILD.—Furness and Lake District and North-Western District.—Combined meeting at Kendal Holy Trinity (10) on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to N. Nightingale, 34, Greengate, Kendal, Westmorland.—Miss F. Laffin and N. M. Newby, Secs. 3140

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3142

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Sefton (8), September 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring some tea.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 3142

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston, St. Mark's, Saturday, September 19th. Bring own food. Eccleston meeting postponed.—L. Walmsley. 3122

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Medbourne, Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, Horse and Trumpet.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3122

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — September 19th, at Barrow-upon-Soar. Usual arrangements. Tea, at Boathouse, guaranteed for first twenty names sent to B. S. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 3134

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District. — Next meeting will be at Broughton on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 3108

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Hampton (8), September 19th. Bells 3 to 4.45. Service and tea. Sunbury-on-Thames (8) 6.30 to 8.30.—F. W. Goodfellow, Dis. Hon. Sec. 3130

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Norton Subcourse, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 16th, to Mr. G. G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3076

N. STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Uttoxeter, Saturday, Sept. 19th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 125, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3118

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Durweston on Saturday, September 19th. Welcome to visitors Write, Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 3077

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swanage on September 19th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea for those who notify by September 16th J. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. Kingston bells in the evening. 3125

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bromley, September 19th. Bells 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting and ringing afterwards. Names for tea by September 16th to Mr. P. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley, Kent. Visitors welcome.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 3136

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Downham on Saturday, September 19th, at 3 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—P. A. Sadler. 3124

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Burstow, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 3-4.40 and after meeting. Tea (2s. 9d.) 5. Business meeting 5.45. Look up Double Oxford and Little Bob. Bus 424 to Broadbridge Lane. Notifications, by Sept. 17th, to L. Penfold, Rebow, New Road, Smallfield, Horley. 3096

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting September 19th, Ringmer. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by 16th to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 3111

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Vine Inn. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 3089

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Kingswinford (8) 3 p.m. Saturday, September 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Tea for those who notify me by Thursday, September 17th.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3121

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September general meeting will be held at Wetherby on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Committee meet 3 p.m. prompt in the Church Room. Service 4.15 p.m. at St. James', Wetherby. Tea (2s. 6d.) served 5 p.m. in Church Room, followed by general meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea, by 16th, to Mr. C. Maxfield, 7, West Avenue, Boston Spa, Yorks. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.: Wetherby (8), Collingham (8) and Kirk Deighton. Please note arrangements as no circulars will be issued.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3087

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Saturday, Sept. 26th, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Reigate. 3146

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Darlington on September 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity 10.30-11.30 and 2-3.30.; St. John's 11.30-12.30 and 2-3.30.; St. Cuthbert's 3-4.30. All towers available after meeting. Committee 3.30 in St. Cuthbert's Vestry. Service 4.30 at St. Cuthbert's. Tea 5.15 (with meeting following) St. Cuthbert's Hall. Names for tea by September 22nd to T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road. 3139

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest Kirkburton, Saturday, September 26th. For teas, please write before September 19th to R. E. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton.—A. Farrand, Sec. 3127

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting at Ashford, September 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, please notify Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, Kent. 3110

LADIES GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Derby, Sept. 26th. St. Andrew's bells 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Pierpoint Restaurant 5 p.m. St. Luke's bells available after tea. Names for tea should be sent not later than Thursday, September 24th, to Mr. G. Freebrey, 76, St. Thomas Road, Derby.—J. Stanforth, Hon. Sec. 3135

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch. — Meeting at Caerphilly, Saturday, September 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 3114

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Bigby, September 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than September 22nd, to L. Bowness, Bigby, Barnetby, Lincs. 3119

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Brightwell, September 26th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by 22nd to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon, Berks. 3115

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Wootton, September 26th. Names for tea by September 22nd to B. L. Smart, 4, Water Lane, Wootton.—E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec. 3116

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Collingham, Saturday, September 26th. 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. South Collingham after tea.—P. N. White. 3128

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, King George Hotel, Barnsley, Saturday, October 10th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each. Names for these must reach me not later than October 3rd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3143

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held at Cockayne's Restaurant, Wolstenholme Hall, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 24th, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, from Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. Ringing at the Cathedral (12, tenor 40 cwt.), St. Marie's R.C. (8, tenor 25 cwt.) and others. (Further details and times later.) Tower bell peals will be arranged Friday evening and Saturday morning. Those requiring peals write to Mr. J. E. Turley, 356, Main Road, Sheffield 9, stating method preferred and capabilities. Handbell peals will also be arranged, if required, by Mr. W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. Quarter peals can also be rung on Sunday at various towers. Offers of and requests for suitable accommodation contact the undersigned. A hearty welcome is assured.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3138

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A very happy and successful meeting was held at Wentworth on August 8th. Ringing was delayed for a short while during the afternoon owing to weddings but after this good use was made of the bells. Tea was served at the George and Dragon and the business meeting was held in the same premises. The following towers were represented: Barnsley, Bawtry, Cawthorne, Crofton, Felkirk, Handsworth, Horbury, Sandal, Thrybergh, Wath-on-Dearne with the local company. The president was the chairman and the usual routine of business was soon disposed of. One new member was elected and Mr. I. Slack, secretary of Leeds District Society, was elected hon. life member. The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing followed until about 8.15 p.m. in a good variety of methods including some of the old irregular favourites with some very good striking; plenty of scope was also available for the beginners.

The annual cup contest will be held at Felkirk to-morrow, September 12th, and the annual dinner at Barnsley on October 10th.

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