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PRIVILEGE

THAT accomplished musician, the late Dr. Richard Wassell, was fond of reminding his choristers of one unique privilege they each severally enjoyed. He would frequently remark that every singer in a choir should constantly reflect what a wonderful thing it was that twenty, or thirty, or more fellow men were willing to come and sing with him, and that such reflection could hardly fail to awake in the individual a strong sense of his own duty in the communal effort. Moreover, this appreciation of his good fortune should lead him both to the presentation of his very best in his work and to an understanding and humble enjoyment of the many pleasures and experiences incidental to his service.

What is true of singers is true, in the main, of ringers. Both enjoy the privilege of joining in communal effort, where team work is of the greatest importance, and where the skill or lack of skill, the care or absence of care, of any one participant, may make or mar the performance. In work of this kind there can be no room for high-mindedness; the call is rather for modesty, toleration, and an earnest seeking after that perfect co-operation that arises from thought for others and a desire to subordinate one's own wishes to the common aim and the common good. Both the choir and the belfry offer unrivalled opportunities for this kind of self-training; and here a thought or two come to mind of the opportunities and experiences presented to ringers perhaps even more than to choristers.

We ringers go about a great deal, visit many towers, and in those towers we indulge in divers diversions; and it is probably true to say that rarely do we pause and give ourselves time to reflect with gratefulness upon the high privilege that has been ours in being permitted to ascend that tower, to ring on those famous bells, to join with notable ringers in touch or peal; to go, in many cases, where the general public can have no right of admission,

and to be present at ceremonies where an intimate view is reserved for very few spectators. To ascend to the bell room of St. Paul's; to join in sounding forth the twelve at the noble cathedral of Southwark; to gaze from the platform of Liverpool's mighty tower, high above the Mersey; to stand on Worcester's pile, swaying to the swinging of the great twelve, and watch the line of the Malvern Hills, rising from Ledbury in graceful undulations, like the surges of Elgar's strings, to the climax of the Worcester Beacon: these are experiences that stir the pulse, thrill the heart, and entirely refute the common belief that the world is growing grey and old.

And not only in these vast and lofty realms lie pleasures that are real and experiences that touch hidden chords. In the village belfry of the West, where the rounds are so perfect as to make us ring with trepidation, where through the little square window there appears a shin-headland above blue sea and a white sail; in the lonely Warwickshire church, where a circle of country lads and men around the font swing up their six bells with a perfection unknown in the cities, while the Sunday School children near the altar forget their mentor and gaze slyly over their shoulders to watch the flying ropes; far away, in the mountains of Wales, where the humble Grandsire Doubles stream out from the tall tower, drifting in fitful waves of sound up through the narrowing pass to Moel Hebog and Snowdon, and all the mighty bulwark of peaks seems to stand silent to listen to that tiny voice; in these things are emotions too subtle for words to be expressed perhaps only in the music of Mozart, with accompanying thoughts that lie (as Wordsworth knew and well said) too deep for tears.

The privileges are truly ours, but, as Dr. Wassell reminded us, at a price and with responsibilities. We must ring our Stedman Cinques at Southwark in accordance with the standard required at that place; in the village church we must move circumspectly and with humbleness lest our ringing up in peal be not a credit to our vaunted experience. For from us, to whom much is given, much is required.

E. C. S.

WEST COUNTRYMEN'S TOUR OF HEREFORD AND WALES

LED'BURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

S. ARTHUR READ Treble	*DAVID HOARE 5
COLIN J. B. TAYLOR 2	LESLIE EVANS 6
RICHARD J. CRAGO 3	*GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 7
ANTHONY J. SANGER 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* 25th peal together. 50th peal as conductor.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
ROGER KEELEY 2	*GEORGE FRANCIS 6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3	ERIC NAYLOR 7
REV. E. G. BENSON 4	HENRY J. SANGER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE W. MASSEY.

* 25th peal together.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

JEAN HUTTON Treble	S. ARTHUR READ 5
ANTHONY J. SANGER 2	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR 6
DAVID HOARE 3	LESLIE EVANS 7
RICHARD J. CRAGO 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE FRANCIS Treble	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 5
ROGER KEELEY 2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 6
HENRY J. SANGER 3	ERIC NAYLOR 7
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 4	DAVID HOARE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*COLIN J. B. TAYLOR .. Treble	DAVID HOARE 5
ROGER KEELEY 2	*BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 7
*GEORGE FRANCIS 4	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBREY.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt, 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. Treble	ERIC NAYLOR 6
ROGER KEELEY 2	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3	HENRY J. SANGER 8
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
GEORGE FRANCIS 5	DAVID HOARE Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal 'inside.'

LLANFEIGAN, BRECON.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEUGAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's variation of Washbrook's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

*GEORGE FRANCIS Treble	HENRY J. SANGER 5
ROGER KEELEY 2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 6
LESLIE EVANS 3	ERIC NAYLOR 7
†GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 4	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* 100th peal. † 100th tower-bell peal.

BRECON.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

J. ARTHUR HOARE Treble	FRANK L. HARRIS 5
*S. ARTHUR READ 2	ANTHONY J. SANGER .. 6
DAVID HOARE 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
RICHARD J. CRAGO 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*JOHN A ACRES Treble	WILLIAM A. LACY 7
†GERALD C. HEMMING .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 3	*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 9
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
ERNEST W. RAWSON 5	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	†WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* 100th peal together. † First peal of Surprise Maximus, and has now 'circled the tower.' ‡ 200th peal.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Alan Jacques on the birth of a daughter, and rung on the 101st birthday of Mrs. Susan Davis, of Evesham.

SOUTHWARK.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble	*JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 2	†W. NORMAN GENNA .. 8
*TONY PRICE 3	*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 9
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	*FRANK C. PRICE 10
†PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 5	*JOHN R. MAYNE 11
WILLIAM T. COOK 6	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	JOHN WORTH 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	NEIL D. LOMAS 8
BASIL JONES 3	PETER LAFLIN 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	BRIAN HARRIS 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	PETER BORDER 11
EDWARD JENKINS 6	FREDK. E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MARIAN H. MILLS .. Treble	BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 6
†ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	ALAN R. SYDER .. 8
†KENNETH G. BROWN .. 4	TERRY EARLE .. 9
*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5	†URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. 8
ALAN F. THIRST .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. 9
WILLIAM T. COOK .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

MILTON C. FOWLER .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 7
*M. VIVIEN COPPING .. 3	†VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal and first attempt. † 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.
CYRIL RUSBY .. Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 5
SUSAN CHADDOCK .. 2	IAN HOLLAND .. 6
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 4	GEORGE HINER .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rung to mark the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Mon., July 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*SUSAN CHADDOCK (14) .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
*CYRIL RUSBY .. 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
MILTON FOWLER .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Surprise.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb.

COLIN B. LONGMORE .. Treble	ERIC T. LEE .. 5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 4	GERALD C. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
First peal in the method as conductor, and rung on his birthday.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	*DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 2	*R. ROGER SAVORY .. 6
*JOHN G. UNDERWOOD .. 3	WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 7
*†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 3,776 Bristol, 640 London, and 320 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 59 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. 6
BRIAN BLADON .. 3	DENNIS KNOX .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., Aug. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

SUSAN CHADDOCK .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
MILTON FOWLER .. 2	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
CYRIL RUSBY .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Surprise.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
MARIE R. CROSS .. 2	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 6
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 3	†MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
HOWARD SCOTT .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal in eight Spliced Surprise.

A birthday compliment to Miss Marie R. Cross.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN FREEMAN Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. . 5
MRS. R. PEARCE .. . 2	CHARLES E. BROWN .. . 6
*FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK .. 3	WALTER TOMLINSON .. . 7
DENIS A. FRITH .. . 4	J. MICHAEL SIMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Triples.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

BERNARD V. COLLISON .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. . 5
GEORGE FRY .. . 2	STANLEY JENNER .. . 6
*MARGARET A. LADD .. . 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. . 7
†ERIC J. BRUNGER .. . 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Major.

Rung as birthday compliments to the seventh and tenor ringers.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FISHTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LESLIE H. TAYLOR .. Treble	JOHN P. MORRIS .. . 4
WILLIAM WILKINSON .. . 2	THOMAS CUMMINS .. . 5
JOSEPH BAILEY .. . 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cummins. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. P. Morris.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINGHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., July 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*REGINALD H. HOARE .. Treble	†LEWIS F. COBB .. . 4
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	RONALD N. MARLOW .. . 5
MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. . 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to William E. Cheater on completing 40 years as a ringer at this church.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain. Tenor 12 cwt.

CYRIL POOLEY .. . Treble	*DERRICK W. PARDON .. . 4
JOHN R. SMITH .. . 2	HORACE V. LUBBOCK .. . 5
A. FREDERICK BOYCE .. . 3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in five methods.

A 70th birthday compliment to the mother of the tenor ringer.

KILLMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Fri., July 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED PARR .. Treble	IAN HOLLAND .. . 4
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 5
JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rung to mark the 80th birthday of Fred Parr, father of the treble ringer and former ringer at this church.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northampton Branch.)

On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ROLAND A. ELDRIDGE .. Treble	†JIM C. RAINBOW .. . 4
*JACQUELINE A. DOWNING .. 2	ALLAN R. JONES .. . 5
*DELIA M. MILLER .. . 3	GEORGE F. ROOME .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN .. . 4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. . 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
JOAN W. WILCOCKSON .. . 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., July 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

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

JENNIFER STRATFORD .. Treble	*GRAHAM T. BALL .. . 4
*MICHAEL VERNON .. . 2	†LEONARD TREVOR .. . 5
RITA M. STRATFORD .. . 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

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

To mark the welcome gift of a second son to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Chapman (Graham).

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 7½ cwt.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 4
*ELSIE K. HART .. . 2	*WILLIAM WENBAN .. . 5
*H. GEORGE HART .. . 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor. 100th peal of Surprise as conductor.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*MRS. G. SHELLARD .. Treble	†CLIVE HAYNES .. . 4
MONTAGUE SAUNDERS .. . 2	WILLIAM A. YATES .. . 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. . 3	GEORGE SHELLARD .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the christening of Andrew Robert Hinton; also as a 21st birthday compliment to Jean Cleaver.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 28½ cwt.
 ALBERT D. COLLINS ... Treble | BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4
 ERNEST STITCH ... 2 | HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
 ARTHUR R. WRIGHT ... 3 | HARRY BOSWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

A birthday compliment to Messrs. E. Stith (73) and T. E. Smith (70), of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) Chester, Munden; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale; (3) Beverley, Surfleet; (4) York, Durham; (5) Norfolk, Primrose; (6) Berwick, Hexham; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich.
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

MRS. J. W. HAW ... Treble | LEONARD C. BLANCHARD ... 4
 HORACE M. DAY ... 2 | JAMES W. HAW ... 5
 ALBERT E. SCOTT ... 3 | CECIL WADE ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, who will be 76 on September 4th.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*EDGAR A. COLE ... Treble | J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 4
 HENRY P. COLLIN ... 2 | RONALD RUSSELL ... 5
 WALTER WESTON ... 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal, first attempt.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 3, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.
 *MARGARET C. MACKEY ... Treble | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ... 4
 *DOROTHY M. STAFFORD ... 2 | ALAN McFALL ... 5
 BERNARD GROVES ... 3 | ROBERT SMITH ... Tenor

Rung non-conducted.

* First peal of Minor. First non-conducted peal by all the band.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, comprising one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent T.B., Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
 *MARGARET A. BRUCE ... Treble | GEORGE N. ORMAN ... 4
 ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 2 | †ERIC E. SPARLING ... 5
 ROY DUESBURY ... 3 | FRANK H. PYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 DAVID CUBITT ... Treble | HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD ... 4
 SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD ... 2 | C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
 MARTIN CUBITT ... 3 | ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., Aug. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRED FISHER ... Treble | HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 4
 *SUSAN CHADDOCK ... 2 | *JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK ... 5
 ELIZABETH A. WARDILL ... 3 | NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung on the front six after meeting short for Major.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and ten extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.
 *ROLAND A. DUTTON ... Treble | ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 4
 †D. JOHN POOLE ... 2 | †ERNEST T. CARVELL ... 5
 PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 3 | *M. ROBERT GLEDHILL ... Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble.

‡ First peal of Doubles.

In memoriam Pamela Hill, of St. Saviour's, Oxton, drowned at Barmouth on Tuesday, July 16th.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.
 RUTH A. HIGHLEY ... Treble | ††RONALD C. BURNS ... 4
 *JENNIFER M. HIGHLEY ... 2 | †CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 5
 CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3 | PETER F. BORER ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. C. Lamb, father of the ringer of the third.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.
 *FRANK CARTER ... Treble | ERNEST MORRIS ... 3
 B. STEDMAN PAYNE ... 2 | †DAVID LOWE ... 4

ROYSTON WILMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 27, 1957, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 15 in C.
 BERNARD GROVES ... 1—2 | ALAN McFALL ... 3—4
 ROBERT SMITH ... 5—6

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

First peal 'in hand' by all.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., July 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT CAMPANA, 54, ROLLESTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

ALAN G. FOSTER ... 1—2 | BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5—6
 ARTHUR R. WRIGHT ... 3—4 | E. MARION KEY ... 7—8

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

QUARTER PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On July 21st, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent, 600 Plain): W. S. Girling 1, Miss A. E. J. Lester 2, Miss M. I. Goodship 3, G. R. Goodship 4, J. J. Prentice 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Sear 1, F. Stenton 2, P. R. Andrews (first 'inside') 3, A. E. Daniells 4, W. Daniels 5, D. J. Meager 6, H. V. Sear 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the marriage of Mr. J. Mossop, member of the local band, at Egremont, Cumberland, the previous day.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. Greenough 3, H. L. Bishop 4, G. Bishop 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, P. Davies 7, W. Gilks 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Diana Smith to Mr. Michael J. W. Elliott.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss J. Outhwaite 1, Miss J. George 2, R. E. Clarke (first 'inside') 3, J. Parker 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung for the retirement of the Rev. C. J. Ellingham (hon. curate).

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. Francis (jun.) 1, J. Marsh 2, E. Drew (cond.) 3, G. Goodson 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, F. Hinton 7, J. Courtman 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. W. Overton, of Bridgnorth.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: N. Mallet (cond.) 1, C. Rooke 2, M. Mallet 3, L. Walters 4, K. Walters 5, D. Jewell 6, F. Sangwin 7, A. Smallridge 8. A farewell to Kenyvn Walters, who is leaving the area and going to Slough.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Chaddock 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, Kathleen Mallender (first quarter) 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, H. Wastaff 5, N. Chaddock 6.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Kent 1, D. Kent 2, H. Best 3, E. Dibble 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, T. Mogg 6. Rung after evening service.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (10 callings): A. Miles 1, Margaret Jennings (first 'inside') 2, R. Elliott (cond.) 3, G. Jennings 4, A. Stoner 5, S. Arnold 6. First of Doubles for 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on July 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Click 1, W. H. Wilson 2, E. J. Buchanan 3, T. McMorran (cond.) 4, H. W. Jones 5, C. J. Reede 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, F. H. Brown 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on his 68th birthday.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, Mrs. R. Cook 2, Mrs. M. J. de Jorv 3, Miss B. Johnstone 4, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, Miss J. B. Parsons 6. First of Stedman Doubles for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung by members of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—On July 28th, 1,295 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Young 1, E. Flintham 2, B. Hunt 3, J. R. Young (cond.) 4, J. R. Kemp 5, R. Bamber 6. First quarter by 2, 3 and 6.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On July 31st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. L. Blick 1, E. L. Duffield 2, E. White 3, Miss A. Fundrey 4, A. J. Williams 5, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 2 and 5. A farewell quarter peal for the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving the district.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss W. Booley (first quarter) 1, G. Beeny 2, Miss E. Burley (first 'inside') 3, E. E. Breed (cond.) 4, H. Goldsmith (first 'inside') 5, A. Goldsmith 6. On the 60th birthday of the conductor.

HAMPTON, MIDDLEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,296 Minor (720 Bourne Surprise and 576 Fulbeck Bob): Margaret Essen 1, W. S. Deason 2, R. G. Leale (cond.) 3, D. A. S. Hawkins 4, R. Woodcock 5, P. A. Lawrence 6. For Matins.

HYTE, KENT.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. Parks 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Miss M. Vantom (cond.) 3, Miss Godridge 4, M. Swift 5, J. Martin 6, T. Anderson 7, H. Porter 8. Rung as a compliment to W. J. Prebble on his 90th birthday.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Headlands (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Giles 2, Joan Baker 3, R. Edwards 4, P. G. R. Davies 5, D. W. James (cond.) 6.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Gilbert 1, Mrs. M. Stephens (first quarter) 2, Miss P. Gray 3, H. Gilbert 4, P. Inskip (cond.) 5, M. Stephens 6, L. Turner 7. Rung by the local band before morning service. Pearl Inskip, leader of the band, has now completed 50 years' membership of the Bedfordshire Association.

LEIGH, SURREY.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. S. Deason 1, D. W. Spittle 2, R. G. Leale (cond.) 3, D. A. S. Hawkins 4, P. A. Lawrence 5, F. W. Scott 6.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob): P. Gardner (first quarter) 1, L. Walmsley 2, R. Price 3, J. Bailey 4, F. Stead 5, P. Dunderdale (first as cond.) 6. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. W. E. Loxham, father-in-law of the ringer of the 3rd.

PYLL, SOMERSET.—On July 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 540 Grand-sire and 240 Plain Bob): G. Salmon 1, V. Roberts 2, M. Rose (cond.) 3, J. Badman 4, D. Lee 5, T. Harris 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: F. Ely 1, L. Mills 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hatch 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On July 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: G. Hodges 1, G. Godfrey 2, H. Woolley 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, S. King 5, G. Acott 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, who has completed over 50 years as a ringer in this tower.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 780 Bob): J. T. Foster 1, M. M. Grimes 2, J. E. Collins 3, J. S. Knighton 4, A. Whiting (cond.) 5, B. Millington (first quarter) 6. For the patronal festival.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—At the Abbey of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Poole 1, J. S. Carter 2, R. Selwaj 3, C. P. Walker 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6, G. S. Morris 7, T. J. Setter 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. J. E. Churchill, a ringer at this tower for many years, and Mrs. Churchill.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on July 28th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. Belcher 1, B. K. Lunn 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, A. F. Thirst 4, W. T. Cook 5, A. B. Peck 6, W. Theobald 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Crampion 9, B. Baker 10, John Phillips (cond.) 11, D. R. Randell 12.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Jervis (first of Plain Bob Minor) 1, Miss L. Kew (aged 12 years, first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Adamson 3, A. D. Rivers 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, J. C. Birt 6. Rung for progress and the birthday of H.M. the Queen Mother.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss G. M. Smith 1, Miss J. Horton 2, R. Blackman 3, J. Young 4, W. Curtis (cond.) 5, G. Mercer (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to Helen Louise, daughter of Jean and Peter Blackman and grand-daughter of the ringers of 3 and 5, born July 18th, 1957.

WEST PENNARD, SOMERSET.—On July 27th, 1,440 Bob Minor: T. Harris 1, H. Smith 2, G. Salmon (cond.) 3, S. Atwell 4, M. Rose 5, V. Roberts 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, Anne Garnett 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, M. Sinden 5, A. Bishop 6, P. Devenish 7, F. Corfield (cond.) 8.

WINTERTON, Lincs.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hall 1, Mrs. R. Chafer 2, Mrs. H. Hall 3, R. Chafer 4, J. Hall 5, H. Hall (cond.) 6. Rung for the marriage of Miss Nita Firth and Mr. R. S. Drinkall, on the 25th anniversary of the wedding of the ringers of 3 and 6, parents of the ringers of 1 and 5.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On July 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Fox (cond.) 1, L. Harvey 2, T. Bush 3, J. Bird 4, H. Hollen 5, L. Bush 6. First of Minor for 2 and 4. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss J. Sharpe and Mr. M. Parker, both ringers at this church.

OUTINGS

LYME REGIS

Lyme Regis ringers and some friends toured into North Somerset on July 27th. After a short break at Wells, the first ringing of the day was enjoyed on the lovely eight at Chewton Mendip. A pleasant run along the Chew valley, skirting the lake reservoir, brought the party to Chew Magna, where the heavy eight were handled on the whole quite respectably. Mr. Herbert Knight joined up here for the rest of the afternoon, and his piloting over the cross-country route was most helpful.

Time was allowed there for a picnic lunch; then, moving on to the picturesque church of Wraxall, some good ringing resulted on its splendid eight. A brief visit to Clevedon followed but, as St. Andrew's bells were not available, a little shopping was sought, involving a battle against the stiff, invigorating sea breezes. Yatton came next, where the local ringers have every reason to be proud of their rehug bells, and these were well struck in a variety of touches.

Before ringing at Wrington, a welcome tea was taken at a café in Burrington Combe, fortifying all for tackling the weighty ten which, however, seemed to offer no real difficulty. Here some ringers from Birkenhead on their way to Kingsbridge joined in a touch of Caters. From Wrington the homeward route was not a little fascinating over the Mendips through Burrington Combe, passing the rock under which A. Toplady in the 18th century wrote the hymn 'Rock of Ages' while sheltering from a storm; then down the Cheddar Gorge to Wells again and Glastonbury, reaching Lyme Regis at length via Yeovil and Beaminster.

It was a big but very satisfying day in showery weather and all who took part are grateful to the organisers; also for the permission to ring, and not least to Mr. H. Knight for the kindly arrangements his local knowledge enabled him to make. It was nice, too, to be met at Chewton Mendip, Wraxall and Yatton by their respective incumbents. Methods rung during the day were Grand-sire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, London and Bristol Major, Plain Bob Major and Royal.

C. L. C.

SEND, SURREY

The Send ringers, accompanied by representatives from surrounding towers and non-ringing friends, held their annual outing on July 20th, when the programme listed two 8-bell tower before tea and two 6-bell towers in the evening. Chiddingfold was reached in rainy weather and the ringing was much enjoyed. At Grayshott (Hants), where full use was made of the light octave, the ringing ranged from rounds to Triples and Major. A meat tea proved a very popular feature to all and full justice was done to the good fare provided. At 6 p.m. the party proceeded to Frensham, and the non-ringers were able to watch their ringing friends perform on the ground floor. Proceeding through Farnham and along the Hog's Back, the village of Seale was reached, where the last spell of ringing took place. Prior to leaving Seale, a combined vote of thanks was expressed to all who helped towards the success of the outing, which included the clergy, the local ringers, and Messrs. S. Strudwick and W. A. Goldstone, who made the arrangements.

W. S.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Simpson 1-2, D. A. Frith (cond.) 3-4, W. R. Read 5-6. First quarter on handbells by all.

BATH ABBEY BELLS RESTORED

Bath Abbey, one of the finest churches in England, is now in process of restoration, and work is proceeding apace. An appeal in 1949 on a national scale for £80,000 has resulted in £83,000 being subscribed, but rising costs and the discovery of further ravages have made it necessary to increase the amount appealed for by another £20,000. The decayed stonework is being replaced, and the Abbey is gradually recovering its former glory. The great east window has been restored, and the Abbey shows everywhere the signs of loving care and devotion by the Friends of Bath Abbey.

The bells have for nearly half a century been very difficult to ring, and sadly needed attention. It is gratifying that the present Archdeacon (Ven. Edwin Cook) saw the necessity of including the bells in the general restoration scheme, and thanks to his hard work and interest, the bells have been taken down, cleaned and retuned, and rehung in the old frame with completely new headstocks and fittings. The cannons on the back eight have been removed, and Bath Abbey now possesses once again a ring of ten which goes perfectly.

On August 3rd the Friends of Bath Abbey, the Mayor, Abbey ringers and a few friends, met in the ringing chamber, and the tower Master (Mr. W. J. Prescott) handing the tenor rope to the Archdeacon, requested him to rededicate the bells. Prayers were said by the Archdeacon for a blessing on the bells, those who ring them and those who hear them.

Mr. Prescott then asked the Archdeacon to accept on behalf of the ringers the gift of a set of handbells, eight of which had been pre-

sented by Mr. A. Reed and five by Mr. Paul Taylor.

The bells were then rung to a course of Grandsire Caters by the Abbey ringers, to the great delight of the assembled company. Afterwards many visitors took part in ringing in various methods from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

The work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in their usual efficient manner, and Bath now has a serviceable and ringable ring of ten which will, no doubt, considerably stimulate progress in ringing in Somerset.

JAYFUS.

VISITORS TO MIRFIELD

Mirfield Parish Church, Yorks, which has not been visited by touring parties for several years, has had the pleasure of welcoming visitors this year.

On July 29th, the Society of Rambling Ringers, touring Yorkshire and Lancashire, rang here from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.

The Universities Association, whose headquarters for their 1957 tour are Bingley College, near Bradford, rang from 8.30 to 9.30 p.m. on July 31st.

The Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild have arranged to hold their September meeting at this tower.

Miss M. Sheard, 84, Wellhouse Lane, Mirfield, secretary of Mirfield Parish Church Bell-ringers, will be very pleased to hear from other ringers who wish to visit the tower.

ROCHDALE YOUNG RINGERS

On July 20th a half-day ringing tour was held as a farewell gesture to Mr. Geoffrey Cheetham on his call-up into H.M. Forces, and a very pleasant time was had by one and all. We started ringing at Gisburn, the rendezvous, on the rather heavy-going six, but without much success from the point of view of striking. The next tower was Downham (5), where we enjoyed the view as much as the ringing. What a lovely village this is, with bells to match. Then on to Mitton, where permission to ring had to be sought as we had not received a reply by letter. This forthcoming, we proceeded to ring two courses of Bob Minor to accommodate all the party on this lovely-toned but rough-going six with the home-made ropes.

Tea was eaten en route to Hoghton, the first eight of the day, where our capabilities to ring Triples and Major were explored. Hoddlesdon was the next stopping point where, after a rapid touch of Kent T.B., we found the ropes still in the habit of leaving the wheels at the most inopportune times. The last tower proved to be the best of the day, both for bells and ringing. This was Adlington, where we had Mr. Blackburn to help us out with T.B. Major.

We would like to thank Miss Mildred Jones for the lovely supper provided, and Mr. Peter Scholfield for all the other arrangements, and, of course, the various incumbents for the use of their bells.

Methods rung.—Doubles: Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's; Minor: Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Little Bob; Triples: Grandsire and Stedman; Major: Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.
G. S. M.

John Taylor & Co.

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Mr. Horace M. Day, the well-known Market Deeping ringer, claims to be the oldest conductor to call a peal of Spliced Surprise in as many as 16 methods. This peal he called at Rippingale on August 3rd in very fine style. Although he will not be 76 until September 4th, the peal was intended as a birthday compliment as some of the band will be busy with the harvest at the time of his birthday.

Heard during a touch of Stedman in an East Anglian belfry: 'You're not dodging with me, Tom; I'm dodging with you!'

The peal of Belgrave Surprise Major rung at Manchester on July 22nd (see page 509) was the first time this peal was rung 'in hand,' according to the records of the Central Council.

Mr. James H. Musson sends a congratulatory note regarding Edgar A. Cole who rang his bell faultlessly to his first peal, at Silk Willoughby on August 3rd.

The peal at Drighlington on July 31st is believed to be the first peal for the Universities' Association with eight different universities represented.

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis informs us that in accordance with the Council's decision at Chelmsford, the handbell peal at Surbiton (page 492) should read: 'Double Plain Bob Minor.'

During the Universities' Association tour of Yorkshire a peal of Pudsey was scored at Drighlington, but peals were lost at Pontefract through a broken rope and at Sowerby through a shift course.

In the quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples rung at Crawley, Sussex, on June 30th, the ringer of the fifth was Robin Elliott and not S. Arnold as stated. Apologies to both, writes Mr. A. Miles.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Bells will be heard prior to the broadcast of R.C. Vespers from Prinknash Abbey, near Gloucester, on Wednesday, August 21st, at 4 p.m. in the Home Service. The service will be introduced by the Prior, Dom Dyfrig Rushton, O.S.B.

John and Susan Chaddock, of Rotherham, have rung their first peal of Surprise.

Mr. Alfred Parr rang his second peal after a gap of nearly 30 years at Killamarsh, Derbyshire, to mark the 80th birthday of his father, Mr. Fred Parr.

Because of being on special duty, Mr. Alan Jacques was unable to accompany Leicester Guild ringers to ring a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus in the bell tower at Evesham in honour of the birth of his daughter.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association recently revived an old custom of a cricket match between Tanfield and Newcastle ringers. The last recorded match between these two teams was in 1896. For full story see next week's 'R.W.'

Mr. David Hoare is anxious that no offence is created by crediting the peal at Knighton, Radnorshire, to the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. The church is in the diocese of Swansea and Brecon, and upon the representation of the Guild secretary he decided to take the action he did.

Bellringing fathers with eligible daughters should cut out the toast of 'The bride and bridegroom,' a composition of Mr. Edward C. Crewe, Ringing Master at Hoole, Chester, found elsewhere in this issue. It is given to the Exercise in the hope that it will provide an inspiration on a difficult but important occasion. We hope that none of our readers will claim it as a 'variation.'

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WEST COUNTRYMEN'S RINGING TOUR IN HEREFORDSHIRE AND WALES

IN four cars, the main party left Radstock promptly at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, July 27th, with the City Arms Hotel, Hereford, as the ultimate destination. It was regretted that Mr. J. T. Dyke could not join us, through illness, and the best wishes of the tourists were conveyed to him for a speedy recovery. An apology was received, second-hand, from Les Weller, who could not come because of other 'engagements,' not least his duty to the R.A.F.

A stop was made at Painswick and the bells raised in peal, followed by a course of Stedman Cinques. At Ledbury in the afternoon a peal of Yorkshire was scored. A shortage of ringers prevented an attempt for Cambridge at Lugwardine, but some useful practice was put in.

REMOVED STAY TO RING

Sunday morning found us ringing at All Saints', Hereford, for High Mass. In the afternoon great exertion was called for at Holme Lacey, where the bells proved manageable only after the removal of the stay and slider of the fifth! For Evensong we rang at the Cathedral, by the kind invitation of Mr. A. Davis.

A good beginning was made on Monday when the party invaded Radnorshire. At Presteigne a well-struck peal of Cambridge was accomplished, and at Knighton, Plain Bob Major. At the former tower the Rev. E. G. Benson made us most welcome, and we were glad to have him take part. A word of thanks is due also to Miss Jean Hutton, who stood in at the eleventh hour to ring the treble at Knighton. Two towers in Shropshire were scheduled for the afternoon—Clun and Ludlow. Ringing here was much enjoyed. One member commenting on the bells at Ludlow was heard to say: 'They 'ud fit purty well down in Zummerzet'—a very high compliment indeed. After much-needed refreshment, the return journey to Hereford was begun, despite the reluctance of one person who had found local beauty spots more than attractive.

Wye Surprise at Clifford on Tuesday was the fourth success of the tour and another morning peal. Meanwhile, the non-starters set off on a 6-bell grab to Bredwardine and Eardisley. Forces united in the afternoon for ringing at three more 6-bell towers; Peterchurch and Clodock were only found after a careful search, and lastly Grosmont (Mon), where we were told the bells were only rung on rare occasions—and small wonder! Their 'go' is not easy, and with the treble rope falling between the fifth and sixth, confusion is great. The bells, however, are very musical, and a course of London on them was no mean achievement.

SMART ORGANISATION

Wednesday gave much scope for our organiser's ability if nothing else. Arriving at Leominster at 9.30 a.m., we found the bells were not available until the afternoon. Yet within 15 minutes of leaving a peal of Rutland was in progress at Eardisland. Thanks for this are due chiefly to Leslie Evans, who with Austin Wingate assisted so much in arranging the first half of the tour. Kimbolton and Kingsland were visited by the afternoon peal band. Unfortunately an attempt for Grandsire Caters only lasted an hour at Leominster, so both bands joined to ring on the noisy five at Pembridge, where we met our friends Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, and the six at Staunton-on-Arrow. Our stay in Hereford ended happily with an hour's ringing at the Cathedral, followed by a social evening. The most remarkable feature of this was that Ron managed, this year, not to break a glass.

A peal attempt at Ross necessitated an early departure from Hereford on Thursday morning. A bid for Cambridge, alas, broke down after two hours' good ringing, though we wish to thank Mr. J. J. Webb for his arrangements. Ruardean was available for the non-pealers. Here the village folk some 20 years ago used to rise early on Easter Sunday to climb their church tower and sing festival hymns at 6 a.m.; something which the present Vicar intends to revive, we hear! The grand ring of ten at Abergavenny awaited us in the afternoon and a good peal of Cambridge Royal was successfully brought round. Both Ralph Edwards and Frank Harris joined us here for the second half of the tour.

BRECON CHEERED

Good peals of Stedman and Cambridge were rung on Friday morning at Llanfeigan and Brecon. The former peal enabled L. E. H. to achieve his annual ambition of ringing the tenor to a peal. One member became so enamoured with these bells that a notion formed in his mind of going there for Double Norwich at 6 a.m. on Sunday. Fortunately it remained only a notion. The peal at Brecon was not without incident. As the bells stood a cheer arose from the street, quite audible in the belfry. We record our thanks to Arthur Hoare and the Dean of Brecon for their assistance, and to the G.P.O. for their tolerance.

The hospitality of the Welsh was even more evident later. At Llanfaes the Rev. D. Wilkinson entertained us to a delicious tea. After stopping at Bronllys for a ring, we made for Talgarth and were met by Mr. D. H. Bennett, who had kindly arranged most of Friday's ringing. Supper was provided by the local ringers, and the evening closed with some touches and tunes on the handbells.

Misfortune attended both of the peal attempts on Saturday. New Cambridge in the morning at Blaenavon was lost when only three courses from home. At Ebbw Vale, Mr. Alsopp and Miss Evans had kindly made everything ready, but a broken rope ended an attempt for Double Norwich rather abruptly after two hours' first-class ringing. During this, Mr. Alsopp took the rest of the party on a tour of the steelworks.

PRESENTATIONS

In the evening Mr. H. J. Sanger presented David Hoare with a trio of presents, subscribed to by the band, for his efforts in arranging the tour. The first was a leather writing case with which to make later arrangements; then a tape to record the next tour's ringing, and finally a 'flannel bound with blue ribbon,' whose significance will only be known to his close circle of friends.

On Sunday morning ringing took place at Abergavenny before goodbye was said to our friends there. Later we were granted the privilege of ringing on the restored ten at Bath Abbey before the final dispersal.

So ended a most enjoyable tour. Thanks are extended to the various incumbents for the generous use of their bells, and to the local ringers at the towers visited for making us feel so welcome.

R. K.

Ringers' Rhymes—No. 1

Light bell ringers must beware
Lest bent arms their style impair.
'Hands right up' and 'Hands right down,'
'Pull it STRAIGHT,' then folk won't frown.
Then you'll have no cause for terror
When you're offered Bampton tenor!

THE DORSET TRAGEDY

INSTRUCT ALL CLERGY

Dear Sir,—Ringers will deplore the recent tragedy in Dorset. Many clergy seem woefully ignorant about all matters pertaining to ringing, and I think the Central Council might use its influence to do something about this by advocating a course of instruction during their training period. I do not suggest that all ordinands should be taught to ring, but only that a few short talks by competent people should be included in their course of training. Quite apart from considerations of safety, very great good might result.—Yours, etc.,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

RINGERS NOT TO BLAME

Dear Sir,—It is to be hoped that no one will try to hold the ringers of Okeford Fitzpaine in any way responsible for their rector's death. The plain and simple fact is that the rector should have known better than to go crawling amongst the bells when they were up, especially when it meant exposing children to the dangers involved. A clergyman who does not know better can have little interest in his bells and ringers.

Why did not Ronald K. Russ write before to point out the dangers of leaving bells up between services on Sunday? The practice has been almost universal for many years. He is the sort of person that should be attached to some 12-bell tower where he could raise a 40 cwt. tenor twice every Sunday.—Yours faithfully,

C. A. BARRON.

King's Heath, Birmingham.

LEAVE THE BELLS DOWN

Dear Sir,—To describe the practice of leaving the bells up as slovenly and lazy, as stated by Mr. Russ, is surely very inaccurate and casts a reflection upon ringers generally. In most cases, I believe, the bells which are raised for the first service are then left up so that ringing can start right into rounds for the next service. For special occasions it is very often the practice to raise the bells some time before the actual time for ringing for the same reason.

That the situation is dangerous is recognised by the warning notices that are displayed, but to describe the same as due to the laziness of ringers is, I venture to say, very wrong indeed, and should be corrected in all directions that may be under such an impression.—Yours truly,

FRANK HUCKLE.

Barham, Kent.

HEAVY BELLS

Dear Sir,—Since the unfortunate occurrence at Okeford Fitzpaine there have been quite a few letters published in 'The Ringing World' declaring that in no case should church bells be left up between services, and those who indulge in such a practice are guilty of laziness.

Have these correspondents ever tried to raise very heavy bells, ring a touch of a decent length and drop them in half an hour? Heavy bells cannot be raised in peal, and it is very hard and sometimes impossible to raise a large bell so that it goes up 'right,' and time has to be spent in turning them.

I know that Okeford's are not heavy and that they need not be left up: I am not concerned with that, but am writing in defence of the ringers who leave bells up because it would take ¼-hour to raise them and ¼-hour to lower them. I would, however, like to say that in such a tower every precaution should be taken to stop accidents like that to Mr. Mortimer.—Yours sincerely,

NEMO.

Liverpool.

'PER ARDUA'—THE ADVENTURES OF EGBERT

(Continued from page 517)

Egbert entered the church. There were several people inside but he did not appear to notice them, making his way over to the tower door and up into the belfry, where he found another two-dozen or more, from among whom the gentleman in charge of the proceedings (for convenience let us refer to him as the R.M., for after all, someone has to be in charge) was endeavouring to coax a band for Spliced Doubles. He glanced at Egbert and nodded pleasantly, inviting him to take a rope, which Egbert proceeded to do, during which time two or three others had been persuaded to get up and take ropes also. The band being made up, they started off. Egbert had not had much experience of this sort of thing, but he went along well enough, his belfrymanship standing him in very good stead, when he 'fluffed' his start upon St. Simon's being called. He was a fifth's place bell, yet for some unknown reason attempted to go down but, in the resulting mix-up, was very adroitly able to switch the responsibility to his neighbour, his confident assurance carrying the day for him against the other man's slight uncertainty.

The R.M. gave Egbert a keen glance, but at that moment the door opened and the Vicar came smiling into the belfry, which put the finishing touch to the spliced attempt. He expressed his pleasure at having the ringers at Little Taterfield, it being the first time he had ever had an Association meeting at his church. By this time the service was due to start and when all were assembled at the rear of the church the Vicar gave them a few words of welcome, after which the service began. In his address the Vicar told the gathering all about bells, after which he went on to talk about ringers in general, and those in particular who, having rung for service did not stay to church. He was sure that did not apply to the Association members gathered there that day.

The service at last being over, the ringers slowly filed out of the church and made a move down the lane in the wake of an elderly man who, Egbert later found, was the tower-keeper. The progress of the party was very slow and Egbert wondered why it was that ringers always dawdled so on the way to tea. He observed how the line straggled away down the lane and the thought then came to him that it was quite a good muster and that as he had not advised the secretary of his intention to be present it might be as well if he got up near the front, which he gently proceeded to do.

The tea was in the school hall, some little distance from the church, and upon arrival there Egbert found that they were at the beginning of the village proper, it being hidden from the church by reason of the fact that it lay in a slight hollow. The school hall was at the beginning of the village street, after which came a row of cottages, a hostelry known as the 'Ring of Beef,' with more cottages beyond, and a post office and general store opposite. These, with some more cottages and a chapel appeared to be all there was, but Egbert paid little attention to the layout of the place, being more concerned in making sure of his tea.

As the party filed into the hall it became obvious that more had turned up than the secretary had expected, despite the fact, as Egbert later discovered, that he had allowed for about 20 per cent. in excess of his notifications; but it was a reasonably fine day. Had it been wet he would probably have been regretting his optimism by now. None of this, however, concerned Egbert, who was congratulating himself upon his foresight in arriving at the hall with the vanguard. Meanwhile, the secretary was having an anxious discussion of ways and means with the local tower-keeper and one of the ladies, who appeared to be in charge of the catering arrangements. It was decided that the food available could be made to go round (there was no chance of obtaining any more) but that those who could not get in would have to wait for a second sitting.

(To be continued)

HYTHE RINGER'S 90th BIRTHDAY

On Tuesday, July 30th, at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent, a party of ringers met to do honour to an old member of the local band, Mr. W. J. Prebble, who had reached the ripe old age of 90 years.

Learning to ring at the age of 14, Mr. Prebble has been a ringer ever since, and has set an example to younger ringers for regularity.

A representative band were invited to attend and ring a quarter peal. This was rung in very good style, the striking was good, and the time 48 minutes.

Miss Vantom, from Lydd, conducted, the other ringers coming from Burmarsh, Folkestone, Newington, Chalfont St. Giles (Bucks) and the local band. After the quarter peal several touches were rung, the venerable gentleman himself standing in for 168 of Grandsire Triples.

After the ringing, all the ringers, with wives and friends, numbering around 30, adjourned to the Vicarage. Here, with the co-operation of the Vicar and his family, and other willing helpers, light refreshments were laid on in the way of birthday celebrations. A few touches on handbells were rung during the proceedings, and Mr. Prebble had a really happy birthday.

ROTHERHAM GIRLS RING FOR ANNUAL SERVICE

On July 23rd girls from Rotherham High School, for the third successive year, rang for their annual service. Altogether, eight girls took part in the ringing on the front six at Rotherham Parish Church.

Although this year it was not possible to do any method ringing, some good rounds and call-changes were rung, and several compliments were received from listeners.

All the girls except one (Betty Marchant, of Thrybergh) have been trained to ring at Rotherham Parish Church by Mr. N. Chaddock. Those taking part were: Elizabeth A. Wandill, Susan Chaddock, Christine Rodgers, Mary Atkinson, Dianne Saul, Patricia Walker, Jenny Squires and Betty Marchant.

N. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Lewisham District

Despite the very unkind weather, the 35 members who attended the quarterly meeting at Shoreham on July 27th found themselves richly rewarded.

Ringings preceded the service, which was taken by the Vicar (Rev. V. S. Edwards). The old, familiar lesson, taken from Romans xii., gained new significance, finely read as it was by the Vicar from a modern translation. His address, a really absorbing account of the raison d'être of some of the outstanding features of the fine old church, and of the ancient village it adorns, earned the rapt attention of his audience. Altogether a service of simple sincerity which will be long remembered by its privileged participants.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the church, Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice-president of the Association) presiding. Three ringers of St. Mary's, Woolwich, were elected members of the Association. The elections of three non-resident life members were ratified.

Apologies were expressed to members (including any who read this who were prevented from attending by its occurrence) for the change of both date and meeting place, by the District secretary, who also explained why the changes were unavoidable.

Dartford was chosen as the place of the annual District meeting, to be held on October 26th. Members were reminded of the forthcoming meeting with the Surrey Association (Northern District) at Banstead on October 12th, and urged to do everything they could to ensure a successful gathering.

Mr. E. Barnett referred to the passing of the late Mr. G. Large, remembering the good service he had rendered to the District whilst he was resident here for a few years. Tribute to Mr. Large was paid in the traditional manner.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers brought the closure of the business meeting.

Further ringing followed, directed by Miss M. R. Andrews, Ringing Master.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD South Oxon Branch

A meeting of the South Oxon Branch was held at Little Milton, near Oxford, on July 27th. Owing to the prevailing 'bus strike, holidays, and showery weather, attendance was below the average, but eight towers of the Branch were represented.

The Vicar of Little Milton conducted the service and also gave an interesting address; the Vicar of Warborough, chairman of the Branch, read the lesson.

Four new members were elected at the meeting, which was presided over by the chairman, supported by the secretary (Mr. H. Badger) and the Ringing Master (Mr. F. Absalom). Altogether 22 new members have been elected this year.

During the evening ringing took place at the towers of Little Milton and Great Milton, and the numbers were increased by visitors from places as far apart as Croydon, Hitchin, Luton, St. Albans, Shiplake, Swindon and Wimbledon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL MOTIONS

Dear Sir,—In the comments reported by E. H. E. on the Central Council meeting, under the heading 'North Staffordshire Association' in your issue of August 2nd, appears the following statement:—

'It was considered a sad reflection on the executives of the Council that such a motion should have been permitted to appear on the agenda.'

The initials E. H. E. are, I presume, those of the secretary of the Association. If so, since the matter is my responsibility, I should be grateful if he would refer to the copy of the Council's Handbook sent to him earlier this year, and inform me under what rule of the Council a motion, properly submitted in accordance with Rule 13, can be excluded from the agenda.

If the executive committee of the North Staffordshire Association wished to criticise the motion in question, may I suggest that they would have been more fruitfully occupied firstly in addressing their remarks to the Society on whose behalf it was submitted, and secondly, in doing so before, rather than after, the meeting at which it was discussed. They had ample time to do both of these, since the terms of the motion were reported in the account of the annual meeting of that Society which was published in 'The Ringing World' of February 8th.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Ernest L. Humphris, on p. 499 of 'The Ringing World' states that the treatment of the Central Council by the College of Campanology was referred to as 'contumacy' by one speaker.

I was the speaker concerned, but the word I used was 'contumely,' which is something quite different.

For your correspondent's information, the people I represented had, at their own meetings, debated the question of the College, and the consensus of opinion was in no way condemnatory. What came in for criticism was the method they adopted in putting it across and getting valuable space in 'The Ringing World' free of charge. It was pointed out that the finances of the paper, according to the information available, were still a cause of some concern, and further, that others who felt they had something of value to introduce to the Exercise had done so at their own expense.

I was questioned as to whether the matter had been brought up at Leicester last year, and naturally had to inform my questioners that it had not. I was then asked how it got into 'The Ringing World' without the authority of the Council, a question I was unable to answer at that time, and what I said at Chelmsford was the direct outcome of this discussion.

I hope this will clear your correspondent's mind of any wrong ideas and I would further add (although some may think I am incorrect) that in my opinion an elected representative goes to a Central Council meeting to represent the people who send him there, and to speak for them when occasion arises.

The remaining column-and-a-quarter of your correspondent's effort does not concern me. He is entitled to his opinions and it is up to any persons who feel they are involved to reply to him on their own account.—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Stourbridge, Worcs.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND IRELAND

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Smallwood was quite unexpected.

Two invitations were before the Council at Chelmsford, and in consequence it would have been surprising if the voting had not been keen. That more voted for Dublin than Oxford I regard as good support. True, some members of the Council (including myself) did not vote, not, however, because they lacked sympathy (for they could have simply voted for Oxford) but because they felt that they would be unable to make the journey themselves.

No, the Council decided, by a majority vote, that it will meet next year in Ireland, and it would be discourteous to say the least were an attempt now made to revoke that decision.

Certainly the 1958 Dublin meeting is likely to be smaller than in recent years, but that is no reason why its deliberations should lack either quality or authority. It would be wise, though, if each affiliated association or guild gave special consideration to how best to help its representatives attend, and also if special motions, where possible, be withheld until 1959. As for the 'bread and butter' work of the Council, by its various committees, this can go forward in the ordinary manner.

With great regularity, even under difficulty during a recent railway strike, the Irish representatives have come to England to take active part in the deliberations of the Council. By such loyalty to the Council, and especially by its great efforts for ringing, the Irish Association merits the privilege of entertaining the Council 'at home.' To exercise such privilege is regarded as a great honour by every affiliated guild, and it is one of the joys of Council membership to feel the warmth of welcome wherever the Council goes.

In Dublin it will be a grand welcome, and the whole Exercise will most certainly benefit.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN HATCHER.

Maidstone.

THE GREAT BELL AT MOSCOW

Dear Sir,—Apropos the Belfry Gossip note re the King of Bells, Tsar Kolokol, weighing 197 tons, there is an account of the disaster which befell this bell given in a Russian guide book to Moscow published in 1955.

It states that 'This bell had a "father" and a "grandfather," both of which were destroyed during fires. The new bell weighed 197 tons; its walls were two feet thick and it was 19 feet high.

'It was placed on wooden scaffolding in a large construction pit in the ground. There was a great fire in Moscow in 1737 and the scaffolding surrounding the bell caught fire.

'When it burned through the bell fell into the pit which by then was full of water, poured into it by the people of Moscow in their attempts to save the bell. It couldn't withstand the sharp change in temperature and one of its sides cracked and broke off. The bell lay in the hole until 1836 when it was finally raised and put on a stone pedestal.'

This was not the only bell I saw—there are a considerable number, large and small, to be seen in the nearby bell tower. The guide book says there are 22 large bells and over 30 small ones in this tower.

Well, I could write reams about my visit—it was most interesting from start to finish, and the fortnight went like lightning.

I think we were all tremendously impressed by what we saw, both in Moscow and Leningrad, and the hospitality of our Russian hosts was something to marvel at.—Yours sincerely,

P. W. CAVE.

Beckingham, Kent.

AN 80th BIRTHDAY

Dear Sir,—Ringers in the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle have derived much pleasure from the visits that have been made to our area with the Central Council meeting in 1954 and the Ladies' Guild annual meeting this year, both in Newcastle. On August 31st we shall be holding a celebration of our own in our other cathedral city, viz., Durham. We extend a hearty invitation to ringers outside our area to visit us on the occasion of our '80th birthday,' as advertised.

This occasion will provide one of the few opportunities of ringing at Durham Cathedral that are likely to occur under the limitations imposed by the architects. In addition to that ringing, I shall be happy to arrange for ringing in the morning at towers which were not visited by the Central Council (probably in Sunderland and district), or for peal attempts, if anyone so desires and lets me know.

I may point out that Durham is a suitable point at which to break a journey to or from Scotland for anyone living in the south of England, and I can assure any visitors of a very warm welcome, despite our proximity to the North Pole.—Yours, etc.,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

MID-WEEK RINGING IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 2nd from Mr. G. Waldren, I should like to express my interest in mid-week ringing in the City. I have thought of this before, mainly with regard to ringing for the lunch-hour services. Unfortunately I travel around a good deal in my job, but for the most part I am in easy reach of the City.

If we could discover whether there is a band available, the attitude of the clergy might then be ascertained. Perhaps I could be presumptuous enough to ask anyone interested to write to me?

I would like to make a suggestion on entirely another matter. It is that the height of 'sallies' could be standardised. I often encounter considerable discomfort through the efforts of our well-meaning but shorter brethren. A minimum height for the top of the sally of 8 ft. would, I think, be about right.—Yours faithfully,

H. OGLESBY.

Marloo, 25, Taplow Road,
Taplow, Bucks.

A FILM LESSON

Dear Sir,—Might I suggest that those budding enthusiasts who are keen to make a name for themselves should spend an hour and a half in their local cinema viewing 'How to Murder a Rich Uncle.' This is an education in rope-handling and a 'don't miss' lesson for instructors. It surely ought to find a place of honour in the 'Manual.'—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. PRIME.

Halesworth, Suffolk.

'BE CHARITABLE'

Dear Sir,—May I say how shocked I was on reading this week's 'Ringing World' to read the letter from Mr. Peter Bond.

I don't agree with the formation of the College of Campanology myself—I don't think there is any need for me to go into all that as we are all getting rather tired of the subject, but surely there is no need to use the columns of 'The Ringing World' to vent our spite?

We are often told that 'sarcasm is the lowest form of wit.' Surely as church workers and Christians it is up to us to be charitable, even if we do not always agree on some matters?

You used to be an easy-going, good-tempered sort of chap, Peter. Don't turn vicious in your old age, please!—Yours faithfully,

STELLA M. KNIGHT.

Burgess Hill.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and prize contest took place at New Mill, near Huddersfield, on August 3rd.

Up to the time of the draw the secretary had only received entrance fees for two teams, but four teams entered, and enough spare members were present to make up a mixed band.

Owing to the secretary being unable to purchase prizes for the competition, a committee meeting before the draw took place decided to buy books about campanology with the prize money, and the residue of the money to go to the Association funds.

The draw and result (judged by Mr. H. Tinker, of New Mill) was as follows: Friezland, 40; Meltham, 82; Shelley, 109; Cawthorne, 39; mixed band, 167. Cawthorne were therefore declared the winners.

During the course of the annual meeting, held after the competition, the officers were re-elected en bloc. The balance sheet, which showed a loss for the year of 3s. 7½d., was approved.

A resolution by Mr. J. Burgess, seconded by the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw), that the secretary write Mr. Harry Roberts a letter of good wishes and hopes for his speedy recovery from a serious operation, was fully approved.

Mr. L. Dawson, the secretary of the Friezland team, gave notice that this was the last contest he would be attending, as he had successfully applied for a post in the London area. Mr. G. Crompton, of Cawthorne, wished him every success on behalf of the Association. The finding of a tower for the October contest and quarterly meeting was left in the hands of the secretary. A. F.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE

The annual outing took place on July 6th, and this year we travelled into Derbyshire. Leaving Syston late, as usual, we arrived at Creswell too early as we had to wait for a wedding service. However, we were soon ringing the bride out of the church on this delightful eight.

Our next call was the light six at Clowne, where several touches came to grief, but generally speaking we left a good impression.

At Bolsover lunch awaited us in the Church Hall, having been arranged by Mr. A. B. Cooper, secretary of the Derbyshire Association. Mr. Cooper, in fact, helped considerably in the organisation of the outing, and his arrangements—like the lunch—were most excellent. After this repast, across the road to the church, where we were met by a number of the local band and where we had some of the best ringing of the day.

So to Chesterfield, and after the fixing of an odd slider and waiting for a choir festival rehearsal down below we had our only 10-bell ringing of the day, whilst Mr. Scattergood tried to discover at precisely which café in the town we had booked tea. Perhaps it was the anxiety about food which made Grandsire Caters rather a struggle! And perhaps the 25 cwt. tenor turned in to Royal made one member too strong-winded when it came to the salad cream! The lettuce looked charming floating in the middle of it!

The last call of the day was at Mansfield, where we enjoyed an hour's good ringing on this very pleasant eight.

A slight delay, as Jack was waiting with the bus a few streets away from where the ringers were, and we were away to ride home via Nottingham through the grandfather of all thunderstorms! One visitor was certain he had seen his sweet peas floating downstream!

Home at last after a day which will be a very pleasant memory—largely due to the local ringers who took so much trouble over our visits. Thank you, Derbyshire—may we have the pleasure of returning the compliment. P.

ALL SAINTS', HAMER

On July 13th, All Saints', Rochdale, ringers and friends held their annual outing. It was perhaps rather unfortunate that we picked the start of the monsoon season, but we were lucky in that most of the rain fell while we were in the coach.

During the day four 6-bell towers were visited, the first, Gisburn (tenor 9 cwt.), being reached at the arranged time of 9.15 a.m. These are a pleasant ring but rather difficult to handle owing to the long draught of the ropes. The fifth bell caused most concern, and a member of the party, after smiling somewhat at the efforts of another ringer to keep it up, was asked (?) to ring it to a touch of Oxford Treble Bob. He proved that it could be rung successfully, but was afterwards heard to remark that next time he would rise in time to have some breakfast!

From Gisburn we travelled north-westwards, through Settle and Kirkby Lonsdale, around Morecambe Bay, and arrived in Grange-over-Sands for a 12.15 p.m. lunch. This was partaken of at the Hazlemere Café and was an excellent meal.

In the afternoon we visited two nearby churches. The first was the Priory Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Cartmel. These are a very nice six (tenor 15 cwt.) and well worth a visit. The other tower was Flookburgh, another lovely six (17 cwt.). Here the bells are usually rung muffled, owing to the presence of houses immediately next to the church, but we had the pleasure of ringing them in their full glory as the muffles were removed in readiness for the Sunday.

Tea was had at the same café as lunch, and three members of the party delighted the staff of the café with a course of Grandsire Doubles on handbells. After tea an hour was spent exploring Grange, and fortunately the rain kept off.

The journey home was started at 7 p.m., and the last tower of the day, Milnthorpe (11 cwt.), was visited on the way. Here we finished the day's ringing with a perfect touch of Kent Treble Bob.

Our thanks go to Mr. James Taylor and any others who helped in the organisation, to the incumbents and to local ringers who made us welcome. J. P. P.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The North Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association enjoyed a very pleasant annual outing on July 13th. The party was composed of 40 ringers and friends. Towers of the Branch represented were: Redmarley, Staunton, Bromesborough and Dymock, and visitors from Ledbury, Ross, Much Marcle, Much Dewchurch, Woolaston, Kingstone and Hasfield.

After collecting en route the coach left Gloucester at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded to Chedworth, a very nice ring of six; then on to Coln St. Aldwyn, where the party enjoyed a light eight. Fairford was next visited, and here everyone admired the beautiful windows and the church.

Members here made their own arrangements for lunch. Feeling refreshed, they moved on to Mersey Hampton and Kemble, both good sixes, and then went back to Cirencester for tea.

On the way home North Cerney was visited, with its very beautiful little church with six easy-going bells.

During the tour short touches of the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Little Bob, Oxford, Kent and Reverse St. Bartholomew.

Grateful thanks are due to all incumbents and tower captains for their willing co-operation.

A CHESTER WEDDING

Mr. R. Gordon Corby—Miss M. Roselyn Crewe

An unusual number of churches and ringers were closely linked with the wedding on August 5th at All Saints' Church, Hoole, Chester, of Mr. R. Gordon Corby and Miss M. Roselyn Crewe.

The bridegroom, at present a member of the Bedfordshire Association, will be remembered by the Gloucester and the Chester Diocesan Guilds for his enthusiasm and support. The bride also joined the ranks via the Chester Branch and continued her activities during her three years at Westfield College, London, where she made many new friends and was a regular member of the Hampstead band. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Backhouse (Vicar of Marbury), who will be remembered for his ministry at Capenhurst by the members of the Wirral (Cheshire) Branch.

Ringling for the ceremony was provided by the local band, all trainees of the bride's father, who is the local captain and also hon. secretary of the Chester Branch. They were considerably strengthened in the early stages by the addition of Miss Janet Watts and Mr. Austin Wixey, who made the long journey from Gloucester to number among the guests. Unfortunately, owing to an unforeseen and last-minute hitch in travel arrangements, at least three other Gloucester ringers were prevented from attending. Other ringers playing a prominent part were the chief bridesmaid, Miss J. Heath, of Edinborough, and Master Stephen W. R. Crewe, chief usher and member of the local band.

The reception was held at the Blossoms Hotel, Chester, and, with such a background, it was probably quite natural that the proposal of the traditional toast of 'The bride and bridegroom' should be made in ringing jargon. This was a completely unrehearsed effort on the part of the bride's father, but it was received with such enthusiasm that he was finally persuaded to commit it to writing and, with the substitution of titles for individual names, a copy is appended herewith:—

Toast: 'THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM'
Composed and conducted by E. C. Crewe on August 5th, 1957

'In rising to give you the toast of "The bride and bridegroom," I must warn you that my method may not be quite plain to you all. It will, however, come as no surprise to the newly-spliced couple, nor to our two Gloucester friends, to whom I appeal to act as my interpreters. Many of us here remember the bride as a very tiny girl, so small that she may truly be described as "Minimus." Now she has deserted the state of single bliss and joined in double harness, so she can no longer be treated as a minor. In undertaking the triple task of home, work, and home-work, the newly-weds are facing a major problem, which will, no doubt, be difficult to cater for. If they are to avoid any right royal rows, the bridegroom must put a turn in at the (cinque) sink and will, I am quite sure, soon learn a new meaning to "ringer." We trust, however, that the joy-bells will continue to ring for the maximum of happiness in the years which lie ahead and the new life before them. Let us think it has been missed, before I bob down I would like you all to dodge up, and I call upon you all to stand and drink the health of the bride and bridegroom.'

P.S.—The composer regrets the omission of the preliminary rounds in the original, but no doubt the bride will soon teach the bridegroom that he has finished the plain course and been called out of the hunt.

To complete the circle, the honeymoon was spent in 'Erin's Isle.'

CHOOSING COMPOSITIONS—WHAT EVERY YOUNG CONDUCTOR SHOULD KNOW

By BRIAN BUSWELL

When selecting compositions to ring for a peal, care should be taken to ensure that the best musical qualities are included. Peals containing the best music are usually, though not always, more difficult to call, but they are well worth the extra effort involved.

In Plain Major methods, about 45 courses are required to produce a peal, and there are 36 courses available with 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 at the course ends. These are the most musical bells to have there, and to obtain the remaining nine courses it is best to have the 3rd in 5ths (not 6ths). Such a peal is the following one of 5,024 Plain Bob Major, by George Lewis.

23456	W	B	H
35264	—	—	2
63254	—	—	3
23564	2	—	—
23645	—	—	—
32456	—	—	—
53264	—	—	—
36254	2	—	3
32564	—	—	2
32645	—	—	—
43256	—	—	—
54236	—	—	3
35246	—	—	3
24356	—	—	—
23456	—	—	S

Full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6. 3rd never in 6ths. 2nd never in 5-6.

A well-known peal of Plain Bob Major with the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 is the 5,056 by J. R. Pritchard, but this has the slight disadvantage of having the 2nd in 5ths for four courses. Similar qualities should be sought in all Plain Major methods, and the following 5,024 is an excellent peal of Double Norwich by Sir A. P. Heywood.

23456	1	5	6
34256	—	—	—
54236	S	—	—
43256	—	—	3
23546	—	—	2
52634	—	—	—
65234	—	—	2
23654	A	—	—
46235	B	—	—
23465	A	—	—

Repeated.

3rd never in 6ths. 2nd never in 5-6.

In Royal methods 28 courses are necessary for a peal. The most musical ones are those which have the 6th on the front for the first four courses and at Home for the extent (24 courses) to complete the peal as in the following composition of Plain Bob Royal by A. Knights.

23456	W	M	H
43652	—	—	—
63254	—	—	3
42356	—	—	—
35246	S	—	—
24536	S	—	—
53426	S	—	—
42536	—	—	—
53246	S	—	—
24356	S	—	—
35426	S	—	—
52436	A, omitting bob M	—	—
23456	A, omitting bob M	—	—

In Treble Bob Major methods it is not always possible to obtain qualities similar to Plain methods because of its liability to internal false-ness, and because of this the best music is pro-

duced in different ways. In Kent, for instance, it is possible to call bobs at consecutive leads with the tenors in the same position, and the best music is produced when all the course-ends are brought up with double bobs (or 'no teeth missing' as the old-timers used to say). A good example is this 5,024 Kent T.B. Major, by E. C. Gobey:

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	—	—	1	2
24653	2	—	1	2
32546	—	—	2	2
23645	2	—	—	2
26435	1	—	2	2
24365	1	—	2	2
63425	1	—	—	2
45236	1	—	1	2
36524	1	—	2	2
35264	—	—	1	2
62534	1	—	—	2
54326	2	—	2	2
65243	2	—	1	2
23456	1	—	1	2

All peals of Kent Major with the tenors together are true to Bristol but the converse does not necessarily apply.

Similar qualities are desirable in Treble Bob Royal. A good example is the following 5,000 by C. H. Hattersley.

23456	M	W	H
54326	—	2	2
26435	1	2	2
52364	2	1	2
24365	1	—	2
52643	2	1	2
45236	2	2	2
36524	1	2	2
23645	2	2	2
23456	2	2	1

With Grandsire Triples there is no choice as all the rows are required for peals, but compositions such as Parker's 12-part and Holt's Original and 10-part are infinitely preferable to the 6-part peals produced on the three lead course plan which are easy to memorise but very monotonous to ring.

In Grandsire Caters there is very much more choice and by putting the big bells into the best positions we can produce the finest musical church bells have to offer. There are various musical positions, but the two favourites are the tittums and the handstroke home. These positions sound their best when the 6th is in 5ths at the course ends and the extent is 24 courses each. As short courses are more musical

than long ones, another eight courses are required to make up the peal and this 'padding' is best put at the beginning of the peal as in this excellent 5,057 by C. Glenn:

23456789	1	2	3	4	5
32457968	—	—	—	—	—
4325	—	—	—	—	—
34256978	—	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—	—
54362	—	—	S	—	—
35462	—	—	—	—	—
43562	—	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	S	—	—
52463	—	—	S	—	—
45263	—	—	—	—	—
34562	—	—	S	—	—
53462	—	—	—	—	—
25364	—	—	S	—	—
42563	—	—	S	—	—
34265	—	—	S	—	—
23465879	1, 3, 4S	—	—	—	—
32465	A	—	—	—	—
23465978	1, 3, 4	—	—	—	—
32465	A	—	—	—	—
43265879	1, 3, 4S	—	—	—	—
(34265)	A	—	—	—	—

In Stedman Caters the big bells are best in the same positions as Grandsire Caters, but it may be found better to have the 6th in 2nds in the tittums and in 5ths in the handstroke home. A good example is this composition by C. Charge:

5,055 STEDMAN CATERS

231456789	5	16
463152978	—	—
362154	—	3
264153	—	3
461253	—	2
163254	—	3
163452	S	—
462153	A omitting last course	—
214563	—	—
514362	A	—
514263	S	—
214365	A	—
* 2, 3, 6, 10, 13, 16.	—	—
† 2, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16.	—	—

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK

The Stowmarket company of ringers, together with others, and non-ringing friends from the district, visited Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire on the occasion of their annual outing on July 13th. Towers visited were Bourn, Godmanchester, Huntingdon (St. Mary), Swavesey, Over, Cambridge (St. Mary, St. Andrew, St. Bene't and the Catholic Church).

Various methods were attempted with varying success and the not-so-advanced were well catered for, with rounds and Plain Bob. An excellent lunch was served in Godmanchester, while tea was taken at the Dorothy Café, Cambridge. Worthy of note was the fact that two ringing churchwardens were in the party.

To the incumbents and all who met us and assisted in any way, we tender our sincere thanks; and finally to our organiser, Mr. O. G. Barnard, for his painstaking efforts on our behalf, a very sincere 'Thank you' for a most enjoyable day. R. E. L.

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HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. Goodall 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED HAYES

Wednesday, July 24th, marked the passing of Fred Hayes, of High Wycombe, after a short illness.

Fred, who was 81 years of age, came to High Wycombe from Henley some 60 years ago. He then knew little, if anything, of change-ringing. This handicap was speedily attended to, and a peal tablet at All Saints', High Wycombe, records that he composed and conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1903.

The peal book at All Saints' shows that he took part in well over 100 peals for the Guild or the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cinques figure prominently among his peals, most of which he composed and conducted. Although he took part in a peal or two of Maximus, Fred had little time for 'Major' methods, which he considered unmusical.

At High Wycombe Fred will be remembered mainly for his deep interest in composition and proof. He willingly gave his services to anyone needing sound assurance that his (or her) compositions were to ring true.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild was well represented at the funeral service on Monday, July 29th, and half-muffled Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung during the evening.

S. M. B.

AN APPRECIATION

The passing of an old friend in Fred Hayes must have reminded a good many old ringers of a visit to High Wycombe during the last 50 years, where one was always welcomed by him and Ralph Coles. Now both are gone and their places will be difficult to fill.

Fred was in his element when calling Stedman and seldom did he lose either of his own compositions of 5,019 Caters or 5,007 Cinques, and many ringers owe their first peal on ten and 12 bells to him.

I remember he was particularly pleased when, in 1932, he called his 5,007 Stedman Cinques at Oxford, Reading and High Wycombe on the three 12-bell rings in the diocese. Also, in 1933, when he called the same peal at Wycombe with the service band, all being resident in the borough. Fred composed one or two peals of Grandsire Triples which he called a few times, but apart from an odd peal or two of Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge, his great love was Stedman. His last peal which he conducted was Stedman Caters on July 17th, 1954.

No finer tribute could be given him than that by the Vicar of High Wycombe at his funeral. He said he would be greatly missed as ringer, sincere churchman and regular worshipper and sidesman: he always had dignity, a dignity in his gait and in his character. This was the impression that everyone formed of him and for which he will always be remembered. He has gone from us, unquestionably into the presence of the saints, but has left us a wonderful example of faithful service and dignified bearing which we might well emulate.

L. S.

MR. J. S. TOONE

Mr. John Stacey Toone, of Birstall, Leicester, passed away at the age of 37 after a short but painful illness.

He had been a member of the Birstall Parish Church belfry for many years until business prevented him from attending regularly. After the formation of the Leicester Guild, John was chairman of the Syston District for several years.

The sympathy of all Leicester Guild ringers is extended to his wife and three young children.

T. C. B.

MR. WILLIAM LANCASTER

Members of the Derbyshire Association will hear with deep regret of the passing of their friend, Mr. William Lancaster, of 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. He died near the place of his youth, at Clayton-le-Woods, near Chorley, Lancashire, on August 3rd, aged 63.

The funeral took place at Whittle on August 7th, and in addition to family mourners, ringers were present from Chorley, Leyland and Preston, and the local band. Touches of Bob Major and Grandsire were rung half-muffled before and after the service, which was choral. The Rev. C. R. Povey, M.A., formerly Rector of Brindle, officiated.

APPRECIATIONS

In my appreciation, I cannot give full details as over 30 years is a long time. Bill Lancaster was a ringer of the best type, absolutely dependable in everything he did. He was chief ringer at St. Peter's, Derby, and was Branch secretary before the M.C.A. was broken up. He rang a considerable number of peals in this area, and if he was coming on a visit a peal had to be arranged. A quiet, unassuming man, it seems fitting that he should be laid to rest near the tower where he learned to ring and the bells he loved so well.

May he rest in peace.

E. R. M.

Mr. Lancaster learned his ringing at St. John's, Whittle-le-Woods, and came to Derby in 1926 as a competent ringer. He joined the band at St. Peter's, Derby, and was later the Derby District secretary of the Midland Counties Association. Since coming to Derby he had been a very regular service ringer at St. Peter's until his illness just over a year ago. Although he was greatly opposed to the dissolution of the Midland Counties Association, he worked hard to form the Derbyshire Association in 1946. He was general secretary until 1951, when he was elected vice-president, an office he held until his death.

His total of peals was in the region of 180, of which 61 were rung for the Derbyshire Association. His early peals were rung for the Lancashire Association, with a few for the M.C.A., the East Derbyshire and Notts, and the Midland Counties Guild. He was delighted to have been one of the band who rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major for the Derbyshire Association. This had proved elusive and was a milestone in the area.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lancaster and his daughter in their sad bereavement.

W. S.

MISS PAMELA HILL

It is with very real regret that we record the tragic death at the age of 15 years of Pamela Hill, of St. Saviour's, Oxtou, Birkenhead, who was drowned on July 16th whilst holiday-making at Barmouth.

Just after Easter last year Pam, hearing the bells ringing one Saturday afternoon, came to investigate, decided she wished to learn, and proved a very apt pupil. She became a regular communicant, worshipper and bellringer at St. Saviour's.

During the time she was there she endeared herself to all, being punctual, reliable and most helpful. Nothing was too much trouble for Pam, be it cleaning the belfry or cycling to Woodchurch in all weathers to help restart ringing there. For one so young she had realised early the great happiness to be gained from serving others faithfully.

The cremation service at Landican Cemetery was held in private and a memorial service followed at St. Saviour's on July 20th. The service was choral and the bells were rung

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DEATH

EVANS.—On August 6th, 1956, peacefully. Edward Evans, aged 75, of 13, Tomline Road, Felixstowe, late of Stonyhurst, Churchdown, Gloucester. For many years a ringer at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. 692

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half-muffled before and after by mixed bands of Wirral ringers. It was attended by her parents, Sqn. Ldr. and Mrs. C. Hill, and other members of her family: the headmistress, staff and members of her school; the Commandant and members of the R.A.F. Station at West Kirby, and a representative gathering of Wirral ringers. The Vicar (Rev. C. R. Whereat) officiated, and Padre Mann, of the R.A.F., gave an address. The service concluded with a moving rendering of the Dead March in 'Saul.'

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell (6) on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 672

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wiggenhall, St. Mary Magdalen, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 679

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Benenden (8), 2.30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17th. Look up Erin Triples.—G. Billenness, Hon. Sec., 3, Grasmere, Hawkhurst, Kent. 662

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Kimpton (6), Saturday, Aug. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names for tea to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. Phone: Kimpton 350.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 677

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Harlington on Saturday, August 17th, from 6 p.m. onwards.—F. A. Finch. 695

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Monthly practice, Saturday, August 17th, Duns Tew (5), 6 p.m.; Sandford St. Martin (6), 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—H. L. Roper, Adderbury. 700

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Twineham (5), Saturday, Aug. 17th, 3 p.m. 650

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Advanced method practice at Horsham (8), Saturday, Aug. 17th. Evening only, commencing 6 p.m.—I. Butcher. 702

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Ropley, Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in The Coffee Room. 668

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, August 17th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 717

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Combined practice at Cranleigh on Wednesday, Aug. 21st, from 7 to 9 p.m.—M. E. Collins, A. M. Cox, joint Hon. Secs. 711

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday Aug. 24th: St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 686

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Repton, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Court Room, 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. M. Horton and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs. 707

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Hurworth, Saturday, Aug. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by Aug. 22nd to Mr. D. A. Hodgson, Dunelm House, Hurworth, Darlington. 714

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.E. District) and SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting, Bures, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 21st, to L. D. Mills, Lyford, Bures, Suffolk. 683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Swindon Village, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by August 20th to Wendy Bird, 39, Meadoway, Bishop's Cleeve. 699

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Pontesbury, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—G. Randle. 688

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Free tea *only* for those who send names by previous Wednesday to Rev. E. A. Lee, Newchurch Rectory, Warrington. I desire a good attendance at this meeting.—Thornley, Sec. 685

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Peckleton, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please by Aug. 21st, to Mr. E. A. Hall, Main Street, Peckleton, Leics.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 709

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Wigston Magna (8) on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. T. E. Harrold, 20, Manor Road, Wigston Magna.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 666

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Sileby, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Pochin Hall 5 p.m. Names must be sent in before previous Wednesday to Mr. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sileby. 708

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Nocton, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 678

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Woburn, Saturday, Aug. 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 20th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 706

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 24th, Everleigh. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 705

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Aug. 24th, at Heathfield. Tea 1d. cheaper to those who notify me by previous Wednesday.—H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 691

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanbury, Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Aug. 20th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 696

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Chew Magna on Sunday, Aug. 25th, at 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by August 23rd Mr. H. Babb, 9, Moorledge Road, Chew Magna. 701

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eightieth anniversary celebration at Durham on Saturday Aug. 31st. Evensong in Cathedral 3.45 p.m. Bells

(8) available after service until 6 p.m. Meeting in Song School 6.10 p.m. Reception 6.30 for dinner at 7 p.m. in Great Hall of Durham Castle. Admission by ticket only (price 15s.) obtainable until Aug. 21st by sending remittance to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 623

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Kelvedon (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to J. Elliott, 28, Easterford Road, Kelvedon, Colchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Aug. 31st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 28th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 684

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 31st, at Southover, Lewes (10). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Aug. 28th, to Mr. R. C. Hide, 1, Priory Place, Southover, Lewes. Kathleen M. Yeo, Hon. Sec. 689

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dersingham on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, Aug. 29th, to Mrs. A. Nurse, 7, Centre Vale, Dersingham, King's Lynn. Look up Double and Single Oxford and Double Bob.—C. Tozell, Branch Sec. 712

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Harlestone, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names are essential for tea and should reach me by Tuesday previous, please.—G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 690

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting at Elford, near Lichfield, Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than August 28th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 694

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseion (8 bells), Saturday, Aug. 31st. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please.—Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 687

DONCASTER AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Conisborough (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Milton Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisborough.—G. Watson, Dis. Sec. 715

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival.—The summer festival will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, Sept. 7th, at Green's Norton. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea in the British Legion Clubroom. Tea for those whose names reach, not later than Aug. 27th, Mr. A. Mansfield, 3, Duncote, Green's Norton, Towcester. Towers open for ringing, 1 to 3 p.m.: Gayton, Pattishall, Cold Higham, Towcester, Blakesley, Braddon, Lichborough, and after tea with Paulerspury, Potterspury, Cosgrove, Passenham, Alderton, Grafton Regis, Stoke Bruerne and Wicken.—G. W. Jeffs. 659

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) available shortly and obtainable from dinner committee, Branch secretaries, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 698

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