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A MUCH-PRIZED RING

THIS week we publish a quarter peal of Minimus which we feel sure will be prized as many a peal. It was rung at the Church of St. Mary, Brownsea Island, which, while only four miles from the centre of Bournemouth, lies in Poole Harbour, where the impressive Castle commands the entrance to all shipping.

The late owner, Mrs. Mary Bonham Christie, who died recently at the great age of 96 years, kept the island as a bird sanctuary and quite private during the latter years of her life. All familiar with the Boy Scout Movement know that it was on this island that Lord Baden-Powell founded the Movement.

An approach was made by Alan A. J. Buswell and Arthur V. Davis to Mr. John Christie, the present owner, to see the church, inspect the four bells hanging there and, if possible, to ring them. Permission was given on condition that the ringing was in connection with the Beating of the Bounds ceremony to take place in Poole Harbour on September 2nd.

The bells were found to be in fair order: they were cast in 1856 by John Warner and Sons, of the Crescent Foundry, London, with a tenor of 7½ cwt. in C, the four being in a minor key. Evidently it was planned to add a tenor bell, for there is a chiming apparatus in the belfry for five bells.

After tightening of bolts, greasing of bearings and substituting more reliable ropes, the quarter peal was rung in 45 minutes. The bells have a good tone and are hung in two low-sided frames with the bells swinging east to west. The clappers are unusual, being constructed of wood with a metal ball and flight.

The church is a little gem, and upon viewing it through the Gothic windows from the ringing chamber, it is difficult to believe that it has not been used for several years. During the war years the island was garrisoned by an anti-aircraft battery; it is said that the duty of those troops was to divert the enemy's attention from more important targets nearby by lighting flares at different points. Bombing caused much damage; the little church, so much used by soldiers during the war, now has a leaky roof and damp walls which will, unhappily, do much damage unless soon repaired.

On all sides one sees signs of the happy and prosperous days of just over half-a-century ago, when the Squire and his lady occupied the family pew at the west end of the church and the tenantry filled the building, as there was a time when the island had a population of 270

inhabitants. The four bells probably rang in many Christ-masses and New Years—at any rate, there is a fine fireplace in the ringing chamber and signs that the ringers knew how to make themselves comfortable.

Prior to attempting the quarter peal the ringers were shown over the Castle by Mrs. John Christie. It is a handsome building, erected by master craftsmen who loved their work, and is in keeping with the lovely setting.

Regretfully we left the island, grateful to Mr. Christie for the privilege we had enjoyed, and hoping that one day the Church of St. Mary, Brownsea Island, and its bells will be restored to their former glory.

A. A. J. B. and A. V. D.

AN ENCOURAGEMENT

THE policy of 'The Ringing World' Committee is not to accumulate a substantial profit but to maintain a reasonable balance on each year's working. In accordance with this policy, the Committee decided, as was announced last week, to carry the extra ½d. postage for the next six months and then review the position. This will cost in the neighbourhood of £240.

Had the Committee been minded to play for safety it would not have taken this step. The extra postage was not the only increase which had to be met. Some months back the printers of the journal had given notice of new prices that would operate from the beginning of October. These are equivalent to 10 per cent. of labour costs and in a full year would amount to £375. There was also a review of the Editor's salary.

The aggregate of all these three items is below the profit made last year. The Committee are hopeful that the flow of income from all sources will be maintained. So far this year signs are encouraging. The sale of the journal is in advance of the corresponding week last year, and ringers have shown their practical interest in production costs by supporting the Gratefully Acknowledged column.

The Editorial Committee feel that their action in meeting the postage increase will not only be appreciated by our regular subscribers but will result in attracting new readers. Many of our towers are well filled with young ringers; it is our hope that they will be persuaded as their efficiency advances to join the world-wide family of ringers by becoming regular readers and subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' They have to carry the torch to the next generation and should be reminded of their particular responsibility. This is an appropriate week to join—the first issue of a new quarter. Subscription rates are advertised on the centre page next to Belfry Gossip.

TWERTON'S 100th PEAL

In this issue we record the 100th peal rung at Twerton-on-Avon. It had been hoped to have an all local band peal, but Jim Jefferies, who works at Southampton, was involved in a crash while riding his motor cycle.

Twerton ringers are most grateful to Cedric Brown, of Corston, for standing in at a moment's notice. The band was truly representative of the church's life and included the P.C.C. secretary, two choristers, two sidesmen, the organist and choirmaster, the youth club treasurer, the verger, the crucifer and a Sunday school teacher.

The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples in 1888 and ringing has been fairly even since then.

An analysis shows 60 peals of Triples (Grandsire 43, Stedman 14 and Plain Bob 3) and 40 of Major (Plain Bob 23, Double Norwich 5, Kent T.B. 3, Cambridge Surprise 3, Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Grandsire 1, Superlative Surprise 1, Rutland Surprise 1, 4 methods Spliced Surprise 2).

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH Southampton District

At the autumn meeting held at Bishopstoke on September 16th four teams entered for the Alliston Striking Cup. The judges—Messrs. Forder, House and Marshall—placed St. Michael's, Southampton, first, followed by Bishopstoke, Romsey and Eling. The method was Grandsire and all except Bishopstoke rang Doubles. Southampton will represent the District in the final in October.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Rose), with Mr. R. C. Kippin as organist. Tea in the Rectory was prepared by Mrs. Chapman and helpers. This was free, but a collection for the Roof Fund realised £2 17s. 6d. At the short business meeting nine new members were elected from Upham.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

September 2nd was a really warm day when the Guild met at Kirkburton and people found it a little too hot in the small ringing room. A break was made for tea and the business meeting followed. Unfortunately the annual meeting cannot be held at Halifax and it was agreed to try for Ripponden, with Northowram as an alternative. The meeting decided to send a letter of welcome to the new Archdeacon of Halifax, the Ven. Lister.

Ringing was resumed and more and more people arrived. We hope our next meeting at Queensbury on November 11th will be equally well attended. D. S.

30 Years Ago

'R.W.' October 2nd, 1931.—
The Painswick 'Peal' Tablet unveiled.

A 'Peal' of 20,000 rounds contemplated. Volunteer wanted to count the rows to ensure the TRUTH of the peal.

Mr. M. Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, called his hundredth different composition of Stedman Triples.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' September 29th, 1911.—
LADIES IN THE BELFRY (correspondence)

To the Editor, Sir.—Having read 'E. J. B.'s' letter on 'Lady Ringers,' I think that the Vicar is in the right, and the ringers are wrong (not because he is a Vicar, that makes no difference), but because a woman has no right in a tower which is not really a part of the church. Those towers where they ring on the ground floor are part of the church, but no ringer is going to make me believe that a tower, where you ring hidden from the church is a part of the church, it is all nonsense.

What the ringing world wants is a better class of men to learn to ring, viz., the middle classes, then things would go better. My objections to lady ringers are these:

1. They will do men out of their hobby.
2. They will be given all the privileges, while gentlemen ringers will have to take a 'back seat' and look on.
3. They will do as that Vicar at Quorn (Leicestershire) once said: 'Cause all the trouble.'—Arthur Cox.

PERSONALITIES OF THE EXERCISE—40



MR. DENIS A. BAYLES,

Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association.

One of the leading ringers in the North of England is the hard working general secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. Denis Alan Bayles, of Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, though he is an East Anglian by upbringing, a part of the country which has provided so many fine ringers, who have eventually 'emigrated.' He is particularly keen on the teaching aspect of ringing, and has some decided views on this subject. He considers that the average recruit can be given both strokes before the end of his first night in the belfry, and is prepared to demonstrate this at his own tower. He believes wholeheartedly in giving recruits encouragement, and his learners are urged to attend on Sundays and participate in the ringing as soon as they can ring rounds.

Denis was born in Derby on January 18th, 1922, but his family moved to Acle, Norfolk, in 1929. He was educated at Great Yarmouth Grammar School, and when the school was evacuated to Retford, Notts, in June, 1940, he was due to take his higher school certificate a week or two later. To crown it all he ran a temperature of 102 degrees in the middle of the examination, and took several of the papers in bed! Nevertheless he gained a Norfolk Major Scholarship to Imperial College, London, to study chemistry, graduating with second class honours, and eventually gaining the Associateship of the Royal College of Science and the Associateship of the Royal Institute of Chemistry.

When Acle, Norfolk, bells were rededicated after restoration on September 6th, 1933, Denis was a server and in the choir, and the ground floor ringing chamber roused his interest. In 1935 (aged 13) he began to learn the art, his instructor being the late John R. Wilkinson, the local captain. Once he had mastered Bob Minor he began to go further afield, and was greatly encouraged and assisted by Billy Barber, of Reedham. During term time he also gained experience on the higher numbers at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth. On June 27th, 1936, Denis was setting out with a party for a quiet day on the river, but just as they were about to start Billy de Ville, of Halvergate, came along and asked him to deputise for someone in a peal at Halvergate, so he rang the treble to three methods of Minor for his first, conducted by R. H. Hewitt, of Gateshead. He soon developed an interest in conducting, and eventually became conductor at Acle. Denis' first peal as conductor was four methods of Minor at Acle on Easter Sunday, 1938, and

although most of the local band rang a peal, including his sister, Brenda, they were never able to attempt one with a completely local band.

When the war ban on Sunday ringing was lifted from Easter, 1943, Denis had transferred to a post at Washington, Co. Durham, and soon established contact with Newcastle Cathedral and Chester-le-Street, eventually becoming a member at the latter tower. He continued to practise regularly with the Newcastle Cathedral band, and learnt a great deal from them. He wishes he could have known W. H. Barber and his contemporaries at the height of their powers. In 1946 Denis moved to an appointment in St. Albans, Herts, and soon joined the Cathedral band there. He greatly enjoyed the practices, which lasted from 7.30-9.30 p.m., and he also attended the weekly practices at St. Peter's, and travelled to Bushey every Thursday, where he gained valuable experience from Harold Cashmore and his colleagues. He was privileged to ring several peals in Herts.

In 1947 Denis married Margaret Elliot at Chester-le-Street, and early in 1948 he returned to Tyneside as chemist to the Bushing Company, Hebburn, a subsidiary of A. Reynolds and Co. Ltd. He rejoined the Chester-le-Street band, becoming Ringing Master, and also attended the weekly practices at Newcastle Cathedral. At this time there was a resurgence of peal ringing, and Denis took part in a number of peals where new ground was broken, or where methods such as Cambridge Royal were rung again after a long interval. In 1949 he became a College Youth, and took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques for the Ancient Society. Denis has been general secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association since 1951, and a Central Council representative since 1959. This has involved some organising which he quite enjoys, and three notable functions with which he has been connected stand out in his memory. These are the Central Council meeting at Newcastle in 1954, the 80th anniversary dinner of the Association in 1957, and the University of London tour of Northumberland and Durham in 1959. In all this work, Denis has been ably supported by his wife, particularly where catering has been concerned. He was overjoyed when she learnt to ring a few years ago, but she is loath to demonstrate this outside her own tower.

Since August, 1956, Denis has been a lecturer in organic chemistry at the Rutherford College of Technology, Newcastle. This job has proved more satisfying, as it has enabled him to extend his interest in teaching, which had previously been confined to ringing. One consequence of longer holidays has been that he has been able to spare time to join one or two London University tours, of which he is almost a founder member.

Denis' peal total, including one on hand-bells, stands at just over 260, of which he has conducted 153. These range from Doubles to Maximus, with a fair variety of methods, including the first peal of Albanian Surprise Royal at St. Peter's, St. Albans, in 1947, which he composed, and he has conducted a number of peals of London. He has called very few compositions more than once, his list does not include any 'stunts,' and he has yet to 'complete a circle.' It has always seemed to him more important to produce the best results, and he has been content to ring where he felt that he could make the best contribution to the band, and this has resulted in a preponderance on the heavier end. Denis is very proud of the fact that, since 1935, he has rung for an average of 100 services per year, apart from the war-time ban, along with the fact that he has never really worn the 'unattached' label.

In his quiet way, Denis has set an example of what a good Association man should be like—a regular Sunday service ringer, an enthusiastic instructor, with an ability to take his place with the best in a peal band. Such conscientious devotion to duty makes Denis Bayles one of the natural leaders of the Exercise. APACE.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY IN ESSEX

FOR their fourth annual 'ringing holiday,' the older members of Bristol University Society continued their traditional anti-clockwise movement around the country and visited Essex. The party comprised: Brenda and Michael Sprackling, Bridget and David Heighton, Mary and Patrick Bird, Barbara Stephens, Jane Tuffin, Judy Atkinson, Roy Blackler, Wilf Searrot and Brian Wylde. The growing number of married couples seems in keeping with the present trend at Bristol! As usual the tour was designed for cycling, but this year we had two cars for the aged and unfit. Everyone took their turn on the bikes, but it seems that after this year we shall bid farewell to the cycle tour of our University days and succumb to the comforts of motor-ing and hotels.

Traditionally we chose the best week of the summer and from the movement we met at Wendens Ambo on August 27th the sun shone from the cloudless blue sky. At the parish church we found a pleasant ring of six. They are not rung often and the Vicar was pleased with our help, not only in ringing for Even-song, but also for providing David as an organist and forming three-quarters of the congregation. Saffron Walden provided our base for the next three days and the youth hostel and hotel were within convenient waving distance of one another.

On Monday we set off in high spirits and lovely weather. Ickleton (quite a nice eight) provided a fine beginning, and Duxford (6) were also enjoyed. At Whittlesford (6) a small door in the ringing chamber gave access to the roof and attentions were divided between sunbathing and ringing. At Sawston we managed Sawston Imperial and afterwards enjoyed lunch in the sun on the lawn of a nearby hostelry.

Both Stapleford (6) and Shelford (5) were pleasant rings, as was Harston (6), where a local ringer thought we were 'going to ring for three hours—you can carry on if you like!' At Foxton (5) we were invited to inspect the bells and found them loose on both headstocks and wheels, consequently they were rather difficult to manage. The day's programme ended with 'a cuppa at Foxton Vicarage,' but the Vicar treated us to such a gigantic and satisfying meal that we left Foxton late in the evening with full stomachs and happy memories.

SWAY RATHER FRIGHTENING

Elmdon (6) was the first tower on Tuesday. The girls didn't stay long, finding the tower sway rather frightening. With cracks in the walls showing definite movement and rather poor bells we were all glad to move on to Chrishall, a nice light six. Great Chishill's five were hard going on their plain bearings, but it appears that they are quite easy after 60 years' experience! At Barley (6) we rang Ipswich and then found a good eight at Barkway.

Anstey's are not the best of sixes, but the women managed to struggle through Bob Doubles. The men decided to show them how by ringing 'Sixty on Thirds,' but due to the close hand-stroke leads they had successfully lowered the bells by the half-way point! In the ensuing rise the treble rope broke and the girls certainly had the last laugh! At Clavering (6) the entrance to the ringing chamber via caged steps was interesting, but the bells were none too easy. By the time we reached Arkesden we were tired and enthusiasm for finding keys had waned. The belfry door was locked, so we made our made home a little earlier.

Wednesday was our 'easy' day and after a good ring at Newport (6) we had time for



Kilifi Memorial Church, Kenya, where it is proposed to hang a ring of six. The appeal of Mr. W. F. P. Kelly for assistance towards meeting the cost of the bells—estimated at £3,200—appeared in our issue of July 28th (page 511). Donations to Mrs. Kelly, secretary/treasurer, Kilifi Church, P.O. Box 29, Kilifi, Kenya.

coffee. Manuden (5) had knotty ropes, but was otherwise quite good, while Stansted has a picturesque tower, but the eight bells are odd struck. Great Easton's six are very nice and refreshments offered by a local lady were welcomed. At Great Dunmow we had a short but good ring on the delightful eight before making for our various places of accommodation. The cyclists were ferried in by car and Jane Cook joined us for the evening at 'The Saracen's Head,' where we had a most enjoyable 'Summer Dinner and Reunion.'

Thursday was another busy day but we got off to a poor start at High Easter (6), where the tenor clapper was missing, but Great Waltham (8) made up for our disappointment and here the ringing was quite good. At Little Waltham (6) we rang half-muffled before making our way to Broomfield's circular tower, where we enjoyed a good six. After lunch at Great Baddow (8), we didn't do justice to the bells, but at Sandon (6) Waltham Delight was rung a little late in the day. Danbury (6) meant a long uphill climb for the cyclists, but both the view and the bells were much appreciated. Maldon's triangular tower was disappointing, but nevertheless the ring of eight was enjoyed and with help a fair course of Cambridge was rung.

By Friday the party had started to thin out, but we started well at Goldhanger (8), although the second slipped wheel twice—apparently for the first time in its history! At Tollesbury the Rector rang with us on the nice little six, and the Rector was again a ringer at Tolleshunt D'Arcy (6), but here we found the bells rather noisy and out of tune. S.L.H. 118 was mis-navigated, not for the first time, on the way to Inworth's (5) brick tower. The excellent lunch time 'refreshment' stood us in good stead at both Feering (8) and Kelvedon (6), but Witham's Chipping Hill were a beautiful eight. Great Totham (6) proved difficult to find, but well worth it both for the ringing and the organ. A memorable week was brought to an end by singing the Magnificat, accompanied by David.

Memories of such a wonderful week are many, but 'The West' were thoroughly beaten at 'arrows' for the first time ever, and the battle of the sexes was also prominent this year. It is hard to decide who won the rounds in ringing, driving and navigation, but it will suffice to say that the lads preferred the comparative safety of bicycles or the sports car, while the girls were in charge of the saloon! We must all thank Michael for his tireless and excellent effort in organisation, and also all the incumbents and ringers who gave us such a welcome.

P. J. B.

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During their 17th annual tour, the Universities Association did a little planning ahead. Arrangements are: Next dinner Manchester, the 1962 tour Shropshire, and the 1963 tour Hampshire.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POINTS FROM PEALS

Dear Sir,—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's articles are interesting and he has tabulated a mass of information, which can be of great use to those who seek details of peals rung in their own particular town or tower. I am sometimes asked how many peals have been rung on a certain ring of bells, but who can supply the answer more quickly and correctly than Mr. Felstead?

Recently the Vicar of Chertsey, who is a ringer, mentioned to me about bygone peals on the bells and the fact that no summary or record is to be found on the walls of the tower or anywhere. During the period 1905-1919 I took part in five peals there, but there have been peals by many bands before and after those dates. The local press and the U.D. Council librarian are also interested, and in order to record church bell history fully I would very much like to obtain details of peals other than the five already mentioned, so that a true record can be available in some complete form.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

SOUND CONTROL

Dear Sir,—In an editorial 'The Rotherham Advertiser' calls attention to the Noise Abatement Society, which advocates among other things that church bell ringing should be restricted to a few minutes before each service and that bell ringing practice should be carried out with mufflers on the bells.

'Do-good' societies, whose members are filled with a burning zeal, continues the editorial, 'are always in danger of developing "crankism" and the Noise Abatement Society appears to be veering that way.'

To meet such possible onslaughts ringers and church authorities everywhere would be well advised to be sure that their house is in order by taking proper measures for sound control, ensuring that a good standard of striking is maintained and that the hours and duration of ringing are reasonable.

If possible rings of bells which are particularly tuneless should be improved and ringing unconnected with local and church affairs at times likely to provide antagonism from tradespeople and commercial offices, etc., avoided.

Once our house is in order, we must then rigorously resist any attack on the church's privilege with respect to the ringing of church bells—particularly on Sundays, local practices and practice meetings.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

EXPLANATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—Would 'J.D.R.', author of the article on the Herefordshire tour, be good enough to explain the final note to his article.

I assume that anything printed in 'The Ringing World' is intended for the general consumption of the Exercise, but I can't, for the life of me, understand that note.—Yours faithfully,

R. TINGLEY.

Harborne, Birmingham.

'LITTLE TREBLE BOB'

Dear Sir,—While experimenting with Treble Bob methods I arrived at a 'Little' Treble Bob course.

	1 2 3 4 5 6
Plain Course:—	2 1 3 4 6 5
(by backstroke treble leads)—	1 2 4 3 5 6
2 3 4 5 6	2 1 4 3 6 5
	2 4 1 6 3 5
5 2 3 6 4	4 2 6 1 5 3
6 5 2 4 3	4 2 1 6 3 5
4 6 5 3 2	2 4 6 1 5 3
3 4 6 2 5	2 6 4 1 3 5
2 3 4 5 6	6 2 1 4 5 3
	6 2 4 1 3 5
	2 6 1 4 5 3
	2 1 6 5 4 3
	1 2 6 5 3 4
	2 1 5 6 4 3
	1 2 5 6 3 4
	1 5 2 3 6 4

Bobs.—Kent T.B. Bobs;
(No singles.)

Maximum number of changes possible in this method is 480.

Calling for a '480':—

2 3 4 5 6
3 4 2 5 6 4
4 2 3 5 6 4
5 4 6 3 2 1
P.L. 3 5 4 2 6 1

(twice repeated).

This may possibly interest some T.B. ringers.
—Yours sincerely,

DAVID G. SMITH.

Mereworth, Kent.

THE EDITOR—THE LOCUM—HOLIDAYS

Dear Sir,—I am quite certain that all readers of 'The Ringing World' were delighted to learn that we have a ringer in our midst capable of being a 'locum,' and I am also certain that they were equally delighted to know that because of this 'our Editor' was able to go on holiday, knowing that the editorial chair was well and truly filled.

To our 'locum' I would like to offer congratulations on the two editions which he edited. I am sure the Editor returned to his chair feeling much refreshed and quite free of complaints from readers.

I noticed in the last edition that some kind friend mentioned my holiday in 'Belfry Gossip.' Whoever it was I would like to say 'Thank you,' and would also like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to all those who helped to make my holiday so enjoyable.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN V. HARDING.

King's Lynn.

NOT MENTIONED

Dear Sir.—Mr. Barnett's letter in a recent issue is interesting.

For a long time, I have thought that if those who ring were given equal status with those who sing, it might be a little less difficult to keep the bells going twice on Sundays.—Yours sincerely,

KITTY WILLERS.

Trumpington, Cambridge.

NOT MENTIONED

Dear Sir,—It is quite true, as Mr. Barnett states, that no mention was made of the ringers in the Bidding Prayer at the enthronement of Dr. Coggan. After mentioning the clergy, the prayer continued, 'Pray we also for the lay readers, churchwardens, church councillors and all who bear office and serve diligently, both men and women in our parishes and religious houses.'

I would like to think that we ringers were included in 'all who bear office and serve diligently.'

Presumably there would be a similar bidding prayer at the enthronement of Dr. Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury! Was any mention made of ringers on that occasion?—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

Clifton, Yorks.

FILM ON BELL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I have had several responses to my letter asking for suggestions re the above and further contributions are welcome.

With the possibility of agitation against church bells a suitable film on bell ringing can be of great value in educating uninformed people about bells and bell ringing in all its aspects.

Since such a film or another film might include a section likely to interest possible recruits, I should be grateful if readers interested would send to me or to the editor for publication, an imaginary narrative, with fictitious characters, relating the experiences of two or more recruits progressing from learning to handle a bell to perhaps ringing their first peal.

This narrative should facilitate the film to bring out the various processes of learning and instruction, in a suitable manner. Perhaps someone might volunteer a prize for the best effort.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Rotherham.

Sawley, Derbyshire

On August 19th the Sawley bellringers held their annual outing and rang at four Derbyshire towers. The first was Edensor (6), in Chatsworth Park, the bells of which have not been rung regularly for eight years. Next came the only eight of the day, at Fairfield, followed by the six at Burbage a short distance away. The last was Chelmorton, where a fifth bell was added last year. We would like to thank all who gave permission to ring, and those ringers who joined us during the afternoon. J. H.

OXFORD.—On Aug. 23rd, at the Church of St. Cross, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela M. Buckle 1, Catherine M. Chapman 2, Elizabeth A. Miller (first Minor) 3, A. Gammon 4, N. D. Deam 5, R. H. Jones (cond.) 6. For the Feast of St. Bartholomew. Also on Sept. 17th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Ivings 1, P. J. Heritage (first of Minor 'inside') 2, J. Venn 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, S. D. Edwards 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday Evensong. Also on Sept. 19th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Iffley, 1,320 Minor (600 Spliced Plain and Little Bob, and 720 Plain Bob): J. M. Swift 1, P. J. Heritage 2, A. Gammon 3, S. D. Edwards 4, D. A. H. Bennett 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6. Rung as a tribute to all the pilots who lost their lives defending our country, during the Battle of Britain.

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MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' TOUR OF THE WEST COUNTRY

THE party assembled on the evening of Friday, August 25th, at 'The George' Hotel, Crewkerne, and before very long the choir was practising the songs that were to become so popular later in the week, in fairly successful opposition to a dance band.

Our first peal attempt was at Crewkerne, where it was discovered that one of the ropes was unpealable. We were treated to a masterly demonstration of how new ropes are put on by leading bell hangers (it is, apparently, professional etiquette to start with the **wrong** end), but after that a peal of Yorkshire was scored without mishap.

After Peter Border had shown us what cider was for, we had a rather hurried journey to Cullompton. Ralph Edwards joined us here, and London Royal was the method called for. Two fire-outs and twenty minutes later the band decided to ring Cambridge instead, and a good peal was the result.

It was through the gathering darkness that most of the band made their way to 'The Bell' Hotel at Barnstaple, where we stayed for three nights. Here we found Jack Phillips firmly entrenched on his native soil, and all proceeded merrily until it was realised, towards midnight, that one carload was still missing. The police were phoned, but it appeared that the absentees had not yet been gaoled. They finally turned up in the small hours, happy and unrepentant, cheerfully explaining that the beer in Cullompton was so good that they didn't like to leave any behind.

A GOOD PEAL

On Sunday, we had the morning off. After lunch, we went to Braunton, which claims to be the biggest village in the country, and where the carved oak pews are absolutely marvellous. Here some of the party spent the hot afternoon ringing a peal of Lincolnshire, which was very well rung, while the non-pealers visited Ilfracombe. They were kindly invited by Derek Jewell to have a ring at Combe Martin.

The scenery between Ilfracombe and Combe Martin is magnificent, as is the tower of Combe Martin Church. It is said that this village has the longest main street in the country. Pealers and non-pealers met up back in Ilfracombe for tea, which had been arranged for us by Jack Phillips, and after tea we visited a place which claimed to be—yes, you've guessed it—the oldest pub. Soon we were ordered to stop playing darts and go and ring, which we did at Holy Trinity Church, Ilfracombe.

Monday morning was one of the highlights of the week, for we rang a peal of Rutland on the fine bells of Pilton. This tower has a long tradition of call change ringing, and the walls are adorned with certificates won at striking competitions—so the band knew they had to be on their mettle, as the striking would be listened to very critically by the local ringers. Here we had our first experience of the West Country tail-end, which is spliced back into the rope and therefore cannot be adjusted. This was overcome by tying knots in the tail-ends, and the band did not disgrace themselves with their striking. There had only been one peal on the bells before, in 1922, called by J. W. Washbrook.

Another even rarer peal tower was visited in the afternoon—Great Torrington. It is believed that the only previous peal here was rung in 1906. The tail-ends again caused trouble here, and the captain of the local band was rather chary about allowing knots to be tied in the ropes, but all these difficulties were somehow overcome, and, after a false start, a first rate peal of Bristol was rung. Some of the non-pealers went bathing at Westward Ho! Meanwhile, a representative of 'The North Devon Journal and Herald' arrived, and took in practically everything we told him without a murmur. For some curious reason, he was specially anxious to delve into Jack Phillips' murky past.

A SARTORIAL LAPSE

I regret to say that an eminent scientist, commonly known as 'lechy-da,' considerably let down the dignity of our party by appearing in a saloon bar in Torrington after the peal

with his shirt tails hanging out. The senior bell hanger was particularly put out at this sartorial lapse. We all went to Bideford in the evening to ring for a short time, and then returned over the 23-arched mediæval bridge to Barnstaple. Derek Jewell had an argument with the police on the way back, but otherwise all was well. The day was completed by a spirited rendering of Dr. Edwards' well known song, 'At the name of Wilfred.'

On Tuesday morning the party converged on Tawstock Church, which is set in breathtakingly beautiful surroundings. The entrance to the central tower is quite unusual, but was safely negotiated by the peal band, who got down to ringing London without any fuss. Inside the church is the old ringers' jug, which bears the inscription, '1812. Success to ye hearty ringers of Tawstock. The youngest ringers shall carry the jug.' The non-pealers soon found out why the youngest ringers had been selected. Tawstock has no inn, and although Bishop's Tawton is only a short distance away across the river, the nearest way to it is close on three miles. As the old song has it:

'Why weep ye by the tide, poor Will?

Why look so pale and thin?

'Alas, good sir,' poor Will replied,

'I cannot get across the tide

To reach the nearest inn;

As for the rest, beyond a doubt,

The reason why I'm pale and thin,

Is that I can't get Stout.'

The junior bell hanger and your correspondent left William weeping by the tide, and undertook the hazardous journey round by the bridge. They finished refreshing themselves just in time to hear the peal come to a sudden end: the seventh clapper had broken when there were only five courses to ring. So they walked briskly back, and were duly picked up.

IN CORNWALL

We then headed for the English/Cornish border, and called in at Clawton on the way to see Rev. J. G. M. Scott. On arriving at Launceston, half the band found that they had been sent to the wrong tower, and had to be rescued, but eventually Pudsey got under way, and despite a number of missed dodges and the sudden appearance of the Vicar holding up a note to say we must finish by 7.30, it was duly rung. After this the band were pleased to be invited by Wilfred Boucher to have a ring at St. Mary's, Launceston, and eventually, after a call at 'The Hole in the Wall' at Bodmin, where Giles Galley and your correspondent were able to revive happy memories of their soldiering days. Truro and 'The Royal' Hotel were reached at a late hour. The choir got going here again, and the health of an eminent churchman was drunk for the third and last time.

On Wednesday morning we went to Carbis Bay, where we were welcomed by Rev. A. S. Roberts. They have just begun work here on the foundations of the new nave. A fast peal of Pudsey Royal was rung, while the non-pealers swam in the sea, and then we were all given an excellent lunch by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, for which we were extremely grateful. We then went on to the tiny church of Towedack, which is in the middle of nowhere particular. The start of the peal was delayed here by a funeral, but eventually the band got going with a peal of Cambridge, which was rung without incident. Meanwhile, the non-pealers completed the alphabet by ringing at Zennor, before going on to Penzance. We should have rung at Penzance, but by the time people had finished eating and drinking, it was too late, as there was a service. So we did some more eating and drinking, and then went back to Truro, where the choir was again in good voice.

A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT

The peal of Superlative in the 'quaint old Cornish town' of Helston on Thursday morning would no doubt have been better if some of the band had gone to bed earlier the previous evening. In the afternoon came the

chief tower of the week, Truro Cathedral. The bells here are difficult to hear inside the tower and do not go as well as they used to, but in spite of this some magnificent Yorkshire Royal was being rung on them when, with only four courses to go, the clapper of the 2nd fell out. This was a great disappointment. It was not until late in the evening, after we had joined the Kenwyn ringers at their practice, that all the members had sufficiently recovered from their disappointment to take part in yet another choir practice.

There was another failure on Friday morning, when Spiced Surprise at Kenwyn was lost fairly early on, due to a rope coming untucked. In the meantime, the junior bell hanger, with local labour, replaced the clapper at Truro. 'It was a joy to watch,' said an eye witness afterwards. 'Mr. Bailey is obviously a real craftsman who loves his job. There was no hurry in his work, nothing slapdash—everything very calm, methodical and unrushed.'

We then journeyed through glorious scenery to Plymouth, where we were met by Tom Myers, and where the magnificent ten at St. Andrew's were soon set going to Yorkshire Royal, which was successfully rung. A rather misty journey brought us to 'The Queen's' Hotel at Exeter, our last resting place. When we got back to the hotel, we found our attempts at conversation considerably damped by the presence of the ubiquitous television, so there was nothing for it but to go to bed.

TWO FAILURES

It is sad to have to record two failures on our last day, 'yet I state but the facts.' Woodbury was the morning tower, where the hanging of the bells came in for much critical appraisal. Rutland was attempted here, and after a false start it settled down quite well, but was marred by the presence of 'Mr. Bob,' and was called round after 2.432 changes. Meanwhile, the senior bell hanger and 'lechy-da' renewed old acquaintances in the neighbourhood.

In the afternoon at Ottery St. Mary we were again delayed by a funeral, and we were here joined by Ralph Edwards—no suggestion of any connection is intended. These beautiful bells are rung from the ground floor of a very fine church, said to be modelled on Exeter Cathedral, and the presence of a lot of visitors was disturbing to the band, who were ringing London—so much so, that the peal eventually 'went up the spout' quite suddenly, after some good ringing.

In the 'Handle Bar' of a nearby inn afterwards various ringers tried their hands at skittles, and then most of us called in at a meeting at Clyst Honiton on our way back to Exeter. Back in the hotel, we met many of Tom Lock's party, who were just starting on their tour, and the lounge was much livelier than on the previous night. On Sunday morning we all went home.

I am sure I speak for all the party when I say, 'Thank you very much, Wilfred, for making all the arrangements for such a wonderfully enjoyable week.' We are also all very grateful to Derek Jewell and Douglas Burnett for their share in the arrangements, and to all others who helped to make this a really memorable tour. W.T.C.

Mr. W. Hibbert and Mr. Frank White have been on holiday in Cornwall, staying with Charlie Sangwin. Just before leaving Bill Hibbert mentioned that he was in a peal attempt of Stedman Cinques the following day. As quick as lightning John Sangwin replied: 'Good job we've rung a brave bit of Stedman this fortnight—will give confidence.'

Four members of the South West Branch of the Devonshire Guild had a memorable day on September 24th when they were able to ring in three Somerset towers—Shepton Beauchamp for morning service, then in the afternoon Grandshire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal at Wells Cathedral and finally South Petherton for evening service. To those who made the arrangements and assisted in the ringing 'W.G.L.' expresses the thanks of the party.

THEY RANG FOR THEIR OWN WEDDING



MR. Trevor Allen Bevis, whose writings on Churches in the Fenland and other areas are well known to our readers, was married at St. Wendreda's Church, March, on September 23rd to Miss June Elizabeth Peel, of March.

Mr. Bevis who is tower-keeper and secretary, has been ringing at St. Wendreda's for 17 years. He taught Miss Peel to ring six years ago. The bridegroom is a member of the staff of 'The Cambridgeshire Times,' and the bride is employed by Barclays Bank Ltd.

Five bridesmaids attended the bride and

the service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. A. C. Turnbull. Immediately after signing the register the happy couple joined their fellow ringers and took part in the ringing of their own wedding bells.

During the afternoon a team of ringers representing the Ely Diocesan Association commenced a peal on the bells and the newly weds departed on their honeymoon, spent in London and the Isle of Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. Bevis will make their home at 'Trevune,' Burrowmoor Road, March.

[Photo: M. G. Tuckett, Chatteris.]

QUARTER PEALS

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Boucher (first quarter) 1, G. Wheeler (first quarter) 2, M. Penney 3, Miss S. Little (first 'inside') 4, E. Sutton (cond.) 5, Miss R. Roworth 6. A welcome to the Rev. R. L. Parker. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. Penney (first of Caters) 1, R. J. Drewett (first of Caters 'inside') 2, Miss M. Wright 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, Dr. H. Craig 5, Dr. G. Roworth 6, P. Minchin 7, R. G. Townsend 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Sept. 17th, at St. Mary's Basilica 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Graeme A. J. Langshaw 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, Wendy A. Nichols 3, John C. Sheehy 4, William D. Watson (first of Minor as cond.) 5, James F. Hammond 6. Pre-wedding compliment to Jim Hammond and Betty McGrath and John Killick and Joan Payne. Also on Sept. 24th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,280 Spliced Minor (Perivale Alliance and Little Bob): J. C. Sheehy 1, G. A. J. Langshaw 2, Wendy A. Nichols 3, J. J. Cummings 4, T. W. Goodyear (cond.) 5, W. D. Watson 6. First in method in Australia at first attempt.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Bull 1, P. Roynon 2, A. Bull (first 'inside') 3, L. Hawkins (first of Triples) 4, E. E. Norris 5, B. D. Price 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, T. E. Mallard 8. For Harvest Festival, and for the silver wedding of ringer of tenor.

WEARE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): J. Brinson 1, A. J. Peters 2, Ann White 3, H. Spencer 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, A. Hooper 6. For Harvest Festival.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Rickwood 1, A. G. Ballam 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, L. Wright 4, C. Stannard 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. H. S. Godwin as Rector of West Stow and Culford.

WINTHORPE, NOTTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. W. Reed 1, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, Miss M. E. Chilton (first of Minor 'inside') 3, Miss E. Rose 4, C. F. Briggs 5, C. W. Reed 6.

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HALF PEAL

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Sept. 16th, 2,520 Oxford T.B. Kent T.B. and Plain Bob: J. Stockbridge 1, T. Phillimore 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, A. Butler 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, B. Luck 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Lawler, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. W. Poolman 1, M. J. Soper 2, A. Price 3, T. Pink 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, W. Poolman (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. V. D. Poolman, mother of the conductor, who died on September 13th.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Monroe 1, D. Ellisdon 2, A. Metters 3, J. E. Burles 4, H. Barnes 5, G. Richins (first 'inside') 6, J. Bagnall 7, A. W. Brooks-bank 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

BOURTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. D. Munday (first in method) 1, H. J. Ralph 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, Rev. R. N. Long-ridge (first quarter) 4, J. J. Gray 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Arranged to enable the Rev. R. N. Long-ridge, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and secretary of the North Dorset Branch, to ring his first quarter in the tower of his own parish.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Gillian M. Hussey 1, Rosemary E. Smith 2, Kathleen M. Exell 3, Peggy Dando 4, Mary Powell (first in method) 5, Monica Horsman 6, Hilda M. Kingcott 7, Elizabeth A. G. Bowden (first at cond.) 8.

BROWNEA, POOLE, DORSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. Moggs (first of Minimus) 1, Judith Harding 2, R. Robertson 3, A. Buswell 4. First on four bells for 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the ceremony of Beating the Bounds of Poole Harbour.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On July 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. F. Clayton 1, P. M. Dawson 2, W. Lee 3, S. B. Schofield 4, J. M. Dixon 5, P. Wheatley 6, F. A. Munday 7, R. J. Lumley (cond.) 8. Rung following the wedding of Roger and Kathleen Waddington, both members of the local company.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Peggy M. Butcher 1, Betty M. Butler 2, A. W. Fuller 3, D. Slater 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. A welcome to Martin Nicholas: John, son of ringer of 4th and Mrs. Slater, born September 11th.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Hilary M. Johnson 1, Gillian Tavener 2, D. J. Marshall 3, H. M. Johnson 4, M. J. V. Chown 5, P. I. Chapman 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7. For Evensong.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. W. Sykes 1, K. R. Goodall 2, Catherine Bradley 3, Jennifer R. Brown 4, R. Bradbury 5, L. Goodall (cond.) 6.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Irene Ellsmore 1, E. Smith 2, E. Chillingford 3, C. Lewis 4, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, W. Morgan (first quarter) 6.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hayward 1, Judith White 2, Marion Wash 3, H. Gardner 4, T. Wickins 5, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 3.

EDINGTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Banks 1, D. Humphries 2, R. Purnell (cond.) 3, R. Lovelock 4, P. Gaisford 5, M. Wilmott 6.

ELING, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: A. R. Cope (first quarter) 1, Ronda Purkess 2, Mavis Coffin 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, C. M. White (cond.) 5, P. R. Parsons 6. For Harvest Festival.

ELSTREE, HERTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.): J. D. Chamberlain 1, A. T. Hawkins 2, Miss C. Bland 3, Miss J. Bunyan 4, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 5, Miss C. M. Rimmer 6. First of Treble Bob and in two methods for 1 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples (Holt's Original): Mrs. E. J. Coode 1, Miss C. Lawrence 2, G. Clarke (first 'inside') 3, P. Clarke 4, E. J. Coode 5, J. Sims 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung for Evensong, and Battle of Britain Commemoration.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: R. H. Mills 1, P. N. Murgatroyd 2, D. P. Treble 3, V. W. Cox 4, P. J. Joyce 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. For Harvest Festival, also a farewell to P. N. Murgatroyd, on going up to Bristol University.

QUARTER PEALS

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Rivers (first quarter 1, Nicholai Stroud (first 'inside') 2, Katy Collard (first 'inside') 3, D. Debenham (first 'inside') 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, J. Hagley 6, P. G. Stroud 7, H. Jones 8. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all the band and first quarter by an all Godalming band. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Hudson 1, Miss R. Millham 2, C. Cooper 3, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 4, J. Brandon 5, H. Carter 6, D. Symonds 7, J. Roast (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also as a 79th birthday compliment to Dr Spencer-Phillips, and as a farewell to C. Cooper, who is leaving the district.

GREAT WYMONDELEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise: W. J. Croft 1, Miss J. Croft 2, A. Jackson 3, G. Cherry 4, L. Runnacles 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

GRISTON, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. E. G. Banham 1, W. M. Mann 2, E. R. Shingfield 3, R. C. Button 4, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 5. For a memorial service to Mark Whitmore, for nearly 40 years churchwarden and a ringer at this tower.

HEATHFIELD, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Joan L. Taylor 1, W. J. Nurcombe (first on five) 2, G. Sparks 3, J. J. Ford 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Bond 1, H. Gates 2, Miss D. Kench 3, Miss S. Williams 4, G. Rees 5, A. Kench (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hibbert 1, Mrs. D. Pearce 2, C. J. Hibbert 3, R. W. Rex 4, J. W. Hibbert 5, J. H. Napper 6, G. K. Dodd (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. F. Crook 8.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford T.B. and 720 Spliced Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars and Oxford Treble Bob): R. Mills 1, C. Froggott and S. Meredith 2, B. Mills and R. Blackshaw 3, D. Armstrong 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HOLT, WILTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (in six methods): J. Nibbs (first quarter) 1, P. Gaisford 2, R. Humphries 3, D. Stillman 4, R. Purnell 5, D. Nibbs 6. Conducted by R. Purnell and R. Humphries. First quarter in six methods for all the band.

LEEK, STAFFS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,380 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Dowel (cond.) 1, G. Wilkinson 2, Miss V. Gould 3, Miss M. Haycock 4, Rev. B. Peel 5, M. Vass 6. First quarter 3 and 4. For Evensong. A farewell to the Vicar, Ven. G. Youell.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 24th, 1,259 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grand-sire, April Day): Shan Williams (first quarter) 1, N. A. James 2, Hazel Everitt 3, Penelope J. Welch 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, R. J. H. Simon (first quarter) 6. First in four methods for all.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral, on Sept. 10th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: E. J. Rowe 1, J. G. A. Prior 2, J. Rae 3, T. N. J. Bailey 4, J. D. L. Richards 5, W. T. Cook (cond.) 6, A. Rogers 7, B. Baker 8, M. V. Chilcott 9, J. Phillips 10. For Evensong.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss M. Read 1, Mrs. Dobson 2, Miss P. Goddard 3, F. Tonge (cond.) 4, R. F. Brewer 5, B. Pickford 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 6.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, Sept. 24th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: D. J. Worth 1, Mary Worth 2, E. F. Potts 3, Mrs. J. Brocklehurst 4, D. A. Henshaw 5, D. Pearson 6, J. Worth (cond.) 7, A. A. Potts 8, G. Farrar 9, D. Henshaw 10. For the Harvest Festival.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob: J. E. Honeywood (first quarter, aged 13) 1, F. Southgate 2, W. Barnes 3, A. Honeywood 4, B. Fairhead 5, A. E. Honeywood (cond.) 6. Rung for the 70th birthday of Mr. F. Southgate.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Kennington and Plain Bob): Olwen Quint (first on treble) 1, T. Phillips 2, Mary Powell 3, Jennifer Brake 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. In memory of Mrs. D. Luccasi.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Jackson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Perry (first 'inside') 2, F. Lane 3, W. Cropey 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 17th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): C. Lambertson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, F. Burgess 3, T. Jennings 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, Miss V. Dawson 6, G. J. Roome (cond.) 7, B. Hughes 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Delia M. Miller and Mr. Tony Billingham.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Stead 1, Miss R. Reay 2, N. Hayes 3, H. Smith 4, D. Forder (cond.) 5, D. Jackson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. C. Emery, Mrs. M. Smith (ringer and wife of Mr. H. Smith) and Mr. L. Pern.

PATRINGTON, EAST YORKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Rodmell (cond.) 1, L. Marriott 2, D. Fewster 3, H. Rodmell 4, J. Thompson 5, T. Robinson 6, H. Crook 7. For Evensong.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Adcock 1, C. A. Thompson 2, C. R. Calton 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, L. J. Minns 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6, A. Roper cover. Rung as a farewell to ringer of 3rd, who is leaving the district for Peterborough, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Martin 1, D. Brookes 2, A. Millidge 3, M. Uphill 4, B. Bull 5, J. Perrett (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

RAINFORD, LANCs.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. T. D. Roughley (first quarter) 1, T. D. Roughley 2, W. F. Green (first 'inside') 3, B. Gore 4, I. Ellison (cond.) 5, E. Roughley 6. To celebrate the enthronement of the Archbishop of York.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss A. M. Goddard 1, R. Goodship 2, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 3, G. J. Blower 4, E. J. Blower 5, P. H. Avey 6, G. D. J. Sandwell 7, W. F. Ward 8. To commemorate the ordination as Deacon this day at Chelmsford Cathedral of John Morrison.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. West 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, W. Dunn 3, M. Atfield (first of Major 'inside') 4, G. West 5, G. Olliver 6, F. E. Roberts 7, B. Cracknell 8. A compliment to Freda and Alan Streeter, who were married this day.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grand-sire): Joan Gaine (first quarter) 1, F. Lawrence 2, B. Spiers 3, C. Haylings 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, C. Halling 6. Rung to mark the completion of the Bishop of Worcester's pilgrimage to the parish.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Angela Rimmer (first quarter) 1, Celia Bland 2, Alison Macfarlane (first as cond.) 3, P. Atkinson 4, Christine Rimmer 5, R. Last 6. For Harvest Festival.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. F. Brown 1, Miss H. Muirhead 2, T. R. Dennis 3, B. D. Threlfall 4, D. F. Murfet 5, G. Lucas 6, G. Pratt 7, J. G. Gipson (cond.) 8. For Matins.

SCOTTON, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire and Plain Bob Doubles: H. Millar 1, Miss P. Williamson 2, H. G. Smithson 3, D. E. Rust Andrews 4, W. C. Medler (cond.) 5, G. Bircham 6. For Harvest Festival.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,320 Doubles (Grand-sire and Plain Bob): Carol Norman 1, K. H. Mildred 2, D. W. Stenson 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, N. R. May 6. For Evensong.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Swain 1, P. M. Layley 2, H. Wittering 3, D. Taplin 4, W. Brown 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, W. Munson cover. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Elizabeth Booth (first quarter) 1, Meriel Purslow (first quarter) 2, Christine Glover 3, Sheila Hodson 4, H. Hodson 5, W. Buckley 6, E. Young (cond.) 7, A. Purslow 8. For the ordination of Rev. W. H. Goldstraw at Lichfield Cathedral this day.

STRADBROKE SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Barrett 1, Muriel R. Page 2, J. W. Blythe 3, D. Vincent 4, W. W. Miller 5, W. J. Button 6, L. G. Brett (cond.) 7, E. E. Etheridge 8. For Evensong.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, H. J. Eldred 2, C. H. Wood 3, D. J. Woodhams 4, J. Rank 5, H. M. Williamson 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For Harvest Festival.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Gigg 1, G. Sparks 2, F. J. Casley 3, J. E. Brewer 4, N. J. Maggs 5, E. H. Langley 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, W. T. Jeanes 8. A compliment to E. H. Langley on his 60th birthday and also 35th wedding anniversary.

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The 200th anniversary of the casting and hanging of the six bells at Upham, Hants, was marked by a special service in the Parish Church on September 17th. With the Bishop's permission, in place of the sermon Mr. L. W. Stead, the Southampton District chairman, gave an address on 'Bells and Bellringing.' Ringers from St. Mary's, Southampton, and Bitterne Park, Eling and North Stoneham rang before and after the service. A letter of thanks has been received by the Southampton District from the Rector (the Rev. A. Catley) thanking the District for their practical interest in the anniversary.

The death has occurred at Donington, Lines, of Mr. George Dawson, aged 97, who was for some years a ringer at this church.

Mr. Alick Cutler has completed 250 peals on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden. Few have surpassed such faithfulness to one tower.

The Ladies' Guild rang a very good quarter of Plain Bob Major at Bristol Cathedral on September 11th, conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth A. G. Bowden.

Congratulations to our well known contributor Trevor A. Bevis on his marriage to another member of St. Wendreda's, March, band.

The College Youths rang a peal at Bishop's Stortford on September 16th to honour the 90th birthday of probably their oldest member, Mr. William T. Prior.

Mr. A. J. Culley, ringing captain at St. John's, Devizes, since 1942 and a ringer for 30 years, is dead. An in memoriam quarter was rung on September 25th.

Mr. Peter S. Bennett is no longer a teenager. At Halewood, Lancs, a band of teenagers rang him out of their ranks with a quarter peal, on his last day in their ranks.

Miss J. E. Armstrong, of Morpeth, acknowledges letters on the local curfew received by her from Mr. A. J. Davey, Godmanchester, Hunts; Mr. Ernest Morris, Leicester; and Mr. W. R. Birchall, Huyton.

BELFRY GOSSIP

From Dorset we hear a happy story concerning Mr. W. F. P. Kelly, now in Kilifi, Kenya. When last on leave in England he spent about two months cleaning rust off the metal frame in a six bell tower near Beaminster. He then cleaned out the tower and painted the frame. Needless to say, he was a practising ringer and we hope he soon will be again at Kilifi.

Pucklechurch, Bristol, band have lost their captain, Mr. Tom Mitchell. He had been a ringer for 70 years.

Congratulations to Mr. Wilfred Lee on completing 50 years' service as a ringer at St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, Yorks.

The reunion of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers took place on August Monday and not as stated on page 595 of the 'R.W.' The error is regretted.

The Rector and local ringers referred to in Mr. E. Warner's letter on page 639 are those of Oakham. Mr. Warner regrets the omission. Their act was very much appreciated.

Leek, Staffs, is losing two of its band, Miss V. Gould and Miss M. Haycock, who are going to college. There are hopes that it will not be long before recruits will build up the band.

The 50th anniversary of the installation of Hillingdon bells is being celebrated on October 21st when the Bishop of Kensington will give the address at a joint meeting of three Guilds—Middlesex, Oxford and Ladies'. An invitation to tea has been received from local folk, and a big attendance is expected.

On September 24th, eight Leicestershire ringers attempted a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major for the Harvest Festival service at King's Norton. The tenor of the rough going eight, which were hung in the present frame in 1741, is 21 cwt. Unfortunately the tenor rope cast wheel two courses from the end and set itself. The ringing was of a good standard and the band were: G. W. Mason 1, C. Faulkes 2, J. E. Cooke 3, E. Morris 4, J. M. Jelly (cond.) 5, B. S. Chapman 6, R. B. Smith 7, R. K. Mason 8.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS 5
REV. GILES C. GALLEY 2	BARRIE HENDRY 6
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
WILLIAM T. COOK 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	DEREK P. JONES 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 2	PHILIP MEHEW 7
BARRIE HENDRY 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 4	PETER BORDER 9
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

BRAUNTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sun., Aug. 27, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANNOCK.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	GWILYM SALMON 5
PETER BORDER 2	BARRIE HENDRY 6
PHILIP N. TUBBS 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PILTON, DEVON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1961, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	REV. GILES C. GALLEY 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	GWILYM SALMON 6
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
WILLIAM T. COOK 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal of Major on the bells.

GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	PETER BORDER 5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 6
PHILIP MEHEW 3	BARRIE HENDRY 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 29, 1961, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	GWILYM SALMON 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 6
REV. GILES C. GALLEY 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
WILLIAM T. COOK 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 2	PHILIP MEHEW 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	BARRIE HENDRY 8
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 4	DEREK P. JONES 9
REV. GILES C. GALLEY 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1961, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWINNOCK,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	GWILYM SALMON 5
PHILIP N. TUBBS 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 7
PHILIP MEHEW 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

HELSTON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. Treble	PETER BORDER 5
PHILIP N. TUBBS 2	GWILYM SALMON 6
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
WILLIAM T. COOK 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

First peal on these bells since their restoration.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	PHILIP N. TUBBS 6
PHILIP MEHEW 2	GWILYM SALMON 7
REV. GILES C. GALLEY 3	BARRIE HENDRY 8
WILLIAM T. COOK 4	DEREK P. JONES 9
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 5	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TEN BELL PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

RODERICK W. PIPE Treble	DAVID J. PURNELL 6
*LINDA M. HUGHES 2	HENRY H. FEARN 7
PAUL W. WEBB 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 8
ALMA M. GREAVES 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
*ANN E. FELLOWS 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 9).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

Rung for Mary Funnell and Paul Burn, who were married here this day.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS .. Treble	MICHAEL GATHERCOLE 6
OLIVE L. ROGERS 2	ERIC T. LEE 7
HAROLD W. ROGERS 3	REGINALD F. CROOK 8
DENNIS A. HEWITT 4	*ARTHUR SAYERS 9
REGINALD W. REX 5	*GEOFFREY K. DODD Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* 50th peal together.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and as a birthday compliment to Christopher Rogers, both of which fall on September 27th.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN O. WELLER Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	RALPH BIRD 8
TREVOR A. CROSS 4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 9
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
First peal of Caters in the method as conductor.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

ERNEST G. PEARCE Treble	JAMES B. MORLEY 6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE 8
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 4	RODERICK W. PIPE 9
ROGER L. K. WHITTILL .. 5	LESLIE N. MELION Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 13).

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

*ARTHUR PAYNE Treble	THOMAS WITTS 6
*MARY PRYOR 2	JACK PRYOR 7
TREVOR PRITCHARD .. 3	†LEONARD EDWARDS .. 8
†PETER CLARKSON .. 4	LESLIE BARRY 9
†GEOFFREY GREEN .. 5	†VIVIAN DEANE Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First on ten bells.

Rung for the birth of a grandson to Trevor Pritchard, captain of the local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1961, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Pudsey and Lincolnshire: with 110 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. Treble	*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5
JOHN H. FIELDEN 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 6
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 4	*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal in eight Surprise Major methods.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1961, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-Part.	Tenor 10 cwt. 63 lb. in F sharp.
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. Treble	WILLIAM TYSON 5
*MICHAEL ARMSTRONG .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 6
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 3	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 7
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 4	FREDERICK ROSS Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal 'inside'.

Rung as a compliment to Eileen Westgarth (a former ringer at this church) and William Stephenson, who were married here immediately prior to the peal.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 11, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5056 ASPENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN G. AMES Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 7
RONALD C. NOON 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all.

In memory of George Dawson (aged 97), for some years a ringer at this church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1961, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 CLAYBROKE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 2	†ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
*ALICK CUTLER 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PRISTOW. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 250th peal on the bells. † 150th Surprise Major method for a peal. 400th peal on the bells for the Association. First in the method by all, and for the Association.

FYLLINGDALES, ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DONALD G. MURRAY (13) Treble	EDWARD HUDSON 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	JOHN A. BROWN 6
WILLIAM HUDSON 3	FRED HODGSON 7
BERT SUTTON 4	THOMAS M. COX Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

* First peal.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT BISCOP,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part (Heywood's variation).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 5
CHARLES EYRE 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
E. MARION KEY 4	FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung to welcome a daughter, born this day to Jean (née Eyre) and Nigel Millward (first grandchild of the ringer of the second).

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	RONALD C. NOON 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

First peal in the method by all. Mr. J. M. Thorley has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 18, 1961, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

EILEEN M. FEARN Treble	*WALTER SHERRATT .. 5
*NORMAN SHERRATT .. 2	*ROY WORRALL 6
CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. 3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 7
BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 4	ROBERT B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the dedication of the new church organ by the Bishop of Stockport, the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders-Davies, on the previous Sunday.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 19, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

ALFRED J. HOUSE Treble	ERNEST J. BLOWER .. 5
GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. 2	ROY D. TOMLIN 6
JANET ROWE 3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. 7
PHILIP H. AVEY 4	WILLIAM F. WARD Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HALLETT.

First peal in the method by all except the treble ringer. First of Triples as conductor.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination as priest of the Rev. G. W. Hatch, Rector. Also a 73rd birthday compliment to P. H. Avey.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 4 Hours and 24 Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1,120 Bristol, 896 Pudsey, 864 Superlative, 768 Cambridge, 704 London and 672 Hereford; with 132 changes of method.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 5
BRIAN BLADON .. 2	PHILIP MEHEW .. 6
RONALD F. DISERENS .. 3	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 7
FRANK L. HARRIS .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Spliced on the bells.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

DAVID S. M. JONES .. Treble	ROBERT WAKE .. 5
MARION J. PAGE .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 6
ALEXANDER PAGE .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 7
E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 4	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Rung for the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 19, 1961, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

CAROL FERNLEY .. Treble	NEIL BENNETT .. 5
EILEEN M. FEARN .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 6
BASIL JONES .. 3	ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
JOHN ROBINSON .. 4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

Rung in memory of Herbert Barlow, of Oldham.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1961, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

At the Watch Tower.

A PEAL OF 5024 NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

ALAN R. PATTERSON .. Treble	*ERIC N. HARRISON .. 5
JOHN E. ANDERSON .. 2	ROBIN G. TURNER .. 6
CHARLES N. LEA .. 3	FREDERICK ROSS .. 7
*GEORGE S. DEAS .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* 100th peal together. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 768 London, 704 Bristol, 576 each of Ealing and Rutland, 480 each of Watford and Wembley, and 288 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 136 changes of method.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	*DENNIS KNOX .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. 6
JOHN R. MAYNE .. 3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
*MRS. T. J. LOCK .. 4	*THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 11 methods.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5056 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. 2	†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 6
*ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	*GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
*FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor, and on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Justin le Saux, grandson of the ringer of the fourth; also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E.

*ELEANOR DOLOUGHAN .. Treble	GEORFFREY TEMBEY .. 5
HAROLD N. TEMBEY .. 2	JAMES BUTTERFIELD .. 6
*VERA C. BELL .. 3	*ERNEST BOUMPHREY .. 7
JOSEPH LING .. 4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First in the method on the bells. This composition contains the 6th the extent at home.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Archbishop of York; also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Tembey on the occasion of their ruby wedding anniversary.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

NORAH M. RANLDES .. Treble	PETER A. SHARP .. 5
CYNTHIA BIBBY .. 2	GEORGE H. RANLDES .. 6
*ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. 3	JOHN WALDEN .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 4	GEORFFREY PAUL .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

A compliment to the ringers of the second and third upon their engagement.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

EDWARD W. ROAST .. Treble	JAMES L. TOWLER .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 6
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 7
PETER J. EVES .. 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

PETER T. DALE .. Treble	ALAN G. KIRK .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. 2	CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 6
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3	JOHN ROBINSON .. 7
†ANNE P. SMITH .. 4	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER T. DALE.

* 50th peal. † First of Major 'inside.' First as conductor on eight bells.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

ANN BARR .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 6
ALAN E. BAGWORTH .. 3	PETER BERESFORD .. 7
MICHAEL ELSON .. 4	DENIS BERESFORD .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS BERESFORD.

A compliment to Robert J. Warrilow and Cynthia Bibby on their engagement.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART .. Treble	JOHN R. HOBBS .. 5
PERCIVAL R. YOUNG .. 2	DAVID J. BARNETT .. 6
*PATRICIA A. BURT .. 3	ALAN F. LEE .. 7
TERENCE J. MILSON .. 4	†LESLIE J. COX .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. 100th peal on the bells: the first tower in Somerset to reach this total.

Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer—49½ years a member of the choir, 40 years a ringer, 24 years as P.C.C. secretary.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 15, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
*BRIAN D. SAYERS Treble | GERALD W. EDWARDS .. 4
ANNE J. BULLARD 2 | JOHN CLEMENTS 5
THOMAS COOPER 3 | R. GEORGE MORRIS Tenor
Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

* First peal.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.
PETER M. DAWSON Treble | PERCY WHEATLEY 4
JOAN M. DAWSON 2 | BARRY SULLIVAN 5
WILFRED LEE 3 | ROGER J. LUMLEY Tenor
Conducted by PETER M. DAWSON.

First peal of Oxford Minor for all.

A compliment to Wilfred Lee on completing 50 years as a member of the local company; also to Roger Lumley on his 20th birthday.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.
WILLIAM HORNBY Treble | HENRY PARKER 4
A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD 5
HILARY L. HORN 3 | PETER W. HORN Tenor
Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

The conductor has now called peals on all the bells in the tower.

HADDENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Netherseale, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.
ARTHUR YARROW Treble | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 4
*GEORGE WALKER 2 | GEORGE E. THODAY 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3 | MANSFIELD GINN Tenor
Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First of seven Surprise Minor.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Childwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.
*ANNE P. SMITH Treble | BRIAN SCHOFIELD 4
CHRISTINE MACNAIR .. 2 | †JOHN ROBINSON 5
ALAN G. KIRK 3 | †PETER T. DALE Tenor
Conducted by PETER T. DALE.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal together. First in seven methods as conductor.

QUEDGLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 19 methods in seven spliced extents, as follows: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) York and Durham Surprise, (3) Primrose, Berwick and Hexham Surprise, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Single Oxford, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 69 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt.
IVOR GOULTER Treble | *NOEL R. WAITE 4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2 | CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
GEOFFREY R. DREW 3 | PETER T. HURCOMBE .. Tenor
Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal in more than seven methods.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
DAVID T. MAULTBY Treble | ALBERT E. FLATTERS 4
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 2 | ALAN G. PAYNE 5
JOSEPH W. BAILY 3 | JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Tenor
Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Alan G. Payne has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. E. Flatters.

WOULDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 18, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Ipswich, (2) Norwich, (3) Surfleet, (4 and 5) Beverley, (6 and 7) Cambridge. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.
PETER BORER Treble | MONTY W. GILBERT 4
MARTIN L. HOWE 2 | BERNARD GROVES 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 3 | TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor
Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CHILTERN TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble | RAYMOND G. SMITH 4
FRANK C. PRICE 2 | JOHN R. MAYNE 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 3 | GERALD PENNEY Tenor
Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

PYTCHELY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MATTHEW'S DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
GEORGE F. ROOME Treble | *MURRAY A. COLEMAN .. 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2 | TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 4
PERCY AMOS Tenor
Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal of Doubles. First in the method.
Rung on the eve of the Festival of St. Matthew.

TORQUAY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1961, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, TOR MOHUN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
A. WILLIAM MYERS Treble | WILLIAM J. HARVEY 4
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 2 | D. ROY BOULD 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 3 | WILLIAM G. LAVERS Tenor
Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

Probably the first peal of Minor on the bells.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1961, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure and April Day, and 12 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.
*IRENE ELLSMORE (13) .. Treble | JOHN HOPE 4
COLIN A. LEWIS 2 | †A. BRYAN ELLSMORE .. 5
ROBERT HATCHER 3 | *REGINALD J. PREECE .. Tenor
Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

* First peal. † 50th peal, and for the Guild.

DARRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*STUART CORSON Treble | †FRANK GLEDHILL 4
†C. BARRIE DOVE 2 | †WM. H. BOSTOCK 5
GEORGE DYSON 3 | †JOHN A. SYKES Tenor
Conducted by JOHN A. SYKES.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First as conductor.
Rung in memoriam Mr. T. Tate, late verger of All Saints', Pontefract.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.
FRANK TAYLOR Treble | JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 4
*KEITH R. DAVEY 2 | *ROGER D. BAILEY 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3 | ALAN G. PAYNE Tenor
Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in five methods. The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle.'

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: (1) Double Bob, (2) Oxford T.B., (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*CLARE CHAMBERS .. Treble	STANLEY HUCKLE .. 4
*A. JAMES COLE .. 2	GERALD PENNEY .. 5
MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 3	JOHN G. CULL .. Tenor

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

* First peal in five methods. † First of Minor. The ringer of the tower has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. W. Lawrence, Vicar of Kimpton.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Ipswich and Norwich and three of Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

T. CHRISTOPHER R. BELL .. Treble	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 4
MICHAEL J. DYER .. 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. Tenor

Composed by MANSFIELD GINN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding this day of Trevor A. Bevis and June Peel, both members of this tower.

STOCKBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of April Day, 12 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, five of Grandsire and 17 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*KENNETH B. WILLIAMSON Treble	†JAMES DAVEY .. 3
†FREDERICKA R.D. UNDERHILL 2	§PETER M. WILKINSON .. 4

ALBERT J. DUNK .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.

* First peal away from tenor. † First 'inside.' ‡ First in four methods. § First of Doubles. First as conductor.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1961, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

LORNA DOONE .. Treble	*MARGARET WITNEY .. 3
WILLIAM R. CHANDLER .. 2	RONALD J. BROWN .. 4

BARBARA FISHER .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD J. BROWN.

* First peal.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band as a compliment to Mr. Victor J. C. Dale (ringer and steeplekeeper at this church) and Miss Dorothy K. Saunders (ringer of Findon, Sussex), who were married at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Findon, earlier in the day.

HANDBELL PEALS

WIGSTON · MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Sept. 10, 1961, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 24, MANOR STREET,

A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In three methods: 1,064 Little Bob, 3,808 Plain Bob and 132 Gainsborough Little Bob; with 239 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY .. 5—6
JOHN A. ACRES .. 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS .. 7—8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AND

THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1961, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,

AT THE HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being four extents each of Primrose, Old, St. Columb, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and six of Grandsire. Tenor size 15 in C.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY .. 1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 3—4
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RUPERT A. CLARKE .. 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

OUTINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The 15th annual outing on September 9th was almost perfection—a lovely day, good bells and nearly perfect timing. The coffee break just spoilt the punctual arrival at Privett. There was an awkward moment during the raise, when the rope coiled round a young member and lifted him off the floor. The 'alleged' rough going octave was found to be quite good. At Alresford we found the locals waiting, with the bells up, and some good ringing was enjoyed, while the hungry in the cafes ate and listened. An hour on the six in their squat tower at Ropley passed all too soon and we were away through the lanes in an abortive attempt to get a 'grab' at Froxfield.

After a good meal at 'The Welcome Inn,' Petersfield bells were put to good use for an hour, then on to Rogate with a good six in a wooden tower. Here the clock has to be wound up, or the weight fouls the second bell. The last tower was the pretty little octave at Easebourne, where the Vicar kindly showed the company round the church and the remains of the old Priory. A touch of Superlative made us late away on the trek for home, but everyone was happy after a good day, and after the other sort of 'rounds' in 'The Cowdray Arms,' we had a certain air hostess crawling on her hands and knees in the coach, but only in search of a 'lost' hand-bag! C. A. B.

LEYLAND

St. Andrew's Leyland, ringers had an all-day outing on August 19th. First ringing was at a noted tower, St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne. The A.57 road was then followed via Glossop and the Snake Pass to the Ordnance Arms Hotel, Hathersage, for lunch.

Two Derbyshire towers were selected for the afternoon—All Saints', Bakewell, and Fairfield. After a picnic tea there was an hour's ringing from the ground floor at St. Mary's, Cheadle.

FURNESS RINGERS' OUTING

September 16th saw the Furness and South Westmorland ringers in the Southport area. We were blessed with a fine but very windy day, and arrived at the first tower, Leyland, in good time. Soon the fine Gillett ten were being rung (too slowly, apparently) to various methods. At Eccleston touches in methods up to Cambridge were rung on the odd-struck but pleasant six. Here, too, the flower bedecked church was much admired.

Parbold's 19th century church stands in a beautiful setting, but the ringing members of the party had little time for gazing, especially when the wind was howling with icy blasts round every corner. A course of Yorkshire was managed, whilst the non-ringers played the organ and sang. Southport was reached early in the afternoon, and after a few hours spent in various bays, the part met to ring at Christ Church. The bells here are a fine sounding eight by Mears and Stainbank. Again Yorkshire was attempted and successfully brought round. At an early hour the whole party, tired but happy, climbed into the coach for the long journey home, to the accompaniment of handbells and various other forms of music. Our thanks are due to the organisers, the incumbents and local ringers.

W. G. W.

ELLAND, YORKS

Elland ringers enjoyed their outing in Wensleydale on August 19th. The route was via Harrogate, Ripley, Grantley Hall (where some of the company attended a course), Kirby Malzeard and Marsham, to the first tower, Middleham, where there is a good ring of eight. From Middleham we made our way to East Witton for tea at the Red Lion, followed by an evening of good ringing at the church there. We look forward to our next visit to this delightful part of Yorkshire.

D. S.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

For the first time in living memory the North Berks Branch held their autumn meeting at Letcombe Regis on September 23rd. The service in St. Andrew's Church was conducted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. M. F. Gibbs, the lesson was read by Major J. K. C. Cross, and the address was given by Canon H. Pickles, the Rector of East Hendred. One of the local residents said afterwards that she had not heard such lusty singing during the whole of the 25 years she had worshipped at the church!

After the service the company of 102 (one of the largest numbers at a Branch meeting for some time) had tea in the Village Hall, which was served by members of the P.C.C. At the business meeting the proposed memorial to be placed in St. Nicholas' Church, Abingdon, to the memory of the late Albert E. Lock, for many years honorary secretary and treasurer of the Branch, was discussed. The honorary secretary (Mr. G. W. Bishop) said that he regretted having to report that no progress appeared to have been made in making the locker seat, which it had been agreed was the form the memorial should take, and the meeting agreed to ask the contractors to do their utmost to complete the work in time for the memorial to be dedicated on November 26th, when other memorials to the late Mr. Lock were to be dedicated.

It was agreed to hold the annual meeting of the Branch at Appleton on May 26th. The thanks of the Branch to the churchwardens and P.C.C. for their hospitality were expressed by Miss M. R. Cross, the honorary general secretary.

After the meeting ringing took place at Childrey, Ardington, West Hannev and Wantage, and at Letcombe Regis, where ringing has recently been restarted after the bells have been silent for some years. K. L.

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ENGAGEMENT

LEWIS—HILEY.—The engagement is announced between Frank, only son of Mrs. D. F. Lewis, of Reading, Berks. and Eunice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. F. Hiley, of Herisham, Surrey. 8992

MARRIAGE

BOLTER—HALL.—On September 16th, 1961, at St. Peter's Church, Cradley, Kenneth, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bolter, of Lye, and Barbara, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hall, of Cradley, by the Rev. H. L. Davies, Vicar of Cradley. 8974

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The first practice next term is on Wednesday, October 11th, at 8 p.m., at Great St. Andrew's Church. Ringers coming up are welcome. Or contact the secretary, Richard Hough, Jesus College. 8999

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY.—The Registrar asks those members of the College who have not yet sent in their annual return to do so, as soon as possible, please, so that the annual report may be completed. 8981

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, WARWICK.—Please note that the practice night from now on will be on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. 9006

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting **Goldington**, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note change of venue. Amptill meeting postponed. 9008

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held Saturday, October 7th, in conjunction with the North West Branch meeting, at Silverton. Members welcome at service, tea and meeting. —G Skinner, 38, Hanston Road, Exeter. 8993

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Important meeting at Dudley on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting to discuss the future of the Guild. Names to R. A. Peakman, 'Les Cloches', 10, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 8961

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 8943

HEREFORD GUILD AND GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Ross and South Forest Branches, Ross, October 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. 9004

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Joint meeting with South Forest will be held at Ross on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 n.m.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 8975

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, together with cash, please to me. Nominations for District officers same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-District members on receipt of S.A.E.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 8912

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8920

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting, Ashford, Saturday, October 7th. Bells: Great Chart (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m., Willersborough (6) 2.30 to 4. Ashford 3.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C.T.H. 8934

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Business meeting in the Wilton Hall, Bletchley, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service in Bletchley Parish Church 5.30 p.m. Applications for tea tickets, together with remittance of 3s., should be sent to Mr. H. C. Edwards, 42, The Green, Stony Stratford, Bucks. Tickets can be collected from Mr. Edwards at the business meeting. Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8915

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone, Saturday, October 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. A. Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone.—J. Seager, Sec. 8944

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Clayworth (6), Saturday, October 7th. Please bring own tea as no arrangements can be made. Bus from Retford at 2.30 p.m.—H. Denman. 8998

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—A get-together, to arrange a future programme, will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, October 11th at 6 p.m. Bells available. Please come.—W. Pennington, Dis. Sec. 9011

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Castleacre on Wednesday evening, October 11th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend.—C. Tovell, Hon. Branch Sec. 8953

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice, Thursday, October 12th, 7.30 p.m., Porishead. Members and Friends welcome. 8955

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting (including nomination of officers) at 'The Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, October 14th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: October 17th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; October 24th, St. Giles's, Cripplegate, 6.30; October 31st, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30; November 7th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott. 8987

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting to be held at Royston, near Barnsley, on Saturday, October 14th. Please bring food. Cups of tea provided.—J. W. Buxton. 8983

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wootton Courtenay, October 14th. Numbers for tea by the 11th.—A. R. Tudball. 8995

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting Binegar (6), Saturday, October 14th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8973

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Silsoe, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Special methods: Fulbeck and College Exercise. Good bells for all ringers.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 9016

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Pocklington (8), Saturday, October 14th, from 2 p.m. Special Major methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Oxford. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington. 8967

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Saltburn (8) on Saturday, October 14th, at 3 p.m.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 9017

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at East Grinstead, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Corner Cafe', Lewes Road. Names to Mrs. E. M. Hicks, 55, Dorset Avenue.—C. A. Bassett. 9001

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with the CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD, and Cambridge District, on Saturday, October 14th, at Longstanton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 9000

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Rayleigh, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. J. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 8945

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Wivenhoe, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, October 11th, please, to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester. 8938

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Berkeley (10) on Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to B. T. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley, Glos. 8989

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, October 14th. Ninety 3 p.m. Oaksey 6 p.m. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 9002

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Hawley (8) and Yorktown (8), Saturday, October 14th. Ringing: 2.30-4.30 p.m. Hawley: 6-9 p.m. Yorktown. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., at Hawley. Names for tea by October 11th to Mr. G. Gilder, 29, Beech Road, Farnborough, Hants. 8988

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Gt. Gaddesden (6), Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, October 12th, to R. Sheppard, 57A, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead. 8958

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, October 14th. Essendon 2.45-4.45 p.m. Hertingfordbury from 6.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements please (White Horse, Hertingfordbury, 'does tea', but will accept no booking).—M. A. Coburn, T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 8969

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting, Knighton, October 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Inform by October 12th numbers for tea.—T. A. Davies, 1, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms, Salop. 9003

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting. All Saints', Maidstone. Saturday, October 14th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 8979

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting. Saturday, October 14th. at St. Mary's, Walton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) to Mr. A. Jackson. 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool 4, by Wednesday, October 11th. 9019

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting. Kendal. October 14th. 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., meeting to follow. No names no tea. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Kirkbarrow, Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 9012

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley St. Mary's. Saturday, October 14th. Business meeting in tower 5.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 8982

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting. Broughton Astley, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at the Bull's Head Inn. 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mr. C. E. Carr, 4, The Avenue, Coventry Road, Broughton Astley, Leics.—M. Vernon. Dis. Sec. 8984

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern. October 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. in Rectory. Service 5.45 p.m.—C. W. Hall. 8968

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Arnesby, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Social Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. N. L. Hewitt, Arnesby Vicarage, Leics. not later than October 11th.—A. J. Poynor, Sec. 8991

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Humberstone (6) on Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by 11th. please, to Mr. E. Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Humberstone, Leicester. 9013

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, October 14th. 3 p.m. St. John's, Deptford. 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in Church Hall. 6.30 to 8 St. Mary's, Lewisham. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth (ISL 3921). 8936

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting. Saturday, October 14th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Service 6. Business meeting in the tower 6.30, followed by ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8994

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting at Overseal on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. 8972

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting. Saturday, October 14th. Kidsgrove. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 Names for tea to Mr. N. Sherratt, 101, Attwood Street, Kidsgrove. Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 8966

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Lyng on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Collis, Cooks Stores, Lyng, Norwich. NOR 63 X, by the 11th.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8889

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District.—Quarterly meeting. Wroxton, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business. Ringing at Hanwell (5) 7 p.m. Names for tea by October 9th to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington. 8939

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury. Saturday, October 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. P. Reed, 74, Queens Road, Newbury. Ringing after meeting at Shaw and Newbury. 8962

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James. Saturday, October 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday certain to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8985

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting. Yardley. October 14th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Notify for tea please by October 11th. G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Edwall Road, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 8931

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Market Drayton. October 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service and tea at the usual times. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentlys Road, Market Drayton. 9009

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—General meeting at West Stow (6). Saturday, October 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea please by Saturday, October 7th, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 8948

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—A joint meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, October 14th. St. Martin's bells (10) 3.15 p.m. Service at St. Martin's 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Evening ringing at Christ Church (8). Names for tea to Mr. Frank Oakshott, 'Downsview,' Lewins Road, Epsom, by Thursday previous. —W. Parrott and M. Andrews, Hon. Secs. 8859

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual commemoration dinner to the late Jasper Snowdon and past officers will be held at Betty's Café, Darley Street, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Assemble 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Licensed bar. Tickets (15s. each), no later than 9th, from Mr. F. A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, near Leeds, Yorkshire. Earlier application (giving names) much appreciated. Bells available: Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 6 p.m.; Idle (8), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Ilkley (8) (home tower and burial place of the late J. W. Snowdon), 2.30 to 5.15 p.m. Chair to be taken at 6.45 p.m. prompt by the president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, B.Sc.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 8836

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at East Molesey, Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. G. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey. 8978

HILLINGDON.—Joint meeting of the LADIES' GUILD (Central District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District) on October 21st. Iver (8) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Hillingdon (10) 3-4.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Address by Bishop of Kensington. Tea and evening social to follow in St. John's Hall. Names for tea must be sent to secretaries or F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, by previous Monday.—Mrs. S. Bullock, Miss D. Hague and F. T. Blagrove, Branch Secs. 8997

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LADIES' GUILD.—The annual District meeting of the Rochester District, combined with LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch), will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 21st. Choral Evensong in Cathedral 3.15 p.m. (not ringers' service.) Chatham bells 3-4 p.m. Meeting at George Inn, 35, High Street, Rochester. 4.30 p.m. Cathedral bells after meeting. Please make own tea arrangements. —T. Barton and S. M. Dobbie, Hon. Secs. 8980

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting in Leicester District. Saturday, October 21st. Bells available: Groby (6) 2-3 p.m., Newton Linford (5) 2.30-3.30. Anstey (8) 2.30-4.25 and 6.30-8.30. Service at Anstey 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names to R. F. Elkington, 24, Andrew Street, Anstey, Leicester. Dinner tickets will be on sale at this meeting. General Committee meet St. John's Vestry, 7.45 p.m., October 18th. —B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9014

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 21st. Shrewton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (3s. 6d.) and meeting 5 p.m. Wishford (5) also available in evening. Please send names for tea by 17th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 8965

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting. Saturday, October 21st. at St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3. 5.30 p.m. Ringing: Holloway. St. Mary Magdalen (8) 11 a.m.-12 noon. (Nearest tube Highbury and Islington.) Afternoon ringing as in circular. Weekly practices 6.30 p.m. at St. Olave's, Hart St., Tuesdays. Freshers of all standards very welcome (Tower Hill underground).—Secretary, Gay Williams, College Hall, Malet Street, W.C.1. 8956

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 28th, 1961. Time 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 16s. from Hon. Sec., F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, S.A.E. please. 8970

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting for October will be at Watwick, St. Mary's, on Saturday, October 28th (please note change of venue and date). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea would be appreciated.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 324th anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 4th, 1961, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available. Full details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 8986

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Saturday, November 4th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Entertainment will include recital by Great Glen handbell ringers. Tickets 15s., cash with order and s.a.e., from undersigned. Latest date for receipt of order Tuesday, October 31st. Ringing arrangements later.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 8950

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LATE NEWS

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Henry O. Baker, general secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, has suffered a severe heart attack and is a patient in the City Hospital, Chester.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK OAKHILL

Another link with the past has been lost by the death of Mr. Frederick Oakhill, of Wotton-under-Edge, at Torquay on September 22nd, at the age of 84.

Fred learned to ring as a lad at Tortworth and joined the Gloucester and Bristol Association as a member of the Wotton-under-Edge band in 1900. He held office as secretary of the Wotton Branch when it was formed in 1910, and was its chairman for 1921-23 and 1935-38 and represented it on the management committee 1925-27 and again 1933-35. In 1948 he was made a vice-president.

Mr. Oakhill participated in many recorded peals in mid-Gloucestershire and despite advancing years took part in special ringing at Wotton-under-Edge in 1956 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the installation of the bells. A painter and decorator by trade, he leaves no family, his wife, who was well known to Gloucestershire ringers, having died in 1958.

Cremation was at Torquay on September 27th. He will be remembered with respect and gratitude for many years. May he rest in peace among the eternal towers.

C. R.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The September meeting at Beaminster was honoured by the attendance of Mr. W. C. West, honorary secretary of the Salisbury Guild. Eight towers of the Branch were represented, and total attendance during the day, including visitors, was about 40. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Arthur and the lesson read by Canon C. C. Cox. Tea was served by Mrs. Pannell and some of the Beaminster ringers.

The business meeting was brief. The A.G.M. of the Branch was fixed for Bridport on December 2nd. The Guild service is to be at 4 p.m., instead of the usual 4.30 p.m.

Canon Cox proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to Mr. Arthur for the use of church and bells and very useful address, to Mrs. Pannell and ringers for the tea, and Mr. Roy Gunning for playing the organ. Ringing consisted mainly of Stedman Triples, Cambridge could not be brought round!

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