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TWO VOICES

THE history of change ringing is told to us in many voices and in many a mode. Since the year of the first Jacobite rebellion, when the bells of St. Peter Mancroft rang out the first true 5,040, men have recorded in prose, verse, diary and letter anecdotes of ringers and stories of notable feats. The critical writings of Hearne, the doggerel verse of Laughton, the intimate portraits of John Day, the homely peal notes of Washbrook, the vivid phrases of William Willson, these and a vast quantity of matter of all kinds and quality go to make up the yet unwritten history of change ringing. The bare record of performances forms but the framework of this remarkable story, and the dry bones of the peal book need the breath of warm humanity if they are to be clothed and live before us as real human achievements.

This infusing of life and movement and colour into statistical records is by no means a matter of fine words or noble prose; on the contrary it is often achieved by humble means, and this is illustrated clearly in the short and simple annals of John Martin and Giles Mansfield.

John Martin was composer to the Leicester Scholars towards the end of the 18th century, and his peal book, in addition to bearing witness to his skill as a composer, gives also an insight into his character and outlook. His style is unadorned and homely, but here and there he strikes a felicitous phrase, and then his expression becomes almost poetic. Of the pleasure of the Tittums he writes: 'Once a person has got that Beat in is ear he Sails Before the wind with pleasure and his Ear will never be satisfied with the Beat of Good Tittoms.' And again he says, writing of musical values: 'The Ear and Not the eye is to be considered, what think you Brother String of this method?' It would seem that old John Martin knew quite well that courses that look well on paper may not always be so satisfactory when rung.

In 1777 the Leicester Scholars rang 10,080 Grandsire Caters after several attempts. Success came at last, and of this John Martin says: '... In ye afternoon of ye same Day they completed the Great Peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters in ye Tittoms, in Seven hours and Twelve Minuets, the Next Day the Society Met and Chear'd (Chaired) Three of the Oldest Members Through the principle streets of the Town, and the inhabitants of ye town Made a Subscription and it Ris to the Eight of Thirty Tree pounds

and upwards, which names are wrote hereunder.' He then tells of the guinea from Mr. Watts for ale, the half-crown from the Combshop, and of the way the collectors went round the next day to see if anybody had been missed.

In this rather breathless account all the immediate excitement of the great occasion is reflected. It was, as the peal book shows, written soon after the event, and the wave of exultation following upon the success of the peal was still exhilarating the writer.

Giles Mansfield's account of the 12,312 Grandsire Caters at Painswick in 1817 is somewhat different. Mansfield wrote at the age of eighty, fifty-seven years after the great peal, and in the glow of the sunset of his years the old man looks back proudly upon a wonderful day and upon a feat that stamped its details on the tablets of his mind.

'Whe Painswick ringers ad rung a peale of Grandsire Caters before of ten thousand and then the Bristol Ringers rang a peal of Grandsire Caters a few changes more than whe at Painswick and beat us then whe went to work again and beat them with the 12,312. . . . Whe advertised in a great many news papers in the Kingdom as we was goying to attempt to do it and whe did it in a verey masterley style and it Drade a greate many Ringers from all parts and a great deal of money chainged hands and when whe ad finished thear was thousands of people thear one mite ave walked on thair Heds it tis thought thear nevver was so maney in the Churchyard before nor sence and there was a first rate band in Painswick at that time and thay plaid before us when whe left the Church.'

There is something astonishingly vital in this picturesque account. One pictures the opening of the door of the tower, the appearance of the first ringer, the surge of people and the roar of many voices punctuated, perhaps, with the booming of a drum. And yet Mansfield writes deliberately, bluntly and proudly. 'We was goying to attempt to do it, and whe did it,' he says roundly, and in his eighty-third year he speaks with an assurance built upon indelible memories. He lived for some thirteen years more, passing away at the age of ninety-five, and doubtless to the very end the sights and sounds of the churchyard at Painswick on May 7th, 1817, remained clearly before him.

In the extensive field of literary expression it is a far cry from the scholarly formality of Thomas Hearne to the crudities of Mansfield and Martin. And yet it is in the homely pictures of the latter two that we find the more vivid picture and, it might be said, the greater and truer reflection of the social side of bell ringing. E. C. S.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR

The following three peals were rung for the Cambridge University Guild:—

CAMBRIDGE.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 32 cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) <i>Treble</i>	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 5
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 2	*J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's) .. 6
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) .. 3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. 7
R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) .. 4	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.
* 50th peal.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') <i>Treble</i>	*R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) .. 5
Miss G. A. SMITH (Newn.) .. 2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) .. 3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. 7
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's) .. 4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) <i>Treble</i>	*W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 7
Miss G. A. SMITH (Newn.) .. 2	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 8
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) .. 3	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) .. 9
*R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Selwyn) .. 4	*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. 10
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) .. 5	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) .. 11
*J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's) .. 6	*B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. This was the first twelve-bell tower peal by the Guild.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY .. 2	ROGER O. FRY .. 8
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 9
JAMES PHILLIPS .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 10
BRIAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5	HENRY H. FEARN .. 11
JOHN CHILCOTT .. 6	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*†B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. <i>Treble</i>	*HUGH MATTHEWMAN .. 6
HAROLD MARCON .. 2	ALAN CATTELL .. 7
*MARY C. PAYNE .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 8
*ROYSTON WILMORE .. 4	COLIN P. WALKER .. 9
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. 5	FREDERICK A. ADAMS .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal of Royal. † 100th peal for the Guild.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt.

*EDWARD W. ROAST .. <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN WARNER .. 6
ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 7
*FRANK CLAYDON .. 3	*JOE E. G. ROAST .. 8
*PETER J. CAME .. 4	*TERRY EARLE .. 9
ERNEST W. PYE .. 5	*WALTER ARNOLD .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by RICHARD E. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN .. <i>Treble</i>	IVOR JENKINS .. 5
JOHN WHEADON .. 2	*SYDNEY SAGE .. 6
LEWIS H. JENKINS .. 3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 7
ERIC SIMPSON .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to the conductor on gaining the degree of B.Sc. (Nottingham).

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.)

*SYLVIA WICKENDEN .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN SCHOFIELD .. 5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 2	DEREK W. STONE .. 6
ROGER BALDWIN .. 3	*GEORGE COUSSINS .. 7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4	ERNEST WILLCOX .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Major.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	Tenor 10 cwt.
GEOFFREY KIRBY .. <i>Treble</i>	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
STEPHEN IVIN .. 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 6
ERIC SHARP .. 3	COLIN D. MANN .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4	DESMOND R. BRAZIER .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the memory of the Rev. Colin Millington. Rector of Maulden, 1944-53, who was cremated this day.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN FREEMAN .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 2	*GEOFFREY PAUL .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH <i>Treble</i>	*PETER NASH .. 5
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 2	PETER R. SANDERS .. 6
†GEOFFREY PONTON .. 3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. 7
*ROY F. BREWER .. 4	PETER DICKINSON .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 5
DAVID HEIGHTON 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	BERT GOGLE 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS .. Treble	*KENNETH ROBERTS .. 5
JACK KAY 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 6
PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 3	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH 7
WILLIAM TYSON 4	ROBERT E. EASTMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung for the wedding of Leyland Golley, of Cornwall, and Alice Brenda Gorton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gorton, chief ringer at this church. The wedding ceremony took place at this church just prior to the peal. The bride was also a former ringer.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY 2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	GIBSON JACKSON 7
HOWARD SCOTT 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BETTY SMITH .. Treble	J. HARRY COOK 5
MRS. P. A. CORBY 2	SAMUEL J. HAINES .. 6
MRS. S. J. HAINES 3	HARRY CLAYTON 7
†ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

WALTER ELSEY .. Treble	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	HARRY MOSS 6
BETTY SYRETT 3	FREDERICK C. ROPER .. 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON .. 4	THOMAS FORD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Clement J. More.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

MRS. A. DISERENS .. Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	*T. MARK WHITE 6
JOHN N. DISERENS 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 7
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* 50th peal on the bells.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5088 SCOTHORNE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 6
GEOFFREY PAUL 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4	†JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 100th peal for the Guild. † 100th peal. The first peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
FREDERICK S. MACEY 2	PETER CARTER 6
LEONARD MANNERING .. 3	WILFRED W. RING 7
COLIN A. TESTER 4	MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Composed by C. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 12). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A wedding compliment to Anthony Beeching and Betty V. Vidler, who were married at the above church that day.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*MARION J. PARKER .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
*RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. 2	*ROBIN G. LEALE 6
*RUTH M. JACKSON 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
†E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Superlative. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

SCOTHORNE SURPRISE MAJOR.

38, 14, 1256, 16, 14, 58, 14, 58. 2nd place lead-end 14263857.



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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*ROBERT C. KIPPIN Treble	ADRIAN J. TUMBER 5
NELIA M. LEAHY 2	*ROYDON DAVIES 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal on eight bells. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal in the method.
The first peal of Yorkshire Major on the bells

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Regular Six-part. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*AUDREY BUTLER Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER 5
*FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	*KENNETH BUCKINGHAM 6
*BRIAN L. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 7
A. JAMES GLASS 4	*ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal in the method. A farewell peal to the Rev. Hylton Sykes
(curate) on his departure for Scarborough.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EAST WOODHAY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHPREPS PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM KEWELL Treble	MAURICE J. DODD 4
C. JOHN CASTELL 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
PHILLIP E. DODD 3	MICHAEL H. MAISEY Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

First peal in the method and the first peal on the bells.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Wickens and Miss N. Dodd, which
took place the following Saturday at Highclere.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 St. Clement's and six 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

MRS. J. E. FOX Treble	WALTER HAMMOND 4
TOM BUSH 2	JOHN E. FOX 5
M. ROLAND REED 3	HARRY FOLLEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. R. Wislin (local ringer) and Miss
M. Hicks. Sunday School teacher.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and St.
Clement's College Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and
Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOYCE EVANS Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT 4
*FREDA ROBINSON 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE 5
GEORGE CHALLANS 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung for the marriage of the Rev. John Garside Fethney, senior
curate of West Hackney Parish Church, and Miss Valerie Ann East-
wood, of Warsop; also for the marriage of Mr. Peter Glover, of
Mansfield, and Miss Mollie Marshall, of Warsop.

FLITWICK, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being forty-two extents in eleven methods, viz.: 240 each of New Bob,
Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Union, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's;
480 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place and Plain
Bob; 960 of St. Martin's; and 1,200 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROGER M. LENNARD Treble	C. MICHAEL ORME 3
PETER SHIPTON 2	DEREK P. JONES 4
STEPHEN IVIN Tenor	

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal on the bells. First peal in 11 Doubles methods by all, in
the county and by the Association. The conductor has now rung peals
in all numbers of Doubles methods from one to twelve.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double
Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

*BRIDGET MUTIMER Treble	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. 4
JOHN S. BARNES 2	DAVID HEIGHTON 5
MIRIAM A. HIGDON 3	THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court and three of
Plain Bob.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT .. Treble	WALTER WESTON 4
HENRY P. COLLIN 2	REGINALD SCOTT 5
DONALD H. METTAM 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Kenneth S. B. Croft, Southampton,
on holiday in the district.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Surfleet Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cam-
bridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble
Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

*PETER R. SANDERS .. Treble	†PETER NASH 4
†ROBERT C. KIPPIN 2	*GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER 3	†J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal together.
A birthday compliment to Charles H. Kippin.

WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs. Sept. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: London, Wells, Durham,
York, Stamford, Rossendale and Ipswich (C.C.C. Nos. 112, 102, 28,
29, 114, 115 and 103). Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*PETER J. SHIPTON .. Treble	††ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4
†RONALD J. SHARP 2	STEPHEN IVIN 5
DEREK P. JONES 3	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob and 'outside.' † 200th peal together.
‡ 200th peal for the Bedfordshire Association.
Rung for the feast of St. Giles.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 2, 1955, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*WILLIAM BUTLER Treble	†JOHN SCHOFIELD 4
*FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	ERNEST F. WILLCOX 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 3	JAMES BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Bob Minor. 75th peal as conductor. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' twice.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of The Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CLEEVE F. FINCH Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 4
WINIFRED MELLIN 2	C. JACK GIBSON 5
WILLIAM H. MELLIN 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, viz.: Two extents of Double Court and one each of Single Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE Treble	THOMAS R. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	CHARLES E. BLACK 5
ALBERT SCOTT 3	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the eve of his 74th birthday.

SEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY G. PONTING Treble	JOHN T. MEDHURST 4
KEVIN H. HOHL 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5
STANLEY JENNER 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK ELSOM Treble	OLIVER NORMAN 4
DONALD PEACOCK 2	E. JACK PARISH 5
*ALBERT LEGGETT 3	ALAN PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by E. JACK PARISH.

* First peal.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

MISS M. ROGERS Treble	N. CHAPEL 4
F. R. HINER 2	MISS D. J. SHAW 5
F. BRUNT 3	H. MORTEMORE Tenor

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

Rung half-muffled for Canon F. H. C. Bowen, later Rector of Thrybergh for 43 years.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

At Cleatham House Farm.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 1—2	JOHN FREEMAN 5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3—4	JACK BRAY 7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.



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QUARTER PEALS

ABBEY DORE, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, T. J. Gundy 2, A. J. Probert 3, L. H. Colcombe (cond.) 4, I. Jones 5, R. A. Colcombe 6. Rung for a choral service.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Skinner 1, S. Walklate 2, E. Johnson (first quarter) 3, D. Shakespeare 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, F. Disney 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Page, Vicar of St. Michael's, Derby, who died the week previous.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann S. Parvin 1, M. J. Bray 2, Doris A. Banks 3, D. W. Nuttall (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. A. Nobles (cond.) 5, F. G. Barron 6, G. E. Verrill 7, J. Hedges 8. Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of Mrs. Alice M. E. Verrill, the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chase, the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Barron, the pearl wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Banks and the cotton wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sturgess.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Jones (first quarter) 1, S. A. Read 2, E. Bray 3, E. Naylor (cond.) 4, W. F. J. Copé 5, G. J. Hawkins 6.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Aug. 28th, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: D. Thompson 1, P. J. Shipton 2, D. Houghton 3, G. Amor 4, B. Pattison 5, R. A. Lennard 6, P. I. Chapman 7, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 8. Also 720 Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, on the front six: R. A. Lennard 1, S. Foskett 2, S. J. Ivin 3, B. Harlow 4, G. Amor 5, C. E. Jeffries 6. Both rung for Evensong.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Original and 60 of Stedman): D. Beresford (cond.) 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss B. Thompson 3, J. L. Morris 4, P. P. Brown 5, R. Rugman 6. First in 11 methods for all except the conductor. Rung for Evensong.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): Mrs. W. Vann 1, Miss D. V. Elson 2, J. G. Underwood 3, R. Wilson 4, M. F. Amos 5, E. G. Orland (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. A. Tole and Miss P. Burnell, both ringers at this church.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.—On Aug. 28th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Craig 1, W. Carter (cond.) 2, J. Berry 3, H. Bishop 4, W. Daniell 5, T. Townsend 6, P. Anger 7, J. Durham 8.

DERBY.—On Aug. 28th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Fletcher 1, W. Lancaster 2, W. Steen 3, S. Merry (first in method) 4, F. R. Lowe 5, M. Barker 6, A. Mould (first in method as cond.) 7, B. Barker 8. For Evensong.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—At the Parish Church of St. Peter, on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. E. Kemp (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Miss O. L. Rogers 3, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 4, R. H. Duke 5, Miss B. J. Dyke (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, P. H. Toccock 7, P. J. Kemp (first quarter) 8. Before evening service.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Samler 1, D. Lawson (cond.) 2, D. Jordan 3, W. Gilks 4, D. Bosley 5, Miss M. Luker 6, W. Corderoy 7, A. E. Gee 8. Rung for evening service with 7, 6 and 8 covering, and as a compliment to the conductor on his engagement to Miss M. Samler.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Cragg 1, D. A. Smith 2, Miss D. K. Saunders 3, Miss J. M. Clements (first quarter as cond.) 4, H. C. Weaver 5, B. W. M. Cowper 6, C. Wood 7, R. R. P. Wood 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Before morning service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, A. Foxall (first quarter 'inside') 2, Doreen Coker 3, A. E. Cox 4, D. Cornwall (cond.) 5, K. Biggs 6, I. Biggs 7, N. Cornwall 8.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Adams (cond.) 1, C. Bennet 2, Miss V. Naylor (first quarter) 3, W. Fern 4, H. Mair 5, M. Harding 6. Rung for Evensong, also as a 21st birthday compliment to D. Woodley, now in hospital.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: P. T. Pilcher 1, Miss C. Chambers 2, Mrs. C. A. Critchley 3, E. H. Chambers 4, G. W. Critchley 5, A. R. Agg 6, B. L. Marks (cond.) 7, P. Wells 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth ('George') Robinson, a member of the local band, to Mr. Alun Roberts.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,800 Plain Bob Minor: W. Mills 1, Eunice D. Overend 2, W. J. Phippen 3, E. E. Bray 4, D. Hoare 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Cook (first quarter of Major) 1, J. Stimson 2, Mrs. P. A. Corby 3, R. E. Mantion 4, T. Templeton 5, J. Day (first quarter of Major) 6, H. Clayton 7, P. A. Corby (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. H. G. Bailey and Miss S. E. Wise, members of the local band.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (being 360 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 480 Grandsire): H. Allen 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, W. E. Eveleigh 3, F. J. Matthews 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, N. Small 6. First in three methods for 2 and 4. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): H. O. Capell 1, P. Lawrence 2, R. A. Eldridge 3, J. Vears 4, G. F. Rooome 5, T. Hammons 6. Rung for the festival of St. Giles.

PAWLETT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): D. Miller 1, J. Hobbs (first quarter in more than one method) 2, R. Short 3, M. Stone 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. R. Wixey 1, P. Hurcombe 2, F. E. T. Tranter (cond.) 3, C. F. Wixey 4, W. C. Wixey 5, S. Pugh 6. Rung practice night for visitor on 2nd. Also on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6, 7, 8—7, 6, 8, alternate covering: C. Pugh (first quarter) 1, A. M. Wixey 2, F. E. T. Tranter (cond.) 3, P. Hurcombe 4, W. C. Wixey 5, S. Pugh 6, C. F. Wixey 7, J. Cobb 8. Rung for morning service with two visitors, No. 4 and tenor.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Lofthouse 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Shelagh K. Seery 3, C. Barber 4, H. Spencer 5, E. Hudson 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8.

SHERE, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Coward 1, Margaret Brown 2, Mrs. M. Egerton (longest length of Triples) 3, A. P. Cannon 4, G. L. Grover 5, B. G. Grover 6, T. Setter (cond.) 7, H. Arthur 8.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Aug. 28th, 1,274 Grandsire Triples: G. Vincent 1, R. Woodley 2, Miss M. Davis 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, C. Woodley 5, J. Arbury 6, G. Retter 7, J. Hayns 8. Rung for the visit of F. W. Richardson and J. Hayns.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Lord 1, A. Clements 2, Rev. B. Freer Sheppard (cond.) 3, E. Wakeling 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom 6. Rung as a farewell by the local band to the Rev. B. Freer Sheppard, who is leaving after 17 years as Rector of this parish. Also on Aug. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Rev. B. Freer Sheppard 3, H. S. Peacock 4, G. D. Whitehead 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. B. Freer Sheppard (president, Hunts District), upon his departure from Somersham, by Hunts District members.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, Stella Allen 2, G. Jeanes 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, B. Bown 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Phyllis Matthews (niece of the conductor) to Mr. Brian Hunt.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, W. G. Soar 2, L. Warren 3, T. J. Marriott 4, P. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. R. Banton, for many years a ringer and chorister.

WALMER, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hawkins 1, Miss F. Westwood 2, Miss M. Hawkins 3, F. Rye 4, J. A. Hales 5, J. Penfold 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, H. E. Axon 8. Rung for Evensong and a birthday compliment to Miss M. Hawkins.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, H. Belcher 4, B. K. Lunn 5, T. Setter 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: June Bullivant 1, Joyce Evans (first quarter 'inside') 2, Freda Robinson 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke 6.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Naphine 1, W. Kerrison 2, Miss M. Thompson 3, C. J. Gibson 4, R. J. Darch 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. J. Castle, a former Vicar, who died in New Zealand.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Mecham (first quarter) 1, D. A. Smith 2, J. R. Wilson 3, B. W. M. Cowper 4, Miss J. M. Clements (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Miss D. K. Saunders 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court and 540 Childwall): Jill Mackintosh 1, A. S. Richards 2, Mary Fuller 3, R. W. Stephens 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonus 3, D. Mortlock 4, M. Ginn 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

WILTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Hayward 1, A. H. Reed 2, W. T. Clarke 3, H. E. Causley 4, A. W. Heywar1 5, F. Avery 6, S. G. Coles (cond.) 7, A. J. Grant 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the 3rd (both anniversaries were on the same day).

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Prescott 1, H. A. Price 2, Miss E. Grime 3, S. A. Read 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, W. F. J. Cope 6, E. Naylor 7, E. A. Price 8. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' in quarter peals.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

The 1954-1955 Session Reviewed

Ringers who were interested to learn in March that the newly-formed Ringing Society of Southampton University had rung its first quarter peal may like to know a little more about its progress and activity up to the end of its first session.

Apart from the two normal weekly meetings—one for handbells and one in the tower—there have been several organised excursions. On May 25th Reading and Southampton Universities Societies held a joint meeting at the towers of Sherborne St. John and St. Michael's, Basingstoke. The Society has had three ringing outings, one on Whit Monday—the first of what is hoped will be an annual event—visiting nine towers in the Winchester area, another visiting seven towers in the Meon Valley, and the other, as guests of North Stoneham ringers on their annual outing, to Arundel, Brighton, Henfield and Haslemere. In addition, the policy has been established to ring from time to time for a Sunday service at one of the churches in the neighbourhood of Southampton, and for this purpose the Society has visited North Stoneham, St. Mary's, Southampton, Curdridge and Romsey Abbey.

The Society as a whole attended the annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Basingstoke, and ringing meetings at Stockbridge, Titchfield and Upham, and has been represented at other meetings. Altogether 16 towers have been visited this session.

All members have made considerable advances in change ringing. Those who were beginners at the time when the Society was founded are now conversant with the two

best known methods, Plain Bob and Grandsire, whilst those proficient continue to pursue the policy of delving into some of the lesser-practised methods. On the University's Commemoration day (May 18th) a quarter peal of 1,260 mixed Doubles was rung at North Stoneham in six methods. Other methods rung have included Stedman, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise, York Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise and Double Norwich.

The average age of members is 20 years five months and all have taken part in at least one of the three quarter peals that have been rung. The Society's first annual general meeting has been held, when a constitution was drawn up and passed, and officers were elected: President, Mr. D. C. Jackson; vice-president, Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish; secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. W. M. Jones; committee members, Miss Ann Sweeney and Mr. R. E. Finch. Provisional plans for next session include a ringing week in Somerset at Easter, a joint meeting with another University, and at least one peal attempt.

A hearty welcome is extended to all freshers entering the University in October, who are either ringers or interested in taking up ringing. Those who would like information of any kind are invited to contact the secretary, c/o the University.

The Society would like to record its grateful thanks to its ringing friends from Peter Symonds School, Winchester, to the Rector and captain of St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, for the use of the tower for practice and for their constant hospitality both inside and outside the belfry.

P. W. M. J.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Formation of Hereford District

The quarterly meeting of the South Wales District was held on September 3rd at Eardisland, Herefordshire, and the new Hereford District of the Guild was formed.

A large number of ringers attended, including a coachload from South Wales, and everyone enjoyed ringing the fine bells.

The service was conducted by the Rev. P. Rock, who welcomed the Guild to Eardisland. The organist was Miss Dorothy Atwell. Tea was prepared in the nearby schoolroom, and afterwards the vice-president, Miss Lily Temlett, thanked the Vicar and the ladies.

At the business meeting many new members were elected, together with the officers and committee of the Hereford District. These were: Vice-president, Mrs. Chandler; secretary, Miss Rosemary Jarritt; committee, the Misses J. Green, M. Tilbury, R. Bray and M. Williams. The first meeting of the new district will be held jointly with the Hereford Guild.

The next meeting of the South Wales District will be held jointly with the Llandaff Branch, probably at Aberavon.

J. S. E.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly corporate Communion of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Yatton on August 28th. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before the ringers attended the service at 8 o'clock, at which the celebrant was the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Beechey).

Twenty-six ringers afterwards sat down to an excellent breakfast prepared by Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Knight. The Vicar said a few words of welcome and exhorted everyone to attend the quarterly meeting at Yatton on October 15th. Those ringers who did not have to return to their own towers then joined the local band to ring for matins.

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As far back as 1950 a peal attempt at Silk Willoughby, Lincs, was arranged for Mr. Kenneth Croft, now of Southampton. It was finalised on August 31st and was much enjoyed by all participating.

The price of tickets for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths dinner on October 1st is 13s., and not 13s. 6d., as inadvertently stated in our last issue.

A silver-plated lapel badge of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was found on Sunday, September 4th, in the Hero of Inkerman, Bagshot, Surrey, car park. Will the owner please communicate with Mr. H. Hunt, St. Brelade's, London Road, Bagshot, Surrey.

Mr. Tony Setter, who is on holiday at Dorking, participated in a quarter peal at Shere on September 7th. The confident way Miss Marian Egerton, of the local band, rang her first quarter of Triples was a matter for congratulation.

The 'Model Engineer' exhibition at the New Horticultural Hall, Westminster, contains a model bell hung complete with all fittings, one-eighth full size. The exhibit is the work of Mr. Cyril D. Nichols, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, band.

Eighty-three-year-old Mr. John Wheadon earned the congratulations of the band who rang in the peal at Mottram, Cheshire, on August 6th. His friends in Kent and elsewhere will doubtless be pleased to hear that he is still going strong.

The peal at Wimbledon recorded last week was the second on the bells, the previous one being in 1886. According to a correspondent, the peal aroused a crop of complaints, including one from the police! It seems unlikely that a peal attempt will be made again for some time.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Northiam Sussex, on August 27th, nearly did not come to a happy ending. After two and a half hours' ringing, the proprietor of a hotel in the shadow of the church charged in and demanded that ringing should stop. The Vicar, however, happened to be in the church and he managed to lead the irate hotelier away. It appears that some of the hotel guests had come down from London for a 'quiet week-end.'

The peal of Minor rung at Henlow, published in our last issue, was rung on August 20th, and not as stated.

The B.B.C. are broadcasting the bells of South Molton Parish Church before evening service on Sunday, September 18th. They will be heard on the London, West, North and Midland Home Services.

Cambridge University Guild have a new method known as 'Boatrace Delight.' It consists of Cambridge in front and Oxford behind! Perhaps next year the Dark Blues will be ringing 'Reverse Boatrace Delight'!

We regret to hear that Mr. Wilfred Williams entered Westminster Hospital (St. Mark's Ward) last Tuesday for an operation which will probably keep him out of active ringing for about six months. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

Cranford, Northants, lost its band some ten years ago owing to a dispute with the Rector. About two years ago Mr. C. H. Newell, the tower captain, assisted by Mr. H. Willis, started teaching a young band from scratch and they have rung several quarters of Doubles. The first 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the new band on August 21st:—T. Sampson (11) 1, Molly Crosier (12) 2, C. H. Newell 3, H. Willis 4, D. W. James (conductor, 16) 5, F. E. Crosier (17) 6. It was rung for evening service and also as a birthday compliment to Molly Crosier.

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BISHOP DEFENDS CHURCH BELLS

Reply to Letters of Protest

Dedicating a new ring of bells at Ruishton Church (Som.), the Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. H. W. Bradfield) told the congregation, 'I often get pathetic letters from people who protest to me about the ringing of bells on Sunday morning an hour before they wish to get up. They say, "Why should our sleep be disturbed by this unseemly noise?"'

'They give themselves away completely in writing letters of this sort. They surely make the biggest mistake in the world if they think I am going to take any action whatever to prevent men from being called to worship in the presence of God and in fellowship one with another.'

The Bishop said he often met those who asked whether in these days the Church ought to spend such large sums on its bells.

'After all, we are confronted with problem after problem in restoring our ancient churches and handing on our heritage unimpaired,' he went on. 'We are called upon to make substantial sacrifices to retain the ministry in our countryside and to train new men for the ministry. There is also the responsibility for the Church overseas and for those new areas of population with no church at all.'

'So it is said that we ought to put first things first and to devote our resources to those purposes which are vital and essential to the Church. Indeed there is something most cogent in that argument and it would spell disaster for the Church if we did not pay proper attention and fulfil our responsibilities in those directions.'

'On the other hand, I am sure that something of real value would pass from the life of the Church if our bells remained silent. The ringing of the bells is something almost peculiar to the life of the English Church.'

'The bells are not in the church tower merely to provide amusement and healthy exercise for those drawn to the art of campanology; they are a reminder of those invisible things of God upon which the whole of our life must inevitably be based. They are there to remind us of man's highest duty—to offer himself in worship before God.'

Referring to the solemn responsibility resting upon ringers, the Bishop said, 'I am sometimes disturbed at the attitude of those who are ready enough to come to the tower and call people to the worship of God, but who, once their ringing is finished, absent themselves from that same worship.'

'I hope that that may not be so here. For you who are called to ring these bells are messengers of God to His people and you have a responsibility to ring the bells to the best of your ability and power and to ring them in such a spirit as may carry conviction and appeal to those who hear.'

The three existing bells have been retuned and three new ones added at a cost of £1,200. All except £200 had been raised when the bells were dedicated.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Lewisham District

A practice meeting was held on August 27th at Crayford and Bexley, the bells of the former being put to good use before tea with ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Major. The service was held at Bexley, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. F. Hooper), and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett.

A high tea, provided by Bexley ringers, was then enjoyed, and further ringing under the direction of Mr. J. Cannell in various standard methods up to London Major concluded the programme for the day. M. R. A.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

Annual Tour, 1955

THIS year's tour was held in Cambridge in accordance with the tradition that it should be held there every fifth year. Our headquarters were at 19, West Road, at which place and at Saxon Barns—two hostels of Selwyn College—the members were very comfortably accommodated. Numbers were somewhat reduced by marriage, completed or pending, and by the counter-attractions of foreign parts, but we had enough to ring while peals were in progress.

The week officially opened on Sunday, Aug. 28th, at 5.30 p.m., soon after which time six members were pulling the bells at St. Andrew's for evening service. Here we were introduced to a method known as 'Boatrace Delight'—Cambridge in front and Oxford behind. Thankful that we were not going to ring there again during the week, great singleness of purpose was shown by the members in waiting in the rain till a 'nearby hostelry' should open. We returned to the West House Hotel, where we dined excellently every evening, and then some more time was spent in conviviality until throwing-out time.

Monday's ringing began on the pleasant six at Harston, where we were told that new stays had been fitted against our coming. Some good ringing was had here before we moved on to Meldreth, where a framed list of founders and weights assured us that the fourth weighs 6 cwt. 4 qr. Here Kentish Delight belied the second half of its name—at least, we couldn't get it round. Before returning to lunch in Cambridge we snatched the six bells of Melbourn.

After lunch, a band of the more serious-minded had the privilege of ringing a peal of Yorkshire at the Roman Catholic Church, while others, less ambitious, rang on the sixes at Swavesey and at Willingham. After tea there was ringing on the five bells at the thatched church of Rampton. The Cambridge Youths were joined at their practice in the evening at Great St. Mary's, which finished just before a power-cut plunged the town into darkness, thereby delaying many members in obtaining their refreshments.

A DIP IN THE UPPER CAM

Sunshine greeted us on Tuesday, when a band went to Barkway to ring a peal of Rutland. While this was in progress the rest rang at Anstey, where the six bells, tuned in a scale unknown to most musicians, are heaved from the middle of the church. Wendens Ambo proved to be a pleasant contrast, and a further unofficial visit was paid to Newport. We lunched in Saffron Walden and, after losing precious time in key-hunting, we rang the bells there to Stedman Caters and Cinques and Cambridge Royal. Tea was taken at Thaxted, after which the bells, which are well in keeping with the glories of the church, were put to good use and greatly appreciated. After returning and dining in Cambridge, the handbells and the public houses were in great demand. At 11.30 p.m. three members could have been seen finding that the waters of the Upper Cam were decidedly cold!

Wednesday began with the corporate Communion at Selwyn College Chapel. The first tower of the day was Longstanton, where memories of past ringing were revived for several members. The next call was at Over, where the gargoyles were much admired: one member wanted to take literally a sign requesting ringers to remove the clock hammers before ringing, but in spite of this some good ringing was had here. A curious coincidence occurred

before lunch; all the cars ran out of petrol just in front of various public houses! We lunched in Huntingdon before going to Godmanchester, where another key-hunt was just getting under way when a local ringer arrived with it, so that we were able to enjoy some good touches on these bells.

From here we went to St. Neots, where the heavy-bell ringers worked up a good appetite for tea, which was had in a nearby cafe. After the organiser had toured the town twice to make sure that everyone was safely back in their cars, we made our last call of the day at Bourn: here we rang Spiced Surprise and a number of other methods. Before getting back to dinner, several cars again ran out of petrol at a convenient place, thus enabling a representative team of the non-residents to be beaten by the residents at darts. After dinner some more Boatrace Delight was rung at St. Bene't's, while others soon found they couldn't ring Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

FULBOURN TOWER IN DANGER

A letter arrived on Thursday morning intimating that the tower at Fulbourn was in danger of collapsing, so we went to Duxford instead. Of the six bells here, the third is the lightest and the fifth the heaviest. After ringing a variety of methods, we went on to Ickleton, a splendid Norman church with a central tower containing eight good bells. The entire party had to refuse just opposite the church before lunch. In the afternoon came the highlight of the week—a peal of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, for which we imported some other members to do some work for a change. The non-pealers took a hand in the organising for the afternoon, and instead of sticking meekly to the programme, rang at Stapleford and Cherryhinton. After the dinner we had the business meeting, at which it was decided to go to Worcestershire next year, and at which that hardy perennial, the Guild History, once more appeared on the agenda.

On Friday it was reported that a well-known comedian appearing at the Arts Theatre had expressed his gratitude for having the bells rung in his honour. We did not like to disillusion him, so we went to Littleport, where we lost a peal of Cambridge, and then joined the non-pealers at Ely, after they had rung at Wilburton and Stretham. After we had lunched in Ely, the wear and tear of the week began to show, and at Newmarket occurred the phenomenon of a party of ringers arriving late and leaving early. Tea was taken at Mildenhall, where we spent an hour or so ringing on the pleasant ten, Grandsire Caters being the most successful touch. Thanks to some fast driving, the writer was able to lose a game of darts before dinner, in one of Cambridge's 163 public houses. After dinner almost the entire party were 'with one accord in one place' testing the relative merits of Bass and Worthington, which may very well have accounted for the low standard of handbell ringing, and the desire of one member to sing, when we got back.

The more sensible members went home on Saturday morning, but a band of incorrigibles went out to Braughing, intending to go for a peal. Unfortunately, a reorganisation(?) of the Cambridge postal services meant that we met without having picked up the member who had left London soon after dawn. With the aid of a local ringer and of one who had come to listen to the peal, we had a short ring before we adjourned for refreshment. The missing member arrived shortly after we left, which was even more unfortunate. Thus ended another Guild Week, although several members were still to be found later in the day ringing in a peal at Mildenhall, which finished just too late for your correspondent to get his train home. W. T. C.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SUMMER TOUR

500 Miles Amid Suffolk Roads and Lanes

THE University of London Society chose Suffolk for this year's summer manoeuvres, which were to be held in the week July 23rd to August 1st. The Victoria Hotel, Ipswich, was commandeered as headquarters and, as the twenty or so members who turned up for annual training completely filled the hotel, the embarrassment of having 'Gentiles' in our midst was avoided.

The tour, which was to cover 40 towers and a large area of Suffolk, began late on Saturday afternoon at St. Matthew's, Ipswich (6). As this tower was a first try for many long parted friends, little of the available reminiscing time was set aside for ringing. On Sunday members joined with local bands for service ringing in nearby towers, and they also made themselves welcome at one or two churches where there was no regular band.

The week's work began in earnest on Monday with visits to seven towers during the day and finishing with a local practice after supper by way of a nightcap. This energetic pace was maintained steadily for the rest of the week. In spite of the heavy ringing programme, most members found time to indulge in morning coffee, afternoon tea and other such worldly pleasures, much to the concern of our organiser who had a carefully planned time-table to keep to.

OUTSTANDING TOWERS

I shall not attempt to catalogue all the towers visited—there were so many—but a few remain specially in my mind. On Wednesday morning we rang on the handy little eight at Cotton. Here the ground floor ringing chamber is open to the elements on its west side with iron palings as the sole protection from the weather. We found open-air ringing an exhilarating experience, however, as we had a fine day. The discomforts of winter ringing were fortunately left to the imagination. That evening we visited Grundisburgh, where we were made very welcome by Cecil Pipe and family, and some of the best struck ringing of the tour was to be heard here. As a result, no doubt, of expert instruction from the local band, we found that the bells knew Grandsire Caters by heart and that even Cambridge Royal did not seem to offer them much difficulty.

No tour of Suffolk would have been complete without a pilgrimage to the magnificent Perpendicular church and tower at Lavenham, and accordingly we spent a very pleasant hour there on Tuesday morning. We had a very nasty moment when a slider 'jumped,' but luckily no damage was done save the loss in valuable ringing time and the shattered nerves of the ringer involved. Much has been written about the fine ring of bells at Lavenham, and I shall add no more save to say that it came up to our expectations.

On Sunday afternoon we went to East Bergholt to see the famous five, which are hung in a wooden cage at ground level. The bells have no wheels or ropes, but are rung by handling the bells and the headstocks themselves. Unfortunately it was not possible at the time to arrange a demonstration of this hazardous sport by the local exponents, and so we had to be content with peering through the bars of the cage with the rest of the tourists. From East Bergholt we descended in force upon Flatford Mill, immortalised by Constable in his famous painting. Not wishing, however, to shatter the peaceful seclusion of the mill for the several hundred people who were already enjoying it, we soon crept unobtrusively away to take our tea in quieter surroundings.

SKILLED NAVIGATION

This year the Society was fortunate in being fully equipped with mechanised transport, a necessity considering that the tour covered a

good 500 miles of road. The narrow tortuous lanes of the Suffolk countryside frequently called for skilled navigation, especially in the case of one car whose owner economised in tyre wear by using only two wheels at a time round corners. On one occasion a carload of ringers took a wrong turn and shortly found themselves lost in the middle of an aerodrome, unable to find which way they had come in! Such mishaps, however, were few and the time-table was adhered to with fair punctuality.

Methods rung during the week ranged from Bob Minor to Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques, and they included the now traditional course of London Scholars Pleasure. Two peal attempts were made: Cambridge Major at Henley and Bob Major at Ufford. The Bob Major was abandoned at the half-way point because of a shift course, the Cambridge was lost on account of the intricacy of the method (I can find no better excuse).

The success of the tour was due chiefly to the masterly organisation of Ronald Clouston who, in addition to attending to all the previous arrangements and making tireless efforts to get the Society away from breakfast and to the right towers at the right times, also saw to it that members behaved themselves and that a satisfactorily high tone was maintained at all times. Our thanks are also due to all incumbents for the use of their bells. N. D. R.

Account Of A Peal Attempt — Only Partly Factual

After due consideration the method chosen was Grandsire, partly because it was the only one which could be safely rung, and partly because there was no one capable of conducting any other.

All went well until after twenty changes the ringer of the second decided that a triple dodge in 7-6 was expected of him. This he proceeded to do, to the consternation of the conductor, who was also worried because he had missed a bob!

Rounds were called in an expressive monotone by the conductor, whose attention was then diverted to the tenor ringer. This stout fellow's head had been permeated by the ridiculous idea that the method was Cambridge, due to the fact that he had been 'briefed' in a frivolous manner by an ill-intentioned member of the band. Having heard 'Go' called, it had taken him twenty changes to extract his 'Ringer's Diary,' and (ringing with one hand) determine the start. Upon finding it, he commenced places in 5-6 down, announcing imperiously, 'treble should be with me now.'

The treble ringer, a droll, stumbling type, gave a dexterous heave and set his bell to wait for the tenor. The ringer of the second was under the fond impression that he was O.K. so far, but one could see he was worried, as he had never rung Cambridge in his life. He knew, however, that the sixth should take him off and (eager to impress the rest) barked the instruction, 'Lead and dodge now, six.' This was received doubtfully by the honourable gentleman navigating the sixth, who disputed the command, and said that as far as he was concerned the second was too close at hand. The tenor ringer now made a further generous contribution to the melee by informing the conductor (still endeavouring to ring rounds) that he should 'still be at the back.'

This rather ambiguous remark utterly cowed the poor fellow and, in a very thin treble voice, he squeaked 'Stand.' The tenor ringer (an aggressive type) immediately rounded on the seventh, who, he alleged, had made long eighths. What the devil we thought we were doing the tenor man didn't know. Upon hearing 'long eighths' mentioned, the conductor (slightly dazed) presumed that the rest of the band must have been ringing an illicit ex-

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The half-muffled peal at Diss on September 3rd coincided with the birthday of Mr. Harry Moss. The usual good wishes of the company were extended to him.

When the local news reporter stuck his nose into Deeping St. James' belfry with a flashlight camera at the conclusion of the peal at Deeping St. James', Horace was heard to exclaim, 'What's all the fuss about. I shan't ring another peal for my 74th birthday.' To make matters worse the photographer traced Horace to the George and Dragon at West Deeping and there caught him in the act of cutting a birthday cake complete with a bell and frame for decorations. At Market Deeping Horace is the sole member of the band—although he always seems to get six for Sunday mornings. To show off on the morning of his 74th birthday he broke a rope!

Before World War II, Haslemere Parish Church had a fairly good band of ringers. On Sunday last, with only two of the original ringers in the company, the bells were rung for service to Grandsire Caters for the first time since the war by all local ringers. Many quarter peals of Triples have been scored but it has been a terrific task to get the ten going again. This beautiful ring will always be associated with the name of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, who was actively connected with their provision.

tension of Union Triples. On hearing this, the studious ringer on the fourth timidly inquired whether this was a sevenths or eighths place method. This remark was treated in a disparaging fashion by the third ringer, who asked in a superior voice whether or not the miscreant had 'ever digested Standard Methods.'

The aforesaid studious ringer made an astounding confession, in which he said he was not a postal subscriber to 'The Ringing World' and did not know the address from which to obtain the book 'Standard Methods.' The idea of not being a patron of 'The Ringing World' caused unrestrained indignation among the more rabid peal exponents, who immediately threw down their ropes and refused to ring with him. The penniless student assumed a very penitent air and quietly remarked that he always paid his association's annual subscription and sixpence when he rang a peal. This innocent remark was laughed to scorn by the said peal maniacs, who brandished half-crowns before him and boasted of their large voluntary contributions to various ringing 'charities.'

The discourse was interrupted by the ringer of the second, who, having been troubled with a short backache, had utilised the time available during the rather turbulent interval to adjust it. When he tested the alternative in a very ham-fisted fashion, he broke the stay.

The writer's vocabulary is extensive enough adequately to describe only the emotions of ordinary people. He cannot, therefore, put into words the sensation of deep personal affection shared for the ringer of the second when the conductor announced that due to this incident there would be no peal.—D. B. P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SWINESHEAD BELFRY

Dear Sir.—As I have already pointed out to the editor of 'The Bedfordshire Times' in an open letter, their investigation would have painted a different picture and carried more weight had their reporter been a person with bell knowledge and had also visited Swineshead steeple several weeks earlier, before I moved aside and threw out of the windows some of the decomposed birds, twigs and other rubbish so as to get up the steps to see the inscriptions on the bells. Anybody can be second on the scene!

Their remarks and those of Mr. K. G. Spavins—'it did not quite resemble a pigsty'—may be because neither has yet seen a clean pigsty. Nevertheless, I know many a pig breeder who would be ashamed to have a quarter of the rubbish lying about or to see his sties in anything like the filthy condition in the above belfry.

In my letter to 'The Bedfordshire Times' I pointedly asked Canon Thornton Down if he would tolerate that rubbish behind the altar, under the pews, behind the organ or in his vestry? And if not, why in the belfry? Is this not as sacred as the rest of the building? So far there has been no reply.

The statement of the Bedfordshire reporter about one of the bells being 'late 17th century' shows either lack of knowledge or lack of a thorough investigation, for none are late 17th century—as my article correctly pointed out. One is by John Dier, cast between 1580 and 1597, the other four are all dated 1629.

The Rector and people of both Swineshead and Pertenall would have a case for their belfries had the conditions only recently arisen. But they have been known for the best part of a century, and neither Canon Thornton Down nor Mr. Spavins will convince me that even 100 people could not have done something to their belfries in so long a time! Lillingstone Lovell (also of only 100 people) rose to the occasion to restore its bells, and now its tower, with but very little outside help. Marston Trussell, with less than 150, did the same, and many more parishes of a similar size could be quoted.

Boys at Kislisbury have just wired up their tower and spire at a cost of under £5. All this talk of 'impossible' for 100 people is just a get-out.

Mr. Spavins, too, if he had the future of ringing at heart with any seriousness; would not defend, hamper and encourage complacency but would rather attack it.

From down the ages, the man who speaks his mind where malpractices and maladministrations are concerned is generally unpopular, called 'tactless' and so on. I was reminded of that only the other night seeing a film on the life of Martin Luther. Because he dared to take a stand against the malpractices of Popery and the brasshats of Rome he was called 'tactless' and abused by fellow monks.

This is my reply to Mr. Spavins' statements that 'I should clear up the mess at Swineshead and dip my hand into my own pocket.' For his benefit I might tell him I already do—only yesterday I gave back 12s. wedding fees to my own church's upkeep, and in fact gave back all wedding fees. This is in addition to collections every other week at ringing meetings, twice every Sunday in my own church, to missions of various kinds and other causes. I consider I already do my share towards helping others. If Mr. Spavins wants to stifle free speech he should clear off to Russia or join the Roman Church.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

RINGING IN KOREA

Dear Sir.—I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to welcome any ringers of H.M. Forces who are about to serve in Korea to our church here at '55.' Our Church of St. Martha has a ring of five bells (tenor about 20 lb.), and ringing commences on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. sharp. Practices are held weekly by arrangement or per Regimental Part I. Orders. At the moment the band is up to strength, but visitors are, of course, always welcome.

The bells were dedicated on July 31st as a ring of four, but we are now fortunate in having another bell (a 'gift' from a neighbouring camp), so we may yet score our first 120 this year.

For the information of anyone interested the church and camp are situated about five miles from the 38th Parallel, three miles from the Imjim River and 40 miles from Seoul, and the squadron forms part of the 1st Commonwealth Division. At present the Lincolnshire, Bath and Wells and the Gloucester and Bristol Associations appear to be well represented, the remaining two-fifths are probationers. For further information please write to me and I shall be only too pleased to be of some assistance. I believe this is the only ring in the north-east hemisphere and district.

Finally, we send greetings and best wishes to all ringers at home, and especially those serving in the Royal Engineers. — Yours sincerely,

PETER MINCHIN,

(Hon. Sec., St. Martha's Church, Korea).

Note.—If any reader would like to contact Peter, his address is: 22960335, Spr. Minchin. P., 3 Troop, 55 Ind. Fld. Sqdn. R.E., B.A.P.O. 3.

VARIETY IN GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir.—Mr. W. Shepherd's excellent leader in your last issue will be read and studied with great interest, not only by young conductors, but by leaders of those many companies who, though various circumstances, never are able to get beyond this stage.

I am personally interested in the multi-bob and single touches and quarter peals as I believe I am the only ringer who has conducted peals of Grandsire Triples with the least number of calls (Parker's one-part, with 90) and the greatest (one by A. J. Pitman, with 340). The latter I found most interesting and tricky, and it was not rung at the first attempt (at St. Saviour's, Leicester) but was successfully rung at the second (at Gilmorton). In this peal there were only 20 plain leads and, as Mr. Shepherd warns, great care has to be taken on account of the sudden absence of a call.—Yours sincerely,

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

NOT ORIGINAL

Dear Sir.—Surely Mr. Lakin does not make any claim to the originality of his compositions of Double Norwich? If so, he would do well to glance at the Central Council collection of peals in this method, published some 50 years ago.

Mr. Lakin obviously possesses some ability (the courses in which the second and third are in sixth place have been most cleverly concealed from the casual reader). Might I suggest that he, in company with others whose names have appeared recently above some rather unoriginal compositions, delays publishing his elementary exercises until something really original and worth while ringing has been obtained? The field of composition is still very wide open for those sufficiently interested. — Yours faithfully,

D. W. BEARD.

East Ham, E.

AN UNKNOWN BENEFACTOR

Dear Sir.—I should like to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' the gentleman who kindly returned the 'Ringer's Diary' which I left in the ringing chamber at Wiveton, Norfolk, while on tour. Unfortunately he omitted to include his name and address in the parcel for me to write and thank him privately.—Yours, etc.,

Arnold, Notts. JAMES H. PAILING.

FIRST PEAL SINCE 1886

Dear Sir.—Referring to the peal rung at Wimbeldon on August 27th, this was claimed, quite rightly, to be the first on the bells since augmentation to eight in 1927.

I am advised by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead that it is in fact the first peal on the bells since the initial one in the year 1886.

As Mr. Felstead states, a little history has been made, for hardly any other tower has been silent as long as this, a period of 69 years.—Yours truly,

J. TOMSETT

Surbiton

SWANSEA AND BRECON

Southern District

The weather perhaps was not quite what was required for ringing but it was a perfect day for a social gathering and the quarterly meeting held at Gorseinon on August 27th was all that. About 30 attended, and represented Carmarthen, Llanelly, Gorseinon, Sketty, Neath, Cadoxton, Aberavon and Porthcawl.

Under the direction of the Master, Mr. E. Morris the bells were kept ringing to various methods until the service, at which the Vicar, the Rev. Sidney Morris, conducted a shortened Evensong and gave an interesting address.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, where everyone enjoyed the good things provided by the ladies and Mr. Dobbins, of Gorseinon.

Before the opening of the meeting, at which the Vicar presided, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. T. M. Roderick, Chris Hawkins, J. A. Hoare and E. Morris. It was proposed to hold the joint meeting with the Llandaff Branch at Aberavon next December, subject to being accepted at the next Llandaff meeting.

Six new members from Gorseinon and five from Llanelly were elected. A suggestion of a joint meeting with St. David's Guild in the near future was referred to the December meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting, and to the ladies and Mr. Dobbins for providing the tea.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Some sixty members and friends attended the Leeds and District Society's monthly meeting held at Collingham on August 27th. Throughout the afternoon and evening various touches in the standard methods were attempted on this light eight with varying degrees of success.

At five o'clock an adjournment was made to the Memorial Hall, where an excellent tea had been prepared by the local company. Here the gathering was joined by the Vicar, who also stayed for the business meeting, at which Mr. T. W. Strangeway took the chair in the absence of the president, who was on holiday.

During the course of the meeting six new members were elected, from Wetherby, Thorne, Headingley St. Michael's and Collingham.

In proposing the vote of thanks on this occasion Mr. P. J. Johnson spoke of his past connection with Collingham, and noted with pleasure the number of young people attending the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. F. Gibbard and carried with applause.

The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on September 24th.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

75 Towers in 1955 Tour

EVERY year, during the first week of August, the St. Christopher's Society has a tour of some part of the country: this year the route was from Oxford, up to Northampton, then across to Saffron Walden, calling at many villages and towns on the way. The ringers were drawn from nine different towers, representing the Portsmouth area, Chichester and Itchingfield, Sussex, North-West Kent and Bedford, Mon.

The party met at Chilton, Berks, on the afternoon of Saturday, July 30th, and, after ringing on this light six, proceeded to the excellent eight of Harwell, where a peal attempt of Yorkshire regrettably collapsed after very little ringing. On the way to Oxford, where we were to spend the night, we stopped at the famous tower of Drayton, where the Rev. F. E. Robinson called so many peals: we soon realised how they managed to ring such fast peals, as the bells tapped round to Stedman and Bristol.

Sunday morning was spent ringing for service at Oxford. First a ring on the 12 or Christ Church College for the Cathedral 16 a.m. service. It had been hoped to ring on the light eight at St. Ebbe's, but as this was not possible, Mr. Walter Judge kindly let us ring at St. Martin's for the 11 a.m. service, which most of us attended. A notorious tower-grabber then said that there was only one tower he wanted to complete Oxford, St. Thomas's. On application to the churchwarden, we were given a very warm welcome to ring on this light six.

CONDITIONS AT DORCHESTER ABBEY

In the afternoon a peal attempt of Stedman Triples at Dorchester Abbey had been arranged. When we climbed up to the belfry, deplorable conditions greeted us—filth everywhere and most of the ropes needing splicing. However, when all was in order, a start was made, but unfortunately the attempt did not meet with success; a quarter peal afterwards did come round. After tea we returned to the tower and rang a well-struck, musical touch of Bob Triples for Evensong. During the afternoon the non-pealers rang at the village of Berrick Salome and on the recently augmented eight at Warborough. Back in Oxford, permission was granted for a ring at St. Cross after Evensong.

We arose on Bank Holiday morning to find that one of the motor-cycles was out of action. Consequently the ringing on Yarnton's 25cwt. six left something to be desired. Afterwards we rang on the light six at Bladon, Woodstock's eight, where a course of Woodstock Surprise came unstuck after five leads, then two similar sixes, Wootton and Enstone. We had some difficulty in finding any lunch in 'the prettiest village in Oxfordshire'—Great Tew—and had to be content with liquid refreshment and potato crisps. We were, however, keen to get on to ring on the church's bells, which proved to be one of the best eight of the whole week. Reluctantly we had to leave the church in its park surroundings to ring on the five at Swerford, which added a bit more noise to the local festivities then in progress. Another superb eight awaited us at Hook Norton. Then, after a short visit to the church at Bloxham, with its magnificent spire, where ringing is impossible at the moment, on to another heavy eight, Adderbury, and a pleasant little five at Bodicote. After a long-awaited meal, we left our luggage at the hotel, and then went to Tadmarton, where Mr. Lines gave us permission to ring. Here the ascent to the ringing room is by a vertical ladder, which is enclosed in a tall wooden cupboard.

BALSCOTT'S FARM BELLS

The following day began with a visit to Balscott, to ring Mr. Jarvis's six bells (tenor 1cwt. 22lb) at Home Farm. Despite the weight we soon discovered how musical his bells are, and, when we had got used to them, we rang creditable Plain Bob Doubles and Minor and a well-struck 120 of Grandsire, much to Mr. Jarvis's surprise and enjoyment.

Regretfully, we had to continue our journey to ring on Banbury's excellent ten and the heavy six at Middleton Cheney. After lunch we rang at Brackley, Whitfield—where the ropes fall right next to the wall, so that we had to stand facing it—and Towcester. Then, a short break for tea, and on to Cold Higham and Pattishall (where the curate conducted a short but enjoyable service), Gayton and Rothorpe.

In the evening we were very lucky in that Mr. Eric Nobles had arranged a visit to the old church of Harlestone, and here the Vicar gave us an extremely interesting account of the church and invited us to tea and sandwiches after the ringing. We had to leave all too soon to spend the night in Northampton.

Wednesday gave us the only rain of the week. The morning's programme offered visits to all the rings in Northampton, but we had to cancel St. Sepulchre's as the spire was being repaired. However, we rang at All Saints', St. Edmund's, St. Giles' and St. Peter's before lunch. By 1.30 p.m. we were on the road again, to Ecton's six, which we found to need a little attention, unlike the light eight in the fine Saxon tower of Earls Barton. Wilby has a very musical, backward six, and these were soon set going, before our last afternoon tower, the 28½cwt. eight of Wellingborough. Another heavy eight at Finedon was available after tea and a good 45 minutes was spent on these fine bells. The two remaining towers for the day were Irthlingborough's eight and Stanwick's pretty five, then back to Wellingborough to stay the night.

HIGHAM FERRERS' OSCILLATING SPIRE

Thursday morning provided us with three grand rings of eight—Higham Ferrers, Rushden and Irchester. At the first tower we arrived to find one of the spire's pinnacles missing and the spire in splints, but we were told that ringing could proceed. However, one of our party left a book there, and, on returning later, found that the Vicar had noticed the spire oscillating very badly during our visit, with the result that he has forbidden the bells to be rung for six months.

On arrival at Irchester, we discovered these bells were unusual, in that, while the tenor weighs about 21½cwt., the seventh only weighs 12cwt. Here we rang a fairly good course of Irchester Surprise, and afterwards Grandsire Caters was rung on the tower's handbells. Easton Maudit provided a very pleasant spot to have a picnic lunch and, after a ring on this five, we had another pull on a slightly heavier five at Bozeat. On again to the 25cwt. eight of Olney and the lighter eight at Turvey. A short run brought us to another church in a park, Bromham, where the stay of the 5th was missing: nevertheless we had some good ringing. At Biddenham we were fortunate enough to be met by Miss Evelyn Steel, who joined us in a course of London Minor. After an evening meal, we had an hour's ringing on one of the country's finest tens, St. Paul's, Bedford.

The next morning we rang at St. Peter's, Bedford, and Bedford Surprise went quite well on this 12½cwt. eight, and proved to be a musical method. The ascent at Kempston gave several larger members of our party considerable trouble, but we all managed to reach the belfry for a good course of Painswick before leaving for the historic detached tower of El-

stow, where John Bunyan learnt to ring. The grand eight at Cardington made a good start after lunch, and Painswick Surprise was rung again here. There followed three sixes—Cople, Willington—where we had some of our quickest ringing—and Northill, until recently Bedfordshire's heaviest six. Here, after our ring, we were invited to a most enjoyable tea by the Rector, the Rev. P. J. Nixseaman, who asked us to notify him of any one-handed clocks we knew of, for his list.

During a course of Double Norwich on the pleasant eight at Biggleswade, the clapper of the seventh fell out, so that further ringing was not very musical. A warm welcome awaited us at Hinxworth, where the bells ran very nicely indeed, and the Vicar invited us all round to the 'local' afterwards. The last tower of the day was Norton, where methods rung included Lincolnshire, for which Mr. Philip Mehew stood in. Then back to Biggleswade for the night.

Saturday was our last full day, the start being on the 26cwt. eight of Baldock. Then to Ashwell, where we rang for a music festival at 11 a.m., Litlington, and the five at Bassingbourn (an extra tower). After lunch in Royston, we rang at Barley, Whittlesford and Duxford, where the list of weights is of interest: the third is the lightest bell and the fifth is 4 lb. heavier than the tenor. We followed this ring with a pull on a very pleasant eight at Ickleton, where the ropes here fall in the middle of the church; a course of Ickleton Surprise only got as far as three leads. The bells of Littlebury provided a little amusement, as the treble of the six is rather flat; before supper we rang on one other six, Wendens Ambo. In the evening we visited the magnificent church of Saffron Walden for an hour's ringing on this fine twelve.

The last day, Sunday, August 7th, was begun by ringing at the fine church of Thaxted for the service of High Mass, which the majority of our party attended. On the way home we were fortunate enough to ring on the grand eight at Great Dunmow, and again, after lunch, at Hatfield Broad Oak for a special afternoon service.

Thus ended a very enjoyable week's ringing, the success of which was largely due to the incumbents and tower captains who met us and helped in the arrangements: to them we extend a hearty vote of thanks. We are grateful to Winnie Keys, who managed to accommodate us all despite many difficulties, and Peter Bond, who arranged the superb programme of 75 towers. Part of our gratitude to him and Winnie Keys was shown by a small presentation. Now we look forward to next year's tour, when it is hoped to visit the Leicestershire area.

Mr. G. R. Parker's 100 Peals

Mr. Geoffrey R. Parker, of Nettleham, Lincoln, has just completed his first 100 peals, of which he conducted 25. Details are appended:

- Maximus.—Yorkshire 1.
- Royal.—Yorkshire 1, Oakham 1.
- Caters.—Stedman 1, Grandsire 1.
- Major.—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 1.
- Surprise Major.—Cambridge 3 (cond. 1), Wembley 1, Yorkshire 1, Lincolnshire 2, St. Giles 1, Withyham 1, Evington 1, Rutland 1, London 2, Bristol 1, Spiced in six methods 1, Ealing 1.
- Triples.—Stedman 1.
- Minor Surprise.—Cambridge 4 (3), London 8 (7), Bourne 1, York 1, Lincoln 1, Annable's London 1, Wells 1, Ipswich 1 (1), Norwich 1 (1), Wragby Delight 1.
- Minor.—Two to sixteen methods 44 (7).
- Doubles.—Nine (5).

PEAL RINGING IN SHROPSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

ALTHOUGH it cannot be said that there has been any great enthusiasm for peal ringing in Shropshire during the past 70 years (only nine towers have had more than 25 peals in that time), the county has a very ancient tradition for the art. Thus there is the record of a peal at Oswestry as early as 1731, and St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and Shifnal were well known change ringing towers in the 18th century. One of the most famous ringers of that time was Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, also reputed to be the second heaviest man in England, apparently weighing more than 32 stones! Mr. Ernest Morris gives more details in his 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' So Shropshire has no mean history as far as the Exercise is concerned.

In the past 75 years, since 'Bell News' commenced publication, the number of peals rung in the county has not been large compared with most other counties, for only 843 have been recorded in that time. Only one tower has reached the century mark—Coalbrookdale with 102. It is one of the two 10-bell towers now, although it had eight bells until 30 years ago. I find that it is one of the very few towers which had a peal or peals each year of the first world war (I think it is the third I have come across), and peals are spread fairly regularly over the whole period, with a slightly better average since it had ten bells than before. Thus 41 peals were rung from 1890 to 1924 (the 1890 peal says first since 1849), then, after augmentation, 31 from 1926 to 1940, with 30 since 1943. The other 10-bell tower is St. Mary's, Shrewsbury. There have been only three peals there in the period—in 1913, 1952 and 1953, although I have 'collected' ten peals prior to 1880, the earliest in 1776.

St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, is the only 12-bell tower. Its name appears every year or two in the peal columns. Thirty-four have been rung there since 1881—11 prior to 1914, ten from 1917 to 1926, then a silence to 1945, after which we find 13 peals, so it is doing better now.

EIGHT-BELL TOWERS

Having mentioned the towers with higher numbers of bells, we come now to those with eight bells. Market Drayton has had most peals in this category, its 77 peals being spread fairly evenly through the years from 1893. Then comes Shifnal, already mentioned above. There are 56 peals here, but only two (last year) since the war. There were 18 from 1897 to 1914 and 36 from 1916 to 1939 (this tower only missed one year in the 1914 war). Only three towers have had more than 50 peals. Fourth comes St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, with 40. Thirty-two of these came from 1887 to 1914 and the remaining eight from 1925 to 1938, so it will soon have been silent for 20 years. St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, is actually fifth on the list for peals, and is followed by a 6-bell tower, Stokesay, with 32. The first was rung in 1908, then came 21 from 1920 to 1939, and there were ten from 1944 to 1952 (none since).

A crop of 8-bell towers follows again. Hodnet has 28. As a 6-bell tower, seven peals were rung in the 30's and five immediately after the war. There have been 16 since augmentation in 1947—except for Market Drayton, the highest number for the post-war period of any 8-bell tower. Oswestry has 27, commencing in 1885 and appearing every two or three years in the peal lists. Five have been rung since the war, the last in 1951. Church Stretton had six from 1891 to 1915, 11 from 1928 to 1938 and eight since 1947—total 25. Ludlow's 24 include nine prior to 1914, one in 1917, 12 from 1920 to 1935 and two in 1947 and 1948. Condover, Wem and Whitchurch all have 21.

All started towards the end of the last century, but they had most peals rung at different times. At Condover, the best time was just before 1915, when nine peals were rung from 1909. At Wem, the emphasis is on the present period, for 11 have come since 1946. Whitchurch has not been heard since the war and appeared most often in the peal lists between the wars—12 times from 1924 to 1939. The only 8-bell tower in Dove's book which has not had a peal since 1881 is Shrewsbury, Holy Cross Abbey. I have come across old peals here, but I gather the bells are no longer hung for ringing, unfortunately. Several towers have not been heard since the last war, and two—High Ercall and Shrewsbury, St. Alkmund—not since the first war. The only peal at the former was in 1910 and the last at the latter in 1913.

TWELVE SIX-BELL TOWERS UNCONQUERED

As for 6-bell towers, 12 of the 51 are still unconquered. Stokesay (above) has had twice as many peals as any other such tower, for Malins Lee, with 16 peals, comes next to it. Four of these were rung between 1908 and 1914, ten between the wars and two (in 1944 and 1953) since the last war. Cound has 14—nine since the war and all since 1925: Shrewsbury, St. Michael 13—the first in 1913 and eight since 1947; Brompton and Stanton-on-Hine Heath 12—in each case seven between the wars and the first just before 1914; Clive 11—six since 1946 and the first in 1915; and Moreton Corbet and Stoke-on-Tern 10 each—mostly since 1946.

Only three of the 11 possible 5-bell towers have had a peal so far. They are Leaton (one in 1922); Little Wenlock (two, in 1932 and 1949) and Willey (three, in 1931 and 1951 (2)). Burford, in Dove's list, is now, apparently, a chime and is not included, and Stottesdon, amongst the sixes, is really a four.

So much, then, for Shropshire. Peal totals include all published to July 22nd.

RYE RINGERS' CYCLING OUTING

On July 9th the Rye ringers set out after lunch for an afternoon's ringing on the Sussex-Kent borders. Seven of the ringers travelled on cycles and two on motor-cycles. The first tower visited was Bodiam (5), a charming little church in one of the hop-growing villages. The idea was that those on motor-cycles should raise the bells for the others, but somehow they missed the turning and the cyclists arrived first. At Bodiam we were joined by John Cooper, of Ashford, an addition to our motor-cyclists.

At Hawkhurst (8), where we were met by Mr. George Billenness (who was formerly a Rye ringer) we were also joined by Miss Ruth How, of Epsom (another ex-Rye ringer). Owing to bomb damage this church is just a shell and only the tower is intact; however, the bells go well and the ringing was quite reasonable.

The next tower was Benenden (8), where Mr. Brown met up and joined in the ringing. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples and rounds for the learners, who acquitted themselves very well on the strange bells.

R. C.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on Aug. 21st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. T. Grice 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Chapman 3, W. R. Manser 4, W. H. Hewett 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, A. B. Peck 8, B. Baker 9, W. J. Rawlings 10. Rung in honour of Princess Margaret's 25th birthday.

OUTINGS

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

The Chester and North Wales district was planned by Manchester Cathedral ringers for their annual outing on August 13th. A 41-seater coach, regularly used by Manchester City F.C. for their away matches, provided excellent accommodation for the 38 ringers and friends.

Chester Cathedral was reached at 10.15 a.m., where Mr. Griffiths met the visitors. The Cathedral bells provided plenty of hard graft and even Mr. Percy Cave, of Liverpool, had a tough time when he turned the tenor in to a course of Cambridge Major. Cambridge Major and Kent Treble Bob Royal were the only methods to be brought round; Grandsire and Stedman Caters would not go.

The top road through Mold was taken to Rhyl, where an excellent lunch was had at the Queen's Hotel. Afterwards Mr. Jack Evans, the tower captain, made the party very much at home and the bells of the Parish Church were rung to standard methods, a touch of Stedman Triples being worthy of note. Holy Trinity, Llandudno, was the last tower. All the bells except the treble were up on arrival, and ringing included Grandsire, Little Bob, Stedman and Oxford Treble Bob. After tea at the Crescent Hotel the homeward journey was started at 7 p.m.

Ringing was not of a very high standard due to a very mixed band, but the day was thoroughly enjoyed and thanks are accorded through 'The Ringing World' to the Dean of Chester and the two vicars and ringers who met the party for their hospitality.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE

Albert Crawley, although now living at Barrow-in-Furness, came over for Wistaston's outing, which included in the 30, ten or a dozen 'B.Y.P.s' and one or two 'N.S.B.s'; they are a grand lot of up-and-coming ringers of both sexes that any guild would be proud of.

Pat Cannon in his report of the Oxfordshire tour mentioned that there were as many again five and six-bell towers as those with higher numbers. We chose four out of five 6-bell towers in Shropshire, and were thus able to get a 'more complete picture of ringing conditions.'

Our first call was at Ightfield: some rounds for the less experienced N.S.B.s; P.B. Doubles, Grandsire, and P.B. Minor, and Cambridge—full justice being done.

Calverhall on the 'Lonsdale' estate was another squat tower with stair-turret at the top of the tower stairs. Six methods were rung, including Stedman. Our next tower was Stoke-on-Tern, yet another stair-turreted tower. Then, time pressing and stomachs calling, away we went to Newport for tea.

Refreshed and regaled ready for the second half, off we went to Chetwynd, a lovely modern church and a good six, but the 'circle' was more of a rhomboid: 'a parallelogram, the adjoining sides of which are not equal and which contains no right angle.' Here we had the first touch of P.B. Minor and April Day for Stedman. A three-quarters of an hour's run led to Broughton, over the Staffordshire border, and, like the parable of the wedding feast at Cana, we certainly left the best wine till the last. Broughton, the most squat tower ever seen, contained a magnificent eight, tricky on account of the very short draught. Full justice was not done to the bells until the last touch of P.B. Major, and a very good fall.

After a drop of liquid refreshment at Market Drayton, Wistaston and Crewe were reached well before midnight.

We were met at every tower, for which we gratefully thank the ringers, also the clergy for the use of their bells: our coach driver and his assistant pilot, who was having a real 'bus-man's holiday,' and, last but not least, the organiser, Derrek.

J. D. S.

OBITUARY

MR. CLEMENT JOHN MORE

With regret we report the death at Ipswich Hospital on August 28th of Mr. Clement John More, of Palgrave, Suffolk, aged 78 years.

'Clem' was Ringing Master at Diss and Palgrave for many years and was well known in ringing circles throughout Norfolk and Suffolk. His peal total was 153, of which he conducted several. Of his peals, 151 were rung for the Norwich Association and two for the Suffolk Guild. He was also a well-known handbell ringer.

'Clem' last rang at Diss on Easter Sunday morning this year, and a week later was taken ill with a stroke. For the last few weeks he had been living with his daughter at Ipswich.

The funeral service took place at Palgrave Church on September 1st. Handbells were rung over the grave by H. Moss 1-2, W. Elsey 3-4, C. Catchpole 5-6, A. G. Harrison 7-8, E. Whiting 9-10. Miss Betty Syrett and Mr. Tom C. Ford were also present.

In the evening half-muffled touches were rung on the bells of Palgrave Parish Church by members of the Norwich Association and Suffolk Guild.

A half-muffled peal was rung at Diss Parish Church on September 3rd. Among the many floral tributes was one from the Diss and Palgrave ringers. So passes the last of the old company of Diss ringers; he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. A. G. H.

St. Mary's, Portsea, Outing

The annual outing of local ringers, accompanied by friends, was held on August 27th. Leaving H.Q. at 7 a.m. a very pleasant run was made through Romsey, Salisbury and Amesbury to Devizes, where two of the local ringers of St. John's met the visitors. Here Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise were rung on a fine ring of eight. After lunch at Cirencester a visit was paid to nearby Watermoor, where a melodious ring of eight was soon going to Stedman Triples. Bob Major, London and Superlative.

At Faringdon (Berks) the Vicar and local captain welcomed the visitors, and this fine ring of eight was soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Yorkshire and Bristol Surprise Major, much to the delight of the local ringers. After tea at a nearby hotel a move was made to the last tower of the day, Newbury, with its fine ring of ten. The party were met by Messrs. Curtis and Rex, and the ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal. The return journey was made via Whitechurch and Winchester, after all had agreed on having an enjoyable and successful day. Thanks are due to all the local ringers who met the visitors and helped to contribute to the day's enjoyment. F. W. R.

Wedding Bells at Knebworth

Those who have visited the Parish Church at Old Knebworth, Herts, nestling picturesquely amongst the trees in the park of Knebworth House, will know what a charming spot this can be for a wedding on a summer's day. Such was the setting on August 27th when a member of the local band of ringers, Miss Elizabeth ('Georgie') Robinson was married to Mr. Alun Roberts. The bride, who learned to ring at Knebworth received a bedside lamp as a wedding gift from her ringing friends.

The service was fully choral and the ceremony was performed by the bride's father, the Rev. J. H. Robinson. The local ringers rang the bride and bridegroom from the church, and after attending a reception, an invitation which was much appreciated and enjoyed, rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles in honour of the occasion, the start of which Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were able to hear as they drove away on their honeymoon. B. L. M.

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A fund is being started to erect a tablet in the tower of Great Munden Church to the memory of the late Barney Patmore. Would any old friends please send subscriptions to J. Welch, Holmes Farm, Walkern, Herts. 6964

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD—

—North Branch.—Meeting at Monks Kirby, Saturday, Sept. 17th, and not Oct. 15th, as advertised. Tea available. Other arrangements as previously stated.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 6933

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Winwick (5), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6921

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6923

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Wickwar (6), Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 6949

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Combined practice, Tarrington (turn off main Hereford-Ledbury road at Foley Arms) on Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available 6-8.45 p.m.—R. H. Stickley (for A. Wingate, Dis. Sec., on holiday). 6888

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Michael's, St. Albans (8 bells), Saturday, Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6925

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halting (6) on Saturday, Sept. 17th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 6860

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District and Midland District.—Joint meeting, Tamworth, Staffs, Sat., Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. Hughes and R. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6864

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Christ Church, Poplar. Cubitt Town (8) 3-4.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting and further ringing till 8.30. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6915

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Sept. 17th. Ringing at Hampton (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea available locally. Ringing at Sunbury (8) 6-8 p.m.—J. D. Rock. 6906

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Members please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6962

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Thorpe Bay (8) on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own eats. Cups of tea provided. More ringing to follow.—B. C. Sadler. 6922

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. 6895

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6857

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Easingwold (8 bells), Sept. 17th. All welcome. 6902

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Redhill (8) on Thursday, Sept. 22nd, from 7.30-9 p.m. 6944

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Heston (8). Saturday, Sept. 24th. 3.30: Cranford (6), 4.45. Business meeting. Queen's Head, Cranford. 6. No practice Southwark, Sept. 20th.—A. B. Peck. 6942

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—269th anniversary, Sept. 24th. Bells (12) 2.30. Tea 5 at 1s. 9d. per head. Names, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 20th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 25th. Ringing 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m., 5.15 p.m. 6930

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Drayton (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify—T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6914

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Blagdon, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 6957

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District).—Joint meeting at Edlesborough, Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names, as early as possible, to D. Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable Beds. 6940

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport Branch) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District Branch).—Meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, Sept. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise, before Sept. 20th Mr. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire.—C. K. Lewis. 6943

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bidston (6), Sept. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided free for those notifying by 21st.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6960

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting, Handbridge St. Mary's, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 21st.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 6965

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District) and **CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Joint meeting at Fairfield, Buxton, Saturday, Sept. 24th. For details, see Chester Guild advt.—H. E. Taylor. 6963

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in Sunderland on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells: St. Andrew's, Roker, 11-12 and 1.30-2.30; Parish Church 2.30-3.0; St. Ignatius' 3.4-4.5 and 8-9; Bishopwearmouth 3.30-5 and after Evensong. Committee meeting 4. Tea (price approx. 4s.) at 5 with business meeting to follow tea, all in Bishopwearmouth Church Hall. Service, Bishopwearmouth, 7. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 6918

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wittington, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6947

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly, Sept. 24th, North Cerney, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5. **No name, no tea.** Rendcomb if possible in evening.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln-St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 6929

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 6948

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Henbury, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 20th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 6961

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting, Presteigne, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Sept. 20th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 6937

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ashwell, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Burnaby Delight.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6932

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 3. Tea 5; cups of tea only. Business 6. Look up Bristol.—J. Thornley. 6953

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Pendlebury, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Business after tea. Tea provided. Names, by Sept. 19th, to A. Lomas, 47, Normanby Street, Swinton.—R. Benson. 6955

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Rothwell, Sept. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 6959

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hicklev District.—Kirkby Mallory, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 3. Tea in Schools 5 o'clock. Please notify, by Sept. 21st, Mr. F. Deacon, Windy Cot, Kirkby Mallory, Leicester. 6938

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—St. John-the-Divine, Sept. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Sept. 22nd, to Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester. Social and ringing to follow meeting. All ringers and friends invited.—B. A. Endall. 6946

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Swepestone, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Village Hall. Names, by 22nd, to Mr. H. Carter, Dishley Farm, Measham.—C. W. Hall 6931

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Joint meeting with **LADIES' GUILD**, Long Sutton, Sept. 24th. Usual times. Names for tea, before Sept. 19th, to Mr. H. Harrison, Roman Bank, Long Sutton. 6892

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 24th, at Bedwellty. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. Evans. 6897

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Sept. 24th, 6.30, practice, St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park. Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 6.30, **Annual Dinner** and social, also handbell ringing. **Venue changed** to Six Bells, 197, King's Road, Chelsea, next to Town Hall. 11, 19 and 22 bus from Sloane Square Underground, 49 bus from South Kensington Underground. Apply quickly for tickets, please. Everyone welcome. Afternoon ringing details later.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6966

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Uttoxeter, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, **not later than Wednesday, Sept. 21st**, to E. Roberts, 125, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—E. H. Edge. 6956

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Childey, near Wantage, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 3.30. Tea at 4.30 for those who advise me by the 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon. 6911

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Moulton, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 20th, to Mr. T. Tebbutt, 2, Overstone Road Cottages, Moulton, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 6924

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Compton Bassett (5), Sept. 24th. Names for tea essential to Rev. Thomas, Rectory, Compton Bassett, Calne. 6941

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.—Meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Church House 4.30 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to Mr. S. Adams, Wilford Road, Ruddington. Frequent buses from Broad Marsh. 6891

SOUTHWELL AND LINCOLN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of Newark and Lincoln Districts, Sept. 24th. Newark Parish Church (10) 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. Balderton (6) also open from 6 p.m. 6899

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Beccles, Sept. 24th. Bells (10) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, only to those who notify, by 21st, E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles.—C. W. Pipe. 6877

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Ewell (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 5. Names, by Sept. 21st, to Mr. J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, Epsom.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6910

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherborne St. John (6) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 6945

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 24th, Goole (8), from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6893

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Calverleigh, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea by Sept. 26th essential.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 6927

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. P. Sadler, 21 Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea. 6928

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Earl Shilton on Oct. 1st. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.45. Tea, in Schools, 5.15, followed by meeting. (General committee meet at 3.30.) Names for tea, by September 28th, to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, near Leicester.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 6950

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Nettleham (6), Oct. 1st. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 6958

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea, October 1st. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 28th, certain, please, to P. Newstead, 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth. 6934

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 1st. The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (13s.) available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 6876

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Attenborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 6939

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, Oct. 1st, **not September 24th**. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (5.15 p.m.) by Sept. 28th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6951

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Hursley, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service, 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the King's Head. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 6954

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Dinner at King George Hotel, Barnsley, October 8th at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6918

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanwell (5), Oct. 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 6935

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford. 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Accommodation limited to 100. Early application and stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6900

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—75th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Early application to your District secretary recommended or write to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. Ringing arrangements later. 6952

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gray 1, P. Newstead 2, B. Stafford 3, Miss B. R. Stafford 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, H. Palmer 6. Also on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stewart (first quarter of Bob Minor) 1, P. Newstead 2, J. Walter 3, B. R. Stafford 4, H. Palmer (first quarter of Bob Minor) 5, B. Stafford (cond.) 6.

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