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## HISTORIC PAPERS

A LOVER of Schubert once remarked that he would willingly sacrifice much modern music for the privilege of having the completion of the "Unfinished" Symphony; and a Dickens enthusiast once declared that most people would rather have the end of "Edwin Drood" than all the lost books of Livy. These whole-hearted comments are brought to mind by a timely reminder in the current issue of 'The Ringers' Magazine' that much ringing history has in the past been lost for ever by the careless and indiscriminate destruction of documents and papers.

Year by year ringers pass from us, and in many instances their books and papers are for many and varied reasons forgotten for a time and then, after a period, gathered together and destroyed or disposed of. In the case of well-known writers and composers it is true to say that most of their work has been recorded in print, but even so, it cannot be denied that the manuscript, with its human appeal and its frequent illuminating revelation, has an abiding interest and an educational value. For this reason alone it is important that letters, manuscripts and diaries should find their abiding place in some ringing library.

It has been our privilege and pleasure to have been looking over in recent days some of the documents preserved in the library of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and our interest has been re-awakened in the manuscript copies of compositions by famous composers of past days and in the manner in which the composer recorded his work. Many are on scraps of odd paper, some are on postcards, and some embodied in a friendly letter to some fellow-ringer.

Here is a precious scrap of yellow paper inscribed with seven touches of Stedman Caters in the handwriting of Isaac B. Lates and countersigned by John Day, and beside it is the latter gentleman's copy of his Uncle John Day's 5.040 Bob Triples composed in 1842. A great treasure is the manuscript copy of 14,003 Grandsire Caters, signed by Henry Johnson, in which the great composer indicates the superiority of the short-course plan. This was sent to W. T. Pates in the year 1888, about a year before the Birmingham leader died.

The papers are many and varied. Here is a faded postcard sent from Dublin in 1899 to John Austin. It shows three peals of Treble Bob (together with a request for a lead of Gloucester Surprise), and the signature 'Gay' reminds us of the genius of Lindoff. Here are three peals of Grandsire Cinques in the handwriting of Charles Hattersley, scrawled on the backs of memorandum forms, one of which is headed: 'Manufacturing Silversmith: Tea Sets, Fish Eaters, Flower Stands, Egg Frames, Dram Flasks, Spoons and Forks, etc.' Hattersley had close ringing connections with Birmingham, but these papers came to the Guild through John Austin.

Three excellent lengths of Treble Bob are inscribed by that almost immaculate composer, Arthur Knights, on the back of a coloured circular advertising 'Battle's Sheep Dips,' together with an aerial representation of the Lincoln factory of Battle, Maltby and Bower. With it are numerous peals of Double Norwich Major and Grandsire and Stedman Caters, all in the careful script that seems in itself to indicate the geniality and good nature of this great gentleman.

The works of John Carter (once called, with a wealth of understatement, 'that industrious composer') are, of course, numerous. The peals of Stedman Cinques alone, in J. C.'s crabbed hand, with his own peculiarities of notation, are wonderful to behold, and on one small sheet, eleven inches by five, he presents with 217 different compositions.

Space will not allow further browsing in this treasure house, but we may remind ourselves that the documents of to-day are the historic treasures of to-morrow. How much can we preserve?

E. C. S.

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## CHESHIRE RINGERS TOUR NORTHANTS AREA

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

## A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	JOHN WORTH .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.\*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WORTH .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 6
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

## A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 6
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to H. Pettit, a local ringer.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., Aug. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Katharine.

## A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

BASIL JONES .. .. Treble	JOHN WORTH .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* 100th peal.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 13, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
BERNARD GROVES .. .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 6
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,  
At the Royal Foundation Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

## A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
BERNARD GROVES .. .. 3	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Fri., Aug. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael.

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Parker's (reversed).	JOHN WORTH .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
JOHN WORTH .. .. 2	FRED DUNKERLEY .. .. 2	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 6
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4		

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Wilfred.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

JOHN WORTH .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

## A MANCHESTER AREA TOUR

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., July 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

CAROL FERNLEY .. .. Treble	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	*NEIL BENNETT .. .. 6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* First peal in the method

STRET福德, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Mon., July 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthew.

## A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. Treble	*NEIL BENNETT .. .. 5
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* First peal in the method.

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**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tues., July 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK

**A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*CAROL FERNLEY .. .. Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. .. 6
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
†FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 3	†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 8
†PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. .. 4	†NEIL BENNETT .. .. 9
†BERNARD GROVES .. .. 5	†LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.  
\* First peal on ten. † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First of Scientific Caters.

**ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., July 30, 1958, in 3 Hours

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

**A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

DENIS HENSHAW .. .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. .. 5
*MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON .. .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.  
\* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band except the ringers of third and tenor.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wed., July 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 5
BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 2	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 7
NEIL BENNETT .. .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.  
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thurs., July 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

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

BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*EILEEN FEARN .. .. 2	DENIS HENSHAW .. .. 6
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 4	NEIL BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.  
\* First peal 'inside.' First of Major as conductor.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

LEICESTER.

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 32 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 7
*MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	HARRY POYNER .. .. 9
ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 4	JOHN A. SMITH .. .. 10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 5	E. ALAN JACQUES .. .. 11
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal of Maximus.  
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Peter Etchells, a curate at St. Margaret's, who is leaving for Ashby Magna.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

**MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SS. GEORGE & DENYS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL**

No. 3 version.	Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 6
JOHN WORTH .. .. 2	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. .. 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. .. 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

This composition contains the 24 567890's and six 657890's.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Fri., Aug. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Treble	JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 6
PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. .. 7
AVRIL THACKRAY .. .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. 9
SHIRLEY BURTON .. .. 5	STEPHEN IVIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'  
Rung with the best wishes of the band to S. Anthony Jesson and Peta Cole on their engagement.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Aug. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 3	PAUL J. RIGBY .. .. 7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.**  
**THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thurs., Aug. 21, 1958, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE H. PAULSON .. Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT .. .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. .. 6
HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. .. 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 7
RONALD H. BULLEN .. .. 4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 35).

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Fri., Aug. 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

**A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY POYNER .. .. Treble	DAVID J. KING .. .. 5
*MARY C. PAYNE .. .. 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. .. 6
JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. 7
MRS. D. J. KING .. .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal in the method.

**EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*ROY V. BELDOM .. .. Treble	*COLIN M. PAYNE .. .. 5
LUCY ALLEN .. .. 2	R. FRANK BAKER .. .. 6
WM. A. R. CHAMBERLAIN .. 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. .. 7
ALAN S. SMITH .. .. 4	BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

\* First peal of Major.

A compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Derek Jackson on the occasion of the birth of their son and heir.

**HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HUGH E. BISHOP .. .. Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK .. .. 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 6
*IAN J. FRASER .. .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. 7
SUSAN CHADDOCK .. .. 4	*DONALD A. FRASER .. .. Tenor

Arranged by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal. First of Bob Triples by all the band, and on the bells.



**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Thomas,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Treble	*NEIL BENNETT .. .. . 5
*PHILIP G. K. DAVIES .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 6
BASIL JONES .. .. . 3	DEREK OGDEN .. .. . 7
*NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. . 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. . Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

**SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin,*

**A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*BRIAN M. BENTLEY .. Treble	*HAROLD F. GIBSON .. 5
JAMES T. ROOKE .. .. 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	GILES C. GALLEY .. .. 7
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

**WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Bartholomew,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

*DAVID BURGESS .. Treble	JAMES CUNLIFFE .. .. 5
JOHN ASHCROFT .. .. 2	FRED BROWNLOW .. .. 6
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD .. 3	DAVID YOUNG .. .. . 7
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 4	JOSEPH WARBY .. .. . Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

\* First peal on eight bells. First in the method on the bells, and for all the band.

Rung in honour of the Patronal Festival and the 88th anniversary of the church's rededication

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Tues., Aug. 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*

*At the Roman Catholic Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund,*

**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

PAUL J. RIGBY .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	ANTHONY AGER .. .. . 6
JOHN PINFOLD .. .. . 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 4	PETER BORDER .. .. . Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung in honour of Mr. Morris J. Morris's 90th birthday.

**HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.**

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Aug. 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Botolph,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. Treble	J. RICHARD WILSON .. .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 6
HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. 3	*LEONARD STILWELL .. .. 7
*RAYMOND P. WOOD .. .. 4	GEOFFREY H. C. BRAZIER Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

\* 50th peal together.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (Canon D. F. Wilkenson, M.C., M.A.), who has accepted the living of Wivelsfield, Sussex.

**CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Wilfred,*

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN W. GIBSON .. Treble	*WILFRED LEE .. .. . 5
*JOAN M. DAWSON .. .. 2	WILLIAM BARTON .. .. 6
GORDON BENFIELD .. .. 3	PETER M. DAWSON .. .. 7
†JOHN RHODES .. .. . 4	JOHN AMBLER .. .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal. † First in the method.

**GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Peter,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*BERNARD C. MANN .. Treble	†ALISON M. MANN .. .. 5
*FRANK H. PIKE .. .. . 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 6
*HARRY R. APPLETON .. 3	ROY K. DUESBURY .. .. 7
FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. † First peal. First of Kent T.B. on the bells.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

H. GEORGE HART .. Treble	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
ROBIN G. LEALE .. .. 2	BRIAN BLADON .. .. . 6
ELSIE K. HART .. .. . 3	DENNIS KNOX .. .. . 7
ALICK CUTLER .. .. . 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. . Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

\* First peal in the method.

**ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Aug. 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. James,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM G. WILSON .. Treble	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 5
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 2	J. BARRY PICKUP .. .. 6
†PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 3	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 4	†NORMAN SMITH .. .. . Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ 75th peal for the Lancashire Association.

**ALREWS, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*

*At the Church of All Saints,*

**A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt.

STELLA HUGHES .. Treble	VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 5
JAMES H. PAILING .. .. 2	*PAUL J. RIGBY .. .. . 6
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. 7
*ANTHONY AGER .. .. . 4	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

**BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Andrew,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN E. ALLEN .. Treble	Cecil WADE .. .. . 5
*FREDERICK CARFORD .. 2	*S. ROY WILSON .. .. . 6
*GEORGE L. COLLINSHAW .. 3	FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 7
*BARRY BROWN .. .. . 4	BERNARD H. DALTON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES NICHOL.

\* First peal of Kent T.B.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. F. Ward.

**BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*

*At the Church of SS. Mary and Laurence,*

**A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH SAXTON .. Treble	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE .. .. 5
MRS. B. HOLMES .. .. 2	DENIS COOPER .. .. . 6
*LEONARD GOODALL .. .. 3	ARTHUR B. COOPER .. .. 7
CYRIL RUSBY .. .. . 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. No. 4).

Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.

\* First peal in the method. First as conductor.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM R. MARSH .. .. Treble	ROY WILSON .. .. . 4
JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. 2	BARRY BROWN .. .. . 5
C. WADE .. .. . 3	ALBERT SCOTT .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Faith Herriman, ringer at this tower.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in four variations. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

MARY SOLOMON .. .. Treble	*PHILIP G. TOVELL .. .. 3
TERENCE G. PAGE .. .. 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 4

MICHAEL J. STOKES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TERENCE G. PAGE.

\* First peal 'inside' and first in the method. First as conductor. Rung for the wedding of Miss Margaret O. Oldman and Mr. Ronald G. Adamson.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

RALPH BIRD .. .. Treble	FREDA M. HANKEY .. .. 4
COLIN M. MCGILL .. .. 2	*ANDREW M. McVEIGH .. 5
PERCY J. SPICE .. .. 3	IAN H. ORAM .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

\* First peal.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PETER A. SHARP .. .. Treble	CHARLES E. BROWN .. .. 4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 5
AMOS INGALL .. .. . 3	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. . Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Robert James Leonard and Miss Pauline Cynthia Toynbee which took place at the above church this day.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven 720's: one each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	DAVID MARSHALL .. .. 4
FREDERICK NURDEN .. .. 2	CYRIL WRATTEN .. .. . 5
JOHN THOMAS .. .. . 3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WHISTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 23, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE ST. BARTHOLOMEW DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (three callings).

Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. Treble	ROBERT S. ROBERTS .. .. 3
PERCY AMOS .. .. . 2	JIM C. RAINBOW .. .. 4

ALAN C. COZENS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. .. 2	*TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5
ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

\* 50th peal.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 7 cwt.

GILBERT J. TOWNSEND .. Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 4
*GEORGE S. WIGGINS .. .. 2	REGINALD W. REX .. .. 5
FRANK W. LEWIS .. .. . 3	†GEOFFREY K. DODD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Minor. † 150th peal.

Specially rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. S. Culverwell, who has done much to encourage ringing during his four years as Vicar of this parish.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in 77 plain course methods, viz.: (1) Reverse St. Edmunds; (2) Rev. Heathrow; (3) St. Edmunds; (4) Heathrow; (5) Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Merton, Slapton and Rugby; (6) St. Bartholomew; (7) Rev. Plain Bob and Rev. All Saints; (8) Rev. Plain Bob and St. Sebastian; (9) St. Botolph; (10) Canterbury Pleasure and Coxwell Place; (11) Canterbury Plea. and Stedman S.C.; (12) Shipway's Pl. and Tandridge S.C.; (13) Rev. Canterbury and Dorton S.C.; (14) Plain Bob and Boxford S.C.; (15) Shipway's Pl. and Colnbrook S.C.; (16) Rev. Canterbury and Raveningham S.C.; (17) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (18) St. Nicholas, Winchendon Pl., St. Remigius, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and St. Osmund; (19) Grandsire; (20) Westminster II, Ockham S.C., Broughton S.C. and Chesham S.C.; (21) New Bob, Chipstead S.C., Oakley S.C. and Itchingfield S.C.; (22) St. Nicholas, Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C. and Longford S.C.; (23) Stedman; (24) Blackburn Pl., Knapton and Lyng; (25) St. Hilary and Intwood; (26) Huntspill, Forcett and Ellingham; (27) St. Vedast and Bedingham; (28) St. Nicholas, Fundenhall and Haddiscoe; (29) St. Remigius and Harpley; (30) St. Simon's and St. Martin's; (31) Uffington; (32) Stowe Pl.; (33) Datchet; (34) St. Alphage; (35) St. Andrew; (36) St. Gregory; (37) Union; (38) St. Faith's S.C.; (39) St. Julian; (40) Rev. New Bob, Rev. St. Nicholas and Rev. St. Simon's; (41) Rev. Huntspill, Rev. Winchendon Pl. and Rev. St. Martin's; (42) Rev. St. Vedast, Rev. St. Remigius and Rev. St. Osmund; with 213 changes of method, and no method rung only as a bob lead.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

BARRY S. SHEPPARD .. .. Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 4
ERIC SUTTON .. .. . 2	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. 5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 3	*MRS. A. R. PEAKE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

\* First peal. The greatest number of methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal; all the methods were taken from the C.C. Collection.

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MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being six 240's and 30 120's. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.  
\*BARBARA FOSTER .. .. Treble \*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 4  
ROGER MAHER .. .. 2 DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 5  
ALLAN SMITH, JUN. .. .. 3 \*GORDEN ROTHWELL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

\* First peal. First of Doubles for all. First as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to R. Maher who is leaving for Liverpool.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.  
MICHAEL J. STOKES .. Treble ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 4  
\*MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN .. 2 †TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 5  
A. WILLIAM BIRD .. .. 3 †EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.

\* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(Northern Branch.)

*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being two extents of York, three of London and two of Cambridge.  
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM H. COOPER .. Treble FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 4  
SAMUEL THOMPSON .. .. 2 HAROLD V. COOPER .. .. 5  
SIDNEY G. THOMPSON .. 3 BRIAN R. SUTTON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Frederick G. Handley, leader, of the local band, and Mrs. Handley. Also with congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brian R. Sutton for the birth of their daughter. Gillian Mary.

WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Aug. 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Consisting of 32 six-scores of Grandsire and five 240's Morris' arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt.

\*VIVIAN DEAN .. .. Treble †C. MARLOW SIMPSON .. 4  
TREVOR PRITCHARD .. .. 2 THOMAS WITTS .. .. 5  
\*MARY GARLAND .. .. 3 FRANK GARLAND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WITTS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell peal for Miss Mary Garland.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sun., Aug. 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.  
DENNIS SMEDLEY .. .. Treble †JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4  
\*REGINALD LUCAS .. .. 2 FREDERICK FLINT .. .. 5  
GEORGE CHALLANS .. .. 3 DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.  
Rung as a wedding compliment to Kenneth Johnson and Maureen Haynes, a ringer at Warsop, who were married the previous day.

**HANDBELL PEAL**

WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Sun., Aug. 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*  
AT 24, MANOR STREET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5-6  
JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. 3-4 | \*G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 7-8  
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

\* First peal on handbells.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

# QUARTER PEALS

**BATTLE, SUSSEX.**—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (8-1 cover): 1. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Garnett treble, H. Ballard 2, G. A. Masters 3, J. F. Whitfield 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, G. Prodder 6. Rung with the best wishes of all the band for the wedding the previous Saturday of Miss Eileen Mary Foot, a member of the local band.

**BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Bishop 1, J. Berry 2, T. Townsend 3, A. Peake (cond.) 4, W. W. T. Daniel 5, J. Durham 6. A 65th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

**BOSHAM, SUSSEX.**—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Blackman 1, J. Handford 2, E. Venn 3, Miss W. Keys 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, J. R. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

**BRANT BRIGHTON, Lincs.**—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. J. Marshall 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, P. C. Pitchford 3, J. E. Brown 4, G. C. Jackson (first in two methods 'inside') 5, C. T. Rodgers (first in two methods) 6. Rung after Evensong on the eve of St. Helen, patron saint of the church. Also to mark the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Grantham.

**BROADCLYST, DEVON.**—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's One-Part): G. E. Reiter (cond.) 1, J. Salway 2, C. J. D. Webb 3, C. C. Turner 4, E. E. Reiter 5, C. J. Turner 6, A. Holway 7, W. Webb 8.

**CAMBERWELL, LONDON, S.E.**—At St. Giles' on Aug. 42th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. K. Lunn 1, J. Waters 2, F. Scott 3, M. P. Moreton 4, E. G. Webb (first quarter) 5, C. W. Ortle 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, J. Phillips 8.

**CANTERBURY, KENT.**—At the Cathedral on August 26th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: T. C. Phillimore 1, H. R. French 2, P. J. Small 3, Miss K. M. Walsh 4, W. F. Jenkins 5, L. V. Chamberlain 6, D. C. Chatfield 7, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 8, D. A. Chapman 9, B. J. Luck 10. In memoriam, Margaret A. Babington, O.B.E., for 30 years hon. steward and treasurer of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral.

**DEREHAM, NORFOLK.**—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Minor: G. P. Adams (cond.) 1, Vera Nelson 2, J. Hindry 3, G. W. Buckle (first quarter) 4, F. Harrold 5, T. Pett 6.

**DOWNHAM, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Penfold 1, M. Bland 2, A. Gargrave 3, A. Grainger 4, H. Oliver 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6.

**CWMCARVON, MON.**—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Sims 1, Miss P. H. Jones 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, G. Ward 4, B. Johns (first of Minor) 5, D. J. King (cond.) 6.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On Aug. 21st, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Stark 1, E. J. Coope 2, B. Aldridge 3, F. Hurrell 4, T. Culver 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 1, P. Rablah 8. For the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

**EVERTON, NOTTS.**—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Margaret Ross 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, T. Randall 3, A. Wilson 4, D. McNeil 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Snittle 1, Maureen Candy 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Margaret Howard 4, H. E. Good 5, D. Spittle 6, J. E. Beams (cond.) 7, C. W. Munday 8. For the 110th anniversary of the consecration of the church and for the marriage the previous day of Mr. John Tucker and Miss Valerie Mary Beams, only daughter of the conductor. The ringer of the 4th was bridesmaid.

**EXNING, SUFFOLK.**—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Fuller 1, A. G. Orbell 2, A. G. Fuller 3, C. F. Sargeant 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Rosalie Benstead and Mr. David Pocock at Exning on Aug. 23rd.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Bailey 1, Miss L. A. Holmes 2, J. E. Cook, jun. 3, P. A. Hill 4, J. Watson 5, W. R. Read (cond.) 6, H. R. Woods 7, D. A. Frith 8. Rung for the wedding of Pat Holmes and Michael Simpson.

**GRENDON, WARWICKS.**—On Aug. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss P. M. Harper 1, E. Hill 2, H. E. Harper 3, H. Harper 4, G. T. Ball 5, L. Trevor (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

**HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.**—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): M. J. Dodd 1, Sally Buchanan 2, J. F. Scott 3, P. E. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, W. Kewell 6.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—At the Church of All Saints on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Wallace 1, A. Clutton (cond.) 2, Margaret Tilbury 3, J. Simmonds (first 'inside') 4, G. Hinton 5, W. Plumridge 6, S. M. Bailey 7, A. White 8.

**HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,440 Minor (being an extent each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Doreen Armstrong (cond.) 1, R. Larkin 2, J. Meredith 3, B. Mills 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. For evening service.

**HORSELL, SURREY.**—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, Miss D. Gibbons (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. Also on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, J. Martin 6. Rung for Evensong.

**ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 10th (on front six bells), 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Edna Graham (cond.) 1, T. Mockridge 2, Margaret Strickland 3, G. Monckton 4, R. Dean 5, M. Harwood 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 6. Rung in memoriam William Bedford (father of the conductor).

**LEYTON, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant 1, C. A. Hughes 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, S. Penfold 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, D. M. Salisbury (first as conductor) 7, A. Ammerlann 8.

**LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Erin Triples: J. H. Gilbert 1, D. E. Cobb 2, J. Hunt 3, J. Brian 4, M. J. Horseman 5, D. G. Yeo 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, F. Bridle 8. First of Erin Triples for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8.

**NAILSEA, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Gaunt 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Mary Powell 6. Rung for evening service and as birthday compliments to the second ringer's son, aged two, and the tenor ringer's grandmother, aged 92.

**NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**—150 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Lee (first away from cover bell) 1, G. J. Stickland (cond.) 2, B. Taylor 3, W. J. Goodfellow 4, A. M. Edwards (first quarter) 5, D. Pike (first quarter) 6. Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to the 6th ringer and to congratulate the ringers of 2 and 6 on success in recent examinations. Also 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Lee 1, A. M. Edwards 2, W. J. Goodfellow 3, B. Taylor (first as cond.) 4, G. L. Stickland 5, D. Pike 6. First in method by all. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Cox, for 40 years ringer and churchwarden at St. Mary's, Nash.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Messam (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, Miss D. Gibbons 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6.

**OXEORD.**—At St. Aldate's Church on July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Chamberlain 1, D. Bowen 2, E. Vann (first 'inside') 3, R. Allworth (first of Minor) 4, J. Venn 5, F. A. Barrett (cond.) 6. Rung after half-peal attempt failed. Also on Aug. 31st, at St. Aldate's Church, 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob: F. A. Barrett (cond.) 1, Margaret Pearce 2, E. Venn 3, N. Chamberlain 4, R. Allworth 5, S. Benstead 6.

**RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, H. Worboys 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, A. House 6, G. Sandwell (first as conductor) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. G. L. Coward 1, G. F. Hoad 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell (first on 10) 3, R. E. Roberts 4, F. T. Hoad 5, B. A. Cracknell (first on 10) 6, A. T. Shelton 7, W. Slaughter 8, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 9, N. H. Inwood 10. Rung by resident members of the South-eastern District, Surrey Association, for Evensong.

**RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Elliott 1, C. B. Jones 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, T. I. Holborow 4, D. Bounds (first as conductor) 5, F. Broughton 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

**SEVENOAKS, KENT.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. P. Corby 2, Mrs. W. Dobbie 3, R. V. Fuller 4, D. Colgate 5, P. Corby 6, W. Dobbie (cond.) 7, W. Manning (first in method) 8. For evening service.

**SHOREDITCH, LONDON.**—At St. Leonard's Church on Aug. 29th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, P. J. Eves 3, A. R. Ling 4, W. Prockson 5, C. A. Hughes 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, R. F. Deal 8, T. Earle 9, B. F. Baker 10, T. H. Francis (cond.) 11, F. J. Matthews 12. First quarter of Erin Cinques for 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10. For Evensong.

**SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Walter Monckton 1, Raymond Selway 2, Bob Dean 3, George Monckton 4, Fred Welch 5, Reg. Welch 6, Tom Lock 7, Jack W. Drew (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

**STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 29th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (840 St. Simon's, 420 Plain Bob): D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, A. D. Grant 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. R. Boyd 6. For afternoon service. Also on July 6th, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Evens (first quarter) 1, D. G. Pickett 2, M. G. Lane 3, A. D. Grant 4, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 5, L. S. Goddard 6. Conductor's first quarter peal single-handed, after ringing 28 double-handed.

**STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.**—At St. Thomas' Church on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Fellows (first quarter, age 13) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, A. L. Dunn 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, J. G. Pussey 6, F. B. Cookson 7, A. D. Fellows 8. For Evensong and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Handley, of the Wollaston band, of which Mr. Handley is the captain.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Wells 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, Miss M. Wright 3, Dr. H. Craiz 4, R. C. Westney 5, R. G. Townsend 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. For evening service.

**TIVERTON, DEVON.**—At St. Peter's Church on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4.6.8 covering): L. May 1, G. W. Hollis 2, P. Mayne (cond.) 3, P. Cork 4, J. Kelland 5, E. Gill 6, W. H. Ware 7, J. Rowsell 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss E. F. M. Lowe and Mr. H. A. Smith, of Brussels.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Davey 1, T. Edwards 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, B. A. Parkin 4, J. Basher 5, A. Locke 6, D. Burnett 7, A. J. Davidson (first quarter) 8.

**UTTOXETER, STAFFS.**—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Dawson 1, Mrs. A. R. Wright 2, D. Brunning 3, E. Marion Key 4, W. Leach 5, A. R. Wright 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, T. White 8. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Stafford.

**WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 24th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Chapman 1, F. C. Maynard 2, C. Battell (first 'inside') 3, F. W. Sykes 4, E. E. Holman 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Royack 7, D. Hewitt 8. For Evensong.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rawlings 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, E. Jacobs 4, F. Corfield 5, Susan Jacobs (first in method as conductor) 6.

**WOKINGHAM, BERKS.**—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stokes (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. White 2, R. N. Elliot 3, M. W. Mason 4, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 5, D. J. Mason 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. J. Paice.

**WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. F. Brooks 1, Miss M. Wright 2, P. Spackman 3, Dr. C. G. Roworth 4, A. G. Wells 5, D. Wells 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, J. Amor 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8.

**YARDLEY-HASTINGS, NORTHAMTS.**—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Fowler 1, H. Wooding (cond.) 2, T. Wooding 3, E. Elliot 4, A. Goodman 5, H. Minney 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung as birthday compliments to Miss Patricia Thompson, the Rector's daughter, also a ringer, and to Mrs. H. Wooding.



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Visitors from Rotherham, Middlesbrough and York thank Mr. E. Hudson (secretary, Y.A. Northern District) for the trouble he took in arranging ringing at Askrigg (6), East Wilton (6) and Middleham (8) on the occasion of the Yorkshire Association Northern District meeting on August 30th. The beautiful scenery, a glorious sunny day, friendly hospitality, some good bells and ringing (including a good course of London Minor and Yorkshire Major) all contributed to a very happy day.

A nose-bleed of one of the band necessitated a peal attempt at Warsop being prematurely halted on August 31st.

The name of the treble ringer in the peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on August 6th (page 554) was Sheila Blackwell and not Sheila Blackmore. Our correspondent sends his apologies.

We have received from Miss J. Armstrong, of Morpeth, a copy of her father's book of some 87 tunes for eight handbells. September 5th is the centenary of the birth of her father, Mr. John Armstrong, who died at Morpeth, where he was head ringer, on July 11th, 1940.

Wednesday, September 3rd, was the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford. The anniversary was remembered by fellow ringers who rang with 'Charlie' for a wedding at Holy Trinity, Guildford, and wished him and Mrs. Hazelden every happiness.

For the recent quinqucentenary celebrations of the founding of Cirencester Grammar School, which H.R.H. Princess Alexandra attended, special ringing was arranged at the local Abbey Church, where is the oldest extant ring of 12 in the world. All ringers taking part were associated with the school, including a former head boy and a former head girl—respectively A. York-Bramble and Mary Bliss—now both members of the University of Bristol Society.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Six peals were rung during a four-days' tour of Manchester area by Mr. Brian Harris.

One attempt was lost through a miscall and the other was 'rained off' when a sudden shower found its way into the ringing room, soaking some of the ringers!

A pleasant background to Mr. John Arlott's cricket broadcast from Bournemouth recently was the distant bells.

Eleven peals were rung during the Scottish peal week, arranged by Mr. Wilfred Williams. Only five were scored in Scotland—the others en route.

Mr. B. Stedman Payne wishes to apologise for the footnote to the peal rung at Queniborough (page 557). It was to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Thornber.

A peal of Ipswich Surprise Minor was attempted for the wedding of Miss P. Holmes and J. M. Simpson, of Grantham, Lincs, but was lost. Nevertheless, the band send their best wishes for the future to Pat and Michael, and hope they will accept the quarter of Plain Bob instead.

Penarth, Glam. ringers are very encouraged by their Wednesday night practices. They have had Kent T.B. for four Wednesdays running and also Cambridge on one night. Thanks are accorded the visitors for making this possible; they hope they will continue to come when nights get darker.

Christ Church, Epsom, ringers will miss Miss Cherie Payne who has taken up a teaching appointment at Brighton. She was the last of the group of girls that Mr. Frank Oakshott taught to ring just after the war. Always ready to stand in a quarter peal, but never a peal, she has been most regular in her attendance. The band hope to see her at occasional weekends and in school holidays.

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# CHESHIRE RINGERS' TOUR OF THE NORTHANTS AREA

ON Friday, August 8th, a small party of ringers awaited the arrival of 'The Old Buzzard' and his comrade, who were due to meet them in Macclesfield. However, after a long wait, it was decided to forge ahead without them on our belated journey to Kettering, where we had our headquarters for the week.

Picking up Fred Wishaw in Leek, we made good time towards Derby, but were forced to stop when a loud banging was emitted from one of the rear wheels. It took a great amount of effort on the part of our strong men to remove the wheel cap, the only thing being torn to pieces was Bob's 'Theory of Expansion.' Several nuts proved to be very loose, and when these had been tightened the journey was continued without further trouble.

## A FLYING START

We arrived at Rothwell on Saturday at 9.30 a.m., where we rang a peal of London Surprise Major on this excellent octave. Oakham was our next destination, but a stop was made first for lunch at a pleasant little country café, where we encountered James Fisher, the ornithologist, and his family. It might be said that he hadn't seen a rarer set of birds in all his life, although none have been to gaol—yet! With a peal of Bristol at Oakham, we were off with a flying start to the week. Mention might be made here that one member of the band decided to make things complicated by trying to make seconds to the treble.

On Sunday morning we rang on the ten bells at Kettering for morning service, and afterwards visited the ancient Saxon tower at Earls Barton: what a pity the walls have been pebble-dashed. We continued to Sywell Aerodrome, where some of the party were lucky enough to have a short flight.

We arrived in good time at Wicken, to ring a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on what are certainly a peal-ringer's delight. We thoroughly enjoyed joining the locals in ringing for even-song. On the way home one of the more versatile members of the rear car was nearly lost when leaning out of the window. We still cannot decide if he was waving to us or to a party of girls on the river bank.

Monday morning found the weather fine again; we really thought that summer had arrived. A peal of Spliced Surprise Major, in five methods, at Burton Latimer, where the 10 cwt. octave are most excellent for their weight, kept our 100 per cent. record intact. After a good lunch, our success continued with a peal of Rutland Surprise Major at Irchester. What a pity that this pleasant ring is to some extent spoilt by the excessive tenor noise. At the hotel in the evening several of the party played billiards, while the night porter undertook teaching some of the younger members how to play cards. He soon retired a much sadder and poorer man!

Tuesday morning was upon us and, needless to say, the rain also. After the short drive to Irthlingborough several of the band took part in a Communion service. This was followed by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, giving Bernard Groves his 100th peal at the age of 15.

On the way to St. Neots, in Huntingdon, our lively member in the rear car was most upset to find that the member of the fairer sex he had set his sights on was in fact a Scotsman! A peal of Bristol Surprise Major was to be attempted at St. Neots, which we hoped would be the highlight of the week. The ringing settled down, but after about two hours, a mistake which caught everybody napping brought our downfall. We all retired dismally to dinner (with draught Guinness) with the hope that another peal attempt may be made soon, on St. Neots' glorious bells.

## REINFORCEMENTS

We were reinforced on Wednesday, as we thought that a peal week, with only nine ringers available, might have been a little too strenuous. Four of the regular party were rested in the morning, while the remainder, with visitors Philip McChew, George Fearn and Ralph Edwards, attempted a peal of London Surprise Major. Although the bells were extremely pleasant to hear outside, hearing difficulty was encountered in the church, and two attempts came to grief quickly. Finally, a peal of Bristol Surprise Major was attempted, but a mistake, similar to the one the previous day, brought ringing to an untimely end, after about one hour's good striking.

## 90th Birthday Of Mr. Morris J. Morris

*Most ringers who attend the Henry Johnson dinner will know Mr. Morris J. Morris, who is most regular in his attendance. Mr. Morris celebrated his 90th birthday on August 25th, and a peal in his honour was rung at Erdington.*

*A native of Bangor, Mr. Morris came to Birmingham to live when quite a young man, and for many years was a valued member of the St. Martin's Church Sunday service band. His compositions in various methods have been rung on many occasions. On handbells he is exceptionally good with the tenors, and a performance of which he is proud was the peal of Stedman Sextuples, of which band he and his old friend Albert Walker are the only survivors.*

*Mr. Morris enjoys good health, and his friends of the St. Martin's Guild wish him many more years of contentment.*

Having lost two peals of Bristol on the run, things didn't look so prosperous as they had done the previous morning. Four other members of the band were rested in the afternoon, our visitors taking part in both attempts. A fast peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was successfully brought round in the afternoon at Higham Ferrers, so our visitors did not go away empty-handed. We were feeling more at home now, as the rain continued to fall mercilessly, and our driver would perhaps have been better with a sou'wester instead of a white cap.

It might have looked as though we were tempting providence when we decided to attempt a peal of 'twelve spliced' at Weedon Bec on Thursday morning. The peal was successfully brought round in 3 hours 12 minutes, although our train-spotting friends from Hazel Grove would have given anything to see the trains they could hear flashing past. The attempt in the afternoon, at All Saints', Northampton, was not due to start until 5.30 p.m., so once again we visited Sywell Aerodrome. Three more of the party were airborne for the first time, having their heads in the clouds, for the first time officially. Others, as one person remarked, preferred to keep their feet on 'terra firma.' We proceeded to Northampton, and at the third attempt found the church. Difficulty was experienced in parking nearby so things looked like starting late. With a late start, and on half-empty stomachs (they were never empty once on the tour), a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was attempted, but ended after about one hour's too-fast ringing. We were then joined by Pat Chapman and W. J. Dove, who had been listening nearby, and rang for a short time afterwards, finishing up with a brisk touch of Stedman Triples. The bells are a

mellow ring, and with more time at our disposal we should have enjoyed some rather slower ringing. The sight of a large member of the party eating a 'Knickerbocker Glory' was something to be remembered, although the suggestion that he should stand on his chair to eat it was perhaps an exaggeration.

## EFFECTS OF TOUR

Friday morning arrived, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung, the tower this time being Hazelbeech. The bells are very easy to handle but are a little 'woolly' in the belfry. The village itself is very picturesque and the church is in keeping with its surroundings. Sandwiches were enjoyed, with ale, at the local, before we continued our journey to Daventry. Here a peal of Bristol was attempted, but after about one hour's ringing, the rhythm generally associated with Bristol Surprise was missing, and so the peal was stopped. It was obvious that the effect of 11 or 12 attempts by all the party was beginning to tell. On Friday evening we were joined by Patrick Chapman, who returned with us to the hotel for dinner.

When all members had retired to the lounge, a vote of thanks was given by Fred Wilshaw on behalf of all present to Basil Jones for his excellent arrangements, Patrick Chapman for his ready and sound information about the rings of bells in the area, to the drivers for their abstinence and good judgment, and to Fred Dunkerley for the use of his car. All retired to bed a little earlier than on previous occasions, as an early rise was the order for the following morning.

On Saturday morning everybody was out of bed in good time—an astonishing feature of the week. Fred Dunkerley left us en route for Kibworth, the nine with Pat Chapman finding Mr. Fred Staniforth there to greet us. A fast peal of London was brought round on a very fine, handy octave.

Lunch was taken in Loughborough at The Three Nuns before we moved on to Shepshed. An attempt to ring a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major here went as suddenly as the previous attempts to ring Bristol, after about 1½ hours' pleasant ringing on a very good going ring. Before going home we went back to Loughborough to drop Pat Chapman and to listen to some of the peal at the Parish Church. Here we said thank you and goodbye to Pat Chapman.

Our thanks are extended to all incumbents, tower captains and ringers who helped to make this tour so successful, or even possible. Although many years have passed since the last tour of Northamptonshire, I am sure it will not be as many until the next one. R.B.S.

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## ACROSS MONMOUTH

A FINE day was dawning as four ringers left Penarth at 7.45 a.m. on August 23rd. In Cardiff we collected another car and picked up five more ringers from Radyr, Porthkerry and St. Albans, the young lady from St. Albans being on holiday in Cardiff. When we arrived at Caerphilly we found that ringers from Nash, Radyr, Cardiff, and another holiday-maker from Hughenden, Bucks, had arrived on motor-cycles and were ready with the bells up. After a good ring we moved on to Llanbradach, where the

of dust and chaff which descended from above proved to be due to the presence of half a bale of hay in the middle chamber. We don't quite know why! The Vicar was very pleased to see us and very interested in our tour; he was surprised that we were not going to Penrhos, only one mile up the road. He said the Vicar would be delighted to see and hear us—and he was! But this four-bell tower obviously only has a one-man team. The tenor went very well, but the other three were stiff and awkward, and the treble could only be raised half way because of a warped wheel.



The band pose on the Monmouth-Hereford border

long draught was discouraging but did not upset the striking too much.

We now left Glamorgan and crossed the border into Monmouthshire. At Machen we were joined by two Newport ringers, and had our first and best attempt at Cambridge Minor when we got within ten changes of rounds. A punctured wheel was quickly replaced by a spare, and we moved on to the steel bells at Bassaleg; but we had not heard the last of that puncture, and after a picnic lunch we found that the spare was flat, so we had to squeeze nine into one car and go in search of a new inner tube. While this was being fixed we had an hour at Llanfrechfa, and were joined by ringers from Caerleon and Llanfrechfa.

We were behind schedule when we joined the motor-cyclists at Tredunnoch. The bells sounded lovely but the 'go' was not easy, and the fact that all the sallies were about two feet too low did not help matters. Usk was undoubtedly our best tower of the day. The eight went very well, and with a total of 20 ringers, representing 12 towers, we had Erin, Stedman, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent, another attempt at Cambridge Minor and, of course, some Grandsire. From Usk we went to Tregaer, where the little five went well if rung slowly. The large quantities

At Dingestow, the easiest-going of our four five-bell towers, we had some good Stedman and another puncture. However the R.A.C. looked after this one, and complete with a new tyre all arrived safely in Skenfrith more or less on time. This six sounded rather loud and must be in an unusual key, but they went well with Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman.

After the ringing we managed to get most of the band together long enough to take a photograph and then we moved on over the border into Herefordshire. We found the little church of Garway in a field. The bells were a little difficult but had a very nice tone. Grandsire was difficult so we had some call-changes, which sounded very nice considering we only had five bells. At Kentchurch it was a similar story. Here new ropes would not come amiss, but we had some more call-changes and a good touch of Plain Bob. Grosmont was our last tower, and here we found six bells which could probably do with new bearings but which went fairly well when rung steadily. The only real difficulty was that experienced by the treble ringer who had to stand inside the circle in front of the tenor ringer.

On the way home we stopped in Abergavenny for hot and cold drinks.

E. J. R. H.

## OBITUARY

### MR. WILLIAM J. PAICE

Mr. William J. Paice whose death on Aug. 20th at the age of 73 was announced in our last issue was for over 54 years a loyal and active member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Learning to handle a bell at All Saints', Wokingham, where his father, Samuel Paice, was then foreman of the ringers, he soon progressed in the art of change ringing and on November 14th, 1905 rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Paul's, Wokingham, this being the first peal to be rung by all Wokingham ringers. In 1908 he conducted his first peal at All Saints', Wokingham (Carter's 12-part peal of Grandsire).

Without doubt his favourite method was Stedman and he was always proud of his first peal in that method, rung at Yateley, Hants, and conducted by Rev. F. E. Robinson. Canon Coleridge was also in the band.

For some time Mr. Paice resided at Caversham and during that period he rang many peals of Surprise Major with the talented band then ringing at St. Peter's. On returning to the Wokingham district he joined the band at St. James', Finchampstead, and later became their foreman. In 1927 he was elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild and remained in office for 15 years.

In 1942 he moved to London and was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and joined the band of St. Mary Abbots', Kensington; he also took part in the service ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral. On leaving London he lived for a time near Farnham in Surrey. Although he showed a keen interest in the activities of the ringers in both London and Farnham his heart was always with the Oxford Guild and especially the Sonning Deanery. It was a happy day when he returned to his old home and joined the band at St. Michael's, Sandhurst, where his son Leslie was a member.

William Paice had rung 104 peals—not a lot by the standards of some people today but they were all well-earned peals; he was never happier than when conducting Stedman Triples with an all Sonning Deanery band. His last peal was rung at Shiplake, Oxon, on April 26th—one of Plain Bob Major, which he conducted.

We ringers in the Sonning Deanery will miss him greatly. At our monthly practices he was always ready to take a rope or stand by to assist a learner; at a business meeting of the Guild or Branch his knowledge and experience were invaluable.

He was laid to rest in St. Paul's Churchyard, Wokingham, on August 27th, within the sound of the bells he loved and upon which, nearly 53 years ago, he rang his first peal.

May he rest in peace.

B. C. C.

Three Harthill, Yorkshire, ringers rang their first peal on August 23rd, with the Chaddock family making up the rest of the band. Ian Fraser is at Manchester University and his brother, Donald, joins him this month. The third first-pealer, Hugh Bishop, has this year won a State scholarship. These are the first of the Harthill ringers to appear in our peal columns.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE WILLIAM DENYER

Dear Sir,—When my father died last March, the ringers of Aldershot decided to place a tablet in the ringing chamber at St. Michael's Church recording his 35 years of captaincy. In addition, the family are giving a silver chalice and paten for use at Holy Communion, and a number of friends have asked to be associated with this memorial.

If any of your readers who knew my father should wish to contribute, would they please send it to me by September 20th, as the memorial is to be presented to the Vicar of Aldershot for use on St. Michael's Day, September 29th, the Patronal Festival.

This is *not* an appeal but information for those who have visited and enjoyed ringing at Aldershot over the years.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES DENYER.

Farnham, Surrey.

### CALL-CHANGERS AND BROADCASTING

Dear Sir,—I have noted the recent letters by Mr. B. E. Bartlett, and feel the following information may be of interest to him and other call-change ringers.

I have recently been asked by the B.B.C. West Region to advise them with regard to suitable towers, from which the bells will be broadcast in one of the winter series of programmes. About 75 per cent of the towers I have suggested are 'call-change' towers where the counties of Devon and Cornwall are concerned. The final selection rests with the B.B.C., but I trust the 'call-change' ringers will find themselves well represented.—Yours truly,

H. J. SANGER, Convener.

Television and Broadcasting Committee.

Evercreech.

### MEMORIES OF YATELEY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Whittle's letter is quite right regarding the ringers and ringing at Yateley over 30 years ago, and I can well remember those lonely walks of four miles each way nearly 50 years ago, when as District Ringing Master it was my duty and pleasure to visit the ringers on practice nights because they were keen to progress as a band.

A gentleman named Stilwell lived nearby, and he happened to be the president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which stretched from Molesey in Surrey to the Isle of Wight, thence to Bournemouth.

In the early years of this century the bells went badly owing to the sway of the structure and one of the ringers undertook to steel 'flitch' the interior above first-floor level with 9 in. by 4 in. flitches, which had the desired effect. I still recall the font in the centre of the ground-floor ringing chamber, also the performance of a peal rung by the local band, all of whom were baptised round the font. I wonder if the old clock, which told people the time in the days of Queen Elizabeth I, is still going. The bells are also interesting, especially the fourth, fifth and seventh.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

### UNRINGABLE BELLS OF ESSEX

Dear Sir,—I would be most obliged if you would insert the following two corrections to the list of unringable bells of Essex (see page 564).

HEYDON.—This tower is just over the border in Cambridgeshire and therefore not, as given in 'Dove,' an Essex tower.

GOOD EASTER.—These bells have recently been fitted with a chiming mechanism which at present renders them unringable.

Thanking you.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.

Dear Sir,—Re the letter of Mr. Roast on the above. Pentlow bells (5) are in excellent ringing order. There is considerable opposition from the birds, however, there being plenty of rubbish, etc., when I made my last visit. Great Clacton's (5), unringable for about 60 years, are now at the foundry. It is pretty certain, however, that they will be hung 'dead' for chiming only, on their return.—Yours faithfully,

U. W. WILDNEY.

Kirby-le-Soken.

### NUTFIELD AND DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

On Whit Monday ringers from Nutfield, Blechingley, Redhill and Godstone went on their annual outing. This year it was decided to make a trip into Kent. The spirits of the party were not dampened by the heavy rain, and when Seal was reached at 9.30 a.m. all were eager to try the bells. The next tower visited was Leeds, and for some of the party this was their first experience on ten bells, and a very creditable course of Grandsire Caters was rung. By this time the weather had improved and the sun started to shine. A picnic lunch was the order of the day. At Charing some of the ringers found the bells here difficult to handle, but one ringer at any rate enjoyed very much a well-struck touch of Little Bob. Ringers and non-ringers alike were enchanted by the charming village. A very pleasant ring was enjoyed at Ashford. Tea was taken here, and we would like to thank Mr. John Cooper who so kindly made the arrangements. Biddenden and Benenden were then visited—again two delightful villages. The ringers would particularly like to thank Mr. Price at Benenden for giving permission to ring at such short notice.

The Whit Monday outing proved so successful that by popular request an afternoon tour was arranged for July 12th. The programme was Wisborough Green, Petworth, Fittleworth, Pulborough and Warnham. Ringing mainly consisted of Plain Bob and Grandsire, with rounds; but despite its modesty the programme was enjoyed and a reasonable standard of striking maintained. At Petworth it was delightful to meet again the Rev. John and Mrs. Milne, who when they were at Blechingley were both well known to the ringers; and thanks are due to Mrs. Milne for making such excellent tea arrangements for the party at Petworth.

All the ringers who took part in these outings would like to take this opportunity of thanking incumbents and tower secretaries for their co-operation and help.

### WARWICKSHIRE RINGERS IN STAFFS AND SALOP

A small party of ringers from Allesley, Keresley, Rugby and Stoke-in-Coventry had a tour of 13 towers in the Stafford-Newport area on August 30th. The first tower was Seighford, with its musical, anti-clockwise five, which were soon going to Grandsire and call-changes. Gnosall's proved to be a grand Minor six; with the addition of a tenor of 22 cwt. and a treble they would make a splendid octave.

At High Offley we were joined by Arthur and Doreen Jopp, of Stoulton, and their two children. The knots at the rope-ends instead of the usual tucks seemed strange, but on the whole ringing here was very much enjoyed. At Forton the bells were up in readiness, and Kent, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung. The entrance to Forton churchyard proved to be a beautiful place for the picnic lunch.

The first objective of the afternoon was Tibberton, with a tricky light five in a narrow red-brick tower. At Edmond the head ringer, Mr. Murrell, not only gave us permission to ring in the absence of the Rector on holiday, but came along and rang with us on the fine six. The approach to Chetwynd's ringing chamber is something of a 'sell.' One goes partly up a spiral staircase and then up an iron ladder through a trap in the floor! Some good ringing took place here despite the wide rope circle.

Newport's was the only eight of the day, and here a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung. Liffeshall bells are a rather mediocre six but go very well. At Sherifffhales rounds, Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung.

The head ringer, Mr. Tindall, met us at Tong, and took some of us to view the 2½-ton Bourdon bell which hangs in its own bell chamber below the ring of six. We were afterwards allowed to raise this bell, and its glorious tone vibrated throughout the church. This church, with its ground-floor central ringing chamber bounded by marble tombs and an ancient rood screen, behind which are the carved oak choir stalls, was the most interesting of the tour. At Lapley we found some difficulty in tracking down the key of the ringing chamber, but the sound of these fine bells ringing out overhead later made one feel that it had all been worth while.

The last tower of the day was at Norton Canes. Here the churchwarden very kindly took it upon himself to oil the bearings of the bells for us, and several members of the local ladies' band came up to watch the ringing. We finished up with two of them standing in for Grandsire.

Our best thanks are due to those who met us, to Thelma who at times acted as nursemaid, thereby enabling Doreen and Arthur to ring together, and to those who in any way contributed.

W. A. S.

### LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Glorious weather and a good attendance were the outstanding features of the meeting held at Otley on August 30th. The bells were raised at three o'clock and, with a short break for tea and the business meeting, were kept going in a variety of methods until half-past eight. Queens were rung to celebrate the 75th birthday of Mr. W. H. Senior, who was present and took part in several touches. The standard of striking was a great improvement on the previous month's performance, although the antics of the fifth rope caused some amusement for the watchers and concern for those who had to use it.

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# BELLS FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO

By The REV. F. A. SANDERS

**R**INGERS are wont to claim, with justice, that their art is of respectable antiquity. There is much that is known about old bells and their founders. But the day-to-day practical matters which lay behind the service of ringers in far-off days are not so well known. It is hoped that some facts which are recorded in churchwardens' accounts in the old days in Hampshire may be of interest to present day ringers.

There are seven Hampshire churches with churchwardens' books dating before A.D. 1560 and some of these have little to tell about the bells. But others, particularly Bramley and Wootton St. Lawrence, are veritable mines of information about bells and their ringers.

## MYSTERY OF BELL ROPES.

Routine repairs of the bells are frequently mentioned in the accounts which the churchwardens' or 'churchmen' presented each year to the vestry meeting. Bell ropes appear to have been a grave problem. At Stoke Charity in 1549-50 no less than nine ropes were bought at a price varying from 8d. to 1s. 3d.. In the next year eight new ropes were bought and the price had risen to 10d. each. Why a church which had only three bells needed so wholesale an order is one of those mysteries which will probably never be solved. At Bramley from 1527 to 1553 there are only five years when one or more bell ropes were not bought. It has been suggested that the churchwardens rather than the ringers were the cause for this constant expense. In some places it appears that the retiring churchwarden claimed the bellropes as perquisites of his office. Perhaps at Stoke Charity and Bramley this custom obtained too.

Other repairs to the bells involved renewal of 'baldrics,' alternatively spelt 'bawdrigcs,' 'bawdryckes,' 'bawdereks,' 'baudrickes' or even 'ball rickes.' The writer of a book on these registers suggests that these were the thongs which bound the clapper to the bells, being made of the 'white leather' which is often mentioned in the expenses incurred. Against this view is the entry at St. John's Winchester, 1554-7, 'For makeinge and mending the bawdricke and wire for them.' Also at Crondall in 1567-8 there is 'Whitt lether for ye bell ropes... 10d.' In parishes where white leather was bought there are no entries referring to baldrics. Perhaps a reader will solve the mystery of the baldrics and white leather. Was the latter used in the more luxurious belfries as a forerunner of the sally?

The repair and renewal of the bell wheels was attended to from time to time and reference is made to other parts of the ringing mechanism such as gudgeons, brasses (? bearings), nipples, trusses, stocks, stirrups, keys and clasps. The picture which these numerous entries make is one of constant attention to the bells and this in its turn confirms the large part that the bells played in the life of the parish.

## CHARGE FOR HORSE MEAT

Entries telling of the rehangings and recasting of existing bells or of additions to their number are naturally rarer. At Crondall in 1544 there were four bells. Between 1551 and 1554 one of these was 'new made' by Fowke Mychell, of Wokingham. At Wootton the records in 1576 tell of the recasting of a bell at Reading, in the course of which 14 lb. of 'old church brasses' and 134 lb. of new metal were added to make the weight of the new bell 667 lb. Included in the churchwardens' charges were the sums of 8d. for his dinner and 1s. for his 'Horse meat'! It is at Bramley that we find a fascinating account of the old way of dealing with 'tower grabbers.' In 1577-8 'Two of our belles were newe cast, and were very well handled both in the casting and hang-

ing of them. By reason whereof many strangers did come to Bramley Church to ryunge, of the which strangers comyng at diverse and sondrie times, John Littlewoork and Thomas Wigley, being parishennors, did gather the some of 16/3.' Of this 14s. 9d. was spent in the next year, mostly on the bells, but it was not until 1581 that the 'balance of bell money' was paid in by Thomas Wigley.

In none of the accounts published is there any regular payment of ringers. Various people, including the parish clerk at Crondall, were paid regularly for 'keppying of the bells.' The only payments to ringers were on special occasions. At Andover the ringers were paid 6d. in 1472 when the Duke of Clarence, brother of Edward IV, came to the town. In Crondall there is an entry of '5d. paid for drinke for the bell ringers when the Quene's Majesty came through our parish.' This was presumably when Queen Elizabeth I travelled from Southampton to Old Basing in 1569. Towards the end of the 16th century there were regular payments at Bramley, Crondall and St. Peter's, Winchester, for ringing on November 17th, the Queen's Accession Day.

Money spent by the churchwardens on bells and belfries was often a considerable part of their annual expenditure on the whole church. Thus at Bramley in 1538-9 4s. 5d. was spent on the bells out of a total of £1 5s. 9½d. For Crondall in 1587-8 the figure was £1 6s. out of £11 7s. and for Wootton St. Lawrence in 1577-8, 8s. 10d. out of £3 1s. 3d. When recasting was involved the strain on parochial finance was naturally much greater. At Crondall in 1555-56 the treble bell was 'new cast' for the sum of £3 19s. 3d. Total expenses for the year were only £5 9s. 1½d. and the parish received donations of 5s. each 'towards the making of the bell.' Some idea of the value of money in those distant days is shown by the entry 'For a laborer to . . . one day and a half—9d.'

The writer acknowledges his debt to 'The Early Churchwardens' Accounts of Hampshire,' by J. F. Williams. In this book are published printed transcripts of the parochial accounts as well as valuable comment. The picture conjured up by these shows ringing playing a large part in the life of some small country parishes. A century before Stedman published 'Campanologia' bells were being faithfully kept in order, were being rehung and recast where necessary and ringers were voluntarily calling parishioners to church as well as celebrating great national events. This is an inspiration to ringers in our generation. May we so serve that the tradition of service so set is faithfully maintained and handed on to our descendants as theirs was to us.

## QUARTER PEALS

**TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.**—At All Hallows' Church on Aug. 27th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 1, Gillian Neal Smith 2, C. M. Bloomer 3, W. A. Lewis 4, M. D. Hill Brown 5, D. Hill Brown (cond.) 6. First in method by all except 1 and 4.

**WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 360 Oxford T.B.), 180 Kent T.B.: E. R. Rapley 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, June Clements 3, D. R. Mitchell (first in three methods) 4, C. L. Longhurst 5, G. Francis 6.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On Aug. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. E. Crisp 3, D. Murfet 4, G. A. Lucas 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Perkins (first quarter) 1, A. E. Leggett (cond.) 2, Miss E. R. M. Candale 3, P. Perkins (first of Doubles) 4, B. Gibbons 5, C. Culham 6.

## QUARTER PEALS

**ALBURY, SURREY.**—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Margaret Nurse (first quarter) 1, W. H. Harrison 2, E. G. Coward (cond.) 3, G. F. Pratt 4, H. Arthur 5, B. Tenbham (first quarter) 6. A birthday tribute to Miss M. Nurse.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—At St. Peter's Church on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mary Black (first quarter) 1, Margaret Parker (first of Grand-sire) 2, Michael Best 3, Eric Booth 4, Rev. Trevor Hextall 5, Michael Bazeley 6, Colin Conway (cond.) 7, John Coles 8. Rung for Sung Eucharist and as a welcome to the new senior curate and Mrs. Evans. Also as a compliment to Margaret Parker and Colin Conway on their engagement.

**CAPE TOWN, S.A.**—On Aug. 30th, at St. Mary's, Woodstock, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, C. Gardiner 2, W. Smith 3, J. Riley 4, L. Hewitt 5, R. H. Stickley (cond.) 6, O. Lamb 7, J. Ernstzen 8. Rung half-muffled for the interment this day of the South African Prime Minister.

**CRANBORNE, DORSET.**—On Aug. 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise: M. J. Butler 1, Mrs. F. T. Marshall 2, K. T. Godfrey (first in method) 3, Margaret E. L. Beamish 4, M. J. Best 5, J. Hartless 6, F. L. Harris 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

**ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.**—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Original Triples: P. Swindley 1, S. Jones, jun., 2, F. H. Hughes 3, J. S. Dean 4, G. Parkin 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. T. Tilston 8. First in method by all.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Sylvia Marsh (first of Triples) 1, Geo. A. Cockman 2, W. Parrott 3, W. Robinson 4, Cherie Payne 5, N. D. J. Webb 6, Frank Oakshott (cond.) 7, G. D. Robinson 8. Rung as a farewell to Cherie Payne, who is taking up a teaching appointment in Brighton.

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**—On Aug. 13th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: Miss E. Sharpe (first quarter of Caters) 1, Denis A. Frith (cond.) 2, Miss P. A. Holmes 3, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 4, K. Ketteringham 5, P. A. Hill 6, J. E. Cook 7, W. R. Reed 8, J. M. Simpson 9, H. R. Woods 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon C. H. Leeke.

## MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Cambridge Surprise at Loughborough Bell Foundry on September 1st was Mr. Ernest Morris' 444th peal of Surprise.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe has now rung on all the 12-bell rings in the British Isles. The final tower was St. Laurence's, Reading.

Ann Fowler and T. Wooding are among the teenagers who have scored their first quarter at Yardley Hastings, Northants. We are hoping for more such performances soon from the rest of the young band of ladies' at that tower.

The quarter peal at Sevenoaks on August 31st was arranged for Dr. E. L. Taylor, who was on a visit to the town where he rang for several years before retiring to the West Country.

## MILES GRAYE BELLS

Dear Sir,—The church at Little Oakley, Essex, possesses four bells, two of which are chimed while the other two lie on the belfry floor. These bells were made by Miles Graye and their dates are 1612, 1615, 1633 and 1652, but their weight appears unknown. Lawford, also in Essex, has three bells made by Miles Graye and John Thornton, which are now unringable.

The four bells at Thurlbear Parish Church, Somerset, which has been mentioned in a previous issue of 'The Ringing World,' were made in Exeter by Robert Norton in the reign of Henry VI. They have never been recast and after 500 years' service do not require tuning.

—Yours sincerely,  
Harwich, Essex.

GILLIAN R. BROWN.



# FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 532)

THE following additions should be made to the 18th and 19th century methods.

*Five Shillings to Drink Triples*.—5,040 at Wakefield on January 15th, 1789, by the Wakefield All Saints' Youths.

*Gloucester Surprise Major*.—5,024 at Gloucester on June 17th, 1897, by the St. Michael's Juniors, of Gloucester.

*Cox's Caters Principle*.—Rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on December 7th, 1845, by the Surrey Youths.

*Double Oxford Bob Royal*.—5,040? at Wednesbury on January 2nd, 1890.

The following points and corrections arise in regard to the 18th and 19th century methods:—

*Canterbury Pleasure Major*.—Rung in 1888, not 1887. (Page 532.) This method on seven or more bells is Plain Bob with Kent places in 3-4, and not as given in the C.C. Plain Major Collection.

*Fulham Triples*.—5,040 at Harrietsham, Kent, on January 14th, 1749, by the Lenham Society. Delete the peal at Fulham in 1748. The method was also known as London Triples, as in Crown Bob Triples.

*Double Oxford Court Bob Major and Royal*.—This is presumably the same as Double Oxford Bob. There is still great confusion about the correct definition of a Court method.

*New Grandsire Triples*.—Details of the peal rung at Horsham under the title 'Holt's Grandsire tripple reverse' have been received from Mr. L. Stilwell. The peal consisted of Holt's Ten-part rung from the last change to the first, with all the leading and hunting 'back-handed.' The peal rung at West Bromwich was in the modern form.

*Wakefield Triples Methods*.—See page 391. From information received from Mr. D. Cubitt it would appear that these methods were not merely variations of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Although most of the methods are not now known, it appears that Wakefield Delight was a T.B. Triples method, Wakefield Surprise is Single Oxford Bob and Crown Bob Triples is Spliced College Single, Fulham and Single Oxford Bob.

*Shipway Major*.—5,120 at St. John's, Manchester, on March 31st, 1840, by the St. John's Youths.

*Court Bob*.—Two methods were rung under this title in the 18th century, Double London and Double Norwich.

In Kent, the peals rung by the Leeds Youths and the Lenham Society were titled either Court Bob or London Court Bob. Nowhere do we find the name 'Norwich.' We can be certain, therefore, that such peals were of Double London Court Bob Major or Royal.

In London we do not find 'Norwich' until 1786 at Bethnal Green, which peal was stated to be the first in the method in London. It would appear, therefore, that peals prior to 1786 were all of Double London Court Bob Major. Thereafter the peal titles are definite, London or Norwich, and Shipway states that the peals of Court Bob Royal at Spitalfields and Shoreditch in 1801 were both Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.

In Norfolk, all peals of Court Bob were presumably Double Norwich Court Bob.

The peal at Long Melford in 1782 was presumably of Double London Court Bob Major and that at Soham St. Andrew in 1795 was presumably Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Very few peals of Doubles and of Minor were recorded in the 18th century. The following is

a complete list of those known to me at present. If any others are known, information will be gratefully received.

*Doubles*.—No method is specified in any of the peals. 5,280 in five methods at Anstey, Leics, in September, 1742; 5,040 at Haughley, Suffolk, on May 19th, 1766; 10,080 at Whaplode, Lincs, on February 27th, 1775; 5,040, being 42 different extents, at Halstow at Hoo, Kent, on November 19th, 1788; 5,040 at Market Weston, Suffolk, on January 13th, 1799.

*Plain Bob Minor*.—5,040 at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, before 1733. This peal is noted in Laughton's records of the Rambling Club of Ringers. Also at Garboldisham, Norfolk, on December 6th, 1773, and at Hammersmith on April 24th, 1774.

*Minor in seven methods*.—5,040 at Brandeston, Suffolk, on February 2nd, 1749; at Walsham le Willows, Suffolk, on April 2nd, 1760; and at Beighton, Yorks, in March, 1784.

*Minor in seven T.B. methods*.—5,040 at Whitechapel on April 16th, 1737.

*Minor in seven Surprise methods*.—5,040 at Bingley, Yorks, in 1793.

*Minor, methods unknown*.—5,760 at Spilsby, Lincs, on February 1st, 1785; and 5,400 at Wilby on February 28th, 1792.

The following are the only first performances known to me between 1801 and 1870.

*Plain Bob Minor*.—10,080 at Gillingham, Suffolk, on April 6th, 1822.

*Minor in 14 methods*.—5,040 at Prestwick, Lincs, on April 17th, 1808.

*Treble Bob Minor*.—10,080 in 14 methods at Wath-upon-Deane on April 2nd, 1815; 10,800 in 15 methods at Darton, Yorks, in 1815; 15,120 in 21 methods at Wath-upon-Deane on February 27th, 1816. Peals of 5,280 in 22 methods at Darfield, Yorks, on January 8th, 1815, and of 8,640 in 36 methods at Bingley, Yorks, on February 7th, 1826, were rung in 240's and not true 720's.

*Sedman Slow Course Minor*.—5,040 at Holy Trinity, Newington, Southwark, in January, 1847.

*Single Oxford Bob Minor*.—5,040 at Warnham, Sussex, on October 16th, 1867.

(To be continued)

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE AT CRICKET

Wimbledon, Henley, Goodwood and then Tanfield! That, we dare hope, has now become the sequence of great annual sporting events in the minds of the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Saturday, July 26th, was the occasion of the second revived annual cricket match cum ring meeting at the village of Tanfield, Co. Durham, and two teams of ringing cricketers selected by the president of the Association and the Vicar of Tanfield met to renew the struggle. Last year's resounding victory (29 to 141) for the Newcastle men had set the tempo for this year's match to be one of revenge for the Tanfield side, and a new pitch had been obtained, using the home belfry matting to ensure a favourable wicket.

By 3 p.m. there was a considerable concourse of members and supporters on the village green, and a move was made to the newly-cut hay field where the match was being played. Winning the toss, the Vicar elected to bat first, and the two umpires (Messrs. G. Wall and D. Priestly) and scorers (Misses Wilson and Foreman) took up their stations, while the president's team took the field. As the scoreboard shows, the Tanfield team showed much improved form compared with last year, and Errington and Walker exhibited considerable batting power, while Mr. 'Extras' contributed no small score to the total of 57 in 19 overs. A feature of the innings was the bowling, for not only were balls known to be bowled wide of the matting, but one googly merchant bowled at least one under the mat in an attempt to deceive the batsman!

The tea interval was taken at this point and a crowd of nearly 50 members overran the Vicarage to enjoy a splendid meal prepared by Mrs. K. Cheeseman and her helpers. Before returning to the field of play, the president expressed thanks to the Vicar of Tanfield (Rev. R. Race) for his hospitality, and to Mr. K. W. Cheeseman and all his assistants concerned in the organisation of the occasion. The Vicar in reply welcomed the Association to his parish, and said how pleased he was to see the increased attendance which augured well for the future of this event.

A sudden heavy shower of rain delayed the restart, and Tanfield were feeling jubilant with the prospect of bowling on a greasy wicket. Happily, the clouds cleared quickly, and the Newcastle opening pair were soon showing the way with some smart running. After the fall

of the first few wickets young Shewin, of St. Hilda's, South Shields, and the president came together and brought the score to over 40. Then more wickets fell and only Mr. 'Extras' managed to move the score along. Tension was now mounting, and this became almost unbearable when the ninth wicket fell at 56. Then Ken Cheeseman took the ball and in three balls the match was over—the first delivery was a no-ball (score now 57), the second was hit for one and the third bowled batsman Cooke to close the innings for 58.

Thus, thanks to Mr. 'Extras,' the Newcastle men were once again the victors and retained the 'ashes' for a second term. After mutual congratulations, players and supporters made their way to the tower, and the eight bells of the Church of St. Margaret were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m. At the adjournment which followed, the events of the day were relived and plans for Tanfield, 1959, discussed.

### SCOREBOARD

#### VICAR OF TANFIELD'S XI

B. Morpeth c. Softley b. Cairns	0
Miss D. Carr b. Mrs. Arthur	3
N. Errington b. Shewin	19
Miss P. Brabbon c. and b. Mrs. Arthur	0
Rev. R. Race b. K. Arthur	0
K. W. Cheeseman b. Hodgson	1
J. Vickery c. Petrie b. Hodgson	1
G. Fenwick c. Petrie b. Shewin	0
D. Robson not out	8
I. Walker c. Hodgson b. Cairns	10
M. Gray b. Hodgson	3
* Extras	12
Total	57

#### PRESIDENT'S XI

G. Cairns b. Race	8
F. Hodgson b. Errington	2
W. Hedley b. Errington	4
J. Astridge b. Errington	0
M. Shewin c. and b. Morpeth	14
K. Arthur c. Errington b. Morpeth	8
Miss M. Softley b. Miss Carr	0
D. A. Bayles run out	1
Mrs. K. Arthur c. and b. Miss Carr	0
W. Cooke b. Cheeseman	1
B. Oliver not out	1
Extras	19
Total	58



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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—As from the beginning of September, practices at Old Woking, Ottershaw and Send will be held on the first, second and third Wednesday in the month respectively. All visitors welcome.—H. Hancock. 2960

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Please note that there will be no meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Next meeting on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton—details later.—Hon. Sec. 2969

**READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY** welcomes all ringers coming up for the first time this term. Please contact M. Tilbury, 34, Claytons, Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire. First practice of term, Thursday, Oct. 2nd, St. Giles' (Southampton Street). 2984

**ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.**—Owing to nearby functions there will be no ringing on September 15th and 29th. 2977

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## MEETINGS

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting at Kinner (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. 2942

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2911

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea at the Cock Inn. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2875

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Crusader meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, Orsett. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. C. Blatch, Brick House, Maltling Lane, Orsett. 2874

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Practice meeting at Godalming on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. and again at 6.20 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—D. A. Kirk, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2914

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boughton Monchelsea, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Dare, Newnham, Salts Avenue, Loose, near Maidstone. 2894

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner, Branch Sec. 2986

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 2944

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Marlow (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 2851

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 13th, at Hatfield, Herts. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at St. Audrey's Blind Home 5 p.m. Bells available from 3 p.m. Green Line 716 and 717, or trains from Liverpool Street. 2922

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Westbourne (8), Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 2913

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 6 p.m. Ringing 3.30 p.m. at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (nearest station Manor House, thence by 623, 627, 679 trolleybus to St. Ann's Road). The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Further details later.—John Chilcott (new address: Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selldon, Surrey). 2915

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.**—272nd anniversary, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea (2s. per head) 5 p.m. Names, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick feast, Sunday, Sept. 21st. Ringing 2 and 5.15 p.m. 2979

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Huish Episcopi (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Kindly notify T. J. Setter, 109 Middle Street, Yeovil. 2978

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Easton-in-Gordano (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 2963

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fitzhead on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 2962

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Dunchurch, Saturday, September 20th, at 3 p.m. Please send names for tea by Friday, 19th, to Mr. P. H. Barnwell, Cawston Lane, Dunchurch.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 2870

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 p.m. for those who notify by Sept. 18th Mr. A. J. King, The Villa, Wrenbury, Nantwich.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 2980

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2987

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Ormesby, Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 2975

**DEVON GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hemycok, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to D. Hart, 1, Broadway, The Square, Hemycok. 2935

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th, Chester-le-Street, SS. Mary and Cuthbert's. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. S. C. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 2955

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Somersham (6), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2988

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th, at Heath. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday previous to Mr. Yeomans, Hillman, Mansfield Road, Heath, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 2966

**HAWKHURST GUILD.**—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th, Kildown. Names for tea by previous Wednesday.—E. A. Fellows, 9, Blacklands, Sedlescombe, Battle. 2972

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice at Condoover on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 2983

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2971

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton Mowbray Branch.—Meeting at Eaton, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in Village Institute. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 11th, please, to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street, Eaton, near Grantham, Lincs.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2973

**LINCOLN AND SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILDS.**—Lincoln and Newark Districts.—Joint meeting at Eagle (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Harby (5) also available afternoon and evening. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. C. Smith, The Bungalow, Eagle, Lincoln.—C. Brown and W. Exton, Hon. Secs.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Brigg, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea. Tel. 2623. 2934

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Trevelin, Pontypool, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Temple, 1, The Woodlands, Penygar, Pontypool.—J. S. King. 2928

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South and West District.—Meeting at Ruislip, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Special method, Kent T.B.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2981

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th, to E. Roberts, 26, The Crescent, Derby Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec.



**NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.**—Annual meeting and dinner will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing: Felmersham, 11 to 12.30; Kempston 11 to 12.45; Bromham, 11 to 12.45 and 3 to 4.30; Bedford St. Paul's, 2 to 2.30 and 4.45 to 5.45; Bedford St. Peter's, 2 to 5.30. Arrangements have been made for sandwiches and liquid refreshment to be available at the canteen of Horne Lane Police Station (near to St. Paul's Church, Bedford) between 1 and 2.15 p.m. Business meeting at Police Headquarters, Goldington Road, Bedford, at 3 p.m. Dinner and social evening at the Bridge Hotel, Bedford (near St. Paul's Church), at 6.15 p.m. Tickets, price 12s. 6d. each, obtainable from Hon. Secretary J. A. Smith, 39, New Street, Oadby, Leicester. Early application requested. It is emphasised that all ringers, their wives and friends, are welcome to join us at Bedford on this occasion—the more the merrier. 2939

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Sutton Courtney, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Names for tea by the 16th. please.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 2917

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Little Horwood, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify by Sept. 16th for tea.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 2929

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Sept. 17th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 2985

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Maxey, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 16th, certain, to secretary. 2932

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wyke Regis, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 17th, to G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth. 2923

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20th, Bradford Abbas. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 2958

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at Tunstall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Blaxhall (ringing 6.30 p.m.); Service 4.15 and tea 5 p.m. at Tunstall.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 2961

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Limpsfield (6) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Also at Limpsfield Chart (6), 6 p.m. Notify for tea, please, Mr. E. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limpsfield. 2937

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Lounge Café. Advise number by Sept. 17th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 2912

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bitterne Park, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday for tea to Mrs. V. Hymas, 18, Newton Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton.—J. Hartless. 2921

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Belbroughton, Saturday, Sept. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by Wednesday, 17th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Old Farm, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 2941

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next general meeting at Boroughbridge on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.: Parish Church (6), Aldborough (6) and Kirby Hill (6). All towers in close proximity. General committee meet in Parish Church vestry 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Windmill Restaurant in the square. Names by 18th to Mr. E. Hudson, Singleton Cottage, Sharow, near Ripon. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. Committee anticipate good and loyal support, thus helping our members in the Northern District.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9.

**CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.**—St. Bartholomew's Church. Annual ringers' service, Sunday, Sept. 21st, 6.30 p.m. (Preacher: The Rev. Coleridge.) Bells (8) from 5 p.m. and after service. All ringers welcome. 2959

**ELY ASSOCIATION DINNER.**—The Ely Diocesan Association will hold a dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at the All Saints' Hall, Ferrar's Road, Huntingdon. Tickets 12s. Peals can be arranged for persons attending the dinner, also various rings will be available during the afternoon and evening—times to be announced later. Tickets and peal arrangements from H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2842

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by Saturday, Sept. 20th, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 2884

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Frindsbury on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, to Miss R. Highley, 25, Holly Road, Wainscott, near Rochester. 2970

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gossberton on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to Mr. F. Payne, Church Street, Gossberton, Spalding. 2991

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 27th, at Cadoxton, Neath. Bells (6) 1.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4 p.m. Will towers please note. Business meeting follows.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 2970

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The autumn meeting will be held at St. Laurence's Hall, Reading, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea before Sept. 24th to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—M. R. Cross. 2991

**RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.**—Meeting, Norwich, Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing: St. Giles' and/or St. Peter Mancroft an hour before lunch, 2 to 4 p.m., also after tea: other towers available if necessary. Tea, Ashworth and Pike's Restaurant, Davey Place, 4.30 p.m. Members of B.R.S.A. should give eight days' notice for passes. Railwaymen's meetings are not 'a closed shop.' All ringers are welcome. Names for tea by Sept. 22nd, please.—Frank Stenson, North Col. 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. 2967

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Leafield on Saturday, Oct. 4th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Rosemary, Freeland, Oxford. 2976

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wicken, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 2982

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Snowdon commemoration dinner at Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Please reserve date. Further details soon.—A. E. Marsh. 2989

## NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

On Tuesday, August 5th, a party of ringers from Northampton and District had a half day in North Beds. Proceeding from Turvey after a peal attempt failure, the first stop was Carlton (4), where we were informed that hopes are entertained of augmentation to five. Felmersham was soon reached where, thanks to Colin Payne, we were able to have a pull on this good eight. Leaving the church, the rain 'came down in buckets.' As the six at Bletsoe were found to be unringable, we stopped at Riseley (5), where the Vicar gave an interesting tour of his church and tower.

From the 'R.W.' we knew there was a new ring of five at Dean, and on arriving found the abode of the tower captain, who certainly welcomed us. These are good bells and the ringing of Doubles methods was of a high standard. Looking at the map we found that Hargrave, Northants (four bells), was on the homeward journey, and a decision to call in and view the bells was made. We found the bells in a ringable condition but going badly for the lack of oil and attention.

Despite a rather damp day on Friday, August 8th, a party of ringers had an enjoyable time ringing in the Oundle area of Northants. Towers visited were: Ringstead (6), Aldwinckle, St. Peter's (5), Wadenhoe (6), Stoke Doyle (5), Polebrook (5), Lutton (4), Cotterstock (5), Nassington (5), Thornough (5) and Warmington (6). A good variety of Minor and Doubles methods was rung, including a course of Grand sire Triples on a very ropy old ring of handbells (bought in a sale). Thanks are recorded to the incumbents and ringers who met the party. S.

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