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THE COUNCILS' DECISIONS

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THE news that the sub-committee appointed to consider revision of the Central Council's Decisions is at last getting down to business will be most welcome, especially to those who had hoped for a draft report, such as was produced by their colleagues investigating the Rules, at York this year. The sub-committee has, however, made one distinct innovation, as far as memory can recall, in asking that those who hold strong views on relevant matters should communicate them to the committee. In the past, the last thing which many committees seem to have taken into consideration has been the outlook of ringers generally.

There should be no lack of material for the committee to work on—rather the opposite, in fact. To take just one point, the question of what constitutes a peal, the situation at present is virtually bordering on anarchy. This is largely because the existing Decisions are either inexplicit or were framed before many current practices originated. Not all these practices have been progressive, either. The recent introduction of two different types of bob in one peal, for example, has put the clock back more than a century, and doubtless the committee will be bearing this in mind.

Another matter to which attention might well be given concerns 'leading' and 'covering' bells. The variations by these are many. Sometimes Minor is rung with a cover: sometimes with one bell or more leading, though what method the leading bells can claim to have rung it is hard to say, and this, of course, applies where more than one covering bell is used for Doubles. Triples may be rung on seven bells, although such a performance is 'discountenanced,' but not, it should be noted, banned. For Caters and Cinques, a cover is deemed essential, although not long ago certain people who might have been expected to know better chose to ring Caters without one. In this connection, a seven-bell peal in the late 1880's caused the then secretary of the College Youths to remark, 'By ringing the peal at Southgate, the band evidently adapted it to the requirements of the inmates of Colney Hatch, for which institution they are thus qualifying themselves.'

The committee can put an end to all doubt by laying down clearly that peals on even numbers with covering bells are to be disallowed; that on odd numbers one covering bell, and one only, is essential, except that it may be dispensed with for Doubles; and that leading bells will not be permitted on any numbers.

There are, of course, many other matters which could be considered. Is it logical, for instance, that any of the 'seven true and complete 720's' which are needed for a peal of Minor may be made up by splicing Alliance and Little methods, neither of which in themselves will produce a 720, whereas a band, which included an extent of either in a peal would have that peal rendered null and void unless they had rung seven 720's first? The need for avoiding a peal being made up of short and easy touches can readily be seen, but the reason for excluding extents which do not reach 720 changes is not so obvious.

Again, on the subject of spliced ringing, it is well known that a course of Bob Major may be shortened by turning back the treble in 6ths place in one lead, preferably the third. Peals rung thus have been published with the impressive title of 'Spliced Plain and Gainsborough Little Bob,' which, though strictly correct, gives an entirely erroneous value to the performance, and some new title for such peals might well be found. Attention might also be given to whether changes of method should be permissible only at lead-ends, which would have the effect of eliminating the peculiar versions of Treble Bob, still occasionally rung, in which irregular and assymetrical methods are introduced.

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A less important matter, but one which causes occasional discussion, concerns umpires for handbell peals. It is freely admitted that the number of people qualified for the task is very small, and 'umpires' vary from the wife of one of the ringers, who probably happens to be in the house at the time, to the one who became so excited towards the end of a very difficult attempt that he shouted 'bob' at a point where none was needed. In any event, the general feeling of the Exercise seems to be that unless the peal is very exceptional, an umpire is something of an anachronism.

Clearly, then, the committee, if it so desires, can do a great deal of good, both by clearing up obscure and doubtful points and by legislating against undesirable innovations which are obviously contrary to the spirit of the Exercise. One thing is certain, that by taking a firm line the members will have the wholehearted support of the majority of ringers.

University of London Society's Tour

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*RALPH C. SPITTLE ... Treble	†PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 5
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 2	†VERNON J. BENNING ... 6
R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 3	FREDERICK H. WILKINS ... 7
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.

GORING, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Wed., July 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY F. CARTER ... Treble	†VERNON J. BENNING ... 5
†R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 2	†PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6
†HELEN Y. GARDNER ... 3	*PETER R. LAYTON ... 7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 4	†DENIS N. LAYTON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... Treble	†REV. D. P. ROBERTS ... 6
*DENIS N. LAYTON ... 2	PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 7
*JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 3	VERNON J. BENNING ... 8
†R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 4	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 9
†PETER R. LAYTON ... 5	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. † First peal on ten bells.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

DENIS N. LAYTON ... Treble	ERIC DODDS ... 6
JOAN HOULDSWORTH ... 2	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 7
*R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 8
HELEN Y. GARDNER ... 4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 9
PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 5	VERNON J. BENNING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal in the method and of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung for the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 4th.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 7
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 8
†FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3	†NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 9
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 11
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 6	HENRY E. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 50th peal in the tower. † First 'touch' of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D flat.

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	PETER LAFLIN ... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 8
*JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
†JOHN WORTH ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First of Royal in the method. † First of Royal in the method 'inside.' First of Royal in the method as conductor. First peal of Rochester Royal in the tower and for the Association. A wedding compliment to Mr. P. M. J. Gray and Miss J. Houldsworth.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr.

*ALFRED ASHTON ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 6
†EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	ALFRED SMITH ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	WALTER ALLMAN ... 9
PETER LAFLIN ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. † 300th peal of Surprise. First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal in the county and by the Association.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 7
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	NORMAN BAGWORTH ... 8
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 9
HERBERT J. ELDED ... 5	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	ALAN FOSTER ... 6
LEONARD TREVOR ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ... 3	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 8
NOREEN BRAIN ... 4	JOHN THOMPSON ... 9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5	GORDON HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by B. G. KEY.

A birthday peal for Mrs. B. G. Key.



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EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS FOR THE WORCESTERSHIRE
AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

JOHN B. SANSOM Treble	†DENNIS R. AIREY... .. 5
*HILDA M. PRESCOTT ... 2	ALAN J. BUTLER 6
†NORMAN MALLETT ... 3	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ... 7
J. MARTIN PAGE 4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.
‡ First peal of Major. First peal on eight bells as conductor. The composition is now rung for the first time.

ANSTHEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DEREK DODSON Treble	†JILL POOLE 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 2	†REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
DOROTHY UDAL ... 3	ALLAN E. JACQUES ... 7
†MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 4	†PETER J. STANFORTH... Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major in the method. A birthday compliment to Gordon H. Arguile, of the local band.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes;
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN Treble	WILLIAM RICKINGS ... 5
*CHARLES JEFFERIES ... 2	LESLIE BARRY 6
ERNEST PALMER ... 3	JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... 7
GEORGE CASE 4	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Composed by S. BIDDLESTONE. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss Olive Barry.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 18 cwt.
SELWYN DEARDEN ... Treble	FRED MELLOR 5
MARY WALSHAW 2	*PHILIP TOCOK 6
*JILLIAN BRIERLEY ... 3	IVAN KAY 7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 4	GERALD DARE Tenor

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

* First of Stedman Triples. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sykes, of Oldham.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

HERBERT P. CLIFF ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... 5
JOYCE P. GAYMER ... 2	*EDMUND P. CROWDY ... 6
MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON... 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

THOMAS S. HORRIDGE... Treble	†WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 5
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	†ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 7
RONALD KENRICK ... 4	*JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (58). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret Rose.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

C.C. Collection Triples Methods, Peal No. 1. Tenor 9½ cwt.

NANCY P. BIRKS ... Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5
*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	HENRY O. BAKER ... 6
R. GORDON CORBY ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
*JOHN W. BEST 4	JOHN PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* 50th peal together. First peal of Triples in the method by all.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DAVID G. JACKSON (11) Treble	†RONALD SANDERSON ... 5
JAMES THORLEY ... 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
*WM. H. JACKSON (14)... 3	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY... 7
GIBSON JACKSON 4	*ALBERT SHAW Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal. † First peal on eight. Rung for the 14th birthday of the ringer of the third.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

PETER OSTLEY Treble	LEONARD W. GILES ... 5
*EDITH BASSETT ... 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	ERNEST J. LADD ... 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	EDWARD EADE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Triples.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 100 lb. in F sharp.

*JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
†VINCENT R. OVENS ... 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. In honour of Princess Margaret's birthday.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 5
MARGARET BEAMISH ... 2	*HARRY HARRIS ... 6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 7
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal of Surprise. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*THOMAS W. WHITE ... Treble	JOHN A. ETHERINGTON... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 7
ERIC T. LEE 4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FREDK. A. MUNDAY.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the 200th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Holy Trinity Church.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Aug. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 28½ cwt.
 *PETER FOSTER Treble GORDON HARRISON ... 5
 GEORGE L. RODEN ... 2 SIDNEY H. JONES ... 6
 NOREEN BRAIN ... 3 BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
 HAROLD E. HARRISON ... 4 EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.
 JOHN H. BAXTER Treble WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 5
 EDNA M. SILLS ... 2 FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 6
 JOHN L. MORRIS ... 3 REGINALD L. SILLS ... 7
 BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 4 FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.
 EDGAR WHITELEY Treble H. WILDE ... 5
 WILLIAM AMBLER ... 2 SAM BLUNDELL ... 6
 VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 3 ROLAND KENDALL ... 7
 PAUL BIRKETT ... 4 SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 JOSEPH TOMLINSON ... Treble ROGER LEIGH ... 5
 CHARLES CLEGG ... 2 PETER CROOK ... 6
 CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3 ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
 ERIC BRUNTON ... 4 LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

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

To celebrate the birth of a daughter (Brenda) to Mr. and Mrs. C. Clegg. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
 Tenor 19½ cwt.
 A. G. BARTHOLOMEW ... Treble HERBERT G. GODDARD ... 5
 DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 2 ALBERT PRYKE ... 6
 HARRY TURNER ... 3 BERTRAM C. HINES ... 7
 WILLIAM J. BARRETT ... 4 JOHN SITCH ... Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

To celebrate the engagement of Mr. D. G. Mayell, of Brentwood, and Miss M. P. Hilliar, of Bristol.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 12½ cwt.
 JOHN CHARNOCK ... Treble E. ROGER MARTIN ... 5
 THOMAS BARKER ... 2 JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 6
 *LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ... 3 G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 7
 SYDNEY TUSON ... 4 ARTHUR HATCH ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
 ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY Treble ALLAN SHORT ... 5
 *ALFRED J. ALLEN ... 2 JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
 MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 3 *J. WILLIAM PETTIGREW ... 7
 *EDRIC J. FRANKLIN ... 4 RICHARD C. INGRAM ... Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by R. C. INGRAM.

* First peal of Major. An 81st birthday compliment to the composer. Tenor 25 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Comprising one 2,160 and four varied extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
 GORDON CHAMBERS ... Treble SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 4
 ROBERT C. BUNNING ... 2 GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 5
 GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 3 VINCENT R. OVENS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

First peal of Minor in the method by all the band.

ASH BOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford.
 St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent T.B.
 LEWIS J. LAST ... Treble DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON ... 4
 GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2 *RONALD W. STEWARD ... 5
 GEORGE W. PIPE ... 3 CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal in six methods 'inside.' Tenor 10½ cwt.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURG,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being one extent of Cambridge, one of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
 *RONALD BARLOW ... Treble *ARNOLD G. MOORE ... 4
 WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 2 FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 5
 ARTHUR PEAKE ... 3 NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Minor.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven different extents.
 WALTER G. SOAR ... Treble WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 4
 *MRS. K. JONES ... 2 SIDNEY H. JONES ... 5
 ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... 3 WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CURSON.

* First peal of Minor. To celebrate the marriage of Mr. J. Quimby to Miss S. Cox, both ringers at St. Matthew's, Overseal.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven 720's: C.C. Collection, Nos. 58, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69.
 Tenor 9 cwt.
 VALENTINE TURRELL ... Treble LEONARD STILWELL ... 4
 EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2 FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
 CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 3 FREDERICK ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.
 JOHN D. ROCK ... Treble *WILLIAM E. MOUNTFORD ... 4
 JOHN MINTON ... 2 LESLIE EVANS ... 5
 E. PETER ROCK ... 3 JOHN H. MOUNTFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal 'inside.'

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Comprising one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
 ERIC J. GILBERT ... Treble ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 4
 ERNEST CARVELL ... 2 GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 5
 *HUGH ROBERTS ... 3 FRANK VARTY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal in seven methods.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

(See p. 429 for further peals.)

BARNBY - IN - THE - WILLOWS, NOTTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 360 Double Oxford Bob, 180 Plain Bob): J. P. Vessey, jun. 1, S. G. Vessey 2, R. T. Vessey 3, J. C. Vessey 4, K. W. Mayer 5, P. Holmes (cond.) 6.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. C. Vessey 1, Miss B. N. White 2, Miss S. M. Harper 3, Miss P. A. Collins 4, P. N. White (first as cond.) 5. First quarter by 2, 3 and 4.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On Aug. 26th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Fleetwood 1, H. Worboys 2, A. W. Beard 3, D. W. Beard 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, W. Vale 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Aug. 28th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, J. Potter 2, P. Hunt 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, W. Mortimer 5, P. Yates 6. In honour of the Colours of the 1st Batt. Wilts Regt. laid up in this church at matins.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. White 1, A. Relfe 2, H. Vaughan 3, E. J. Ladd 4, C. Bassett 5, R. Wood 6, L. Honess 7, A. Richardson (cond.) 8.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, R. Mackrill 2, W. Langdon 3, J. E. Chilcott 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, P. A. F. Chalk 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 8.

GREAT BARRINGTON, OXON.—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. C. F. Collett 1, F. Soden 2, W. J. Dixon 3, F. W. Soden 4, A. T. Shelton 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Eldred 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, N. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6, H. W. Rogers 7, S. Croft 8. First of Stedman Triples 2 and 6.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, Lincs.—On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. Cummins 1, S. F. Bishop 2, A. Young 3, W. Wilkinson 4, R. Brown 5, J. R. Kemp 6, E. Kemp 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Miss J. Flatters and Mr. J. Van-de-Walle.

QUARTER PEALS

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. R.

Smith 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, D. W. Beard 3, T. G. Fox 4, C. A. Hughes 5, J. H. Crampton 6, F. W. Housden (cond.) 7, E. D. Smith 8. In honour of Princess Margaret's birthday.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Shepherd (first in method) 1, E. G. Buck 2, J. S. Dear 3, S. Bonnet 4, I. T. Werrett 5, H. E. Werrett (first as cond.) 6, R. V. Webb 7, T. Werrett 8. Rung half-muffled for Mr. A. Pike.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Clayfield 1, E. W. Beadsmoore 2, A. B. Beadsmoore 3, F. G. Bailey 4, W. Brooker 5, H. C. Adams 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Also 1,344 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Cotton 1, H. Carter 2, P. Beedie 3, G. W. Clayfield 4, W. Brooker 5, H. C. Adams 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Both rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. Quimby and Miss S. Cox, ringers at Overseal.

RAMPTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. Crawford 1, S. Lewis 2, Miss G. Redfearne 3, H. Willows 4, H. Denman (cond.) 5, W. Coates 6. First quarter 2 and 3.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denys' on Aug. 28th, 1,200 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hammond (first in method) 1, R. C. Mitchell 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, A. F. Lewry 4, F. Hammond 5, W. Rogers (cond.) 6, E. Bishop, sen. tenor covering.

SHRIVENHAM, WILTS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Anger 1, B. Bladon 2, A. R. A. Peake 3, Miss E. L. Roberts 4, J. Pryor 5, P. Anger (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor for 1 and 5. A compliment to Hugh Lloyd Roberts on gaining his B.Sc.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Pierpoint 1, A. Richardson 2, Jean Durrant 3, F. Miles 4, E. Eade 5, F. Weller 6, M. A. Causley (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8. First in the method as conductor.

Truro Diocesan Guild

ANNUAL CARBIS BAY 'WEEK.'

This year, for the fourth annual 'week,' several regulars, with some welcome newcomers, met at Truro Cathedral on August 20th and were welcomed by Mr. W. H. Southard, Diocesan Ringing Master. The peal attempt was for Stedman Caters, and in spite of organ opposition at the beginning, ringing seemed to have settled until a 'slow' entanglement ended the attempt after 2 hours' and 5 minutes' ringing. Mr. H. C. Spencer conducted. A move was then made to headquarters, most of the party staying at Carbis Bay Vicarage.

During the week two peals were rung—both Grandsire Triples—at Towednack and St. Austell. In all, twenty-three towers were visited either for peal attempts or for a short while, the others being Carbis Bay, St. Enoder, Crantock (where a welcome was extended by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, Diocesan Secretary), Perranzabuloe, St. Agnes, St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Manaccan (with a greeting by Col. C. F. Jerram), Landewednack, Mullion, Zennor, St. Keverne, Redruth, St. Dennis, St. Stephen-in-Brannel, Probus, Ladock, St. Erme, St. Hilary, Ludgvan and Lelant. These towers comprise one ten, eleven eights and eleven sixes. The fascination of visiting these Cornish towers was added to by additional little treats, such as several glimpses of the sea, picnic luncheon each day, at such a place as on the beach at delightful Coverack, and a visit to an ancient Celtic museum at Zennor. The visitors were welcomed to Cornwall, and who we hope will come yet again, were the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. G. E. Fearn (with Mrs. Fearn and Ruth), Messrs. T. G. and Fred Myers, Comdr. A. R. Poyntz, Miss Marie R. Cross, Miss Julia Preston, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Niblett, with the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts (who mapped matters out campanologically and domestically), Messrs. H. C. Spencer, C. E. Lanxon, R. G. Clemens, E. V. Williams and G. W. Taysom.

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year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who
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death in 1942.*

Rain to wet the defen-
sive umbrella of Mr. W.
Moorland, who wrote
about 'Child Ringers'—William Jackson (14)
and his brother David (11) took part in a
peal at Campsall on August 20th without
showing signs of strain and without having
previously obtained a medical certificate to
prove their strength!

Messrs. G. Harrison and L. G. Roden have
now 'circled' the tower at St. Paul's, Burton-
on-Trent.

Mr. E. Whiteley's 74th birthday, as well as
Mrs. Whiteley's, was celebrated by a peal at
Queensbury, Bradford, on August 25th.

Mr. Jack R. Worrall writes to say, apropos
light verse in his honour in last week's
Belfry Gossip, that though his name was
made to rhyme, it was incorrectly spelt.

At Devizes and Chester quarter-peals were
rung to honour the laying-up of the Colours
of the 1st Batt. Wilt's Regt. and 5th (E. of C.)
Batt. Cheshire Regt. on Mons Sunday.

The peal of Cambridge at Chilvers Coton on
August 22nd was rung by an all local band
as a birthday compliment to their captain,
Mr. J. E. S. Moreton.

Mr. P. Amos has been investigating the
three bells of Little Billing, Northants, and
finds that two of these are dated 1672. The
other is 1853. The general impression was
that the bells are modern, circa 1850.

At the dedication service in connection with
the recast and rehung bells at Blackburn
Cathedral on August 21st, an attractive, illus-
trated booklet about the bells throughout the
years, specially printed, was circulated to
those present.

A plaque recording the dedication has been
fixed to one of the girders carrying the bells.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To commemorate the
wedding of Mr. J. Van-
de-Walle and Miss J.
Flatters, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major
was rung at Kirton-in-Holland, Lincs. by the
following band: T. Cummins 1, S. F. Bishop
2, A. Young 3, W. Wilkinson 4, R. Brown 5,
J. R. Kemp 6, E. Kemp 7, J. R. Young
(cond.) 8.

Mr. S. Marshall, of Gressenhall, is the first
of the local band to 'circle' the tower.

Mr. R. Davies, Nutfield, Surrey, has now
rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to
Maximus.

The conductor of the peal at Hedon, York-
shire, on August 12th, was Mr. A. Tomlinson
and not as stated.

The peal rung at Seal Chart on August 27th
is believed to be the first of Surprise on the
bells.

The meeting of the Irish Association held
at Drogheda is regarded as probably the most
memorable in the Association's history, and
everyone who attended went home greatly
impressed by the handbell ringing of the
Leicester tourists.

The peal of Kent Minor at Gressenhall,
Norfolk, on August 19th, was an in memoriam
one to the late Ringing Master, Mr. John A.
Godfrey, who died on the same date two
years ago.

The peal at Burton-on-Trent on August
23rd was rung half-muffled as a token of re-
spect to Canon J. J. G. Stockley, who passed
away the previous week after a vicariate at
Burton of 17 years.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher conducted a peal of
Stedman Cinques at Bow Church, Cheapside,
on November 19th, 1938, in honour of her
parents' (Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker) golden
wedding. Mr. Fletcher also took part in the
peal.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Tour in Oxfordshire

At a university, four years is a lifetime—only a small minority stay longer or return again to the scenes of their youth. Among this minority are to be found a number of ringers adding Cambridge to London, or Theology to Physics, with the grim determination of the seasoned peal ringer. It is therefore interesting to note that the fourth tour of the University of London Society was in many ways similar to the first. After an orgy of private cars and luxury coaches, cycling was once again the main means of transport, and from the seclusion of a private hotel we returned to the communal ablutions of a holiday camp. The same organiser presented us with a programme of fine bells in delightful villages, set in an almost excessive amount of countryside, and disappeared (this time to play cricket), in the same company. Even the same Master was in office, and on this occasion able to accompany us.

Nevertheless, there were a number of changes, most of them improvements. No longer was a plain course of Stedman the summit of achievement, and 'the touch that comes round' a special request. The various amenities of the holiday camp provided much entertainment, though not of quite the same sort as the spectacle of record-holding ringers washing-up after kippers for breakfast at a youth hostel.

The party assembled in Oxford on July 23rd and joined in the ringing of the Oxford Guild Festival as they arrived, setting off by bus and cycle for the headquarters at Radley at about 6.30 p.m. After a Corporate Communion at Radley Church on Sunday, the party divided, some going into Oxford and the remainder to Abingdon for service ringing. In the afternoon a peal of Cambridge was rung at Dorchester, with some local help, for the Oxford Guild, the rest of the party ringing at Radley and then disporting themselves swimming and boating until it was time for evening service ringing at St. Helen's, Abingdon.

Monday was the most strenuous day of the tour. It started with an eight-mile cycle ride to ring at Yarnton. The six bells (tenor 25 cwt.) proved quite a test of strength and bell control. The eights at Woodstock and Kidlington followed, and after lunch at Kidlington, nine miles' cycling under the mid-day sun brought the party to Bicester, where the bells (and subsequent tea) were much enjoyed. On the way back to Oxford, calls were made at Middleton Stoney and Islip. The total distance travelled during the day was about fifty-five miles, and as the weather was perfect—for sun bathing—it was not surprising that everyone was somewhat hot and tired by the evening. The two motor-cyclists were certainly better off than the rest, even if one of their machines was not quite so easy to start as a push bike.

Tuesday's outing was by coach. The beauty of the church, its setting, and its bells made the first stop, at Great Tew, particularly pleasant. Ringing took place at Deddington and Adderbury before and after lunch respectively, and particular notice was taken at the latter church of a stone figure demonstrating how to enjoy handbell ringing. Stratford-on-Avon was reached in time for tea and a brief tour of inspection before ringing on the magnificent ten there. Afterwards, a visit was made to the Memorial Theatre to see a performance of 'Othello.'

Wednesday involved—amongst other exertions—two peal attempts for five people. In the morning a peal of Superlative was rung at Goring, but the afternoon attempt for Bob Major at Harwell was not successful. Those not attempting peals rang at Drayton, Stevenston and East Hagbourne. In the evening we

had the pleasure of entertaining some of the city ringers who paid us a visit at the camp.

Another coach trip on Thursday, to Painswick, Cirencester Fairford and Faringdon, not only proved enjoyable in itself, but also gave everyone a chance to regain their strength for another day's cycling on the morrow. On both these coach excursions we were joined by some local friends.

Cumnor was the first stop on Friday, and those whose education had been neglected soon found that bells are not the only notable feature of the place. Witney was reached in time for coffee before ringing, after a ride against strong winds, with a brief stop—but no ringing or ice-cream—at Eynsham, on the way. The visit to the lovely church, with its delightful bells, will long be remembered, not least, perhaps, for a rather unexpected course of London Surprise. After lunch, Ducklington and Standlake were visited. On leaving Standlake, a short-cut along the tow-path was recommended, but the route did not fulfil the high hopes placed in it, and the sudden disruption of a party of cyclists into a set of individuals plunging determinedly into the heart of Berkshire in search of Appleton, each depending on—even swearing by, and later at—a different map was perhaps the most startling event of the week. The organiser arrived in time for tea, but complained more bitterly than anyone else, in the hope of disarming criticism, no doubt. An excellent tea was followed by ringing (alas, not of such a uniformly high standard) at St. Lawrence's Church.

On Saturday morning, a peal of Stedman was attempted at Great Tew, but a rope came untucked, and the subsequent attempt for Bob Major was abandoned after an hour. The whole party reunited at Bloxham, whose graceful spire had to be allowed five minutes to settle down again after each ten-minute touch! Some members even watched outside so as to be able to render a graphic description of any disaster which might have occurred. Fortunately their worst hopes were not realised, and we went on to Banbury, where a peal of Bob Royal was rung.

Normal service ringing and an unsuccessful peal attempt at Kirtlington constituted Sunday's effort; and on August Bank holiday the party dispersed, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt something new about ringing. Indeed, the improvement shown by those in the more elementary stages of the art was quite marked. The finale of the tour was a peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Reading on the way home.

In conclusion, the society would like to thank all those who made the tour such a success, the various incumbents for permission to ring on their bells, the Oxford City ringers for their warm welcome, Miss M. R. Cross for her assistance and for arranging (at considerable trouble) the accommodation for the last week-end, and especially Mr. P. M. J. Gray for his excellent organisation.

CHESTER.—On Aug. 28th at the Church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Payne 1, Harry Lewis 2, John W. Best 3, George Sperring 4, Rev. J. Kingdon 5, John W. Griffiths 6, J. E. Bonney (cond.) 7, John Stockton 8. First quarter of Triples for the treble ringer. First of Triples as conductor. To commemorate the laying up of the Colours of the 5th (E. of C.) Batt, the Cheshire Regt. at Chester Cathedral on Mons Sunday (Aug. 28th).

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Palmer 1, J. Meney 2, T. Palmer 3, F. Smewin 4, A. Fletcher 5, R. Heath (cond.) 6, F. Wise 7. Rung half-muffled in respect of the bereavement of Mr. G. Garlick.

Blackburn Cathedral Bells

DEDICATION OF RECAST RING.

Sunday, Aug. 21st, was an important occasion in the annals of Blackburn Cathedral, when the ten bells, which have been recast recently at the Loughborough Foundry, were dedicated. A great improvement has been effected in the ring, which is now heavier than before the recasting. The tenor weighs over 25 cwt. and the weight of the whole ring is more than 5 tons.

An account of the work entailed and details of the inscriptions on the bells were given in our issue of July 22nd. Besides the attention given to the bells, alterations have been carried out in the tower. The bell chamber roof has been opened and an arched sounding board constructed, so that the bells are now heard more widely in Blackburn. The louvres have been bricked and boarded to help send the sound out through the roof. A new clock, electrically driven, has been installed, chiming the hours and the quarters. Redecoration of the belfry and bell chamber was found necessary. The work is now complete and a year after the old bells rang for the last time the new ones are ringing afresh. It is estimated that the whole of the work has cost some £3,500.

The dedication of the bells, clock and chimes was performed at the early Communion service, the officiant being the Provost, the Very Rev. W. Kay.

Under the leadership of Mr. T. Wilson, Ringing Master, the bells were rung both before and after the morning service, which was attended by the Mayor (Councillor W. Horne) and members of the Town Council.

The address was given by Rev. A. C. F. Davies, Croydon, a former Precentor of the Cathedral, who said he had taken as a pivot for their thoughts the words from the Book of Proverbs, 'have good things in possession,' and he wanted to apply them to the new ring of bells which now formed a worthy part of their Cathedral Church. Now at last they possessed a grand ring of bells which would take its place beside the other fine rings of ten in the country. But they must not be content merely to possess these 'good things': they must also, as far as humanly possible, 'have them in possession.' All of them possessed many things which were of little use unless they 'had them in possession.' That was not always easy. Very often it demanded effort, concentration and self-denial and much patience. They might just as well not have any possessions if they were not making the right use of them. The 'good things' they possessed were a trust from God, and He wanted them to 'have them in possession.'

Ringing demanded competent and reliable leadership. They had been most fortunate in having such leadership over a long period of years. And it was a fitting tribute to the quality of that leadership that the name of W. E. Wilson, a ringer at their church from 1887-1943, and for part of that time Master of the belfry, should be inscribed, together with that of the present Master, on the new treble bell. The Lancashire Association would rejoice to have another good centre for its meetings. But there was a real danger that a good ring of bells would attract the 'peal grabbers,' as they were known in the Exercise. Peals for peals sake should not be allowed in the towers of cathedral churches. The very best ringing should be that which preceded corporate worship, of which the ringing was itself a part.

At the evening service the Archdeacon of Blackburn (Ven. C. H. Lambert) spoke on the subject of bells and their significance.

There is no doubt the ring will rank with some of the finest in the country, and will be fully in keeping with the dignity of the Cathedral in its finished state.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO RINGERS OF FOUR BELLS

Dear Sir,—As has been shown in previous issues of 'The Ringing World,' four-and-twenties are available both in hunt-dominated and in hunt-free methods.

Let us take the hunt-dominated methods first.

In every hunt-dominated method two four-and-twenties are available according to the nature of the whole hunt (one variation with forward and one with reverse hunting). In addition, each of the four bells may be used as the whole hunt, thus providing eight four-and-twenties for each hunt-dominated method.

Now these hunt-dominated methods are made up from only four kinds of cone work, viz.: Hunting (A), Plain Bob (B), Grandsire (C), and Grandsire Bob (D).

A 1234	B 1234	C 1234	D 1234
2143	2143	2143	2143
2413	2413	2413	2413
4231	4231	2431	2431
4321	2431	2341	4231
3412	4213	2314	4213
3142	4123	2134	4123
1324	1432	1243	1432
1234	1342	1423	1342

(Note: The above illustrates the cone work at the front.)

Now each of the above cones may be used with any of the others or itself, in the opposite cone, to produce a method; these methods are given by the appended diagram, in which

Now some of these diagrams represent vertical columns represent rear cone work and horizontal rows the front cone work:—

	A	B	C	D
A	AA	AB	AC	AD
B	BA	BB	BC	BD
C	CA	CB	CC	CD
D	DA	DB	DC	DD

methods: AB being Plain Bob; BA, Reverse Bob; BB, Double Bob, etc.; DB thus being

Reverse Bob Grandsire Bob Minimus, and DD is Double Grandsire Bob Minimus.

On inspection AA, BC, CB, CD and DC are worthless as not giving true four-and-twenties. BB, CC, DD are the three double methods; AB, AC, AD, BD are the four single methods; BA, CA, DA and DB are the four reverse methods. A total of eleven methods, giving, therefore, as explained above, 88 four-and-twenties.

Since in hunt-dominated methods the course contains 24 changes with three 'working' bells, the unit (also called a lead or grid) must have a maximum length of eight changes, so also in the hunt-free methods, with four working bells, the grid has a maximum length of six changes (or rows).

Now the only six (so far as the author knows) which when thus employed will give a true four-and-twenty is the Stedman Slow Six.

There are, therefore, only twelve different four-and-twenties obtainable (as shown by J. M. Stephens in issue 2,002, page 392 of 'The Ringing World').

SPLICED MINIMUS.

Only one hundred four-and-twenties are obtainable by the above methods, and in order to obtain a 5,000 it is necessary to resort to splicing. Using the notation given above, the following pairs of methods contain the same changes in a lead (the naming is the author's):

Reverse Grandsire (CA), Double Grandsire (CC); Reverse Bob (BA), Reverse Grandsire Bob (DA); Double Bob (BB), Reverse Bob Grandsire Bob (DB); Double Bob Grandsire Bob (DD), Bob Grandsire Bob (BD).

By inspection it is clear that each of these pairs will give six true four-and-twenties, e.g. (first pair):—

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1st lead	CC	CA	CA	CA	CC	CC
2nd lead	CA	CC	CA	CC	CA	CC
3rd lead	CA	CA	CC	CC	CC	CA

but this is only with one hunt, hunting forward, with the four bells as whole hunt in turn and employing reverse hunting there are, of course (4 x 6 x 8 = 192), 192 further four-and-twenties.

The total of four-and-twenties thus revealed is 292, but only 210 are required for the 5,040.

Omitting the hunt-free methods we have 280 four-and-twenties or 6,720 rows. Adding in the hunt-free four-and-twenties we have 7,008 changes.

I trust that ringers of Minimus will find this sufficient for their needs at present.

PHILIP P. CARTER

(attached Sowerby St. Peter's).

KAK HANDED?

Dear Sir,—Nice to find someone who sweeps and shovels my way. Still, Sam Jones always was 'O.K.ard.' Ever seen a left-handed scythe, Sam?

D. 'C.' V. By circumstances—Cheshire.

BLUE LINE RINGING

Sir,—There seems to be an opinion I denounced the principle of the Blue Line system of ringing a method in my letter on 'Rhythm' which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on August 5th. I did not. What I tried to emphasise was the necessity of giving learners to understand they were all ringing on the same line, but at different places, and to get the best ringing it was an advantage if rhythm could be introduced, which would prevent a number of persons ringing as individuals, but instilling in them team work. 'Blue Line Ringer,' signed by John Goodall, is completely off the track of my letter.—Yours faithfully,

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

DORSET AND SOMERSET INVADE DEVON.

On August 27th, a mixed band from Dorset and Somerset, with their wives and friends, invaded North Devon. Starting from Hazelbury Bryan at 7.40 with the first contingent the coach reached King's Stag, where ringers and friends from Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton and Buckland Newton were added to the load.

At Yeovil the Hardington Mandeville lads and lasses were picked up and then off non-stop through lovely scenery to Bampton, dead on schedule. No one was able to meet the party, but the local captain had labelled the treble rope with a note that all was in order. After an hour's ringing on this nice six (tenor 15½ cwt.), a move was made for Okeford, where the church was found to be in vigorous state of 'spring cleaning.' This fairly light eight (tenor 12½ cwt.) caused anxiety to many owing to the longish draught and small ringing chamber, also the ropes were very hard and dry. Sandwich lunch was partaken of on the coach, the 'local,' or both alternatively!

The party then set off for Knowstone after one false start. Why cannot the Devon C.C. inform one that a road is unfit for heavy traffic instead of letting one get at least half a mile down a lane when the lane suddenly narrows to less than the width of the coach? On ringing up the six at Knowstone (tenor 12 cwt.) the bells were found to be unmanageable, as the lowest sally could only just be reached by the tallest ringer. After consultation with the Vicar, 'Bert' climbed up into the tower with two others and let the ropes down about a foot. This made ringing possible, but everyone came to the conclusion that the hearings must have been oval!

At Rose Ash we were welcomed by the local captain, a keen competition ringer, and to

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judge by the awards around the walls a good band it must be too. Here we found a lovely ring of six (tenor 10 cwt.), and although told that they had not been rehung for at least 40 years, the 'go' was perfect. After ringing the visitors indulged in raising and falling in Devon style. In the wall of this church is a tablet to the memory of the late Vicar, who died in 1948, the last and eighth of the same family who had held the living without a break from 1675-1948. Tea was served in Rose Ash Court, a wonderful old house converted to a modern guest house.

Up to this moment the expedition had been well up to schedule, but now trouble started. The signposts cheerfully stated 'To Mariansleigh,' which was the next tower on the list. After proceeding down two 'roads' which seemed to go on for miles, their eventual narrowness necessitating two long 'back-outs,' our very patient driver decided that it was getting a bit too late to go on looking for 'Many Ann,' and although rather disappointed, the travellers agreed with him. So off to South Molton with its glorious tower and magnificent eight (tenor 24½ cwt.). Although early for ringing, the local captain was waiting, and the party stayed till about 8.

With a stop near Taunton for those who found their bearings getting dry and dropping off sections en route, the coach got back to base at 11.50 after a round trip of 175 miles. The weather had been kind; permission had been freely given by the local incumbents, to whom hearty thanks are due, also to the locals who met us and, last but not least, to the driver—perhaps it was a good thing for us that he is an occasional ringer. E.T.P.F.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

Balcombe ringers and friends held their annual outing on August 6th, travelling by coach to New Romney. The fine ring of bells (although the ropes fall anti-clockwise) were soon going to Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire. Lunch at Canterbury was followed by a visit to the Cathedral. Mr. Unwin, of the Cathedral band, conducted the party to the belfry, and for the next hour rounds, Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung. Tea followed in Canterbury, and then Rolvenden was visited, where Mr. Macey, from Sutton Valence, was met. Here new ropes and a long draught did not help the ringing, but it was enjoyed. Balcombe was reached a few minutes before 11 p.m. E. T. E.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.

The Biggleswade District ringers had excellent weather for their outing on August 20th. The bus left Henlow at 7.30 a.m., going via St. Neots and Cambridge to Long Melford, where after some delay the key was procured and the bells soon got going. The next stop was at Lavenham (8). What a climb to the ringing chamber! Before the afternoon's ringing at Bocking (8) and Baintree (8), the party enjoyed lunch at the Four Swans, Sudbury.

Dunmow was reached by 4.30. Here Mr. W. H. Smith and the other ringers had an excellent tea waiting. This was followed by an hour in the local tower. Ringing at Thaxted brought a most successful and enjoyable day to a close. Ringing had ranged from rounds to Superlative.

The party would like to offer thanks to the rectors and local ringers for arranging tea and Mr. Lewis H. Bywaters for his excellent arrangements. C. J. B.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*STEPHEN IVIN Treble	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 4
†JOHN B. LONG 2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 5
CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. First peal as conductor.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIDNEY R. LINNETT ... Treble	FRANK C. MAY ... 4
HARRY STERBINGS ... 2	GERALD FROST ... 5
WILLIAM S. MAY ... 3	PETER J. EVES ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

SIDNEY ANSELL ... Treble	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	HENRY C. WEAVER ... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Enid Lonnen.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*THOS. TEMPLETON ... Treble	CYRIL TYLER ... 4
J. HARRY COOK ... 2	J. WILLIAM SMITH ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	†H. GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor away from treble.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G sharp.

*BRIAN R. SULLIVAN ... Treble	RALPH BIRD ... 4
†ROYDON DAVIES ... 2	LEONARD A. TIDY ... 5
†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	†FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡ 250th peal.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

REGINALD L. SILLS ... Treble	EDNA M. SILLS ... 4
PETER C. WRIGHT ... 2	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 5
JOHN L. MORRIS ... 3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Fulbeck, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN ELLERTON ... Treble	JACK BRAY ... 4
GEORGE W. MOODY ... 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 3	PHILIP BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

A. JORDAN ... 1-2	A. BALLARD ... 3-4
HECTOR KNIGHTS ... 5-6	

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 1-2	*PATRICK PRESTON ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4	†FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First away from tenors. † First handbell peal in method.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED T. JORDAN ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	*TERENCE A. THORNBURY ... 7-8

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on handbells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 56, BANK HEY LANE SOUTH, LITTLE HARWOOD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

FRANK HEYS ... 1-2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3-4
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,248 Little Bob, 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,344 Double Bob and 960 Reverse Bob, with 300 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

*WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* 50th peal together 'in hand.'

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 1-2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4	†PATRICK PRESTON ... 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Triples away from tenors. † First handbell peal in method.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT 52, ACACIA ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*JOHN B. LONG ... 1-2	†J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 3-4
CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 5-6	

Conducted by CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD.

* First peal. † First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7-8

Composed by G. HUGHES. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Unveiling of War Memorial

An impressive ceremony took place at Taynton (Oxon) Parish Church on Sunday evening, August 27th, when the Chaplain to the Fleet, the Rev. L. Coulshaw, unveiled and dedicated a tablet in memory of the men of the parish, William Ernest Tyrell and Thomas Ernest Francis (a ringer at the church), who gave their lives in the second World War. The service was accompanied by musicians from the Royal Naval School of Music, Burford.

As a tribute to their memory, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung before the service by W. J. Dixon 1, F. Soden 2, Miss N. Honey 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 5, T. W. Timms 6. This was the first of Kent Minor on the bells and by all excepting the ringer of the 3rd.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT DROGHEDA.

A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern Districts was held at St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, on August 27th, and was attended by 80 members from Londonderry, Bangor, Hollywood, Arklow, Bray, Dublin (St. George's, St. John the Baptist's and Christ Church Cathedral) and Drogheda. The Leicester ringers, who were on tour, led by Mr. Harold J. Poole, and Miss Rodwell, from Oxford, were also present.

Tea was provided. At the meeting afterwards there was no business, but Mr. W. Graham, president, welcomed the visitors to Drogheda, stating that he deputised for the Rector, who was on holiday.

Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Irish Association, also greeted the English ringers, especially Mr. Poole's party, saying he had himself been born not far from Leicester.

Mr. Dukes apologised for the absence of the chairman of the Eastern District, Mr. Daniel Kennedy, who was also on holiday. He said that they were very pleased to have the Leicester ringers, under the leadership of such a very capable and popular ringer as Harold Poole.

Mr. Poole, in his reply, said that the tour had been planned two years ago, and as a memento and appreciation for all the arrangements made in Ireland for their enjoyment, he presented Mr. Dukes with a suitably inscribed silver drinking mug. Mr. Dukes, who was taken by surprise, thanked the visitors for their gift, which would always be valued and be a reminder of 'happy days.'

Votes of thanks were passed to the local company and especially to the ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Emerson.

The gathering was then entertained to ringing on handbells (change ringing, tune ringing and 'rising and falling') by the Leicester visitors.

The bells of St. Peter's Church were put to good use from early morning until late evening, when Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and Bristol were rung.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held a special meeting at Highweek Parish Church, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, August 27th, when members and friends attended from Braintree (Essex), Hurst (Berks), Broadclyst, Exeter, Axminster, Newton Abbot, Dartmouth and Buckfastleigh.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon, some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major being rung.

A service was later held in church, conducted by the Rev. E. W. F. Deacon, assistant priest, at which a collection was taken for the repairs fund of the church. Handbells were afterwards rung over the graves of Messrs. C. R. Lilley and C. R. Walker by Messrs. J. E. Lilley, A. L. Bennett, I. Suckling and F. Wreford.

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The Essex Association of Change Ringers. Hon. General Secretary and Treasurer, Robert C. Heazel, The School House, Wimbush, Saffron Walden, Essex. 5729

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STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—Dedication of the new treble bell in memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell and of the restored five will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampton. The bells have been tuned and rehung with new bearings, etc., in an entirely new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Numbers for tea to Mrs. E. S. Powell, East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham, by Sept. 26th, please. 5740

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Brasted, Sept. 10th. Brasted bells from 3 p.m. Ringing, Sevenoaks 3 to 4 and Sundridge after tea. Tea 5 p.m. 5690

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The meeting arranged to take place at Boughton Monchelsea on Sept. 10th has been cancelled owing to serious illness near the church. 5669

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting, Grantham, on Sept. 10th. Tea 6 p.m. at the Angel Hotel. 5667

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Little Waltham (6), Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 5636

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kingswinford, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. 3d.) in Church Hall 5.30. 5664

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting, Colston Bassett, Sept. 10th. 5678

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Pakefield, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. 5660

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Goodworth Clatford (6), Sept. 10th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage. Ringing after tea and Abbots Ann (5) 6—9. 5666

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6) on Sept. 10th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5687

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Church Stretton, Sept. 10th. 3. 5724

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Northill, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Numbers limited to 30. 5721

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Next meeting, Old Brampton (6), Saturday, Sept. 10th. 3. Names to Mr. J. Collis, Old Brampton.—C. G. Briggs, Hon. Sec. 5722

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Elland, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 3s. 6d. per head. 5692

SWAINSWICK, NEAR BATH.—A ringers' service will be held on Sept. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea after. 5709

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6), Sept. 10th. Tea at The Anchor. Names to Mr. A. L. Ryman, Perry Hill Cottages, Hartfield. 5702

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Sept. 10th. 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ditchling (8) available after tea if numbers warrant. 5699

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Enderby, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at New Inn 5.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 5763

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, Sept. 10th. 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Ringing to resume at 6.30 till 9.—R. H. Begrie. 5728

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West District.—A meeting will be held at Clavering (6) on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Sept. 14th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5700

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Peering (8), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kelvedon bells available during the evening.—H. A. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5712

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Badgeworth (6), Sept. 17th. 3.30. Tea 5. Names required by 12th.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 5663

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Quarterly, Topsham, Sept. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Sept. 12th to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 5689

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. General Committee meet 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall, near church. Service, St. George's Parish Church, 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. per head), Memorial Hall, 5 p.m., only to those who notify Mr. R. C. Westney, 96, Edlington Lane, Doncaster, by the 15th. General meeting follows immediately. All members are asked to note arrangements as no customary handbills will be issued.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 5694

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Orston, Sept. 17th, 2.30. Send me card for tea by 13th. Come and enjoy yourself!—J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 5695

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Henley, Sept. 17th. Bells 3. Bring own food.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5640

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Cambridge and Hunts Districts at Bourn, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Tea and cakes provided. Please bring some food.—H. L. Martin, S. Gilbert, Dis. Secs. 5726

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Iwerne Minster, Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Hon. Sec., Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 5734

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Wisborough Green (6), Sept. 17th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Sept. 14th to Hon. Div. Sec. 5733

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Woodchurch (6), Saturday, Sept. 17th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea (probably at small charge) only for those notifying me by 12th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5765

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Wickwar (6), Sept. 17th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Sept. 14th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 5760

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Practice meeting at Middlezoy, Saturday, Sept. 17th, 6.30-9 p.m.—R. Short, Hon. Sec. 5761

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Sept. 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. 5753

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly business meeting Bolney (8), Sept. 17th, 3. Tea; names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by 14th. 5743

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of the Peterborough Branch at Maxey on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney St., Peterborough. 5738

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10), Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea provided for all who send names to J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 5737

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells at 2.30. Tea for those who send in names to Mr. F. G. Bradley, New Road Parade, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley, before September 14th.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley, Hon. Secs. 5736

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fairford, Sept. 17th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Service 6. Card for tea, please, by Sept. 12th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 5757

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Publow, Sept. 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5762

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Abergele, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 2. Service 3. Meeting and tea to follow. Names by Wednesday, Sept. 14th.—W. Cathall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 5767

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Northampton on Sept. 24th. St. Sepulchre's bells, 2.15 to 3 p.m.; St. Peter's 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles' 7 to 8 p.m.; Moulton, 7.15 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. M. Valentine, Billing Arbours, Moulton, Northampton, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 20th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 5732

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Drayton, Sept. 24th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon. 5730

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Westoning on Sept. 24th. Please note date. Bells (6) at 3. Tea at 5.—Valerie Willard, Hon. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 5706

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Buckerell, Sept. 24th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea after by ticket only (2s.) to Mr. F. Parr, Butts, Buckerell, Honiton, not later than Sept. 19th. There is a good bus service from Honiton and Sidmouth Junction.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec., 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 5739

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival and dinner will be held at Durham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The Association service will be held at 3 p.m. in conjunction with the Cathedral evensong, after which the bells will be available. Committee meeting in choirmen's vestry immediately after service. The dinner, followed by the meeting, will be held at the Three Tuns Hotel at 6, price 9s. each. Will persons intending being present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 21st?—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 5759

OXFORD GUILD AND LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting Saturday, Sept. 24th, Farnham Royal, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Stokes Poges 6. Names for tea by Sept. 19th. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5758

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting Ashford, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by Sept. 21st to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 5764

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, Sept. 24th, not 17th. Bells available 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting 6.30.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5755

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at Old Coudson, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Notice for tea essential to F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, by Thursday, Sept. 22nd. Buses 166a, 409, 411, from West Croydon.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 5751

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Meeting Nayland (6), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cafes available.—J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec. 5748

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION AND ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting of Stroud Branch and 263rd anniversary of the above society at Painswick on Sept. 24th. Bells (12) at 2.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Glos, by Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 25th. Ringing at 9.15, 2 and 5. 5744

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Old Hill on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.45. Guild service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for same Sept. 20th, please.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., Hall Park St., Bilston. 5747

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District Branch.—Meeting at Wissett Sept. 24th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold. Please give full support. 5746

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Colsterworth (6), Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to branch secretary before 17th, please.—Bernard H. Dalton, Branch Sec. 5741

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kingsbridge, Sept. 24th. Special coach from Plymouth, 2 p.m. Seats 7s. 6d. each. Names to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5739

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Uttoxeter postponed until Saturday, Sept. 24th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 125, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5735

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, Sept. 24th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 5769

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Whitechurch Canoniconum, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follows. Please notify.—C. H. Lathey. 5768

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Waltham Abbey (12), Sept. 24th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Sept. 22nd to Mrs. C. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey. 5756

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Lightcliffe on October 1st. Draw 2.45 p.m. For teas notify F. W. Bradley, 7, Holme Terrace, Lightcliffe, Halifax, by Sept. 24th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 5731

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—The annual combined meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45. A hearty welcome to all.—A. G. Hill and R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5752

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Blossom's Hotel, Chester, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 7.30. Accommodation limited. Please apply for tickets (10s. 6d. each) and enclose remittance before Saturday, Sept. 24th.—Rev. J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 5745

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) obtainable from branch and general sec. on receipt of remittance (not later than Monday, Sept. 26th). Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), from 3 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeborough, Evesham. 5742

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements will be published shortly. Tickets (12s. 6d.) each available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited. Send for your ticket now!—Peter N. Bond, Assist. Hon. Sec., 30, Elvaston Place, S.W.7. 5749

KINGSBURY, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: E. Southgate (first quarter) 1, W. D. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, J. Goodall 4, A. E. Hoare 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6, W. A. Theobald 7, A. F. Warren 8.

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The six bells were rung prior to service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Canon A. L. Helps, assisted by the branch chairman, the Rev. Canon A. W. Markby. The address was based on two simple words from the Parable of the Talents, 'Well done,' the Vicar emphasising that this phrase was the reward of courage and faithfulness.

The business meeting was conducted by the chairman. Two applicants, Miss H. Godley and Miss I. Cordier, both of Stratton, were admitted to membership of the branch. The meeting agreed that the branch should celebrate the 80th birthday of the president of the Guild (the Earl of Shaftesbury) by ringing wherever it was possible on August 31st.

A plan devised by the Deputy Ringing Master to divide the branch into three geographical areas (north, south and west) was left for discussion at the annual general meeting.

After the meeting the bells were kept going until 9 p.m., the methods rung including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Thirteen towers were represented.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Moore 1, P. Jones 2, R. C. Noon (cond.) 3, Rev. R. H. Palmer 4, L. H. Battison 5, F. Attewell 6. First quarter 1 and 6. In honour of the wedding of Mr. P. Booth and Miss A. Gower.

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