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INTRODUCING THE NEW MEMBER

By the Rev. JOHN SCOTT

ABOUT nine years ago, Paul Gallico, in one of the national dailies, derided the village of Widecombe-in-the-Moor because, though crammed with trippers, it alone among tourist spots kept its shops and cafés shut on Sundays. Widecombe was delighted, and shut itself even more firmly the following Sunday, in exactly the same spirit in which the men of Devon, 400 years before, had responded to the surge of popular feeling which had brought in the English Prayer Book with a fight to the death for the Latin Mass. It's no use trying to persuade us in Devon to do anything because everybody else is doing it; not only do we not mind being different, we enjoy it. So when, in the 1870's, Maitland Kelly, Acland Troyte and H. T. Ellacombe began to tell the round-ringers of Devon that their way was backward, sinful and out of fashion, they started a tremendous wave of enthusiasm—for round-ringing.

It seems to have begun as pure reaction. Round-ringing meant prize-ringing, prize-ringing meant cash prizes, and cash prizes meant good business for the pub and bad for the Church. There is no doubt at all that few parts of England were so badly in need of belfry reform as Devon, and the pioneers who founded the Guild of Devonshire Ringers saw it as a simple problem: do away with round-ringing and replace it with method-ringing, and all will be well. It never occurred to them that the round-ringing tradition could be Christianised, and one must not blame them too harshly, for no one had ever succeeded in doing it.

Though they were Devon men, they had not reckoned with the Devon spirit. It is plain now that there were men among the round-ringers who wanted belfry reform as badly as the Guild wanted it, but they were not going to have anyone telling them how to get it. They would get it their own way; and get it they did, though how they did it is as hard to discover as who they were. The Devon Association of Church Bell Ringers was founded in the '20's, but it was preceded by several smaller bodies, most of which survive under the D.A.'s ægis. And it seems to have been these smaller bodies which broke the back of the evils which beset round-ringing and brought it to the honourable state which it now holds. Money prizes are gone, the divorce between the belfry and the pew is gone, and round-ringing (or call-change ringing, as it is now) has attained an ever-growing reputation both with the Church and with the Exercise. The men of Devon, as they usually do, set out to do the job in their own way, and they have been triumphantly successful.

Needless to say, there was something like war for years. The change-ringers, certain of the righteousness of their cause and sometimes with more than a hint of self-righteousness (as one can see from the 'Bell News'), treated the round-ringers with condescension if they were polite, with superiority if they weren't, and almost always with scorn. The round-ringers, of one can believe the early reports of outings by Guild bands, were impressed and interested at first, but this gave way all too soon to suspicion and hostility. They were not allowed to forget that the Guild was bent on destroying for ever the kind of ringing which they enjoyed, and they set themselves to fight for it. For years a change-ringer in a call-change tower was not welcome, and seldom offered a rope; for years the visits of change-ringing bands to call-change towers were met with coldness and followed by complaints of ropes altered, bad striking and tenors turned in spite of specific requests to the contrary. And for years the name of Devon would bring forth from change-ringers 'up the line' scornful references to 'stony' and 'church-yard bob.'

Feelings, once roused, always long outlast the cause that aroused them, but they can't outlast it for ever; and when the scattered, unknown, unsung heroes of the call-change world had done their work, and the old prize-ringing had gone and the competitions really were aimed at the perfection of call-change ringing, people began to see that there wasn't so much to fight about after all. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers removed from the book its ban on members taking part in competitions; talks were even begun with a view to amalgamation of the Guild and the Association. But far more powerful than these was the gradual change of feeling on both sides. There were men on the call-change ringing side whose standard of striking and rising and lowering in peal was as high as that of the call-change ringers; Ernest Taylor, who was highly respected as a competition judge, was one, and Harry Myers, with his superb bell-control and unstinted enthusiasm for good ringing of any kind, was another. There were, and still are, many more; and much is also due to those change-ringers from up the country who, coming to Devon with none of the local prejudices which beset us here, have freely given credit where it is due, and have enjoyed and learnt from ringing in call-change towers. On the other side it has been again the men who were real lovers of ringing—any kind so long as it was good—who have recognised the fascination of the change-ringing way, have been ready to commend it with real critical knowledge when it merited commendation, and yet have remained loyal to their own tradition, who have done so much to bridge the gulf—men like Bill Miners of Widecombe, Tom

Darch of St. Giles, Beric Bartlett of Upton, and others like them, who sometimes have tried method-ringing enough to know they could do it well if they tried, but still keep as their first love the way in which they were brought up. Their example has spread, so that now there are hundreds of method-ringers who cherish the memory of practice night with a call-change band; Guild bands like Newton St. Cyres and Babbacombe, which enter for competitions and don't disgrace themselves; and many call-change ringers who have visited the Cathedral, alone among strangers, and had the 12 set going to rounds so that they could have their share of the short and precious time on the monthly Guild practice night.

(To be continued)

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thurs., May 18, 1961, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt.

ROGER F. OVERINGTON .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK 7
ALAN J. FROST 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. . 8
JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
WILLIAM T. COOK 4	DENNIS RANDELL 10
BRIAN DOWNES 5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 11
JOHN CHILCOTT 6	JAMES PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung in grateful remembrance of Alfred B. Peck.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

At the ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 22 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	*†FRANK H. HICKS 7
*ERIC J. HITCHINS 2	FRANK HANSFORD 8
*BRIAN R. WHITE 3	*FRANCIS A. WHITE .. . 9
*†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON 4	*†HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.. 10
‡DONALD E. COBB 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT 11
§JOHN BRAIN 6	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † Have now rung Grandsire Doubles to Cinques, and 50th peal. ‡ First of Grandsire Cinques 'inside.' § First in the method, and on 12.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. Treble	M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 6
JILL STANFORTH 2	JOAN BERESFORD 7
KATHLEEN M. LOCK 3	ANN M. COX 8
DIANA M. LAWLESS 4	DORIS E. COLGATE 9
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. . 5	HILDA G. SNOWDEN Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JILL STANFORTH.
First peal of Royal for the Guild.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 24 cwt.

MARTIN C. FAULKES .. Treble	JOHN H. FIELDEN 6
WILLIAM A. LACEY 2	JOHN E. COOK 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 8
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. . 4	NEIL BENNETT 9
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. . 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
First peal of London Royal for the Society.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours

At the CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. Treble	ROGER BALDWIN 6
*DAVID J. MARSHALL 2	†DEREK ASTRIDGE 7
DENIS R. CARLISLE 3	GORDON A. HALLS 8
†MALCOLM P. PHIPPS .. . 4	DENIS A. FRITH 9
HAROLD TAYLOR 5	*MICHAEL R. BLORE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal in the method. † First on ten bells.

Rung to welcome the birth of a son (Martin G. Halls) to Gordon and Patricia Halls. Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. CHRIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

ALAN A. POTTS Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
CAROL FERNLEY 2	PETER LAFLIN 7
BASIL JONES 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. . 8
EILEEN M. FEARN 4	EDWARD JENKINS 9
FRED DUNKERLEY 5	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
Rung in connection with Macclesfield's 700th charter anniversary celebrations. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

ERNEST J. LADD Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. . 6
THOMAS E. SONE 2	†JOHN A. HOWARD 7
OLIVE D. TESTER 3	†CHARLES A. BASSETT .. . 8
*MARGARET A. LADD .. . 4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. . 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. . 5	COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Caters. † First on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	PETER SCHOLFIELD 5
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	NEIL BENNETT 6
CAROL FERNLEY 3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. . 7
JOHN ROBINSON 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by A. PETER WHITEHEAD.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. David Sutcliffe, B.D., A.L.C.D., who was inducted as Vicar of this church by the Ven. A. Selwyn Bean, Archdeacon of Manchester, on the previous day.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 124 cwt.

PHILIP EASTLAND Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE 5
*FRANK COOKE 2	ERNEST PRESTON 6
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY 3	GEORGE CHAMBERS 7
GEORGE CHALLANS 4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal of Little Bob.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. T. Rooke and Miss A. C. Rooke.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*CHRISTINE TOWNEND .. Treble	F. JOHN NELSON 5
EILEEN M. FEARN 2	BASIL JONES 6
CAROL FERNLEY 3	FRED SHALLCROSS 7
†DEREK J. MARSHALL .. . 4	NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire 'inside.' First as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDS-Triples

Taylor's Six-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.
*A. CLIVE BERRY Treble	*BERNARD D. SIMS 5
*JACK A. LONG 2	WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE .. 6
RONALD I. THOMAS 3	†JOHN I. WILCOX 7
†GEOFFREY T. HORRITT .. 4	*MICHAEL F. SIMS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples in the method.
Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. D. H. Hallett (Vicar of Lydney) on his departure to St. Barnabas', Kensington, London.

ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.	
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. Treble	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY .. 5
JOSEPH WOOLLEY 2	CLIVE WALKLATE 6
GORDON A. HALLS 3	BRIAN MANNING 7
CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. 4	MICHAEL R. BLORE Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
Rung to welcome a son (Martin Gordon) to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Halls.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp	
JOHN K. SMITH Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 2	*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 6
*BERYL E. CAWSE 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
* First peal of New Cambridge.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Day, on the sixth anniversary of his induction to the living.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstan's Four-Part (Sir Arthur Heywood's variation).

Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in E.	
ALAN ELSMORE Treble	HARRY GRIFFITHS 5
*LEO EVANS 2	*HARRY EDGE 6
DENNIS HOLDEN 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4	*WILLIAM H. LLOYD .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 1,536 Yorkshire, 2,208 Cambridge, 1,344 Superlative; with 135 changes of method.	Tenor 8 cwt.
STEWART F. KIMBER .. Treble	LIONEL S. WOODS 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	DENNIS A. HEWITT 6
ALAN J. FROST 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
ROBERT W. HINDE 4	BRIAN DOWNES Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRIAN DOWNES.
25th peal, and first of Spliced on the bells.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.	
HENRY LEWIS (Filz. H.) Treble	RICHARD HOUGH (Jesus) .. 5
*ALISON INCE (Newnham) 2	HUGH BISHOP (Selwyn) .. 6
*FRANK PEACOCK (Selwyn) 3	HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 7
NOEL WAITE (St. Cath.'s) 4	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HILARY MUIRHEAD.
* First peal of Major.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 30, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.	
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. Treble	STEPHEN BROMFIELD 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 2	GEORGE DOBBS 6
HARRY HALL 3	W. ARTHUR CROWDER .. 7
JACK BRAY 4	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
A compliment to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, the only survivor of the band who rang the first peal in this tower on May 17th, 1911.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*WALTER AYRE Treble	REGINALD ROWLEY 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	VERNON GREEN 6
A. PATRICK CANNON .. 3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 7
RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 775th peal. The conductor has now called this composition from every position in the circle. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. Treble	†NORMAN COSSEY 5
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	CHARLES E. BAILEY .. 6
*JANE V. COOPER 3	RALPH W. BICKERS .. 7
RICHARD W. R. COATES .. 4	ANDREW E. CROWE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.
* First peal and first attempt. † First on eight.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 BANGOR SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.	
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	PETER BERESFORD 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	BRIAN BLADON Tenor

Composed by S. WOODS. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 17).

BARNES, SURREY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.	
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Treble	DAVID J. R. MARTIN .. 5
E. JANE LANGTON 2	DEREK E. SIBSON 6
MARILYN M. BARTON .. 3	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 7
MARCUS P. BARTON 4	PAUL CATTERMORE Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Alan J. Spreadbury and Margaret West, who were married earlier at Wood Green.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.	
*PATRICIA H. MORGAN .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 5
DAVID S. LLEWELLYN .. 2	ROBERT E. COLES 6
SHIRLEY PARSONS 3	†JOHN E. MORGAN 7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 4	DAVID J. KING Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Shirley Parsons and Mr. Geoffrey R. Drew.

EAST TYTHERLEIGH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.	
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. Treble	ERIC T. LEE 5
*JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. 2	ARTHUR SAYERS 6
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 3	*REGINALD F. CROOK .. 7
*JOHN H. NAPPER 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich. The conductor's 65th tower in the county for a peal.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.	
DENNIS G. BROWN .. Treble	JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. 5
RAYMOND E. FINCH .. 2	JOHN W. SMITH 6
*MARIA E. KIRBY 3	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 7
EDWARD JENNER 4	IAN H. ORAM Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE (C.C.C. 3). Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BANGOR SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 38.56 x 56.18
8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	*HARRY B. FULLER 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	*RAYMOND F. TAYLOR 6
*HUBERT A. MITSON 3	†JOHN E. IVINGS 7
*RICHARD ROSE 4	*JOHN L. GIRT Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Little Bob. † First of Major.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

MRS. P. A. CORBY Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
*ANDREW J. CORBY 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE 6
*JANET H. BUSS 3	DORIS E. COLGATE 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. 20).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal at first attempt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TORTWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (five callings).

Tenor 12 cwt.

HONOUR PRATT Treble	CLIVE LEGG 4
R. McLUNG 2	OLIVER MILLS 5
AUDREY EVANS 3	*ERIC PRATT Tenor

* First peal. First on the bells.

HARPOLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARK'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

MICHAEL R. HARVEY .. Treble	GEORGE F. ROOME 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	PERCY AMOS 4
RICHARD J. DANBY Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method.

Rung within the octave of the Festival of St. Mark.

BOSLEY, NEAR MACCLESFIELD.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*PAUL HULME Treble	PETER WM. HORN 4
*GEOFFREY YARWOOD .. 2	EDNA M. P. LAWTON 5
CHARLES WM. LAWTON .. 3	ANTHONY WM. LAWTON .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. LAWTON.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Horn.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr.

*JULIA A. CHANDLER .. Treble	ROY H. JONES 4
ALEC GAMMON 2	JOHN S. WALKER 5
†MARGARET J. COZIER .. 3	†ANDREW J. D. DUNKLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. WALKER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First as

conductor. 30th peal together of 2 and 4.

Rung for Rogation Sunday.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN F. TOWLER Treble	TONY OWEN 4
FREDA P. GREAVES 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON 5
JOHN V. TEMPLE 3	BEVAN W. WILLGESS .. Tenor

Conducted by BEVAN W. WILLGESS.

Rung as a compliment to Shirley M. Parsons and Geoffrey R. Drew on the occasion of their engagement.

SOMERTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Kennington and Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ANDREW J. D. DUNKLEY Treble	ALEC GAMMON 4
ROY H. JONES 2	JOHN S. WALKER 5
†ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. 3	JOHN PLADDYS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. WALKER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First 'inside.'

Rung for Whitsun; also as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. Faulkner, grandmother of the conductor.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AGATHA,

A PEAL OF 5160 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

In seven callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. Treble	NOEL D. DEAM 4
ALEC GAMMON 2	JOHN S. WALKER 5
*†HELEN WILLIAMS 3	ROY H. JONES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. WALKER.

* Longest length. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung for the Festival of Whitsun.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

*THOMAS J. BROCK .. Treble	MICHAEL UTTON 4
*JOHN W. SAMPSON 2	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 5
NORMAN P. J. COSSEY .. 3	MICHAEL J. PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. First of Minor in the method by all, and on the bells (augmented to six on May 5th).

LONG WITTENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of Old, All Saints', Seighford, Rushall, Little Aston, 600 of Grandsire, 360 of April Day, Kennington, 600 Plain Bob, 360 of Southrepps, Clifford's and 600 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ELIZABETH A. MILLER .. Treble	*JOHN PLADDYS 4
*JOHN S. WALKER 2	ALEC GAMMON 5
ROY H. JONES 3	*NOEL D. DEAM Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

* First peal in 12.

Rung for Commonwealth Day.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 25, 1961, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CUNECASRE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

PAUL CATERMOLE .. Treble	DIANA M. LAWLESS 4
E. JANE LANGTON 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK 5
MIKAELA ERIC 3	DEREK E. SIBSON Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

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

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WALTER F. DOWNS .. Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY 4
ARTHUR G. BUTTON 2	PERCY W. MILLS 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	ROY DUESBURY Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

A 21st birthday compliment to Ann Pryke, ringer and chorister at this church.

GREAT NESS, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

With two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

F. HECTOR BENNETT .. Treble	BERYL W. ABBOTT 4
ROGER POWELL 2	PHILIP J. EVANS 5
MARY C. POYNER 3	HARRY POYNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

Rung as a compliment to the Revs. M. Courtney, C. Lawson and D. Austerberry, on the occasion of their ordination in Lichfield Cathedral.

HALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Surfleet and Beverley and three of Cambridge.

DAVID K. PUTNAM Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 4
MONTY W. GILBERT 2	BERNARD GROVES 5
MARTIN L. HOWE 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., May 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*MARY S. THORLING Treble	RICHARD G. MORRIS 4
*PHILIP J. ROTHERA 2	ROBERT E. TALLIS 5
†VICTOR H. NASH 3	ROGER E. TALLIS Tenor

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Rev. D. Campbell Miller, Vicar; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. D. Morris and a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. John K. Foot.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720, with all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*CHARLES E. BROWN Treble	*DONALD A. KIRK 4
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE 2	*PETER A. SHARP 5
AMOS INGALL 3	LOUIS WILLERS Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Norwich Surprise.

In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., May 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of April Day, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*WILLIAM A. SAVILL .. Treble	†DAVID J. TUBBS 4
†WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
HAROLD A. MAY 3	*RICHARD STEVENS Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal. † 800th peal. ‡ First of Doubles. Most Doubles methods yet rung by ringers of 2 and 3.

PORTHKERRY, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CURIG.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob.

*NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON Treble	†EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY .. 4
†ROGER G. HAVARD 2	†ANTHONY M. COOMBS .. 5
THOMAS YEOMANS 3	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. LLEWELLYN.

* First peal on six bells. † First of Minor in three methods. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss Molly Searle (a Porthkerry ringer) to Mr. Alan David, of Welford, near Barry.

COWLEY, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Double Court Bob and two each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5½ cwt. in B.

*JOHN R. CAWOOD Treble	ANDREW J. THOMSON .. 4
ROBIN J. ELLIOTT 2	ROBIN N. PITTMAN 5
DAVID A. H. BENNETT .. 3	BRUCE WAKEFIELD Tenor

Conducted by BRUCE WAKEFIELD.

* First peal. First of Minor as conductor.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., June 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, namely: Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob.

HUGH BISHOP (Selwyn) .. Treble	NOEL WAITE (St. Cath.'s) 4
LAWRENCE SMITH (Queen's) 2	HENRY LEWIS (Fitz.) .. 5
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 3	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.

Rung to welcome Emma, daughter of Peter and Marilyn Shipton.

EXFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 35 methods, as follows: (1) 1,440 of Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Whitley, Wooler, Alnwick, Newcastle, Canterbury, Morpeth, Chester and Munden; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (4) London, Wells and Cuncastre; (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (7) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning; 102 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
JOHN R. MAYNE 2	ALAN R. SYDER 5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 2, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (2) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Court, (5) Double Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Single Court.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F sharp.

LOUIS WILLERS Treble	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 4
DELIA SMITH 2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 5
CLAIRE DELLAMORE 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung on the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

HAYES, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob; each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A.

ANDREW M. MACVE Treble	IAN H. ORAM 4
JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH 2	JOHN R. COOPER 5
JOHN E. CANNELL 3	JOHN W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

The conductor's 100th tower in the county for a peal.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Geoffrey William) to Susan and John Cannell.

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COGENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1 and 2) Cambridge, (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

B. E. FROST Treble	*D. M. TRUEMAN 4
*JUDITH I. FROST 2	G. W. MAYES 5
*G. T. DICKINS 3	J. HOBSON Tenor

Conducted by B. E. FROST.

* First peal.

A farewell peal for the tenor ringer who is going to Kenya.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of All Saints' (four callings) and 21 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN COLLINS Treble	*JOHN J. WALLETT 3
WALTER G. WRIGHT 2	WILLIAM T. HILL 4

RAYMOND G. JONES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. HILL.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., three of Kent T.B. and three of P.B. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*IAN FOSTER (14) Treble	JOHN CLARKE 4
SIDNEY C. EASTER 2	JAMES L. TOWLER 5
ROBERT LEVETT 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

* First peal, first attempt.

A birthday compliment to Ann Fell, daughter of the conductor, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Frost, of Tollesbury.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RICHARD F. DAVIS Treble	FREDERICK W. SWEET 4
AUDREY M. SHORT 2	MICHAEL J. STONE 5
CECIL T. CLARKE 3	RONALD D. SHORT Tenor

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

* First peal. First of Minor on the bells.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band as a wedding compliment to Miss Freda M. Phillips and Mr. F. A. Keith Prime. Also to mark the 50th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,520 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CATHERINE M. CHAPMAN Treble	JOHN S. WALKER 4
ALEC GAMMON 2	NOEL D. DEAM 5
*ELIZABETH A. MILLER 3	ROY H. JONES Tenor

Conducted by NOEL D. DEAM.

* First peal in two methods.

Rung to congratulate the conductor on passing his examinations in mechanical engineering.

HANDBELL PEAL

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Tues., June 6, 1961, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, STAINING,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK 1—2	DEREK E. SIBSON 3—4
MARTYN L. J. JORDAN 5—6	

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal 'in hand.' First on the bells.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On June 3rd, 2,520 Doubles (Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Old, St. Columb, All Saints', Seighford, Rushall, Little Aston, Grandsire and April Day): Margaret J. Cozier (first half peal 1, N. D. Deam 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, J. S. Walker 4, A. Gammon 5. Rung for the anniversary of H.M. the Queen's coronation and as a 20th wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. S. Walker.

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Freda P. Greaves 1, N. Cossey 2, W. Bird 3, Doris Lidbetter 4, G. Larter 5, B. W. Wilgress (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Daphne Le-Grice, a local ringer, on her marriage to Mr. Peter Nicholls.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Halls 1, S. K. Huson 2, D. F. Roberts 3, E. D. Thomas 4, B. R. Manning (cond.) 5, E. Gibson (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of R. I. Gosling, S. K. Huson and E. Gibson.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Holling 1, Christine A. Smith 2, Judy A. M. Cox 3, M. Brown 4, B. Brant 5, M. R. A. Kirk (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 4, 6. Rung on the 5th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. E. W. K. Bailey as Vicar. Also a 17th birthday compliment to the conductor.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Goldthorpe 1, Miss E. D. France 2, Miss E. Poulter 3, A. M. Cooper 4, G. F. Nix 5, G. D. Fearnough (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Beryl Marshall.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): B. Holloway 1, Mrs. E. Butler 2, J. Butler (cond.) 3, R. Allum 4, G. Keal 5, A. Payne 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—1,280 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: G. Humphries 1, D. Stillman 2, R. Humphries 3, D. Gaisford 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, T. Wicks 6. First in the method for all the band.

CAPTOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Law (has now 'circled the tower') 1, J. Riley 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, O. Lamb 4, V. Sheppard 5, J. Ernstzen jun. 6. For Evensong.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On June 5th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Holby 1, B. Forsyth 2, J. Boustead 3, C. Forsyth 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1 and 2 leading): D. Hartley 1, M. Cary 2, J. Dieppe 3, Mary Adamson 4, A. Pugh 5, Janet Taylor 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, B. Lake 8. First quarter 1 and 2. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all the band. For the Patronal Festival.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On June 2nd, 1,330 Grandsire Triples (the first and last of Holt's Original): Miss A. Christie 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. R. Retter 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Devon Guild).

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Sally Parrott 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, D. Herschell 4, W. Parrott 5, F. Oakshott (first in method as cond.) 6, D. J. F. Oakshott 7, J. Munton 8. First quarter in method for all the band except the conductor, and first in tower for at least 47 years. For Evensong.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On June 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, M. J. Bray 2, Mrs. R. Sturges 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, Miss S. Smith 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, D. S. M. Jones 7, G. Miles 8, A. H. Sturges 9, J. Stevenson 10. First of Caters by all except the ringers of 1 and 2. A farewell quarter by the local band to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, who are leaving for three years in Mauritius on June 6th.

FARNBOROUGH HANTS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. A. Pound (first in the method) 1, P. N. Murgatroyd 2, V. M. Cox 3, D. P. Treble 4, W. J. Parker (cond.) 5, P. Joyce 6. For Evensong.

FRECKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Irene Cross 1, Y. Parker 2, R. Palmer (cond.) 3, J. Ivings 4, A. Mann 5. For the induction service of the new Vicar.

GIGGLESWICK-IN-CRAVEN, YORKS.—On May 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Oglesby 1, Elisabeth Bowden 2, Doreen Cox 3, R. J. Bowden 4, C. C. Clarke 5, A. T. Collins 6, A. R. Mann 7, A. E. Cox (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Dennis C. Bowden and Miss Christine V. Pullin, who were married at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on May 20th.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDD.—On June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. W. Simpson 1, F. P. Wright 2, Mrs. C. E. Slade 3, Miss P. J. Laycock 4, J. M. G. Anthony 5, J. Small (first of Major 'inside') 6, R. E. Waters 7, C. E. Slade (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 5. For Matins.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on May 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Munn 1, Miss R. Jarrett 2, Miss A. Gladwell 3, D. Jaine 4, J. C. Eisel 5, A. T. Wingate 6, T. Wood 7, J. J. Webb 8, A. W. Davis (cond.) 9, W. Gittins 10. A tribute to Archdeacon Winton Ingram on his last day as Canon Residentiary.

HOLBEACH, Lincs.—On June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Vellam 1, A. Marshall 2, Mrs. D. A. Davis 3, R. Bailey 4, K. Davey 5, R. Sanders 6, C. McCall 7, D. A. Davis (cond.) 8. First quarter by all except 3 and 8. Rung for Matins by the Sunday service band.

HONITON, DEVON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Harvey (first quarter) 1, Celia Hodge (first 'inside') 2, D. Salter 3, A. Hodge 4, Janet Real (first as cond.) 5, W. Webb 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDD.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Beck (first quarter) 1, H. J. Eldred 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, S. Croft 5, M. Gathercole 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Mr. John Hales, married the previous day at Omaha, Texas, to Miss M. J. Cherry.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. H. Symonds 2, F. Hunt 3, A. R. Knight 4, R. Chambers 5, S. Smith 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. Jarvis 8. For Evensong.

LEIGH, LANCs.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Taylor (first quarter) 1, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 2, Ann Burns (first 'inside') 3, Valerie E. Watts 4, Margaret E. Fort 5, W. Davies 6. A compliment to Rev. Ian Foster on his ordination to the priesthood.

LEVERTON, Lincs.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Lakin 1, B. Henton (first quarter) 2, C. Askew 3, D. Tomlin (first quarter) 4, W. H. Lakin (cond.) 5, A. Pickwell 6.

LONDON.—On May 13th, at the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Rowe 1, T. N. J. Bailey 2, W. A. Hughes 3, D. H. L. Langdon 4, A. F. Lewry 5, H. G. Weedon 6, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 7, H. Parkes 8. Rung by members of the staff of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On May 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hodge 1, J. Sage 2, D. Salter 3, F. Sage 4, C. J. Turner 5, W. Webb (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 2 and 3.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): M. Houl 1, W. F. Scudamore 2, J. Houl 3, N. K. Winspear 4, B. D. Sims (cond.) 5, P. J. Bayliss 6, M. F. Sims 7, W. G. Reeve 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 6 and 8. Rung to commemorate Commonwealth Technical Training Week.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Davies 1, C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, W. A. Yates 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, J. Rattenbury 8. In memoriam Preb. E. V. Cox.

NAILESA, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Brake 1, Olwen Quint (first of Minor) 2, Mary Powell 3, P. Blake 4, J. Brain 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Burton 1, C. W. Sams (cond.) 2, A. A. Livings 3, B. G. Burton 4, G. Blake 5, D. Hawkins (first quarter) 6. A farewell tribute to the Rev. H. F. Hawkins, who is leaving this parish.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Shaw 1, Miss M. Carr 2, D. Brown (cond.) 3, W. O. Haythorn 4, A. Carter 5, D. Haskell (first quarter) 6.

OTTERTY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On June 2nd, 630 Grandsire Triples: C. C. Turner 1, J. Ayres 2, L. Hine 3, J. Arbury 4, C. J. Turner (cond.) 5, C. C. Deem 6, R. T. Wood 7, C. W. Glanville 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: C. J. Turner 1, L. Hine 2, J. Ayres 3, J. Arbury 4, E. H. Marks 5, C. C. Deem 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, C. W. Glanville 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Preb. E. V. Cox.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): P. J. Rothera 1, M. C. Hughes 2, V. H. Nash 3, M. A. Lister 4, R. E. Tallis sen. 5, Mary S. Thorling 6, R. E. Tallis (cond.) 7, Jennifer S. Hill 8. For Matins.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 30th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. S. Shepherd (first on 10) 1, Miss S. P. Sims 2, J. W. Perkins 3, F. E. Day 4, D. R. Bould 5, B. W. Story 6, E. A. Marsh (C.P.O., R.N.) (first on 10) 7, T. G. Myers (cond.) 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. In memoriam Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, beloved president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Also at Emmanuel Church, on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. L. Blagg 1, J. P. Sims (cond.) 2, Sylvia Sims 3, J. H. Foster (St. John's, Blackpool) 4, H. H. Thomas 5, T. G. Myers 6, W. G. Lavers 7, F. R. Hocking 8. Rung as a token of our regard and in memory of Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sharon Northeast 1, A. T. Shelton 2, K. Game 3, W. Dunn 4, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 5, D. Mundy 6, G. Olliver 7, Joan Hanning 8.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On May 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Guymer 1, J. Guymer (first quarter) 2, M. Keyworth 3, M. L. Mann 4, H. Dove 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On June 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Allison 1, W. Bains 2, J. F. Underwood 3, H. Judd 4, F. Lacey 5, E. Button 6, M. Whiting 7, F. Lord (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 6. First of Major 3 and 7. Rung for the ruby wedding of the ringer of 5th.

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Watkins 1, H. Boyce 2, Hazel Way 3, D. J. Williams 4, E. Morris 5, B. Couzens 6, J. A. Hoare 7, K. Robinson 8. Rung for the christening of Richard, son of the Vicar, the Rev. Garfield James.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol Norman 1, D. W. Stenson 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, K. H. Mildred 6. For Evensong.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Charman 1, Mrs. R. J. Chacksfield 2, R. J. Chacksfield 3, M. Davis 4, Jean Horton (first as cond. in the method) 5, R. G. Blackman 6. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. For Trinity Sunday Evensong.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rev. R. O. Fry 1, K. E. Pinney 2, F. Welch 3, Dr. L. E. Wear 4, F. Priddle 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, R. W. Guppy 8. In memoriam Preb. E. V. Cox.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, W. S. Girdling 3, R. E. Lester 4, E. Hotine (first as cond.) 5, R. F. Taylor 6. For Trinity Sunday Evensong.

WICKEN, NORTHAMTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Yates 1, L. Smith 2, C. E. Truman 3, F. C. Case 4, J. Linnell 5, T. E. Roberts 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. For Evensong.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 25th, 1,320 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob): T. E. Trickett 1, A. J. Yorke 2, Miss A. D. Edwards 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, E. Cribble 5.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Wallater 1, E. Stitch (cond.) 2, B. Horton 3, J. Roden 4, W. R. Hughes 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, E. G. Bowyer 7, G. Peers sen. 8. For the ordination of the Rev. J. H. Halton, curate, as priest in Lichfield Cathedral on May 28th.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on June 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Audrey M. Short 1, H. Collins 2, D. C. Jackson 3, D. White 4, M. V. White 5, R. D. Short 6, V. G. Roberts (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, C. Gumm (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. James 1, Mrs. L. James 2, S. Wooding 3, Miss H. Palmer 4, K. Triplow (cond.) 5, C. Dilnot 6. Rung to mark the ordination of Mr. John Wright of this parish.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Hoison 1, G. Burrows (first 'inside') 2, G. Sharpe 3, L. Harvey 4, E. Shippey 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the people's warden, Councillor E. J. Humphrey, being elected chairman of the Wisbech Rural District Council.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Susan E. Cross (first of Royal) 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, A. R. Mann (first of Royal as cond.) 5-6, J. R. Heath 7-8, R. J. Palmer (first of Royal) 9-10.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford Spliced, Plain Bob): C. W. Hall 1, Miss P. Dobson 2, J. E. Manners 3, F. Chambers 4, G. E. Tebbutt 5, R. Beniston (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

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After listening to the 11 teams in the Derbyshire Association's striking competition, a correspondent gives these tips: 'Leave your weakest member at home. Choose a conductor who can count. Make sure which bell you are on and learn your start. Make sure you are ringing the same method as the majority of the band. Practice.'

The peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Tewkesbury on May 20th was to the memory of Alfred B. Peck.

Miss Gillian Coker, from Harpenden, Herts, who is teaching for a year in Australia, attended a ringing practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, Sydney. Her present appointment is at Broken Hill.

Mr. W. T. Beeson, of Cranleigh, after three previous unsuccessful attempts, rang his 800th peal on May 30th. His first peal was rung in 1914. He has one ambition left—to ring a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

At the annual general meeting of the University of Bristol Society the following officers were elected for the 1961-62 season: Master, I. C. Maycock; secretary, Miss J. Atkinson; tower secretary, S. M. J. Young; treasurer, Miss J. Gambling.

The name of the ringer of the third in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on May 11th was Frederick A. Saker and not as printed. Mr. Saker informs us that this was the fourth time he had 'circled the tower' in the 86 peals he had rung at St. Peter's.

Regular Sunday service ringers at St. Michael's, Madeley, Salop, Mr. F. W. Jones and Miss D. B. Lewis, ascended the belfry on their wedding day to receive the good wishes of the band. As crinolines and bellropes don't go well together, the bride and bridesmaid were unable to ring. The happy couple received a travelling alarm clock from the company. Fortunately they are making their new home in Madeley so their valuable services will not be lost to the tower.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Mr. J. A. Underwood, who conducted the quarter peal at Chesham, Bucks, on May 21st (see page 362), in which there were five first quarters by the local band, is leaving for Coventry. Within living memory there had previously been no active change ringing at this tower. Mr. Underwood extends to local ringers his best wishes for more successes in the future.

The bells of St. Helen's, Abingdon are receiving attention from the bell hangers and are not at present available.

The Sussex County Association has 280 lady ringers. Is this a record for any County Association?

What bell at Cambridge has the inscription 'Glory to the Church, and damnation to all enthusiasts'?

We doubt if any ringer has rung a heavier bell for his first quarter than Mr. C. Gumm, who performed on the tenor at Wells Cathedral on June 4th. Weight 56 cwt. 1r. 14 lb.

The advantages of the M1, as opening the Midlands to London ringers for their outings, was demonstrated by Hillingdon Guild. Including a break of half an hour for coffee they were ringing at Leicester within three hours.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, has had a ringing romance. Mr. Graham Heyes, the deputy captain, and Miss Beverley Sayce, a former secretary of the Society, were married at the Cathedral on May 20th. A visitor from Sydney was able to take part in the congratulatory ringing.

On May 25th the Leatherhead and Dorking Deaneries held a service of Thanksgiving in the new Guildford Cathedral, and after the service, at the suggestion of the Rev. E. B. Wood, of Leatherhead, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung on the steps of the west doorway, whilst the congregation was leaving. On its completion, at the special request of the Bishop (Rt. Rev. G. Reindorp), a further course was rung. Those taking part were A. H. Winch 1-2, E. G. Coward 3-4, Rev. E. B. Wood 5-6, W. F. Oatway 7-8.

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A NATIONAL RINGING DAY

Tuesday, June 27th, is to be a national ringing day to mark the enthronement of Dr. A. M. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury.

Announcing this decision, at the Stoke-upon-Trent Central Council meeting, the president (Mr. F. Sharpe) said: 'This is an occasion, which I feel confident, all ringers will regard as their duty to recognise.'

'May I express the hope that so far as possible the bells of every church will be rung at some time during the day and that many peals and quarter peals will be attempted, either on the day or as soon afterwards as practicable.'

'I would urge ringers to see that all possible publicity is given locally, preferably beforehand to the ringing, thus bringing to the notice of the general public our part in this important event in the life of the Church.'

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The 2,000th Peal

THE annual report of the Ely Diocesan Association, presented at the annual meeting at Trumpington on Easter Monday, mentioned the milestone passed during the year of the Association ringing its 2,000th peal. During 1960 peals totalled 50—Major 10, Minor 26, Doubles 4, and in these 102 members took part.

Four members—Miss L. Allen, G. J. Mann, J. Wilson and M. Parker—called their first peal and 16 members rang their first peal.

The year had seen a steady increase in the strength of the Association. Subscriptions from resident members showed a slight increase over 1959, the peal total increased by two and the balance sheet showed an increased balance, thus making a satisfactory year.

A recent inspection showed that Houghton bells were unsafe and it was hoped to raise funds and rectify this. Brampton bells should be augmented to six during 1961, as all that was required was work of putting in the bell. The cost had already been raised. Little Shelford's bells were also in the hands of the foundry.

Ringing started at Great Gransden and Gamlingay at 10 o'clock, followed by the following towers during the day: Bourne, Ornell, Melbourne, Meldreth, Harston, Haslingfield, Trumpington, Great St. Mary's and St. Bene't's, Cambridge and Histon. Although the weather was inclement this did not deter the usual number of resident and visiting ringers from going on a tour round.

The ringers service was held at 4.15 p.m. in Trumpington Church, conducted by the Rev. D. M. Maddox, of Trumpington, and the address was given by Canon A. L. Woodard, the Cambridge District president. Tea was provided in the School Room, opposite the church, served by local ladies, over 130 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, with Canon Woodard in the chair. The 1960 report was adopted, and all the Association officers were re-elected. For the next annual meeting it was decided to visit the Wisbech District on Easter Monday, 1962.

There being no other business the meeting closed, with the usual thanks to all who had helped to make this a successful day.

Resident members were present from over 30 towers and visitors came from about 12 different Guilds and Associations.

A 50th anniversary peal of the first on the bells was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber, on May 30th. The only survivor of 50 years ago, Mr. Arthur W. Hoodless, rang the treble.

LADIES' GUILD'S PEAL OF SURPRISE ROYAL



The Rev. Basil Williams congratulating Mrs. Jill Staniforth and the band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Leicester on May 20th. Our picture, from left to right: The Rev. Basil Williams, Dorothy E. Beamish, Diana M. Lawless, Doris E. Colgate, Jill Staniforth (cond.), Shelagh R. Collins, M. Elizabeth Chapman, Joan Beresford, Ann M. Cox, Kathleen M. Lock, Hilda G. Snowden.

[Photo by courtesy of 'The Leicester Evening Mail']

AS a result of a gathering of ladies (and supporters!) in London, during January of this year, surprise was expressed that this occasion—the 35th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by an all-ladies band—was to honour the one and only ten bell peal rung for the Guild.

The strength and calibre of the ladies available for peal ringing in 1961 showed little doubt that this situation could, and indeed should, be quickly remedied.

Consequently, arrangements were duly put into operation and it was thought a good idea to make an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Royal on Whit Saturday.

At approximately 2 p.m., six keen tower grabbers (not ladies) climbed the stairs at St. John the Divine Church, Leicester, to pull up the beautiful ring of ten bells in readiness for this attempt, and at 2.24 p.m. the bells were set ringing to a first-class beat. This high standard was maintained throughout and the peal was brought round at 5.51 p.m.

The Rev. Basil Williams (Vicar of St. John the Divine), the local Ringing Master (Mr. Sidney Harrison) and the president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild (Mr. Peter J. Staniforth) came up into the belfry, together with a local paper photographer, to offer their congratulations on a performance that was described as one of the best peals on the bells.

During correspondence prior to this attempt a letter arrived at 'The Wayside, Leicester,' marked 'S.O.S. What's happening to the husbands on May 20th?' The outcome of this was a peal of London Surprise Major to be rung at Claybrooke—accommodating both husbands and boy-friends alike. This also proved to be a well-struck peal.

During the evening the two peal bands, plus other friends, enjoyed a well earned meal at the Victory Hotel, Leicester. This was followed by a touch of Stedman Triples on handbells by four members of the Ladies' Guild.

The band would like to offer their appreciation, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to the Rev. Basil Williams and Mr. Sidney Harrison for the use of their bells and their interest in the peal attempt.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Southern District

May 13th turned out to be a lovely spring day for the quarterly meeting of the Southern District, held at Alresford, Hants. Over 20 members and friends rang in the afternoon at Old Alresford Parish Church. The Rector conducted the Guild's service and also played the organ. At tea a collection, amounting to 10s., was made towards Guildford Cathedral bells, after which ringing in the four standard methods was enjoyed on the eight at New Alresford. Next meeting, July 22nd.

C. M. H.

Beds and Northants Branch

At the meeting of the Beds and Northants Branch on May 27th, only 7 members (all from Bedfordshire) were present. Visiting gentlemen assisted with and improved the ringing a great deal.

A short business meeting was held in the vestry, when Henlow was suggested for the next District meeting in September. As no arrangements for tea had been made the ringers adjourned to a nearby cafe for fish and chips! Ringing was then recommenced. Methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Miss K. Rivett was Ringing Master.

TOWER'S INTEREST IN CONDUCTING

Peter Chilton, aged 15, of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, has conducted his first peal at first attempt—Kent Treble Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. St. John's is fortunate in having six of the band able to conduct. In consequence, Mr. Harrison, the Ringing Master, very rarely conducts a touch himself. He feels strongly against a 'one man band.'

The band who rang in the quarter peal at Stratton on Whit Sunday, would like to associate with it the names of David Garvie, one of the local band, and Mary Lewis, on the occasion of their engagement.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THE 76th annual general meeting of the Sussex Association was held at Brighton on May 13th. The service was held in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Vicar of Brighton (the Rev. J. N. Keeling). He gave a very interesting sermon. Having been born in a Vicarage, he had been associated with bells all his life. Most people do not understand the bellringers language, he pointed out. To them, Double Norwich Court Bob Major may be a new hair style, and Pudsey Surprise a new recipe for Yorkshire pudding!

The collection amounted to over £3 and has been donated to the Fabric Fund. The Bishop of Chichester was unable to attend owing to the induction of the new Vicar of Balcombe.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and was attended by 94 ringers.

The business meeting followed tea, and was presided over by the Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson), who welcomed the visitors, who included Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman and Mr. Davies from the Surrey Association. Apologies were received from Canon H. T. Mogridge and Ben Barhill, who was convalescing at Arundel.

The Master requested those present to stand in silence as a token of respect to those who had passed on during the year; their names appeared in the annual report.

28 CONDUCTED PEALS

The various reports were passed by the meeting and the followed were the items of note:—

The treasurer (Mr. R. G. Blackman) pointed out that there was a balance of £10 excess over expenditure for the year. Only 57 peals had been rung during 1960, 15 being of Surprise, but 12 of these were conducted by non-resident ringers. There had been 28 conductors, which was very encouraging.

The secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy) pointed out that although several towers had been deleted owing to non-payment of the affiliation fee, membership had increased. There were now over 280 ladies in the Association. The annual report was proving very expensive and it might be necessary to consider printing the report every two or three years. After some discussion it was decided to carry on as before and rely on the general secretary to do his best to keep down the cost.

Mr. R. Overy proposed that all the officers for 1960 should be re-elected for 1961, to save time. This was carried by the meeting, but Mr. K. Knight questioned this action and hoped this would not be an annual occurrence.

LIBRARY CABINET

Mr. Armstrong gave details of the Association's library, which would be installed in the belfry of St. Peter's, Brighton. Mr. Ropley, a ringer and a skilled craftsman, was making the cabinet and the necessary permission had been given by the Vicar of Brighton. The cabinet would be made in sections and provision made for any extensions. The question of raising the necessary finance and the insurance of the library would be dealt with when the actual cost was known.

Mr. Albert Bond was elected librarian and he gave details of the books, etc., already given, promised and purchased. We would have one of the finest libraries in the country.

Mrs. Hairs mentioned that her daughter, Mrs. Barnett, would present a copy of 'Sussex Bells' by A. J. Turner, when the cabinet was completed.

The General Committee had made a recommendation that the Association form of service be revised and a suitable belfry office be printed in the report for general use.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE - 24



MR. NICHOLAS M. NEWBY,
Lancashire Association.

The Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association covers a large area of about 200 miles. It runs from Millom on the Cumberland coast to Ambleside (where Alan Capstick keeps the flag flying) and Kendal, down to Beetham in Westmorland. Buses are not too frequent and travelling about is difficult, unless one has one's own transport. The consequence is, therefore, that maintaining and assisting local bands has to be done the hard way. Mr. Nicholas M. Newby, of Ulverston, Lancs, has been secretary of this Branch since 1936—25 years' service—and really tries his hardest to do the job with enthusiasm and efficiency.

In 1946 he started giving lectures, illustrated with slides provided by John Taylor's, of Loughborough, first to Church Fellowship groups, and later to County Adult Education groups. As a result of this work, and with the backing of the Lancashire Education Committee, evening classes in bellringing were started at Hawkshead, a delightful village situated between Lakes Conistone and Windermere.

The last item was the Alfred Pulling Memorial, and after some discussion it was decided to send a token amount for the time being, and a larger amount when the full ring of bells was installed. It was felt that it was a waste of money to mount the bell on a pedestal, electrically ring same and then do away with same.

The verger of St. Peter's, Brighton, brought 'best wishes' from the Norwich ringers, after attending a vergers' meeting there.

A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Brighton, the verger and the organist for the part they played during the service.

EPHING, ESSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss B. M. McClelland 2, D. Hawkins 3, D. G. Mayell 4, M. C. Austin 5, J. Statham 6, H. Turner 7, R. J. Chapman 8. Rung for the visit of the Lord Mayor of London, for the opening of the Epping Town Improvement scheme.

and where 2 trebles were added to complete the octave in 1958. Later, another class was started at Broughton-in-Furness, and both are still going strong. A further two classes were commenced at Hornby and Scorton. When Nicholas first started at Hawkshead, he left Ulverston at 6.45 p.m. by bus to Newby Bridge, took a taxi to Hawkshead to commence ringing at 8 p.m. On finishing at 10 p.m., it was a taxi back to Newby Bridge, and the last bus home, arriving at 11 p.m.!

Nicholas (or Nick, as he is popularly known) is a blacksmith by trade, and was born at Ulverston on October 25th, 1910. He was educated at the local C. of E. boys' school and started learning to ring in June, 1924, at his local Parish Church of St. Mary's, where there are six bells. He scored his first peal on July 16th, 1927, at Hawkshead, one of Bob Minor, conducted by William Robinson. He is not very keen on peal ringing, as opportunities are difficult, and an afternoon practice meeting gives him as much enjoyment, if not more. His present total is 106, of which he has conducted 36. He believes, however, that peal ringing does help to make ringers, and he gets most satisfaction from those peals in which the band are all local service ringers, and particularly first peals by all the band except himself.

One peal of which he is rather proud is his only handbell peal, which was arranged on the spur of the moment. It was Bob Minor, rung at Dalton-in-Furness, with Dorothy Schofield, of Morecambe, now Mrs. Roland Eccles, and Robin Shuttleworth, of Hawkshead. It was the first peal 'in hand' by all, and the first handbell peal in his part of Lancashire for over 30 years!

Nicholas has served on the General Committee of the Lancashire Association since 1934, and was a vice-president for 1956-58. His wife, who in the past has given him every encouragement in his work of instruction, has recently started to ring herself, and now enjoys getting amongst ringers. His three sons, aged 11, 17 and 19, are also all able to ring as well, making five in his family to help man the bells at Ulverston.

Nicholas is one of Lancashire's main 'spade-workers,' working in a difficult area. Such men, though they do not do a lot of peal ringing, are the salt of the earth. The Lancashire Association is indeed fortunate in having someone active in this area, who by his own example of enthusiasm has helped to strengthen the ringing in North Lancashire and Westmorland.

NORTH SOMERCOTES, Lincs, RINGERS' OUTING

This outing, held on Whit Tuesday, will seem of little interest when it is said that ringing consisted of call changes. Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles and Plain Hunt Minor, but the band consisted of fifteen ringers from a three bell tower, with two friends from Alford and the Vicar of Somercotes. Ringing took place at Willoughby, Halton Holgate and Old Bolingbroke, all very good sixes. Tea was taken at Old Bolingbroke, generously given by Mr. Riggall. The last tower, Raithby, was visited with some trepidation, and fears seemed justified when the treble rope broke on ringing up. But ringing continued on the back five, proving to be the best of the day, the bells going very well indeed. The outing proved very worth while and most encouraging to the organiser. Perhaps it will not be too long before the three at Somercotes are increased to six.

"WE LIKE THEM VERY WELL INDEED
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PENALTIES OF RUSHING LEARNERS

Dear Sir.—How right Mr. John Pladdys is in his letter of June 2nd, when he says that learners are pushed along at an incredible rate and never master their bell or striking. It is only bewildering to the learner who, not only has to think of how to handle his bell, but think of the method also—not call changes mark you—at the same time. No wonder so many learners give up. I was ringing rounds and call changes for a long time before starting change ringing and my handling of a bell was not perfect even then. Well do I remember having to ring solo in front of some eminent ringers one practice night at a neighbouring tower, just to correct one fault. Even in my first peal I was often told to keep my back strokes in when I thought my striking was quite good, and that was after I had been ringing for three years or so.

Every learner must be able to ring call changes accurately and know in what place he is striking. The method used should be, where one bell only is told what to do, i.e., 'to 6' (from rounds). The 6th will have to use his ropesight to see which bell the 5th was ringing after, which may not necessarily be the 4th, so that the 6th can come down into 5th place. The method, where two bells are told to dodge, is a complete waste of time and sounds horrible, especially when four bells start doing this. It would be far better to use very quick call changes and to concentrate on one bell at a time as in Devonshire Call Changes.

Another thing which I have seen done is to start teaching a learner to raise and lower a bell before he can handle one properly. He gets into the habit of tugging and pulling away at the rope until the bell is up and even then he is pulling away like mad only having to check it at the other end and never getting out of the habit, with the result that his striking is all over the place. One can normally tell who are the good ringers by their effortless and graceful movements or style, and every beginner should study the actions of a good ringer and then try to do likewise.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Bournemouth.

IRISH WELCOME

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of your paper, express my appreciation and thanks to the captains and companies of the ringers at St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. George's Church, Dublin.

Being only a semi-beginner, and consequently having limitations, nevertheless, during my short stay there during Whitsun, not only was I invited to take part in practice and service ringing, but a conducted tour of the city was laid on for me in one of the ringer's cars.—Yours sincerely,

S. E. DENBY.

Mansfield, Notts.

THORNCOMBE BELL RINGERS

Dear Sir.—The Thorncombe (Somerset) ringers are busy raising funds for a sixth bell which, I understand, will cost in the region of £600.

It has been suggested that there may be a Central Fund available from which monetary grants may be allocated for such a project.

Donations will be gratefully acknowledged by—Yours faithfully,

A. E. O. JORDAN.

The School House,

Thorncombe,

near Chard, Somerset.

COUNTING PLACES

Dear Sir.—I feel I must reply to Mr. Hall's letter in 'R.W.' dated June 2nd.

Like Mr. Hall and Mr. Aitch, I had no idea of how one 'counted one's place'. The obvious way was, to my mind, 3-4-5-6-6-5, etc. This, coupled with the knowledge 4652 (i.e., coursing order), enabled me to ring plain courses (only) of Bob Minor (only) on the 3rd (only). This state of affairs lasted quite a while (6 months). Then I read in a book, I forget which, that the best way to attain good striking was to get the 'beat' of six taps (one for each bell) running through your head and to emphasise the one which coincided with your position in any change. This made me aware of what people had meant by 'listen to it' and of my own bell being one among many to be listened to and for.

About this time the faculty of ropesight became something I suddenly found I had and this, coupled with the Society of Rambling Ringers putting up with me on tour for ten days, made me realise that I was gradually getting into rhythmical change ringing.

After the summer, my lifelong friend, 'Farmer,' recommended peal ringing as a means of improving one's faculties of change ringing, the only problem being to impress some local conductor and 'muscle in' on peal ringing. This done, progress became easy and rapid, but should follow definite stages.

Further, to any beginner who finds difficulty in getting anywhere, I recommend them to join the College of Campanology and read Part I of the 'Manual.' This also to Mr. Pladdys, so he can 'spread the gospel' of good teaching up in West Hartlepool.—Yours sincerely,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Manchester 21.

55 MAJOR METHODS PEAL

Dear Sir.—It has been brought to my notice that two of the methods named for the peal in 55 Major methods, have already been named and rung. Method C.C.C. No. 263 should be Holland Bob. This is listed in the Central Council additional list of Major method names, but no C.C.C. number or method details are recorded. C.C.C. No. 261 should be Warminster Bob. This method was first published in a peal in March this year, after the Spliced composition was completed, and unfortunately I completely overlooked it.

Please accept my apologies for not detecting these inaccuracies before I sent the peal report to you.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK OGDEN.

Sale, Manchester.

THE PITSTOWS OF SAFFRON WALDEN

Dear Sir.—Mr. H. C. Stacey's article brings back memories of 1892, when I saw and heard the first half-pull ringing on Exeter Cathedral bells. It was in October that year that a touring band visited the tower, where rounds on the 10 by 16 men was only possible for a few minutes. A suggestion was made that a course of Grandsire Caters might be tried and to the surprise of everyone it was rung at the first attempt and very well struck. The first nine bells were rung by nine men as follows: H. G. Truin, John W. Taylor, Ernest A. Pitstow, Nathan J. Pitstow, Rev. F. E. Robinson, W. W. Gifford, Ferris Shepherd, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, James W. Washbrook and on the tenor were Rev. W. S. Willett, Edwin Shepherd, B. Mundy and J. W. Carnell. Nobody present wanted a second course!—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

NO DISSENSION ON 'R.W.' COMMITTEE

Dear Sir.—May I first of all congratulate you on some of your recent editorials. Your last two in particular (June 2nd and 9th) have been commented on favourably as giving an excellent 'Editor's eye view' of the Central Council and some of its work. But I hope you will allow me to correct the impression which may have been given by your first paragraph of June 9th and by the necessarily condensed report, on Page 385, of 'The Ringing World' discussion at Stoke.

There has been no dissensions in the 'R.W.' Committee. Since I was elected last year they have met once—in London last November—and one result of a very useful meeting was what most ringers have agreed was the highly successful Jubilee issue of our paper. Neither in meeting nor in correspondence has there been any committee consideration since then. There was no minority report for the very simple reason that there was no majority report either. The report that was submitted to the Council was signed and sent to the Council's secretary without consultation with the committee. And he who signed it was naive enough to tell the Council that he had not even written it.

Had the report been put to the several members of the committee for their comments, like the reports of other committees I have worked for, and had I been unable to persuade the other members of the committee to alter it, then I should have been happy to make it a unanimous report of the committee. That chance was not offered to us, however, which is why I must emphasise again that the report submitted was not 'of the committee.'—Yours, etc.,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

GERAT CHART ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear Sir,—In your report of the annual general meeting of the Kent County Association Mr. May, in reply to a question by Mr. Hillis, stated that no acknowledgement had been received from Great Chart for the £15 donation towards restoration of the bells.

We were considerably perturbed by this statement. An acknowledgement was sent, and as proof our Rector has a counterfoil of the receipt, which was sent with a letter of thanks on February 22nd, 1960. I have written to the general secretary, Dr. Hatcher, on the matter, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, but having no reply I am writing in the hope that you will print a correction of the erroneous report, as we feel this is a slur on our tower, and all concerned.

Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours faithfully,

KATHLEEN HOBDEN.
(Honorary Secretary).

Great Chart.
Ashford, Kent.

INTERPRETATION NOT INTENDED

Dear Sir.—Mr. McLean, in his letter in the May 26th issue, has taken part of a sentence and twisted it to convey an interpretation that I did not intend.

Of course, photography in church or the belfry is not sacrilegious, but it is the subject of the photograph one has to take into account and from Mr. McLean's first paragraph he apparently agrees that this subject was not normal church procedure.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. BROWN.

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OUTINGS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

The University of Bristol Society was lucky to have a beautiful day for their summer term coach outing in the Cotswolds on May 13th. The first tower was Northleach (8), where we had our first experience of long Cotswold tail-ends. Tea followed in Bourton-on-the-Water, with time afterwards to join the crowds of sightseers in the model village, or even in a 'Witchcraft' exhibition.

From here we moved on to Stow-on-the-Wold (8), where the ringing did not do justice to a good ring of pleasant-sounding bells. For the last tower we returned to Bourton. Here the light ring of eight proved difficult at first, after the heavier preceding towers, but later produced some good touches of Plain Bob Major and Duffield. Stopping on the way back, handbell enthusiasts were cried down in favour of singing, which was appreciated by at least one 'old local' who removed his hat for the University song! Thanks are due to the incumbents and tower masters, and to the secretary for organising such an enjoyable outing.

SPALDING, Lincs

The annual outing of the Spalding ringers, along with friends from neighbouring towers, was once again arranged by Mr. E. T. Chapman, who decided to introduce us to some of his friends in Suffolk.

Leaving the Corn Exchange at 6.30 a.m. the first tower of the day, Diss, was reached on time. Unfortunately the 'go' of the bells was not all that might be desired. Over the border into Suffolk our first stop being Stradbroke, a pleasant 10, although the trebles are difficult to hear amongst the others. Dennington then provided some Minor ringing for the six bell men, the interior of this church being well worth the visit.

With rumbling stomachs we next visited the White Hart at Wickham Market to feast on a much needed lunch. No ringing here, but we did notice the unusual feature of the bell hung half way up the spire on the outside. The afternoon's ringing took place at Ufford and Woodbridge, both very good towers. Tea was provided for us at the Deben Tea Rooms at the latter place.

A short journey brought us to the delightful 10 at Grundisburgh to be met by Mr. Cecil Pipe, although he preferred to listen to us from his garden rather than ring, we hope our efforts were judged to be of good standard. At the remaining three towers, all well known to peal ringers. Helmingham, Framsdon and Debenham, we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Leslie Brett. A large variety of methods were rung to suit all tastes from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

We left Debenham replenished with fish and chips and a glass of beer, to make the long journey back home arriving about 1 a.m. An excellent day with good weather, bells and company. Thank you, Suffolk.

R. C. N.

AN EAST YORKS OUTING

Ringers from eight East Yorks towers participated in the Whit Monday outing, which started from Hessele. The first bells sampled were those of Sherburn-in-Elmet. A halt for sandwiches took place at 'The Lagoon,' a stretch of water on the Collingham-Otley Road. The beautifully toned bells at Otley were much admired by the ringers and doubtless by the crowds awaiting the Whit Monday procession.

Guisley and Barwick-in-Elmet followed. At the latter tower we were the first visiting band since the augmentation of the bells from three to eight on Palm Sunday. An adjournment was made to the White Swan Hotel, Tadcaster, for tea. Unfortunately Tadcaster bells were not available as a clapper had been damaged the previous day, but the fine eight at Howden was good compensation and concluded another enjoyable day's outing. Our thanks are due to the organisers and local ringers who met us.

PUTNEY RINGERS' WEEK-END



Putney ringers at St. Nicholas', Warwick.

In 1923 a party of Putney ringers visited Evesham for a weekend, and rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters and now 38 years' later Putney ringers have repeated the performance as reported on page 315 of the 'R.W.'

The ringing started on Saturday, April 22nd at Great Hampton, an octave much enjoyed by everybody. We then rang on the pleasant old six in the small village of Bishampton. Our next stop was made at Stoulton, to try the lightest ring in the world (6, 56 lb.). These are hung in part of a cottage and we were very grateful to Mr. Jopp for allowing us to make such a poor exhibition of ourselves. Obviously one has to learn to ring again, to ring here.

After lunch, we rang at St. John-in-Bedwardine, Worcester, an old six, with two trebles added. Travelling southwards, we came to Upton-on-Severn, another good octave. Here certain members of the party had difficulty in moving their car as a local octogenarian, after giving her views on the

council's rates, demanded a sixpence! Defford, a four, was the next stop, where almost the whole village turned out to see what was happening. Great Comberton, a pleasant but noisy six, just below Bredon Hill, followed. Arriving back at Evesham we sampled the magnificent Taylor twelve in its equally magnificent perpendicular tower. Here, ringing with the local ringers, we even managed Stedman Cinques.

Sunday started with a Corporate Communion at Evesham and ringing for morning service, with the enthusiastic local band at Salford Priors (8). The next stop was St. Nicolas', Warwick, voted by many as one of the best octaves they had visited. At Rugby we had the great privilege of ringing in both rings at the Parish Church. We rang the five before tea and the grand eight for evening service. Finally, a quick visit was paid to Daventry's fine eight, before a trip down M.1 to London.

Our grateful thanks go to all incumbents and Ringing Masters, who made such an enjoyable weekend possible.

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

This year's outing of the Barnesley District Society on Saturday, June 3rd was into Leicestershire. Everywhere the welcome was most cordial and the lunch at the Lodge Hotel, Barrow-on-Soar, and tea at Old John Cafe, Newton Linford, was so satisfactory that even the grumblers could find no fault.

Ringing took place at Warsop, Bulwell, Quorn, Barron-on-Soar and Bottesford.

Special thanks are due to the organisers (Messrs. Trevor Turbutt and Eric Stainrod) and the driver. Also to the incumbents and those who met us.

J. W. B.

BRISTOL RINGERS AWHEEL

Members of the University of Bristol Society and the Bristol Cathedral Society combined for a cycle outing on Whit Monday. The first tower visited was Chew Stoke, a ring of six originally cast in the village. From there we battled our way over numerous hills and through swarms of flies to Blagdon (8). At the third tower, Nempnett Thrubwell, the bells showed a marked tendency to accelerate. From there, faulty map reading took us a mile out of our way to Butcombe, a light six.

A break for tea, and then on to Winford, a medium weight six with 'comfortable sallies.' A broken rope curtailed ringing after three touches. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor, but striking was, at the best, indifferent. Our thanks are due to incumbents and tower secretaries for allowing us to ring.

S. M. J. Y.

RAVERS TOUR OF SCOTLAND

After ringing at St. Peter's, St. Albans, for the wedding of Miss Christine Pullen and Mr. Dennis Bowen on Whit Saturday, five members of the Raving Ringers left by road for Scotland. By travelling all night four of the party rang Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman at Paisley and were entertained to lunch by the tower secretary, Mrs. L. Caldwell, and allowed to doze on her lawn before going to Glasgow and ringing Cambridge Major and Grandsire Caters. The party then proceeded to their headquarters at Stirling.

Three days passed until the next tower, St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, where Ron Wilson, who helped with the arrangements, met the party and ringing included Plain and Little Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. The next day ringing took place at Fettes School and St. Mary's Cathedral.

Alloa was visited two days later, and with the help of Miss Willers, of Trumpington, Cambridge, and the local captain some Mixed Doubles were rung. Better ringing, including Double Norwich and Cambridge was enjoyed at Dunblane. The lovely bells of Dundee Cathedral came next and after tea the Old Steeple, Dundee, where permission to ring has to be obtained from a magistrate.

En route for home Keith was visited and in the evening Kendal. The night was spent at Settle and imagine our surprise in the morning at breakfast to see at the next table Mr. & Mrs. Cox and Mr. & Mrs. Bowden, of Bristol, en route for the Lake District. Their suggestion of grabbing a tower resulted in a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major ringing out from nearby Giggleswick. Our thanks are accorded to all who made our trip possible, especially Ron Wilson.

H. O.

OBITUARY

FUNERAL OF PREB. E. V. COX

The Bishop of Crediton and the Archdeacon of Exeter were among the large number of clergy at the funeral service at Axminster Parish Church on June 2nd of Preb. E. V. Cox, the president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The night previous and during the weekend the bells of many East Devon churches were rung to his memory.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Axminster (the Rev. N. Carey Potter) and the lesson read by Canon C. Carew Cox, a cousin of Preb. Cox, who represented the Clerical Guild and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews also represented the Clerical Guild and the North Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and the Rev. G. J. M. Scott, the North-West Devon Branch, the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth). Other representatives of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers were: Messrs. H. W. Milford, treasurer; E. M. Atkins, secretary; W. L. Lavers (Plympton St. Maurice), T. G. Myers (Plymouth St. Andrews), G. L. Blagg (Emmanuel, Plymouth). The East Devon Branch of the Guild was represented by Messrs. G. C. Woodley, chairman; and W. Webb, secretary. Other towers were represented by W. A. Sparks (Cotleigh), G. E. Retter (Aylesbeare), R. C. Woodley (Sidbury), C. Joyce, P. Copp, P. Doble and J. Knight (Stockland), R. F. Loud, F. Gardner and Brian Gardner (Shute), C. J. Turner and E. Marks (Ottery St. Mary), H. A. Hodge (Honiton), F. H. Parr (Buckerell and Feniton), J. Board (Axminster), F. G. Barratt (Colyton). Clyst Honiton and Sowton ringers were represented by Mrs. G. E. Retter; Kilmington ringers by Miss D. Bindloss; St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Lyme Regis, by Mrs. C. W. Powell; and Umborne Handbell Ringers by Mesdames V. Cox, J. Gillingham, R. Gorst and W. J. Page; Miss B. M. Boyle (Combe Martin), C. J. Stevens (West Buckland).

TO E.V.: A MEMORY

The official record will tell of the peals which he rang, the offices he held, the long tale of service and hard work. May an ordinary Guild member reminisce for a moment of things which are not on record?

The indefinable lift which it gave to any meeting, anywhere, when someone said, 'Prebendary Cox is here,' and we knew that he had come perhaps 70 miles and would have the same journey home, and maybe would be covering another 40 before he took the services at some vacant parish next day. And if he was there already when you came, the gay, delighted smile as though you were the one person he'd been waiting to see.

Such a chairman! It was so completely impossible to doubt his real love and thoughtfulness for every person in a meeting that he could say what he thought with the utmost firmness and candour and nobody could take it amiss. 'Mr. R.' we heard him say once at a branch meeting, 'I've been attending meetings of various kinds for the last 46 years, and I don't think I ever heard a more fatuous suggestion.' Yet, not because of any special tact of manner, but simply because it was E.V. and he loved us. I don't think Mr. R. would mind a bit if I gave his name in full.

And the apple pie made in his honour and dropped upside down on the carpet at his feet—E.V. on his hands and knees in a flash scooping the remains on to his plate and mine before its tearful maker (and dropper) could return with a floor cloth. The boyish enthusiasm and zest which never left him, whether it were a parish or a tower or a beehive he was concerned with. We have seen much tired schoolboys than E.V. in his 70's. We thank God for him. He was a lovely person.

ANON.

At St. Paul's Church, Honiton, a quarter peal was rung to his memory, with the bells half-muffled. This was 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6 and 8 behind), by Celia Hodge 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, Jack Real 4, W. Sailer 5, Janet Real 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7 and M. Squire 8.

TRIBUTE AT DEAN PRIOR CHURCH

As a tribute to their late president, there was half-muffled ringing at Dean Prior Parish Church, Buckfastleigh, on June 3rd. This took the form of one extent and a number of six-scores of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Those taking part were the Misses Sylvia Sims and Yvonne Porter, Messrs. A. L. Bennett, W. G. Lavers, R. Crocker, W. Whitehead, J. V. Parnell, Revs. P. Angold, P. Dowling and A. de Guingand.

Call changes were also rung for the less experienced ringers, and a visit was afterwards paid to Holne Parish Church for further ringing.

THE UMPIRE REPORTS ON 13,440

SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Mr. Peter Laflin, the umpire to the peal of 13,440 Spiced Surprise Major rung at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on May 20th in 7 hours 11 minutes, sends us the following report upon the ringing of Mr. A. J. Pitman's composition:

The bells went into changes at 10.13 a.m., the first part end came up in 2 hours 25 minutes, the second in 2 hours 24 minutes and the third in 2 hours 22 minutes.

Every course end was ticked off as it came up, and all bob lead-ends noted. The bells ran round at 5.24 p.m.

The ringing was generally good, and fast for Spiced. Occasional slip blows seemed to be more due to boredom or carelessness than from mistakes; it was evident that this band of conductors had no trouble with the methods. In the 55th course the speed increased noticeably for some reason or other, and this must be the cause of the last part being rung in less time. Rounds came up beautifully, and the bells were lowered in peal without setting up.

The second part was beautifully rung. The third was a trifle unsteady for a time, due to brilliant sunlight from a high window almost blinding some of the band. Altogether, a creditable performance.

PETER LAFLIN.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of the Bedford District was held on June 3rd at Harrold. Ringing began soon after 3 p.m. and a touch of Double Court, a special method for the day, was brought round before tea.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Collins (Vicar of Olney), in the absence of the incumbent. The ladies of the Mothers' Union kindly undertook to prepare tea and this was followed by our business meeting.

Next meeting, Turvey, August 5th, beginning at 5.30 p.m.

Bells Part Of Orchestra In Tchaikowsky's '1812' Overture

On Sunday evening, June 4th, Mr. Walter Judge, Ringing Master of the Oxford Society, temporarily gave up his command of the Cathedral belfry to Hugo Rignold, well known conductor in other than ringing circles, and the bells became twelve more instruments, augmenting the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. The occasion was a promenade concert held in the Great Quadrangle of Christ Church in aid of the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, the last item in the programme being Tchaikowsky's '1812' Overture.

Closed circuit T.V. provided the necessary link between belfry and conductor's rostrum, and following an afternoon's rehearsal of indescribable chaos—and much running up and down stairs—an acceptable signal was found for correctly timing the entry of the bells.

Thus it was that, in competition with the orchestra, the band of the Royal Hussars, trumpeters of 'The Blues,' the Cathedral organ, suitably amplified, and a seemingly unlimited supply of military thunderflashes, the bells were rung for two short periods at the climax of the Overture. It was decided to ring 'Queen's,' a formidable task for those of the band to whom twelve bell ringing by definition means Stedman Cinques.

The ringers wonder if this is the first concert performance in which a peal has been used in such a way.

In case the audience felt that they had not had value for money, they were played out to a touch of Grandsire Cinques.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' June 16th, 1911.—

MISHAP AT KENT COUNTY MEETING

It is curious what a little the average individual seems to know about bell ringing. In describing the accident one of the London daily papers says:

Bell ringing is a somewhat tricky art. In the raising, setting and falling of a bell the ringer must stand perfectly straight, and pull from the shoulder. If he bends his head he is liable to be caught by the rope as the bell swings over, the rope giving a little twist and forming a loop a few inches below the 'sally' every time 'she' swings over.



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... they were all with one accord in one place.' (Acts ii. 1.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

SHREWSBURY.—Ringing at St. Chad's and St. Mary's on Saturday, July 1st, for the Lichfield Diocesan Missionary Festival (services at 3.30 p.m.). Ringing will begin at St. Chad's at 2.30 p.m. All visitors very welcome. 8411

MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 17th. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m. Preacher, the Dean of Exeter. Tea and meeting in St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral 1.30-3 and 6-8. Heavitree 1.30-3, St. Mark's 3-4, St. Thomas' 7-8 p.m. 8320

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham, June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8357

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 8360

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Sandridge (6), June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to M. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans.—M. A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 8347

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in School Hall at 2s. per person. Names, together with cash please.—Mr. G. C. Ivory, Cambridge Cottage, Teynham, near Sittingbourne. 8260

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod (6), June 17th. Saturday afternoon only. Horwich (8) evening only. Tea at Blackrod, moderate charge.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 8377

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, on June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Village Hall at 5 p.m. 8405

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Practice on June 17th, at Brentford, 6 to 8 p.m. Tower representatives to collect reports. 8372

'THE RINGING WORLD' JUBILEE 1911-1961

To commemorate 50 years of service to the Exercise, all ringers are invited to visit Guildford and District on Saturday, June 17th.

Towers will be available for ringing in and around the area.

A PILGRIMAGE to Pyrford, to the grave of John S. Goldsmith, will take place at 3.30 p.m. Handbell ringing.

EVENSONG, GUILDFORD NEW CATHEDRAL, 5.30 p.m.

EVENING MEAL, Ayers' Restaurant, opposite St. Nicolas' Church, 6.45 for 7 p.m. Names with remittance 10s., to C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:—Aldershot (8) 10.30 a.m.-12 noon, 2-4 p.m.; Chertsey (8) 10-11.15 a.m.; Merrow (6) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Esher (8) 10.30-11.45 a.m.; Horshel (6) 11.30 a.m.-12.45 p.m.; Oatlands Park (8) 9.30-10.45 a.m.; Ash 11-12. Guildford, S. Nicolas' (10) 11 a.m.-12.15 p.m.; Stoke (6) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Holy Trinity (8) 1.30-2.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (6) 2-4.30; Send (6) 1.30-2.45; Old Woking (8) 1.30-2.45; Shalford (8) 2-4.30 p.m. Additional times will be given in belfries.

CARS.—To enable people without cars to get to Pyrford, will those with vacant seats please write to Mr. C. W. Denyer.

TEA.—Individual teas are available at the Refectory Hut at the Cathedral.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers.—G. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. A. Roden, 19, Castle Grove, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone 3470.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, June 17th. Hovingham (6). Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30. Business meeting after tea. Service 6.30 p.m. Names to Mr. Fred Bishop, High Street, Hovingham.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 8370

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Aldeburgh Church. Dedication of two new treble bells, and rededication of the recast old six, by Canon Godfrey at Matins, 11 a.m., Sunday, June 18th. All ringers heartily welcomed to this service. Bells available from 3 until Evensong at 6.30 p.m.—J. Pilgrim. 8353

ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE.—Dedication of the new peal of eight bells at Atherstone Parish Church, will take place on Saturday, June 24th next, at 3.30 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Dodds, extends an invitation to the following Guilds to attend the service of dedication: The St. Martin's Guild, the South Staffs, the Midland Counties, the Leicester Guild and the Coventry Diocesan Guild, with any other ringers who would care to attend the service. The bells will be available for ringing after tea until 9 p.m. Numbers for tea would be appreciated and should be sent to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 8299

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, East Brent, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. Corporate Communion, Axbridge, Sunday, June 25th. Bells (6) 7 a.m. Names for breakfast by June 17th, to A. J. Peters, Salisbury House, West Street, Axbridge. 8340

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mr. John Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, Northwich. 8379

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Heswall, June 24th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8408

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL.—June 24th the bells will be rededicated at 3.30 p.m., followed by an interval for tea. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. and bells available during evening. 8319

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, June 24th, at Belper. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8389

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Staindrop, June 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 21st, to E. P. Rock, 'Rosegarth,' Eaglescliffe, or phone Eaglescliffe 2451. 8407

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice, Bagshot (8), Saturday, June 24th, 6-9 p.m. 8393

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts.—A combined practice, Cleobury Mortimer, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 8386

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 24th, at the beautiful old Church of Ault Hucknall (near Hardwick Hall), also eve of the church's patronal festival. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special request, names for tea by Saturday, 17th, please, to J. J. Cooper, 'Highfields,' Hardstoft, Pilsley, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 8361

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Penistone, June 24th. Entrance fee 10s. per team, to Arthur Farrand, 12, Greenhill, Mossley, Manchester, by June 17th, please. For teas please notify Arthur Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone, by June 23rd. No names no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 8294

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—Open day, Saturday, June 24th, all ringers welcome. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. Names for tea to Dr. Woodcock, The Meadows, Higher Kinnerton, Chester, by June 21st. 8338

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Carlton, 10, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 8396

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Worsley St. Mark, on Saturday, June 24th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Lomax, 69, Normanby Road, Walkden, by Wednesday, 21st.—W. H. Riddle, Branch Sec. 8410

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at East Ardsley Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Members, bring own food. Cups of tea available. 8376

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Desford, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. No service. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the Blue Bell Inn. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous at the latest please, to the District Secretary.—Michael Vernon, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics. 8399

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Kirby Bellars, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea please by Wednesday, June 21st.—Mrs. H. E. Hiniman, Kirby Bellars, near Melton Mowbray.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8391

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Practice meeting at Cromer. Bells (6) from 6 p.m., Saturday, June 24th.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8412

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting, Saxlingham, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) 6 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 8381

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Please note, quarterly meeting will be held at Lois Weedon on Saturday, June 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, June 20th. —W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Daddford, Buckingham. 8384

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—There will be a meeting at Walgrave on June 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by 21st, to me or Rev. Procter. The Vicarage, Walgrave, please.—T. M. Haines, 10, Northampton Lane, North Moulton. 8413

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Dallington (afternoon) and Brightling (evening) on June 24th. Tea 5 p.m. Names please to F. Beeny (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 8401

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Fulmer on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) ringing 6 to 8.30 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompils Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8378

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Brecon, on Saturday, June 24th. St. Mary's (8) available from 2.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Address by Rev. W. C. C. Williams. Tea and meeting at the Bishops Meadows Cafe, 5.30 p.m.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 8337

VETERANS' REUNION.—London, June 24th. Ringing: St. John's, Waterloo Road 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.; St. George's, Borough 2 to 3.30. Service, St. Botolph's, Bishopgate, 4.30, and tea in St. Botolph's Hall 5 p.m. Any more names please to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 8414

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Staple-grove, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 8404

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, July 1st. Committee 4 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Bells 3-5 p.m. and after meeting. 8417

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Oakley and Chapel, Saturday, July 1st. It is hoped to have Oakley bells 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, Memorial Hall, Chapel. 5 sharp, followed by service and ringing at Chapel. Numbers for tea by June 29th essential, to Mrs. Penfold, 6, Greenside Cottages, Chapel, Dorking. 8398

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Barley, July 1st. Names to R. Howard, Flint Cottages, Barley, by June 28th. No names no tea. Barkway after tea. 8397

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westerham on July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8403

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Bedford, Saturday, July 1st. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m., St. Peter's Hall, Committee Room. Service 4.30. St. Peter's Church. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 28th, to Miss K. Rivett, 117, Stagden Road, Bromham, Bedford. Bells available: Kempston (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Bromham (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon, Biddenham (6) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Goldington (6) 2.30-3.15, Bedford (St. Peter's) (8) 2.30-4.30, Bedford (St. Paul's) (10) 7-8.30, Elstow (6) 7.45-9 p.m. 8369

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 1st, 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion in St. Aldate's; 11 a.m. Thanksgiving service at Christ Church: 12 noon, business meeting in the Chapter House; 1 p.m. lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church. Application for tickets for lunch (6s. 6d.) must be made to Mr. A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge,' Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, by Tuesday, June 27th. All applications must be accompanied by remittance. Towers available for ringing as on agenda for business meeting.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8316

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by June 28th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPRingfield 1025. 8388

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 8385

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Saturday, July 1st, meeting at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by previous Wednesday please, to Miss Rose, 2, Old North Road, Carlton-on-Trent, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 8387

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Barton-in-Fabis, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing for the Crawford Cup contest after tea. Names for tea by June 28th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Notts. 8409

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting, Badwell Ash (5), July 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Great Ashfield (5) in evening. Names for tea must be in by June 28th, to H. Mitson, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 8395

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Newport, Isle of Wight, Saturday, July 1st. General meeting in Church Hall 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Thomas' Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must reach me by Saturday, June 24th. Accommodation for tea is limited so notification is essential. Bells available: Arreton (6) and Ryde (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Brading (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon, Godshill (6) and Freshwater (6) 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Newport (8) 12.30-2 and 6.30-7.30, Carisbrook (8) 6.30-8 p.m.—R. Roger Savory, 32, Thornbury Avenue, Southampton. 8355

APPEAL

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS RENOVATION FUND

An appeal is extended to all readers to help us meet the coming bill for renovating the ring of 8 and in restoring the unique campanile. We approach, particularly, the many who have over the years rung here; quite soon we shall be ready to welcome friends again. Over £2,000 will be required to cover the cost.

Contributions may be addressed to:
The Chichester Cathedral Bells Fund
(‘Ringing World’ Appeal),
The Deanery, Chichester. 8287

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Crowle, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Practice method: Stedman Triples. Upton Snodsbury (6) also available after the meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 27th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 8400

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice: Quarterly meeting, July 8th, the Putney area. Times and towers later. 8402

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Joint meeting, July 8th, with Nottingham and North Notts Districts of Southwell Guild, Chesterfield District of Derbys Association, Sheffield and District Society, East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and Society of Sherwood Youths. Towers open: Creswell 2-4, Edwinstowe 2.45-4, Warsop 2-4.30 and 6.30-9, Mansfield and Mansfield Woodhouse 7-9. Service at Warsop 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Most important names for tea to Mrs. R. Lucas, Kirkley, Manor Road, Old Church, Warsop, Mansfield, not later than Wednesday, July 5th. No guesswork possible as to numbers likely to come. 8380

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The annual meeting of the Guild of Medical Ringers was held at Great Dunmow, Essex, on May 13th. Ringing took place during the afternoon at the Parish Church, and the Master (who arrived late because he allowed professional commitments to interfere with ringing—an unforgivable offence in the G.M.R.) heard some excellent Kent Minor being rung on these beautiful bells as he walked up to the church. Thereafter all eight bells were kept going, and as well as a goodly number of members, including the president, (W. R. Winterton) there were several visitors. Ringing in various methods (variously successful) went on until 4.30, when the service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar.

The company then adjourned to Stebbing, where there is a useful and tuneful six (and a ringing incumbent—is this just a coincidence?). Here again the bells were kept going in various methods, even rising to the heights of London Minor and a touch of ‘Spliced’ (reduced to two methods eventually and shaking the president by coming ‘round’ at the back stroke snapping lead of the treble which he was ringing).

The largest company that has gathered so far for a G.M.R. meeting sat down to an excellent dinner at the ‘Saracen's Head,’ at Great Dunmow, and we were glad to have with us the Vicar of Dunmow and some local ringers as guests. By tradition no speeches were allowed, except a few words from the president. The business meeting, commendably brief, followed. It was noteworthy in reporting a peal, the second rung for the Guild, and the first of Major, at Stamford Hill in March, conducted by P. A. F. Chalk. The honorary secretary and treasurer reported that the usual summer meeting would take place by the invitation of Dr. Rowarth, in the Swindon area on July 1st, and the winter meeting in the City on November 25th.

Election of officers resulted in the re-election of the president, W. R. Winterton; the Master, D. J. Neal Smith; and the honorary secretary and treasurer, D. L. Gullick. One honorary member, J. Phillips, was elected, and several associate members. One associate member, Gillian Neal Smith, made history by being the first associate member to be elevated to full membership.

The meeting closed by thanks being expressed to the two incumbents, for the use of the bells, and to Dr. Castleden who made all the local arrangements.

D. J. N. S.

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OUTING

SWITHLAND, LEICS

Four towers in Leicestershire were selected by Swithland ringers for their outing on June 3rd, viz., Willoughby (5), Wymeswold (5), Walton-le-Wolds (5) and Hoby (5). At the last named tower five of the company rang a quarter peal of 1,380 Doubles, while the rest of the party went to the local to quench their thirst. Mr. R. Brown organised the outing and he is thanked for making it a big success.

QUARTER PEALS

HERTFORD.—On June 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. W. Thorn 1, J. Kemp 2, E. Phillips 3, J. Phillips 4, C. Springham 5, A. S. Carter (cond.) 6, J. Welch 7, P. Saunders 8. For Confirmation service.

HOBY, LEICS.—On June 3rd, 1,380 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew's): M. Copson 1, M. Brown 2, Amy Warnes 3, M. R. A. Kirk 4, B. Brant (cond.) 5. Rung at the last tower of the Swithland ringers' outing.

HORBURY, WAKEFIELD.—On June 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. W. Strangeway 1, Grace M. Beardow 2, Patricia Lockwood 3, M. Johnson 4, I. North 5, D. Lockwood 6, D. Thorp (cond.) 7, I. Slack 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. Mellor who leaves to become Vicar of Scholes, and as a welcome to Rev. M. Bebbington, his successor.

LIVERPOOL, LANCs.—On May 27th, at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, 1,584 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus: C. Low 1, T. W. Heaketh 2, R. Kenrick 3, F. J. Nelson 4, J. Bibby 5, W. E. Court 6, T. S. Harridge 7, F. Hawthorne 8, P. S. Bennett 9, W. Allman 10, C. Crossthwaite 11, J. Ridyard (cond.) 12. Rung as a compliment to Geoffrey H. Pullin, on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Frost 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, Miss P. Brown 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, Miss A. Shackshaft 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. D. J. Tompkins. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Frost (first on eight) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, G. F. Roome 5, W. J. Dove 6, A. R. Jones (cond.) 7, S. F. Earl 8. Rung half-muffled prior to Evensong as a token of respect for Mr. W. Matthews.

OXFORD.—On May 22nd, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Butler 1, R. Howes 2, Susan Howes 3, Margaret Thewlis 4, A. Howes 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. A birthday compliment to S. Howes.

STOWFORD, DEVON.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sandy (first quarter) 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. Benoy (cond.) 4, F. Wells 5, F. Kerslake 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. T. Hearne, Rector. Before ringing the band stood in silence as a tribute to Preb. E. V. Cox.

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