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PEAL RECORDS

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(Continued from last week)

RINGERS

The greater mobility of ringers already mentioned has brought more peals by mixed bands, but this situation has existed for many years in border areas.

The vast majority of peal reports bear the heading of an Association or Guild. When one of these cannot be dragged in we find 'Non-Association' inserted. Would it not be simpler to leave the second line blank in such cases? Where the band is a mixed one, especially as in the case of a touring band, it cannot seriously be claimed that the peal has been rung by that Association any more than if a varied collection of footballers donned Arsenal colours and masqueraded as an Arsenal team.

The other claim that is put forward is that the peal is rung for an Association. If you believe this, consider the peals at Dundee last year. The Scottish Association derived no benefit from those performances and it is difficult to reconcile those peals as having been rung for that Association. Again, suppose you were secretary of an Association and that you received a letter of complaint from a non-ringer about a peal that had been rung. He had been told that your Association's name was in the record and therefore he presumed that you, as the secretary of that Association, had some responsibility in the matter. What would be your reply? Would you accept the responsibility, or would you disclaim it? Could you be expected to accept responsibility when peal ringing is usually arranged by individual ringers without prior reference to an Association? If responsibility would have to be disclaimed should the Association's name be included? If all the members of the band belong to one group, such as a local band, this would make a more appropriate heading than the footnote to which it is usually relegated.

Part of the reason for the continuance of the use of Association titles in the reports is, I feel sure, the continuance of that aspect of the peals analysis. What is the point of producing a 'league table'? The number of peals rung by an Association is no yardstick. Some have a thousand members and some have a hundred. This is something which should have been dropped when points for peals were abandoned.

The main reason is probably a financial one in that many associations fear the loss of revenue that would result if non-resident life membership were no longer considered necessary for visiting peal ringers. Visiting ringers are usually given a warm welcome and this should, surely, extend to visiting peal ringers. In so far as such a visitor causes extra expense he may reasonably be expected to make some contribution to local funds. The main expenses are the extra wear and tear on ropes, which is usually the concern of the tower itself, and the extra printing cost for the records of the local Association. The peal records of a local Association are in many cases the cause of continuing financial worry because they swallow up a lot of money for their inclusion in a printed annual report. Yet, for all their cost, these local Association records are seldom complete for all the peals rung within their territory. They will not usually include peals rung by such bodies as the A.S.C.Y., the university societies, neighbouring Associations and, of course, the non-Association peals. For a comprehensive record for an individual tower it is necessary to refer to a private collection compiled by Canon Felstead, if the tower itself has not kept a complete record. Would it not be better if territorial Associations kept full records for all their towers? With present practices this proposal would arouse considerable opposition for it would reduce income and increase expenditure. But it is in this section where what happened in 1942 is seen to have the greatest importance.

When 'The Ringing World' was a privately-owned journal it could be argued that some other official records were needed and Associations were justified in printing extended peal reports. Now the journal belongs to the Central Council and no Association need print more than an abstract of each peal report with a reference to the peal columns of the official journal for those who wish to look up the full details. For this it would be useful to have all peals given

a serial number as they appear in print. The peal reports of Associations could be greatly reduced in length and printing costs would be reduced. It would not be unreasonable to ask visiting peal ringers to make a contribution on each occasion that they assist in incurring this extra expenditure without requiring them to add their names to a list of non-resident life members, who contribute nothing to the ordinary activities of the Association and whose particulars it is well nigh impossible to keep up to date. Such a system would make the payment proportional to the number of peals rung instead of the flat rate now in operation.

Each Association could arrange to subscribe to 'The Ringing World' to obtain copies from which their own full record for the territory could be compiled by simply cutting out the appropriate peals. This could help to boost the circulation. Would it be a practicable thing to print the peals so that all the peals had other types of subject matter on the other side? One suggestion, which I am sure would be helpful, would be to collect all corrections to peal reports and repeat them under a suitable heading, say every quarter. At the moment corrections appear in various places and can often be missed. It is important that corrections receive as much prominence as the original reports.

I would like to think that the day is not too far distant when we shall see a touring band which is honest enough to head the peals that it rings with its own title, rather than retain the present system, which, surely, reached its peak last year, when a twelve-bell touring band set up a central headquarters and used a different alias nearly every day for the band, although the ringers themselves retained the same names.

OCCASION

The date and time taken for a peal are essential parts of the record, but some economy is possible there. This is shown in the sample of a suggested alternative form of a peal report given at the end.

Under this heading we may also consider the material which is to be found in the footnotes. Footnotes are of two types, the first denoting progress of ringers and the second dealing with any special reason for the peal. Of the first type little need be said, except that they should be confined to recording progress. For example, a first of Plain Bob Major is worth noting when a ringer has not previously rung a peal on more than six bells, but this is not so if the ringer has previously rung Cambridge Major to a peal. Filling in of gaps may still be noted if one wishes, but Belfry Gossip is better suited to that than the footnotes. In recording progress symbols with standard meanings could be used as is found in the Yorkshire Association reports. The meaning of the various symbols could be given at the start or finish of the peal columns and this would save having to print 'first peal' and 'first in the method' in several footnotes.

The second type of footnote calls for rather more comment. Many peals are arranged and rung for special occasions and where these have appropriate national or local significance there can be no objection to this being included as part of the peal record. Too often things are done the other way round, the peal being rung first and the search for something to put in the footnote coming second. Another criticism that may be levelled at some footnotes is that while the event itself is reasonable it has no local significance. I would suggest that when considering a footnote of this second type one should imagine that one were to be met outside the tower by a local resident and asked why the bells had been rung for three hours or so. Would the reason given in the footnote seem an adequate one? Would it stand up to a 'supplementary' as to what connection this event had with that locality? Thus, while it is reasonable to make the wedding of a ringer the occasion for a peal this is only really appropriate to the church where the wedding takes place or the church with which he and/or she was associated. Once again if one must mention birthdays and the like there is Belfry Gossip rather than the peal record itself. Returning to our imaginary questioner, I consider that it would be much better to explain to him that there had been no special occasion for the peal, but such exercises had an important part to play in the training of ringers and in the maintenance of ringing ability, rather than quote a 'frivolous' footnote.

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EXTENT OF MAJOR CONQUERED

The extent of Plain Bob Major, 40,320 changes, has been rung for the first time by eight men. This peal, which will go down to posterity as the finest achievement in English ringing, as regards stamina and concentration, was rung at the Loughborough Campanile on Saturday/Sunday, July 27th/28th.

The peal was accomplished in the surprisingly fast time of 17 hours, 58 minutes. The bells went into changes at 6.52 a.m. and the peal was completed at 12.50 a.m. It was rung at the rate of 3 hours 15 minutes for each peal of 5,040 changes.

'The ringing was excellent all the way through,' said Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, one of the four umpires, in reporting the achievement to 'The Ringing World'. 'There were very few trips. Had there been many the conductor would have called halt: a long peal of this character cannot be rung with trips.'

The peal was conducted by Mr. Robert B. Smith (25), of Marple, Cheshire, who also conducted the previous longest length of 32,704 in 15 hours 30½ minutes on July 15th, 1961. He is to be married on August 24th at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and his fiancée twice visited the tower during the attempt and was there when the bells came round. 'Bob Smith was a real general in the field,' was the tribute paid to the conductor.

HEAT FATIGUE

Saturday was a very warm day, and heat fatigue was the greatest enemy. Doors and windows were opened to give the band the maximum amount of fresh air. 'They were all very, very tired,' said Mr. Staniforth. 'Considering all things, they were all in very good shape, but the heat had affected them to some extent. There was no rejoicing afterwards, although a few bottles were available. They just wanted to go to bed.'

From the band announced in 'The Ringing World' there was one change. Derek Ogden dropped out and Frederick Shallcross, aged 17, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who was recently featured in 'The Ringing World' as an 'Up and Coming Youngster,' took his place.

The band stood as follows: Brian J. Woodruffe (Buxton) 1. John M. Jelley (Leicester) 2. Neil Bennett (Ashton) 3. Frederick Shallcross (Ashton) 4. John C. Eisel (Kingswinford, Staffs) 5. John Robinson (Manchester) 6. Brian Harris (Peterborough) 7. Robert B. Smith (conductor) 8.

The umpires were Messrs. Peter J. Staniforth, Derek Ogden, John Barlow and John Acres.

In the previous record of Plain Bob Major in addition to the conductor John M. Jelley and Neil Bennett took part.

Unfortunately Mr. Paul L. Taylor was away from Loughborough on this great occasion. His encouragement and help has stimulated enthusiasm towards ringing 'The Everest,' and he will be the first among the whole Exercise in showering congratulations upon the gallant eight.

THE LADIES' GUILD Devon Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Devon Branch was held at Wolborough on July 20th, with a good attendance, and visitors from Somerset, Dorset and Surrey. The Rev. P. Stokes conducted the service, and this was followed by a picnic tea. We then made our way to Kingskerswell, where the business meeting was held in the church, and the men adjourned to the tower for ringing. The ladies very soon joined them. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and call changes.

Next meeting: October 26th at Tiverton.
Y. C. P.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Blackmoor on June 29th was the first peal by a Liss Sunday service band. This attempt was to have been made at St. Mary's, Liss, for the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells (July 1st, 1938), but it is regretted that permission to ring was withdrawn at the last moment. The Vicar of Blackmoor, the Rev. C. J. Butler, kindly allowed the use of Blackmoor bells at very short notice.

THE BIG WASH AT MELBOURNE

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, bells are on their way to England. As one bell was being lowered it hit a fire sprinkler, which not only flooded the rear of the Cathedral, but triggered off a fire alarm at the fire station.

Soon the fire brigade arrived in full force, causing a stir in the heart of the city. The men valiantly helped with the mopping up operations.

The bells are going to the Loughborough foundry to be retuned and provided with new clappers and fittings. An announcement on the A.B.C. on July 17th stated 'the bells must be back by next October as a party of English ringers are coming out for the express purpose of ringing the bells, which are the only ring of 12 outside Great Britain.'

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A well attended meeting of the Guild was held at Harborne, a populous village, situated some four miles from the centre of Birmingham, on July 13th.

Ringing on the newly-hung bells provided an interesting opportunity for ringers to compare the effect on the sound, resulting from the transfer of a ring of bells from one tower to another. For the present ring at Harborne are the bells which hung in Bishop Ryder's Church tower for 40 years, and upon which many peals were rung.

Before the meeting, the Master invited Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, a vice-president of the Guild, to take the chair. In acknowledging the compliment, Mr. Smallwood mentioned that it was 56 years since he last visited Harborne, and on that occasion he accompanied John Carter and several well known ringers of the past.

The secretary read a letter from Canon Bryan Green, in which the Rector gave his consent to the erection of a memorial tablet to the late Albert Walker, in St. Martin's ringing room.

The following resident members were elected: Miss P. Holden and Messrs. B. Holden, P. J. Jefferies, W. H. Wright, J. W. Moore and H. J. Burston (learners at Perry Barr) and Mr. A. Crabtree (Solihull). The tower elections ratified were: David J. Taylor (Pinner), Anthony G. Tyers (Sunbury-on-Thames), J. Keith Ward (Slough), Harold C. Lonyon (Macclesfield), Martin D. Fellows (Stourbridge) and Miss Iris M. E. Lemare (York).

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Ven. S. Harvie Clark) for the use of the bells and the Church Hall, and to the local ringers and lady helpers for providing an excellent tea.

Next meeting: Perry Barr in October.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT

The resignation was received of the District Ringing Master (Mr. T. R. Taylor) at the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District at Catherington on July 20th. Members heard with regret that this was due to his wife's health being a cause of anxiety. Mr. W. Cope was unanimously elected his successor. Mr. P. Stevens, Chichester, was elected a compounding member.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Kilvert), for his welcome and conducting the service, and the ladies for the very fine tea.

Next quarterly meeting: St. Mary's, Alverstoke, October 5th.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On June 16th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Miss E. Cherry 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, D. Archer 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. First in 11 methods 1 and 4. For Evensong. Also on June 30th, 1,320 Doubles (eight methods): A. King 1, E. P. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, D. Archer 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD RINGING FESTIVAL, 1963

The countryside bordering the Lincolnshire Fens was the venue chosen for the first ringing festival arranged by the Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on July 13th. An early start to the day made at the cathedral-like churches of Coningsby and Tattershall, and good use was made of these modern sixes. As the company increased some moved to Ruskington (6) and Ewerby (10), and lunch was taken at the Finch Hatton Arms.

In the afternoon the company divided: tower grabbers were catered for by North Rauceby (5) and Silk Willoughby (6), and Ewerby Oval was the magnet for cricketing enthusiasts. Here the Central Branch had challenged the undefeated Elloe Deaneries Branch, and, despite a strong challenge on a drying wicket, the Central side failed to subdue the champions by 12 runs. These inter-Branch Test Matches have to be seen to be believed, but both players and spectators enjoyed the two hour diversion. Scores:—

Elloe Deaneries: B. Bailey 5, P. Sanders 3, M. Bennett 19, D. Jones 6, A. Payne 14, A. Leggett 9, R. Davey not out 5, T. Charlton not out 4. Total 65 for 6.

Central Branch: P. Burton 16, W. R. Parker 0, G. Paul 2, G. R. Parker 14, C. Dillamore 5, W. Tomlinson 12, P. Sharp 3, T. Smith 0, J. Edwards 0, J. L. Millhouse 1, S. Chambers not out 0. Total 53.

More ringing on Ewerby's lovely bells and a visit to the church garden fete in the village followed, and the whole company gathered together for a magnificent tea, provided by the Sleaford ladies.

Mr. J. Bray, Master of the Guild, thanked the Central Branch and hoped that it would be the first of many such occasions. Mr. J. L. Millhouse thanked all incumbents and the many others who had helped to make such a success of the gathering.

Service followed in Sleaford Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. Mann. Evening ringing was enjoyed at Sleaford (8), Heckington (8), Great Hale (6), Sempringham (6) and Helpingham (5).

Over a hundred ringers and their friends had a most enjoyable day, and hope that next year more beautiful Lincolnshire churches can be visited and the Ashes (minor version) batted for.

A PICTORIAL STORY OF GREAT YARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH

The many who visited Great Yarmouth in connection with the Central Council meeting will enjoy the pictorial history of Great Yarmouth Priory and Parish Church, which Pitkin Pictorials, Ltd., have added to their 'Pride of Britain' series (price 2s. 6d.).

The text is written by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, the new president of the Central Council, who states that the rebuilding of the church after its destruction in 1942 led to a great revival of interest and work for the church in Yarmouth. Canon Thurlow became Vicar in 1955, when the church was still in ruins and desolate. The contract for the rebuilding was signed in April, 1957, and it was completed in under three years.

The War Damage Commission gave a grant of £315,000, which was just sufficient for the essential work. A large amount of restoration work costing over £10,000 was done in addition, and the furnishings, except the bell frame and clock, were individual gifts or made possible by the contributions of many people.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

A party of 32 ringers from Bristol Cathedral School and other Bristol ringers had a fascinating outing to Loughborough on July 18th. The programme included a tour of the foundry, ringing on the campanile and seeing four bells cast. Later came a visit to the memorial campanile. On the journey home half-on-hour was spent at Stratford-upon-Avon. Thanks are due to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and P. E. P. and P. J. B. who made the arrangements.

DEVON GUILD'S SUCCESSFUL PEAL WEEK

What will doubtless be long remembered as a highly successful and enjoyable week's ringing took place during the week commencing Monday, June 24th, when a peal attempt arranged for each evening met with 100 per cent success. With Ann and Stan Jenner coming on holiday, and Roy and Margaret Bould prepared to give full support, and others willing to help if required, it was a reasonably optimistic organiser who set about making arrangements.

Permission at all the towers was readily granted, but the task of manning the ropes proved a real headache, and Wednesday's attempt at Bridgerule was made possible when Fred Sangwin came in at short notice.

Thursday's attempt at St. German's was also in doubt until 2 p.m. on the very day, and we were most grateful to A. William Myers for making up the number. The rest of the week went according to plan.

On Monday the peal at Meavy, except for the occasional missed dodge, was 'in the bag' after 2 hours 38 minutes splendid striking, and liquid refreshment was very much enjoyed in 'The Royal Oak.'

Tuesday's Bob Royal at St. Andrew's went well for two hours, when the rhythm was quite suddenly lost for a half-hour, and it became apparent to the conductor that one or two were feeling the strain and had to be 'nursed.' Fortunately all returned to normal and a good peal on the whole came well and truly round in 3 hours 19 minutes.

On Wednesday, Bill Lavers and Tom Myers had to catch a bus to Tavistock, where they were to be met by Roy's car to Bridgerule. Alas, at the 'Bretonside' Bus Station they got on the wrong bus and had half-an-hour to wait. Tom saw to it that this time there was no mistake! At Bridgerule, 'Reggie' Pearce had everything ready, but Kent Treble Bob Major was nearly an hour settling down to a good beat: it suddenly 'clicked' and over two hours' fine music was heard over the countryside: five of the band scored their first peal of Kent Major, and the conductor called his 50th peal. An adjournment was made to 'The Bridge Inn' where ham sandwiches and pickles had, very thoughtfully, been laid on by Reginald G. Pearce, the popular secretary of the North-West Branch.

On Thursday, June 27th, we travelled via the Tamar Bridge to St. German's, where the Vicar, Rev. W. L. Ackroyd, met us, and was pleased to learn that two of the band came from Tunbridge Wells, his home in Kent. Upon entering the church (ground floor pull) we were dismayed to find the sallies of the treble and second well out of reach. We made Margaret fairly comfortable on a double banked stand of hassocks, and Kent Treble Bob Major went from the word 'Go, and 'This is all' was called after 2 hours 59 minutes of first class striking. This was Ann and Stan's 50th peal together, and A. William Myers 'chalked up' his 'first in the method.'

Walkhampton was the venue for Friday and a well-struck peal in two methods was rung in 2 hours 39 minutes on this tuneful six.

The peal on June 29th was rung as a birthday compliment to another of our welcome friends, who holidays annually in Plymouth—Mr. Albert W. Coles, of North Myms, Herts. It was rung at Clawton, but the original intention was to ring it at Westleigh, with the blind Vicar taking a rope. This fell through, and Rev. J. G. M. Scott readily placed his bells at the ringers' disposal.

The complimentary remarks of the 'call change ringers' at the non-Guild towers visited during the week was 'sweet music' to the 'method ringers' and their respective invitations to 'come again soon' were much appreciated.

ST. JAMES,' TAUNTON, BIG RINGING FAMILY



Back row (left to right): Mr. R. Beale, Miss J. Lunn, Rev. A. Drowley, Mr. D. Beale, Rev. G. Stent.

Second row: P. Jeanes, Mrs. P. Beale, A. Manuel, D. Holloway, J. Trembath, Mrs. A. Drowley, B. Lunn, T. Spearing, Mr. F. Matravets.

Front row: M. Marshall, J. Drowley, Miss C. Harewood, Miss J. Searle, Miss L. Britton, Miss R. Harewood, S. Drowley.

[Photo: L. G. Charrett, Taunton.]

The annual meeting of a church bellringing band does not sound to be anything out of the ordinary, but when it is found that three-quarters of the twenty members present are teenagers, then it looks an unusual band to say the least. This was true, however, of the annual meeting of Taunton St. James' tower.

The story of this youthful band goes back just over a year ago to the time when a Western National bus driver, Mr. Reginald Beale, was appointed captain of St. James' tower. Soon afterwards he appealed for recruits and found himself faced with training the choirboys to ring the eight bells in the tower. Today the band numbers 26 members, of whom 16 are of school age (the youngest is nine years old). Of the members, 19 of them have been trained in the past year and these include the Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Drowley, together with his wife and their two sons.

A particular feature of the young members

of the band is that they are all active members of the congregation, being in the Sunday school or Pathfinder Bible Class, with most of the boys being choir members as well. The captain sets a good example, since his wife and family of four are all ringers. Four of the family are St. James' ringers, with one daughter who rings at Ashford Parish Church, Kent, and a son who rings at Shepton Beauchamp. The Vicar is chairman of the band and the other officers include Mr. John Harewood, a master at Huish's School as vice-chairman, and Miss Jennifer Lunn, who is not yet 16, as vice-captain.

What about results? Well, with so many inexperienced ringers it cannot always be claimed that the bells 'go' where they should, but practices are enthusiastically attended and at least ten of the younger members have begun change ringing and can lay some slight claim to being campanologists!

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' July 18th, 1913.—

We hear that there is an unfortunate state of affairs existing at St. Mary's, Willesden. A correspondent writes: 'In years gone by there was a church in the City of London, dedicated to St. Peter-le-pore, which has long since been demolished. The bells were deposited in St. Paul's Cathedral, and any church could have had them for the asking. Eventually they were given to the authorities of St. Mary's, Willesden, who had them recast and hung to make up the octave in their tower, a little over twelve months ago. The Bishop of the Diocese, however, refuses to dedicate them, and the authorities refuse to have them rung, because the casting and hanging has not been paid for. About £80 is owing, of which, I believe, they have £15. If any of the readers of "The Ringing World"

could assist in any way to wipe off the debt I am sure they would feel most grateful. Contributions would gladly be accepted by the Rector of St. Mary's, Willesden.'

'R.W.' July 25th, 1913.—

It is not everybody, apparently, who appreciates the beauties of handbell ringing. During the course of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Newcastle-on-Tyne, recorded in this issue, there was a demonstration in front of the house, where the ringing was taking place, and on two occasions a handful of gravel was flung at the window, much to the consternation of the ringers. At one time also there was a bicycle bell accompaniment, which did not fit in at all well with the method or the rhythm. However, all opposition was worn down, and the ringers scored a peal.

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Letters to the Editor

Music of London Surprise

Dear Sir.—I would like to comment briefly on two recent letters in 'The Ringing World', expressing contrary opinions on the musical qualities of London Surprise.

It is difficult to entirely agree with either of your correspondents, Mr. Brookes and Mr. Rushton, since they both seem to have extremist views on the matter. The term 'unmusical rubbish' used by Mr. Brookes seems to be very ill-chosen, and for Mr. Rushton to equate 'almost all other methods' with the pop parade is quite unjust, and, moreover, because no direct comparison between bell music and orchestral music can be made in this context, unrealistic also. However, if one is to use an analogy, it would be fairer, in the present circumstances, to limit the range of comparison and to compare, for example, the music of Mozart (other methods) to that of Sibelius (London). The former is, generally speaking, easy on the ear, whilst the latter requires a little more attention and understanding. So it is with London, and if the music of London appears to compare unfavourably with that of other methods, it is probably because of its unorthodox construction, which, without an intimate knowledge of the method, makes the changes difficult to anticipate, that is to say, the familiar or expected patterns do not always occur, and the changes may seem therefore to be incongruous, and thus the music as a whole unattractive or unsatisfying.

London then undoubtedly has the distinction of sounding 'different' to other methods, but it seems to me that one's appreciation and enjoyment of the music can grow as one becomes more familiar with it, and as one's understanding of the method develops. Familiarity does not necessarily breed contempt, and I think that Mr. Brookes would enjoy London a little more if he allowed himself to take part in some well-struck touches and familiarised himself with the style of the music produced. Indeed, I am sure he would then be less contemptuous towards London.

As to Mr. Rushton's view, one hopes that he does not include Bristol and Grandsire Caters in his derogation of other methods.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. FAIRCLOTH.

West Wickham, Kent.

Lockinge Bells

Dear Sir.—I would like to thank Mr. White for correcting my information about the four bells at Lockinge; he is quite correct; I was misinformed by the Rector, who is also the incumbent at Ardington.

Regarding Denchurch bells, these are definitely out of action and have been so for a considerable time.

I have had my attention drawn to my omission of three other Hampshire fours—Hurstbourne Tarrant, Pamber and Hound.

At Hurstbourne Tarrant the frame is unsafe. An unusual feature here is that the ropes fall diagonally across the tower in a straight line.

At Pamber, little is known because of the difficult ascent to the bells. I hope to make a personal inspection in the not too distant future.

On the Rector's information at Hound, there are now only three bells, the frame is unsafe and the wheels have been removed. The Vicar here is also the Vicar of Netley.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, near Newbury.

A Learner's Question

Dear Sir.—In answer to 'A Learner's question' in 'R.W.' July 26th, perhaps the following quotations from a 'Student's' report on an Essex course in bell ringing (see 'R.W.' December 4th, 1953) might be of guidance; they are certainly worth considering.

'—Conclusions that were arrived at... Ringing calls for so many of the qualities that are not too evident in certain walks of life—physical and mental stability, religious conviction, coupled with moral strength and courage, team spirit, the spirit of meekness which allows persons to be told where they are wrong—without loss of temper, the spirit to persevere when things are not too rosy, the spirit of brotherly love not to dwell on the failings of others, but to see only the good motives in their actions. When all these qualities become the rule... I am sure our bellringing will be of service to the Church and to glory of God.'

My own comments are that irritating though it may be to have people constantly telling one what to do or giving advice regarding handling or striking, if this frequently occurs from capable and experienced ringers or from several members of the band, then it is likely that our performance is not as good as we think it is and we need further experience before we can judge. We all have to go through this stage. I can recall instances in my early ringing when all the other ringers were telling me what to do, and more recently when I would have been thankful if someone would tell me what I was supposed to be doing, and thus save me from endangering the ringing.

Our 'learner' will find as he progresses that the number of other ringers telling him and the number of occasions on which he is prompted will gradually diminish to zero, thus ending his troubles.

We don't want to fall into such attitudes as—'I can't ring it if I am told' or 'I know the bell, just tell me what to do' or 'What's wrong, I was on the right stroke' or 'I was following at regulation distance.'

There are many ringers who fail to reach a decent standard for lack of proper constructive criticism and guidance. Consequently they are seldom invited in peals or special ringing, and at meetings many will avoid ringing in a touch with them—knowing it is doomed to be mediocre. In the latter case the kindest thing is to give constructive advice and help the ringer acquire a more polished performance.

Of course, there is no point in persistently nagging at a learner and we must endeavour to be gentle and really helpful in our attitude towards him.—Yours, etc.,

STILL LEARNING.

Lerwick will hear Bells

Dear Sir.—The story of the tape recording supplied by me, in conjunction with the ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, to the Rector of Lerwick, would not be complete if I did not say that in return for our efforts the Rev. H. Oxley, without obligation, very graciously forwarded me a cheque.

The donation has been equally divided between the Education Fund of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and the Belfry Repair Fund of the Yorkshire Association.—Yours faithfully,

Darlington.

F. HODGSON.

Commemorating a Long Peal of 40 Years Ago

Dear Sir.—Early this year I wrote Mr. J. W. Griffiths, of Chester, pointing out that July 21st would be the 40th anniversary of the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Over in 1923, and suggesting we might get a band together to commemorate it by ringing a peal in the same method, by the same composer, on the same bells. He replied that he thought it a very good idea and he would see what could be arranged nearer the date. I asked him to contact Mr. Sam Jones to see if he would care to take part, as he and I are the only two left out of the original band, but as it turned out, because of business, he could not do so.

I think it was Sam who first had the idea of attempting the long peal, and, if I remember correctly, he wrote J. W. Parker for the composition, and handed it to Robert Sperring to conduct. We rang a 7,488 and a 9,344 out of the composition for practice before attempting the full length.

On Saturday, July 20th last, a reliable hand met at Over and rang a 5,024 by J. W. Parker, in good style, ably conducted by John W. Griffiths. Mr. G. F. Sperring rang the treble, which was the bell his father rang when he conducted the 17,280. I rang the fifth, the same as in the long peal, but this time I stood on the opposite side of the tower, because in 1923 the bells were hung 'anti-clockwise,' and have since been rehung 'clockwise' in a modern frame.

The late James Swindley, of Handbridge, rang the sixth in the long peal, and we wondered at one time whether his son, Percy, who has been ill, would be fit enough to take part, but it was quite out of the question, as ringing for him is 'out' at the present time. We hope he will be better before very long and back in his place in the tower.

The hand who rang in the 17,280 were: Robert Sperring (conductor) 1. Geo. R. Jones 2. John Hayes 3. Harry F. Holding 4. Ed. V. Rodenhurst 5. James Swindley 6. Sam Jones, jun. 7. James H. Riding 8.

I wonder if we will be able to ring in a peal for the 50th anniversary! I hope so.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Prees Green, Salop.

Surprise 'Variations'

Dear Sir.—In his article on Surprise 'Variations,' on page 465, Mr. Cyril Wratten has resurrected some praiseworthy principles to guide the Exercise as to what methods in the Surprise group they should or should not ring. Some readers may take note of these principles as a future guide, but I feel sure the great majority will not, and continue to ring just what they please—and good luck to them.

In his reference to Christchurch Surprise, Mr. Wratten states quite unreservedly that 'it doesn't have any New Cambridge excuse that it removes any of the parent methods (Winchester) falseness either!' In the Major, I cannot but agree with his statement, but had Mr. Wratten taken enough trouble to look at the two Royal methods before committing himself in print he would have found that Christchurch removes all three false course heads from Winchester!—and if that doesn't come under of Sir Arthur Heywood's criterion of being 'better than what already exists,' as quoted by Mr. Wratten, then what does?—Yours faithfully,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Marchwood, Hants.

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A PAGE OF OUTINGS

ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER

Big Ben boomed out twelve times in the still night as the day of our outing drew to a close, and we fumbled for front door keys, and clutched wearily at the empty flasks and uneaten sandwiches. Sixteen hours and ten towers earlier we had been busy packing ourselves into four cars, with a fine sky, and a programme each which sent us to Maidstone (10, 13 cwt.), where Stedman Caters collapsed at the course end, half a course of Cambridge Royal kept itself going until the treble rope snapped, and a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung.

East Farleigh bells (6, 7½ cwt.) were interestingly rung to Cambridge, London and St. Clement's Minor, and Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, and Hunton's (6, 14 cwt.) sounded well in two touches of Spliced Plain Minor, and Bob Doubles. Linton (8, 15 cwt.) was our last tower before lunch and Yorkshire, Bristol and Bob Major seemed to develop sufficient thirst in most of us for us to wish to try The Bull for something to accompany our sandwiches.

Chart Sutton bells (6, 16 cwt.) were found to be elusive, but the syncopation noticeable in the London Surprise, Plain Bob and Double Oxford was due more to the power of the Kent hops than any unwillingness on the part of the bells to respond. At Headcorn (8, 23 cwt.), however, a certain reluctance to settle to a rhythm was detected, and rounds continued for some time before we set off on a stately three leads of Bristol, followed by Yorkshire and Stedman. The Stedman was that splendid touch composed by Mr. Leale, in which Queens occurs once at hand and once at backstroke, and the musical changes are rung at least once. We were fortunate to hear it conducted by the composer.

Biddenden's ring (8, 23 cwt.) sounded well to Bristol, Grandsire Triples and a touch of London, and then we moved on to Cranbrook, where more Grandsire Triples, Bristol and a course of Double Norwich gave us all something to think about; after this 23 cwt. eight we repaired to a tea-shop to gather strength for the last two towers of the day. These were at Staplehurst (8, 21½ cwt.) and Marden (8, 14½ cwt.).

Our thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers. M. M.

STRATTON, CORNWALL

Shortly after 7.30 on a fine brisk Whit Monday morning, a party of Stratton ringers and friends set out by motor coach for a day's ringing in South-East Devon.

Ringling in the standard methods started at Crediton, to be followed by Silvertown and Broadclyst, where the Myers brothers joined the party. After lunch at Exmouth, Withycombe Raleigh was eventually reached, and here the bells rang out to a wonderful medley of Kent Treble Bob on seven bells and Double Norwich on the remaining one. The absent-minded ringer on the fifth bell was apparently under the impression he was still practising Double Norwich with the Stratton ringers at Bridgerule. Tea was taken at Exmouth, and two good towers—Woodbury and Clys Honiton—finished the day's ringing programme. H. S.

BABBACOMBE

Mr. D. J. Roberts arranged a very successful outing for Babbacombe ringers in the Tavistock area on June 22nd. Mr. W. G. Lavers met the party at the first tower—that fine octave at Plympton St. Mary—and two good sixes at Bickleigh and Shaugh Prior followed. Because of the poor condition of ropes no ringing took place at Sheepstor.

After a picnic lunch on the green at Meavy village, ringing took place on the very pretty six, followed by Bere Ferrers and Walkhampton (the visitors had kindly provided a set of ropes previously so that these bells could be rung). The five at Sampford Spiney left much to be desired, and then came Whitchurch, where, according to rumour, the bells are likely to be restored. Two towers remained on the programme for after tea—Brent Tor and Tavistock, a fitting conclusion. A. B.

ST. MARY'S, EASTBOURNE

In spite of a sky red enough to delight any shepherd who happened to glance up from his television on Friday night, the morning of July 13th was doubtfully overcast. However, 35 ringers and friends (some from Canada) happily stowed maces and handbells on the luggage racks. At the first call, Withyham, Frank Hairs welcomed us. The Double Norwich was unaffected by the flash of Derek's camera.

Pushing onwards to Croydon, the wind-screen wiper began to click, but we were far too busy bargaining with the pencil salesman from East Grinstead to pay much attention. At St. Peter's the ringing was indifferent, but after an excellent lunch the ringing improved with the weather. Grandsire Cinques at St. John's went better than we had dared to hope, thanks to Fred Collins and some his friends. These bells, 50 odd miles away, must be the nearest twelve to Eastbourne.

The next visitors' book to receive our scrawls was in SS. Mary & Nicholas', Leatherhead. We wondered why the faces of Messrs. Marriner and Winch were so familiar, until someone suggested the 'Personality' columns of 'The Ringing World.' The striking here was lumpy, but passable.

Henfield bells brought us back to Sussex and more familiar ground, and a course of Cambridge Major at last satiated the appetite of the Ringing Master for good striking. H. R.

SAPCOTE

Seven Sapcote ringers and Leslie Pickering, of Thurlston, had an enjoyable two-day outing in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire on June 29th and 30th. They camped at Cromwell Earley and rang at 9 a.m. at Sutton-on-Trent, staying to the Sung Eucharist. The week-end concluded with supper at 2, Leicester Road, Sapcote. Ringing took place at East Bridgeford, Brant Broughton, Sutton-on-Trent, Babworth and Gamston. Methods rung were Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent T.B., Cambridge, Bourne, London, York and Spiced Surprise. M. E. B.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH

For a number of years the second Saturday in July has meant an early rise for the ringers of Emmanuel, Plymouth, and so precisely at 7.30 a.m. we were off on our annual outing. Twenty-seven set off from Emmanuel Church, and two more of our ringers, also our old friend, 'Bill' Lavers, were picked up in the Plympton area. Our visitors included Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone, of Maidstone, who were on holiday, and 'Tom' Myers and Yvonne Porter, of St. Andrew's.

We were on the Exeter By-pass before 9 a.m., and after half an hour for a welcome coffee, we arrived at Sowton right on time, 9.45 a.m., where we were met by the captain, Mr. A. Tapley. Although a light eight, these bells are known to play tricks. Bradninch, with a 20 cwt. tenor, was our next call, followed by an hour's stop at Culmpton for lunch. We then journeyed on to Culmstock, another fairly heavy eight (19 cwt.). We returned to the main road and headed for Wiveliscombe, via Wellington. Here was a very attractive eight, with another 20 cwt. tenor. We were now in quite new country to most of our company, and the scenery in this part of Somerset was greatly appreciated. A hilly road, on the edge of Exmoor, brought us to Dulverton. Here before ringing we had a hot meal of roast chicken, apple tart, etc., which was thoroughly enjoyed. The bells were not too heavy. To reach our last church, Silvertown, meant a lovely run through Tiverton, down the Exe Valley. Here, as at all the churches visited, we were met by the local band, with a cordial welcome from themselves and the incumbent.

Mr. J. P. Sims, captain, did an excellent job to ensure that every one of the 20 ringers had a ring at each church, and at each there were a few rounds for the two young recruits, followed by Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. Arrangements were made by the writer. H. H. T.

HORNCHURCH

Over the years it becomes difficult to find new territory in arranging outings, but this year we managed to do so, thanks to the M.I.

Newport Pagnell, Olney, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Wellingborough and Knebworth followed in punctual succession. We enjoyed them all, wishing that we could have had better climatic conditions at Knebworth (it poured with rain most of the day), and wondering wistfully how grand Olney bells must have sounded over the flat countryside.

To all the people in the area who helped us (there were many) we say a very sincere 'Thank you' and, as is our wont, pass on two helpful suggestions to those contemplating the same area—an excellent lunch is to be had at the Green Dragon, Higham Ferrers, and for that 'one for the road' try the Station Hotel, Knebworth. F. V. G.

AN ISLAND TOUR

There was a warm 'Thank you' to Miss Cherry White for the day's outing in the Isle of Wight; she arranged for ringers from Newbury, Petersfield, Kingston and Dunsfold, and Brian Mills and Christine, from Shelford, Notts.

Ringling during the day included London, Wells, York, Beverley and Norwich Minor and Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY'S 1963 TOUR

THE theme song of the U.B.S.C.R.'s cycle tour in the Surrey-Kent area this year might well have been 'The rhythm of the falling rain.' It was difficult to persuade the first years that it never rains on the summer tour as we swam on through the unceasing torrents.

Saturday, June 15th, had been arranged by our thoughtful and efficient secretary to give us an opportunity to look round the new Guildford Cathedral, but through British Railways our connection at Reading was missed so we only caught a glimpse of it from the train. The first tower that we rang 'at was Holy Trinity, Guildford, where Mr. Tom White met us; alas, we put up a poor show because of the shortage of men, three of our back-enders not having arrived. At Shalford and Godalming we did not acquit ourselves much better. The youth hostel at Milford was very badly situated, being at least a 15 minute walk from the nearest pub, where we were served with bottled cider.

WATCHED CRICKET

On Sunday the weather turned to a misty drizzle. We rang for Sung Eucharist on the 3 cwt. ring of five at Hascombe, luckily not breaking any stays. After a pretty frightful packed lunch, the next tower was Dunsfold, which had been unconfirmed because the Ringing Master was in Canada. We then idled away the next couple of hours in front of a cricket match, either watching it or explaining the rules of the game to someone who had never seen it played before. At Cranleigh, our Master appeared, still handsomely scarred after his steering accident; the bells were good and we had an attempt at Stedman Triples, which unfortunately broke down. We admired the well kept ringing chamber and the small girl who handled the treble so beautifully.

We found some difficulty on the heavy six at Ockley on Monday, but were compensated by the lovely light rings at Capel and Newdigate. However, our troubles were not yet over, and we came to grief at Betchworth, especially in a dismal attempt at Cambridge Major; but we managed it on the easier bells at Dorking, thanks to Mr. Patrick Cannon, to whom we are grateful for the sudden improved standard of our ringing. By this time the rain was well established so we quickly found a pub which provided us with soup, sandwiches and coffee, before setting off on a long, uncomfortable climb up to Tanners Hatch Youth Hostel. It is situated in the middle of a dark forest, accessible only along a muddy footpath, and the warden carries a hunting knife to and from his cottage. There was an open log fire waiting to unchill our bones, and we went to sleep in bunks lodged low among the rafters.

The next morning, after an interesting breakfast, consisting mostly of condensed milk, we made our way to SS. Mary and Nicholas, Leatherhead (a lovely ten), where we managed a course of Stedman Caters. Breakfast was supplemented by sandwiches and coffee, kindly provided by the Rector's wife and her helpers in the newly opened Church Hall. At Ashted we noticed the beautiful flower decorations in the church and the details of the tower cycle outing, a programme which put our struggling twenty miles a day to shame.

SECRETARY LEAVING FOR U.S.A.

The Vicar at Epsom is evidently used to ringers because he came straight across to the pub to find us. We again managed Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal, before moving on to Banstead, but we did not get a very long ring here because the clock chimes were loose and had to be retied before we could use the bells. It was here that we said good-bye to our secretary, who was leaving us to spend the summer in the U.S.A. as a missionary in the campanological field. Our last tower of the day was Kingswood, reputedly the best six in Surrey. Their lovely soft tone almost hypnotised us into ringing well a long touch of Cambridge Minor. The night was spent at Chaldon Youth Hostel, an old manor house of 'historical interest.'

Coulsdon (5) was the first tower scheduled for Wednesday. As it was some miles out of our way, five people volunteered to go and attempt a quarter peal there; but they were unable to ring because no one appeared to let them in. The rest of us cycled casually to Chaldon Church—not for the sake of the bells, but to see the magnificent 13th century mural depicting heaven and hell, which was rather worrying to some of us. We then rang at St. Mary Magdalene's, Reigate (a fine ten), and after lunch at Redhill and Nutfield. At Bletchingly the long draught made handling difficult and ringing was not helped by half the band nipping off and scoffing tea and scones. The rain was belting down by the time we finished here and most people decided to go straight to Chaldon, where we were spending another night.

TEST SCORES PRIORITY

On Thursday the weather had cleared up and we were able to hide away our plastic macs for the last time. The first tower was St. Nicholas', Godstone (a good eight), and so on to Oxted and Limpsfield (both sixes). At Westerham our not over high standard sank even lower when we didn't ring Plain Bob, or Stedman, or Yorkshire.... At Brasted we just didn't ring, but sat on a tombstone and listened to the Test scores and had our photographs taken from unusual angles, while various people tried to find someone to let us in. We had a go at tolling the treble, which brought a bristling matron stalking up the path demanding who we were. We spent the night at Cudham Y.H., to be noted for the high quality of the food, and also because we were not sent to bed like good children at half-past ten, but went of our own accord twenty minutes later.

Appropriately named is Downe. To reach it on Friday morning we had to go down a very steep hill which induced a couple of people to get off and walk, but just retribution for this sin lay in the exceedingly high climb which faced us immediately. On this hill we met an obstinate motorist, who though so obviously stalled refused all offers of a push. After Downe we rang at West Wickham (a lovely six), until a loose clapper stopped us all too soon. We ate the best packed lunches we had had in a pub in Hayes, after which we rang on the light six at St. Mary the Virgin. The ringing chamber was also the west porch, which overlooked the main street of Hayes, and was some experience ringing in the middle of heavy lunch-time traffic. After this we went on to Bromley Common, where an advance party had to leave early in order to cycle the seven miles up to Biggin Hill, the secretary having forgotten to tell us that he had warned them we would be late.

The last evening was spent in the traditional way, everyone weeping into their draught cider. We were entertained by a fascinating group of yobs, who had stepped straight out of a Giles' cartoon, whose guitar playing and singing were not much worse than most stuff on record. Afterwards we were not entertained by the U.B.S.C.R. male voice choir who failed to think of anything original to—dare I say sing?

It was back the way we came the previous day for our last tower of the tour, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, a beautiful, smooth ringing eight, and the home tower of our treasurer elect, Maria Kirby, who generously provided us with a magnificent lunch. Thank you, Maria.

Although personal knocks and bruises were numerous our bikes suffered very little, there being only one puncture and one clanking sprocket (or something). The prize for the bike of the year should this time be equally divided between 'I love Cliss, Duane, Elvis and the Beatles,' and the delicate red with turquoise mudguards. The most well-dressed cyclist would be the person who managed to wear grey flannels, white shirt and tie throughout the muckiest weather, but perhaps the prize for sartorial elegance should go to

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VETERANS' REUNION

The Veterans' Reunion at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 29th, brought together many old friends. Some had been very ill and we were thankful to see them; some were not well enough to attend, and we especially missed Bill Shepherd, Freddie Wicks, A. Wellington, Ernie Fenn and H. Hazell. Apologies for absence, with good wishes, were received from many, with a special note of good-will from Canon C. Carew Cox, who was prevented from attending because of the long journey. Family ties prevented Dr. E. L. Taylor and Miss E. Steel from being present.

The service was conducted for the first time by Rev. Stanley Moore, Rector of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. In his welcome, he expressed appreciation of the many years of service they had given to the Church. Those who had died during the past year were remembered by name during the prayers. A good tea was provided by Mrs. Davis and many willing helpers.

Perhaps one of the happiest periods of the meeting was when those present indulged in reminiscences. Mr. Hazelden commented on a book on Shoreditch by Mr. Bradley, and Mr. Barnett's wonderful memory put at rest certain queries. Reuben Sanders was mentioned as the sole survivor of the first peal of Bristol in London 50 years ago, and Joe Hawkins was reminded of the good Sunday service band he started 40 years ago at St. Andrew's, Holborn, with Jim Bullock as Master. Congratulations went out to Alder Gofton, of Whitley Bay, on ringing London for his 85th birthday, as many of those present had rung with him at various times.

Arthur Barker calculated the average age of the veterans present as 76. Many came under their 'own steam,' including the 'Brighton wonder' Harry Stalham.

Of the many to be thanked there are the Rev. Stanley Moore, Mrs. Davis and her tea helpers, Messrs. L. Tubbs, J. Tomsett and E. Talbot (with cars), G. Parsons and J. Hibbert (general help), Walter Wainwright (photographer) and Albert W. Coles (keeping the touches in order). Ringing at St. Lawrence, Jewry, was due to the good services of Mr. Jack Phillips, and also took place at St. James', Clerkenwell, where the agility of the company was commented upon by the Rev. H. E. Roberts, and at Bishopsgate.

Good health to you all, and please listen in on Sundays at 8.50 to 9.30 a.m. to 'With heart and voice.' Until we meet again.

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BRISTOL TOUR—Continued

the predatory animal in the purple socks, red shorts, shirt and sweater and egg-yolk tie. We broke no ropes or stays, except on the model beli at Bromley, and we would like to express our thanks to all incumbents and tower captains. Finally one big thank you to Derek for making everything run so smoothly,

VISITORS' QUARTERS IN WEST COUNTRY

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. Stacey 1, Yvonne Porter 2, Mrs. A. Jenner 3, Mrs. M. A. Boulton 4, Winifred Elliott 5, C. Sangwin 6, S. Jenner (cond.) 7, D. R. Boulton 8. Visitors 3, 5 and 7. Also on June 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, Beatrice Boyle 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Stacey (cond.) 5, H. Trewin 6, F. Sangwin 7, C. Bishop (first Plain Bob Major) 8..

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Lucas 1, J. Bowden 2, Christine M. Glastonbury 3, W. H. Cholwill 4, R. Pearce 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, C. Bishop 7, W. Bond 8. Visitors 1, 3 and 7.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Bishop 1, Christine M. Glastonbury 2, R. C. Lucas 3, A. R. Elliott 4, C. Bishop 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6.

HARTLAND, DEVON.—On July 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. G. Bishop 1, Mrs. A. Smart 2, Christine M. Glastonbury 3, C. Bishop 4, R. C. Lucas 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. First Cambridge 1, 3, 4 and 5.

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret A. Ladd 1, Elizabeth A. Tester 2, R. C. Lucas 3, H. Trewin 4, Christine M. Glastonbury 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6. For the Festival of St. Swithun.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On July 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: Margaret A. Ladd 1, Elizabeth A. Glastonbury 2, Elizabeth A. Tester 3, Mrs. M. A. Boulton 4, Margaret A. Ladd 5, C. E. Taylor 6, D. R. Boulton 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the Rt. Rev. T. B. McCall, Bishop of Rockhampton, Australia.

ABERDARE, GLAMORGAN.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Lloyd (first quarter) 1, Desmond Kerley 2, J. Clatworthy (first quarter) 3, P. Jones 4, George Kerley 5, Geoffrey Kerley 6, David Kerley (cond.) 7, L. Scott 8. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the treble.

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On July 2nd, at the Church of St. Helen, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Patricia Dixon 1, R. T. G. Bennet 2, Anne M. Rowson 3, C. I. Rowson 4, F. M. Larkin 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6, J. W. Berry 7. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. P. J. North.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Camp (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Proctor 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, R. Snack (first 'inside') 4, Miss R. Hicks (first as cond.) 5, B. Spragg 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. A. Campbell. Also on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Penrose 1, Miss F. Proctor 2, E. G. Swift (cond.) 3, R. Snack 4, M. Damerell 5, B. Spragg 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. Benfield and Miss R. Hicks.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Williams (first quarter) 1, H. Smart 2, D. A. Whetton 3, J. Gow 4, J. S. Eastland 5, J. A. Coates (cond.) 6.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. White 1, Beryl N. Reed 2, Gillian Pritchett 3, Mrs. C. Pritchett 4, D. Pritchett 5, C. Pritchett 6, C. W. Reed (cond.) 7, T. Webster 8. First quarter on eight 1, 3, 4 and 8. Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the anniversary of the casting of two trebles on July 23rd, 1962.

BICESTER, OXON.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Evans 1, Jane Thurmott 2, H. Hatfield 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, M. Thurmott (cond.) 7, A. Crutchfield 8. Rung by the local band to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells after rehanging on July 10th, 1913.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, F. E. Godden 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, P. Corderoy 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. J. Siderfin, who was leaving for Clanfield, Oxon.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Jennifer Payne 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, J. S. Barnes 3, D. L. Parker 4, N. J. Martin 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. G. Moorbey, lay reader in charge of Well Hill Church.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Fuller 1, J. Stratford 2, D. J. Meadows 3, J. F. Payne 4, J. H. Payton (cond.) 5, R. Cooper 6. For Matins. Also on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Fuller 1, J. F. Payne 2, R. Cooper 3, J. H. Payton 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, B. G. D. Vince 6. Rung after Evensong.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Corcoran 1, Miss C. L. Mason 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, A. H. Beamish 5, M. Hodgkinson (cond.) 6, G. A. Bell 7, Miss M. Mason (first quarter) 8. A farewell quarter for the conductor, who is moving to Chester.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marjorie Pearson 1, J. Vickery 2, J. G. Wall 3, N. Errington 4, W. Tyson (cond.) 5, R. B. Skelton 6, R. Oliver 7, M. Armstrong 8. For Evensong. Also on July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, M. Maughan 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, M. Armstrong (cond.) 6. Rung immediately following the wedding of Miss June Smith and Mr. John A. Clark.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor behind): Miss E. Mason 1, Miss E. Foulk 2, F. W. Stone 3, D. Gebbett 4, D. Shaw 5, J. A. Dodd (cond.) 6, A. Bennett 8. For Evensong.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Cuneacast Surprise Minor: G. S. Joyce 1, Hilary N. Kippin 2, Jessie M. Kippin 3, D. P. Treble 4, H. Kippin 5, P. J. Joyce (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band and on the bells.

FILTON, BRISTOL.—On June 30th, 1,320 April Day Bob Doubles: Ruth C. Sheldon 1, A. Howard 2, D. C. Haslum 3, D. S. Voss 4, A. Tubb (cond.) 5, M. E. Buckler 6. First in the variation by all. For the Patronal Festival.

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Mary and Harry Poynor's first peal together was Stedman Triples, their 50th Stedman Caters and their 100th, rung at Surfleet on July 20th, Stedman Cinques. What will be the next stepping stone? Sextuples!

The return to peal ringing of Mr. Edward Jenkins, with the peal of London at Ashton, will be noted with pleasure. He rang suitably 'rejuvenated.'

Mr. William E. Court is to spend a year in Canada as visiting professor of Pharmacognosy at the University of Saskatchewan. He informs us that his nearest tower is only about 200 miles away.

Visitors from Kent, Surrey and Cardiff on holiday in Stratton (Cornwall) wish to thank Mr. H. Stacey for arranging the series of 'Visitors' West Country' quarter peals just published.

After ringing a quarter peal at North Moreton, Berks, the ringers were surprised to hear the sound of bells. A resident had tape recorded some of the method, and after considerable deliberation the ringers were able to identify the method as Carter's Principle.

To commemorate the coronation of King George V in 1911, two trebles were added to the old ring of six at St. Margaret's, Rainham, Kent. The fiftieth anniversary of the dedication was on July 20th, the bells having been rehung in a new iron frame by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Because of the shortage of recruits, there is a possibility that Darlaston may become a silent tower. Mr. D. T. Bates informs us that a reason is that the bells are such hard work to handle. The bells were cast by Thomas Mears II in 1840, and he believes that nothing has been done to them since. The P.C.C. ought to have the bells rehung.

In sending his congratulations to Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe and his band, who rang a peal of 16 Spliced Surprise Major at Ashover, based on Superlative, Mr. Robert B. Smith writes, 'Although I do not enjoy spliced ringing myself, I feel that it is more difficult to ring variations correctly than it is to ring complete different methods.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Fred Bogan, president of the Irish Association, through 'The Irish Bell News' thanks an anonymous donor for the gift of a presidential badge of office. The badge, in the shape of a bell on a circle, is finished in silver gilt and a green silk cord is affixed. The installation was by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody at the quarterly meeting at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

We are asked to state that Romford, Essex, tenor weighs 17 cwt. 2 qr.

The quarter peal at Sarratt, recorded last week, was Plain Bob Doubles.

Hard luck on Elizabeth Timmins, attempting her first peal at St. Giles', Newcastle, Staffs. The bells were going very well when, after two hours, the clapper of the fifth dropped out. Better luck next time, Elizabeth.

The bells of Rayne, Essex, had not been rung for some time until a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor was attempted on July 21st. Some consternation was caused when bits and pieces fell above!

A party of ten ringers from six towers in Kent and Surrey had a very good week-end's ringing in the Isle of Wight, travelling in a green Dormobile from Bromley on April 19th. All the towers on the Island were visited and on the mainland Horsham, Petersfield, Portsmouth Cathedral, Havant and Westbourne.

The peal rung at Calverley, Yorks, is the first of Major by a local company for 37 years. Messrs. Wilfred Lee and Percy Wheatley took part in this peal and the one of Prince Albert Treble Bob Major, which was rung in November, 1926. All the ringers of the 1963 peal received their instruction in the Calverley tower, and have never been attached to any other tower.

The announcement that Cottingham bells (5) would be available after the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild meeting at East Carlton (6), induced a reader to make a 25 mile journey in the hope of ringing a six score. After waiting 1 hour 18 minutes, a local and three others, one of whom was a beginner, arrived. Up to 7 p.m. only rounds were heard and then it was time for the bus home.

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PEAL WEEK IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 5 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 10560 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	MARCUS P. BARTON 5
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 2	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE 6
DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	ALAN J. FROST 7
MARY S. TAYLOR 4	JOHN C. EISEL Tenor

Composed by DEREK OGDEN. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
The longest peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORBURY TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.	
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	PAULINE FENNEL 4
LYNNE V. SHERWOOD 2	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE 5
MARY S. TAYLOR 3	JOHN C. EISEL Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
Believed to be the first peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal off every bell.
Rung for the 738th anniversary of the church (July 7th).

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.	
ALAN G. KIRK .. Treble	*HENRY KIRK 4
*MARY S. TAYLOR 2	*JOHN C. EISEL 5
*ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble	BASIL JONES 5
*PAULINE FENNEL 2	*ANTHONY G. OSBORNE 6
*MARY S. TAYLOR 3	*JOHN C. EISEL 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

ELTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., July 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being 480 each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius', Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's and Grandsire, and 240 Plain Bob.	
PAULINE FENNEL .. Treble	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 3
MARY S. TAYLOR 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 4
JOHN C. EISEL Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN C. EISEL.

First peal in ten methods on the bells. Tenor 6 cwt.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 10, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 FAIRFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 5
JOHN C. EISEL 2	*ALEX RICHARDSON 6
PAULINE FENNEL 3	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 7
MARY S. TAYLOR 4	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* 50th peal on the bells. First in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Michael W. Crowder and Roseann Pile on their recent engagements. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

EYAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Plain Bob, Double Plain Bob, Reverse Plain Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob; (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Childwall and Thelwall, (6) Buxton and Pinehurst, (7) Plain Bob; 35 changes of method. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON 4
MARY S. TAYLOR 2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 5
ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 3	JOHN C. EISEL Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in 13 Plain Minor methods by all the band, and on the bells.

FAIRFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.58.34 x 34.78

L.H.=12-4263857. F.C.E.: 24365, 32546, 46253.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 HERWARD BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

JOHN E. ELLISON .. Treble	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 4
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE 2	GLES B. THOMPSON 5
NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 3	JOHN C. EISEL Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 16 methods, being 576 Superlative, 320 Alderney, 224 Guernsey, 224 Islay, 352 Thanet, 320 Sheppey, 224 Orkney, 224 Wight, 576 Purbeck, 320 Caldys, 352 Oxney, 320 Westray, 224 Clywd, 224 Glaslyn, 352 Berwyn and 320 Vyrnwy; 29 changes of method, and all the work of every method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

GLADYS RICHARDSON .. Treble	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE .. 5
MARY S. TAYLOR 2	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 6
PAULINE FENNEL 3	JOHN C. EISEL 7
ALEX RICHARDSON 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal of 16-Spiced Surprise Major by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

ALDERNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 58 x 1236 x 78

GUERNSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 36 x 78

ISLAY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 78

THANET SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 36.12.78

SHEPPEY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 58.12.36.12.78

ORKNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 58.12.36 x 78

WIGHT SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36.12.78

PURBECK SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 78

CALDY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 58 x 1236 x 78

OXNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 1258 x 36 x 78

WESTRAY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 78

CLYWD SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 1258 x 36.12.78

GLASLYN SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 58.12.36.12.78

BERWYN SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 58.12.36 x 78

VYRNWY SURPRISE MAJOR

x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 1236 x 14 x 58 x 36.12.78

All the above have 2nds place L.H. - 5738264 and F.C.E. 32465, 43265.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sun., July 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT 70, KING'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MARY S. TAYLOR 1-2	JOHN C. EISEL 5-6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3-4	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
Umpire: ANTHONY G. OSBORNE.

TWELVE BELL PEAL**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

*MARY C. POYNER .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	GEOFFREY PAUL 8
JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. 3	PETER A. SHARP 9
DELIA E. SMITH 4	JOHN WALDEN 10
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 5	*HARRY POYNER 11
RONALD C. NOON 6	JOHN N. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 100th peal together.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
MURIEL REAY Treble .. GEORGE E. FEARN 6
ANN FELLOWS 2 .. EDWARD W. COLLEY 7
MARTIN D. FELLOWS 3 .. CLIFFORD A. BARRON 8
RODERICK W. PIPE 4 .. CHARLES A. S. WEBB 9
ANDREW N. STUBBS 5 .. PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Elizabeth M. Yardley and Mr. Alan Wood.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in D.
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY Treble .. ALLAN WEAR 6
PATRICIA LOCKWOOD 2 .. *ROBIN BROWN 7
*IAN NORTH 3 .. *IRVIN SLACK 8
WILLIAM DIXON 4 .. *MALCOLM L. BENNETT 9
*FRED BENNETT 5 .. DAVID S. LOCKWOOD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGWAY.
* First peal of Kent Royal

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.
DAVID J. MARSHALL .. Treble .. EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 6
JOHN N. D. CHADDOK 2 .. GORDON A. HALLS 7
JOHN F. MURFIN 3 .. BURLEY P. MORRIS 8
DEREK G. ASTRIDGE 4 .. DENIS A. FRITH 9
NEIL DONOVAN 5 .. DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by GORDON E. HALLS.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Wed., July 17, 1963, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.
*PETER N. FELTON Treble .. CHARLES W. OTILEY 6
*PATRICIA ROGERS 2 .. SQUIRE CROFT 7
HADLEY HUNTER 3 .. WILFRID G. WILSON 8
*CAROL ANDREWS 4 .. HAROLD W. ROGERS 9
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW .. 5 .. DAVID W. STRUCKETT Tenor

Composed by W. ELSON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Valentine Beadle, aged 82 years, a ringer at this church for 33 years.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.
ANTHONY E. STAMP .. Treble .. JOHN WEAVER 6
EDWARD HUDSON 2 .. KENNETH B. SISSONS 7
HARRY BROWN 3 .. *ALAN SHEPPARD 8
JOHN A. BROWN 4 .. C. BARRIE DOVE 9
*JOHN POTTS 5 .. ELSDON METCALFE Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* 75th peal together. First of Grandsire Caters for all except 3 and 4.
Believed to be the first of Grandsire Caters on the bells.
Rung for the Diocesan Missionary Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 29, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.
A. JAMES GLASS .. Treble .. *NORMAN PHILLIPS 5
MONICA M. BLAGROVE 2 .. *DOUGLAS BONIFACE 6
*DAVID W. STRUCKETT 3 .. ALBERT C. WENBAN 7
GEOFFREY RIGLAR 4 .. FRANK T. BLAGROVE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., July 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in A.
MAURICE HUGHES .. Treble .. JAMES INSLEY 5
IRIS M. E. LEMARE 2 .. MARTIN D. FELLOWS 6
MURIEL REAY 3 .. NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
SUSAN FUNNELL 4 .. GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 8, 1963, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.
EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble .. PETER T. DALE 5
NEIL BENNETT 2 .. FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 6
BASIL JONES 3 .. GEOFFREY DAVIES 7
JOHN ROBINSON 4 .. ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 42 lb.
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Treble .. JEFFREY BRANNAN 5
JOHN ROBINSON 2 .. F. JOHN NELSON 6
DEREK A. ASHTON 3 .. PETER T. DALE 7
JOHN C. BALDWIN 4 .. NEIL BENNETT Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. JOHN NELSON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., July 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
*DAVID EAMES .. Treble .. JOHN K. SMITH 5
ROLAND BENISTON 2 .. EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 6
RAYMOND BENFIELD 3 .. G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4 .. DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.
JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. Treble .. CLAIRE DILLAMORE 5
KATHERINE BURCHNALL 2 .. JACK L. MILLHOUSE 6
MARY C. POYNER 3 .. HARRY POYNER 7
GRACE BURCHNALL 4 .. PETER A. SHARP Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bloomfield on the birth of a son (Richard John).

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.
WILLIAM H. MINNEAR .. Treble .. EDMUND E. PEARSON 5
*ALEC W. IVINGS 2 .. WILLIAM IVINGS 6
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE 3 .. †MICHAEL W. COLEMAN 7
BARRY J. DAVIES 4 .. ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. G. H. Palmer as Vicar.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL .. Treble .. *JOHN E. CHAPMAN 5
EILEEN J. OSBORNE 2 .. IAN M. HOLLAND 6
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS 3 .. LEONARD GOODALL 7
RICHARD A. SHEKELTON 4 .. JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by LEONARD GOODALL.
* First peal of Surprise.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

REV. J. E. E. TREDENNICK .. Treble	*ADRIAN G. SEMKEN .. 5
*NEIL V. AVIS .. 2	*MAURICE E. DOWNS .. 6
ED. E. DAVEY .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD .. 7
GEORGE WATERMAN .. 4	†URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 75th peal in this tower.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR

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

JOHN SHONFELD .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 6
RAYMOND BENFIELD .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE .. 4	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*ROBERT TOPHAM .. Treble	ALAN J. BROWN .. 5
SYDNEY HOUGH .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
HAROLD C. LONYON .. 3	†ROBERT SMITH .. 7
FRED PRICE .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise. † 200th peal for Chester Guild.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Treble	VIVIAN NUTTON .. 5
JEANNE BOTTOMLEY .. 2	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	DAVID SMITH .. 7
ARLENE FLATHER .. 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

C. D. P. DAVIES' variation.	D. JONES .. 5
*HEATHER KENT .. Treble	C. BLACKBURN .. 6
R. KENRICK .. 2	*J. ELLISON .. 7
JAS. DILWORTH .. 3	*H. ROBINSON .. Tenor
*JOHN DILWORTH .. 4	

Conducted by R. KENRICK.

* First peal in the method.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

HARRY A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 5
DAVID BURBIDGE .. 2	JAMES LINNELL .. 6
MARGARET A. WILSON .. 3	*ROBIN H. ROGERS .. 7
ALAN C. COZENS .. 4	WILLIAM A. YATES .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

A compliment to the conductor on gaining the degree of B.Sc. (Chemistry) at Hull University.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 14, 1963, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. 5
DEREK A. ASHTON .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON .. 6
JOHN F. BARLOW .. 3	*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* 200th peal. First in the method on the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
*COLIN DISNEY .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 6
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 3	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 7
DAVID G. WILFORD .. 4	ALBAN DISNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.

* First peal.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	*PETER COXAL .. 5
JACK N. BROWN .. 2	FREDERICK PEARSON .. 6
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 7
WILLIAM E. COURT .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by E. F. GOBEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Horrridge (July 15th and 12th).

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 16, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.)

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E flat.

PAULINE BULL .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 2	G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 6
DELIA E. SMITH .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
T. ALAN GILBERT .. 4	STEPHEN L. GREEN .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Heppenstall, churchwarden of this parish.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

PETER J. MALLOCH .. Treble	DEREK A. ASHTON .. 5
*JOHN A. BOOTH .. 2	GILES B. THOMPSON .. 6
MARGARET WRIGHT .. 3	JOHN F. BARLOW .. 7
JEFFREY BRANNAN .. 4	JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JEFFREY BRANNAN.

* First peal on eight bells. First as conductor.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*ALAN A. POTTS .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
GILES B. THOMPSON .. 3	*BASIL JONES .. 7
BRIAN WOODRUFFE .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* 100th peal together.

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SIX BELL PEALS

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., June 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F sharp.

MICHAEL DANIELS Treble	ANDREW T. BECKWITH 4
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	ERNEST G. PEARCE 5
NEVILLE F. WHITTELL 3	LESLIE N. MELTON Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., June 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

DAVID EAMES Treble	RICHARD J. CLIFTON 4
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

F. HECTOR BENNETT Treble	DAVID J. DANBY 4
RAYMOND J. BALLARD 2	MICHAEL R. WYCHERLEY 5
DEREK P. JONES 3	DAVID EAMES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

An 85th birthday compliment to Charles V. Hare, veteran ringer of Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Rushall, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Grandsire, Newborough, April Day, Seighford, Plain Bob, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps and Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

W. JOHN CLAYTON Treble	JOHN W. HOPE 4
*MARGARET J. STEPHENS 2	ROBERT A. HATCHER 5
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER 3	DANZY WATKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. HOPE.

* First peal 'inside'.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. C. Williams, former Rector; also for the 200th anniversary of the casting of the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., July 8, 1963, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

RUPERT E. CLARKE Treble	RAYMOND BENFIELD 4
GORDON H. LANE 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
RICHARD E. CLIFTON 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

An 85th birthday compliment to Charles V. Hare, veteran ringer of Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

REV. DAVID HOARE Treble	GWILYM SALMON 4
GORDON C. CHIVERS 2	PETER C. WRIGHT 5
VICTOR G. ROBERTS 3	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

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

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 12 methods in seven extents: (1) Double and Single Court, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford and Double Bob, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

FRANK TAYLOR Treble	KEITH R. DAVEY 4
ROGER D. BAILEY 2	DEREK J. JONES 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	ALAN G. PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by ALAN G. PAYNE.

BECKWITHSHAW, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, seven extents: (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Single Oxford and Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5, 6 and 7) different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*ANTHONY E. STAMP Treble	ALAN SHEPPARD 4
*JOHN WEAVER 2	*C. BARRIE DOVE 5
JOHN POTTS 3	KENNETH B. SISSONS Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

* First peal in eight methods.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. John Potts.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Newcastle and Alnwick, (2) London and Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Wearmouth, (6) Lightfoot, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES Treble	HERMON J. OLIVER 4
FRANK V. GANT 2	TERENCE T. JONES 5
HARRY TURNER 3	COLIN M. TIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

FRANK PATTENDEN Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 4
JANE FOSTER 2	PETER M. WILKINSON 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.

A 21st birthday compliment to Jane Foster.

NEMPNETT-THURBELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE PRESCOTT Treble	*GEOFFREY H. PULLIN 4
*RONALD J. BALLAM 2	*SYDNEY G. SMITH 5
MARJORIE LEGG 3	*JOHN BAKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR SMITH Treble	*MISS R. BROWNE 4
FRANK SHAW 2	ALDERMAN LING 5
ARTHUR LING 3	ERNEST STEWARD Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

* First peal attempt.

Rung as a compliment to Sheila and Raymond Scopes on the birth of a son (Sheila is a member of the Bloxhall company)—a grandson to F Shaw; also to the second grandson of E. Steward.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods: 480 each of Candlesby, Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day and 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

M. ALEC BEAUMONT Treble	*DAVID ARCHER 4
ANDREW KING 2	MICHAEL R. MEADOWS 5
MICHAEL KING 3	ALEC BEAUMONT Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

* First peal, aged 14 years. 25th peal on the bells.

Rung by the Wentworth Sunday service band to commemorate the centenary of the casting of the bells.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., July 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*JOHN P. BURTON Treble	*GORDON K. GOODWIN 4
†MICHAEL J. MULVEY 2	†COLIN J. GALL 5
EDWARD HOUGH 3	ANDREW J. STRATHDEE Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW J. STRATHDEE.

* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor.

Rung for the Feast of St. Swithin; also as a 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Goodwin. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

SHAUGH PRIOR, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., July 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.
FRANCES M. RICKARD .. Treble | WILLIAM G. LAVERS .. 4
MARGARET A. BOULD .. 2 | D. ROY BOULD .. 5
YVONNE C. PORTER .. 3 | ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor
Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt.
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY .. Treble | ROGER S. ALGATE .. 4
ALAN TUBB .. 2 | HENRY TAYSON .. 5
MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 3 | D. JOHN HUNT .. Tenor
Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal in more than one method. † First on six bells.
Rung in fond memory of Frank Skidmore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who died on July 17th, 1960.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double and Single Oxford and St. Clement's.
Tenor 7½ cwt.
MAURICE LINGS .. Treble | MICHAEL WHITING .. 4
RONALD CHAFER .. 2 | C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 5
HAROLD JUDD .. 3 | JACK BRAY .. Tenor
Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods.
A birthday compliment to Richard Judd.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., July 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one three-extent block, and four extents.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.
FREDERICK WIGGIN .. Treble | RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 4
EDMUND MALIN .. 2 | ROY K. MOWFORTH .. 5
CYNTHIA WARRILOW .. 3 | ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. Tenor
Conducted by ROBERT J. WARRILOW.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

FINDON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cunecastre, (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (3) London and Wells, (4) Durham, Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Norwich; with 71 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.
LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble | JOAN BERESFORD .. 4
PATRICIA DISERENS .. 2 | RONALD F. DISERENS .. 5
E. JANE SIBSON .. 3 | DEREK E. SIBSON .. Tenor
Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal in 11 Surprise Minor methods.
Rung to mark the birth of a son, Adrian Leslie, to Joyce and Leslie Weller.

BELFAST, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (maximum callings). Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
MRS. P. W. MILLS .. Treble | PERCY W. MILLS .. 4
ROSEMARY THOMPSON .. 2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 5
JEAN JEFFERY .. 3 | W. LESLIE DOUGLAS .. Tenor
Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal of Doubles † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT 5, MOAT CLOSE.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 27 methods: (1) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (2) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London; (5) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne and Hull; (6) Westminster and Allendale; (7) Cambridge. Tenor size 13 in E.
KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. 3—4
ROGER BALDWIN .. 5—6
Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

Greatest number of Surprise methods rung to a handbell peal.

PEAL RECORDS

(Continued from front page)

Let us now compile a fictitious peal report and set it out in the current fashion, and then as it might be set out if the suggestions that I have made were to be adopted.

EIGHT BELL PEAL

LARGETOWN, SOMESHIRE.
THE SOMESHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E
JOHN BROWN .. Treble | GEORGE BLACK .. 5
GEORGE GREEN .. 2 | JOHN GREEN .. 6
WILLIAM WHITE .. 3 | THOMAS BROWN .. 7
ROBERT BLACK .. 4 | WALTER WHITE .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BROWN.

* First peal † First in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEAL

(TRIPLES)

63/1 ALL SAINTS', LARGETOWN, SOMESHIRE.

Sat., Jan. 1, 1963—2 h. 59 m.

5040 GRANDSIRE (Parker's 12-part)

1. John Brown*	5. George Black†
2. George Green	6. John Green
3. William White†	7. Thomas Brown—conductor
4. Robert Black	8. Walter White

In this suggestion a serial number has been included and there would have to be one explanation of the meaning of the * and †.

Where peals are rung on less than the full number of bells in the tower, which combination was used could easily be indicated by using the numbers of the bells themselves in the full ring. Thus, in a twelve-bell tower the back eight would be described as 5—12, whereas the middle eight would be 2, 3, 4, 5, 6b, 7, 8 and 9.

This same fictitious peal could be recorded in abstracted form by the Someshire Association along this sort of line:

Date	Church	Method	Ref. No.
Jan. 1, 1963.	All Saints', Largetown.	5040 Grandsire Triples	63/1

Peals could be reported in chronological order or they could be groups together by the towers in which they were rung.

Earlier I suggested that the 'league table' serves no useful purpose, pointing out the differences in size between associations. I have also, in the past, drawn attention to the fact that some associations ignore this and appropriate to their records peals credited to other Associations in that table. This part of the Peals Analysis could be discontinued and this committee might well be amalgamated with the Records Committee under a title such as the Peal Records Committee. Such a committee could examine the peal columns and issue interim reports to correct inaccuracies and delete unacceptable peals, thereby adopting the peal columns as its own official record. It could also delegate to a section of its members the examination of the style and systems of compiling those records so that recommendations could be made where there was room for improvement.

I have written this article in the hope that it will stimulate discussion and I hope that I shall be able to read comments from others on the points that have been raised.

(Concluded)

WOOD DITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOOD DITTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1—2	ANTHONY R. MANN .. 5—6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN .. 3—4	J. REGINALD HEATH .. 7—8

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.
The conductor's 25th peal for the Association.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.
THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.
On Fri., July 12, 1963, in 2 Hours.

AT 121, LILLINGTON STREET, PIMLICO.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor size 14 in D.
JOHN V. CLARK .. 1—2 | RODNEY A. YEATES .. 3—4

† MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5—6

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First peal on handbells. † 50th in the method. 25th as conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 14, 1963, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.
MARY C. POYNER .. 1—2 | B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4

HARRY POYNER .. 5—6

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. F. Payne, of Syston.

QUARTER PEALS

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): K. Baker 1, A. Perry 2, Rosemary Smith 3, M. Heymann 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Coombs 6. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. Baker 1, Rosemary Smith 2, A. Perry 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, R. Smith 5, J. Coombs 6. To congratulate the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, on his induction at Long Sutton on July 18th.

FRUPE, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. G. Massey 1, W. H. Mills 2, Frances M. Massey 3, Eunice D. Overend 4, R. J. Baker (first of Triples) 5, A. Payne 6, G. W. Massey 7, H. Vennell 8. For Evensong.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Rev. B. Fernyhough 1, Toni M. Rogers 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDD.—On July 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Pera Ollen 1, Mrs. C. E. Slade 2, Mrs. R. A. Gage 3, Miss S. Heaseman 4, A. Martin 5, R. E. Waters 6, R. A. Gage 7, C. E. Slade (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 1 and 5.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Saunders 1, H. Cheshire 2, W. H. Turner 3, A. W. Glazzard 4, G. Bowen (cond.) 5, R. Carlisle 6, C. Bow 7, F. Bush 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Turner (83), a ringer at Hartlebury for 60 years.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On July 20th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: F. Bowden 1, P. Joyce 2, K. Sansom 3, P. Treble 4, Mary White 5, B. Walton 6, K. Waller 7, T. Page 8, R. Corke (cond.) 9, K. Tipper 10. First of Caters for all except 1 and 5.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—At St. Michael's Church, on July 7th, 1,280 Little Bob Major: J. Woolford 1, Miss J. Barnett 2, W. A. Theobald 3, T. N. J. Bailey 4, F. Wreford 5, A. Truman 6, G. Skinner 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to J. Woolford and Miss J. Barnett, on their recent engagement.

HESTON, MIDD.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. C. Brookes (cond.) 1, Miss L. C. Andrews 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, Miss F. S. Pocock 4, D. Boniface 5, P. N. Felton 6. Also on July 13th, 1,440 Grand-sire Minor: D. Boniface 1, Miss F. S. Pocock 2, Miss L. C. Andrews 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, P. N. Felton 5, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 6. Both rung on the front six after meeting short for Major.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: J. D. Johnson 1, Mrs. P. Harris 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, C. Longmore 4, A. J. Brazier 5, R. Harris (cond.) 6, J. Newman 7, W. Newman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam L. J. Lampitt, a former ringer at this church, who was interred earlier this day.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss C. Wright 1, R. J. Dean 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, J. T. Locke 4, T. Hill 5, E. White 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. R. N. Bathgate, of Merriott.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On July 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Miller 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, N. Watson 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul, of Elveden.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On July 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grand-sire): R. Allen 1, Miss M. Smith 2, E. Jarrett 3, A. Terry 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, F. Reed 6.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on July 14th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: J. Thomsett 1, W. F. Oatway 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, M. T. Sprackling (first of Caters as cond.) 4, C. A. Hughes 5, A. M. Stacey 6, M. Datchett 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson 9, R. Mitchell (first quarter) 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Oatway, on their silver wedding.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. P. Selway 1, Stella Allen 2, A. W. Dyer 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, H. E. G. Jeanes (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6. To welcome the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall as Vicar.

LYNE REGIS, DORSET.—On July 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. W. Powell (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. M. Wood 2, W. J. Poole 3, G. Gaylard 4, H. G. Keeley 5, H. Gaylard 6, F. C. Knight (first of Surprise 'inside') 7, G. S. Morris 8. A compliment to the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, who was inducted and instituted as Vicar of Long Sutton this day.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grand-sire): Miss E. Todd 1, Mrs. B. Watts 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. Also 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Mrs. B. Watts 2, Miss M. Cook 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. Before and after service, at which four young ringers were confirmed by the Bishop of Dover.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On July 23rd, at St. Michael's, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: G. Henshaw 1, H. Lomas 2, M. M. Mothershead 3, G. Owen 4, J. Worth 5, D. Wright 6, H. C. Lyonon (cond.) 7, J. Taylor 8, V. J. Norbury 9, C. Morlidge 10. First in the method by all the band except 5. Rung to mark the birthdays of the ringers of 3 and 6.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Minor (540 Oxford T.B. and 720 Plain Bob and St. Clement's): F. S. Parsons 1, P. H. Langton 2, A. Turnbull 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, D. Feek 6. For Morning Prayer.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. B. Jeeves (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Jones 2, M. J. Lockey (cond.) 3, G. Kirby 4, D. Jeeves 5, A. Murphy 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of 60 years' faithful service to this tower by Sidney Sharp, buried the previous day. R.I.P.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On July 11th, at St. Patrick's, R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four variations): Mary Hines 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, Ivan Page 3, Harold McDonald 4, Graeme Heyes (cond.) 5, Kevin Marstin (first quarter) 6. Rung for the coronation of His Holiness Pope Paul VI.

MERROW, SURREY.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Davies 1, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 2, S. M. Cobbe 3, K. A. R. Glue 4, W. Savill 5, M. A. Cattell 6. First quarter 1 and 3. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Miller and family, who return to Detroit after a year in Merrow.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Ball (first quarter) 1, J. Honeywood 2, G. Waterman 3, Miss G. Brown 4, A. E. Honeywood 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Patching 1, G. Orme 2, J. List 3, G. Holden 4, P. Holden (cond.) 5, S. Patching 6. To the glory of God and for the induction this day of the new Vicar (the Rev. C. J. S. Burne).

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On July 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Triples: D. Bennett (first quarter) 1, P. Phillips (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Johnson 3, J. A. J. Jack 4, Miss A. Gratton 5, J. L. Shenton 6, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 7, J. M. Jack 8.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss V. Mathews 2, Miss E. D. Mason 3, T. G. Hull (first quarter 'inside') 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A wedding compliment to Miss J. Pontin and Mr. M. Norman.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On July 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. D. Wesley 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, Susan E. Burt 3, A. D. Smith 4, A. J. Burt 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On July 7th, 1,440 Coldstream Surprise Minor: L. Pickering 1, Christine J. Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, J. Watkins 4, B. L. Burrows 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For morning service on Military Sunday.

PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. Howell 1, B. T. Ford 2, Miss A. Frost 3, H. Griffiths 4, H. Howell 5, A. S. Williams 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam James Hickman, 50 years a chorister at this church, interred this day.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): Gillian M. Weston 1, Jocelyn M. Cooke 2, J. Milford 3, Marie R. Cross 4, Catherine M. Chapman 5, Daphne J. Pollard (cond.) 6. For the christening or Orlando R. M. Milford, and for the birthdays of 2 and 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Miss E. Cumberworth 2, S. Rayfield 3, D. Breakpear 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, K. Young 6, P. Samut (first quarter) tenor cover. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Dunk, of Stockbury, also to ringer of 4th.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On July 21st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Pratt 1, Jennifer Dye 2, A. Syder 3, P. Le Count 4, R. Suckling 5, R. Lindsell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RIPLEY, DERBYS.—At the Church of All Saints, on June 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. N. Parkin (cond.) 1, Barbara T. Peat (first 'inside') 2, Margaret J. Allen 3, Jean M. Hunt 4, P. W. Sewry 5, Dorothy Blant (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Michael Joel and Miss Pat Thompson.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On July 21st, 1,120 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Bruce 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Mrs. M. Burns 3, D. Nichols (first of Surprise 4, S. Armeson 5, N. Donovan 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8. For Morning Eucharist.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss A. Rowland (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. A. Poolman (first 'inside') 2, E. V. Williams (cond.) 3, D. Heath (first quarter) 4, W. J. Poolman 5, H. F. Perry 6. Rung to mark the christening of Richard George, son of Betty Irene and Edward V. Williams.

ROWDE, WILTS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Fisher (first quarter, 12) 1, Pamela Osborne 2, H. Gummer 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, C. Hillier 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Gummer.

SILEBY, LEICS.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Preston 1, L. Lovett 2, T. Dexter 3, D. Lewin 4, M. White 5, E. Smith 6. Rung in memory of Mr. C. F. Goss, 52 years' organist at this church.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On July 13th, 1,440 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: Miriam F. Pettitt 1, M. J. Marriott 2, C. M. Payne 3, R. F. Law 4, R. L. Piron 5, F. W. Rivett (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band. A birthday compliment to Miriam F. Pettitt.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On July 21st, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, P. W. Webb 2, Miss B. Stephens 3, R. Smith 4, G. Westwood 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. Fellows 7, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Barbara and Jennifer Stephens, who are leaving the district.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Doreen Cook 1, Jane Smith 2, R. Spray 3, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 4, E. Styler 5, G. Stock 6. First quarter in method by all the band. Rung for the christening of Julia Perkins and Joanne Elizabeth Holden, grand-daughters of the ringer of the 4th.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On June 30th, 1,280 St. Clement's College Bob Major: G. McIlhorne (cond.) 1, A. Howes 2, Barbara Butler 3, J. Godman 4, A. Jobson 5, Helen Butler 6, F. Absalom 7, R. Howes 8. First in the method by all the band. Rung for Sunday service and Jim Godman's wedding anniversary.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Huddleston 1, D. C. Haslum 2, A. Tubb (cond.) 3, R. S. Algate 4, B. Huddleston 5, D. S. Voss 6. First on the bells for about five years.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. A. Lovell 1, A. L. Guppy 2, Ann Hannam 3, Loreen Bedford 4, H. W. Pearce (cond.) 5, L. R. Tizzard 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. By the Sunday service band.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On July 18th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. V. Clarke (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, M. P. Moreton 2, R. A. Yeates (first in the method) 3, C. D. Emery (first of Surprise Major) 4, C. Simpson (first of Surprise Major) 5, I. Hughes (first of Surprise Major) 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, J. H. Crampson 8. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 11th, 1,280 Wye Surprise Major: T. E. Roberts 1, Mrs. J. Thurmott 2, B. R. Eglesfield 3, H. C. Edwards 4, D. Burbidge 5, J. Linnell 6, C. E. Truman (first of Major as cond.) 7, G. E. Green 8. First of Surprise Major 2 and 3.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

How it rained on July 6th! What with the difficulties of getting to Knebworth church and the driving, almost continual rain, we were afraid the meeting would be hard hit. To our pleasure there was almost the usual number for tea, and the customary variety of methods rung: the chairman, Mr. A. Rex Agg, said that it was praiseworthy.

Earlier Rev. D. Smith, the curate, had conducted the service, with Mr. Besley at the organ; and an ample tea had been enjoyed. There was little business to be transacted: the confirmation of the tower election of Messrs. B. C. Burrough, B. E. Matthews and R. E. Waters; and the next meeting to be at either Barkway or Askwell in October. Advance notice was given of the Datchworth dedication on September 16th. J.S.

LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, August 10th, at Prescott Parish Church. Times and further details not yet arranged. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Wilton, 30, North Linkside Road, Woolton, Liverpool 25.—J. H. Wilton, Branch Sec. 2943

NOTICES

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BIRTH

MINCHIN. — At 51, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts. on July 25th, 1963, to Jean (née Kirkman) and Peter, a daughter, Sarah.

PERSONAL

'Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.' (Psalm lxxxix, 15.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

GRANTHAM v SPALDING cricket match at Edenham on August 10th. All welcome. Match commences 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Ringing 6 'Five Bells' 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, by Tuesday previous. 2926

THERE will be no service ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, until Thursday, September 5th. 2935

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Sunday ringing (5-6 p.m.) at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, will be resumed from August 18th onwards. Any ringers visiting or passing through London will be welcome. From Tower Hill tube station turn left and left again. Preliminary notices: General meeting, Saturday, October 19th, 1963; annual dinner, Saturday, February 15th, 1964.—A. J. F. 2913

THE BELLS of Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon, will not be rung until further notice, owing to defects in the steeple. 2942

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Cranfield on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells (5) from 5 to 9 p.m.—F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 2910

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 3rd, at Strettham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 2901

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester on August 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Buses at 25 past each hour from Blackburn.—J. Pilkington 2915

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 3rd, Slaughram (8), 3.30-5, and Lower Beeding (8), 6-8 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 2898

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—August Bank Holiday meeting at Chesterfield, Monday, 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—J. Seager. 2909

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern Div.) & GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 5th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, Surrey. 2876

ALBERT WALKER MEMORIAL FUND

Official sanction has now been granted for the erection of the Memorial Peal Tablet in the ringing room at St. Martin's, to the late Albert Walker. The cost will be in the region of £100. Any of Albert's friends who would like to contribute are invited to send a subscription to the honorary secretary:—G. E. FEARN, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 2896

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Heptonstall on August 10th. Please notify Miss Jean Akroyd, 4, Northfield Terrace, Heptonstall, for teas by previous Friday. All welcome.—D. Smith. 2927

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting, Henlow, Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) from 5.30 p.m. Special methods: Cumberland Bob and Durham Surprise.—M. Major, Dis. Sec., 92, High Street, Henlow. 2925

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury, August 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 7th. Please note change of date.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2931

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, August 10th, at Brasted (6), 3-5 p.m., and Sundridge, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please bring picnic tea. Names for annual outing in October will be taken at this meeting, or send direct to Mr. S. Jenner, 2, Sheffield Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells. 2923

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bourn, Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (in Village Hall).—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2920

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Tillingham on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bradwell available in the evening. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury, Essex. 2886

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, August 10th. Minety (6), 3-4.30 p.m. Picnic tea. Oaksey (6), 6-8 p.m.—R. L. 2934

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 10th, St. George's, Millom, Cumberland. 2-3 p.m. Names to R. J. Gray, Riddings, The Hill, Millom.—N. M. Newby. 2938

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, August 10th. Tea by kind invitation. Names, please, by Tuesday, August 6th, to Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston, Preston. Buses 367 from Chorley, 98 from Preston, 88 from Wigan. 298 Southport—Oswaldtwistle.—L. Walmsley. 2937

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) 3 to 5 p.m. St. Chad's, Rochdale, bells (8) available from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements, no business. Please make a special effort to support this, our first meeting at Balderstone for nine years.—J. P. Partington. 2917

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 10th, at Monken Hadley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing to 8.30.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2924

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Thatcham, Saturday, August 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 6th, to A. C. Christopher, 59, Bath Road, Thatcham. 2939

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Evening meeting, Newnham, Saturday, August 10th. Bells available 7-8 p.m.—F. W. Hancock. 2918

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, August 10th, at Hodnet. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 7th. No names no teas.—R. E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, The Crescent, Hodnet, Market Drayton. 2908

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Hickling, August 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. Blackshaw, 36, Stratford Road, West Bridgford.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at East Markham (8) (not South Anston), Saturday, August 10th. Please take own food, cups of tea provided.—H. Denman. 2928

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Bradford, August 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. K. Wood, The Rectory, Bradford, Sheffield, by 8th. Bolsterstone bells (8) also available 7-9 p.m.—J. W. Buxton and J. J. L. Gilbert. 2930

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover (8) on Saturday, August 17th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. F. Miller, Carlton House, Moor Road, Ashover, by Wednesday, 14th.—M. Phipps and G. Richardson, Dis. Secs. 2921

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 17th, Lanchester All Saints'. 2.30 p.m. Names essential early to Mr. H. P. Thompson, Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2932

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford and Clifford Districts.—Combined meeting, Saturday, August 17th, Peterchurch. Bells (6) from 2.30-4 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Tower open again 6-8.30 p.m. Following towers in the Golden Valley also open from 1-3.30 and 6-8.30 p.m.: Ewyas Harold (6), Abbeystead (6), Clodock (6), Bacton (5), Michaelchurch (5), Witney-on-Wye (5), Talgarth (6) and Clifford (8). Names for tea by August 12th, please, to R. G. Powell, 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford. 2922

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern Section).—A joint meeting will be held at Westerham on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Early notification for tea to Mr. W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, would be much appreciated—in any case by Wednesday, 14th, please.—G. A. W. and W. H. D., Hon. Secs. 2941

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Beccles on Saturday, August 17th. Open to members of all Guilds—everyone is welcome. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. No business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 14th, to Mr. R. Bickers, 6, Ballygate, Beccles, Suffolk. 2889

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held in the Town Hall, Macclesfield, on Saturday, October 5th. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield (Ven. T. Clarke), Preacher, The Lord Bishop of Stockport (the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders Davies, R.M.C.). Tickets £1 is. each (junior members, under 18 years of age, 18s. each). Application for tickets to Mr. H. C. Lyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire, by first post Monday, September 30th. Ringing arrangements: Sutton (6), Chelford (6), Congleton (8), Prestbury (8), from 2-4 p.m.: Christ Church (10), St. Peter's (8), 2-4.30 p.m.: St. Michael's (12), 2-5 p.m. By arrangement: Bollington (8), Gawsorth (8) and Bosley (6), 2-4 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2897

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