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ANSWERING QUESTIONS

ALL ringers have to answer questions concerning their art. Some are relatively easy, but others are full of controversy. Mr. P. Amos, the Northamptonshire ringer and controversialist, was recently lecturing to the Northampton and Wellingborough Branch of Toc H on 'Church bells and the ancient art of campanology.' Here are some of the questions addressed to him:—

(1) Why don't bellringers 'ring' hymns instead of changes?

(2) What is the attitude of the speaker towards modern churches and modern synthetic bells?

(3) Why are church bells considered to be outside the law? If they are, as some people think, a public nuisance, should not a magistrate have power to stop them being rung?

(4) What is the point of trying to ring continuously for 24 hours, as was shown on T.V. recently? Is there any spiritual value in this?

Question (1) was answered indirectly by the speaker pointing out the difference between a carillon and bells hung for ringing, and the team spirit value of the latter as compared with the one-man effort of the former. 'We don't think in terms of a one-man choir, so why a one-man belfry?'

Replying to question (2), he described modern churches as 'packing cases,' and these reminded him of the cardboard modelling of his schoolboy days. An example was at Corby, where the 'tower' looked more like a factory chimney. Such planning would be regretted 50 years hence: 'The Lord deserves the best we can give, not the cheapest, or anything in the nature of a sham.'

Synthetic bells, he pointed out, could lead to experiments in other directions. The clergy shortage could be met by 'synthetic sermons,' the shortage of organists, which was particularly acute in country parishes, by synthetic music, until the whole service could be mechanised and personal worship would cease to have any spiritual value.

On the third question, Mr. Amos pointed out the dangers should an atheistic-minded or similar person sit on a Bench, saying it would be like having total abstainers as magistrates at Brewster Sessions, and their biased views need not necessarily be known beforehand. Bells had been accepted as a centuries-old British heritage; they were the voice of the Church speaking to the outside world, and before anyone branded them as 'a public nuisance which the majority were against,' they should be prepared to substantiate it with facts and figures. Speaking from personal experience, Mr. Amos said in a parish of 609 houses envelopes were delivered to the houses for a bell fund scheme. No fewer than 491 houses sent a contribution and refusals numbered only 118. If one did not like the smell of a fried fish shop or a brewery one did not buy a house next door and expect the proprietors to close down. In cases of serious illness or excessive noise ringers were always willing to co-operate, but not with those who were merely antagonistic to the Church and all it stood for.

In answer to the fourth question, he commented that 40,000 changes had yet to be rung by the same set of ringers, and in the past the attempts had been mainly in secular towers out of hearing—or almost—from outside. Few ordinary peals lasted much above three hours and, with the exception of Birmingham Cathedral and a handful of others, even these were not all that frequent in the same towers.

These are in no sense published as model answers to questions that frequently arise when we mix with people outside ringing circles. They are given as impromptu answers. There are better answers. The purport of publication is to think about such matters; in other words, 'What would you say, chum?'

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ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Thurs., June 29, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*MRS. JEAN ANDERSON .. Treble	†MICHAEL C. GATHERCOLE .. 6
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 2	WILLIAM F. OATWAY .. 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. 8
†MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 4	†DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH .. 9
SQUIRE CROFT .. 5	LESLIE E. EVEREST .. Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

*First peal on ten bells. †First of Kent Treble Bob Royal. ‡First of Royal.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. Treble	*WALTER HUNT .. 6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 2	*W. DAVID WARD .. 7
*J. KEITH WARD .. 3	JOHN D. ROCK .. 8
*DAVID P. HILLING .. 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 9
*PAMELA M. JERVIS .. 5	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

*First peal of Surprise Royal.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. Treble	WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 5
*DAVID G. WILFORD .. 2	GORDON H. ARGUILE .. 6
†SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 4	RALPH ELKINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. LACEY.

*First peal. †First of Cambridge S. Major.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. CROSSLEY .. Treble	†JOHN WHITE .. 5
*TREVOR TARBATT .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
†DAVID LOCKWOOD .. 3	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 7
GERALD DALE .. 4	HUBERT NAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY TOWNEND.

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

Also as a compliment to the ringer of the second on his wedding anniversary.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Treble	CHARLES N. LEA .. 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 6
LEONARD J. FOX .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 7
*ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 4	ROBERT F. TELFORD .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

*First peal in the method.

PUTNEY, LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

SUSAN J. RAWLINGS .. Treble	*KENNETH NEWMAN .. 5
*BRIAN H. COATSWORTH .. 2	†ANTHONY E. CLAYTON .. 6
CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 7
JOHN PERRETT .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

*First peal of Major. †First on eight bells.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

*DAVID EAMES .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH .. 4
RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
†MICHAEL A. WILLIS .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First of Surprise, and first touch in the method.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents of St. Martin's, 5 St. Simon's and 22 Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

AMBROSE E. MASON .. Treble	ANDREW R. HARVEY .. 3
JOCELYN B. GARDINER .. 2	*RAYMOND W. BALLS .. 4

GILBERT E. LARTER .. Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT E. LARTER.

*First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 40 methods, viz.: St. Simon's, Braywood S.C., St. Martin, Welford S.C., St. Osmund, Longworth S.C., Reverse Canterbury, Raveningham S.C., Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C., Stedman, Grandsire, Rev. Union, Bedford S.C., Rev. St. Faith, Boveney S.C., Rev. St. Julian, Eton S.C., Westminster, Chesham S.C., Blackburn, Broughton S.C., St. Hilary, Ockham S.C., New Bob, Itchingfield S.C., Huntspill, Oakley S.C., St. Vedast, Chipstead S.C., St. Nicholas, Longford S.C., Winchendon, Thornborough S.C., St. Remigius, Hascombe S.C., Rugby S.C., Slapton S.C., Merton S.C., All Saints; with 221 changes of method.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. Treble	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 3
BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 2	GEORGE FRANCIS .. 4

W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

First peal in 40 methods by all the band, and for the Association.

Other Peals

TEN BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH WITH ST. EWEN,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. Treble	*CLIFF RICHARDS .. 6
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 2	*D. JOHN HUNT .. 7
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 3	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 8
DAVID HEIGHTON .. 4	DON C. EXELL .. 9
PATRICK J. BIRD .. 5	F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

*25th peal together.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 5
*STEPHEN G. WILLIAMSON .. 2	EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH .. 6
CHRISTINE MCNAIR .. 3	PETER DALE .. 7
JOHN R. GILDEN .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by A. WILSON.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

*First peal 'inside.'

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., April 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

BARRY SHEPHERD .. Treble	DEREK OGDEN .. 5
MARGARET ROSS .. 2	DAVID W. JAMES .. 6
RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. 3	BASIL JONES .. 7
JOHN SOANES .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

Rung to the completion of 30 years' ministry in the parish by Canon R. L. Hussey.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	WALTER E. WILKINSON .. 5
PETER SCHOLFIELD 2	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON 4	J. BARRY PICKUP Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

Rung in memory of Tom Marshall, of Parbold.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 3, 1961, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
MICHAEL V. WHITE .. Treble	*MALCOLM STONE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	ALAN A. J. BUSWELL .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM T. GODFREY 4	LEWIS F. COBB Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal. Ernest Morris has now rung a peal on every day of the year.

HUNSDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

CHRISTINE RIMMER .. Treble	ERIC EDMONDSON 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	STANLEY HUCKLE 6
M. AMY COBURN 3	MICHAEL D. FROST 7
*KENNETH J. DARVILL .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.
Rung as a compliment to the Hon. Barbara Gibbs, a ringier at this church, on receiving the O.B.E. in the Queen's birthday honours.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
*CATHERINE WHITE 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
ELSIE K. HART 3	JOHN R. MAYNE 7
B. CLARE WEBSTER 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the wedding, at Battle on July 1st, of Mr. N. Michael Hughes D'Aeth and Miss Celia F. Whitfeld. Also for the dedication, on July 1st. of the Chapel of the Eventide Home, Priory Close, Harrow Weald.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Treble	REGINALD ROWLEY 5
WALTER AYRE 2	VERNON GREEN 6
H. GEORGE HART 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Celia F. Whitfeld and Norborough Michael Hughes D'Aeth, whose wedding took place the previous Saturday at Battle, Sussex. Also as a welcome to Linda Ann Bartholomew, born on July 4th.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., July 6, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

JOHN K. SMITH Treble	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 5
*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 2	DAVID W. BRUNNING 6
DEREK P. JONES 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First touch in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 7, 1961, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's.	Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb.
D. JOHN HUNT .. Treble	†PATRICK J. BIRD 5
*KATHLEEN M. EXELL .. 2	CLIFF RICHARDS 6
†IAN C. BUCKLAND 3	PETER E. PARRY 7
*PAUL J. DYE 4	DON C. EXELL Tenor

Conducted by PETER E. PARRY.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First of Major and Plain Bob. ‡ 100th peal. First on eight as conductor. Ringer of tenor has now 'circled the tower.' First of Major by an all-Cathedral band.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

JOHN W. T. HIBBERT .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
DOROTHY PEARCE 2	GEORGE BISHOP 6
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 3	REGINALD F. CROOK 7
*JOHN H. NAPPER 4	GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

DAVID UREN Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2	B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 6
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 3	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 7
RITA M. JOWETT 4	PETER SCHOLFIELD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by S. BARRY SCHOFIELD.

* First attempt for a peal.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Treble	†MONTY W. GILBERT .. 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 6
*DAVID K. PUTNAM 3	†MARTIN L. HOWE 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	BERNARD GROVES Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method. First of Major in the method as conductor.

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5120 UTTOXETER SURPRISE MAJOR

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Treble	JAMES B. MORLEY 5
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	IAN R. PANTON 6
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL .. 3	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
ANDREW S. HUDSON 4	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 250th peal. 150th as conductor. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

A birthday compliment to Ian R. Pantan.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 10, 1961, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*MONTY GILBERT .. Treble	†MARTIN L. HOWE 5
MARGARET A. LADD 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
TREVOR A. CROSS 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

† First in the method.

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SIX BELL PEALS

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.
*KEITH SWINGWOOD .. Treble DAVID WILLIAMS .. 4
G. ARNOLD MOORE .. 2 GEOFFREY DAVIES .. 5
K. PETER JONES .. 3 FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* First peal of Minor.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, ROUGHTOWN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. Treble JOHN R. PAGDIN .. 4
JOHN B. PICKUP .. 2 JOHN F. NELSON .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 3 JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells for 57 years.

Rung on the Feast of St. John-the-Baptist.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 24 extents (ten callings), nine 240's, six Morris' and three Price's. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD BARSLEY .. Treble *J. HENRY TAYLOR .. 4
*NORMAN B. FOVARGUE .. 2 JAMES H. MUSSON .. 5
J. EDWARD BROWN .. 3 JOHN F. WRIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Doubles. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. James H. Musson.

BARSTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., July 1, 1961, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*MAURICE C. HUGHES .. Treble ROGER E. TALLIS .. 4
RICHARD G. MORRIS .. 2 †RAYMOND H. DAW .. 5
PHILIP J. ROTHERA .. 3 GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* 25th peal. † First of Minor. First on the bells.

Five rehung, with new treble added: Taylors, 1960.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 4, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2 and 3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4 and 5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

PETER DALE .. Treble JOHN R. KENNETT .. 4
J. DAVID ADAMS .. 2 HENRY KIRK .. 5
ALAN G. KIRK .. 3 JOHN ROBINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON

Rung to mark the centenary of the church.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., July 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's and 34 120's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*EDWARD R. FAIRBROTHER Treble †IAN FRIEND .. 4
BARNABAS G. KEY .. 2 ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH .. 5
E. MARION KEY .. 3 *FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal. † First in the method.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 5, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JEREMY P. BRANDON .. Treble COLIN M. TIFFIN .. 4
GERALD K. GOLDWIN .. 2 JOHN L. FENNELL .. 5
ROBERT T. ISGROVE .. 3 ROY R. TIFFIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY R. TIFFIN.

First peal as conductor.

Rung by pupils at Brentwood School to commemorate the 403rd anniversary of the granting of a royal charter to Sir Antony Browne, licensing him to found the school.

DUNKESWELL, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., July 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and ten 120's. Tenor 9 cwt.
*STANLEY SWEETLAND .. Treble DONALD SALTER .. 4
JANET REAL .. 2 WILLIAM WEBB .. 5
WILLIAM SPARKES .. 3 CYRIL JOYCE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

* First peal.

A tribute to the late Preb. E. V. Cox.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR HUBBLE .. Treble JAMES TOWLER .. 4
GEORGE W. BARBER .. 2 E. JOHN SHYNN .. 5
BERNARD MANN .. 3 HARRY R. APPLETON .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN SHYNN.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. P. C. Sayer, ringer for 70 years and for many years tower captain.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 7, 1961, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and April Day, 12 of Grandsire and six 240's Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*MARTIN J. KIRK .. Treble HENRY P. COLLIN .. 4
†DONALD A. KIRK .. 2 JAMES H. MUSSON .. 5
WALTER WESTON .. 3 *CLIVE W. BROOK .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

A compliment to Mr. Herbert Kirk (Kirkby-in-Ashfield) on his 81st birthday, and to Mr. Wilson Dobbs (Selston) on his 86th birthday.

ASH, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PETER J. JOYCE .. Treble STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
PETER G. SHERWOOD .. 2 *PAUL N. MURGATROYD .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 3 TOM PAGE .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Audrey Goodchild and Mr. Charles Harwood, both ringers at St. Peter's, who were married this day, and to Miss Sylvia Sherwood, also an Ash ringer, and Dr. George Mackenzie, who were married the previous Saturday.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Thelwall Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Childwall Bob, (4) St. Clement's College Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR HIBBERT .. Treble *EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4
ALAN G. KIRK .. 2 *JOHN ROBINSON .. 5
*GILES B. THOMPSON .. 3 *PETER DALE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung to mark the 736th anniversary of the church.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CHAPEL ALLERTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*STUART J. CORSON .. Treble RONALD H. DOVE .. 4
†ANTHONY E. STAMP .. 2 C. BARRIE DOVE .. 5
GAEL BROWN .. 3 *CHARLES J. WATKINSON .. Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First of Doubles on the bells.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Plain and Double Bob. Double Court, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Single Oxford.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING... .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	*ROBIN J. LEE 5
JOHN S. DEAN 3	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in eight methods.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson to D. H. B. Millward.

YALDING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

MONTY W. GILBERT .. Treble	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 4
*DAVID K. PUTNAM 2	BERNARD GROVES 5
MARTIN L. HOWE 3	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* First peal in five methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 26, 1961, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor size 15 in C.
JOHN A. ACRES 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3-4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7-8

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the first Surprise peal 'in hand,' June 26th, 1901, by members of the College Youths.

SALE, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 3, 1961, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

At 8, CARLYN AVENUE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor size 15 in C.
*F. JOHN NELSON 1-2	NEIL BENNETT 3-4
DEREK OGDEN 5-6	

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal 'in hand.'

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., July 5, 1961, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

At 49, LONG STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 15 in C.
GRAHAM T. BALL 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 3-4
MICHAEL VERNON 5-6	

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Mr. Edward S. Ruck, only surviving founder member of the Kent County Association, was the guest of honour at the meeting of the Ashford District held at Willesborough on June 24th to celebrate his 94th birthday.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. G. Williams). Mr. R. J. Carlton read the lesson, and Mr. W. P. Garner was at the organ.

Over 60 visitors, among whom were many officers and well known members of the Association from all over Kent, were the guests of the Willesborough ringers at tea. The excellent fare, which included a splendid birthday cake made by Mrs. Carlton, was served in the Old Schools by members of the Mothers' Union, under the direction of Mrs. Tomset.

Mr. J. Willis, of Folkestone, chairman of the Association, conveyed the congratulations of the members to his fellow vice-president. Mr. Ruck responded in his usual kindly but modest vein. Messages of congratulation and good wishes were then read from Mr. H. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Everett, Mr. J. R. Cooper, Mr. H. Humphery, from the ringers of Great Chart, Stone-in-Oxney and Woodchurch, and from St. Mary's, Willesborough, Boys' Club and Youth Fellowship.

The honorary treasurer, Mr. B. W. May, asked the assembly to consider the question of raising the subscription. The chairman promised that they would at least think about it.

Mr. R. J. Carlton said that the Willesborough band would soon be losing the services of Mr. L. T. Pape. He added that the District appreciated the fact that Mr. Pope had often acted as Ringing Master, as on this occasion. However, it is hoped that the Willesborough tradition, begun by Mr. Ruck and now maintained by Mr. Mark S. Lancefield (tower captain) will be continued, as two promising new young members, Colin Trefler and Peter Richardson, were elected to the Association. M. Malcolmson, of Lympe, was also elected.

Mr. N. J. Davies, of Ashford, said he was working on new cards giving details of bells and items of interest of towers in the District. He was sorry he had forgotten to bring the prototype, but hoped to have the cards available soon.

Mr. Willis thanked all those concerned in making the meeting so successful.

Afterwards, ringing continued in the tower until 9 o'clock. Mr. Ruck himself standing in to several well struck touches.

A quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in honour of his birthday, was rung the previous Monday, the ringers being Josephine Hardy (first in the method) 1. Rita Gower 2. Rosemary Gower 3. M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4. W. P. Garner 5. C. T. Hillis 6.

C. T. H.

OVER, CAMBS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Ingle 1. F. Hodson 2. P. Leggett 3. J. Causer 4. J. Parrish 5. M. Ginn (cond.) 6. A. Payne (cover) 7. First quarter 1 and 2.

JOINT MEETING AT WARSOP

Approximately 60 ringers were present at a very successful meeting held on July 8th, when ringing took place at Creswell, Edwinstowe, Warsop, Mansfield Woodhouse and Mansfield.

Societies and Associations represented were: Southwell Diocesan Guild (Mansfield, Nottingham and North Notts Districts), Sherwood Youths, Sheffield District Society, East Derbyshire and Notts Association, Derbyshire Association (Chesterfield District), and a feature of the attendance was the proportion of young people in the learner stage.

The Rector of Warsop, Rev. Mr. Habgood, conducted a short service in Warsop Parish Church and afterwards joined the company at a very substantial tea provided, at a nominal charge, by wives and friends of the Warsop ringers. The Rector warmly welcomed visitors to Warsop and Mr. Frank Smallwood proposed a vote of thanks to those who had provided tea and to the incumbents of the churches where ringing had been arranged. Mr. A. B. Cooper supported Mr. Smallwood and made particular reference to Mr. Douglas Rooke, who had been responsible for arranging the meeting. Mr. Rooke was unable to take part in the ringing, owing to a recent serious illness.

During the evening many of those present listened to a tape recording of Spliced handbell ringing, also a recording of bells at churches in and around Bristol, presented by Mr. Denby, of Mansfield.

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HALF PEAL

BLAENAVON, MON.—On July 1st, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. S. King 1, D. J. Llewellyn 2, Barbara Stephens 3, G. Knight 4, J. Alsop 5, G. Ward 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, T. Stephens 8. Rung to mark the centenary of the formation of the parish of Blaenavon. Also a welcome to Judith Mary Bruten, infant granddaughter of the tenor ringer.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. W. Ford 1, J. H. Hayne 2, N. J. Hayne 3, W. G. Trevett 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Hon. John Denzil Fox-Strangways, interred at Abbotsbury this day.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On July 9th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara M. Butler 1, J. M. Elaine Dixon 2, Philippa J. P. Dixon 3, Gillian Wiggins 4, C. Carter (cond.) 5, R. W. Ellaway 6. Rung by members of the School of SS. Helen and Katherine, Abingdon, in conjunction with the Abingdon School Society, as a birthday compliment to Philippa J. P. Dixon and Beth Horton, of Pangbourne, Berks.

BLADINGTON, GLOS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hiles 1, I. Harris (cond.) 2, C. Cummings 3, J. Botton 4, Miss M. Hovard 5, F. Ricks 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Slatter, for many years foreman of this tower, who died on June 22nd.

BLEDLLOW, BUCKS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): D. G. Rowlands 1, Rosalind Hicks 2, P. W. Atkins 3, E. G. Swift 4, J. E. Camp (cond.) 5.

BRATTON, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Lansley 1, G. Humphries 2, A. Bartlett 3, P. Gaisford 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, M. Wilmott (first quarter) 6.

BURNLEY, LANCS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Collier (first of Minor) 1, J. B. Pickup 2, K. M. Gilbert (first 'inside') 3, R. J. Parker 4, J. Pilkington 5, R. Bolt (first as cond.) 6, E. J. F. Wall 7.

CHETWYND, SALOP.—On July 4th, 1,280 Chandley Slow Course Bob Doubles: Marian Cotton 1, E. Morrall 2, R. Raven 3, E. King 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5, H. Toogood (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to E. King, of the Edmond band, who is leaving the district. Longest length in the method by all; first quarter on the bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On July 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Suffolk 1, J. E. Lloyd 2, A. H. Beamish 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, E. Wilson 5, J. Draycott 6, G. A. Bell 7, L. Trevor (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the captain, A. H. Beamish (July 5th). Rung for morning service.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, S. Pulker 3, J. Benfield 4, R. Jarvis 5, A. Leach 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8. A compliment to the ringer of 4th, on the birth of a daughter.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Kathleen Exell (first of Treble Bob) 1, Sally Oates 2, P. Dye 3, P. Bridle 4, D. C. Exell 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6. First of Kent for 2, 3 and 4.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Selby (cond.) 1, G. Brown (first 'inside') 2, M. G. Selby 3, J. A. Selby 4, M. C. Homans (first 'inside') 5, G. Fletcher 6.

CLENT, WORCS.—On June 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. H. Bennett 1, P. J. Brown (first of Bob Major 'inside') 2, R. H. Daw (first of Major) 3, M. J. Fellows (first of Bob Major) 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, M. A. Fellows 6, R. J. Gay 7, G. Davies (cond.) 8.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. M. Boyle 1, C. Rooke 2, R. Gubb 3, L. Walters (cond.) 4, S. Sully 5, F. Yeo 6, D. Jewell 7, A. Smallridge 8.

QUARTER PEALS

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Jenkinson 1, E. J. Gower (cond.) 2, W. E. Wilkinson 3, Miss R. Parkinson 4, J. P. Norman 5, C. Wignall 6, V. J. C. Wood 7, B. Rushton (first quarter) 8. For Evensong. Also on July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Miss S. Washbrook 1, Miss R. Parkinson 2, E. J. Gower 3, M. Washbrook 4, C. Wignall 5, W. E. Wilkinson (cond.) 6, P. Jenkinson 7, B. Rushton 8. First quarter 1 and 4. For Evensong.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On June 25th, at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss A. D. Edwards 1, Margaret Mitchell 2, Yvonne Hughes 3, I. R. Nichols 4, W. Kerr 5, E. J. Holloway 6, G. A. Packer (cond.) 7, M. Allman 8, M. Owen 9, C. A. Thomas 10. First quarter on ten bells for 1, 2 and 3.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Carter (first quarter) 2, Miss E. Everest 3, Miss R. Stevens 4, J. Jeffery 5, R. Johnson 6, F. F. Goodmarsh (cond.) 7, R. Dixon 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Grace Apps, wife of the tower secretary.

DORKING, SURREY.—On July 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Read 1, C. Lloyd 2, Ethel Clear 3, Olive Boulden 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6, G. F. Pratt 7, G. P. T. Peters 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDD.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Campbell 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Warren 3, A. W. Coles 4, Miss G. Icke 5, S. Wallace 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, B. Watson 8. Also on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Campbell 1, L. Tubb 2, A. Richardson 3, B. Willis 4, Miss G. Icke 5, S. Wallace 6, A. Warren (cond.) 7, B. Watson 8.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On July 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. R. Woods 1, Mrs. P. A. Simpson 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, G. W. Creasey 4, J. E. Cook 5, C. Wright 6, D. A. Frith (cond.) 7, J. M. Simpson 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 5. First on the bells. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holmes.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): H. Levens (first quarter) 1, C. L. Bell 2, R. F. Baker 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6. Rung after the marriage of Miss C. A. Edmunds and Mr. A. D. Crossman.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.—On June 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Read 1, A. E. Mason 2, Miss C. Sadd 3, G. E. Larter (cond.) 4, A. R. Harvey 5, P. Banthorpe 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. First by local band. A birthday compliment to Miss E. Read.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, at 8, Langham Road, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 1—2, Miss J. Shepherd (first quarter) 3—4, A. Jackson 5—6. For the 21st birthday of Miss J. M. Downing. Also on July 5th, at 80, Park View, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 1—2, Miss J. Shepherd 3—4, A. A. Price 5—6. To welcome the civic party from Falaise.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Whit Sunday, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 520 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, H. S. Peacock 2, R. W. Green 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gwen May 1, C. N. Chinnery 2, H. Colcombe 3, D. Brock 4, J. Martin 5, C. Webb 6, J. King (cond.) 7, B. Priestley 8. For Patronal Festival.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bedford (cond.) 1, A. Duggan 2, E. Potter 3, D. Bedford (first 'inside') 4, F. J. Wood 5. Rung for the 225th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

KING'S PYON, HEREFORDS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pugh 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, W. C. Williams 3, T. Bounds 4, A. B. Ellmore (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. F. Cook, benefactor of this church.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hobson 1, Carolyn White (first 'inside') 2, I. Campbell 3, K. Kirk 4, J. Rank 5, D. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Blewitt 1, G. Gibbs 2, G. Lister 3, B. Lister 4, Kathleen North 5, J. Blackwood 6, F. Gosling (cond.) 7, D. Young 8. Rung on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Mr. A. J. Lister, father of the ringers of 3 and 4 and a life member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

NORTH RAUCEBY, Lincs.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Musson 1, C. W. Brook (first 'inside') 2, H. P. Collins 3, W. Weston 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in respect and esteem for Mr. Ernest Elen, churchwarden.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Brown 1, James Dilworth 2, J. Brown 3, John Dilworth 4, W. Ellison 5, C. Byard (cond.) 6, J. Ellison 7, H. Berkley 8. Rung for the Sunday school anniversary.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. Mills 1, A. Pulley 2, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 3, F. Wood 4, C. Brazier 5, D. Devereux 6. To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the British Legion.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Freda Hankey 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Streeter 3, G. Olliver 4, D. Mundy 5, K. Game 6, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10. First of Caters 5 and 6.

SEIGHFORD, STAFFS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jill V. Morgan 1, Penelope Sedgwick 2, R. Ann Barr 3, R. Gay 4, J. H. Allen (cond.) 5. Rung by the 'Sunday evening' band as a thank you to Roger Gay.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, R. G. Pearce 2, J. D. Clarke 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Stacey 5, A. Wingate 6, C. Bishop (cond.) 7, O. Gittens 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On July 4th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss S. Little (first quarter) 1, Dr. H. Craig 2, M. Penney (first 'inside') 3, E. Sutton (cond.) 4, Miss M. Wright 5, R. J. Drewett 6. A birthday compliment to Miss S. Little and Peter Williams.

UPPER ARLEY, WORCS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. Bow 1, A. W. Glazzard 2, P. L. Bill 3, M. J. Fellows 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, N. A. King 6. For the Patronal Festival and as a compliment to the Vicar, on his birthday.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On July 2nd, 720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob: F. Wigmore (cond.) 1, W. Cousins 2, J. Fox 3, H. Follen 4, M. Reed 5, C. Cousins 6. A farewell to the Vicar (Rev. H. J. Scott), president of the Wisbech Branch.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On July 9th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: Myra J. Wilkins 1, Sheila C. Matthews 2, I. G. Smith 3, Gloria M. Newton 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Sandra Lewis. First of Little Bob on the bells and by all the band.

WARSP, NOTTS.—On June 29th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: F. Cooke 1, J. T. Rooke 2, G. Challans 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. T. Bailey 1, W. L. Ratcliffe 2, Christine Froggatt 3, B. Mills (cond.) 4, J. B. Perkins 5, D. Bentley 6. Rung in appreciation of the help of John Woolley and Andrew H. Longhurst, who are leaving, having graduated at Nottingham University.

WINDSOR BERKS.—On July 9th, at the Parish Church, 1,274 Plain Bob Triples: P. Gilman 1, A. Wenban 2, A. Bird 3, A. J. Glass 4, N. Phillips 5, G. F. Jenkins 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8.

BURNLEY, LANCS.—On June 27th, at St. Peter's. 1.344 Plain Bob Triples: K. Gilbert 1. R. Parker 2. Sheila M. Smith 3. R. Bolt 4. Pamela Blakeley 5. J. B. Pickup 6. N. Smith (cond.) 7. E. J. F. Wall 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. Also on June 28th, at Holy Trinity. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Collier 1. R. Parker 2. N. Smith 3. Pamela Blakeley 4. J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5. E. J. F. Wall 6.

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Ockenden (first quarter) 1. Mrs. R. J. Chacksfield 2. J. F. Elliott (first quarter) 3. C. A. Whittington 4. J. R. Maple (cond.) 5. K. Robinson 6.

GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTS.—On June 29th. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. B. Jefferies (first quarter) 1. H. Sherman 2. A. J. Davey 3. C. L. Bell 4. H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5. F. Sherman 6.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On June 27th. 1.260 Siedman Triples: Christine Beasley 1. A. Ballard 2. C. P. Rice 3. Anne Grainger 4. W. W. Bradbury 5. E. A. Sowman 6. M. C. Faulkes (cond.) 7. P. Holdick 8.

HUNTON, KENT.—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Gunner 1. Ann Gilbert 2. W. R. Manser 3. R. Phippen 4. M. W. Gilbert (first as cond.) 5. T. Longhurst 6.

LEA, Lincs.—On June 27th. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Stanleton 1. J. F. Underwood 2. H. C. Roberts 3. C. H. Baker 4. G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5.

LONDON.—At St. John-at-Hackney, on June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1. Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2. C. A. Gray 3. Miss N. Hales 4. J. A. Hales 5. R. K. C. Wilkings 6. D. Neal (cond.) 7. C. F. Neal 8.

NORTON, HERTS.—On June 27th. 1.260 Siedman Triples: J. R. Castledine (cond.) 1. E. G. Buck 2. M. A. Collings 3. L. B. Scoot 4. I. Werrett 5. H. Werrett 6. P. Flack 7. Miss J. Sanderson 8.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Roden 1. J. A. Tandy 2. J. E. Lawley 3. P. L. Bill 4. C. R. Tandy 5. B. L. Wootton 6.

Enthronement Quarter Peals for New Archbishop

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.—On June 27th. 1.320 Minor (Kilhamarsh T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B.): G. J. Newman 1. G. G. Lawrence 2. M. Perkins 3. L. Gascoyne 4. D. Culling 5. S. Lawrence (cond.) 6.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—On June 27th. 1.280 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Dempster 1. A. E. Marsh (cond.) 2. A. Baxter 3. H. Dempster 4. J. W. Gibson 5. B. Sullivan 6. L. Drake 7. G. Benfield 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 4.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On June 27th. 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet M. Turner (aged 12, first on a working bell) 1. Pamela Buckle (aged 14) 2. Daphne J. Pollard (cond.) 3. Rachel Sherwood (first quarter) 4. Catherine M. Chapman 5. Angela G. Wakefield (aged 12) 6. Average age of band 15 years. Also 360 Bob Minor: Joscelyn M. Cook (aged 12) 1. Pamela Buckle 2. Catherine M. Chapman 3. Rachel Sherwood 4. Daphne J. Pollard (cond.) 5. Marie R. Cross 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 27th. 1.280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire): P. Tocock 1. R. K. Russ 2. R. W. Rex 3. Jennifer M. Davies 4. J. N. Diserens 5. D. H. Niblett 6. R. F. Diserens 7. N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: D. West 1. Freda Hankey 2. Betty Sagers 3. F. E. Roberts 4. G. West 5. D. Mundy 6. A. Streeter (cond.) 7. H. Comber 8.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Martin 1. P. R. C. Williams 2. Miss M. Wright 3. R. Drewett 4. Miss A. H. Ince (cond.) 5. Mrs. M. Clemens 6.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On June 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Dunstan 1. Helen Hobbins 2. A. Locke 3. Marian Driver 4. C. Jose (cond.) 5. M. Trenoweth 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On June 27th, at St. Thomas' Church. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Tombs 1. D. H. Watson 2. Barbara Stephens 3. F. V. Nicholls 4. M. J. Fellows 5. A. L. Dunn 6. M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7. R. Smith 8.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On July 10th. 1.320 Doubles (in five methods): Rev. Canon A. King 1. A. King 2. M. A. Beaumont 3. M. King 4. E. P. King 5. A. Beaumont 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 5.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 27th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Maria Gower (first quarter) 1. R. J. Carlton 2. C. T. Hillis 3. L. T. Pope 4. W. P. Garner 5. M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On June 27th, at the Parish Church. 1.288 Grandsire Triples: P. Gilman 1. Monica Blagrove 2. A. Bird 3. N. Phillips 4. A. Cross 5. A. J. Glass 6. F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7. S. Blyth 8. and at St. George's Chapel. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rown 1. Mary Buckingham 2. A. Wenban 3. G. F. Jenkins 4. L. Stilwell (cond.) 5. J. Brooks 6. K. Buckingham 7. A. J. Painter 8. Rung simultaneously.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On July 3rd. 1.260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): M. Warnes 1. E. Leggett (cond.) 2. Evelyn Cansdale 3. A. Bridges 4. D. Culham 5. F. Warnes 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On July 2nd. 1.440 Minor (720 Spiced London Scholars' and Oxford T.B. and 720 Oxford T.B.): S. Meredith and F. Bradley 1. C. Froggatt 2. D. Bradley and R. Blackshaw 3. M. W. Harrison 4. A. Larkin 5. F. Bradley and B. Mills 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and B. Mills. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 2nd. 1.260 Plain Bob Royal: A. D. Rivers 1. W. D. Ward 2. D. P. Hilling 3. W. Birmingham 4. Pamela M. Jervis 5. B. T. Lister 6. D. E. Belcham 7. E. L. A. Hudson 8. F. R. Scott 9. J. K. Ward (cond.) 10. Rung for Patronal Festival Evensong, at which the preacher was the Bishop of Reading.

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For some time a light-hearted 'race' has been going on in the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The target?—the first person to ring a Surprise Royal method, beginning with each letter of the alphabet, the two leaders of the race being John M. Jelley and Brian G. Warwick, who are both members of the 'Monday' band. Unknown to each other, the result of the race was a tie. Both achieved the objective with the peal of Diseworth Surprise Royal at the Bell Foundry on July 3rd, and thus claim to be the first people to do so. The peal was the 100th by Richard J. Clifton. Congratulations!

The quarter peal attributed to Maidstone, on page 451, was rung at Mereworth, Kent, on June 8th. The error is regretted.

An omission.—The footnotes to the peal of Nutfield Treble Bob at Nutfield: Julian D. Duggan and Anthony S. Bishop were ringing their first peal and Ken Newman his first 'inside.'

No fewer than six of the band were ringing their first of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the enthronement peal at St. Mary's, Slough. It was J. Keith Ward's 25th peal and they have all been rung with his inseparable friend, Frederick R. Scott.

The two quarter peals rung at Finchley on July 1st were rung as a compliment to the tower's veteran ringer, Mr. F. A. Barker, who has been a member of the Finchley band since 1905. The occasion was also the marriage of his granddaughter, Carol Miles, to Mr. John Downs. One quarter was rung immediately before and the other immediately after the ceremony.

Ring in a quarter peal at Gransden Hunts, for the enthronement were three local ringers. Mr. L. B. Jefferies was making his first attempt, and the other two were brothers—Mr. H. Sherman, now nearly 80, who will be remembered as a ringer in Bedfordshire, and Mr. F. Sherman, aged 73. The last quarter here is so far back that it is not remembered, but with this new burst of enthusiasm we hope to see Gransden mentioned frequently in our columns.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The contract for the construction of the 'Gloria in Excelsis' tower, the tallest section of Washington Cathedral, has been signed. When completed, the tower will rise 300 feet above Mount St. Alban, and will contain a 53 bell carillon and a ring of ten bells for English change ringing. The 1,860,000 dollar contract is the second to be signed in the Cathedral's current building programme.—'Living Church' service, New York.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock, of Sheffield, are now better after their operations.

Miss Sylvia Sims, daughter of the captain of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, band, and herself an experienced ringer, is entering Salisbury Teachers' Training College next September.

Two 'John' peals were rung on June 24th at Farnworth-with-Kearsley, reported in our last issue and at Mossley, which is given this week. Through one of those editorial 'mix-ups' we regret that they were not given together last week.

Will correspondents please refrain from (a) writing on both sides of a sheet of paper; (b) writing of two different subjects on the same sheet, i.e., peals and quarter peals. It makes extra work and when portions have to be copied when one is tired mistakes are liable to be made.

Ash, Surrey, the tower of the Surprise practices, has been the resort of Cupid of late. Two weddings have taken place—Miss Sylvia Christine Sherwood was married to Dr. G. D. Mackenzie, and after a honeymoon in Majorca they will be making their home at Wem, and Miss Audrey Eileen Goodchild to a fellow Ash ringer, Mr. C. J. Harwood.

The ringers of Goldhanger, Essex, and their friends send their best wishes to the Rector, the Rev. W. A. Randall, on his appointment to the living of Aveley, Essex. With thankfulness, the ringers remember Mr. Randall's efforts which resulted in the augmentation of Goldhanger's bells from six to eight, and his friendliness to visiting ringers.

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LADY RINGER RECEIVES O.B.E.

The Hon. Barbara Gibbs has been a regular and faithful service ringer at Hunsdon, Herts, for many years. She is a member of the Ladies' Guild and the Hertford County Association.

It was therefore fitting that a band composed of members of both these Associations should meet together to ring a peal on hearing that Miss Gibbs had been awarded the O.B.E., in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Arrangements were made through the local tower keeper, Miss Chitty, and the attempt was kept a secret from Miss Gibbs. The Hon. Rosalind Gibbs was informed and was able to tell her sister during the evening why the bells were ringing. Both ladies then drove from their home, Hunsdon Mill, near the church, and listened to the remainder of the peal. They were delighted with the success of the attempt and provided the ringers with very welcome refreshments, which gave the ringers the opportunity of adding a toast and good wishes.

Miss Gibbs is the second member of the Ladies' Guild to receive the O.B.E. The first was Miss Sylvia Thursfield, of Cranford, Kettering.

The Hon. Barbara Gibbs received her decoration for public services in Hertfordshire. She was chairman of the County Federation of Women's Institutes, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Council for Women's Work, Diocesan Missionary Council (1932-48), Member of Church Assembly (1950-55), Diocesan Conference and a keen worker for the British Red Cross Society.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST SURPRISE PEAL 'IN HAND'

An interesting 60th anniversary peal was rung 'in hand' at Leicester on June 26th to commemorate the ringing of the first peal of Surprise 'in hand.'

The following is the record of the peal which appeared in 'The Bell News' of June 27th, 1901 (Volume XX, issue 1,003, page 103):—

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

On Wednesday, June 26th, 1901.

in 2 hours and 35 minutes.

At the residence of W. H. Pasmore, Southwark Street, S.E.

A Peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5,056 changes.

William H. Pasmore 1—2

Harry R. Pasmore 3—4

Charles T. P. Brice 5—6

John W. Golding 7—8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Harry R. Pasmore.

Umpires, Henry R. Newton and Herbert Langdon, who ticked off every lead end as rung. Mr. Taffender also heard two hours of the ringing outside the room.

This is the first Surprise peal ever rung double handed and was rung at the twenty-fifth attempt, during which over 50,000 changes have been rung.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Two new members—Roger Clarke and Patricia Gresham, of Kirkburton—were elected at the monthly meeting of the Barnsley District Society held at St. Helen's, Sandal. Ten towers were represented. The Vicar (Rev. R. D. Strapps) presided at the business meeting, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Noel F. Moxon. Next meeting, Penistone, August 12th, joint with Yorks Association (Southern District). Ringing also at Cawthorne and Hoylandswaine.

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MR. RODNEY B. MEADOWS, B.A.,
Oxford University Society.

Scholar, wit, archaeologist, railway enthusiast and a first class ringer—such are some of the interests which go to make up the fascinating personality of Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, of Kilburn, London. His after-dinner speeches at ringers' dinners are always listened to with interest and amusement, and his now well known piece of poetry, 'The Great Debunker,' recited at the Henry Johnson dinner this year, was a masterpiece! The fact that it was received with no adverse comment was a great tribute to his popularity and esteem. A lesser man would not have dared to deliver it!

Rodney was born in Norbury, South London, on September 28th, 1924, and was introduced to ringing through the Oxford University Society. When he had completed his army service, in late 1946, he returned to Oxford to continue his studies, and was taken along to New College belfry one cold Wednesday evening in January, 1947. He was told, 'There is no reason why you should not be taught to ring,' and he has been an enthusiast ever since.

His first peal was Grandsire Triples, rung at Badsey, Worcs, in the autumn of 1948, and his present total is about 175, of which he has conducted 13. They have been rung in all the usual methods from Minor to Maximus, with a good sprinkling of Spliced Surprise Major, but his favourite method is Grandsire Caters.

As a traffic costing officer with British Railways, he has been fortunate in that his job has taken him all over the Western Region, to live near some wonderful towers, and to ring with a variety of bands and make many friends. He is very grateful to the Birmingham ringers for applying the necessary polish to his ringing education, especially on twelve bells. Many other ringers, too, have much to be thankful for in their association with this recognised centre of tip-top striking.

Two extremes of performance are apparent when Rodney looks back on some of the peals of which he is justifiably proud. He recalls the peals of Bob Minor he has conducted, because as he says 'They have been hard work for all concerned,' and in which he has helped beginners over their first hurdles. And he is very proud of a peal of Bristol, rung at Bray, Ireland, in 1953. This was accomplished with the well known Cheshire touring party,

and was an example of concentration and unhurried ringing, by an expert band, on bells worth going a long way to hear. Rodney has enjoyed many hours of good ringing and good company with the Cheshire men in summers past, but not forgotten.

He is a member of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, London, and has rung there since 1948, with intervals away on business. He is a vice-president of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers, and represented them on the Central Council from 1951-1959.

Rodney has wide interests apart from ringing. He was trained as an archaeologist, holds the Diploma in Classical Archaeology at Oxford University, and has excavated at sites under the direction of Professor Richard Atkinson and Sir Mortimer Wheeler. He is very keen on music and enjoys sport (in nearly all its forms). He has a great love of railway history, and in fact would have regarded a ride of the now disused Clogher Valley line, in Northern Ireland, as being just as rewarding as a peal attempt! He was only fortunate enough to see the site of this railway 'classic'—where the line runs through the centre of the villages—when on holiday there. He enjoys introducing his ringing friends to some of the scenes of early railway travel!

Rodney has a charming manner, and is a delightful companion—a man who never appears ruffled or bad tempered, and consequently one who has made many friends all over the country. To him good ringing is just part of the varied pattern of life, and though he is a real enthusiast, he also finds time for other pleasures, which makes him interesting in any company. In this approach he is probably very wise and sensible.

APACE.

DEDICATION

ATHERSTONE, WARWICKSHIRE

St. Mary's Parish Church, Atherstone, Warwickshire, now has in place of its single bell a light but musical ring of eight bells, the tenor being 8½ cwt. The dedication of the bells and also a new electric clock, with quarter and hour chime, was carried out on June 24th by the Ven. L. J. Stanford, Archdeacon of Coventry. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. W. Dodds, and the lesson was read by the president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. W. Perrens. Rounds during the dedication service were rung by officers and members of the Guild.

Following the act of dedication the Archdeacon, in his address, congratulated the Vicar and churchwardens on adding such valuable equipment to the ancient Church of St. Mary.

After the service the bells were rung by members of the St. Mary's band of ringers, most of whom had been taught to handle a bell since these had been installed by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, and they performed very creditably.

Members of the congregation and the ringers present were entertained to tea in the Town Hall by the Vicar and churchwardens. Afterwards the bells were open to visitors, many of whom were from the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, the Leicester Guild, the Staffords and the Coventry Guild. Methods ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise. The general opinion was that the county has gained a very fine ring of eight.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Farnham District

On July 8th the Farnham District held a meeting at Seale. After afternoon ringing about 30 sat down to an appetising tea in the Church Hall, arranged by Miss Nancie Bragg, an Aldershot ringer. Mr. E. J. Bragg, District Ringing Master, conducted the meeting and the Guild Master, Mr. C. Denyer, told those present of the Pulling Memorial Bell, at present standing in Guildford Cathedral, that is to be placed with other bells in the tower, likely to be completed in about 3 years. Ringing continued in the evening.

R. E.

University Of Wales Society Cross The Severn



In the middle of the Severn (from left to right): David Llewellyn, Neil Bennett, Peter Smith (with glasses), Gwen Storer, Claire Skellern, Colin Lewis and Trevor Lewis (Ringing Master).
[Photo: B. J. Couzens.]

IN its short life of just over two years, the U.W.S.C.R., although it had visited over 50 different Welsh towers, had never before crossed the border into England, until this year, when we decided to hold our summer tour in Gloucestershire and North Somerset.

Our far-flung members met at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, on June 23rd, and then, after an hour's ringing, retreated to St. John's, Cardiff. The following morning, rested and refreshed, we set off for the border, only pausing at St. Mary's, Chepstow. After a two-hour wait for the Beachley-Aust ferry, we finally loaded our minibus on to the assault-craft, and set off to establish a bridgehead on the far side of the Severn. We reached Bristol at tea time, having rung at Henbury and Stoke Bishop on the way. In the evening we rang at St. Michael's, the Bristol University tower. The next day, Sunday, we visited six more Bristol towers—St. James', St. Stephen's, the Cathedral, St. John's, Christ Church and SS. Philip and Jacob's.

Monday was a circular tour, starting at Emmanuel Church, Clifton, then going via the Clifton suspension bridge to Portishead. After an abortive peal attempt at Clapton-in-Gordano and an unscheduled visit to Weston-in-Gordano, we spent a most enjoyable hour on Yatton's fine eight, finishing the day with a visit to Twerton-on-Avon.

On Tuesday we went southward to Bridgewater, calling at Banwell, Wedmore, Ashcott and Shapwick. Wednesday became a day of rest, the shortage of ringers which beset the whole tour being then so acute that we were forced to cancel our intended programme.

A DAY WITH READING UNIVERSITY

A party from Reading University joined us for the day, on Thursday, when our first ring was on the lovely eight at Chewton Mendip. The other three towers visited that day were all sixes—Binegar, Marksbury and Radstock. In the evening some of us went along to the

practice at St. Philip's, Bristol, where we were made most welcome, and listened to and took which we went northwards to Dursley and took part in some very enjoyable ringing.

On Friday our first call was at Bitton, after which we went northward to Dursley and Painswick. It was a shame to visit this beautiful twelve with so few ringers, some of the party having been temporarily lost to us. In the evening we rang at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester. Saturday, July 1st, the last day of the tour, started with a visit to Barnwood. We then called at Badgeworth, the only rough ring of the tour, and went on to Cheltenham. After lunch we went to St. Mary's and rang Grandshire Caters with the help of two of the local band. As a result of ringing here, one of the party who thought eight bells the ideal number has been won over to 10-bell ringing. Our last two towers before disbanding till next session were Leckhampton and Prestbury, at both of which the local band turned out in force to welcome us.

We are very grateful to all who contributed to the success of the tour. B. J. C.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District

The untimely death of Mr. Thomas Marshall, at the meeting of the Western District at Skipton, has already been reported in our columns. Previous to that sad occurrence several well struck touches were brought round on this fine octave. Over 60 members were present at a most satisfying tea provided by the Young Wives' Group.

The annual election of officers took place at the business meeting and the following were elected to serve for the next three years: Ringing Master, Mr. G. Benfield; committee, Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, J. Pearson and C. F. Sutcliffe. Mr. Strangeway continues to serve on the General Committee of the Association.

Next meeting, Guiseley, September 16th.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD RALLY

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild held their biannual rally on July 1st. On this occasion a number of towers were opened instead of organised ringing at one tower. Atherstone, Bedworth, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton and Nuneaton were available from 2 to 4 p.m., followed by a service at Chilvers Coton Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, with the organist and choir in attendance. The lesson was read by Mr. A. H. Beamish, a past president of the Guild, and Ringing Master at Chilvers Coton.

The address was by the Lord Bishop of Coventry, who is patron of the Guild. The Bishop prefaced his remarks by saying how pleased he was once again to meet the bell ringers of the Diocese. He remembered with pleasure the two previous occasions, at Holy Trinity Stratford-on-Avon, and St. Mary's, Warwick. For his text he quoted from II Kings, viii, 9: 'This day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace.'

During the past week, he said, he had attended the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, at Canterbury Cathedral, which he said had been a most moving spectacle, with finally the great ring of bells of the Cathedral ringing out over the city and Kent marches. Secondly, he had inducted the new incumbent at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, when at the conclusion of the service those lovely bells rang out over the town as the procession moved to the Town Hall. These were occasions when the bells rang out the good tidings and were an expression of great joy. He sincerely hoped that it might be possible to ring the bells of Coventry Cathedral, when that wonderful building was dedicated.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, ably organised by members of the Mothers' Union, and was much enjoyed by all.

The president (Mr. F. W. Perrens) thanked the ladies for providing such a delightful tea, which he assured them had been much enjoyed. He also thanked the Bishop for addressing them once again. He knew how busy he must be with the forthcoming dedication of the new Cathedral. The ringers looked forward to meeting him on these rallies, although the attendance on this occasion was not quite so large as previously, caused, he thought, by holidays and garden fêtes at many villages. No doubt the next rally would be centred on the new Coventry Cathedral.

The Bishop in his reply said these meetings were a great pleasure to him, and it gave him the opportunity to express his appreciation to the officers and members of the Guild for the loyal service they performed in keeping the bells of our churches ringing out their message Sunday by Sunday reminding all that a service was about to commence and inviting them to attend. He knew they would continue with their work for the church as it no doubt gave them great pleasure to do so.

Following tea, the bells of Chilvers Coton and Nuneaton were put to good use until 8 p.m. A social had been arranged at a local hotel by Mrs. Beamish, and was enjoyed by those who attended. This concluded another biannual rally, favoured with glorious weather.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On June 25th, at the Church of St. Saviour, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Margaret Roberts (first quarter) 1. G. Pullinger 2. Mrs. B. Percy 3. A. R. Baldock (first as cond.) 4. H. Reynolds 5. R. Percy 6. R. Pankhurst 7. T. M. Barlow (first quarter) 8. A wedding compliment to the Vicar's daughter, Miss Teresa Hetherington, and the Rev. Christopher Ardagh-Walker, who were married here the previous day.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—As you have encouraged readers to comment on the music of Grandsire Major, having rung in the peal recently published these were my conclusions:—

The composition used contained calls at every Home, with the tenor lying 6 blows behind; unfortunately this cuts out the lead, which is equivalent to the Middle in Plain Bob, and thus eliminates many 867's and 857's, etc.; when the 7 would be going behind 4 blows and 86 or 85 dodging in 6-7. This I found to be the only drawback, though it is not an insurmountable problem, with other compositions suitably arranged.

In favour were: Every course is a short one (at the most 5 leads), thus making it possible to obtain practically the extent of 4-5-6 in 6ths at course ends; also the Bob at Home brings up a series of very satisfying roll-ups. Then again, as in Grandsire on all numbers, when the 4th, 5th or 6th is in the hunt more roll ups seem to come up 'out of the blue,' when they are in 5th or 6th place hunting down to lead.

Unlike the band who rang the Grandsire Royal I would certainly not say it's my last of Grandsire Major; in fact I much prefer its music to many of these Surprise Major methods, with their false course end limitations.—Yours sincerely,

D. JOHN HUNT.

Whitehall, Bristol.

QUARTER PEALS AND THE LOCAL BAND

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. F. Hodgson's letter, on page 439, he is surely not serious when he suggests that all quarter peals not rung by a local band should have a footnote to that effect? In many instances, I feel that this would be misconstrued and taken to be an implied slight on the local ringers.

No one would deny that the quarter peal of Cambridge Major which we rang at Giggleswick-in-Craven was not in the nature of a chance tower grab, but it was worth while from several points of view, because: (a) we had good ringing on a pleasant new ring of eight; (b) we were able to renew old friendships; and (c) one of the local ringers joined us afterwards and we were able to ring some Bob Major for her benefit—her first touch of Major for quite some time. She then invited us to her lovely home and gave us excellent refreshments before we continued our journey.

Dare I pull Mr. Hodgson's leg and suggest that the tone of his letter nearly makes him fit G. K. Chesterton's definition of a 'Puritan'—a person who pours righteous indignation into the wrong things?—Yours sincerely,

R. J. BOWDEN.

Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

RINGING QUARTER PEALS LOCALLY

Dear Sir.—May I be permitted to reply to Mr. Hodgson's letter on page 439.

Firstly, after the wedding at St. Albans of two people referred to, five of us hoped to ring a quarter for this occasion on our way to Scotland, but time did not permit. So as it was a chance in a million, meeting four other ringers on our way back from Scotland, it was agreed upon to ring a quarter for the said occasion, being better late than never. Also may I add that it is the thought behind the action that counts, the distance being no object whatsoever.

I hope Mr. Hodgson has the facts straight now, without any more waste of paper.—Yours sincerely,

ANTHONY P. MANN.

Exning, Newmarket, Suffolk.

Q-SETS

Dear Sir.—Recently I discovered what Q-sets were and read with avid interest the papers produced by my namesake in Snowdon's 'Grandsire' (minus the doubtless fascinating diagrams).

My own interest in Q-sets lies, however, in 'ordinary' methods and not Grandsire. As stated the Q-set Law only covers bobbed and plained lead end/lead heads: Q-sets having singled leads are merely mentioned as being exceptions to the usual law.

The use of singles produces a six member Q-set, which may be represented by a forward or backward six and marked as follows:

234 + A
243 - B +ve members: 234-423-342

423 + C
432 - D -ve members: 243-432-324

342 + E
324 - F

Either of the +ve or -ve sets constitute a normal three member Q-set.

If the handstrokes and backstrokes of the treble's lead be examined at all positions of 234 and with plain, bob and single lead transits, the following table may be produced:

Backstroke	234	423	342	243	432	324
Handstroke						
Plain:	243	432	324	234	423	342
Bob:	324	243	432	423	342	234
Single:	234	423	342	243	432	324
	P	P	S	PBS	PB	PBS
	B	PBS	BS	PBS	PBS	PB
	S	PBS	PBS	BS	PBS	P

The letters beneath indicate what type of transit is true against any other, between any two or more lead heads (backstroke).

Thus, if L.H.: 423 is produced by bob, preceding L.E. was: 243 and so L.H.: 234 is false with it if plain, preceding L.E. was: 243 also L.H.: 243 is false with it if single, preceding L.E. was: 243

Thus a new Q-set may be set down, which has one member bobbed, one plained, and one singled, and all false against each other. For convenience, the five transpositions may be applied to any set, to produce the others, thus covering any combination of 234 and any transit.

Table of mutually false members of six member Q-set.

Transit:	Plain	Bob	Single
	234	423	243
	342	234	324
	423	342	432
L.H.	243	324	234
	432	243	423
	324	432	342

It will be seen that each horizontal row from the table above contains either two members of a +ve Q-set and one -ve, or two members of a -ve Q-set and one +ve.

It is also interesting to note that a regular octahedron may be constructed, showing the members of any Q-set (normal or singled). A regular octahedron is a solid figure having eight sides, all of which are equilateral triangles. The simplest way of constructing the model is to use two similar nets, each of which is a large equilateral triangle divided into four smaller ones (rather like the formation sign used by the Third Division in the last war), but leaving spare flaps round the edge for joining up. One large triangle should be marked with a large + sign in the middle of its central triangle and A, C and E marked on the apices, the adjoining triangles being similarly marked, with

all A's, C's and E's adjacent, the large triangle now being marked B, F and D at its apices.

The other large triangle has its central triangle marked - and the central triangle's apices D, B and F, the other small triangles marked so as to have all D's, B's and F's adjacent. The large triangle's apices being C, E and A. The two large triangles are folded along the boundaries of the smaller triangles, and stuck together by the flaps, so that on the complete solid, we have the 'top' marked + A, C, E, the 'bottom' - D, B, F and the 'sides' are: A, B, C; A, F, E; C, D, E; A, B, F; B, C, D, and D, E, F. It will be apparent that the 'top' and 'bottom' represent the 'normal' three member +ve and -ve Q-sets respectively, and that the 'sides' are the 'singled' Q-sets dealt with here, each having two apices adjacent to either 'top' or 'bottom'. The letters used in the marking of the solid are those put against the six rows at the beginning of the letter.

I don't know if any of my conclusions are original, and I should be grateful if any more perspicacious person would point out any errors I have made in my researches. If anyone can't follow my instructions for making the interesting little solid, I shall be only too pleased to show them how.—Yours sincerely,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

LONDON AREA MEETINGS

Dear Sir.—While we had a good joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at Edmonston and Tottenham on Saturday, July 8th, with some 50 ringers present, I feel that more could have been done with fuller collaboration between all the ringing Societies operating in London.

At the very time of our meeting our friends of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths were holding a meeting at Putney. Some of us would have liked to have been with them, but they did not know sufficiently early about our joint meeting and we did not know of theirs.

Full collaboration and inter-Association programming for the London area could make for better and stronger meetings with an advance in ringing standards all round.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD W. ROGERS,

Honorary Secretary.

London County Association.

RESTORATION APPEAL—ST. PAUL'S, BENDIGO, VICTORIA

Dear Sir.—An appeal has been launched for £2,000 to restore the fine ring of eight at Bendigo (Sandhurst), Victoria. These bells were cast at Whitechapel in the middle of the last century, but due to their hanging at the very top of a brick tower in a frame of rather inadequate design they have always been most difficult to handle and control. Indeed, neither a peal nor a quarter peal has been recorded on them.

The bells are to be removed, lowered some 20 feet in the tower and rehung in a steel frame to the bellfounder's specification and it is anticipated that this very valuable octave will then be one of the best in Australia.

I have been asked personally to recommend this appeal to all your readers in the hope that the very keen circle of ringers in Bendigo and in Victoria may receive help in their campaign.

Please support this worthy restoration appeal. Donations (per money order or bank draft) may be sent to either Mr. Warne Wilson, 18, Smith Street, Bendigo, Victoria, or to my Australian address: 67, Highfield Avenue, Springvale North, Victoria.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE W. PIPE.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY IN WYE VALLEY

THIS year's tour took place in the Wye Valley immediately after the summer term. The weather was good apart from the first day, but not quite up to traditional summer tour standard.

We started with 16 cyclists and were joined for the first day by two ringers doing it the easy way in a car! From Severn Tunnel Junction we cycled to Shirenewton, a small village near Chepstow, where the bells are not often used. We discovered a broken wheel and the ringing degenerated into an attempt at rounds.

At Chepstow we were joined by the Master's fiancée, who came with us for the week-end. Here we rang rounds on the 10, and other methods up to Stedman Triples. On the ride to Tiddenham we had our first puncture. The ringing here is from the ground floor and was of dubious quality. At Lydney no good ringing materialised and the striking was consistently poor, but on the five old bells at Hewelsfield the standard was better. So we cycled to St. Briavals, where the church and the Castle Youth Hostel are only a few yards apart, to our great relief, but probably not the warden's. We attempted some Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

On Sunday morning most of the party went to church before breakfast, after which we left the hostel in small groups as we finished our jobs. The Master left last; his 'easy job' of wedding a few feet of path turned out to be more difficult than anticipated! We rang at Newland for matins and had the best ringing of the tour so far, including Cambridge Minor and some Spliced Plain and Little Bob. It was a pretty ride through the forest to Staunton, where both the ringing and the local hostelry were of a high standard. From Staunton we went on to Ruardean to ring for Evensong, a marathon ride over the steepest and longest hills of the tour, but with some marvellous views from the top. It was here we had our only accident—one of our members, in her enthusiasm for the hill, hit the kerb and fell off. Luckily she was not too badly hurt, and after we had found an inner tube that could be persuaded to fit the wheel the bicycle was rideable. The night was spent at the Welsh Bicknor Youth Hostel.

ALTAR A BUTCHER'S SLAB

On Monday we left our luggage at the hostel and cycled first into Monmouth, where the ringing was not special. We picnicked at Skenfrith beside, and in, the river before ringing at the very interesting church; the altar stone was originally a butcher's slab. It was here that a past Master was almost killed by falling masonry during a touch of Grandsire Doubles. From Skenfrith on to Garway, an old church standing in a field, with a detached 13th century tower. At Llangarron, the local shop reopened to serve us with ice lollies, and the local pub was visited for quick refreshment. The rise here was good and the general standard of ringing had at last improved; we rang some St. Clement's, Stedman, Grandsire, as well as rounds, and then returned to the hostel (now easier to find!).

On Tuesday morning we left Welsh Bicknor and cycled to Bridstow (a light eight with a mediæval fourth), where the ringing was fairly good. To reach King's Capel it was necessary to cross the river and, rather than go miles round by the road, we decided to trace the existence of a footbridge. We pushed the cycles across two fields and found a miniature suspension bridge, very springy and seemingly unsafe. However, we all survived the crossing, and after another field we came to the church, which has a fairly light six. On these we rang Cambridge, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, before going on to lunch in Ross.

QUAINT ENGLISH HOBBY

After lunch we rang at Weston-under-Penyard's fairly light six, and then on to Huntley (another light six), where we rang Cambridge, St. Clement's and Grandsire Doubles. Blaisdon was the next tower and by this time we were thankful that it was so near Huntley; the striking was again shoddy, probably because of the exhausting day's cycling, and we tried nothing ambitious on the nice six bells. From Blaisdon we went to

Longhope, where we met several villagers and also a Canadian, who was staying in the village, and he came to see the 'quaint English hobby' of bellringing.

We rang a variety of Doubles methods and just as we were leaving we were told of a 5cwt. six at Aston Ingham, and so six of us cycled as fast as possible, considering faulty gears and the day's cycling. We rang Grandsire Doubles at the locals' speed and Bob Minor at twice the locals' speed (the former sounding better). The night was spent at the youth hostel at Mitcheldean, where the warden came from a Devon hostel and had met some of the U.B.S.C.R. before.

A DEVON RISE

From the youth hostel we went to Linton, where there are six bells instead of the five we expected; we had a Devon rise and call changes and some good ringing, including London, on the fine Taylor rehung, bells. At Upton Bishop, the next tower, a rope broke in the first touch; it was replaced with a spare left for such an emergency and we were able to go on ringing. We then went on to Newent (a heavy six, which sound good when rung slowly), and after lunch we again visited Redmanley D'Abiot, where we were met by two local ringers who rang with us in some Kent, Oxford, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and then invited us back for raspberries and ice cream in their delightful old cottage.

After this welcome break we went on to Bromsberrow (a light six), which we found difficult to control, and where another rope broke, so cutting short the ringing time. To the heavy eight at Ledbury, which are in a detached tower, we did not do justice in our attempts at Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major, but perhaps some of it was due to tiredness? From Ledbury on to Much Marcle, where we rang Double Oxford for the first time in the week, and then the Vicar invited us all back to have cider in the Vicarage before going on to the hostel at Rushall, where there was much hilarity, and locking in dormitories, and usual last night agony.

We had only two towers planned for the last day, but we passed Woolhope just as the Rural Dean was outside and so we asked permission to ring. There was an anti-clockwise ring of six, with a mediæval fourth, and we rang for an hour before going on to Hampton Bishop, where there are six bells, rung from the ground floor, behind the organ. We went on from here to Hereford, where our last tower was St. Nicholas', with six bells. The ringing was good, thus making a suitable ending, and then we went on to a marvellous tea laid on by the Vicar. After tea we left on various trains to different parts of the country.

Altogether this was a most successful tour and our thanks are due to the secretary, for arranging it, and to the incumbents at the various churches. J. M. C.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD Summer Meeting At Tanworth-In-Arden

The quarterly meeting of the Guild, held at Tanworth-in-Arden on July 1st, was marked by the absence of the Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold, and the secretary, Mr. George E. Fearn, the former holidaying in the West Country and the latter temporarily indisposed. For compensation the day provided brilliant weather. The summer sun bathing the village green with its magnificent chestnut tree, the facade of 'The Bell' and the fine old tower in a flood of light, provided an environment from which it was very difficult to tear oneself away even for the attractions of the beautiful ring of eight at the disposal of the members.

The service in the church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. W. Lee, and the Master, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, read the lesson. Refreshments were very kindly provided by the Tanworth ringers in the village hall, and the thoughtful gesture that added cooling orange drinks as an alternative to tea was much appreciated.

The business meeting was attended by more than 50 members. The Master presided, and with Mr. F. E. Haynes deputising for the secretary, the business was despatched in a very short time. Miss Mary S. Thorling and Mr. Philip Rophera were elected full members of the Guild, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Yardley. The Master thanked the Vicar, the organist and the local ringers and helpers for their respective shares in building up a delightful afternoon.

After the meeting the bells were kept going in a sufficiency of methods, Mr. J. A. Anderson acting as Ringing Master. Both the beauty of the eight bells in the tower and the hospitality of the 'ninth'—'The Bell' over the way—were adequately sampled, and each appreciated in due measure.

E. C. S.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE A. FLEMING

With much regret we record the death of Mr. George A. Fleming, of Winesham, near Ipswich, which took place in hospital on July 8th, at the age of 78.

He had rung 474 peals, mostly for the Suffolk Guild, including the first of Maximus ever accomplished in Superlative, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rochester, York, Little Albion Treble Bob and Little Bob for the Suffolk Guild, also the only one of Plain Bob Cinques, all at St. Mary-le-Tower Church.

The cremation was at Ipswich on July 12th. The chief mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. P. Reynolds (nephew and niece) and their daughter Margaret. Among his ringing friends were: Mr. and Mrs. C. Beecroft, Mr. James Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Brett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bulton, Miss Pat Clarke, Mrs. M. Page, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Messrs. Charles Fisher, Charles J. Sedgley, R. Smith and George E. Symonds.

The ashes were interred in Winesham churchyard on July 14th.

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A POT-POURRI FROM 'CHURCH BELLS'

(Continued from page 339)

'Public Appointment of Ringers.—At the evening service on Ascension Day, 1873, at Over, Cheshire, the following interesting ceremony took place: The Vicar, the Rev. N. Jackson, had been for some time troubled by his ringers. Their refractory temper at length culminated in an act of distinct disobedience. On this, with a spirit worthy of all praise, he summarily dismissed them and forbade them again to enter the belfry.'

A new band was formed, and on this Ascension Day, after they had rung for Evensong, they went to the service, first walking to the chancel steps. Here the Vicar handed to each of them a new Prayer Book, their names written inside. The Vicar said: 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. By virtue of my office as Vicar of Over I give thee — authority to ring No. — bell to the glory of God.'

They then retired to a seat 'which had been allotted to them and which henceforth they will be expected to occupy at every service.'

The Rev. F. M. Cunningham, Rector of Witney, Oxon, then addressed the congregation and ringers from the chancel steps. He pointed out that the incumbent has as much control over the belfry as over the prayer desk and pulpit, that every part of the church is equally holy and that, 'if the ringers would shrink from coarse language and from bringing beer and tobacco into their present seat, they must equally shrink from carrying them into the ringing loft,' that all work done in a church is holy work—whether that of the priest, the decorator of the altar, the bellringer or the cleaner. Then he went on to the lessons taught by church bells when rung for various occasions. 'We cannot but feel that there was an example set that evening in the village church at Over which might profitably find many imitators.'

'Churches of London suspended for not Ringing at the Coming of the Archbishop.—Thomas Arundel, Archbishop of Canterbury (A.D. 1396–1413) who, passing by the high street of London did not only look and wait for the ringing of the bells for a triumph of his coming, but took great snuff, and did suspend all churches in London (not only with the steeple and bells but also with organs) so many as did not receive his coming with the noise of bells . . .'

'Rules and Regulations for ringing The Bells of the Parish Church of Maidstone. To commence May 29th, 1840.

'This is a belfry that is free,
And for all that civil be:
There is no music play'd or sung,
Like unto Bells when they're rung.
Then ring your Bell well, if you can,
Silence is best for every man;
But if you ring in Spur or Hat,
You pay sixpence, be sure of that:
And if a Bell you overthrow,
Pray pay sixpence before you go.

'The Bells to be rung under the direction of the Minister and Churchwardens, and only by persons properly qualified.

'No admission to the Belfry except by a key, to be left with the Sexton; and no ringing without his knowledge.

'Days of ringing according to the usage of the Parish: Queen's Birthday, Accession and Coronation Days, Assizes, Mayor's Day, May 29th, Nov. 5th, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, Thanksgiving Days, Public Rejoicings and Archbishop's Visitation and Confirmation. N.B. To be paid for by the Corporation of the Parish, according to the general custom.

'Bells not to be rung before Eight o'clock in the morning, nor after Ten o'clock at night except on New Year's Eve or great National Events.

'Any dispute between the Sexton and the Ringers to be referred to the Minister and Churchwardens, and nothing to be done contrary to their decision.

'At Fairs, and other Public times, no Strangers (except professed Ringers) to be admitted to the Belfry without leave of the Minister and Churchwardens.

'The Bells to be rung by the usual Persons, for practice or recreation but not after Ten o'clock at Night.'

Notice by the Editor.—'In common with other periodicals, we decline to return any communications, whether accepted or not. We request our country correspondents to write very legibly.'

Later, another notice: 'Many of our kind friends seem to be quite ignorant of the mode of working a weekly periodical—they seem to think that their contributions can be immediately attended to and inserted with telegraphic dispatch. We request them to be more patient; reports are inserted as soon as possible, but we reserve to ourselves the liberty of curtailing, weeding and clipping, according to the best of our judgment, and timing as suits us, or rejecting altogether.'

Still another (and the Editor of 'The Ringing World' may agree in general with this one, at least!):—

'We have received several slips about ringing, but they are useless to us unless our friends send the dates and headings of the papers whence taken. We earnestly request our correspondents to write very plainly and intelligibly, particularly the names of persons and places; also to write only on one side of the paper, leaving a good margin at the top.'

'Disgraceful Ringing at St. Mary's, Ware, Herts.—We are grieved to hear from a correspondent that on Monday evening, April 6th, 1873, the bells of the parish church of Ware were set a-ringing by a person who had just gained a great will cause, tried in the Probate Court, London . . .'

Plympton St. Maurice, Devon.—Easter Tuesday, 1873. Bells reopened after overhaul by Hooper and Son, of Woodbury.

Change-ringing at Oxford.—... the University Society has lately [i.e., to April 26th, 1873] succeeded in ringing a peal of 720 changes . . . at Iffley, near Oxford, in the Grandsire Method.

The Society at present consists of about 22 members, most of whom can ring Grandsire Doubles fairly well in the tower, and five or six are tolerably steady at Triples. . . .

'The Bells of St. Michael's, South Carolina.—When the British took Charleston in 1780, they stabled their horses in the church and, unhooking the bells, sent them off to London where they were dumped on Tower Wharf and left unnoticed for many years.

'At last the vestry of St. Michael's received a letter bidding them expect their bells by a certain ship sailing from London. The people went in procession to bring up from the ship their beloved bells, which they never expected to listen to again, and with prayers and thanksgivings they were replaced in the tower. The

pious benefactor never made himself known but he is supposed to have been some British officer who was present at the taking of Charleston.'

Time went on and then came 546 days of bombardment of Charleston. Houses and churches were shattered, but St. Michael's spire and its bells remained. However, the people themselves took the bells down and sent them to Columbia to be cast into cannon, but a General, perhaps shocked at the desecration, pronounced them unfit for the purpose and so the bells were set aside for safe keeping, but soldiers broke them up.

The population of Charleston eventually resolved to get a new chime. They did not know from which foundry the broken bells had come. An enquiry made in London showed that the (now) Mears and Stainbank foundry had cast eight in 1759 for this church. The proportions of the metal, sizes, etc., were all entered in the books, and the firm was engaged to turn out a new ring to be as near as possible like the destroyed one, so that the Charlestonians might think they were hearing their old bells. Such fragments of the old bells that could be found were sent to London and put into the new ones, which were duly sent to Charleston and hung in St. Michael's.

'Bells in Tune.—The Rev. Canon Bowles, at Bremhill, Wilts, says: 'Here are 6 bells which could be pronounced by every ear a musical peal: but no set of bells are ever cast quite in tune—in general the third is too flat and the fourth too sharp, the effect of which is doubly discordant. The only certain mode of having a peal perfectly harmonious is to tune the bells by a monochord divided into intervals. A peal of bells can thus be brought to musical perfection and anyone, without knowing the reason, would perceive the sweet effect. This mode of after-tuning is never practised, and therefore a peal gives all its discord, often for centuries, as the bells happen to be cast.'

'Tuning of Bells'—reproduced from *Gentleman's Magazine*.—Mr. Gardiner informs us that the tuning of bells is a difficult task inasmuch as some of them do not emit a distinct or homogeneous tone. As all bells utter more sounds than one, they should be so cast that the key note predominates over every other sound, and that the harmonics should be the twelfth or seventeenth above the low note. This combination produces that sprightly ringing tone which everyone admires. But there is a great caprice in bells—they utter all sorts of tones. The tenor of St. Martin's, Leicester, gives out the minor third, which imparts to it a mournful effect. The lively bell at St. George's is in the note A which is not a foundation note. An attentive listener may hear the key note F murmuring a major third below.

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CANCELLATION

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—The meeting at King's Langley on July 22nd is cancelled. 8591

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, July 22nd, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: July 25th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; August 7th, St. Lawrence's, Jewry, 6.30; August 8th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; August 15th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8563

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Milborne Port (8), July 22nd, Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential for tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8536

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting at Whitby (10), Saturday, July 22nd, 3 p.m.—P. Wishart. Hon. Sec. 8595

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, July 22nd, Stanton-by-Dale, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8572

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Thames Ditton on Saturday, July 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for teas, please, to Mr. F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 8534

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting, Swebston, Saturday, July 22nd, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 8549

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Winkfield, Saturday, July 22nd, Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8532

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 22nd, at Kintbury (6), Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting at 'Blue Bull' Names for tea to R. Radbourne, Greystones, Church Street, Kintbury, Newbury. 8545

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, July 22nd, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8587

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting at Heathfield on July 22nd, Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mr. G. Dann, North Street, Punnetts Town, Heathfield.—F. Beeny, Sec. 8538

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Kingsclere on Saturday, July 22nd, Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the Village Hall. Names for tea to John Chesterman, 'Leacroft,' Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 8547

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead, Saturday, July 29th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 8597

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Matlock, Saturday, July 29th, Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Sec. 8583

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting, Holsworthy, Saturday, July 29th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow. All visitors welcome.—R. Pearce, Sec. 8578

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Conisbrough, Saturday, July 29th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisbrough.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec. 8586

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Bourn, Saturday, July 29th (instead of August 14th), Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 8584

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Great Tey, Saturday, July 29th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 26th, to Mr. J. Dyer, 2, Guildhall Cottages, The Chase, Great Tey, Colchester. 8562

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Saturday, July 29th, Wapley (5), 3 p.m. Service and tea. At Westerleigh (6) in the evening, 6.30.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol. 5. 8593

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice, Crondall (6), Saturday, July 29th, 6 to 9 p.m. 8590

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Leighton and Welshpool, Saturday, July 29th, Bells (6 and 8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8581

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Wye, Saturday, July 29th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Miss Sheila Rogers, Church Cottage, The Green, Wye.—C. T. H. 8575

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on July 29th, at Benington (near Stevenage). Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea at 5 p.m., in Church Hall, then business and evening ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss B. Harris, 'Buckhurst,' Benington, Stevenage, Herts. 8544

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, July 29th, Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Ockenden Manor (3s. each). Names, please, by Wednesday, July 26th, to Miss S. Beresford, 84, Park Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 8592

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Leigh (8), Saturday, July 29th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 8574

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Chapel Allerton (6), Saturday, July 29th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Espresso Bamboo Cafe, 63, Harrogate Road, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Clark, 114, Wensley Drive, Leeds, 7. 8573

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, N. Kilworth, Saturday, July 29th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 8585

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—C. Rouse, Gen. Sec. 8594

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Alford, Saturday, July 29th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 24th, to Mrs. I. J. Smith, Commercial Road, Alford, Lincs. 8556

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at North Lopham on Saturday, July 29th, Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 26th, to Rev. C. E. Beevers, Lopham Rectory, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Branch Sec. 8535

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Cheswardine (8), Saturday, July 29th, Ringing from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. 8467

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Aug. 5th, Great Wymondley, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8589

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Leatherhead, on Monday, Aug. 7th, Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall, numbers for which should be sent by Aug. 3rd to G. Mariner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. Further ringing after tea. 8579

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—August: Bank Holiday meeting at Chesterfield, Monday, Aug. 7th, Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 8580

PRESTON, LANCs.—Dedication of memorial tablet at St. John's to F. Roger Martin will take place in the belfry at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 8th. Ringing to follow. All old friends welcome. 8577

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Penistone, Saturday, Aug. 12th, Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided. Bells also available at Cawthorne (6), 2.30 to 4.30, and Hoylandswaine, 7 to 9.—J. J. L. Gilbert and J. W. Buxton. 8582

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Annual dinner, Saturday, October 14th, at The Queen Hotel, Chester. Details later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 8576

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

On July 8th the East Grinstead and District Guild paid their first visit to Burgess Hill and held a small but most enjoyable meeting. Ringing on this nice toned but odd struck octave was enjoyed until 5 o'clock, when the party made their way to 84, Park Road, where Mrs. Beresford and Sue served tea on the lawn.

Mr. B. E. Jeffrey took the chair for the business, the main item being future meetings. Burston not being available, it will be Worth and Crawley for the August meeting, and members decided to make their own tea arrangements.

A pleasant surprise awaited the company when they came to pay for the tea, for Mrs. Beresford refused to take anything and suggested that a collection be made and the money put to some fund. A sum of £1 5s. was realised and it was decided to give 10s. to the rope fund, and 15s. to 'The Ringing World.'

5,050 STEDMAN CATERS

By JOHN CHILCOTT

(For the 50th anniversary of the augmentation to ten of St. John's, Hillingdon, bells.)
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214653	5	16
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415263		16
413562		16
314265	5	16
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213564	5	16
214365		16
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Rounds 4 changes previous.

A=S1 S4 5 9 11 13 14

B=4 6 S8 10 S13 16 17

C=2 S9

D=S4 5 S12

Rung at St. John's, Hillingdon, on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, 1961, conducted by F. W. Goodfellow.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' July 21st, 1911.—

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE

A big tea party

'A huge success.' This phrase by no means exaggerates the result of 'Ringers' Day at the Festival of Empire,' organised by 'The Ringing World.' It was, we venture to think, the largest ringers' gathering that has ever been held, and, while it was essentially a day for the rank and file of the Exercise, the party was none the less representative in its character.

Ringers travelled from all parts of the country to participate in the unique event, for never before had they had the opportunity as ringers of joining in so large and popular a gathering arranged for their special benefit. To the Crystal Palace they came in ones and twos and larger parties, and when we say that ringers were present from places as far apart as Cardiff and Norwich, as Sheffield and Brighton, our readers will appreciate how widespread was the interest shown in the occasion. A large proportion of those present made it the occasion of a full day's excursion, such as, for instance, the company from Bridgend, in Glamorganshire, who left home on Friday midnight, and departed from London on the return journey at 1 a.m. on Sunday.....

ST. MARY'S, APSLEY

The last Saturday in June is always considered by the Apsley ringers to be a fortunate day for good weather, and this year when it coincided with midsummer day it was no exception. The party, including visitors (of many years' standing) from neighbouring towers, left Apsley at 6.30 a.m. to reach Amesbury, Wilts, within a few minutes of scheduled time, at 10 o'clock. Here we were met by Mr. J. K. Robbins and another member of his band and rang various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major until 11 a.m., when a move was made to Longbridge Deverill, where hangs a handy ring of eight. Here the key was produced, as arranged, by Mr. W. A. Avery. An enjoyable hour was spent, an excellent course of London being a feature of the ringing.

On to Warminster, where lunch was the first item to be dealt with, and then to the Church of St. Denys, with its 28 cwt. tenor, where Mr. M. G. Knee was waiting for us. Methods rung here included 3 leads of Bristol. A lovely run through the country brought us to Upavon, with its magnificent ring of six and a most homely welcome from Mr. C. Drewitt and the Vicar, who showed us his interesting church. Then to tea in the Village Hall, the caterer being Mrs. F. T. Swatton, and what a tea it was! During the rest needed after this a vote of thanks was passed to the organiser and then the annual photograph. An evening run in the sunshine brought us to Kintbury, 10 minutes before time, but the verger was here and later Mr. R. J. Radbourne. Full use was made of the bells, and later handbells could be heard coming from certain lawns, and it was about 1 a.m. when we reached home.

To those who helped to make a perfect day we should like to mention Mr. W. C. West and Miss Y. L. Eloie.

A. V. G.

LUTON, BEDS

Several ringing and non-ringing friends joined the ringers of Luton Parish Church on the occasion of their outing into Suffolk on July 1st.

The choice of towers was admirable. First came Long Melford, a particularly lovely village, with one of the most beautiful churches in the country, its tall clerestory windows (a feature of Suffolk churches) giving the magnificent nave an air of dignity and elegance.

We passed on to Lavenham, another delightful spot, and, like thousands before, were charmed by the famous bells, and who could help being impressed by that most imposing tower?

A short ring at Stowmarket preceded lunch, after which the fine octave at Debenham was much enjoyed. The distance from Debenham to Framdsen is not very great, and we were assured that we should have no difficulty in finding our way, but if this assurance was intended as a compliment, events proved that it was entirely undeserved! However, we did manage to get a short 'pull' at Framdsen before going on to Woodbridge, where an excellent tea was dealt with in a most expert manner, perhaps because we do not neglect our practice in this direction!

Refreshed, we set out for the last tower of the day, the very pleasant light ten at Grundisburgh, where we renewed acquaintance with members of the Pipe family. The homeward journey was broken for refreshments, after which the miles soon rolled by, and we reached home in good time.

Due thanks are tendered to incumbents, for permission to ring on some excellent bells, to the local ringers, who so warmly received us, to our driver, for his willing co-operation, and to our secretary, for his efforts in arranging an excellent outing.

A. E. R.

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' July 17th, 1931.—

The ring of twelve bells at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, were opened with a peal of Grandsire Cinques by the College Youths on July 18th, 1798.

The first peal by a band of ladies was rung at Cubitt Town, London, on July 20th, 1912.

SUMMER-TIME OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S, EASTBOURNE

Following a well established custom at Eastbourne, the second Saturday in July is reserved for 'the outing.' This year, after the usual multitude of stops to pick up friends from outlying districts, two coaches headed for the newly cast ten at Maidstone. After some delay the bells were set going by one section of the 49 strong party, while the remainder pondered over the regimental standards in the church, or attempted Bach fugues on the organ.

Leaving Maidstone we were soon clambering over the roof of Rochester Cathedral to meet Charlie Norris in its spacious ringing chamber. All ringers were again catered for, although the Ringing Master was hard put to satisfy the demands, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

Bromley was the next call, where we rang on the two octaves, meeting at St. Luke's Tom Newman, and at SS. Peter and Paul crowding into the small tower with Percy Spice.

Passing through scenery, which the South-down men grudgingly admitted to be excellent, the coaches reached Westerham, and the day's ringing was concluded. On the green the statue of a Westerham man, General Wolfe, who led the Royal Sussex Regiment over the Heights of Abraham, excited some comment from the Sussex ringers.

After thirsts had been finally quenched, the hole in George's bucket was again investigated, Clementine again laid to rest, and countless men (and their dogs) went to mow an equal number of meadows.

H. R.

FARNHAM DISTRICT

Both ringing and a day at the seaside were combined in the Farnham District annual outing on July 1st. Bognor was chosen as the seaside destination and on the way the two coaches of ringers and their friends stopped at St. Mary's, Fittleworth, to be welcomed by the Vicar, and St. Nicholas', Arundel, where, in spite of the heat, everybody enjoyed the beautiful bells.

After an afternoon of sizzling on the beach and swimming in the sea the evening was spent ringing the bells of St. Mary's, Walberton, and later St. Mary's, Easebourne. A wonderful day with perfect weather and perfect organisation, thanks to D. W. Wright, the District Secretary.

R. E.

MELTON MOWBRAY DISTRICT

Ringers of the Melton District held their annual outing to the Newark area on July 8th.

Leaving Melton at 1.45 p.m. the first tower visited was Elston, with a handy ring of 6, then on to North Muskham. An excellent tea was enjoyed at Eydens Cafe in Newark. After tea Winthorpe was visited. Here the ringers were alarmed by the weird noises in the bell chamber. Richard ascended the ladders to investigate, but all he could find was a large wooden frame which was dry and evidently creaked and groaned when the bells were rung.

At Barnby-in-the-Willows we were greeted by a loud bump overhead, which only proved to be a ladder which had fallen over. Balderston was the last tower visited: the lovely kept bellry was much admired and also the grand ring of bells.

Arrangements were made by Mr. R. H. Cook, assisted by the District chairman, Mr. R. E. Manton.

J. A. C.

FARBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Baker 1. M. Heymann (first 'inside') 2. K. Baker 3. M. Horseman (cond.) 4. J. Fray 5. J. Coombes 6. Rung after the wedding of Patrick Bridges to Barbara Deacon.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.—On June 25th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Walsley (first quarter) 1. Ruth Mansley 2. J. B. Clarke 3. J. Martin 4. W. Mansley (first as cond.) 5. D. Harwood 6. A welcome to the Rev. H. F. Doupe.

QUARTER PEALS

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, C. L. Bell 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, J. W. Blythe 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LONDON.—On July 9th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Tomsett 1, Margaret Lewis 2, Hilda Oatway 3, H. J. Eldred 4, Freda Greaves 5, K. Newman (first on 10) 6, W. F. Oatway 7, W. G. Wilson 8, B. W. Willgress (first as cond. on 10) 9, M. C. Gathercole 10. For morning service.

LUDLOW, SALOP.—On July 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Keene (longest length of Major) 1, Beryl W. Abbott 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, D. Ferguson 4, J. Baldwin 5, H. Poyner 6, H. C. Lewis 7, J. Taylor (cond.) 8.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On July 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Shelagh Coyne (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Barrett 2, Dorothy Stafford 3, P. Dale 4, E. Shuttleworth 5, F. Osbaldiston (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On July 1st, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. Rolfe 1, Miss J. E. Wright 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, L. Nice 4, M. Rose 5, E. Nice 6, R. Rose (cond.) 7, J. Ivings 8, J. Paul 9, L. Sharpe 10. First of Royal for 1, 2 and 5.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on July 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. J. Marlow (first attempt) 1, D. Trueman 2, R. S. Roberts 3, K. D. Perkins 4, E. Billings (cond.) 5, R. J. White 6. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—On June 25th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. D. Edwards 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, H. W. Badger 3, C. C. Clarke 4, C. Coles 5, A. J. Adams 6, E. R. Venn 7, C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,290 Doubles (five methods): G. Skelly 1, Mary Hall 2, C. Brown 3, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, J. Riley 6.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. York 1, Miss S. Feakin 2, G. Wright 3, A. V. Flutter 4, B. Yeomans 5, B. Austin 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, G. Clipston 8. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur J. York, and a 70th to Mr. Albert E. York.

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