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## OUR OUTING

By a Member of the Central Council

CONTRIBUTED articles giving accounts of ringers' outings almost invariably identify the ringers concerned and the towers visited. This precedent your contributor does not intend to follow as to some extent at any rate it limits the writer's field, for it is perhaps ungrateful, to say the least, having been received graciously and made welcome to the tower by members of the local band, to refer to the bells of a particular church as being splendid examples of the boiler maker's art or to make pointed reference by name to an unfortunate individual who, having been good enough to make arrangements for visitors to ring, entirely forgets on the day about the visit and has to be hunted to earth for his keys. Your contributor, still having in mind an awful Saturday some year or two ago when he, his thoughts diverted from ringing by the task of umpiring a cricket match, forgot about ringers who were visiting his church until their search party arrived to collect him, promptly and wholeheartedly forgave the secretary now at fault. He is a nice and obliging lad anyway, and who in the circumstances could be churlish enough not to accept his abject apologies unreservedly?

To the majority a ringers' outing consists of booking the date, perhaps saving sufficient of the wherewithal, getting up in the morning, a journey by coach, climbing so many stairs, ringing their allotted bells, disposing of the meals provided and then home with a few more towers added to their list.

To the organisers, however, there is a good deal more than this in the affair. Their job starts many weeks before the day and only those who have undertaken the task really appreciate the amount of work involved in booking the coach, picking out and fixing with suitable towers, ordering meals, working out the time table and making up the party. Added to this is the worry of filling the places of last-minute deserters and during the journey marshalling the stragglers, keeping the time table, persuading reluctant tyros to grab a rope, making sure that no one gets hanged and all the other small details which go to ensure a successful day.

On the outing which is the subject of this article there were ringers and non-ringers, mildly enthusiastic ringers, wildly enthusiastic ringers and fanatically enthusiastic ringers, and the organisers had to arrange a programme

to satisfy all. To see that there was sufficient ringing, not too much ringing and ample time left for some of the coach load to enjoy the boating, bumper cars, bathing belles and the hundred and one other attractions of a popular seaside resort.

As ringers we were not a band of experts. Indeed, we had one or two whose limit was rounds, two or three who had not progressed beyond plain hunting and one at least who did not aspire to anything more complicated than keeping the tenor behind.

We rang at four towers, three eights and a six. The eights were chosen as being as near home tower conditions for weight and draught as could be found on the chosen route. The six were included to enable the fanatics to while away the time allotted to those members of the party who wished to enjoy the more universally popular attractions of the resort.

We climbed the stairs of the first tower in company with a local ringer whose name and capabilities are well known to the Exercise at large, and in this august presence our captain must have wondered how our learners would acquit themselves. All went well, however. The instructions to catch the sally high and not to pull the front ones too hard at back stroke were faithfully observed, and our exalted receptionist complimented us by saying that he wished all visiting companies did as well on the bells as we had done. We trod on air as we wended our way to the coach park. Having gained confidence, our second eight was less of an ordeal, and all down to the youngest member, aged 12, who never before that day had put a hand to a foreign strand (rope, of course), rose nobly to the occasion to the obvious relief of our leader and in spite of the presence of non-ringing sightseers, consisting of wives, mothers, sisters, other people's sisters and friends, handled their ropes as well as they do at home.

Incidentally the general opinion of non-ringers who heard the second eight, both in and outside the tower, was that the whispers about boiler maker's products were not really merited. Outside they thought the bells were quite a pleasing ring, which shows the necessity of hearing both sides (in and out in this case) before being unduly critical.

We arrived punctually at the last tower only to find that the local secretary had forgotten all about us. We found him though and after removing lashings from a clapper we soon had this easy going and melodious eight in swing. A local ringer who joined us in a touch or two told us that of the last four parties who had paid that church a visit



we were the only ones who had not had a mishap. Two had broken a stay and one a rope by getting it jammed in the sally guide. Not in vain have been the oft repeated injunctions, 'Bring the back stroke right down. Catch the sally high. Don't pull so hard. You're not supposed to move the tower as well,' which in the gentle persuasive tones of our leader fall on the ears of learners in our tower. One by one our ringers faded out of this last tower leaving only the fanatics to round off the day assisted by a local ringer with a well-struck 120 of Grandsire Doubles and a fair fall on the back six.

This done, all that remained was for our leader to make a round of the local hostelries to collect the lads and, let's face it, some of the lassies, too, and then northward bound for home.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Sept. 8, 1953, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

### A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Treble	*PHILIP H. SPECK .. .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	HECTOR G. BIRD .. .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. .. 3	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. .. 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 10
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. .. 11
JOHN F. BUTLER .. .. 6	PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

The conductor's 100th peal as conductor at St. Martin's.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Oxford Society.)

On Fri., Aug. 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

### A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4½ cwt.

*J. H. GARDNER .. .. Treble	CHARLES COLES .. .. 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. .. 2	J. ADAMS .. .. 6
M. ANGELA CARTER .. .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. .. 7
†CHRISTINE M. HALL .. .. 4	EDWIN G. MOORE .. .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS E. SONE.

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

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

A birthday compliment to Miss M. A. Wood.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALAN CATTELL .. .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	†OWEN MICHAEL SLANEY .. 7
*PERCY STONE .. .. 4	ALAN CATTELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of London Surprise Major.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.
*PATRICIA D. PROWSE .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS .. 2	†C. KEITH BREWER .. .. 6
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. .. 3	A. HUBERT EPLETT .. .. 7
HARRY HARPER .. .. 4	J. L. GARNER HAYWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

A farewell to James P. Blond, and a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Polsue, churchwarden.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

### A PEAL OF 5040 HERWARD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

*IVY WERRETT (aged 12) Treble	HORACE E. WERRETT .. 5
JACK S. DEAR .. .. 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS .. .. 6
FRANK W. CROFT .. .. 3	DAVID L. GULLICK .. .. 7
PETER W. CROFT .. .. 4	GEORGE CHERRY .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung during the golden jubilee celebrations of Letchworth, first Garden City.

RANDWICK, N.S.W.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 6, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JUDE,

### A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21 cwt.
*JAMES GIDDENS .. .. Treble	†ELIZABETH M. SLOAN .. 5
†RUTH E. DONNELLY .. .. 2	WILLIAM M. ROWE .. .. 6
JOAN GRAY .. .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. 7
EDMUND J. FOWELL .. .. 4	RAYMOND B. ALTASS .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Sept. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. Treble	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	ANTHONY AGER .. .. 6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 7
PETER BORDER .. .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HELSTON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

### A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*A. HUBERT EPLETT .. Treble	HERBERT W. PERKINS .. 5
*JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 7
DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Surprise Major and 25th peal together.

A birthday compliment to Herbert C. Spencer.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS .. .. 5
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. 2	PETER CROOK .. .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	CHRIS M. P. JOHNSON .. 7
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 4	JOSEPH THORNEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung in honour of the 75th birthday of Mr. William E. Moxham, who has been a service ringer at the above church for 53 years.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROGER LEIGH .. .. Treble	*PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	*WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 6
*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	ERNEST J. GOWER .. .. 7
*RONALD EDGE .. .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 9, 1953, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6
MRS. J. R. SMITH .. .. 3	*JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 4	JOHN R. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 5
WALTER E. WILKINSON .. .. 2	RONALD EDGE .. .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 7
JEAN DAWSON .. .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES .. .. Treble	HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 5
HARRY TURNER .. .. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK .. .. 6
JAMES BENNETT .. .. 3	ALBERT PRYKE .. .. 7
FRANCIS R. GODDARD .. .. 4	JOHN SITCH .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. THORNLEY. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

## BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. FORDER .. .. Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. .. 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. .. 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON .. .. 6
GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. .. 3	ERNEST WHITING' .. .. 7
WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DAVID WILSON .. .. Treble	†ERNEST W. RAZZELL .. .. 5
LENA SKEET .. .. 2	RAYMOND OVERY .. .. 6
JAMES EDE .. .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 7
LESLIE PENFOLD .. .. 4	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY (C.C.C. 107).

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

Rung to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 4th, the 16th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the tenor, and the 15th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

## EXETER, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

*EDWARD W. BIFFIN .. .. Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD .. .. 5
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 2	†REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT .. 6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 4	JOHN B. BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Major. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

## HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.

*JOHN WEST .. .. Treble	*PETER J. CAME .. .. 5
PETER J. EVES .. .. 2	*ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 6
PERCY GREEN .. .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
†EDWARD W. ROAST .. .. 4	*JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

## EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. Treble	*LAURENCE T. MAINWARING .. 5
LESIE EVANS .. .. 2	HAROLD HUXLEY .. .. 6
MRS. E. CHANDLER .. .. 3	E. PETER ROCK .. .. 7
*MARY M. MIDDLEMISS .. 4	C. ARTHUR MANNING .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

## FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

JEAN C. BROWN .. .. Treble	ALAN PENDLEBURY .. .. 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON .. .. 2	ROY E. BROOM .. .. 6
STELLA WAIN .. .. 3	ALAN N. BROWN .. .. 7
ALLEN TWYMAN .. .. 4	ALAN J. BROWN .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alan Pendlebury.

## OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALBERT MALLEN .. .. Treble	*JAMES MARSHALL .. .. 5
DAVID M. LEES .. .. 2	RODERICK J. LEES .. .. 6
JOHN LLOYD .. .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Proposed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal for more than 25 years.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Dorothy L. Williams and Mr. Albert Grice (secretary at this tower), on the occasion of their wedding at this church.



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## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

PATRICK PAGE .. .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR .. .. 5
NELIA M. LEAHY .. .. 2	LESLIE L. DUGUID .. .. 6
*NORMAN J. SMITH .. .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. .. 7
*E. WINIFRED KEYS .. .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS R. AIREY .. .. Treble	FREDERICK ROBSON .. .. 5
*MRS. W. MAUGHAN .. .. 2	THOMAS COOKE .. .. 6
*MRS. K. LAWSON .. .. 3	*WILLIAM MAUGHAN .. .. 7
†THOMAS TEMPLEMAN .. .. 4	†KENNETH LAWSON .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Maughan on their recent marriage.

## WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5152 LOUGHBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

MRS. J. R. SMITH .. .. Treble	RICHARD F. ROE .. .. 5
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. .. 2	T. EDWARD HARROLD .. .. 6
COLIN WALKER .. .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. .. 7
JOHN R. SMITH .. .. 4	KENNETH A. ROE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.

First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

Rung in appreciation of the services rendered to the Diocese by the Lord Bishop of Leicester; for the wedding of Miss M. A. Carter (ringing member of the local band) to Mr. J. Lovell; also in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harrold, both members of the local band.

## SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. Treble	*PETER COXALL .. .. 5
DOREEN DUTTON .. .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. .. 6
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* 25th peal. First peal in the method by all, for the Association and on the bells.

Rung in memoriam George R. Newton, of Liverpool.

## WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SMALLEY .. .. Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. .. 5
R. GORDON CORBY .. .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. .. 6
FREDERICK W. BROWNLOW .. .. 3	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. .. 7
JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 4	*KENNETH WALKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Thomas Davies, B.A.

## SIX BELL PEALS

## NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 21 methods:—(1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight. (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV. and Old Oxford Delight. (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob. (4) and (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight. (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*SYDNEY SAGE .. .. Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. .. 4
*JEAN C. BROWN .. .. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. .. 5
ERIC SIMPSON .. .. 3	DENIS MOTTERTHEAD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERTHEAD.

\* First peal in 21 methods.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. R. Hayden, local tower captain, and the coming-of-age of the conductor.

## STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Plain Bob, one Morris' 240 and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

MRS. E. CHANDLER .. .. Treble	JOHN NEWMAN .. .. 4
LESLIE EVANS .. .. 2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. .. 5
LAURENCE T. MAINWARING .. .. 3	SIDNEY DANIELS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LAURENCE T. MAINWARING.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Mary Preece (daughter of the captain of this tower) and Mr. Wm. Blatchford, of Eardisland.

## BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents with 10 callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

WALTER H. TRUEMAN .. .. Treble	JOHN EDWIN MANNERS .. .. 4
JOHN VINCENT .. .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 5
*B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. .. 3	BRIAN BLADON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* 50th peal, also completes Stedman, Doubles to Cinques.

A farewell peal to Brian Bladon, who joined the R.A.F. the following day, and birthday peal for ringer of 2nd.

## CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. .. Treble	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. .. 4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 5
PHILIP COOTE .. .. 3	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

## LLANFIHANGEL RHYDITHON, RADNORSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS .. .. Treble	E. PETER ROCK .. .. 4
MRS. E. CHANDLER .. .. 2	LESLIE EVANS .. .. 5
MARY M. MIDDLEMISS .. .. 3	*J. IVOR MILLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

\* First peal.

In memoriam the Rev. E. Fowler (himself a ringer and friend of all ringers), Vicar of this parish.

## SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 10, 1953, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MARY E. STEPHENS .. .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 4
DESMOND R. BRAZIER .. .. 2	ALLEN S. SMITH .. .. 5
*TONY W. ALLEN .. .. 3	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

UPTON PYNE, EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
On Fri., Sept. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents of seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*HORACE W. J. BUTT .. Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 4
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5
*REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT 3	BRIAN PIDGEON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung in memory of A. Wreford, 1871-1951, mother of the 4th ringer, who was born and spent the first half of her life within the sound of these bells.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	ALAN CASSON .. .. 4
ALAN CAPSTICK .. .. 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 5
*EDWARD PROCTER .. .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

\* First peal in three methods.

Rung with the bells fully-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. James Braithwaite, patron of the above church, who passed away the previous day.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Sept. 12, 1953, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Consisting of one 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN SCOTT .. .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 4
CECIL RADDON .. .. 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS .. .. 5
ERIC HORNBY .. .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., Sept. 15, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being one Morris's 240 of Grandsire, 20 extents of Plain Bob, and 20 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*PHYLLIS M. GRAY .. Treble	†WALTER IZZARD .. .. 4
STEPHEN J. IVIN .. .. 2	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 5
MARY E. STEPHENS .. 3	GEOFFREY G. CRIPPS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

## HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Wed., Aug. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,  
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALAN CATTELL .. .. 1—2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 7—8

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung to mark fifth birthday of Ellen Knights, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector A. Knights, of Hinckley.

LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,  
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 17 in A.

*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 1—2	ALAN CATTELL .. .. 5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3—4	*OWEN MICHAEL SLANEY .. 7—8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

This and the peal of London Surprise Major at All Saints', Leicester, were specially arranged for O. M. Slaney, of Stoke-on-Trent.



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# RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 610)

Most of the early rules are—as we have already seen—in a poetic strain, but occasionally we find them different, as at St. Martin's, Windermere (quoted in Myer's 'Bell and Bell Lore'):

'The Belfry is a part of God's House, and the conduct of those who assemble there for the purpose of ringing should be guided by this consideration.

'Nothing should be said or done in the Belfry that we should be ashamed to do in the church itself.

'The ringers should always have in mind that the bells are dedicated to a sacred object, namely, for the glory of God, and to call together his people for solemn worship.'

In addition to the above are ten interesting rules, framed and hung on the walls, viz.:

(1) The names of any fresh members, when selected, must be given to the Rector, who will certify his approval of the choice; none but those chosen and certified shall be allowed to ring.

(2) None but the ringers shall be allowed access to the belfry during either practice or on Sundays without consent.

(3) No ale, beer, or spirituous liquors shall be brought into the belfry at any time, and no smoking shall be allowed therein: any infringement of this rule will subject the person offending to instant dismissal.

(4) The key of the belfry must always be returned to its proper custodian, after every practice, or after use at any time. The bells can never be rung without the Rector's consent.

(5) All profits, whether they come in the ordinary way, or from special occasions, such as weddings, etc., shall be divided equally among the ringers who take part.

(6) If any dispute arise in reference to any matter, they shall be brought before the Rector, whose decision shall be final.

(7) An exact account of the ringings and practices shall be kept in a book by the captain.

(8) It must clearly be understood to be the duty of each ringer to provide a substitute on every occasion of absence.

(9) Any member absenting himself from the belfry, without satisfactory reason, for one month, shall be longer be considered a ringer, and his place be filled up.

(10) That a captain shall be appointed.

## POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE

In the ringing chamber at St. Edith's, Polesworth, Warwickshire:—

'Who will divert themselves with ringing here, Must nicely mind to Ring with Hand and Ear;

And if he gives his Bell an Overthrow, Pay sixpence a forfeit for doing so: He who in Ringing wears Spurs, Gloves or Hat,

Pay sixpence a forfeit for that: All persons that disturbance here creat, Forfeit One Shilling towards the ringers' treat: Those that to our easy laws consent,

May join and Ring, with us we are content; Now in love and unity join a pleasant peal to Ring, Heaven bless the Church, and George our Gracious King.

Amen.'

## LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.

At St. Mary's Church, Leigh, Lancashire, are the following 'unpunctuated' rules on a board in the ringing chamber:—

## 'The Ringers' Orders

You that are Ringers or would learn to Ring Observe these orders well in every Thing He that takes . . . to Ring and spoils a Peal Must one Shilling pay in Money not in Ale He that for want of care o'eturns a Bell Must Sixpence pay for his pretended Skill Ringing . . . with Hat or Spur

Is sixpence forfeit before you Stir By walking talking quarreling or so You may disturb the peal and ringers too He that in this Steple either Curse or Swears Sixpence must pay or be kick'd down Stairs.'

Rather drastic this latter treatment! and note the fine, 'in money—not in ale.'

## WOLSTANTON, STAFFS

On a board in the belfry at Wolstanton, Staffs, is the following:—

'If to ring you do come here, You must ring well with hand and ear; And if a bell you overthrow, Twopence you pay before you go: And if you ring with spur or hat, Fourpence is due, take care of that: And if you either swear or curse, Sixpence is due, pull out your purse: So if to our rules you do consent, Then take a bell and we're content.

## BRUSHFORD, SOMERSET

The following is inscribed on a tablet in the tower of Brushford Church:—

'Rules, orders and regulations as established at the belfry of Brushford, the 7th day of June, 1803, by the joint consent of the ringers and Robert Gooding, churchwardens.

'Let awful silence first proclaimed be, Next, let us praise the Holy Trinity, Then homage pay unto our Valiant King, And with a Blessing raise this pleasant ring. Hark, how the chirping Treble sings it clear And covering Tom comes rolling in the rear; Now up and set; let us consult and see What Laws are best to keep sobriety, Then all consent to make this joint decree, Let him who swears or in an angry mood Quarrels, or strikes, altho' he draws no blood. Or wears his hat, or spurs, or turns a Bell Or by unskilful handling mars a peal, Pay down his sixpence for each separate crime.

This caution shall not be effaced by time— But if the Sexton these defaults shall be, From him demand a double penalty. Whoever does our Pastor disrespect Or Warden's order willfully neglect, By one and all be held in foul disgrace, And ever banish'd this harmonious place. Now round let's go with pleasure to the ear And pierce with pleasing sounds the yielding air, And when the Bells are up, then let us sing God save the Church, and bless great George our King.'

## ST. MICHAEL'S, ST. ALBANS

A tablet in the ringing chamber of St. Michael's, St. Albans, bears the names of ringers and the following:—

'Mind the Rules of this Belfry must ne're be forgot, On carelessly pulling a Bell off it's fine of a pot.

Now this is a thing we likewise must say, Kindly bring forth a shilling if you break a stay.

Oct. 1st, 1837.

John Monk, clerk'

## BREDGAR, KENT

In Bredgar, Kent:—

'My friendly ringers I to you declare You must pay one penny Each oath you do swear. To turn a bell over It is the same fare To ring with your hat on You must not dare. MDCCLII.'

## KENDAL, WESTMORLAND

At Kendal, Westmorland, in 1788, a series of rhyming orders for ringers were painted on the wall over the belfry door. Fearing they might be obliterated by plaster coming off, they were painted on canvas in 1833, but after a time this rotted and fell to pieces. The late Mr. T. Jennings had, however, copied same in 1860, and in 1894 they were printed. There is only one copy left, which runs:—

## 'Rules.

'From Easter Sunday until New Year's Day, At Ten the Ringers shall appear alway: I'th afternoon by half-past two again, This rule unalter'd ever shall remain.

From New Mayor's Day shall Ten be the Hour For Forenoon Service as expressed before; The Afternoon Service from thence must alter'd be, Until the Clock commence the Hour of Three.

Whoe'er till Bells are Raised is absent hence, The Forfeit for the fault is just Fourpence; If he neglect till Service it be o'er, For every peal he Forfeit twopence more.

He who the whole Day does himself absent, Without of Two or more he gains consent, One Shilling Forfeit he must pay, as fee, For th' use and Service of Society.

On Parish Days the Ringers shall appear, When they the tolling of the Bells do hear; All Absentees for every peal that's past In twopence fine must surely will be cast.

And 'tis agreed that on such Parish Days, The Seventh Bell's warning shall be absent—raise Within one quarter of an hour, if not, No more's allowed, and equal fine's his lot.

Whoe'er presumes a Bell to pull off here Without consent, or does get drunk or swear; Sixpence for each offence he sure shall stake, 'Ere he his peace with us for it shall make; Likewise he fourpence pays, besides all that, Who here appears with either spurs or hat.

The Youth who to the Ringing Art's inclined, Shall ever with us hearty welcome find; If he with us the Jolly Boy reveres, Who sometimes soothes and mitigates our cares.

No Miser here with us can claim a part, Nor be companion in our Noble Art, Which Nurtures health, of life the Chiefest Bliss, With which the World compared a Bauble is.

He who to pay these forfeits is not free, If yearly Ringer or a Deputy, It is resolved the fine from wages due, Shall be deducted with exactness true.

And Furthermore, if anyone beside, Refuse by these our orders to abide, From out the Belfry he shall be expelled, And as an alien evermore be held.'

(To be continued)

# QUARTER PEALS

**ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Rowley 1, Susan Jackson (first as cond.) 2, J. J. Stanier (first 'inside') 3, G. Bowen 4, J. N. Diserens 5, G. Lewis 6.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wright 1, R. Burford 2, A. Tumber 3, Mrs. Salmon 4, G. Hutchinson 5, O. Smart 6, E. Salmons (cond.) 7, W. Trill 8. For harvest festival.

**BRAMLEY, YORKS.**—On Aug. 10th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. B. Schofield (first as cond.) 1, Miss A. Laycock 2, S. Helliwell 3, M. Cox 4, D. Cox 5, D. R. Fenton 6. First quarter for the ringers of 4, 5 and 6.

**BRUTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Doel 1, W. White 2, F. Symonds 3, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 4, H. White 5, D. Manser 6. For the wedding of Miss Susan Snell and Mr. White.

**BUCKLAND ST. MARY, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. W. Pearce 1, W. H. Poole (cond.) 2, R. P. Selway 3, W. E. Turner 4, A. S. Ayto 5, C. F. Joyce (first quarter) 6.

**CARLTON-JUSTA-SNAITH, YORKS.**—On July 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, Mrs. W. Graves 2, Wm. Graves 3, J. J. Taylor 4, Miss M. Graves 5, L. M. Woodhead 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Derek Walter Abell and Miss Vera Marjorie Smith.

**CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. W. Taylor 1, Miss D. R. Fletcher 2, Miss K. E. Fletcher 3, E. G. Swift (cond.) 4, A. Bridges 5, K. C. Vickers 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Alfred Swan, who was interred this day.

**CHATHAM, KENT.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Norris 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, T. Beaumont 3, V. A. Jarrett 4, H. Springate 5, R. E. Norris 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, P. Borer 8. Rung half-muffled for the late George Lawrence, a member of the Chatham band since 1907.

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—On Sept. 13th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Fruen 1, J. Potter 2, P. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, R. Neate 6. Rung for the 80th birthday of the Rev. F. L. Edwards.

**ENFIELD, MIDDLEX.**—On Sept. 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. McKie 1, A. Bull 2, P. P. Carter 3, J. Roberts 4, H. J. Hazell (cond.) 5, L. Ladley 6, P. Coward 7, R. Wood (first quarter) 8.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Sept. 14th, 1,296 Minor (576 Cambridge and 720 Plain Bob): A. Bailey (first of Minor) 1, Maureen Fellows (first touch of Cambridge) 2, P. J. Morton 3, A. Ager 4, J. McDonald (cond.) 5, M. G. Morton 6. Rung to celebrate the silver jubilee in the priesthood of Fr. McIlvena.

**GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.**—On Sept. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Croft (cond.) 1, M. Orme (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, G. Cherry 3, P. Croft 4, W. Croft 5, D. Jones 6.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, P. D. Beedle 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. D. Niblett 6, W. Wenban 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. Also on Sept. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Mrs. A. F. Godley (first in the method) 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, S. A. Warwick 4, H. G. Hart 5, W. Wenban 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

**HENDON, N.W.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Pratchett 1, Ruth Foreman 2, J. W. Parslow 3, D. T. C. Smith 4, E. E. Pratchett (79, cond.) 5, H. Arnold 6. A birthday compliment to the oldest and youngest ringers at St. Mary's—Mr. E. E. Pratchett (79) and Miss Sheila Stratford (15).

**HORBURY, WAKEFIELD, YORKS.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. Wood 1, A. Bowers 2, H. Rowley (cond.) 3, R. Axford 4, J. W. Milner 5, M. Axford 6, M. Hunt 7, J. E. Dewes 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major by local band since 1939. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. Creak (first of Surprise Major) 1, F. D. Bishop 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, T. E. Davies 4, S. Croft 5, E. N. Harrison 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

**NORTHBOURNE, KENT.**—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (beinz 180 Stedman 480 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): G. E. Ruck (cond.) 1, Miss G. A. Rich 2, Miss J. Wells 3, J. F. Penfold 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, W. Rich 6. First quarter in three methods for 2 and 6.

**SHEFFIELD, YORKS.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Scattergood 1, Wm. Holland 2, I. M. Holland 3, R. C. Preston 4, B. Holland (cond.) 5, D. Holland 6, H. David Holland 7, R. Hall 8. Rung as a farewell to D. Holland on taking up training at St. John's College, York.

**SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.**—On Sept. 8th, 1,320 Minor (720 Hereward Bob, 600 Double Oxford Bob): Josie Bottling (first quarter) 1, Shirley Golding 2, H. O. Baker 3, R. W. Hinde 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, B. Harris (cond.) 6.

**SOUTHWARK, S.E.**—On Sept. 13th, at the Cathedral, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Mrs. S. Bullock 1, T. H. Taftender (cond.) 2, A. G. Mason 3, R. Smith 4, J. Armstrong 5, C. W. Ottley 6, L. Bullock 7, R. Brooker (first 'inside') 8, J. Bullock 9, J. B. Archer 10. Rung for divine service and to mark the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. David Benjamin, of Swanage, Dorset. Also the birthday anniversary of the ringer of the treble.

**SPARSHOLT, HANTS.**—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. C. King (cond.) 1, P. Nash (first in method 'inside') 2, R. M. Currie 3, J. M. N. Lakin 4, R. F. Brewer 5. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. T. R. West (captain) and Mrs. West.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Sept. 13th, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, M. Sinden 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

**WALMER, KENT.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rich (first quarter of Triples) 1, G. E. Ruck (cond.) 2, Miss G. A. Rich (first quarter of Triples) 3, A. Rye 4, J. F. Penfold 5, T. A. Wickens 6, F. A. Rye 7, E. Axon 8. Rung for the evening service.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sept. 8th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: W. Wenban 1, R. G. Bell 2, J. Schofield 3, S. H. Hoare 4, R. Rowley 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, G. W. Seaman 8. First quarter in the method for 3 and 5.

**YEOVIL, SOMERSET.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Gaylard 1, R. Moore 2, R. J. Fox 3, W. H. Poole 4, G. Gaylard 5, T. J. Locke 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, F. Smith 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th, also a grand-daughter to the ringers of the treble and 7th.

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## LATE NEWS

Mr. A. W. Lloyd, the head postmaster of  
Preston, Lancs, has been appointed to a similar  
position in Edinburgh. He takes up his new  
duties in November. Mr. Lloyd (who is not a  
peal ringer) is keenly interested in service ring-  
ing and the general advancement of the art.  
Preston's loss will be Edinburgh's gain. His  
departure will be a matter of real regret for  
his many friends in the Preston area.

Luton's oldest active ringer,  
Mr. A. King (82), and his  
wife were entertained to din-  
ner on Sept. 11th at the Red Lion Hotel, Luton,  
by members of the St. Mary's Society of Change  
Ringers on the occasion of their diamond wed-  
ding. Canon Davison expressed the personal  
congratulations of the company to the happy  
couple. For over half a century Mr. King has  
rung at Luton and for 40 years he was secretary  
of the St. Mary's Society.

Mr. Denis Mottershead, of Wilmslow,  
Cheshire, had an appropriate coming-of-age  
birthday celebration. He called a peal in 21  
Treble Bob Minor methods on August 29th.

When Miss Vera M. Smith was married at  
Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorks, her mother was  
in the team that rang as she entered the  
church, and her father and mother (Mr. and  
Mrs. E. Smith) both rang as the bridal couple  
left the church. There must be very few  
brides' mothers who have rung as a daughter  
entered a church for such a ceremony.

Mr. B. G. Key, the conductor of the peal of  
Stedman Doubles at Hoar Cross, Staffs, on  
Sept. 12th, inquires whether this is the heaviest  
ring of six for this method to be rung to a  
peal. The tenor is 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. The band  
express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. G.  
Roobothom, of Newchurch, for the splendid  
birthday tea they provided. Through harvesting,  
the former was unable to ring in the peal.

Mr. Herbert Rowley, who has been ringing  
at Horbury, Yorks, for more than 64 years,  
conducted a quarter on the bells for his 85th  
birthday. Mr. Rowley conducted his first  
quarter on January 17th, 1892, and his first peal  
on January 7th, 1894. He is still an active  
ringer, being the most regular and punctual  
member of the local band for practices and  
service ringing.

## BELFRY

## GOSSIP

Those interested in the  
standard of call-change ring-  
ing who are on holiday in  
Devon or Cornwall might like to know of the  
contest for the Tawstock Shield to be held at  
Northam, near Bideford, on September 26th.

The contest consists of the rise. The con-  
ductor then calls the bells by single changes  
into Queen's. He then calls each bell from the  
lead and calls it in succession until it reaches  
7th place, i.e., from 13572468 to 35724618.  
Then from 35724618 to 57246138 and so on  
until Queen's are reached again. Finally back  
to rounds and fall the bells.

Miss B. Enid Lloyd Roberts has now com-  
pleted the Stedman family—she has rung peals  
from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. Albert Walker has conducted 100 peals  
in his own tower—St. Martin's, Birmingham. A  
century to be proud of!

Correction.—The ringer of the treble in the  
Universities Association peal of Stedman Triples  
at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on August 15th was Mr.  
Harry Miles, and not as printed on page 590.

By the peal at Syston, Leicestershire, on  
September 5th Mr. B. Stedman Payne has  
'circled' the tower, thus emulating his father,  
Mr. Ernest F. Payne, and the conductor, Mr.  
Ernest Morris, who did this some time ago.

The Essex Association, at the request of the  
Essex Education Committee, has agreed to ar-  
range a week-end course, entitled 'Church Bells  
and the Art of Changeringing,' at the resi-  
dential youth centre at Thaxted.

From Elland, Yorks, comes this story. On  
Sunday, September 6th, one of the young  
ringers, who is also a choir boy, went to sleep  
while ringing his bell. By a coincidence the  
text the Rector announced for his sermon was:  
'I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine  
eyelids to slumber.'

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## DEDICATION OF ST. MARY'S, LIVERPOOL

St. Mary's Church, Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, whose history goes back close on a thousand years, was destroyed by enemy bombs in May, 1941.

The church has been completely restored and was opened on Saturday, September 5th, by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and dedicated by the Bishop of Liverpool in the presence of a large congregation. The metal from the old ring of six bells, recovered from the ruins after the raid, had been sent to John Taylor's at Loughborough for recasting into a new ring of eight—tenor 9 cwt.

These, too, were consecrated on Saturday, September 5th.

St. Nicholas', Liverpool, the daughter church, was asked to provide a band of eight ringers for this great occasion and, as it seemed appropriate for the secretary of the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association also to take part, the band was made up of seven of the regular St. Nicholas' ringers and Miss Julia Preston.

Rounds were rung during the dedication service at the end of the Consecration Prayer and just before the singing of Psalm 150.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung to a quarter peal of Stedman Triples by the same band, viz.: Lester L. Gray 1, Miss Julia M. Preston 2, George Hesketh 3, Jack N. Brown 4, Thomas W. Hesketh 5, Edwin C. Birkett 6, Percival W. Cave (conductor) 7, Frederick S. Almond tenor.

In spite of the new ropes and the fact that there had been no opportunity to try the bells beforehand the ringing was well nigh perfect, and was listened to by a large number of people outside the church, and also watched by an interested crowd of spectators inside, because the ringing chamber is an open space at the rear of a gallery and is in full view of the congregation.

After ringing the ringers were entertained to tea by the church authorities, and then proceeded into Liverpool, to St. Nicholas' Church, where, reinforced by Messrs. Lee and A. P. Cave, they rang a really first-class peal of Stedman Caters.

This peal, in its way, also made history, being the first of Stedman Caters on the new ring, and the first peal at St. Nicholas' at any time in which a lady has taken part.

It was the first peal on the bells for Mr. T. Lee, and the first Stedman Caters for Mr. A. P. Cave, son of the conductor.

The band would also like to record it as a farewell peal to Miss Julia Preston, who is shortly leaving Liverpool to take up a post in Switzerland, where she expects to remain at least a year.

She will be sadly missed in Liverpool ringing circles, both as a ringer and the finest secretary which the Liverpool branch has ever had.

The peal at St. Nicholas' might also have been recorded as having been rung in connection with the visit of the British Association for the Advancement of Science to Liverpool for its annual meeting.

Reverting to the bells at Walton, these are in truth an excellent ring, and one of which Messrs. John Taylor and Co. may well be proud. As a light eight they can have few equals, and Liverpool is indeed fortunate in possessing two such glorious rings as St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's, Walton. P. W. C.



Six members of the Pitstow family who rang 720 Bob Minor on September 13th on the occasion of the christening of the daughter (Rosalina Mary) of Mr. Leonard E. Pitstow at Saffron Walden Parish Church. The ringers were Mary Pitstow 1, Harold N. Pitstow (conductor) 2, Margaret Pitstow 3, Dennis Pitstow 4, Malcolm Pitstow 5, Leonard Pitstow 6. This is the first time that six Pitstows have rung together.

## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS MARRY

Two regular ringers at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Mr. Frank J. Matthews and Miss Marjorie F. Jackson, were married at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on September 18th.

The bridegroom, who is Junior Steward of the Cumberlands, is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. Matthews, a trustee and secretary respectively. Both his late grandfathers, J. D. Matthews and F. Smith, and his father are past Masters of the Society.

The Vicar officiated and the ceremony was witnessed by many relations, including the two grandmothers of the bridegroom.

The bride, who was dressed in white lace over taffeta, and attended by three bridesmaids, was given away by her father, Mr. F. L. Jackson. Mr. M. Smith acted as best man.

After the ceremony the eight bells rang out in celebration of the event.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and the local ringers joined the gathering to wish the couple 'all the best.'

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Matthews later left for Bournemouth for their honeymoon.

## TIVERTON RINGERS' OUTING

A pleasant day in North-West Somerset was spent by members of Tiverton St. Peter's Society with friends from Bampton, and Mr. R. Bowden, a former member.

Canon Swann, late of St. Mary Redcliffe, met the visitors at Timberscombe, where he is now Rector. An hour was pleasantly spent on these light but musical eight bells. The best ringing of the day was on Carhampton's lovely six.

After all the adverse reports on the bells at Old Cleve, everyone, including that much travelled and experienced ringer, Mr. Stafford Green, agreed that they were well worth ringing.

Mr. Pugsley, the local tower keeper, had everything in readiness at Minehead Parish Church, visited after tea. About 1½ hours' good ringing followed, methods rung being Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Minor on the back six. The tour was arranged by the secretary of the N.E. Branch, Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Western District at Lightcliffe

A fine sunny day favoured the Western District for their meeting at St. Matthew's, Lightcliffe, on September 12th. This pleasant-sounding octave has recently undergone extensive repairs, carried out by Mr. F. Popplewell, one of the local company, and responded well to the day's ringing, which ranged from Plain Bob Minor to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

During the afternoon a short service was conducted by Rev. G. S. Wilby.

Over 30 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea in the schoolroom, with the curate of Lightcliffe, Rev. G. S. Wilby, acting in the role of head waiter.

The chair at the business meeting was taken by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson. Votes of thanks were accorded to the church authorities and the local company for their arrangements. The vice-president again impressed upon members the importance of sending in names for tea. On this occasion less than half of those present had sent in their names. This thoughtlessness often caused considerable inconvenience to those whose job it was to make the visitors' stay as pleasant as possible.

Following the business meeting and a few short touches on handbells members returned to the tower. It is hoped to hold the next meeting on December 19th at Hunslet.

## PEALS AT HEYWOOD

With reference to the footnote to the peal at Heywood, Lancashire, on August 1st, stating 'believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells,' the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead points out that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung there on February 26th, 1887, being the only peal of Major rung there between the years 1881 and 1932 (the year at which he had arrived in tabulating peals). As a point of interest Mr. Felstead states that 19 peals were rung in the tower in the 1880's and only six between 1890 and 1932.



**SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY****Silver Cup Contest**

The annual Silver Cup Contest of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Thrybergh, a beautiful village near Rotherham, in glorious summer weather. The popularity of this event was evidenced by the great crowd of ringers and friends who attended.

The test piece was 360 changes of Minor, and the six teams who were competing represented the following churches: Sheffield Cathedral, Handsworth, Whiston, Warsop (with two teams), and Bolsover. The contest ringing, which was of very high standard, was judged by Mr. H. Chant, of Felkirk, and Mr. J. Thorley, of Thorne, who, at the conclusion, declared Warsop the winners with some excellent Oxford, and just a few faults away was Handsworth with some equally well struck Plain Bob.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, where sixty sat down, including the Rector of Thrybergh (Rev. G. K. Dixon), who afterwards presented the cup to the winning captain, Mr. H. T. Rooke, amid applause. The business meeting commenced with the Rector in the chair, and his short speech of welcome to the Society was much appreciated.

Further ringing took place in the evening, when an all-ladies' band rang a touch of Bob Minor, and a team of youngsters, the average age of whom was 15, also performed. The next meeting of the Society is at Ecclesfield on October 3rd, where the bells have recently been recast and rehung clockwise. J. E. T.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION****Bedford District Visit Goldington**

A large company of Association members, with friends from the surrounding counties, visited Goldington on September 5th. This was the first time that a meeting had been held at Goldington, where the bells have recently been augmented from four to six. Ringing commenced shortly before 3 o'clock for a wedding and continued until 4.30, when a service was conducted by the curate.

A delightful tea was provided in the Church Hall, after which a short business meeting was held, with the Association's president, Miss E. Steel, as chairman. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sharnbrook on October 3rd, but since the meeting it has been found that Sharnbrook bells will not be available, so permission has been obtained to meet at Wootton on the same date.

Miss Steel proposed that a further £5 should be given from the Belfry Repair Fund to Goldington since they had not yet paid off their debt.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the curate for conducting the service, the organist, and Mrs. Marshall and her helpers for providing the tea.

Further ringing continued until 9 p.m.

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**FORTY YEARS AGO**

From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 26th, 1913

**RINGING NEWS FROM OVERSEAS  
PARAGRAPHS FROM NEW ZEALAND  
AND AMERICA**

The band at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, New Zealand, hope shortly to accomplish the first peal in North Island. On Saturday, August 9th, they made their first attempt, when they started for Grandsire Triples and had some very good striking for 2 hours 5 minutes, when they broke down after ringing 3,332 changes. . . . The band stood as follows: C. Colgrove 1, W. Smallwood 2, J. Heather 3, O. Throssell 4, S. C. Hamblin 5, E. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White (conductor) 7, P. Barringer 8.

The Boston (U.S.A.) Guild has accepted an invitation to give an exhibition of change ringing on October 8th at Christ Church, before the American Association of Bankers, which is to hold its annual convention in Boston.

On Labour Day, which is September 1st, the Guild rang 720 Kent Treble Bob, with the tenor covering, at the Memorial Tower, Hingham: P. J. Allfrey 1, E. E. Randall 2, S. J. Perkins 3, R. Newton 4, J. F. Laker 5, W. Bashford (conductor) 6, G. Mackman 7.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON****DIOCESAN GUILD****Southern District at Neath**

About 30 members attended the quarterly meeting at St. Thomas' Church, Neath, on September 5th, where ringing took place until 4.30 p.m.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. A. Roberts), who gave a very interesting address on the history of the church. An excellent tea was enjoyed at the Church Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector of Neath. His words of welcome were well appreciated by all. Members then rose and paid a silent tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Fred Lasbury. A proposal by Mr. Ivor Roderick to hold the next meeting jointly with the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Guild was duly carried. It was also agreed to carry on with the arrangements for the 1954 outing.

Votes of thanks were accorded, to the ladies for the tea, and to the organist and the Rector.

Ringing was continued at the tower with methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise. J. A. H.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH  
ASSOCIATION**

The quarterly meeting of the Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was most successfully held at Monmouth on September 5th. Ten branch towers were represented, and ringing arrangements were attended to by the Branch Master, Mr. A. Ryan Price.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon E. P. Knight), who heartily welcomed the branch to Monmouth. An excellent tea was provided at Partridge's Cafe. Canon Knight afterwards took the chair at the business meeting, and this was opened by Mr. F. Hannington, the Association's general secretary, who spoke of the sudden tragic death of Mr. Fred Lasbury, of Pentre. The meeting stood in silence, and Canon Knight offered a short prayer.

Ten new members were elected from Blaenavon, Monmouth and Chepstow. The secretary (Miss Jacqueline Evans) reported progress from Cwmcarvan and Llangibby, and mentioned that Association badges were on sale. J. S. E.

**IRISH ASSOCIATION****English Tourists at Dublin**

Opportunity was taken of the visit of the expert English ringers to hold the Summer District Meeting in Dublin on Saturday, August 29th. It was attended by ringers from Arklow, Drogheda and Dublin (St. George's, St. John's and Christ Church Cathedral).

The English touring team had completed a four-hour peal at St. Patrick's Cathedral by 2 p.m. After a 'snack' eight of them went for another peal at St. George's Church, which started at 4 p.m. The remaining four joined up with the resident members and went to St. John's Augustinian Church, where the circular iron staircase at the back of the nave is the only means of getting to the tower. It was rather an unnerving experience for those who are not used to heights. In the tower the ringers set the ten bells going to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

The stay here had to be cut short, for a business meeting was scheduled to commence at St. George's at 5 p.m., so the ringers filed into cars and the tourists' coach. The latter, according to the Dublin 'Evening Mail,' had been specially designed to convey the English ringers around Ireland. Perhaps it was the registration lettering which gave that paper the clue 'R.T.B.' (Ringing the Bells)!

The meeting was presided over by Mr. James McManus, District Chairman, who gave the visitors a very hearty welcome to Ireland—two-thirds of them 'in absentia'—as they were ringing a peal of Bristol while the meeting was in progress.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS ON EASTER  
MONDAY**

It was unanimously decided to accept a proposal to alter the day of the annual meeting from St. Patrick's Day to Easter Monday. Whit Monday was also suggested, but this was not pressed, owing to the unsuitability of this day for those who have to and wish to attend the Central Council meetings. Arklow was decided as the place of the 1954 annual meeting in place of Kilkenny, who feared that the Eastern District would 'eat them out of house and home,' and leave nothing for the Southern District, who will hold their meeting in Kilkenny in 1954.

After the meeting, all present sat down to a high tea, which had been arranged by the ringers of St. John's and St. George's. Owing to the late start of the afternoon peal most were unable to meet those ringing in it because of having to catch trains and to ring for evening devotions at their own churches. However, there was enough food left for the peal ringers to be well fed, and even they left some for whoever should come after them.

As if the patients in the adjacent Children's Hospital had not enough ringing for one day, the bells of St. George's were again put to use, which gave the resident ringers opportunities of ringing with the 'experts.' Some of St. Patrick's Cathedral band took part in the ringing, including Bob Murphy, now almost four-score years, and Tommy McMorran (secretary and instructor).

**QUARTER PEALS**

**BLEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Corderoy 1, Mrs. H. Wells 2, A. R. Greenough 3, H. Wells (first 'inside' of Triples) 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung for Evensong.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Oobles: B. Linnell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, R. Old 3, W. H. Ashby 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, T. Jennings 6. A birthday compliment to B. Linnell.

**WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.**—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bastin 1, J. Carter 2, S. Skinner 3, C. Savage 4, J. L. S. Glanville 5, C. Deem (cond.) 6, J. Quick 7, S. Ellett (first on eight) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. S. Skinner and Miss P. Carter, both members of the Aylesbeare branch of the Devonshire Guild.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HEAVIEST WORKING BELL TO BE RUNG TO A PEAL BY A LADY

Dear Sir.—On behalf of the other members of the band who rang in the 5,056 Cambridge Surprise Major at Sherborne Abbey on September 5th, I should like to congratulate Miss Hilda Snowden on ringing the 6th bell.

This bell, which weighs approximately 22 cwt., is presumably the heaviest 'working' bell to be rung to a peal by a lady. Miss Snowden rang it in a manner which any 'mere male' might well envy. A very fine performance!

It may also be of interest that Patrick Cannon—with his insatiable thirst for heavy metal—has now rung five peals on these bells, four of them on the tenor. He has performed the 'hat trick' by turning it in to Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge in successive years.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. HARRIS.

Chelmsford.

## NAMING OF 'LITTLE METHODS'

Dear Sir.—While congratulating Mr. Slaney on conducting a handbell peal of Maximus in 12 methods, I am compelled to disagree with his remarks on the naming of 'little' methods.

The method he calls Gainsborough Bob Royal was first rung on January 15th, 1921, in a handbell peal of Spliced Royal. Now as far as I can ascertain, Gainsborough Bob Major was first rung to a peal on July 21st, 1928, i.e., some time after the peal of Royal. Hence, if my data are correct, the Major is the incorrectly named method.

A further argument against the method being called Gainsborough Bob Royal depends on the fact that although one method may be the correct extension of another method it is not laid down that it must have the same name. In practice this is fairly common; for example, New London Court Bob Major is the extension of Single Court Bob Minor. I, therefore, maintain that, even if Gainsborough Bob Major had been rung earlier and the present rule (which is entirely arbitrary and cannot be made less so by Mr. York-Bramble's opinion) had been laid down at that time, the ringers in the peal in 1921 were entitled to call the method what they liked and that subsequent ringers of the method who called it anything else were incorrect.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

## 'MEDIUM BOB ROYAL'

Dear Sir.—There will be many, I am sure, who will admire the recent performance by a band of handbell ringers who do not practise regularly together of a peal of Spliced Maximus in eleven methods. There will also, I suspect, be a few who will regret that this should be made the occasion of a controversy on the naming of methods. I feel, however, that Mr. Slaney's comments about Medium Bob Royal should not be allowed to pass unchallenged.

The first peal of Spliced Plain and Medium Bob Royal was rung on January 15th, 1921, and was conducted by E. M. Atkins. Whether or not Gainsborough Bob Major had been rung at this time to a peal I do not know, but I would submit that, as the Central Council accepted that name at the time, Medium Bob Royal is, in fact, the correct name for the method still. The Methods Committee's recent report expressly states that the committee's recommendations only apply to extensions first rung after the last Council meeting and does nothing, therefore, to alter the position of Medium Bob Royal. Whether the extension of Gainsborough Bob Major and Medium Bob Royal to twelve bells should be Gainsborough or Medium I do not know!—Yours faithfully,

E. J. LINDLEY.

Epsom.

## WHERE TO CALL IN CEYLON

Dear Sir.—Since I have three years' service to do in Trincomalee and there are no churches here with bells, my wife is endeavouring to obtain a set of handbells to bring with her when she joins me shortly.

With Mr. Robinson, an ex-Portsea ringer, we will have the nucleus of a handbell band, so should any readers of 'The Ringing World' come to Ceylon and be interested in joining us, I will be most pleased to hear from them at the address below.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. HUNT.

c/o E.E. Dept.,  
Royal Naval Base,  
Trincomalee, Ceylon.

## ESSENDON BELLS

Dear Sir.—I notice in Mr. Jones' reference to Essendon, Hertfordshire, that he states that they are a minor six, which, of course, is incorrect. If they were originally a minor five and augmented to six by the addition of a treble, the third would be retuned to make a correct six. That was the proposal some thirty years ago in connection with Fen Ditton, Cambridgeshire, of which I wrote in a previous issue.

H. J. HAZELL.

Enfield.

## NOTES FOR BEGINNERS

Dear Sir.—I am gratified at the suggestion in your issue of May 22nd that my little booklet is worthy of a wider distribution. This may be possible if there is sufficient demand. Perhaps you will, therefore, let me write something about it.

As soon as they could ring rounds my beginners at Ealing (of all ages from 12 upwards) were given one of the standard text books, but experience has shown that, normally, the text books were only helpful when the beginner stage was past. I found, too, that with a succession of pupils much valuable ringing-practice time was lost in continually explaining the elements of change ringing. I accordingly wrote a series of very short notes to help them to understand the elementary things with a minimum of technical jargon. If they do really understand why they do a certain thing, it is much easier for people to learn and remember.

In 27 octavo pages there are short chapters on the plain hunt, Plain Bob on 4, 6 and 8 bells, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Coursing Order and Bobs and Singles. There are no touches or compositions and nothing abstruse which could be learnt from the printed books available. Neither is there any attempt to teach the handling of a bell, which can only be done by example and practice in the tower.

The fifty copies which were stencilled and made up in booklet form, with a cover, have gone very quickly, but I will gladly prepare up to, say, 500 further copies. The paper alone costs almost 6d. a copy, so a charge of that amount would have to be made. Because of postage and the work involved, and the need to limit the amount by which I should be out of pocket, I could only send, post free, to those who would order five or more copies, pro rata.

If enough of your readers will indicate their interest to you, sir, or direct me to make the idea feasible, then I will do what I can. Perhaps some who have already seen the booklet would also express their opinion.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

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Middlesex.

## PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read in Belfry Gossip Mr. Barnett's note saying that there was a list of peals of Superlative in the Surprise Methods book. I had forgotten that they existed. I was relying mainly on the Index of the early 'Bell News' together with the peal analysis tables of that time and my own tower lists. On comparing the list in the above book with those I have tabulated tower by tower, I find that both Mr. Barnett and myself are wrong and that the Crawley peal was the 95th! I have found that there are two peals which were missed by Mr. Davies in his book. They were both rung at Drayton by J. W. Washbrook on August 6th, 1888, and January 25th, 1890—the former was the second of three peals rung on that day (Bank Holiday Monday) in the tower by the same band. I had recorded all the other peals in the list, so I fear it means the Index of the early 'Bell News' is not infallible!—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

## NO DICTATION!

Dear Sir.—Is Mr. W. Butler quite sure of his facts when he states that five men, none of whom are well known Minor and Doubles ringers, have dictated to Minor ringers what they should ring?

Although one member of the Methods Committee refers to Doubles ringing as 'playing around with five bells,' the names of at least two members appear quite frequently in the five and six bell peal columns. The committee only recommended that non-Plain Bob lead ends should be banned, and no doubt if the representatives had voted as their Guilds would have wished them, instead of voting according to their own ideas, 'the large majority' would have been reversed.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

W. Bedfont.

## RINGING IN HERTS

Dear Sir,—The date of the Aspenden peal is also given in 1764 by Mr. L. H. Chambers, who visited the tower after the bells were rehung in 1936, and a full history, including the details of the board, was published by him in 'Transactions of the East Herts Archaeological Society for 1938.' However, I believe Mr. Richardson's 1746 to be the correct date as the board was given by William Fremam, who died in 1749. This gentleman gave two trebles to Aspenden in 1736, and three trebles to Braughing in 1745, also a board for the 1746 peal, but I see no connection between the names on the two boards, as was queried in the 1928 correspondence.

As to the method rung (5,040 tripples), the Hertford peal (1724) and Braughing peal (1746) were also 5,040 tripples, and if we are to believe Mr. Trollope, who was perhaps the greatest authority on these matters, then they were Doleman's false peal. The 1767 peal at St. Peter's, St. Albans, was John Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples.

With reference to my article, may I point out a misprint? Squire Proctor's band attended (Braughing's Ringing Day) for over fifty years, etc., also a correction: for St. Albans Amalgamated Association (1876) read St. Albans Association.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

P.S.—The bells at St. Paul's, Walden, were a Chandler five, but Briant recast the old fourth a full semitone sharp. There is a tradition that this bell got mixed up with one recast at Knebworth about the same time. Essendon bells have been described as the front three and back three of an eight, but I believe them to be a ring of six, out of tune. Kimpton bells also have a very flat tenor.—H. V. F.



## MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY'S YORKSHIRE TOUR

THE annual tour of the Manchester University Guild of Change Ringers was held this year in West Yorkshire. It was a ten day cycling tour and began on the evening of July 6th, when fifteen ringers assembled at Burley Wood youth hostel.

The first day's outing was a circular trip, and we rang all day at eight-bell towers. We began at Ilkley, famous to ringers for its association with Jasper Snowden. Pleasant, if not faultless, ringing of Double Norwich, Cambridge and standard methods gave the tour an agreeable start. Some mild speculation about a stray member was ended by his joining us at this point. The unity of the party was broken after this ringing by a dissenting group of mediævalists who went off to see Bolton Abbey. The rest of us rode to Keighley, where we were met by a very young newspaper reporter. The bells were not so easy as Ilkley, but good striking of Double Norwich and Oxford Bob Triples was attained and we enjoyed ringing with local ringers.

At Bingley we were flattered to find another reporter, who seemed more impressed with our first try at Superlative than we were. Oxford Treble Bob and standard methods were rung with more success. After this we were joined by the Bolton Abbey party at the beautiful church at Guiseley. The lively eight here were handled without distinction by a band beginning to feel the vigours of the first day's ride—at least, that is the excuse. The Vicar was kind enough to join in our ringing.

### CHALLENGE TO BELL HANDLING PUNDITS

After a showery ride from Burley we started our Wednesday ringing at Otley. The rope of the fifth at this tower gave a startling sideways leap just before each handstroke, and this provided an irresistible challenge to the bell-handling pundits. Next to Collingham, where we arrived early, and spent our waiting time having lunch and looking at the little church. Perhaps the most interesting features were the seventh century cross with a runic inscription (said to be the oldest Christian monument in the north of England) and the traces of Saxon rock in the outer wall. We took some time to accustom ourselves to these light eight bells, and only began to give them the sensitive handling they need when we were about to leave. A rash attempt at Superlative failed, Kent was only a little better, and we finally resorted to Little Bob. It was our pleasure to ring next on the exceedingly fine eight at Tadcaster.

On Thursday morning Selby Abbey was visited and Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Kent Royal were rung with enough success to justify optimism about ringing at York in the afternoon. Impressions of Selby were perhaps overwhelmed by those of York Minster. The vastness of the nave and choir and the solemn beauty of the north transept will probably be remembered most. We had been granted permission to ring for Evensong, but a sad accident awaited us; the rope of the eleventh broke, and we had to ring without this bell. Grandsire Caters was tried and sounded much better than we had expected.

### QUEER ACOUSTICS BLAMED

A detour was made next day by the men in order to claim Boroughbridge as the first six of the tour. Here well struck Plain Bob, Grandsire and Cambridge were rung with some effort. The party reunited at Birstwick, where the light eight went so nicely that it was decided to attempt three leads of Bristol and a course of Superlative. There was some disagreement about the merits of these attempts,

and this was eventually attributed to queer acoustics. Pateley Bridge waited with a wheel-slipping treble, a 3rd which wouldn't go up at back and an electric shock for one of our members. We rose to the occasion with good striking of Cambridge Minor. A long hot climb up a rough path brought us to the hostel, where we washed in water from the stream.

Saturday was another architectural feast day. We paid a regrettably brief visit to Fountains Abbey. The suitability of the transeptal tower for bells was naturally discussed; and our imaginations were active, sometimes over-active, in reconstructing the past. We rode on to Ripon Cathedral. After a quick tour of the building, during which the noble Early English choir was particularly admired, we climbed the squat south-west tower to the belfry. Kent and Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung on this very pleasant ten. Our more energetic members then departed to Wath and enjoyed ringing the easy six there. The rest of us went direct to West Tanfield. The church itself is unusual in having a squint which looks from the nave to the north chancel altar. The bells were a bit rough, and we went on to Masham hoping for something better. But here one can only report that an exhausted band rang Hereward Bob and standard methods rather limply.

### IN THE DALES

Sunday service ringing was at Aysgarth and Askrigg. The best ringing of the tour was achieved at Aysgarth on Sunday morning, when impeccable courses of Cambridge Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung. We gave demonstrations of handbell ringing during the course of an entertainment at the hostel that evening. We were more enterprising in our choice of methods on Monday. St. Clement's Double Court and London Surprise were rung on the six at East Witton. At Middleham three leads of Bristol were rung. We afterwards had our photograph taken by a newspaper reporter, who said we'd make better copy if we'd had a serious belfry accident. Finally, at the quiet riverside church at Grinton, 'the Cathedral of the Dales,' we rang Spliced Minor.

The first complete course of Bristol for the tour was rung on Tuesday at Richmond. A board at this tower which recorded a peal by ringers from Catterick Camp bore the names of several well known ringers, and included that of Mr. Ronald Airey, the first master of the M.U.G.C.R. Two more eight bell towers, Northallerton and Thirsk, followed; but the bells were not inspiring and our ringing deteriorated, as if to restore the average after Richmond. After a ride which took us past the ruins of Bylands Abbey we arrived at the 'self-cooking' hostel at Ampleforth. Food preparation here was a chaotic scene of bustling activity, out of which extraordinarily satisfying meals emerged.

Our last full day began with visits to Helmsley Castle and Rievaulx Abbey, the latter interesting enough though not so impressive as Fountains. Cambridge, Double Norwich and standard methods were rung on the slightly disappointing eight at Helmsley, after which we rode on to our last six at Kirby Moorside, an interesting little church which has a priest's room over the south porch.

Malton was our last resting place. On Thursday morning an hour's ringing at Walton was followed by a presentation to Mr. Brian Harris for his work in preparing the tour. This concluded a most enjoyable and strenuous ten days; the party then dispersed on a slightly subdued note—most people, one suspects, were thinking of a few days' rest. But everyone will be there next year.

D. A. E.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Tong and Its Bourdon Bell

The first ever meeting of the Shropshire Association at Tong proved a very great success, perhaps because of several unusual features. The beautiful church, a small but exquisite example of the English Perpendicular period attracted other visitors besides ringers on September 12th. As the ropes from the central tower fall to the floor of the nave, ringing is in full view of all parts of the cruciform church.

By 4 p.m. at least forty ringers and an unknown number of non-ringers presented a most animated scene as the bells, tuned to very good purpose by Taylors, were rung in various methods up to Cambridge, the 'go' being voted first-class, despite the rather long draught.

The Vicar, Rev. E. J. Gargery, then arrived to wish us welcome, explaining that a Deanery Festival at Shifnal required his presence, and that because of this the usual service was impossible. Mr. C. H. Tindall, captain of the Tong band, was, however, present, and in fact he remained with us until we finally dispersed. They gave us permission to ring the bourdon bell, last cast by Taylors in 1892. This weighs 46 cwt., and succeeds that given by Sir Harry Vernon in 1518, when he found his way home to Tong Castle after being lost in Brewood forest, by the sound of a bell rung for evensong. It was originally rung only when 'a Vernon came to Tong,' but was perforce freed from this restraint when the family ceased to own the castle. Nowadays it is rung for festivals of the church, and other special occasions, of which our visit was evidently one. It is a grand bell by any standards, and is known as 'the great bell of Tong' throughout a wide area.

The Old Bell of Tong is the inn nearby, and forty ringers made their way there for tea. The secretary had experienced some difficulty in persuading the landlady to cater for the number expected, which was 35, and for a time it looked as though five would go hungry, but eventually all was well.

No business was possible under the circumstances, and it was likewise impossible to 'call the roll' of towers represented, but Chester, Birmingham and Coventry were certainly amongst the number. More ringers appeared when ringing was resumed to the total of at least fifty, and London, Double Oxford and other Minor methods were rung.

Our Ringing Master, Mr. A. Pritchard, who called the one and only peal rung on the old Rudhall bells, was much impressed by the way they now handle and, as for the tuning, it was agreed by all that the six are a ring of which any village might be proud. The writer had not heard them before tuning, but is unable to find quite the right adjectives to describe the most satisfactory result.

Our meetings this year have taken us to several towers where bells have been restored, and all the circumstances made that at Tong perhaps the most memorable. W. A. F.

### AN OUTING TO MONMOUTHSHIRE

On September 12th a small party of ringers, representing the counties of Glamorgan, Monmouth and Dorset, partook of a very pleasant outing arranged by Mr. Ryan Price. Towers visited were Marshfield (8, 11 cwt.), Peterstone Wentloog (8, 7½ cwt.), All Saints', Newport (8, 14½ cwt.), Nash (6, 7½ cwt.), Machen (8, 12 cwt.), and into Glamorganshire to Gaeprhill (8, 13 cwt.). Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Little Bob Major. E. T. P. F.



**THE 'AVON,' 'SEVERN AND 'WYE'**

Ringers of Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, with their wives and fellow ringers from Allesley, Coton and Bulkington, crossed the rivers Avon, Severn and Wye for their annual outing on August 22nd.

At the unbelievably early hour of 7.30 a.m. the party assembled at Pool Meadow. The coach, having picked up some on the way—Coventry was enjoying a bus strike, on Saturdays only—departed on time and promptly at 9.15 a.m. pulled up at Upton-on-Severn Parish Church. Mr. Charles Camm was there to meet us, and made us most welcome. The bells were rung up in a peal and some good touches were enjoyed. These bells are a fine ring for their weight (tenor 12½ cwt., and not 17½ cwt., as given in Dove's).

Leaving at 10 a.m. and passing across the Malverns from Worcestershire into Herefordshire through glorious scenery, we arrived at Ledbury to be met by Mr. Frank Overton, and once again made most welcome. The rise here was not as good as it could have been, for the bells have recently been rehung and are a glorious eight (tenor 12½ cwt.). This tenor was reputed to be 24 cwt. until rehanging proved this to be wrong. Touches were brought round, and all were delighted with the tone and 'go' of this fine ring. Ledbury has a detached campanile, and the church itself is magnificent, with some fine stained glass windows and monuments. The non-ringers and ringers alike were impressed with this fine church.

Being most reluctant to leave all were eventually shepherded into the coach for the run to Ross-on-Wye, where lunch was arranged. During the meal we heard the bells being rung up. Arriving at the church at 12.45 p.m., we were met and given the usual welcome by Mr. J. J. Webb and, with the bells already up, 'stood to' for Stedman, when, after one whole full, an unusual noise preceded silence from the second bell. Stand was called and an inspection by Mr. Webb revealed that the clapper had parted company. This was replaced and, without further incident, some good ringing was enjoyed. The ringing here was prior to a wedding, so the happy couple had free wedding bells.

Leaving Ross on time, we crossed the Wye and made our way to Hereford on the way to Lugwardine. This little village proved rather elusive and, despite our map reading, we came in at the wrong end and, unfortunately, later than the arranged time. We were welcomed here by the tower captain, Miss Holland, and two other local lady ringers. These fine light eight bells were enjoyed by all, and good use was made of the time at our disposal. With a parting wave from the local ladies we made our way to Worcester, to be met at Deansgate by Mr. Tom Lewis, who joined us at tea. After a substantial meat tea had been disposed of we were escorted to All Saints' by Mr. Lewis, and these fine ten were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire Bob Royal and Kent Royal. What a pity that this ring is housed in a tower which has so much movement. Despite this some good ringing was enjoyed. Mr. Lewis then escorted us to St. John's across the other side of the Severn, and introduced us to his father, who joined in some good ringing on these very nice eight bells, which go as good as they sound. Reluctantly we made our departure for Coventry after many hearty handshakes.

We take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents and tower captains for assisting in making this a most successful outing, plus good bells, good ringing, good company and good food.

J. L. G. H.

**OUTINGS****DONCASTER AND DISTRICT**

On July 25th ringers and friends from the Doncaster district set out on their annual outing, which this year was to take them into Derbyshire.

The first tower of the day was Chesterfield, where some good ringing took place on this fine ten with a 25 cwt. tenor. Unfortunately, due to a late start, time did not permit such a long session here as we would have liked.

Derby Cathedral, with its ring of ten, was the next place visited, and here also the striking was good, partly due, of course, to the excellent 'go' of the bells, which were admired by everyone.

After lunch in Derby (and after one or two ringers had managed to find the bus again), a start was made for Ashbourne. Although the bells here were duly admired for tone, the exceptionally long draught made good striking rather more difficult. However, this did not deter our more experienced ringers, who enjoyed their visit to this tower.

By this time, the weather had taken a decided turn for the worse, and it was in pouring rain that we laboriously ascended the hill to the tower at Matlock, where a disappointment awaited us, as we were only able to ring on seven of these bells, due to a broken rope. A further setback occurred when the rope of the 14 cwt. tenor proved too weak for one of our stronger ringers, and so we could not do as full justice to these bells as they deserved.

After having tea at Bakewell, a visit was made to this tower, with its beautiful eight, where (after the belfry key had been tracked down) some good ringing was enjoyed. The time spent here passed all too quickly, and it was with some regret that we left these excellent bells.

Hathersage was the final tower for the day, and here on this six we almost met our Waterloo. However, with a gallant performance on the back end from our heavy-bell ringers, we felt that we had at least held our own against these difficult bells.

Our thanks go to all the incumbents and to all the people who met us and made us so welcome, and it was with a pleasant impression of Derbyshire that we returned to Doncaster.

D. E. S.

**ST. LAWRENCE'S, IPSWICH**

The second outing of the year, a half-day coach trip in Suffolk, was made on Sept. 12th by ringers of St. Lawrence, Ipswich, and friends from Rushmere, St. Margaret's and St. Mary-le-Tower.

The first tower was Brandeston (6), followed by the eight at Wilby (good bells, but noisy inside) and Stradbroke (10, a good ring outside, but inside only 9 and 10 can be heard; some improvement, however, is expected in the near future).

After tea at the Queen's Head, Stradbroke, the recently rehung five at Heveningham, with two recast bells, were visited. Control was difficult at first owing to new ropes and the bells hung on ball bearings. Doubles was scored after three of the young members knelt on the floor, much to the amusement of the experts. At Yoxford—good going bells on plain bearings—ringing included Cambridge, Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob, with a course of York Surprise to finish the day. Home was reached by 10.30 p.m. Thanks are accorded the ringers who had the bells ready for the visitors and the clergy for their permission to ring.

**NAILSEA RINGERS IN THE RAIN**

Several ringers from Nailsea joined with a party from Dorset in an afternoon ringing tour in South Gloucestershire on August 29th. This was arranged as a 'thank you' for the 'fours and fives' expedition arranged near Bridgwater on Whit-Saturday. The trip took place in almost continual heavy rainfall, and towards the end of the day there were big water-spashes across some very narrow lanes to be negotiated.

Stapleton, Bristol, was reached in time to ring at the conclusion of a wedding, and the party were joined by the local ringers in a variety of methods, including a course of Cambridge Minor. The bells here are hung in an anti-clockwise direction. (The term 'backwards' is carefully avoided as the tower captain hinted that it was all the other ones which went round the wrong way!)

The only eight of the trip were at Mangotsfield, where the striking was not of the best, although Bob Major seemed to go better than Grandsire Triples.

Tea was consumed outside Westerleigh Church, after which the glorious six (tenor 20½ cwt.) were raised in peal and put to good use in both Doubles and Minor methods.

The next stop was Warnley, where the bells sound much better from the outside than they do from the ringing chamber. One touch of Stedman Doubles here was rung at a terrific speed.

Dyrham Church, beautifully situated in the grounds of the 17th century Dyrham House, proved to be a good light six, which went perfectly. Due no doubt to the isolated position of the village, these bells are only rung once a month, and it was a very pleasant surprise to find such a good ring in a tower somewhat off the ringing 'map'.

The company was honoured by the presence of a certain 'tower grabbing' gentleman from Clevedon at Doynton, a five in a south tower rung from the ground floor! The front four bells were all right, but the tenor was practically unringable. After a prolonged rise and a try for Plain Bob Maximus, a touch of Reverse Canterbury, selected for its lack of dodges, was rung and, after some rounds, the bells were lowered in peal a little after nine o'clock.

M. J. H.

**ST. MATTHEW'S, IPSWICH**

With one of the objects of giving the learners experience in other towers, the ringers of St. Matthew's, Ipswich, organised an outing into Essex on September 5th, the journey being made in four cars. A member of the T.S.U. (Tower Snatchers' Union), with over 300 towers to his credit, was consulted as to a possible route.

First bells sampled were the six at St. Mary's, Stratford, a good ring with a 15 cwt. tenor that would not be hurried along. Through Constable country to Wivenhoe, where there is a good six, and a clock case in the belfry. The latter caused concern to one lady whose sally caught the corner of the case. The mud in the harbour was visited before leaving for Great Bentley. A counter attraction was the cricket match on the largest of village greens. But ringing was the purport of the outing, and the bells, a light eight, were soon in use, the learners having their initiation into springing ropes.

The last call was Thorpe-le-Soken, which was reached by dusk. This octave (tenor 9½ cwt.), was regarded as the best bells encountered. They were rehung in steel frames in 1935, as were Great Bentley's in 1938, by an Ipswich firm. Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise were among the methods rung.



## OBITUARY

### THE REV. E. FOWLER

The death occurred at Bulth Wells Hospital on August 29th of the Rev. Edward Fowler, Vicar of Llanfihangel Rhydithon (Radnorshire) from 1926 till his retirement last year. He was 81 years of age.

A Freemason, he had acted as lodge chaplain at Bulth Wells for many years. Keenly interested in bellringing and himself a ringer, it was due to his efforts that the five bells of Llanfihangel Rhydithon were restored and augmented to six and visiting ringers were always sure of a welcome. On hearing that members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild were contemplating ringing five peals in a day, he at once placed his bells at their service, and when the band arrived to commence the peals they found everything in readiness and the bells had been rung up—and the time—5 a.m.!

The funeral took place at Llanbadarn Fawr, the packed church testifying the great esteem in which he was held. The 'five peals in a day' band were represented by Mr. L. Evans, and among the profusion of flowers was a wreath in the shape of a bell from the five peal band. The Hereford Diocesan Guild was also represented by Mrs. E. Chandler (peal recorder).

At deceased's wish the bells of Llanbadarn Fawr (5) and Llanfihangel Rhydithon (6) were rung 'open' after the interment and, as recorded elsewhere, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by members of the Hereford Guild.

### MR. WALTER LADD

With the death of Mr. Walter Ladd, of East Grinstead, the Exercise has lost a very old and faithful servant. Born on December 24th, 1864, at Wye, Kent, Mr. Ladd learnt to ring as a youth with the local call change band.

He married a local girl and in 1891, following his trade as a carpenter and joiner, he moved to Cowden, Kent, where he at once joined the local call change band.

When Cowden had the sixth bell added for the Coronation of King George V. in 1911. Herbert Markwell and the late William Latter went out from Tunbridge Wells to teach change ringing. These efforts were successful and later on Walter Ladd became tower captain.

In 1925 he moved to East Grinstead and joined the band at St. Swithun's with whom he rang until early this year, when his failing eyesight forced him to retire.

For the jubilee of King George V. and Queen Mary he rang the treble at Withyham to a peal of Grandsire Triples. This was his only peal, but his regular attendance for practice and service ringing and at guild and county meetings was a fine example to others. His proudest moment was in February, 1952, when he rang with his son and granddaughter at East Grinstead for the memorial service to King George VI.

In August his wife was taken ill and died on September 4th, but he did not know of her death, for on August 24th he collapsed and died on September 10th, the day after his wife's funeral.

The funeral was at Charing Crematorium on September 15th, and among the wreaths was one from the East Grinstead and District Guild, who were represented at the service by Mr. Albert Relfe, the vice-chairman.

On September 12th and for both services on the following day East Grinstead bells were rung half-muffled to Mr. Ladd's memory.

All the Exercise will sympathise with Mr. E. J. Ladd, the popular chairman of the East Grinstead Guild, in his double loss.

**ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles, in hand: G. Francis (first as cond.) 1-2. W. L. Weller 3-4. Miss J. M. Phillips 5-6. First in hand for W. L. Weller and Miss J. M. Phillips.

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### DEATHS

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**WARD.**—On Sept. 9th, 1953, at Ringwell, 344, Duffield Road, Derby, George Ward, aged 75 years, late of St. Andrew's, Derby. Cremated at Wilford, Nottingham, Sept. 11th.—From his loving wife. R.I.P. 3204

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Canon C. Carew Cox is now St. Francis' Lodge, Morcombeklake, Bridport, Dorset. Telephone Chideock 252. 3229

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### MEETINGS

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Cheadle, Sept. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. H. Cook, 24, Bulkeley Road, Cheadle, Cheshire.—C. K. Lewis. 3179

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting and six-bell contest Kirkburton, Saturday, Sept. 26th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 3127

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden, Sept. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Duke of Norfolk T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3148

**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.**—West Midland District.—Meeting at Tamworth on Sept. 26th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Audrey A. Timms, Y.W.C.A. Hostel, Butts, Coventry. 3183

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and **HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Western District).—Joint meeting, Wendover, Saturday, Sept. 26th, 3 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3186

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Piddlehinton, Sept. 26th. Usual arrangements.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 3157

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bridport, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3176

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Newark District.—The meeting on Sept. 26th will now be held at Balderton (Collingham not available). Own tea arrangements.—P. N. White. 3160

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at St. Mary's, Beddington. Bells (10) at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. in Village Hall, 7, Beddington Lane.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3169

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton (6), Sept. 26th, at 6 p.m. Buses hourly, returning to Newbury 8.53. Basingstoke 9.3.—D. Cane. 3179

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Southern District), **DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Thorne, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m.—Doreen E. Smythe, J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Secs. 3189

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway, Tuesday, Sept. 29th, 7 p.m. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Monday, Oct. 5th, 7.15 p.m. Meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow (Bow Road Underground Station), Saturday, Oct. 10th; ringing 3 p.m.; service 4.30; tea 5.15 (names, please); business 6 p.m.; further ringing 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 3240

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Meeting, Wootton (note change of venue), Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special method: Norwich Surprise Minor.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 3206

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Alsager, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Sept. 30th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 3228

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Runcorn (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. H. Hughes, 18, Cynthia Road, Runcorn. 3218

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Saturday, Oct. 3rd, Butlers Marston (6). 'Blue' bus service from Stratford-on-Avon and Leamington Spa (via Kineton). Please notify for tea—important. Service 4.30 p.m.—R. J. Edden, 25, Deppers Bridge, Southam, Rugby (Harbury 314). 3178

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western.—Meeting, North Weald, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. King, Brickwall House, North Weald. 3208

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bitton (8), Saturday, Sept. 26th, postponed until Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 29th, to W. F. Scudamore, No. 6, Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol. 3211



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Northleach (8), Oct. 3rd. Bells open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business after tea. Ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea by 1st.—E. H. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, Cirencester. 3242

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—Oct. 3rd. Abbots Leigh (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Village Hall, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 3239

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS (N.E. Branch) and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).**—Joint meeting, Culmpton (10 bells), Oct. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 27th to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor Estate, Tiverton. 3154

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Esher on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea available at local cafes.—R. I. Shepherd. 3181

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brosely on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Notifications for tea before Oct. 1st to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 3213

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice, Hope Bowdler, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 3126

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bushey Heath (8), 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, Tel. Watford 7936. 3207

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at Tonbridge (8), on Oct. 3rd, at 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 42, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge, by Sept. 30th. 3200

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North-West District.—Meeting at St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire, Oct. 3rd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. T. Wilde, 23, York Road, Gee Cross, Hyde. 2303

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Church Kirk on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3233

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General quarterly meeting at Hugglescote on Oct. 3rd. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Schools 5 (2s. 6d. each). Please notify Mr. H. O. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, Coalville, by Oct. 1st. Meeting after tea.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 3176

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Oct. 3rd. Sibsey. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Monday, Sept. 28th, to Mr. W. Wilkinson, Station Road, Sibsey. 3224

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edenham, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at The Five Bells. Names for tea to me by Monday, Sept. 28th.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., 3, Church Street, Billingham, Lincs. 3223

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Oct. 1st Mr. A. E. Greening, 68, Station Road, Rolleston-on-Dove. 3234

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Watton, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to T. A. Potter, 79, Brandon Road, Watton, Thetford. 3227

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Cropredy (6), Oct. 3rd. Service 4. Tea. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 3156

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing: Charlbury, 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.;

Spelsbury, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Chadlington after tea.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxford. 3167

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Watlington on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me not later than Sept. 29th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 3177

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sandhurst on Oct. 3rd, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3219

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Grafton Regis, Oct. 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to G. Atkins, Grafton Regis, Towcester. 3152

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Guilsborough, Oct. 3rd. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Sept. 29th, please. Note: No name, no tea. 3209

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to F. Slaford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 3215

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Ecclesfield on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. E. Smith, 57, Sycamore Road, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield. 3212

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A few tickets (price 12s. 6d.) still available for the annual dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements later.—G. F. Carter, 3, Gayton Crescent, N.W.3. 3237

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, Sutton Coldfield (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 3170

**SOUTHWELL GUILD.**—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Nottingham, Goose Fair Saturday, Oct. 3rd. St. Mary's (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute, Barkergate, for those notifying Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Thursday, Oct. 1st. Please take own food. Business meeting after tea. St. Peter's (10) available evening. 3170

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wissett (6), Oct. 3rd. Same arrangements as usual.—R. S. Payne, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3188

**SUFFOLK GUILD (Sudbury-Clare District), ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North-Eastern District).**—Joint meeting at Bures on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to L. D. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures, by Sept. 30th.—L. D. Mills and J. H. Gould, District Secs. 3195

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Bell Hotel 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 3236

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Sept. 30th G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley. 3221

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Llanfaes, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business follow. Names, please.—W. G. Smith, Stanbury, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 3191

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 3rd, at Hursley. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in King's Head Hotel. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 3162

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield (10), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. Committee 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Edenbridge (8), Oct. 10th. Names to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. The dinner has been arranged for Nov. 14th in Tunbridge Wells (details later), and I would be glad to know at once how many members intend to support this event.—C. A. Bassett. 3231

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Wonersh, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Enticknap, Redlands, Poplar Road, Shalford, by previous Wednesday. 3244

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch (8), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, by Oct. 7th.—P. A. Martin. 3230

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 10th. St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's bells 2.30. Cathedral after meeting only. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with the cash, please, to me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 7th. Nominations must reach me first post same date, none accepted after.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3217

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting. All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.45. Tea 4.30 (Parish Hall). Business meeting following. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. On Saturday, Oct. 17th, dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, Green Hedges, Harrietsham. 3235

**LADIES' GUILD (North-Eastern District) and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).**—Joint meeting at West Hartlepool, Oct. 10th. Bells at All Saints' 2.30-5; St. Oswald's 6. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 8th, to Mrs. M. Lawson, 8, Villiers Street, West Hartlepool. 3232

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Ewerby (10), Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 3171

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Newbury (10), Oct. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Oct. 7th to Mr. H. T. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury. 3205

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rushton, Oct. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please. Great Oakley bells available in the evening.—B. S. Cope, 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer. 3241

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Autumn meeting, Wombourn, Oct. 10th. Service 3 p.m., when the recently restored ring of eight bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Stafford. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 5.15. Accommodation for tea is limited, so early application is essential.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 3214

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Boreham. 3182

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES PARISH CHURCH.**—Civic service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and dedication of the recast and rehung ring of 10 bells (John Taylor and Co.) by the Lord Bishop of Durham at 2.45 p.m. on Oct. 17th. The bells will be available for all ringers from after tea until 9 p.m. Admission to service by ticket only (free). Tea tickets 3s. 6d. Service and tea tickets available from E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. 3190



## QUARTER PEALS

**BOURNE, LINGS.**—On Sept. 6th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Primrose, 576 Cambridge): A. E. Larkinson 1, A. E. Scott 2, F. W. French 3, C. Wade 4, A. Wade 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. Rung immediately prior to Evening as a farewell to Mr. A. R. Hadley, a chorister at this church for the past 14 years, who is leaving for his native Worcestershire this week.

**CARDIFF.**—On Sept. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. R. Price 1, Miss D. Hulbert 2, Miss J. Powe 3, G. Francis 4, H. Cassell (first quarter of Grandsire Caters) 5, A. J. Pitman 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Evans 8, T. Yeomans 9, W. Dare 10. A farewell tribute to Mr. G. Francis, who is returning to Iffington, Sussex, after three years in the R.A.F. at St. Athans.

**DEAL, KENT.**—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. E. Ruck (cond.) 1, W. Rich (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss G. A. Rich 3, M. Milner 4, J. Baxter 5, W. Mount 6. A farewell compliment to Miss Rich, who is leaving the district to attend training college in London.

**DUNSFORD, DEVON.**—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Munday 1, C. C. Deem 2, F. Wills 3, W. A. Wills 4, F. Wreford (cond.) 5, R. P. Crump 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Messrs. H. Short and W. Chaffe, ringers and devoted church workers of this church; relatives of the tenor ringer.

**HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Laura Beeny (13, first quarter) 1, G. Akehurst (14) 2, G. Beeny (cond.) 3, F. Beeny (15) 4, B. Stepney 5, B. Ellis 6.

**RODBOURNE CHENEY, SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Sept. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: B. Harry (first quarter) 1, Jeannie Holloway 2, Marion Harry 3, Bernice Strange 4, Beryl Strange 5, J. Manners (cond.) 6.

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