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TWELVE-BELL TOWERS

By ALBERT WALKER

THE dedication by the Lord Bishop of Worcester of the new twelve in the famous Bell Tower at Evesham, Worcestershire, on Saturday, September 8th, adds yet another to the growing list of twelve-bell towers, and it is well to be reminded that in the 'Clavis Campanologia' of 1788 there were only eight such rings, four of them being in London, while in Shipway's 1816 edition the number had increased to thirteen. A hundred years later there were 31 and they are gradually increasing until to-day the writer can count 56 twelve-bell towers in England and Wales. These include the new Liverpool Cathedral twelve now awaiting dedication, and at the time of writing there is an announcement in the public Press that these bells will be rung on September 25th when Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh embark at Liverpool for their American and Canadian tour.

The 56 does not include those twelve-bell rings that were destroyed by enemy action, viz., at Great Yarmouth and the London twelves at Bow, Cheapside, St. Bride's and Cripplegate—all a very serious loss, though there is no doubt that in good time these rings will be restored. The authorities at Cripplegate have already taken steps to replace their twelve bells.

We may ask what is the ringing position at all these twelve-bell towers and have they each a twelve-bell band to ring them! In some centres there is good progress and peals of Cinques and Maximus are fairly frequent. In others little news is published, although the bells may be rung for services, etc. The absence of information suggests a lack of recruits. Greatest factors against a full complement of ringers are the counter attractions of to-day which did not exist in the earlier years and also the call-up of youth for National Service. With this in mind, wherever possible youth should be encouraged to take up the art of ringing—starting, of course, on the lesser numbers.

Twelve-bell ringing requires very correct handling by each to obtain good striking, and for those who have not the facilities for twelve-bell practice, it is a greater proposition than going from eight to ten bells. The writer, having had facilities for twelve-bell ringing with a good company of ringers throughout the years and also the pleasure of meeting many ringers, has noticed the tendency of some, while keeping a fair handstroke, to ring the back-stroke blow much too close with resultant uneven striking.

Again each ring of bells according to their weights have their own pace and the number of changes rung per minute must be varied accordingly, for there is nothing worse, in the writer's opinion, than listening to twelve bells being rung too quickly. Each bell, whether large or small, must be struck with great care to obtain the necessary good striking.

DOUBLES AND MINOR

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

THE question of Doubles and Minor has always been an interesting one. In the early days of ringing the word 'peal' referred to the extent in any method, and for this reason a six-score of Doubles or a 720 of Minor was designated a peal. The old text books show how to produce 'the whole peal' of Grandsire Doubles, and Jasper Snowdon in 'Ropesight' provides a variety of extents of Bob Minor with explanatory comments on each 'peal.' It is not unusual, too, to find in old records the account of 5,040 of Doubles made up of '42 peals,' or the mention of 'seven complete peals of Minor.'

With our modern conception of a peal it is not, of course, possible in the strictest sense to ring a peal of Doubles or Minor at all. The best we can do is to ring the extent so many times, the minimum being seven times in the case of Minor and forty-two times in the case of Doubles. Such a performance ranks as a peal, and rightly so, and is published in the same way as peals on higher numbers.

Less than sixty years ago, however, 5,000's of Minor and Doubles were not accorded the honour of a normal peal report. 'The Bell News' published such lengths in a special section under the heading 'Performances on Five and Six Bells,' and even then the Editor seemed not too well disposed towards peals on five and six bells. Frequently there were disparaging remarks, particularly about peals of Doubles, and on one occasion at least a highly meritorious performance on five bells was relegated to the column of touches with some caustic comments on the names of some of the methods. The Editor's action brought forth a protest from the Secretary of the Central Council.

At this time the clever six-bell ringers of the North were taken severely to task for their multi-method peals, in which they frequently rang 14 methods, performing a 360 of each method. A great battle raged over these perform-

ances, the more pedantic members of the Central Council arguing that only true 720's should be rung, and the six-bell men retorting that fourteen 360's in fourteen methods were worth far more than seven 720's of Bob Minor. The great champions of the Minor ringers were George Bolland and William Snowdon, and the struggle for recognition went on for several years. The Central Council never completely gave in on the matter, while Mr. Snowdon and Mr. Bolland never ceased to attack what they regarded as the unreasonable obstinacy of the ruling body of the Exercise. The matter found its rest only when the brothers Bankes James and Law James drew attention to the fact that it was possible to have two methods in a true 720. Light dawned slowly, but at last the six-bell men saw the possibilities revealed by this elementary splicing, and 360's ceased to be rung.

Since those days the splicing of Minor methods has advanced very far, but the ringers of Doubles have not yet perhaps realised the scope for splicing, nor has investigation gone very far into this interesting field.

A WEST COUNTRY TOUR

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER <i>Treble</i>	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

CULLOMPTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*J. EDWARD CAWSE .. <i>Treble</i>	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
GIBSON JACKSON .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
†J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* 100th peal together. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

UFFCULME, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

GIBSON JACKSON .. <i>Treble</i>	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal of London on the bells.

TIVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

WALTER ALLMAN .. <i>Treble</i>	*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

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

LITTLEHAM, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. <i>Treble</i>	HENRY O. BAKER .. 5
*GIBSON JACKSON .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 7
*J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* 50th peal together. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BOVEY TRACEY, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILFRID F. MORETON .. <i>Treble</i>	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
GIBSON JACKSON .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

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

CHUDLEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARTIN AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

MICHAEL P. MORETON .. <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ALLMAN .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A sharp.

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. <i>Treble</i>	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

J. MARTIN THORLEY .. <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5
GIBSON JACKSON .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BODMIN, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROC.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY .. 5
GIBSON JACKSON .. 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
The first peal of Lincolnshire in the county and for the Guild.

MADRON, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MADDERN,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

C. KENNETH LEWIS .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 6
JOHN WORTH .. 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
First peal on the augmented bells, the most westerly octave in Great Britain.

GULVAL, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,

A PEAL OF 5056 DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*HENRY O. BAKER .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 3	*GIBSON JACKSON .. 7
*J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4	*WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal on the bells. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

C. KENNETH LEWIS .. Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY .. 5
*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

ST. DENYS, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5056 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in G.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. Treble	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
*First peal in the method. First peal in the method, in the county and for the Guild.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PROBUS AND GRACE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb.

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being in 12 methods, viz.: 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

FRED DUNKERLEY .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
WALTER ALLMAN .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (reversed). Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise in the county and for the Guild.

ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ENODER,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*HENRY O. BAKER .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 4	JOHN E. BIBBY .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
*150th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER .. Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 2	GIBSON JACKSON .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

HEAVITREE, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

JOHN E. BIBBY .. Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
A compliment to Miss Eileen Bastow, of Moorside, Oldham, on the occasion of her marriage.



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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5070 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT Treble	CYRIL G. J. WATTS 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 8
HORACE BELCHER 3	JAMES BULLOCK 9
HERBERT LANGDON 4	FREDERICK W. COLLINS .. 10
JOHN PHILLIPS 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 11
ALFRED B. PECK 6	WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Earl of Shaftesbury, also to Messrs. Herbert Langdon and J. Frank Smallwood.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 8
EVELYN M. FLETCHER 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
HENRY H. FEARN 5	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6	CHARLES RICHARDS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

The conductor's 100th peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	*WALTER FORD 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	†H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
GEORGE SAYER 3	*GEORGE W. PIPE 8
*HERBERT LASKEY 4	WILLIAM CLOVER 9
CECIL V. EBBERSON 5	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Little Bob. † First peal of Little Bob Royal. Composition contains 20 courses in Tittum and 32 in the 8-7-9-0 position.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. Treble	BERT GOGLE 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
WILLIAM LOVE 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 8
GEORGE W. PIPE 4	GEORGE SAYER 9
ARTHUR G. BASON 5	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on ten bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

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

ELSIE WALKER Treble	LEONARD HILL 6
*JOHN R. HEAP 2	DEREK OGDEN 7
JOAN CARTER 3	JAMES CARTER 8
BESSIE A. CARTER 4	RONALD M. EDWARDS .. 9
†NORMAN LEDGER 5	CHARLES L. CHEETHAM .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by JAMES CARTER.

* First 'touch' on ten. † First peal on ten. A memorial peal, fully muffled, as a tribute to Jack Stringfellow, a local ringer, who died in Australia as a result of a motor accident.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRYAN F. SIMS Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
*STANLEY H. WALLIS .. 2	RONALD J. SHARP 6
BRYAN S. COLE 3	*HAROLD W. SMITH 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Superlative.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	*WILLIAM LOVE 5
*ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	*BERT GOGLE 7
†H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	*GEORGE W. PIPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. In memoriam J. Lee, of Great Yarmouth, elected a member October 11th, 1911.

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
*MARION SKJNNER 2	†JOHN BERRY 6
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 3	PETER ANGER 7
BRIAN BLADON 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells, and the first peal on the eight bells since 1892.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*STANLEY W. COPLING .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
GEORGE SAYER 2	*JACK KING 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	GEORGE W. PIPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. N. Stevens, the Vicar's wife, and William J. Lee, who was interred at Yarmouth that afternoon.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	
*JAMES L. FITZGERALD (13) Treble	LEONARD I. HULBERT .. 5
†BRYNLEY J. PARRY (12) .. 2	DONALD G. CLARKE 6
†JOHN E. MORGAN (15) .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL 7
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 4	DAVID S. VOSS Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal. Fiftieth peal as conductor.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

*STANLEY ANDERTON .. Treble	JAMES W. METCALFE .. 5
JOHN F. WOOD 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 6
JOHN BAGNALL 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
JAMES E. BURLS 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.
 THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK SHERATON .. Treble	ROBERT BELL 5
ERIC N. HARRISON .. . 2	THOMAS W. CROWE .. . 6
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. . 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. . 7
JOHN ANDERSON .. . 4	HARRY PARKES .. . Tenor

 Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
 * First peal in the method 'inside.'

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.
 THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 17½ cwt.

B. SKELTON .. . Treble	*W. TYSON .. . 5
A. COWAN .. . 2	P. DRAFFAN .. . 6
*J. A. AINSWORTH .. . 3	S. THOMPSON .. . 7
R. OLIVER .. . 4	D. DODD .. . Tenor

 Conducted by D. DODD.
 * First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Mr. Edmund Henderson and Miss Dorothy Towers, whose marriage took place the same day.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
 THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).
 Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. . 5
*DEREK G. GOODMAN .. . 2	JOHN B. BENNETT .. . 6
†DAVID S. HARRIS .. . 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. . 7
‡JOHN M. MYATT .. . 4	JOHN GRANT .. . Tenor

 Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
 * First peal of Grandsire Triples and first in method on tower bells.
 † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. Treble	†DAVID W. BEARD .. . 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. . 2	FRANK V. GANT .. . 6
FREDERICK J. HOUSDEN .. . 3	†CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON .. . 7
†COLIN E. WRIGHT .. . 4	†HARRY TURNER .. . Tenor

 Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
 * First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Rung, with the congratulations of the band and Association, for the 82nd birthday of Richard W. Stannard, life member of the Association.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,
A PEAL OF 5136 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
 Containing 1,392 changes of Little Bob, 1,344 of Plain, 1,248 of Double, 576 each of Reverse Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, the 120 course ends, tenors together; 353 changes of method.
 Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ERNEST G. SHORTING .. Treble	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. . 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. . 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. . 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. . 3	BERT GOGLE .. . 7
GEORGE SAYER .. . 4	*GEORGE W. PIPE .. . Tenor

 Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
 * First peal of five spliced and on bells.

WHITCHURCH, CANONICORUM, DORSET.
 THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

HAROLD J. ARSCOTT .. Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. . 5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. . 2	NORMAN MALLETT .. . 6
JACK W. DREW .. . 3	HENRY G. KEELEY .. . 7
ROGER KEELEY .. . 4	JOHN BRAMLEY .. . Tenor

 Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN BRAMLEY.
 First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to the sixth ringer and also to the mother of the seventh ringer.



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SIX BELL PEALS

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 10, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JEAN HAYNESTreble	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 4
*GEORGE CHALLANS 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
*JOAN SMITH3	HERBERT T. ROOKE.. .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in six methods. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean Haynes.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr.

HORACE BENNETTTreble	†W. ALLAN RICHARDSON.. 4
JOHN E. ALLEN2	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. 5
*WILLIAM A. HOLMES 3	†C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*G. GOULDINGTreble	R. TALBOT4
D. WOODWARD2	M. PAGE5
J. WISEMAN3	G. PAGETenor

Conducted by M. PAGE.

* First peal. First peal in six methods by all the band. Mr. J. Wiseman has now rung peals of Minor from one to seven methods. A farewell to Mr. R. Talbot.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge and Killamarsh. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR B. CRAWFORD ..Treble	*ERNEST PRESTON 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
GRACE BURCHNALL 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells. Birthday compliments to Mrs. Barton (aged 88) and Miss H. Denman (aged 90), former residents of this parish.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

ERNEST MORRISTreble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
GEORGE ROOME2	PERCY AMOS5
*ALBERT E. GOODMAN .. 3	HARRY WOODING Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. Specially rung to mark the 250th anniversary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Wooding.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Plain and Double Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRYAN S. COPETreble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

A birthday greeting to Richard Cullingworth, of Ashford, Kent.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Fri., Sept. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CLIVE M. SMITHTreble	ERNEST STITCH 4
J. NORMAN HADLEY 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.. 3	HOWARD HOWELL Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Killamarsh, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRETTTreble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 4
GEORGE CHALLANS 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
ERNEST PRESTON3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

Rung during the Festival Week of this parish.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT E. SYMONDS ..Treble	*WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 4
*PETER W. CROFT 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS .. 5
*CHARLES H. BYSOUTH .. 3	FRANK W. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal in seven methods.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ..Treble	MAX PAGE4
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
CHARLES E. FISHER 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Quickest peal on these bells.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

*GILBERT POMEROYTreble	VICTOR SAVAGE 4
†JOHN FOWLER2	DAVID HOARE5
RONALD G. BECK3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 8, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. COLUMB.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 23 cwt.

*JOAN MCKINLAYTreble	†WILLIAM YOUNG 4
†LILY HUGHES2	JOHN CAMPBELL 5
JOHN J. FIELDING 3	†DAVID DUNSEITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CAMPBELL. Witness: AUBREY FIELDING.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Doubles for all and on the bells. First peal on tower bells as conductor. A Festival of Britain peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 20, 1951, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BELFREY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Spliced Chase and Antelope, London No. 1, London No. 2, Spliced Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and St. Dunstan's, Plain Bob, Northrepps, April Day, Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps, Spliced Morning Star and Earl Soham, and 31 extents of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4

KEITH E. LOVETT .. 5-6

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.

First peal in 15 methods by all and first peal in 15 Doubles methods 'in hand' for the Guild. A compliment to Keith E. Lovett and Betty Smith, who recently became engaged.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BELFREY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Spliced Chase and Antelope, London No. 1, London No. 2, Spliced Dream, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, Earl Soham, Spliced April Day and Primrose, Place Bob, two extents of Northrepps, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and 24 extents of Grandsire and one 240 (Morris's arrangement). Tenor size 11 in G.

*F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4

KEITH E. LOVETT .. 5-6

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

*25th peal. First peal in 17 methods by all. First peal in 17 methods 'in hand' for the Guild.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four different callings. Tenor size 12 in E flat.

TERENCE R. KIRCHIN .. 1-2 | DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3-4

*HARRY POYNER .. 5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.

** First peal in the method.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 3, 1951, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes,

IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BELFREY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Spliced Chase and Antelope, London No. 1, London, No. 2, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Shipway's Place Bob, St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, April Day, Northrepps, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps, St. Nicholas', Wickenham, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Primrose, and Clifford's Pleasure, and 23 extents of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5-6

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LOWE.

First peal in 20 methods by all. First peal in 20 Doubles methods 'in hand' for the Guild.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours,

AT 8, BEVERIDGE STREET,

A PEAL OF 5400 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 45 six-scores. Tenor size 11 in G.

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. LOWE .. 3-4

*ARTHUR BAILEY (Llangollen) 5-6

Conducted by F. KEVON THOMPSON.

* First peal.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 5, 1951, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,

AT OAKLEIGH, ELMGROVE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

JOAN BUSSEY .. 1-2 | LESLIE BARRY .. 3-4

DORIS SHEPPARD .. 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

A birthday compliment to Joan Bussey.

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LATE NEWS

The new Liverpool Cathedral bells will be rung for the first time on Tuesday, September 25th, when Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh drive round the city before sailing for Canada.

Mr. W. Fright, for 23 years secretary of the Hythe, Kent, band, died on September 11th, aged 89.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has rung his 100th peal on 12 bells at the third attempt. At Wolverhampton on July 26th, the clapper of the 11th broke after three hours' ringing, and at St. Martin's on September 4th the clapper of the third came out after eight courses.

His first peal on 12 was in February, 1923, and included some old stalwarts such as James George, Sam Groves, John Neal, James Shepherd (whose fierce moustache rather alarmed his namesake), Albert Scriven, Tom Russam and, of course, Albert Walker, who took part in the 100th peal.

The peal finished at 9.50 p.m. and, writes Mr. Shepherd, 'I do not think I am mistaken in recalling that we scrambled down from the tower to find that a certain well-known gentleman (who has lately been Lord Mayor of a prominent British city) had, with great humanity and deep insight, prepared refreshment at a nearby hostelry. May such deeds always be counted as righteousness!'

Owing to the church being required for other purposes, the Sussex Association (Eastern Division) meeting arranged for Bexhill to-morrow has been transferred to Christ Church, Eastbourne.

The peal of Double Norwich Court Boh Major at Bradford Cathedral on August 21st was rung half-muffled for Bishop Stanton Jones, who, whilst Vicar of Bradford, was instrumental in the restoration of the bells.

On September 4th the Ebbw Vale ringers and friends visited Llanelly (Brec.) and rang touches in the four standard methods on the occasion of Mr. Sidney Rackham's 75th birthday. Mr. Rackham has in his day been an enthusiastic ringer, with many peals to his credit, but is now unfortunately confined to his home through ill-health.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

In connection with the commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, at York, the Minster bells will be available for three periods on September 29th, viz., 11 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; 2.30 p.m.—3.55 p.m., 4.45 p.m. (approx)—5.30 p.m. (approx.). The Silver Jubilee of the rededication of the Minster bells will be commemorated by choral evensong at 4 p.m. There will be a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association after evensong.

History was made on the bells of London-derry Cathedral, five of which were given by King Charles I. in 1638, by the peal of Plain Bob Doubles on September 8th. So far as is known this was the first peal on the bells by the local service ringers.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Syston on September 9th was, by a coincidence, rung on the wedding day of Derek Leonard Johnson, son of W. Len Johnson, a former St. Margaret's (Leicester) ringer. A similar peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Belgrave, Leics, on the day the bridegroom was born, 21 years ago—March 8th, 1930. Both peals were conducted by Ernest Morris.

A big query is placed by one reader against the suggestion that the first ladies' peal was rung at Portishead (see Universities Association Week). He submits that this was rung at Cubitt Town, but adds that Portishead may have been the first tower to have a ladies' band.

Miss Winifred Keys' 13th peal, at Milland, Sussex, had rather a tense finish. Towards the end of the sixth extent the fifth rope began to shed strands of hemp which came floating down through the holes in the ceiling. After an admonition from the ringer of the second that it would be better to forget the rope and ring Plain Bob, the peal came round satisfactorily. According to the Vicar, the peal was the first on the bells since well before the last war.

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BARELY was the second tower complete when, in the early autumn of 1539, its architect, Clement Lichfield, the 55th and last lawful Abbot of the Great Abbey of Evesham, was bullied into abdication in favour of a traitor to the Order of St. Benedict, who would soon hand over its possessions to Thomas Cromwell.

Seven years later, when the old gentleman's body was brought from nearby Offenham and laid to rest beneath the High Altar of All Saints', the fate of his beloved tower was still in doubt.

The Abbey was quickly becoming a crumbling mass, ravaged and plundered by a people who had now become wholly Protestant, but the townspeople, with whose support the tower had been built, were able to save it intact and the building became the property of the borough. The cost of maintenance was not provided for and restoration was made a charge on the rates, but on one occasion only when, in 1644, six bells hung in the tower, two pre-Reformation, three by Henry Bagley of Chacombe, and the tenor by Oldfield, of Nottingham.

In 1741 the front five were recast, two added by Abel Rudhall and the Oldfield tenor retained. This eight was rung until 1821 when the tenor became cracked, and was recast by T. Mears, of London.

In 1910 further restoration was necessary and, augmented to ten, the bells were hung in an 'H' section frame by Barwells, of Birmingham.

In the late 1930's examination was made of the fabric and extensive restoration was found to be necessary. Although postponed through war and the costs having increased by thousands of pounds, the Bell Tower Restoration Committee was established in 1947, and a greater scheme involving the bells and clock was embarked upon.

RINGERS ACCEPT CHALLENGE

As time progressed and costs rose still further, an anonymous donor offered the cost of a new bell, if sufficient funds for a twelfth bell were promised before the year's end. This challenge was quickly accepted by the ringers.

After much discussion, it was decided to recast the ten and hang them in a new massive iron lowside frame, the work being entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co. In addition, a new clock and carillon barrels were to be installed by Smiths, of Derby.

This work, together with the extensive repairs to the fabric, reached its climax on Saturday, September 8th, when, in ideal weather, the whole of the restoration was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Worcester, the Right Rev. W. W. Cash.

The service was held in the open around the base of the tower which dominates the landscape of the Vale; it was attended by the Civic Body and was conducted by the Vicar of Evesham, Canon T. Charles Jones, Rural Dean.

After the Bishop had committed the bells to the custody of the Vicar and the Lord's Prayer said by all present, the bells rang out for the first thrilling moments in rounds by the local band, and the beauty of tone was absorbed by all listeners.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

The new ring, in the key of 'C' sharp, is tenored by a bell of 36 cwt., and provision is made for the addition of a flat sixth to provide a middle eight with a tenor of 14½ cwt. in 'C' sharp.

The new treble—the ringers' bell—bears the inscription: 'To the Glory of God and in grateful memory of James Hemming, J.P., Alderman of this Borough, Ringing Master in this Tower, who died June 23rd, 1947. Given by his fellow ringers and friends.'

'Oft as I sound,
In every round,
Praise God for him'

The new second:

'Give heed, ye folk, for as I chime
I wed eternity with time.'

The inscriptions of the old ten are preserved and small additions made as follows:

No. 3. 'We praise Thee, O God.' In memory of Ellen Ettwell, obit September 26th, 1907. Barwell Founder, 1910 Recast, 1951.

No. 4. 'May Jesus Christ be praised.' In memory of Alfred Espley, obit March 17th, 1907. This bell is given by his wife and daughter. Barwell Founder, 1910. Recast, 1951.

No. 11. 'Ye people all who hear us ring,
Be faithful to your God and King.'
Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast, 1951.

No. 12. Rev. Henry Portmore Cooper, Minister. W. L. Phelps, E. Rudge, J. Thomas and W. Battersby, Churchwardens. 1821.

'I, sweetly tolling, men do call
To taste on food that feeds the soul.'
T. Mears fecit. Recast 1951 and named CLEMENT LICHFIELD. 'The law of his God was in his heart.'

Ringers and friends attended from places as far apart as Cheshire, Yorkshire, Leicestershire, Middlesex and South Wales, and critics were agreed that the founders have surpassed their skill and have provided this beautiful Lichfield tower with the finest ring of twelve bells, for their weight, within a radius of many, many miles.
V. A. H.

U.A. GESTURE OF GOODWILL

Behind the handbell peal at Enfield North, South Australia, recorded last week, there is quite a story.

Over a year ago, Mr. L. Cooper, of the Adelaide University Guild of Change Ringers, wrote to Dr. Hatcher about their affiliation to the Universities Association and remarked as an afterthought that their progress was somewhat hampered by lack of a set of handbells.

A few months later Dr. Hatcher wrote to say that he had been in touch with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank who were retuning and completely renovating a set of 15 handbells (size 15 in C).

'You can imagine how thrilled we were,' writes Mr. Cooper, 'but better was to come—not only had Dr. Hatcher found the bells for us, but had, with several other U.A. members, donated £12 towards the cost of them "as a gesture of goodwill to your Guild in recognition of your enthusiasm and enterprise in being the first University Guild outside Britain."

'This is surely another instance of the glorious spirit of unity and fellowship which exists throughout the whole Exercise . . . It means so much to us to have our own bells, and we are deeply appreciative of the fine help given us.'

BURTON DIAMOND WEDDING

Last week the Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, the Rev N. Willis Price, and Mrs. Price celebrated their silver wedding and on September 8th Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Underhill, of Burton, celebrated the anniversary of their wedding at St. Paul's Church on Sept. 8th, 1891.

The latter forms a link with the famous band of the last century and early 1900's, in that Mr. Underhill, a signwriter, carried out the inscriptions on the boards in St. Paul's belfry, commemorating the illustrious Society's achievements.

Mrs. Underhill tells how she would go up to the belfry with her husband and watch him add new records from time to time.

To honour the two occasions, members of St. Paul's Society rang 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples after which the bells were 'fired'. After the ringing members of the Underhill family visited the belfry, bringing party cake, which was gratefully accepted by those taking part, who were:—L. Chamberlain 1, Noreen Brain 2, H. E. Harrison 3, P. Foster 4, B. G. Key 5, G. Harrison 6, G. L. Roden (conductor) 7, B. Deakin 8.

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There are still many readers who have not sent the extra postage (1s. 5d.) for their 'Ringing World.' Please remit without delay.

EVESHAM BELL TOWER



[By courtesy of the 'Evesham Journal.'

No. 5. 'Peace and good neighbourhood.'
'Lord, through this hour
Be Thou our guide,
And by Thy power,
No foot shall slide'

Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast, 1951.

No. 6. 'Prosperity to our benefactors.'
'The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I
lack nothing.' Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741.
Recast, 1951.

No. 7. 'God bless the Church of England.'
Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast 1951.
Rev. Canon T. Charles-Jones, Vicar.

No. 8. 'Glory be to God on high.' Abel
Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast, 1951

No. 9. 'Praise God in his Holiness.' Abel
Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast 1951.

No. 10. 'Come to thy God in time,
Thus saith this pealing chime.
Youth, manhood, old age past
Come to thy God at last.'
Abel Rudhall Founder, 1741. Recast, 1951.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

54 Towers Visited on the First Tour

THE Society of Rambling Ringers had their first tour from August 11th to August 18th. Rendezvous for the majority of the party was Grantham Parish Church on August 10th. The first excursion followed the evening meal when the party proceeded to 'grab' Harlaxton (6, 12 cwt.) and a very fine six they turned out to be.

The night was spent in the luxurious (?) Grantham Youth Hostel and the next morning, in fine spirits and damping rain, the party went to Great Ponton (5, 15 cwt.). These are peculiar sounding bells; then came the light five (tenor 6½ cwt.) at Skillington. About two miles of cart track had to be negotiated before reaching Wymondham (6, 19½ cwt.). At Market Overton (5, 15 cwt.), the band was welcomed by the Rector and the tower captain, Mr. Scott.

After a very late lunch at Oakham came the finest eight of the tour—Oakham Parish Church with its tenor of 22½ cwt. Other towers that afternoon were Langham (6, 17 cwt.) and Belton (6, 10 cwt.). On returning from Belton one member of the band attempted to plough up the road with disastrous results (not to the road!).

The rain had not abated on Sunday as we journeyed to Uppingham (8) where we rang and attended matins. Here the worst ringing of the tour was not enjoyed. Thence onward midst much rain and joking about the Ringing Master's headgear, to Weekley (6). Evening service ringing was carried out at Burton Latimer (8) and Kettering (10, 23 cwt.). At Burton Mrs. Cope kindly provided an excellent tea which was much appreciated by the drenched ringers. In the evening, after the ladies of the party with the aid of J. M. T. had provided supper, a kind of epilogue to the day was ringing from 9 p.m. to 9.40 p.m. at Pychley (5).

A WEIGHTY DAY

Monday was a somewhat weighty day with the fine-toned yet 'lumpy' eight (tenor 28½ cwt.) at Wellingborough and the two excellent-going eights at Higham Ferrers (tenor 22½ cwt.) and Raunds (tenor 22 cwt.). Thence onwards to Leighton (5, 21 cwt.), where these heavy bells could only be briefly sampled. At Spaldwick (6, 13½ cwt.), ringing was delayed until the key of the belfry could be found. Onward, then, at an average speed of 20 miles per hour to the anti-clockwise five (tenor 14 cwt.) at Brampton. All Saints', Huntingdon (6, 8½ cwt.), Godmanchester (8, 21 cwt.), [Dove gives it as 14½ cwt. but the weight of the seventh is 15½ cwt.], and Houghton (5, 10 cwt.), with its unbelievably long draught without any guides, rounded off a good day.

Tuesday, apart from being the day on which the longest distance was covered, was uneventful. The towers visited were St. Neots (6, 14 cwt.), Bourn (8, 14½ cwt.), Haverhill (6, 12½ cwt.), Clare (8, 28 cwt.), and Castle Hedingham (6, 12 cwt.). The kindness shown by ladies at Bourn and Clare in providing refreshments is gratefully recorded.

Wednesday found us at Braintree (8, 11½ cwt.), where a well-known ringer listening outside told us that the lower was the best of the ringing. As to what this conveyed we were left in doubt!

The day's programme was the melodious eight (tenor 21½ cwt.) at Great Dunmow; Great Hallingbury (5), where much bucking and jumping of the frame, bells and headstocks and breaking of ropes was experienced; Standon (6), Braughing (8), Newport (6) and the fine twelve at Saffron Walden.

Sawston (8, 11½ cwt.) was the first tower visited on Thursday. This tower had previously been visited by the Roving Ringers, for whom we were mistaken by a rather irate gentleman! Then to Cambridge where good ringing was enjoyed at the R.C. Church (8), and not so

good at Great St. Mary's (12). Stedman was, of course, rung at St. Benet's (6, 12 cwt.).

THE HEAVIEST FIVE

At Burwell a completely unsafe and almost unringable five (tenor 14 cwt.), was rung to a semblance of rounds while the frame waltzed, creaking and groaning, round the tower. On then to Fordham, with a moderate six. Then to Isleham (5, 25 cwt.), the heaviest five in the world. Here it took fully half an hour to pull the bells up, oddly taking two and sometimes three men to do so. Then, after a superhuman effort by both the ringers and the tower, the bells were rung to one plain course of Grandshire and 120 of Plain Bob Doubles. What a change the 'light eight' (tenor 18½ cwt.) at Ely made after the efforts on the heavy five. After a little argument with the R.S.M. at Ely Youth Hostel, the bells of Wilburton (6) were rung to close another eventful day.

The towers visited on Friday were the lumpy six (tenor 18½ cwt.) at Sutton, the easy-running six at Chatteris, the fine-toned six (tenor 15½ cwt.) at March, the deep-toned eight (tenor 26½ cwt.) at Peterborough and the minor five at Nassington. In the evening a call was made at King's Cliffe (6, 12½ cwt.), to the delight of the local band. The bells were the noisiest yet come across by any of the ringers.

Saturday found the band at All Saints', Stamford (6), where one of the band succeeded in setting fire to himself! Market Deeping's fine six (tenor 16½ cwt.) was then sampled. On then to Spalding and dinner, after which the bells were rung to the swaying accompaniment of the tower until a broken rope put paid to the proceedings! The twelve (tenor 12 cwt.) at Surfleet was very much enjoyed, the tone of the treble passing all expectations. Quadding (6, 10 cwt.) and Horbling (6, 9 cwt.) brought a very enjoyable tour to a regrettable close.

METHODS RUNG

The total distance covered in nine counties was 460 miles, during which 54 towers were visited.

Methods rung were:—

Royal.—Kent and Plain.

Major.—Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Kent, Double Norwich, Plain and Little Bob.

Triples.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Minor.—Cambridge, London, Primrose, Netherscale, Norwich, Bourne, Kent, London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, College Exercise, Oswald, College Single, Original, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain and London Bob.

Doubles.—Grandsire, New, St. Simon's, Old and Stedman.

The first business meeting of the newly-formed Society took place after ringing at Horbling. Officers elected were:—Ringing Master, John E. Cook; general secretary, Margaret A. Swann; peals and tower secretary, John E. Cook. It was resolved that next year's tour be in the area of Oxford and be of two weeks' duration. The first week will be devoted to peal ringing and the second to tower 'grabbing.' The subscription was fixed at 2s. 6d., payable before April 1st, 1952. Any ringers interested in next year's tour should communicate with John E. Cook, Station Road, Branston, near Lincoln.

The party would like to express its thanks to the clergy and ringers who made this tour such a success.

J. E. C.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS. — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Jenkinson 1, J. Taberner 2, J. B. Clarke 3, W. Mansley 4, J. E. Briggs 5, F. Stead (first quarter as cond.) 6. First quarter by all except conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY South and West District

The August meeting of the South and West District was held on the 25th at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, when upwards of 50 ringers attended. The belfry was soon crowded and several methods were rung before the business meeting commenced in the Church Hall.

With the Master, Tony Price, in the chair, the following new members were elected:—Life members: Miss D. M. Walden (Piddlehinton), Mr. E. T. P. Field (Buckland Newton), Mr. H. J. Gaylard (Yeovil) and Mr. M. Hatchett (Chalfont St. Giles); resident members: Miss M. Hawksley and Mr. B. Graves. The meetings suggested for the next quarter were Heston and Hounslow for September 22nd, joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Hillingdon and Denham for October 20th, and Brentford and Ealing St. Mary's for November 24th.

After tea some ringers were lost to a meeting at Slough, but most stayed to tackle 'the best eight in Uxbridge,' as George Corke said, it being the only ring in Uxbridge. The bells and belfry are certainly beginning to show signs of neglect now that there is no team of ringers there, but despite this, after clearing a chime hammer from the treble, some quite good ringing was achieved, no doubt much to the annoyance of a dance being held across the road, on a level with the louvers. When all had had enough and the bells had been lowered, as if to make themselves even more popular, the ringers held up traffic on the narrow road as they emerged from the tower and had to be moved on by the 'arm of the Law'! Altogether, a good meeting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Western Division

The Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held their quarterly meeting at Hepstonstall on September 8th. The 35 or so members who ascended the 'bank' to this lofty village of about 1,000 feet were amply rewarded by ringing on exceptionally good bells and by the fine views afforded from this breezy place. The present Church of St. Thomas a Becket, which is almost 100 years old, stands near an older roofless church, the outer buildings of which only remain.

The vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) presided at the business meeting. Mr. Alexander Marsh was appointed secretary in place of Mr. William Ambler. Members expressed the hope that Mr. Ambler would soon be restored to health and that the time would not be long when he would again be able to take his place at the meetings.

Methods rung included Bristol and Superlative Surprise and the bells being rung down at approximately 8 p.m. concluded a very enjoyable meeting. P. B.

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The meeting held in Ripponden on September 1st was reasonably well attended, this tower being on the outskirts of the district. Two dozen members sat down to tea. The short service was conducted by the president, the Rev. A. L. Minns.

The local company were heartily thanked for the excellent tea provided at such reasonable cost. We were pleased to see Mr. Jaine, sen., who had extended his holiday with his son, in order to attend this meeting.

It was learned with regret after the close of the business that Mr. H. Roberts, one of our members, had met with an accident: we wish him a speedy recovery.

The next meeting will be held at Kirkheaton on the first Saturday in November.

Methods rung on this recently-rehung light eight ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Treble Bob Major. Striking still leaves much to be desired, the best-struck touch being Treble Bob Minor at the close of the proceedings.

A. W. B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

METHODS EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—At the Central Council meeting last Whitsuntide the Methods Committee report on Methods Extension was allowed to lie on the table for 12 months before being adopted, in order to give the Exercise time to study and, if necessary, criticise their findings.

The Methods Committee have spent two years on this involved and controversial subject, and now, after about three months, the Exercise are being spurred to speak or forever after hold their peace.

Let it first be said that it is appreciated that the Methods Committee have given the rank and file of the Exercise an opportunity to air their views before the final adoption of the report.

With the first part of the report (1950) there is no disagreement and their recommendations should meet with universal approval.

Beyond this it is most difficult to lay down hard and fast rules. All methods are individuals, having their own characteristics and should be treated as such. This is most important. From the Methods Committee report it would appear that there can be some departure from this—out of consideration for the practical ringer.

The practical ringer is surely as much concerned with the truth of what he rings as the mathematician who may devise it for him.

The most controversial issue seems to be the lead ends, or the pivot bell sequence. The Methods Committee state that there are 3,465 sequences in all (from Minor to Maximus). Are these all sequences or are they all the possible permutations? At any rate they discard them all but eleven. Possibly they have left some out that might be included or included some that might be left out.

To support this argument the following method is submitted for examination with its extensions to ten and twelve bells:—

12345678	1234567890	1234567890ET
21436587	2143658709	2143658709TE
24135678	2413567890	2413567890ET
42315768	4231576980	4231576980ET
24351786	2435179608	2435179608T0
23457168	2345719068	2345719068T80
32547618	3254791086	3254791086T08
23456781	3527490168	3527490168T068
—	5372940618	5372940618T086
24365871	3527496081	57392E4T0168
—	—	7593E2T40618
12436587	3254769801	57392E4T6081
—	—	—
14263857	1537294068	537294E6T801
—	—	—
—	1352749608	197E5T302846
—	—	—
—	—	1795E3T20486

In examining this method and its extensions, particular attention should be paid to the coursing order of the bells, as they pass the treble, in addition to the places that are made in relation to it. Can it be said that they are not the same method? Yet the sequence of pivot bells is not one that is included in the Methods Committee table.

This method can be extended on all even numbers and forms an interesting study when carried beyond the Maximus. Changing lead ends result on each even number up to 18, and thereafter the lead end remains the same, 16 running out, and 18 running into the treble.

It may be said that this has no practical value, but it does show the individuality of the method as something that should not be ignored, or the extensions discarded because they do not fit into the straitjacket of the suggested restrictions. If ringing was a practical possibility on these higher numbers, then this method would, on 18 and above, conform to the suggested recommendations, and yet be unacceptable in its contractions.

The following chart of lead-end rows (hand stroke row) is also offered for consideration:—

8	1	8	7	6	5	4	3	2											
10	1	8	0	6	9	4	7	2	5	3									
12	1	8	0	6	T	4	1	1	2	9	3	7	5						
14	1	8	0	6	T	4	1	4	2	13	3	11	5	9	7				
16	1	8	0	6	T	4	1	4	2	16	3	15	5	13	7	11	9		
18	1	8	0	6	T	4	1	4	2	16	3	18	5	17	15	9	13	11	

A method having these lead end rows throughout its extensions would be acceptable to the Methods Committee if constructionally true otherwise.

Now if the plain method given as an example be further examined, it will be seen that the half lead rows (hand stroke of the treble be behind) are exactly the same as the lead end rows (given above) only reversed.

The Methods Committee proposals would permit the one and bar the other, and yet an extension is true or otherwise by the time the half lead end (hand-stroke row) is reached. At this point it is possible to see if the pivot place, as determined by the parent method, can be made or not.

If it can be determined that a method has TRUE extensions, is the resultant lead end to be considered as more important than the way it has been extended?

In these days when all around can be seen a general lowering of standards, it is vitally important that in ringing the highest standards be maintained. TRUTH can only be established as a whole, and not in parts.

Thus may it be suggested that if an extension can be established as a true one, then let it be accepted as a true extension, same lead end or no. Nothing else to be considered.—Yours faithfully,

K. A. ROE

Wigston Magna.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung 'in hand' at Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, on July 25th, 1951.

The composition was a 5,120 by E. Timbrell, which is false at sight—if one happens to be looking for falseness—unfortunately, I was not!

I trust you, sir, and the members of the band will accept my sincere apologies.—Yours

F. W. GROCOTT.

Stoke-on-Trent.

HOSPITALITY IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—Having recently returned from a very enjoyable three weeks' holiday in Cornwall (the third year I have been there) I should like, through the courtesy of 'The Ringing World,' once again to express my appreciation of the welcome extended to me. Especially I would like to thank the bands of ringers, scientific and otherwise, who gladly gave me a chance to ring either for Sunday service or on practice night, to the Redruth and Camborne ringers for providing bands for tours, to the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella for his kindness in allowing me to join in his enjoyable outing on Bank Holiday and to all those incumbents who so readily gave permission for the use of their bells even at a couple of hours' notice.

In respect of getting permission to ring, the name of my host, Mr. P. R. C. Williams, of Redruth, appeared to be an 'open sesame,' and to him I extend my hearty thanks: also my sincere regrets that for most of my holiday he was away ill. My best wishes go to him for his speedy and full recovery.

Once again 'Thank you, Cornwall' and may I have the pleasure of enjoying your hospitality and your bells again in 1952.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—The interest recently displayed in the Original prompts me to ask if the calling of the composition in one year by no less than 12 different conductors of one association is a record.

This was achieved by members of the Kent County Association in 1890, and several famous names are connected with it:—G. Lindoff, J. H. Cheesman (then only 18), Rev. F. J. O. Helmore E. Barnett who, with A. Moorcraft and A. Palmer, called the composition twice. W. J. Reeve, however, insisted on calling Penning's Original One Part—no mean achievement!

No reference is made to this in the Association's report, nor to the fact that two peals were rung on seven bells only; 'meeting one short for Treble Bob, this was rung instead,' and 'meeting one short, the second was left out,' the footnotes inform us.—Yours faithfully,

Norwich.

NOLAN GOLDEN

Dear Sir,—When the late Mr. J. A. Trollope was writing 'Grandsire' in the Jasper Snowden Series, I suggested to him that a chapter on conducting Holt's Original would be useful, and as he had never called the peal, I agreed to write it for him and to explain the system I use. It appears from recent correspondence on the subject that most conductors learn which bells are called 'Before' and where the 'Doubles' occur. It is, however, far simpler to learn where the 'Doubles' do not occur, and those who have not yet learned the composition and who are interested are recommended to acquire a copy of 'Grandsire.' There is no doubt that there is much more satisfaction to be derived from conducting Holt's Original than almost any other composition.—Yours faithfully,

Stanmore, Middlesex. E. C. S. TURNER.

WROCKWARDINE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Few ringers outside Shropshire will have heard of the bells of Wrockwardine Church and fewer still will have rung them as they have been silent for a number of years and in urgent need of repairs. But not many churches can boast, as Wrockwardine can, that the average age of its bells is about 380 years.

The treble, the youngest bell in this ring of six, was cast in 1828 and bears the inscription: 'Long as Old Wrekin on His Base Stands Good.'

So long may Orleton boast the name of Cludde.

Unfortunately, Orleton no longer boasts the name of Cludde, yet Old Wrekin stands as firm as ever on his base.

The second bell is dated 1650, the fourth 1678 and the fifth 1616. The two oldest bells are the third and tenor, which are believed to be early 14th century.

This ring is now being restored by John Taylor and Co. It was intended that the second bell should be recast, but a faculty for this was not granted on account of the age of the bell and so a new bell is being cast to take its place. It is estimated that the work will cost about £600, a heavy burden for a village parish such as this. So far, nearly £400 has been raised. If any ringer would like to help to preserve this ancient ring, contributions would be gratefully received by Mr. V. G. Leake, St. David's, The Crescent, Wellington, Shropshire, or by the undersigned.—Yours faithfully,

Wellington, Salop.

THE MUSIC OF THE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I regret I am not entitled to the honour Mr. Turner confers on me by including my name under the heading of 'Peal Composers.' The touch I sent him was given to me by Mr. J. Minshall, of Macclesfield.

Another quarter peal (or touch of 630, if desired) will be found at No. 69 in Trollope's 'Grandsire,' which contains the three required changes.—Yours faithfully,

Chester.

JOHN KINGDON.

SUSSEX YOUNG RINGERS TOUR INTO SOUTH WALES

The Second Week

(Continued from page 588)

ON Monday morning the hilly road to Haverfordwest was again safely negotiated, followed by a run to Neyland and the crossing of another ferry over to Pembroke, where the heavy-going eight (tenor 12 cwt.) were rung to various touches. These bells are tuned as the front eight of a ring of twelve and sound very strange! Ringing in the evening took place on the recently-rehung eight at Tenby (tenor 12½ cwt.), where again Harry Jenkins and Gwyn welcomed us to their tower.

A DAY OF DISASTER

Tuesday was a day of disaster. The cyclists arrived safely to ring on the pleasant light eight (tenor 11 cwt.) at Llanstephan, but after ringing found that the tide was too low for the ferry to be able to take them across to Kidwelly. This necessitated a 20-mile detour via Carmarthen, and then, as time was getting on and it was raining hard, they (let it be whispered!) hitched a lift on a lorry to the outskirts of Swansea and cycled out to Cilibion Y.H. in the Gower peninsula. This necessitated the cutting out of the ring of five at Burry Port and the six at Llanelli (the one which is in the book!), and we wish to tender our sincere apologies to Mr. Sage at Burry Port and the local captain at Llanelli for our failure to arrive. The motor-cyclist would also like to thank Mr. Sage for entertaining him to tea while he waited for nearly three hours at Burry Port!

However, once again, all's well, etc., and the following morning found the party only very slightly late at St. Paul's, Sketty, where Mr. Meredith welcomed us on behalf of Mr. Hoare, the local captain, who was unable to be present. Ringing on the recently-rehung octave (tenor 13 cwt.) here was much enjoyed, and afterwards Mr. Meredith entertained the party to refreshments in a local cafe, which was also much appreciated, before we left for Neath, where some good ringing took place on the fine six (tenor 9 cwt.) at St. Thomas's, and on the six (tenor 7 cwt.) at Cadoxton, where Mr. Lewis welcomed the party. The night was spent by the cyclists at the Y.H. at Ystradfellte ('How does one pronounce it?') and by the motor-cyclist at Aberdare.

Noon on Thursday found the party (early for once!) at Caerphilly, and Councillor Jones welcomed us to the belfry with its fine light Taylor octave (tenor 13 cwt.) at St. Martin's. Some good ringing was much enjoyed here before setting out on the next stage, to Newport, with a picnic lunch en route. One of the young Caerphilly ringers accompanied us as far as the next tower, Bassaleg, but unfortunately he departed without staying for a ring: not that he missed much, I'm afraid, as the six here (tenor 12 cwt.) are cast steel bells by Naylor Vickers, and about as bad as they could be!! A very little ringing sufficed here, but the grand twelve at St. Woolos' proved an excellent antidote to the Bassaleg 'tram rails'! These fine bells were soon set going to the tune of Grandsire Caters (with the aid of the two local ringers who welcomed us) Bob Major, and rounds on the twelve. Having lowered the bells we were invited by Don Clarke, who joined us at Bassaleg with one of his young band, to visit All Saints': the invitation was, needless to say, accepted with alacrity, and this very good ring (8, tenor 15 cwt.) was soon going merrily to the tune of Grandsire and Plain Bob. All too soon we had to push on, en route to Chenstow, calling to ring on the truly lovely little Taylor six at Penhow (tenor 7 cwt.), which are rung from the ground floor just inside the south porch. Even now the really keen tower-snatchers were not satisfied, for after supper at the Chepstow Y.H. permission was obtained for a short ring on the fine six (tenor 10 cwt.) at Mathern.

close by! Here we said goodbye to Don and Bryn, and also to George Francis, who had managed to be with us again for a few hours, and in the morning we crossed the Severn Ferry to Aust.

SHADES OF MERTON COLLEGE

The road to Bitton, the first tower of a very full day, necessitated a tour through the suburbs of Bristol which proved a little difficult to follow; however, everyone arrived safely! After a picnic lunch the bells were raised and rung for a short time to various touches. The organ was undergoing restoration here, and the trapdoor in the centre of the ringing chamber, having had a portion removed to accommodate sundry wires and chains connected with the work on the organ, the treble ringer had a pleasant view right down into the church (shades of Merton College and Southwell!). The next tower was informal, i.e., not on the programme, having been arranged for us by Roger Fry, who did so much to make this day a particular success for us. The ringing at Kelston (six, tenor 10 cwt.) was curtailed, as we were behind time, and while the cyclists followed a somewhat difficult short cut across the Avon to Salford, the motor-cyclist hastened round via Bath and even then arrived at the six-bell tower of Newton St. Loe before them!

A ringing Vicar welcomed us to his tower and took part in 120 Grandsire, in the course of which Roger Fry arrived, having been looking for us at the towers at which we happened not to be when he got there! Unfortunately we were too late to ring at Corston, as the local ringer had given us up for lost, so we went on to Twerton, with its good light octave (tenor 13 cwt.) and very long draught without guides. However, striking was quite fair and the ringing concluded with a good lower in peal.

AT BATHAMPTON AND BATHEASTON

Following some welcome refreshments at a coffee stall in Bath, we were able, through Roger's good offices, to enjoy a short ring on the very fine light six (tenor 7½ cwt.) at Bathampton. Later in the evening we also visited the tower at Bathaston, with a heavy ring of six (tenor 18 cwt.) and a swaying tower, which fact, probably combined with the potency of local cider, caused the ringing to be not quite as good as it should have been! Following refreshments (more of the aforementioned cider!) in the local, the cyclists retired to the Bathaston Y.H., after saying 'au revoir' to Roger, and thanking him for doing so much to make our day in his neighbourhood a very full and enjoyable one.

We were off in good time on Saturday—we arrived at Chippenham with 1½ hours to spare—a fact which made the 'tower-grabbers' bemoan the waste of good 'snatching' time! However, the fine recently-rehung octave at St. Andrew's was raised just before midday and put to good use for the time available in Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

Then came a short run to Calne. Through the kindness of the local ringer who met us at the fine 17th century tower of St. Mary's, our ladies were able to sample some of their products for lunch! The fairly heavy octave here was put to good use before we set out on the road again. A call on Mr. Preston, at Yatesbury, gained permission for the use of this delightful five (tenor 9½ cwt.) for a short time and some good Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles were rung. What a grand little six these bells would make! On again to Marlborough, where, due to a late arrival, there was no one to meet us at St. Peter's, so, in view of the shortage of time, it was decided to 'scrub' ringing here—we wish to apologise to the local captain for not turning up on time. Two more of our party set out for home from here, and we said

'Cheerio' to Rex and Jean with regret—we were now reduced to six! As a result the ringing on the fine eight (tenor 13½ cwt.) at Hungerford was confined to Grandsire and Bob Minor on the back six! After supper in a cafe in Newbury, the cyclists arrived at Hannington Y.H. at 9.45, to find that supper had been kept hot for them, so they had to sit down and start all over again!

On Sunday the little party rang for service on the heavy six (tenor 18 cwt.) in the fine Norman tower at Kingsclere in the morning and on the heavy-going five (tenor 9 cwt.) at Newton Valence in the afternoon. This was the last official tower of the tour, and two more of our members left us at Liss on their way home to Itchingfield, while the Chichester and Bosham contingent finished the last day of the tour with service ringing on the fine little ring of four (tenor 8 cwt., approx.) at Trotton.

Thus ended a thoroughly enjoyable tour; all who took part wish to thank Norman for his hard work in arranging for towers and accommodation on the way. An alarm clock was presented to him by the party at Westbury-on-Trym as a token of their thanks. We would also like to thank most sincerely those who did so much to make the trip a success; the local ringers who met us at their towers; the numerous incumbents who so readily gave permission for the use of their bells: Roger Fry for guiding us round the towers in the Bath area; and lastly, but by no means least, Canon Rees and his lady helpers at Llandovery for their grand reception. Methods rung did not reach a very advanced level, but some good practice was had, particularly in Cambridge Minor and Grandsire Triples. At least one of our ladies, Winnie Keys, shows signs of developing into a good 'heavy bell man,' covering with many tenors in fine style; in fact the local ringers at Bruton and Kingsclere said it was the first time they had ever seen a lady ring their tenors! Thanks, Norman, for a very enjoyable fortnight, and we're all looking forward to the next time! P. N. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-West Division

The last quarterly meeting of the year was held at Fyfield on September 8th when 48 members enjoyed ringing on this augmented six.

Rural Essex was at its best and made the difficulties of getting to this isolated part of the district well worth while. Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. F. Blatch, who has done yeoman work in this part of the county.

Seventeen new members were elected and there is every indication that the Division has maintained its very good progress during the past year.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Swindon Branch

The autumn quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at South Marston on September 8th and the attendance was adversely affected by harvesting operations. The Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon C. F. Harman) and tea was arranged by the local ringers in the village hall.

At the business meeting it was provisionally decided to hold meetings at Faringdon, Wanborough and Swindon during the next three months. Canon Harman welcomed the visitors and paid tribute to Mr. Tom Stone for his work in keeping the bells going. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London and York Surprise Minor.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON. — On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Pannell 1, Miss J. Terry 2, S. Seager 3, R. Perry 4, J. L. Glanville (cond) 5, E. Bowden 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

ARELEY KING'S, WORCS.

—On Friday, August 31st.

1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J.

Hicks 1, A. H. Cheshire 2, T. Elcox (87) 3, G. Bowen 4, F. Fluck 5, A. W. Glazard (cond.) 6. An 87th birthday compliment to Thomas Elcox.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On

August 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagg 1, Sylvia Dean 2, G. Bird 3, F. Sandy 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. A farewell to Miss Sylvia Dean.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On September 5th, 1,280

Cambridge Surprise Major: H. J. Gaylard 1, R. Keeley 2, N. Mallett 3, J. Bramley 4, Canon C. C. Cox 5, H. G. Keeley 6, J. W. Drew 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First 'touch' of Surprise Major for 1 and 7. A birthday compliment to N. Mallett.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Gordon 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. Buckland 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison 7, J. Howard 8. Rung for the 18th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Swift's wedding.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On September 2nd, 1,260

Doubles (480 St. Blaize, 300 Grandsire, 240 April Day and 240 Plain Bob): H. A. Sanderson 1, Miss D. Smyth 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, Mrs. A. Smyth 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanderson, parents of the conductor.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On September 8th,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harwood 1, T. H. Bird 2, J. Weeks 3, H. Wren 4, F. W. Bird 5, M. Johnson 6, G. Olliver (first quarter as cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jeff Bolland 1, A. W. Ward 2, E. T. Samuel 3, E. H. Jallands 4, J. R. Jackson 5, J. Glover 6, G. W. Creasey (cond.) 7, W. Pacey 8. Rung by the local Sunday service band.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Moir 1, Miss S. Green 2, Miss M. Tilbury 3, F. E. Roberts 4, W. Poston (cond.) 5, J. Harris.

BURFORD, OXON.—On September 7th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: I. D. Harris 1, J. Keyte 2, M. H. Sindin (first of Stedman) 3, F. W. Soden 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6, R. H. Jarvis (cond.) 7, H. Francis 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—At St. Andrew's on Sep-

tember 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Miffin 1, Miss R. L. Gibbons 2, G. W. Bridgman 3, T. R. Davison 4, H. Heath 5, H. P. Marsh 6, G. R. Eyles (first as cond.) 7, D. H. Comley 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On September 2nd, at St.

James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. A. Prockson 1, W. A. Theobald 2, W. Prockson 3, A. E. Hoare 4, H. Miller 5, R. H. Begrie 6, S. Wade (cond.) 7, F. Miller 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On September 2nd, at St.

John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Razzell 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, G. Lodge (first on 'inside' bell) 3, C. Parks 4, P. Humphries 5, R. Abbott 6, D. Cooper (cond.) 7, G. H. Humphries 8.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Cuthbert's, on August 19th,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Diamond 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Miss A. I. Whitson 3, Mrs. E. L. Ross 4, J. B. Campbell 5, J. Newton (first quarter Grandsire Triples) 6, R. St. C. Wilson (cond.) 7, K. Y. Hayton 8. Rung for the opening of the Edinburgh Festival of Music and Drama.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brian Miles (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Boulton 2, Miss J. Morse 3, Miss F. Hope 4, Miss E. Morse 5, W. A. Godwin 6, R. E. Wenban (cond.) 7, G. Buge 8. A birthday compliment to W. A. Godwin (captain).

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On September 2nd, 1,260

Grandsire Triples: C. Eades 1, F. Pack 2, W. S. Palin 3, H. Manuel 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, P. R. Jemmett 6, Miss E. S. Wyles 7, D. Eades 8. Rung before the service for sportsmen.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, A. F. Warren 2, F. Goodall 3, Miss F. A. Edgar (first quarter as cond.) 4, F. A. Barker 5, W. P. Blake 6, B. Willis 7, L. E. Tubb 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On September 6th, 1,260

Bob Doubles: R. A. Osborne 1, F. H. Beency (aged 12, first quarter 'inside' 2), Evelyn M. Capon 3, C. J. Piper 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, G. Beency 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On September 2nd, 1,320

Plain Bob Doubles: O. Norman 1, W. Papworth 2, P. Rose 3, J. Parish 4, A. Payne (cond.) 5, J. Sutton 6.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On September 4th, 1,440

Doubles (being two 120's each of Antelope, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, four 120's and one 240 Grandsire): Rosely Crew (first quarter) 1, Shirley Golding 2, D. N. Peers 3, R. B. Morris 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. S. Wood 6. First quarter in 4 methods 'inside' for 3 and 4. A birthday quarter for Samuel S. Wood.

HOVINGHAM, YORKS.—On July 27th, 1,260

Grandsire Double: F. Bishon (cond.) 1, J. Brown 2, R. Scarth 3, P. Bradshaw 4, E. Wilson 5, J. Harrison 6. Rung prior to the opening of the revived Hovingham Musical Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On

September 2nd, 1,280 Cam-

bridge Surprise Major: J. A.

Theobald 4, N. G. Hollingsworth 5, C. A. Hughes 6, C. W. Otley 7, J. W. Ward (cond.) 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John the Divine on September

2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 768 covering: A. Chapman 1, G. Hebborn 2, W. Clarke 3, S. Harrison 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, G. Wray (first quarter) 6, J. Turner 7, M. Hughes 8.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On September 1st, 1,260

Grandsire Doubles: J. Long 1, J. C. Goulding 2, W. H. Harris 3, J. W. Davis 4, J. L. Smith (cond.) 5, G. Long 6. Rung to mark the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Watts.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On September 2nd, 1,260

Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Grace 1, S. A. Jaine 2, F. Livesey 3, F. A. Jaine (cond.) 4, D. B. Cater 5, J. S. Whitehead 6. Rung for the opening of the Colne Valley Festival of Britain week.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Septem-

ber 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor with tenor covering: R. Fraser 1, Sonya Evans 2, L. Lewis 3, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 4, E. Marshall 5, W. Langley 6, J. Pearl tenor. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 3. A wedding compliment to Mr. T. Pink, a member of the local band.

MOUNTSOREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Septem-

ber 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. W. Soars 1, F. K. Thompson 2, G. J. Lowe 3, Miss M. A. Carpenter 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, R. Wilmore (first of Minor 'inside' 6). First quarter of Minor for 4 and 5. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. F. Collins, grandfather of the 6th ringer.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On September 8th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: Joan Hills (first quarter Stedman) 1, G. Butcher (cond.) 2, F. Cheal 3, J. Burles 4, G. Naylor 5, W. Rayner 6, G. Kenward 7, E. Naylor 8. Birthday compliment to Wilfred Rayner.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Stretton 1, F. Hooper 2, C. Briggs 3, A. Muddel (first quarter) 4, W. Midwinter (first as cond.) 5, C. Copp 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Midwinter.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On August 26th,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Weise (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Lathbury 2, L. Houghton 3, Mrs. Smith 4, G. Curriess 5, G. Barnett (first quarter 'inside' 6), R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On September 6th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: M. Duffin 1, Miss M. Davis 2, T. Hemmingsway 3, F. Bennett 4, M. Bennett 5, D. Lockwood 6, J. T. Duffin (cond.) 7, L. Fisher 8.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On September 2nd, 1,260

Doubles (600 Bob Doubles, 660 Grandsire Doubles): C. Hendon (first quarter) 1, C. Baker 2, F. Cherryman (cond.) 3, E. Sherwood 4, J. R. Avenell 5, R. Boylett 6. For the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Thompson, who was a ringer here for 62 years.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On September 1st, 1,260

Grandsire Triples: L. Stilwell (cond.) 1, E. R. Rapley 2, L. D. W. Aifield 3, Miss E. Lonnin 4, R. Wilson 5, H. Weaver 6, A. C. Greenfield 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung for the wedding of Anne MacLagan to Nigel Tyler.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On September 2nd,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hudson 1, D. G. Jackson 2, W. A. Jackson 3, H. Spencer 4, W. H. Barker 5, E. Hudson 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8.

SOUTHOLD, SUFFOLK.—On September 9th,

1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Thompson (first quarter) 1, W. Kerrison 2, R. S. Payne 3, E. G. Grindell 4, E. J. Thurlow 5, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung on Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—On Septem-

ber 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. J. Gaylard 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell (first quarter Surprise) 2, H. G. Keeley 3, R. Keeley 4, J. W. Drew (first quarter Surprise) 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise on the bells.

STREET, SOMERSET.—On September 5th, 1,260

Grandsire Doubles: C. Evans 1, C. Wensley 2, W. H. Marsh 3, G. Greuter 4, G. Stith (cond.) 5, B. Chivers 6. First quarter Doubles 4 and 6.

TOTTERHOE, BEDS.—On September 2nd, 1,360

Surprise Minor (720 London, 600 Wells): Miss J. Newman 1, J. Sinfeld 2, R. J. Scott 3, A. Broyd 4, J. Newman 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 540 St. Clement's).

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.—On August 21st,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Emerton 1, Margaret Izard 2, Naval Cadet Arkell 3, D. Boniface 4, A. King 5, A. Izard 6, E. W. Izard (cond.) 7, J. V. Donaldson 8. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret Rose.

WARSP, NOTTS.—On September 2nd, 1,440

Plain Bob Minor: A. Whittle (first quarter) 1, Jean Haynes 2, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 3, R. T. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On September 2nd, 1,264

Plain Bob Major: D. Elwick (13 years, first quarter of Major) 1, J. R. Waller 2, A. V. Coates 3, W. G. Turner (of Halifax) 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short 6, S. R. Elwick 7, W. Rogers (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the service held in the Harbour by the Bishop of Whitby for 'the blessing of the fishing boats.'

OBITUARY

MR. E. BROOKS

A former president of the Barnsley and District Society, Mr. Ernest Brooks, of Hoylandswaine, Yorks, died rather suddenly on August 19th, aged 60. He is survived by his widow.

Mr. Brooks did much to encourage ringing at Hoylandswaine where he trained a band, single-handed, in 1930, and this band rang their first peal in 1931.

A good, safe ringer and a good striker, he rang 42 peals and conducted two. Most of his ringing was in Minor ranging from plain methods to Surprise. From 1940 to 1944 he was president of the Barnsley District and was vice-president at the time of his death. For nearly 30 years he served his church as a voluntary organist.

The funeral service was on August 22nd. He was buried near the tower of the bells he loved so well. Many ringers attended the service and ringers also acted as bearers. The bells were rung fully muffled before and after the service. The many wreaths included one from the Barnsley and District Society.

MR. CHARLES CRAPNELL

It is with regret that we record the passing, on August 27th, of Mr. Charles Crapnell, aged 87, of Ipswich. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Crapnell learned to ring at Clopton and Burgh and came to Ipswich in 1885. He was first associated with the Church of St. Mary at Quay. He joined the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1909, and became a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower company.

In 1925 Mr. Crapnell moved to St. Margaret's Church, and was steeple-keeper there for some years. He had been a member of the Suffolk Guild since its inception, but his five peals were all rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association. He rang his last 720 in 1949 at St. Margaret's Church, in which his grandson, Dennis Crapnell, aged 14, participated.

The cremation took place at Ipswich on August 30th, the service being conducted by the curate of St. Margaret's, and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to his memory.

Mr. Charles Crapnell will long be remembered in Ipswich, where he was well known as a ringer. It was during the difficult time just after the ban was lifted that he was steeple-keeper at St. Margaret's, and his work there reflected his character as a faithful son of the church. E. C. E.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Hoylandswaine Cup contest was held at Wath-on-Dearne on September 8th. Four bands entered and the judges were Mr. H. Chant (Felkirk) and Mr. J. Buxton (Shelley). The result of the draw and the ringing was:—

No. 1: Cawthorne; 176 faults, 0 penalties, total 176.

No. 2: Sandal; 131 faults, 0 penalties, total 131.

No. 3: Shelley; 186 faults, 0 penalties, total 186.

No. 4: Silkstone; 88 faults, 0 penalties, total 88.

Silkstone were the winners and hold the cup for 12 months; they also received six pickle jars as individual prizes. Sandal were second and received six E.P.N.S. butter dishes. All except Cawthorne rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Cawthorne, who were the winners last year, having to ring a different method according to rule, rang Sandal Treble Bob. The test piece was 720 changes.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. V. Evans, presented the cup and prizes to the winning teams. The best thanks to the Vicar for allowing the contest to be held at Wath, also to the local company for all the arrangements made, brought to a close a very happy afternoon and evening.

POINTS OF INTEREST ON OUTINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The fifth annual outing was held on August 18th in perfect weather. After the usual tour collecting the company we proceeded, via Westterham and Biggin Hill aerodrome, to the first tower, Downe, a handy six that was put to good use. At West Wickham we were met by Mr. A. S. Richards, and after raising in peal, the first touch was rung by the band of one tower, Kent, Plain Bob and Double Oxford followed, then a good lower. Most of the company stopped to have a chat with Mr. Hugh Mackinder, who was unable to climb the steps into the tower. At Croydon Parish Church we were met by Mr. F. E. Collins, with whose help the Guild rang its first touch of Grandsire Cinques on this fine twelve. There were rounds on ten and twelve, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal, finishing with some lovely music as 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 12 were lowered in peal.

At Banstead the party found a good Simpson-tuned octave, which was heard to perfection outside the tower, especially during a course of Yorkshire in which we did get those back strokes in. After most had sampled the local Woolworths' ice cream, a move was made to Windsor, via Hampton Court. As there was not time to ring before tea, a pleasant 20 minutes was spent by the Thames, while some rang handbells to an interested audience. At Old Windsor, we helped ourselves to the bells, a very quiet, easy-going octave which went well to Superlative, and provided the best lower of the day.

Arriving at West Clandon nearly an hour late, we found Mr. G. L. Grover patiently waiting. This noisy octave was soon raised and set going to Plain Bob, followed by the first Double Norwich of the day. By the time the bells were lowered there was a marked thinning of the ranks, as the wise ones knew that this was their only chance of getting something stronger than tea before the dash for home. Two had to be dropped at Horley instead of Godstone, to help make up time, but even so, as we arrived in East Grinstead we saw the last bus for Marsh Green disappearing. Two more were hastily ejected and the chase was on. The elusive bus was caught on the outskirts of the town and three more of the party were safe. By this time the Lamberhurst contingent knew the worst—they could not catch their last bus, but a collection among the rest realised a sum towards their taxi fare, so in the end all was well, and we heard the old, old story. 'We will get home earlier next year'! C. A. B.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE

Before leaving for their outing on August 18th, Sileby ringers had to open the local Festival Week by half an hour's ringing on the bells of St. Mary's, commencing at 7.15 a.m. Friends from Barrow, Mountsorrel, St. Peter's, Syston, St. Peter's, Belgrave, and Leicester Cathedral were picked up en route.

The first objective was King's Norton, via Coventry and Birmingham Ring Road. Here Mr. Goodman met the party and a delightful hour was spent on the bells. Another pleasant hour was spent at Selly Oak and Mr. Roper guided the visitors to Harborne for lunch and to the church. The rush of weddings caused ringing to be delayed for half an hour, during which the vocalists of the party assisted in the choral service. An hour's ringing preceded tea at the Vine Inn. At the conclusion of the meal Mr. W. Swan thanked Mr. W. W. Draper for his excellent arrangements and welcomed the visitors. Mr. Draper and Mr. G. Walker, president of the Syston District, replied. Mr. Draper mentioning the company's indebtedness to Mr. Roper and the Harborne ringers for their assistance.

The Barrow boys then adjourned to the bus to ring a quarter peal on handbells, while the rest of the company enjoyed themselves in various ways until 8.20 p.m. when a start for home was made.

ST. MELLONS

On Tuesday, August 28th, a party of 16 ringers from St. Mellons and district, with friends and relations making the party up to 37, set off for their annual outing. At Newport, Mr. J. W. Jones, who must certainly be one of the veteran ringers of the whole country, joined us and with the party now complete good progress was made to Abergavenny. In the back seat of the bus, the younger ringing element made their presence an audible as well as a visible feature by tune and method ringing on handbells. At Abergavenny, ringing took place on the majestic ten which are a great credit to Taylor's.

No one was unduly perturbed by the storms of rain which swept down from time to time, as the sun also shone for long periods. The next stop was at Hereford, where lunch had been arranged. It was not possible to ring at the Cathedral but many took the opportunity of visiting it.

Mr. Brookes, the local doyen met us at Luggwardine where ringing took place on the very nice eight. Here non-ringing members took the opportunity of visiting the ringing chamber, among them being two American friends. Thence to Leominster where an excellent salad tea was fully appreciated by all.

Ringling took place after tea at the Priory Church and a course of Kent Major on the back eight was the best of the day. Unhappily the rest of the ringing on this fine ring was very poor. On the way to Withington a very good course of Bob Major was lapped by those occupying the back seat. Two of our party—ringers, he it noted—were presented with a silver wedding card signed by all present, the outing falling on the anniversary. Mr. J. W. Jones, in making the presentation, wished the recipients, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hulbert, the greatest happiness.

Mr. Reg Addis, the captain of the St. Mellons ringers, was warmly thanked for his work in organising the outing so admirably, as he has been doing for a number of years.

J. R. W.

A CORNISH OUTING

Members of Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild, under the supervision of Mr. W. Shute, spent a very interesting and enjoyable week-end tour in Cornwall.

The success of this was in no small way attributed to the hospitality and brotherly way all were welcomed at the village towers visited, especially at Lanteglos.

This tour commenced from Hampreston at 6.30 p.m. on August 24th, cars being the mode of transport. The party camped at Honiton on the first night, under canvas, and on the following night stayed in Lanteglos Church Barn because of inclement weather. Saturday was spent visiting and ringing at Launceston, Callington, Lewannick, Davidstow and Lanteglos. Before returning home the tourists paid a visit to the coast.

40 YEARS AGO

(From 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 22nd, 1911)

Brading, Isle of Wight. The Cambridge University Guild. On Friday, September 8th, 1911, in three hours and five minutes, at the Church of St. Mary, a peal of Little Bob Major, 5,040 changes (tenor 104 cwt.): Rev. A. H. F. Boughey treble, E. M. Atkins 2, Rev. H. L. James 3, Rev. A. G. Langdon 4, R. O. Street 5, W. D. James 6, Rev. E. B. James 7, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson tenor. Composed by W. Rolve. Conducted by Rev. E. B. James.

[This was the first time a peal in a 'Little' method had been rung. One might have expected some protests at the idea of the treble not going beyond fourths, but none appear to have been forthcoming.]

NOTICES

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage arranged between the Rev. Peter T. Robbins and Miss Betty Spice will take place at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Tunstall, near Sittingbourne, Kent, on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1951, at 11.15 a.m. All ringing friends will be welcomed at the church. Future address: 100, Bell Lane, Bury, Lancs. 9493

PUBLICATIONS

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS'.—A new edition with index is now available, price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Will any bellringer commencing studies at Bristol University or affiliated colleges this coming session please contact me?—Lance C. I. Watson, Hon. Sec., U.B.S.C.R., Beech Grove, Newport, Shropshire. 9478

ST. JOHN'S, SURREY ROAD, BOURNE-MOUTH.—Practice ringing at the above church on Tuesday evenings will be suspended until further notice. Sunday service ringing will continue as usual. 9491

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Arley on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 9498

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford and Farnham Districts.—Combined meeting at Worpleston, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. S. Petter, Fox Corner, Worpleston. 9466

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The meeting advertised for Norton, Saturday, Sept. 22nd, is now postponed until Oct. 20th.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 9503

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, September 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9426

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—September 22nd. Meeting at Hounslow (8), 3-5 (Hounslow West Station). Cafes in Hounslow. 120 bus from 'The Bell' to Heston (8), 6-8.30.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 9472

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Farnham Royal, Saturday, September 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 2s.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9458

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices at Easthampstead on Sept. 22nd and Twyford on Oct. 6th, 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 9474

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, on September 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Mary's and St. Mary's, Oatlands Park, bells after meeting. Names for tea to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 9353

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting due to be held at Bexhill on Saturday, 22nd September, will now be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne.—Hon. Div. Sec. 9494

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Barton Stacey, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Plough Inn. After tea, York practice. 9379

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. John-the-Baptist's, Eltham, September 29th. Business meeting 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Withfield Road. Tea at 4 p.m. Ringing afterwards 5 to 8. Names for tea, by September 25th, to Mr. F. J. Hurrell, 16, Jubilee Cottages, Eltham, S.E.9.—A. B. Peck. 9459

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mossley, September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. For tea advise, by September 25th. Mr. E. Garside, Shenston, Waterton Lane, Mossley, near Manchester.—C. K. Lewis. 9468

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting, Farnon, Sept. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 26th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 9490

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Fairfield, Buxton (8), Saturday, September 29th, 2.30. Tea at cafe nearby. D. Scott, Hon. Sec. 9470

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Cradley on Saturday, September 29th (by kind invitation). Bells 2.30. Guild service conducted by the Rev. W. Yaxley, vice-president. 4.15. Will members kindly attend to wish God-speed to the Vicar, who is leaving? Tea 5.15 for those who send names, not later than Tuesday, September 25th, to F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 9442

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Durham on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Full details will be forwarded to tower secretaries in due course.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 9476

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Wood Ditton, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Austin, Sunny View, Wood Ditton Road, Newmarket, by Sept. 26th.—H. L. Martin. 9499

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Godmanchester, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9505

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Corsham (6). Sept. 29th. 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Sept. 26th to R. Tigwell. 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 9489

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Brosley, Sept. 29th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Notifications for tea to be sent not later than Wednesday, Sept. 26th, to H. G. Thomas, Hildon, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 9475

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8). Saturday, September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential to Miss M. Richards, St. Margaret, Southbrook Street Ext., Swindon. 9451

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea free. Business meeting following tea. Names for tea by Sept. 27th to J. F. Wood, 51, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 9479

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Open Ringing Day at St. Mary de Castro, Leicester, on September 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Schools 5, for those sending names by Tuesday, 25th, to Mr. A. Davies, 46, Ulleswater Street, Leicester. 9444

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 9508

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—E. Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Halvergate, Saturday, September 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea, by Wednesday, 26th, to Mr. W. de Ville, 10, Church Avenue, Halvergate, Norwich.—J. Harwood, Sec. 9446

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cosgrove, Saturday, September 29th. Names for tea, by the 22nd, to E. Lambert, Cosgrove, Wolverton, Bucks.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 9443

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Sept. 29th. Usual arrangements. Names to Mr. Whalley, 24, South Walks Road, Dorchester, by Sept. 25th.—J. Hayne, Sec. 9482

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingston on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole, by Sept. 25th. Swanage in the evening. 9477

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Barnet (8) on Sept. 29th. Bells 4 p.m. Business meeting in tower after tea. Tea at local cafes.—K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 9512

SNOWDON DINNER.—Co-op Cafe, Railway Street, York, September 29th, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Private bar. Applications for tickets (9s. each) to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York, by first post Monday, September 24th. Minster bells available 11 to 12.30, 2.30 to 3.55 and 4.45 to 5.30. 9469

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wissett (6), Saturday, September 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than 26th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Notson Road, Southwold. 9463

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Ipswich, September 29th. St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's. Bells 3. Tea 5, Oriental Cafe, Westgate Street. Election of District Secretary. Names for tea essential by 25th, to E. G. Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 9454

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Cavendish (6), Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 till 9 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided at the Rectory 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 9502

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Horley (8) on Saturday, September 29th. Ringing 3. Tea and meeting 5. Service 6.30. Ringing until 9. Names for tea by Thursday, Sept. 28th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 9492

THE KEMPSTON RINGERS invite you to their tower on September 29th. Bells 2.30. Tour of church for non-ringers 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Social evening 7. Notify me for morning quarter peals at neighbouring churches, and send names for 1s. 9d. tea tickets (3s. on the day).—Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 9455

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Meeting at Paul, Sept. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 9484

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Badsey, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Sept. 26th to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 9500

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September general meeting will be held in conjunction with the Snowdon Dinner at York on Saturday, Sept. 29th. All members and friends are asked to note the following complete arrangements: General Committee meet 3 p.m. at St. Michael-le-Belfry Parish Room. General meeting same premises at 4.45 p.m. Evensong in Minster at 4 p.m. Dinner (tickets 9s. each) at Co-operative Cafe, Railway Street, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Licensed bar. Early application for tickets to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. Ringing at the Minster (12) 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 3.55 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. approx. (latter period for out-county visitors only).—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 9506

ALL SAINTS' WORCESTER.—The re-dedication of the bells, after rehanging and reconditioning of belfry, takes place on Sunday, Sept. 30th, at 6.30. There will be ringing before and after the service. An address will be given by Rev. H. Hartley, Vicar of Malvern Link and chairman of Worcestershire and Districts Association of Bell-ringers. Ringers welcomed. 9488

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Bishop's Lydeard, Oct. 6th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please. Bagborough bells 6.30.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 9511

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 6th. 3 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. Please notify D. R. Carlisle, 85, Derby Road, Risley, by Oct. 2nd. 9510

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Oct. 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, High Street, East Budleigh. 9509

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual ringing festival at Bocking, Oct. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 9497

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Bromley (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Duesbury, Hon. Sec. 9425

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—Monthly practice, Galleywood (8), first Saturday each month, commencing Oct. 6th, 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome. 9496

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West District.—Crusader meeting at Prittlewell (10) on Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea. Names for tea to F. B. Lufkin, 73, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell. 9471

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15 p.m. Tea after in Parish Room. Names for tea, with cash, at 2s. per head, together with nominations for officers, to reach me not later than first post Wednesday, October 3rd.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9501

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Oct. 6th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (approx.). Names for tea by Oct. 4th to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. The meeting has been transferred from Tonbridge owing to repairs to Tonbridge bells. 9486

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Leicester, on Oct. 6th. Bells, St. John's (10), at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leics, by Oct. 3rd. Tickets, 8s. 6d. each and number limited, for (Continued on next page)

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the festival dinner and social on Oct. 27th at Market Harborough now available. Apply with remittance, before Oct. 18th to W. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester. 9487

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Meeting, Nocton (6), Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous. —John Freeman, Hon. Sec., Flat 11, Wellingore Hall, near Lincoln. 9504

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (V.W.H. and Witney and Woodstock Branches). **GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (Swindon Branch). — Joint meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Other towers available after tea. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 3rd. to M. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 9414

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Rugeley, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea not later than Oct. 3rd. Annual reports (6d. each) will be available at this meeting. Tower secretaries please note, it will be no use complaining afterwards.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 9485

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, King George Hotel, Barnsley, Oct. 13th. 6 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, obtainable from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 9507

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 27th. Accommodation for 150. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, shortly available.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 9462

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