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'BREAKDOWN'

THERE must be thousands of belfries throughout the ringing world which have electric lighting installed. Lighting is necessary when ringing takes place during the hours of darkness, and in very many belfries there is not the remotest glimmer of light from outside at night, even when there is a full moon.

Some years ago, when a team of recruits was ringing in rounds for the first time one of the ringers missed the sally, with the result that a stay was broken and the tail end of the rope flew madly around the ringing room. It hit the electric light and put it out, leaving the ringing room in darkness. The remaining ringers took fright and let their bells run wild. The ringers scrambled into corners, under stairs and tables, and mercifully no injury was caused to any of them.

On another occasion when a practice was in progress the Vicar happened to be in the church, and on leaving switched off all lights, including the one controlling the tower lights, leaving the ringers in complete darkness. As the access to the belfry was an easy one, some shouting advised the Vicar hurriedly to restore lighting.

A peal was in progress in a Cheshire church when someone switched off the circuit controlling the tower lighting. On this occasion it was twilight so a certain amount of light penetrated the small window in the belfry to enable the experts to finish the peal in almost complete darkness.

The writer has visited many towers in his travels and is concerned at the number of belfries which have only one light in the ringing room. There is no guarantee that this single light will not fail, and particularly where inexperienced ringers are ringing. It is essential that some precautions should be taken to avert accidents.

The three cases referred to above, which are true, are typical of many such instances of failure of lighting.

We cannot too strongly recommend to those responsible for the training and practising of bellringers to see that the lighting facilities are adequate and safe. Some years ago the matter was discussed at the meeting of the Central Council, the result of which was that a special notice was produced to indicate to all concerned that the tower switches were not to be switched off whilst ringing was in progress. These notices are still available for any tower requiring them, price 3d. (including postage), from the Publications Dept., Central Council (see back page).

Our recommendations are that—

(a) There should be at least two lights in the belfry.

- (b) The lights must be so fixed that a loose rope cannot catch and damage same.
- (c) There should always be a spare lamp (some people call it a bulb) available in the ringing room to replace one which might burn out during ringing.
- (d) The lighting circuit to the belfry should not be switched off at the main or sub-distribution board. It must, however, be fused of sufficient capacity for safety.
- (e) The lights should be mounted well above the eye level of ringers, to eliminate glare during ringing.
- (f) Where there is an alternative source of light, gas or candle, it should be lit if there is only one electric lighting point in the ringing room.
- (g) No appliance or electric heater must be connected to the lighting circuit unless the cabling is of sufficient capacity to cater for the additional load, and then only through a separate outlet socket and plug.

We do stress that those responsible for the training of ringers should bring to the attention of the Church Authorities the existence of inadequate lighting and of the potential dangers due to such conditions. Most ringers are insured against accidents in the belfry. Let us not depend upon insurance but take all necessary steps to minimise risks of injury to ringers who, as far as Ireland is concerned, give their services voluntarily.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Leslie Morris' 24 Years As Secretary

THE annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Wakefield on May 5th, and was well supported by members and friends from each of the four Districts. During the day ringing was enjoyed on no fewer than eight rings of bells, in addition to the Cathedral, the experiment proving highly successful.

A new departure was made by holding the business meeting in the afternoon, instead of the evening, the chair being taken by the president, Archdeacon Ellison, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the honorary treasurer (Mr. V. Bottomley) and the honorary peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley).

In his opening remarks, the president welcomed the assembly to Wakefield, and announced apologies for absence from Miss D. M. Killingley, Mrs. D. E. Kelly and Mr. A. E. Marsh. An omnibus vote of thanks to the Cathedral authorities, incumbents and churchwardens of the numerous churches who had given consent for the use of their bells was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. P. Birkett, and a similar vote of thanks to the respective local companies was also accorded on the motion of Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. W. Barton. Mr. W. F. Moreton suitably replied.

In presenting the 86th annual report, the president said that the Association was holding its own so far as membership was concerned: 62 new resident members and 17 non-resident members having been elected during the year. To offset this, however, 15 members had died and 34 had lapsed through non-payment of subscriptions. Two matters gave rise to anxiety, firstly the cost of the reports, and secondly the late payment of subscriptions. Unfortunately the former was outside the control of the Association, but the latter was in the hands of the members.

The balance sheet revealed a small gain on the year's working, and was the first to be presented by the new treasurer, Mr. V. Bottomley, who had succeeded Mr. G. Benfield. The thanks of the Association were due to Mr. Benfield, who had held office for nine years, and had reluctantly found it necessary to resign on account of increased studies. Mr. Benfield had, however, found it possible to accept the less onerous office of Western District Ringing Master, so that his services would still be at the disposal of the Association.

147 PEALS

The peal secretary's report showed that 147 peals had been rung during the year, 132 on tower-bells and 13 on handbells. Thirty-four members had rung a peal for the first time, and six their first as conductor. Included in the list are peals rung by the following local bands: Wakefield (Grandsire Triples), Haley Hill (Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods), Handsworth (Little Bob Major), Bradford Cathedral (Cambridge Surprise Royal and Yorkshire Surprise Royal), Kirk Ella (five Minor methods). Following a brief discussion, the report was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. W. Barton.

On the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. W. Barton, Mr. L. W. G. Morris was unanimously re-elected general secretary. The president said that Mr. Morris had now held office for 24 years, and their best thanks were due to him for his distinguished record. In acknowledgment, Mr. Morris thanked the members for their renewed confidence, and added that he would be pleased to serve to the best of his ability so long as he held office. Mr. W. E. Critchley was unanimously re-elected peal secretary on the motion of Mr. P. Birkett, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock, who paid tribute to the very capable manner in which Mr. Critchley continued to perform this exacting work.

Invitations for the next meeting, on September 15th, had been received from Howden and Scarborough. Mr. N. Chaddock moved and Mr. J. Seager seconded, that Howden be the venue, and Mr. P. Scholfield moved and Mr. W. F. Moreton seconded, acceptance of the Scarborough invitation. On being put to the vote, Scarborough was chosen by a substantial majority.

An appeal for a grant towards the cost of restoring the ring of twelve bells at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, was considered and, after discussion, the sum of two guineas was granted. Mr. H. Walker reported that arrangements were proceeding in connection with the Snowdon dinner to be held at York on October 13th, and asked members to reserve the date and ensure its success by giving their usual good support.

On the motion of Mr. G. Benfield, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley, the following new members were elected: Miss D. E. A. Jackson and Miss C. R. Slater (Crofton), Christine Saville (Cawthorne), M. R. Corby (Sandal), C. Cooper (York, unattached), Richard Senior (Kirkheaton), W. Pilkington (Rawmarsh), and as out-county members: Eric Wall and Richard Parker, of Burnley.

This concluded the business and further ringing was enjoyed, the consensus of opinion being that the meeting had been one of the most successful and enjoyable held, and reflected every credit on those responsible for the elaborate arrangements, and Mr. W. F. Moreton, of Wakefield, in particular.

THE BELLS OF QUEENSLAND

We are indebted to Mr. Thomas Roache, of Norman Park, Brisbane, for the following information regarding the bells of Queensland.

Mr. Pipe, he writes, mentions Maryborough as possessing an octave. These are the only bells in the State that can be pealed. Brisbane, a large city, has a light eight at St. John's Anglican Cathedral. They are in a wooden belfry standing in the churchyard; the bells are not turned on wheels, but are chimed by four ringers—two ropes each. In the suburb of Kedron there is an octave which is played by a keyboard, and is more like an outside Glockenspiel.

The city of Bundabury has an octave, worked mechanically. The octave at Rockhampton Cathedral was a gift by American Servicemen, who had a large camp in the district during World War II. These bells are mechanically operated, and 'I cannot say I am impressed with their tone.'

THE LADIES' GUILD

Southern District

A fine but cold day greeted over 25 members and friends when they gathered at St. Lawrence's, Alton, Hants, for the quarterly meeting on May 12th. The easy going ring of eight were put to good use during the afternoon and evening, in the standard methods. The Vicar conducted the Guild's form of service, welcomed us to his church and afterwards joined us for tea. At the business meeting six new members were elected.

Next meeting: Ockham and Send, July 21st.
C. M. H.

Popularity of Grantley Hall Course

SO popular are the courses run by the West Riding County Council at Grantley Hall Adult Education College that the Education Committee is now finding it essential to make a careful selection from the rapidly increasing number of applicants.

Perhaps this is not surprising, for the Hall is a most lovely Georgian house in a secluded part of the Skell Valley: it provides luxurious accommodation, excellent food and a most friendly welcome from the permanent staff. When a party of some 20 ringers assembled for the third annual course, the daffodils were in full bloom and they found, rather appropriately, that the parallel course was one with the title 'Creation and Re-creation.' So whilst we delved into the mysteries of multi-method ringing, false course heads and Q sets our fellow students endeavoured to produce plaster masks, futuristic paintings and English verse. The writer was moved to attempt a summary of the course in verse and submits, below, his meagre effort.

The lecturers were the president of the Central Council, Mr. Fred Sharpe, who arrived complete with his wonderful collection of handbells and photographs, and delighted and amazed everyone with his knowledge of bells, bell founders, bell hangers and belfries: Mr. Norman Chaddock, with his customary patience and clarity dealt with bell hanging and conducting (many ringers must know Norman as a very competent ringer and conductor, few can know how thoroughly he has mastered the art of teaching the practical aspects of ringing); Mr. Wilfrid Moreton was able to impart to a number of students a considerable knowledge of the science of multi-method Minor ringing, and when his students attempted to put into practice their newly acquired knowledge the resulting ringing was, in the writer's opinion, very commendable.

As a new lecturer and newcomer to Grantley Hall we welcomed Mr. William Barton: in an all too restricted space of time he dealt very clearly with the subjects of proof and composition. His knowledge of his subjects was patent, his ability to teach was obvious, his inability to avoid the soiling effects of school-board chalk was, at the end of each lecture, very obvious.

We made excursions to Sharow (8), Kirkby Malzeard (6) and Ripon Cathedral (10). At these towers the art of conducting and the

ringing of Spliced Minor methods was practised, with considerable success. A Sunday morning trip to the six-bell tower at Wath proved somewhat abortive, time was limited and yet further reduced by the absence of a stay and the breaking of a rope.

Before lectures began on Sunday morning the writer was privileged to conduct a short service for his fellow ringers: an unusual and most pleasing feature of this service was the harmonious rendering of an Easter hymn, with handbell accompaniment. The handbell course of Grandsire Caters, which preceded the service, drew admiration from students of the parallel course.

The writer has no doubt about the value of the Grantley Hall courses, and he would advise potential students to book early for any future courses. Perhaps the greatest value of such courses is that participation in them teaches us how many-sided is our art.

The keenness of the younger generation of ringers was well exemplified by the young man who cycled from the Manchester area to take part in the course. Well played, the Red Rose!

GRANTLEY HALL, 1962

An Eastertide at Grantley Hall.
With Norman teaching how to call
Grandsire Caters; Wilfrid Moreton.
In the one time home of Norton,
Giving his students sound advice
And demonstrating how to splice.
The daffodils beside the Skell,
Each with a slender, golden bell.
The handbells Sharpe, the tuning fork.
The men who made good bells in York.
Creating peals for recreation
With Billy full of information.
Alive to questions students ask him.
Relaxing with a Double Maxim.
Good God, good friends, good meals, good
With local tales and lore from Ted. [bed.
Ring Easter bells in exultation
The story of man's re-creation.

E. H.

The Exercise has a stained glass artist within its ranks. A few years ago Mrs. Waller completed a 'Rose' window in Stoke Row Church, Oxfordshire. Since then she has learned to ring and rang her first quarter at Shiplake on June 2nd.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AT WISBECH

THE Wisbech District was visited by the Ely Diocesan Association for its annual meeting on Easter Monday, and by tea time there were about 150 members present.

Ringing started at 10 o'clock at Hilgay and Tydd St. Giles, and was followed by other towers during the day: Denver, Downham Market, Watlington, Tilney All Saints, Walpole St. Peter, Walpole St. Andrew, Newton, Wisbech St. Mary, Leverington, Upwell, Emneth, Elm, Walsoken and Wisbech St. Peter. The weather this year was on its best behaviour, and the number of ringers, both visitors and diocesan members, was very good indeed.

The service was held in St. Peter's Church, Wisbech, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. M. McCaughey. Mr. F. Elmer, the president of the Wisbech District, read the lesson, and Mr. F. Wigmore was at the organ. In a short address the Vicar welcomed all to Wisbech. Tea had been arranged in St. Peter's Church Hall by the committee members, assisted by many ladies, who provided a well prepared meal.

Mr. F. Elmer presided at the business meeting, at which the general secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted.

FEWER PEALS

The report stated that peals, at 43, were seven less than the previous year. The number of ringers taking part was 117, and nine of them rang their first peal. Of the Major peals, 10 were in Surprise methods: Shelford Delight was rung on the augmented ring at Little Shelford.

The year had been unusual as, whilst down on peals and resident members' subscriptions, the balance sheet showed an increase on the credit side, mainly due to an increase in non-resident life members. Congratulations were extended to the Cambridge District, with 103 paid up resident members. A welcome back was extended to Mr. B. D. Threlfall, who was a member of the Central Council Towers and Belfries Committee. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Trevor Bevis and his wife on their marriage and appreciation expressed of Mr. Bevis' article in 'The Ringing World.'

The following officers were re-elected: Vice-president, the Ven. J. P. Pelloe; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. S. Peacock; peal secretary, Mr. C. W. Cook; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis. Central Council representatives for the 25th session were elected as follows: Messrs. J. G. Gibson, E. H. Mastin, T. A. Bevis and H. S. Peacock.

It was decided to transfer Caxton tower from Cambridge to the Hunts District. The 1963 annual meeting is to be held in the Hunts District. A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. F. Baker, to all who had helped to make the day so successful, particularly Mr. J. E. Fox, the Wisbech District secretary, and members of the committee, Mr. F. Elmer, who presided, and the Vicar and organist at the service.

Leicester District Striking Competition At Thurstaston

The annual striking competition for the Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held at Thurstaston on June 2nd.

The judges were Mr. F. K. Measures (Burbage), president of the Guild; Mr. A. Ballard (Hinckley), and Mr. J. B. Bennett (Nottingham).

Seven teams entered and the result was as follows: 1 South Wigston 'A' 35 faults, 2 Belgrave 47, 3 Leicester St. Margaret's 54, 4 Aylestone 60, 5 South Wigston 'B' 67, 6 Leicester St. John's 71, 7 Blaby, disqualified due to a misunderstanding.

At the conclusion, the president presented the Ringing Master of South Wigston (Mr. B. G. Warwick) with a pewter tankard.

BOLSOVER CHURCH RECONSECRATED

VISITORS to Bolsover Parish Church will be interested to know that the work of restoration, after the disastrous fire early in 1960, is now completed and the service of reconsecration by the Lord Bishop of Derby took place on May 23rd.

As the service was held at a time when many people were at work, visiting ringers from Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Mansfield, Staveley and Warsop joined members of the local company for special ringing in the afternoon and again in the evening, when there was a service for Confirmation. Several messages of appreciation, including one from the churchwardens, were expressed about the ringing, which included touches of Little Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Yorkshire Surprise Major and Stedman Triples.

The scheme for restoration of the church includes a new ringing room above ground level and the local ringers have made strenuous efforts with the decoration and furnishings to ensure conditions of the standard normally recognised at Bolsover.

Those attending the services were greatly impressed with the work of restoration, which has included the replacement of the roof of the nave and chancel, new vestries and a new organ. The windows have been rebuilt with clear glass, and new dormer windows inserted in the roof give added light to bring out the best effect of the brightly painted timbers. The space which formerly contained the vestry and organ has been converted into a baptistery, and all the new furnishings are of bright colours.

A new pulpit has been placed in the nave and the whole of the seating has been cleaned and varnished. The altar for regular use and the choir stalls have been brought forward in position, and the former sanctuary has been set apart by a screen for use as a Lady Chapel. The reredos has been beautifully coloured and the altar tables covered by cloths of blue and gold.

There were capacity congregations at each of the special services: visitors included former clergy at Bolsover and the incumbents of churches in the district.

On the following Sunday the preacher at Evensong was the Bishop of Honduras, and details of a quarter peal rung by the local band are reported elsewhere. A. S. C.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION Murphy Cup Competition

The finalists from the three Irish Districts competed for the Murphy Cup at St. George's Church, Dublin, on May 19th. The test was 30 call changes in 10 minutes or 240 method changes.

The judges were Messrs. W. Pratt (Holywood), T. Wilson (St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin) and G. Bingham (Limerick). Mr. J. T. Dunwoody was Ringing Master in the tower. Their findings were as follows:

Ballymodan, Co. Cork (6 bells, call changes), steady ringing throughout, 24 faults.

Drogheda (8 bells, method), good ringing throughout, 41 faults.

Coleraine (8 bells, call changes), bad start, improved towards the end, 64 faults.

The cup was presented to Mr. E. Gabriel, for the winners, and he answered the call for a speech. He said that his team were particularly pleased that they were the winners of all three trophies—Cherry Cup, Attendance Shield and Murphy Cup—this year, without sharing with anybody else. Much amusement was caused when he concluded his remarks with 'Three cheers for Bandon' and nobody cheered!

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD 75th Birthday Plans

THE annual meeting of the Chester Guild was held at Grappenhall Parish Church on May 12th. The preacher at the customary service was the Rev. J. W. Roberts, Rector of Grappenhall, who, in his address, spoke of the history of his church and bells. He remarked on the large proportion of younger members present and said that the Guild was paying proper attention to providing opportunity for the learning of the ancient art. He considered bell ringing as a vital ministry of the Church.

After tea in the Parish Hall the A.G.M. was held, under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke. The routine business of an annual meeting was carried out; all the officers were re-elected and thanked for their work during the past year; Central Council representatives for 1963/5 were appointed, and the annual meeting for 1963 fixed for May 11th in the Crewe Branch.

On November 17th, 1962, the Guild celebrates its 75th birthday and arrangements have been made to hold a service in the Cathedral on that day, at which the Lord Bishop will preach. Whether this should be followed by the annual dinner provoked a very lively debate. It was finally decided that a dinner be held at the Bars Hotel and that Messrs. H. O. Baker and R. C. H. Sibley constitute a Social Committee to arrange it.

Notice of motion to increase the subscription was given by the committee and it was revealed that the actual increase in mind was to double the present amount which is contributed by each Branch to the central fund.

The report made mention of the Deputy Master's 1,000th peal and it was decided to mark the attainment of this milestone by the first resident member of the Guild to make a presentation to him. Mr. Worth, in his acknowledgment of the congratulations, said that the attainment of this goal had been reached through team work over a number of years by many anxious to raise the standard of ringing in the Guild and to promote the interest of all members.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector, the wardens, the organist and choir, the ladies and local ringers, and also to the incumbents of other churches, who had placed their bells at the disposal of the Guild.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the A.G.M. of Liverpool University Society on May 14th, the following officers were elected for the 1962/63 session: President, M. Pilgrim; Ringing Master, J. H. Fielden; secretary/treasurer, C. K. Cooper; committee member, Miss H. A. Arrowsmith. A fresher representative will be elected next term.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The second spring practice meeting of the Northern District was held at Christ Church, Mitcham, and St. Mary's, Merton, on May 26th. Some 40 members and friends, mostly youngsters, had a pleasant afternoon's ringing at Mitcham in Minor methods and rounds, followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar.

Tea, in the Church Hall, had been prepared by Mr. H. Allen and the local ringers, and was efficiently dealt with by the company, who then had the further pleasure of learning they had been the guests of the Mitcham ringers. After the usual votes of thanks to all who had contributed to a most successful afternoon, ringing on the five at St. Mary's, Merton, concluded a happy day.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Kimpton, with its typical 'Hertfordshire Needle' spire, where the Hertfordshire ringing contest (the Kimpton Cup) is held, was the venue for the St. Albans District meeting on May 19th. An interesting feature of this church is the beauty of the ringers' gallery, which is the work of a local ringer.

Afternoon ringing included a touch of Spliced Surprise Minor (London, Norwich, Cambridge and Beverley) by a band of District members, which was the first in living memory! Norman weather spoiled plans to have tea outdoors, but this did not stop ringers from tackling the spread provided by Mrs. Price, a local ringer, in the usual way.

The president of the Association, Mr. H. V. Frost, presided at the business meeting. Welwyn and Tewin (special methods: New Bob Doubles and Killamash Treble Bob Minor) were decided on for the June meeting. Mr. J. Cull, of Kimpton, informed the meeting that 360 Doubles or Minor would be accepted as test piece for the Kimpton Cup contest on October 6th. Mr. G. Penney (R.M.) welcomed the young Wheathampstead ringers (the first to attend a meeting for many years) on behalf of all present. It was refreshing to find beginners from this tower, many of whom rang rounds on open bells for the first time. Mr. S. Huckle proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, Mr. and Mrs. Price for so kindly opening their home to us, and the secretary, Mrs. M. A. Coburn.

C. M. R.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Some 25 ringers and parishioners were present at the service and tea connected with the meeting of the Ashford District at Woodchurch on May 26th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. E. Price, who gave an address worthy of a larger congregation. Mr. Martin-Smith was at the organ.

An excellent tea was enjoyed in the Village Hall, and was kindly given by the Woodchurch ringers and friends.

The Vicar took the chair for the business part of the meeting. The secretary gave an account of the annual general meeting. Five new practising members were elected to the Association. Among these was John Hemsley, of Rolvenden, which means that all the eight-bell towers in the District are now affiliated to the Association. Much credit is due to Mr. Hemsley for his hard work in reviving interest in those fine bells.

Mr. T. Cullingworth voiced the thanks of the visitors to the Vicar, organist, Woodchurch ringers and friends, for the tea, and to Mr. R. Pellett for making the arrangements.

Ringing was mainly under the direction of the secretary, and was remarkable for the youthfulness and variety of the conductors. A feature of the evening was the touch of Spliced Minor and Doubles, composed and conducted by Mr. N. J. Davies.

C. T. H.

ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA,
MEMORIAL MATS

A 'tower' set of ringing mats in blue, to match the table cloth, was presented to St. Mary's, Portsea, before practice ringing on June 5th. The mats are the gift of Mr. A. Matthews, who, for 34 years, has been a ringer at the tower. He asked the company to accept them as a memorial to his wife. They were married, he said, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 40 years ago (June, 1922) and had 30 very happy years together.

Mr. F. W. Rogers, the tower captain, expressed thanks on behalf of the ringers for this most sincere gesture on Mr. Matthews' part.

RINGING UNDERGRADUATES OF DURHAM



Saturday, May 5th, dawned early for members of Durham University Society (too early for some) who left Palace Green at 8.30 a.m. bound for the east coast of Yorkshire.

The first stop was at Marske-by-the-Sea, where it was found that the ropes had been removed and the bells sounded by an Ellacombe chiming apparatus. Undaunted we pressed on to Saltburn-by-the-Sea, where awaited a heavy but loud eight (23 cwt.), with a clapperless seventh. Ringing was confined to the front six, Cambridge, Kent, Plain Bob Minor being rung, with a touch of Grandsire Triples on the seven bells available! It was here that some of our German friends, in Durham for this term only, were introduced to the mysteries of change ringing.

FIRST OF ROYAL FOR THE SOCIETY

The sun was gradually dispersing the sea mist as we journeyed to Whitby, lunch being eaten on the bus. Here we found a delightful fishing town with St. Mary's Church on the headland, overlooking the town and sea. There is a magnificent ten here (19 cwt.), and after pulling the back eight up in peal we proceeded to ring Cambridge Major, Bob Royal, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. This was the first course of Royal rung by the Society and the first on ten for about half the band. The striking was as good as many ten bell bands who ring Royal regularly.

The president issued a warning that Yorkshire Surprise Major would be rung at the next tower, Scarborough (8, 20 cwt.), where we were unfortunately late. Our apologies to Mr. B. Sutton, who was waiting patiently for us. We proceeded to ring a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major (which Mr. Sutton said was the best bit of ringing on the bells since a peal last year), it being the first course for the Society, and a touch of Stedman Triples.

We had to eat in the bus again, an underestimate of time having been made, but we were on time again when we reached Wykeham's five (9 cwt.) in a detached tower. A search of the village had to be made to obtain the key, but once inside the tower good use was made of the bells: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung, together with a 'performance' of Spliced Minimus on the back five for our 'Man of Kent.'

SUPERLATIVE LEARNED IN THE BUS

The local captain met us at Pickering and showed us the belfry. The church is Saxon in origin, though only the font and part of the shaft of a cross date from this time. Much of the Norman church is in evidence, as well as the beautiful 15th century frescoes which came to light in 1851. Superlative had been learned on the way from Wykeham and was rung, though not in the immaculate style of the Yorkshire at Scarborough. Cambridge Minor, Bob Major and rounds for the learners were also rung.

On to our last tower, Helmsley, where the Vicar was awaiting our arrival. He conducted us to the belfry and we finished up the day's ringing with another course of Superlative (we knew it better by then, rockets having been delivered in the right direction), Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

The party arrived back in Durham at about 10.30 p.m., minus the president, who went into the deep south of Yorkshire. Thanks and appreciation were expressed to the incumbents, to Mary Marshall for arranging the outing and to our very tolerant driver.

BO-PEEP.

OUTING

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX

Arun del ringers and friends from Lymminster and Walberton on May 5th had some interesting experiences. The very light six (7½ cwt.) at Fittleworth, rung at the west end of the church, were much lighter than we were used to. Another six (14 cwt.) followed at Kirdford, rung from a square balcony, overlooking the nave. At Horsham, Mr. White had kindly raised the bells and these were soon going to Grandsire Triples. The bells are much heavier than ours, but the tone is lovely.

After tea at Horsham, we left for the fine Church of St. George, West Grinstead, with its beautiful 'Sussex Cap.' The six bells (8 cwt.) have a very long draught, which we found not too easy to manage. The old oak pews, bearing the names of farms and colleges, were an interesting feature.

Findon's well kept belfry made us very envious of the lovely carpet on the floor and no steps to climb. We wished we could have stayed longer to enjoy these bells. Our thanks to all incumbents and ringers who helped to make our day so enjoyable.

B. H.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WIGGENHALL ST. GERMAN'S

Dear Sir,—Anybody reading the letters in 'The Ringing World' (page 357) will marvel at things ringers do, one band ringing bells that should have fallen down and others ringing bells that are not there.

St. German's tower contains 4 bells; treble cast at Bury St. Edmunds, 2, 3, 4 by John Draper, 1618, 1621, 1630. I have just returned from a visit to the church, but only two ropes are now hanging in the belfry. If Mr. Mann's letter leaves Mr. Tyson surprised this one will leave him dumbfounded.

He says no comment from King's Lynn area. I would like to point out St. German's Church is in the Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association. He goes on to state he was in the choir, but he does not say for how long. The ground floor ringing chamber is at the foot of the tower and is wide open to the church, and how any ringer could fail to recognise bell ropes, is beyond me.

There is no doubt that we are talking about the same church, as I have confirmed the Rev. J. M. Trevor was in charge of this church.—Yours sincerely,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market.

RINGING TO 'TIME'

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Aitch's article in the issue of May 18th, all this ringing to 'time' is far too complicated. It is much easier to ring to rhythm. Call the speed of ringing 'A'. When hunting up or moving from front to back the speed is A+, and when hunting down the speed is A—.

So long as one can get to know these speeds and know how much to pull in or hold up and then to maintain these speeds one need not worry at all about keeping off the heavy bells and ringing close to the lighter bells. This can be proved quite easily by ringing blindfolded or by looking at a spot on the floor and then one will not know which bell he is ringing after, unless he has a good ear.

Regarding the question of who is responsible for setting the time, I say it is the second bell and then the tenor maintains this time. To explain—if the second pulls off with a wide interval between it and the treble, the remaining bells should keep to this same interval and, no matter what the tenor does, to try to shorten this interval he will only be clipping the one in front of him, which will soon lead to bad striking. The same applies if the second pulls off with a short interval between it and the treble.

This subject of 'time,' 'rhythm' and 'interval' is very interesting and has just had the surface scraped. I know it has been in these columns before but, for the benefit of new readers and learners, may we have some more comments from the experts—not too technical though.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Portsmouth.

A VERGERS' PEAL?

Dear Sir.—Mr. Ernest Morris, in a letter, told me he would have liked to organise a vergers' peal. However, he found it was not possible to contact eight or six verger ringers, living within a convenient distance, who were capable of attempting a peal.—Yours sincerely,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Herefordshire.

RUDHALL'S, OF GLOUCESTER

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Dowdeswell's letter regarding the original Rudhall ring at great Rissington; they have certainly stood the test of time. I learnt to ring on a Rudhall six—at Yate, Glos—and although they were not the easiest of bells to handle, I never heard any criticism of the quality of the metal. I believe that bell founders were numerous in the 18th century, but from my regular reading of 'The Ringing World' I have come to the conclusion that Rudhall's must have been one of the longest and most important founders of their day, as I read mention of Rudhall bells in all parts of Britain.

Founding a ring of bells must have been a big job in those days, and raising and setting them into their oak frames a tricky operation, but it is also interesting to reflect on the problems of transport, as in some cases the destination of the bells was several hundreds of miles from the foundry, and the only means of transport available, presumably, was horses and wagons!

I would be interested to learn more of the history and activities of the firm of Rudhall.—Yours truly,

A. J. GOULD.

Portsmouth, Bristol.

Note.—River or canal transport was used extensively by Rudhall's and other bell founders.—Ed.

GREAT RISSINGTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell's letter concerning Great Rissington bells, as conductor of the peal there on April 13th, I think I may speak for all the band when I say that had we been aware of the seemingly dangerous position of the tower and bells, the peal would not have been attempted.

Before starting for the peal we raised each bell separately and looked for signs of excessive movement in the wooden frame. As the frame seemed fairly sound we decided to attempt the peal, which was accomplished without any difficulty and with a 'first pealer' on the treble!

I trust that the magnificent six will not, when restored, have to wait another 200-odd years before another peal is rung on them.—Yours sincerely,

MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

Stourbridge.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A warm welcome was received at all towers visited, with an invitation to come again, when the Barnsley and District Society went to Southport for their outing on June 2nd.

Before reaching Southport, there was ringing at Upholland, where Mr. Peter Ashcroft met the party. The visit to Christ Church, Southport, came after lunch, and this was followed by Christ Church, Aughton (welcomed by Mr. Eric Roughley), and All Saints', Rainford (Mr. D. R. Jones).

Thanks go to Mr. Eric Stainrod and Mr. Trevor Tarbatt, the organisers, and to incumbents and those who met the party, and finally Mr. Eric Stainrod, our driver.

J. W. B.

ST. MARGARET'S BELLS, LEICESTER

I
Over the meadows the larks are singing,
High in the belfries the bells are ringing:
Martin and Nicholas—hear them call—
Mary-de-Castro outside the wall.
Margaret's bells the loudest of all!
He who was master of everything,
Master of England, next to the King,
Comes to St. Margaret's after his fall,
By King and nobles left in the lurch,
But still a Cardinal—Prince of the Church,
Ring out the bells in the belfries high,
Wolsey has come to Leicester to die.

II
Dark the morning with wind and rain
The bells of Leicester are ringing again
—No smooth sequence guarded from error,
But a crude chaotic clamour of terror,
Flee who can—escape while you may,
Cromwell's Ironsides have won the day.
The battle was joined on Naseby Down,
Broken the sceptre, shattered the crown,
Rolling of wagons, shouting of people,
Crashing of bells from every steeple,
St. John's and All Saints', hear them call.
The meeting houses are blithe and gay,
'The Church is down and the Church shall
Cromwell will enter Leicester today. [pay']

III
Over the meadows the larks are singing,
High in the belfry the bells are ringing.
In lengthening shadows of evening hour
The ringers pull in St. Margaret's tower,
Just to summon God's children 'Home.'
Come to Him with your joy or your sorrow,
Thanks for today and hope for tomorrow.
Sweet the chime o'er the meadow swells
—The evening notes of St. Margaret's bells.

IV
An indifferent song by a second rate singer,
To Ernest Morris, the Master Ringer.

By the Rev. J. G. Gilman, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Leicester.

Reprinted from a former copy of St. Margaret's Magazine.

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GUILDFORD GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL

A fine day on June 2nd brought ringers out in strength to the Chertsey District for the Guild's summer festival. All the towers in the District were open during the day, except Thames Ditton, the bells of which church are away.

The various roving bands gathered at Chobham by 4.30 p.m. for the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar of Chertsey, the Rev. G. S. Archibald, himself a ringer. A choir of ringers supported the organist, Miss Vivien Martin, also a ringer.

Tea, in the hall, was taken by 120 ringers, following the service, being organised by the local ringers, who also made all the cakes! As some 30 people arrived without notice, the ladies in the kitchen didn't get any!

The Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, welcomed all the visitors to the festival, and thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the day.

Further ringing took place during the evening, it being very noticeable the number of well known ringers doing a little quiet tower grabbing.

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MAYING IN DISTANT BELFRIES

BOLSOVER RINGERS VISIT LAKELAND

For the annual outing of the Bolsover Parish Church ringers and friends on May 18th/19th, the programme was more ambitious than usual. A party of 25, including ringers from Chesterfield, Creswell and the ever-present Jafus and his wife, from Darley Dale, left Bolsover on Friday evening and the night was spent at the Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands. Unfortunately the weather was not too kind, but after a leisurely breakfast the party left at 10 a.m. on Saturday for a tour of the Lake District. The suggestions for the tour and the arrangements for ringing had been very kindly undertaken by Mr. Nicholas Newby, of Ulverston, and as he and his wife joined the party for the day their help as guides was invaluable.

At the first tower, Kendal, the ten bells were raised in peal and although the ringing of Royal was not too good a reasonable standard was achieved on the back eight. Methods rung were Little Bob Royal, Kent Royal and Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise Major and Stedman Triples.

The heavy eight at Ambleside presented some difficulty to those accustomed to light bells and the standard of striking suffered in consequence. Reasonable courses of Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, but a touch of Stedman Triples was unsuccessful. Lunch was taken at a cafe in Ambleside, and it was fortunate that a puncture in the front wheel of the coach was discovered in time for a replacement to be made during the break for lunch.

A run through delightful country around Conistown Water was marred by inclement weather, but some excellent ringing was enjoyed on the light eight at Broughton-in-Furness. A touch of Double Norwich, called by Stanley Slaney, was very well struck and the ringers were afterward complimented by Jafus on their performance. Other methods rung were Little Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

The last tower visited was Dalton-in-Furness and the visitors were very impressed by the newly decorated ringing room. Mr. Newby helped to raise the bells and joined in well-struck touches of Little Bob Royal and Stedman Triples. A course of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on the back eight.

Tea had been arranged at the Old Mill cafe, on the coast at Bardsea, and as Mr. Newby and his wife had to leave early Mr. Cooper thanked them, on behalf of the party, for all their help in the organisation.

A. S. C.

A DAY IN ESSEX

Who they were we know not, but we have had a very nicely typed report of an outing in Essex on May 19th. Perhaps some of our readers might get a clue from the fact that at 7.45 a.m. they 'dashed' to pick up an essential member at Enfield.

Towers visited were: Danbury, Maldon, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Colchester St. Leonard's and St. Peter's, Earl's Colne, Halstead, Braintree and Black Notley.

The day's repertoire included Bob Major and Minor, Oxford and Kent T.B., Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, one course of Grandsire Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Spliced Doubles.

A DEVON OUTING

A small number of South Devon enthusiasts held a very successful half-day outing in the Teign Valley on May 26th. The first tower was Trusham, where there is a short draught and where one felt that the bells were not rung very frequently. From here the party moved to Christow, where the bells were much enjoyed; also, the deathwatch beetle was much in evidence in the church. Dunsford's bells seemed more difficult to handle after the previous tower. Tea was enjoyed at the Steps Bridge cafe, a charming little spot.

A pleasant hour was spent at Ashton, and one of the company was thrilled to have the opportunity to take part in a six-score of Stedman Doubles. Incidentally, it was the first visit to this district for most of the party, which enhanced the enjoyment of the afternoon.

A. L. B.

HOLBEACH, Lincs

Holbeach ringers for their second annual outing on May 26th, had John Taylor's bell foundry as their first objective; Mr. Harrison gave an interesting commentary as he conducted the party through the foundry. Our young ringers acquitted themselves well on the foundry bells and three Holbeach ringers were pleased to ring their first touch of Plain Bob Royal.

During one touch, one of the band made a pretence at taking a snack from the shelf fixed to the wall and it was good to be reminded that we were standing where some of our more illustrious fellow ringers have stood in their courageous attempts to ring the extent of Major. An excellent lunch concluded the visit to Loughborough.

The tour continued across the meadow to St. John's Church, Stanford-on-Soar, and then on to St. Mary's, Wymeswold. We had a short stay at Nottingham for tea and afterwards visited the Churches of St. Mary at Radcliffe-on-Trent and Orston. The ringing at all these beautiful churches was most enjoyable and numerous methods were rung, including Cambridge Major, Stedman Triples, London S. Minor and a touch of Spliced Minor.

Homeward bound we called at Donington for much wanted refreshment and arrived at Holbeach Church at 11 p.m. Our thanks to all who contributed to this journey of distinction.

D. A. D.

BARKING, SUFFOLK

Mr. Robert E. Lester provided Barking and district ringers with an excellent outing on May 26th, when he led them into Lincolnshire.

The light eight in the Saxon and Norman Church at Bicker proved a little awkward to some of the learners, who were trained on the heavy five at Mendlesham. At the neighbouring village of Swineshead, the bells were much heavier, but the lack of guides set back the learners. Compensation followed immediately with a good lunch at a local tavern.

Before tea in Sleaford, the excellent eight at Heckington were enjoyed. Evening ringing was at Billingborough and Bourne, but before reaching the latter town blue lines were drawn and six of the company learned Bourne Surprise. This was rung at Bourne and proved to be one of the best struck touches of the day. Our best thanks to Mr. Robert Lester.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

Always a popular event in Bedfordshire, the annual outing of the Biggleswade District rings this year was no exception.

Mr. L. H. Bywaters chose Buckinghamshire and Berkshire for the scene of operations, and early on May 12th the party of about 40 set out for Chalfont St. Giles, the first tower, and the fine ring of six was soon going merrily.

The countryside, with cherry blossom coming out in great profusion, looked most attractive, and was much admired. The next stop was at Stoke Poges, and some good ringing was enjoyed on the splendid ring of eight.

After lunch at Windsor, the party headed for Winkfield, where the Church of St. Mary embraces many periods of architecture and its roof, supported by massive wood pillars, was very impressive. The six bells impressed too, especially the second, which lost its clapper in the course of ringing up! This was soon replaced and ringing resumed.

At Wokingham, ringing took place at St. Paul's, before tea, and afterwards at All Saints', and the town is fortunate to possess two such fine octaves. Twyford's very easy-going eight provided a fitting end to a good day's ringing.

Grateful thanks are offered to incumbents, to local ringers, who welcomed us, and to Mr. L. H. Bywaters, for his efficient organisation.

A. E. R.

BALDOCK, HERTS

A dull, cold day does not seem ideal for an outing to Kent, but the Baldock ringers and friends were determined to enjoy themselves on May 26th. We arrived in good time at SS. Peter & Paul's, Bromley, to meet old friends Mr. R. T. Newman and his family, who joined the party. The church was rebuilt after being bombed, and the parchment signed by the Queen (then Princess) at the rededication is displayed. After ringing to suit all tastes, from rounds to Bristol, we left this delightful 16 cwt. octave reluctantly and went to its red brick neighbour, St. Luke's, Bromley Common. The eight bells here are pleasant, if not outstanding, in their swaying tower. Lunch was at the Greyhound, Bromley, which can be recommended.

On to Westerham, with a ground floor ring in an unusual and attractive tower, which has a splendid wooden spiral staircase up to the eight bells. Another famous signature is displayed here, an extract from the baptismal registers, showing Sir Winston Churchill's signature. At Wrotham a wedding had been arranged to start at 3.30, leaving only a quarter of an hour of ringing before and not much longer after the ceremony. This was unfortunate as the bells are well worth a visit.

Maidstone's grey stone buildings were handsome, particularly All Saints' Church, which stands high on the banks of the River Medway. After ringing the ten bells there we went on to the aptly named Church of St. Peter on the Hill over the River, Aylesford. We climbed a wooden spiral staircase to get to the ropes and finished a satisfactory day's ringing on this octave.

Our thanks are due to Mr. E. G. Buck, who arranged the outing, those who gave us permission to ring and those who welcomed us at their towers.

J. S.

DOWN 'LONG O' WE or WESTWARD THE WAGONS!

On the last Saturday in May, Upton (Torquay) ringers went on their annual outing, across the water, into Cornwall.

Crossing Dartmoor in the morning sunlight, Tavistock was reached for coffee. After a brief halt in this the town of Franky Drake, the 'frontier' was crossed at Gunnislake to make the first ringing stop at Probus, with its noble tower. A beautiful eight, but disconcerting to find that reasonably new ropes had been adjusted for length by the rather novel method of simply cutting off the ends! The tenor man was practically on his knees to 'rise'! However, this could not detract from the 'go' and music of the bells themselves as they went well to call changes.

After lunch in Truro, and having 'fought shy' of the Cathedral bells, because of their weight, Kenwyn Parish Church was visited—embowered in chestnuts and copper beeches in their early summer glory. Here was another satisfying ring and just Upton's 'weight', to which, it is hoped, justice was done.

The homeward way took the party to St. Austell's splendid eight, voted by some to be the best of the day. Mr. Lander, the local captain, awaited the visitors to give them a warm welcome. In none of the day's towers was the 'rise' up to standard, but, once the 'feel' of the bells was achieved, the striking was, at times, quite passable!

Then, after an hour's ringing, 'twas 'home, James, and don't spare the horses,' except that Ivybridge's fish and chips proved irresistible to some—and the 'London' to others!

B. E. B.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS

A very enjoyable day's ringing among six-bell towers in South Warwickshire was held by Totternhoe ringers and friends on May 26th.

Towers visited were Harbury, Whitnash, Snitterfield, Wootton Wawen, Aston Cantlow and Quinton. Lunch was taken at Warwick, and tea at Great Alne Village Hall. Ringing included London, Cambridge, Norwich, Netherseale, Oxford, Plain and Little Bob, Stedman and Grandsire.

The organiser, Mr. J. Scott, is thanked for his successful planning, and also the incumbents and ringers who welcomed the party.

C. S.

OBITUARY

MR. H. J. HOBBS

For more than 50 years a ringer at Slimbridge, Glos, and for most of that time captain, Mr. Harold Jesse Hobbs, of 2, Council Houses, Moor End, Slimbridge, died on May 30th, aged 71.

Mr. Hobbs had done much for bell ringing in the Wotton Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and his services were acknowledged last April, when he was made a vice-president of the Association. At the time of his death, he was organising an appeal to raise £500 for the rehanging of the six bells at Slimbridge.

Harold's soft voice and unassuming manner gained him friends well beyond the boundaries of his small parish, and, too, outside the county. His heart was in bell ringing, for practically every week-end he and his wife were to be seen at Branch meetings. His chief interest was in the training of young folk. He had a number of peals to his credit, but that was not his main aim in life. His desire was to help people and this he did to the full. For a number of years he was Ringing Master and Management Committee representative of the Wotton Branch.

Bellringers from all over Gloucestershire were present to pay their respects at the funeral service, at Slimbridge Parish Church on June 5th. The Rector (Canon W. H. Thomas) officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. A. Peel (Tortworth) and the Rev. W. F. Burlton (Cromhall), chairman of the Wotton Branch.

Among those present were: Mr. C. Rouse (general secretary), Mr. B. T. Cooper (Wotton Branch secretary), Mr. S. T. Price (Stroud Branch secretary) and representatives of the North Forest and Gloucester Branches.

Donations in lieu of flowers were to be sent to the Rector of Slimbridge for the church bell rehanging fund.

THE LATE MR. J. M. BAILEY'S PEALS

Almost half of the 498 peals rung by the late Mr. James M. Bailey were at St. Margaret's, Leiston. Many of the Surprise Major methods were rung for the first time by the local band in their own tower. Details:

TOWER BELLS

Minor.—Plain Bob 2, Oxford T.B. 2, two to five methods 11 (conducted 1), seven methods 5. Total 20.

Surprise Minor.—Cambridge 4, seven methods 2. Total 6.

Triples.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 16. Total 19

Major.—Plain Bob 18, Double Norwich C.B. 26, Kent T.B. 35 (6), Oxford T.B. 13, Double Oxford 1. Total 93.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 66, New Cambridge 6, Superlative 53 (1), Yorkshire 3, London 44, Bristol 57 (1), Rochester 13, Guildford 8, Surrey 2, Dublin 2, Suffolk 5, one each of Camden, Essex, Premier, Waverley, Edinburgh, Lancashire and Norfolk. Total 266.

Caters.—Plain Bob 1.

Royal.—Kent T.B. 2.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Oxford T.B. 1, Kent T.B. 1.

HANDBELLS

Triples.—Stedman 9.

Major.—Plain Bob 14, Kent T.B. 18, Oxford T.B. 5, Double Norwich C.B. 3. Total 40.

Caters.—Stedman 13.

Royal.—Plain Bob 10, Kent T.B. 7, Oxford T.B. 3. Total 20.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 4.

Totals: Tower bells 410 (9), Handbells 88.

Peals rung with his seven other brothers were: Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich C.B., Superlative, Stedman and Cambridge one each.

A 14-YEAR-OLD'S FIFTY PEALS

S. Barry Schofield, of Bradford Cathedral band, who will be 15 years of age next November 25th, has rung the following 50 peals:

Minor.—Three methods 1 (1).

Triples.—Stedman 1, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 2 (1).

Surprise Major.—Superlative 1, Yorkshire 3

(1), Cambridge 5, London 3, Dorchester 1.

Spliced Surprise Major.—Two methods 1,

five methods 1, six methods 1, seven methods

1, eight methods 3, ten methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3 (1), Plain two methods

1 (1).

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 5, Yorkshire 7,

London 3, four Spliced 2 (1).

Total 50.

Treble to six peals in parentheses.

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The quarter peal recorded
this week at St. Laurence's
Church, Reading, was a com-
pliment to Mrs. Doris Catherall and Mr. W.
Lampton, who have served the church and
tower faithfully for over 40 years and are,
fortunately, looking and feeling well enough to
go on for many more years. It was also a
great day for Miss Florence Gonge, who, after
many attempts, scored her first quarter.

We are asked to state that Skipton tenor
weighs 22 cwt., and not 25 cwt. as inadver-
tently stated on page 362.

They get a move on in Devon! From
'North Devon Journal-Herald,' May 31st:
The bells of Westleigh Parish Church were
rung for the first time since being rehung
on Monday.

Gerald McIlhone, of Warborough, Oxon,
will remember his first quarter of Stedman
rung at Blewbury on June 2nd. The village
schoolmaster, who is compiling a record of
various aspects of the life of the village, spent
the first 20 minutes dodging in and out of
the ropes taking photographs of the ringers
in action. Despite this, we hear that Gerald
rang faultlessly.

Although the bells of St. Mary the Virgin,
Marlborough, were rehung in 1922, the quarter
peal rung on June 3rd for Confirmation is
believed locally to be the first on the bells.
A peal was rung in 1930. Ringing his first
quarter was R. A. G. Inglis, of Marlborough
College. It is hoped that he is the fore-
runner of other boys from the college who
are attending the belfry.

The bells of St. John of Jerusalem, South
Hackney, were rung by young ringers from St.
Mary's, Lewisham, and St. John's, Deptford,
on June 1st, when Queen Elizabeth, the Queen
Mother, opened the new Toc H, Mark III,
Prideaux House, which is opposite the church.
The ringers were: Katherine Guy (16), Barbara
Leigh (16), P. Ebsworth, M. Ferrier and June
Mead (St. Mary's, Lewisham), and T. A.
Easterby (tower captain), Christine Barron (16),
Anne Spooner (16), Janet Foster (16) and
Barry Hollis (St. John's, Deptford).

BELFRY GOSSIP

Owing to indisposition, the
100th peal on the bells at
Apsley End, Herts, had been
delayed since Christmas, so that various
reasons for attempting it have slipped by. It
should be recorded that it was a farewell
peal to Rev. J. H. Dominey; welcome to two
grandsons for the ringer of the treble;
welcome to Deborah, daughter of R. E. and
Daphne Sheppard, and another grand-daughter
for A. V. Good. The first peal on the bells
was rung on March 15th, 1902, second on
December 8th, 1923, 50th on November 23rd,
1950. The conductor of the 100th (Mr. Walter
Ayre) has rung in 94 (conducted 83), A. V.
Good in 86.

Mr. Norman Chaddock was recently ap-
pointed people's warden of Rotherham Parish
Church.

The band who rang in the peal at Stoke-
climsland Cornwall, tender their sincere thanks
to the Rector and to Mr. W. J. Rowe (captain
of ringers) for having all in readiness.

At Heckington, Lincs, there is a notice
on the peal board: 'Peal ringing is limited
to one successful attempt per year.' And they
are an excellent octave, too.

Mr. Frank J. Hazzard, for whose 70th
birthday a quarter peal was rung at Temple-
combe, has been responsible for maintaining
regular fortnightly Surprise practices in the
Templecombe area for the last 16 years or so.
Though handicapped by blindness, his en-
thusiasm and determination to master the
intricacies of method ringing have been a
wonderful example, and those who have bene-
fited from his help are indeed grateful.

In 'The New Strand,' David Boyce writes
about our art in lighter vein, under the head-
ing 'Bells are so Bellicose.' This is one of
his comments: 'Nowadays more and more
girls are taking up the campanologists' art,
and belles are now as common in the belfry
as bats. This is because girls have been told
that bell ringing is good for their figure. Bells
are fine bust developers.' The illustrations by
Alex Noel Watson are typical of someone
who has never been in a belfry.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 35½ cwt.

*TOM W. CROSSLEY Treble	GEOFFREY TOWNEND 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT 8
JOHN F. BRYANT 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	IAN M. HOLLAND 10
WILFRID F. MORETON 5	JOHN E. KIRBY 11
*J. NEVILLE PARKIN 6	J. HENRY FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal on 12 bells, and first in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

*MICHAEL J. THOMAS .. Treble	*ANDREW N. STUBBS 6
*DAVID E. HOUSE 2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 7
STEWART F. KIMBER 3	FRANK E. DARBY 8
*JAMES H. PAILING 4	R. ROGER SAVORY 9
*DAVID T. DARBY 5	*STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal. Stewart F. Kimber has now 'circled the tower.' First peal in this version of London Surprise Royal rung by the Society.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 6
MURIEL REAY 2	DAVID J. PURNELL 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 3	JOHN McDONALD 8
FREDERICK ROSS 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

Arranged and rung to celebrate the opening of Solihull's new Civic Hall by H.M. the Queen on May 25th, 1962.

HERTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERIC EDMONDSON .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ELLIS 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	GERALD PENNEY 7
STANLEY HUCKLE 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 9
JACK S. DEAR 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAR. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 FULBECK BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*LAWRENCE WAY .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK 7
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 3	HAROLD W. ROGERS 8
GEOFFREY M. HARVEY 4	WILFRID G. WILSON 9
*EDWARD R. VENN 5	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal on ten bells. First of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 18, 1962, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CROSS STONE IMPERIAL COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

PHILIP H. J. HUDSON .. Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 5
RITA M. JOWETT 2	JOHN P. PARTINGTON 6
S. BARRY SCHOFIELD 3	PETER SCHOLFIELD 7
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY 4	DEREK OGDEN Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

50th peal on the bells. First peal rung in the method (C.C.C. 177).

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Treble	JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY .. 5
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 2	†J. COLIN ASHWORTH .. 6
RITA M. JOWETT 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 7
*RICHARD J. PARKER 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

DAVID BEACHAM .. Treble	R. GEORGE MORRIS 5
HUGH NEILL 2	JOHN J. STAINER 6
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4	FRED HYDE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

David Beacham has now 'completed the circle.'
Rung as a compliment to William ('Bill') Lewis, captain of this tower, on the eve of his 76th birthday.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Treble	*J. W. MCCLENAHAN (Christ's) 5
*D. J. MUNDY (Peterhouse) 2	J. R. HOUGH (Jesus) .. 6
†I. M. SMITH (Peterhouse) 3	H. C. LEWIS (Fitz.) .. 7
*L. R. H. SMITH (Queens') 4	H. E. BISHOP (Selwyn) .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by J. R. HOUGH.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First as conductor.
Rung for the birth of a daughter (Kathryn Mary) to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spink on May 25th.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

G. ARTHUR BELL .. Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
JOHN E. LLOYD 2	T. ERNEST WILSON 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

Rung to celebrate the consecration of Coventry Cathedral the previous day.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN J. STANIER .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. 2	MARTYN HAWKES 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS 4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 11).

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

YATTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

DON C. EXELL .. Treble	D. JOHN HUNT 5
VICTOR G. ROBERTS 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR 6
PETER C. WRIGHT 3	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS 7
GWILYM G. SALMON 4	JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

* First peal of Pudsey.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALAN R. PINK .. Treble	*PETER A. SHARP 5
*EDWARD R. VENN 2	*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK .. 6
MICHAEL HATCHETT 3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 7
*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 4	*FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Annual Festival of the Friends of Dorchester Abbey.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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

*PAMELA DENNIS Treble	PETER LAFIN 5
†CHRISTINE JOHNSON 2	GILES B. THOMPSON 6
EILEEN M. FEARN 3	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	BASIL JONES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., May 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. Treble	*FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. 5
FREDERICK R. WIGGIN .. 2	ROY K. MOWFORTH .. 6
CYNTHIA BIBBY 3	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. 7
*DAVID MURCOTT 4	EDMUND MALIN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ROBERT J. WARRILOW.

* First peal of Major.

STOKE CLIMSLAND, CORNWALL.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., May 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*MARGARET A. SHEPHERD Treble	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 5
A. WILLIAM MYERS 2	SIDNEY F. O'SHAUGHNESSY .. 6
FREDERICK E. DAY 3	WILLIAM G. LAVERS 7
D. ROY BOULD 4	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Margaret A. Shepherd.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 1, 1962, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

ERNEST J. LADD Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	*ANDREW M. MACVE 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT 4	MARTIN L. HOWE Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

A variation of Barton's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*RICHARD E. MORRIS .. Treble	†BARNABAS G. KEY 5
MARY C. POYNER 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY 6
HARRY POYNER 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 7
†JOHN C. BALDWIN 4	EDWARD MALIN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal on the treble to the method. † First in the method.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Rodenhurst.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	MONTY W. GILBERT 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 2	MARTIN L. HOWE 6
JOHN O. WELLER 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
ALEC W. FRY 4	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

Rung to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, and on her official birthday; also as a wedding compliment to Thelma C. Hills and David K. Putnam, married this day at Sible Hedingham, Essex.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G sharp.

GEORGE FRY Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
*ANN GEORGE 2	RALPH BIRD 6
†STANLEY JENNER 3	ANDREW M. MACVE 7
†EDWARD J. JENNER 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE (C.C.C. 16).

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † 50th peal together.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. Treble	*ROGER B. SANDERS 5
FRANK TAYLOR 2	REV. GILES C. GALLEY .. 6
*ROGER D. BAILEY 3	ALAN G. PAYNE 7
†KEITH R. DAVEY 4	J. MARTIN THORLEY Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

TREVOR M. RODERICK .. Treble	HARRY BOYCE 5
*MARGARET ESHELBY 2	WILLIAM T. PETTY 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
MICHAEL LARCHER 4	D. WALFORD DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal 'inside.' First on the octave.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Wed., May 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. Treble	DIANA M. LAWLESS 4
MIKAELA ERIK 2	PAUL CATTERMORE 5
E. JANE LANGTON 3	DEREK E. SIBSON Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

First peal of London Minor by all the band, and for the Society.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. BERRY Treble	PHILIP G. MORGAN 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	JOHN CLEMENTS 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

SHRAWLEY, WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents and Morris' 240.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER H. RAXTER .. Treble	JOHN E. WHITTALL 4
*HILARY KNIGHT 2	FRED C. PUGH 5
ROY H. JONES 3	†ALAN J. HERMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal, first attempt.

Rung for Commonwealth Day.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Annable's London, Norwich, Ipswich,

Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH .. Treble	†RICHARD G. CROSLAND .. 4
JOHN S. BARNES 2	*ANDREW M. MACVE 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	RAYMOND E. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND E. FINCH.

* 25th peal together. † First of Minor on tower bells, and first of seven Surprise.

BELTON (ISLE OF AXHOLME), LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(West Lindsay Branch.)

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 13 lb.

*ERIC GOLLAND Treble	MELVYN A. ROSE 4
†JOHN H. SELBY 2	JOHN F. UNDERWOOD .. 5
JAMES THORLEY 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal of Minor, and first away from tenor. † First of Minor 'inside.'

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID. A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 15 methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, (3 and 4) Fortune, (5 and 6) Northrepps Pleasure Bob, (7 to 9) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (10 to 12) St. David's Bob, (13 to 15) Little Aston Bob, (16 to 18) Clifford's Pleasure Bob, (19 to 21) St. Columb Bob, (22 to 24) Southrepps Pleasure Bob, (25 to 27) Plain Bob, (28 to 30) Litchurch Bob Doubles, (31 to 33) Seighford Bob, (34 to 36) April Day Bob, (37 to 39) Old Bob, (40 to 42) Kennington Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

NOEL D. KIRK Treble	MARTIN J. KIRK 3
DONALD A. KIRK 2	E. ANDREW HARRISON .. 4

JOHN A. HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN J. KIRK.

First peal as conductor, at first attempt. First in 15 Doubles methods by all, on the bells, and for the Guild. First peal on the bells since 1937.

Rung for the consecration of the Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALKELDA. A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN Treble	JOHN F. BRYANT 4
DAVID SMITH 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN 5
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

SOUTH STOKE, OXON. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*ANDREW J. JOBSON Treble	BARRY R. CARE 4
†ANGELA M. AYRES 2	CHARLES J. ADAM 5
PETER A. SHARP 3	†ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. PARTRIDGE.

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

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, viz.: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew, April Day, Rev. Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas and Winchendon.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*SHEILA M. STEPHENS .. Treble	E. WILLIAM FORD 4
PAULINE A. LANSLEY .. 2	GORDON W. LAND 5
ROLAND T. WAKEFIELD .. 3	A. PETER LAW Tenor

Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.

* First peal. Most methods to a peal by all the band.

A compliment to Sheila Stephens on her 15th birthday.

ASH, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE 4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 2	H. E. GEORGE JEANES .. 5
ALBERT W. DYER 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. C. Bishop and a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Jeans.

DUNS FOLD, SURREY. THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Treble	†STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
*PATRICIA LAYCOCK .. 2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
ROBERT WAKE 3	W. LESLIE WELLER .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' † 200th peal.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull (26 changes); (2) Rossendale and Stamford (24 changes); (3) Chester and Munden (12 changes); (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth (11 changes); (5) Beverley and Surfleet (11 changes); (6) York and Durham (12 changes); (7) London and Wells (12 changes). Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 2	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD .. 5
WALTER AYRE 3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

100th peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. Kendrick Hart, who was instituted as Vicar the previous Saturday.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Mon., May 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Duke of York and Duke of Leeds, (2) Violet and Royal Sovereign, (3) Merchant's Return and High Hoyland, (4) Kent and Earlsheaton, (5) Oxford and Snowdrop, (6) Kingston and Capel, (7) London Scholars' and Sandal; 116 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHRISTINE M. SAVILLE .. Treble	HERMAN RUSBY 4
†CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON .. 2	TREVOR TARBATT 5
FRED COWLING 3	NOEL F. MOXON Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal; also first by a Cawthorne lady ringer. † First in 14 methods.

Rung in memory of Ernest Morris.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods, being seven extents, viz.: (1) Beverley and Surfleet, (2) Hexham and Berwick, (3) Primrose and Norfolk, (4) York and Durham, (5) London and Wells, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN Treble	RONALD C. NOON 4
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY 5
CECIL WADE 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

KEITH SELBY Treble	*LAWRENCE DARE 4
*GEOFFREY BROWN 2	†MICHAEL C. HOMANS .. 5
*STUART E. LUDLOW .. 3	*ERNEST E. LUDLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL C. HOMANS.

* First peal. † First as conductor.

To commemorate the consecration of the Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry, May 25th, 1962.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 31, 1962, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

ARTHUR SAYERS Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS 4
*JOHN MANLEY 2	PETER M. WILKINSON .. 5
*M. JANE FOSTER 3	REGINALD W. REX Tenor

Conducted by PETER M. WILKINSON.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Patricia Heather to Ronald F. Diserens, which took place on June 2nd at St. John-the-Evangelist's, Ilford.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4 and 5) Oxford Bob. (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	ARTHUR J. STIMSON .. 4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 2	RONALD J. HILL .. 5
*J. HARRY COOK .. 3	ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

*100th peal.

Rung for the Feast of the Ascension; also as a tribute to Mrs. L. Cox on her retirement as Sunday School superintendent at St. Michael's and in appreciation of 26 years' service.

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich, London, Nether-seale, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.
ANDREW M. MACVE .. Treble SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK .. 4
VIOLET I. E. RELF .. 2 RALPH BIRD .. 5
IAN H. ORAM .. 3 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, (2) Single Court Bob, (3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ALEX SIMPSON .. Treble	MARTIN MAJOR .. 4
*RAYMOND J. FULLER .. 2	ALAN S. SMITH .. 5
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

STUDLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
PERCY A. ORAM .. Treble FRED C. LYNE .. 4
*GEOFFREY W. RANDALL .. 2 JOHN W. PERKINS .. 5
†RICHARD H. SPRAY .. 3 WILLIAM H. MALE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung to commemorate the consecration of the Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Coventry, on May 25th, 1962.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being two extents of Plain Bob, 38 of Grandsire, and Morris' 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.
HILARY KNIGHT .. Treble *ROBERT J. BAYLIS .. 4
JOHN E. WHITTALL .. 2 ROY H. JONES .. 5
FRED C. PUGH .. 3 ALAN J. HERMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

* First peal.

Rung for the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation; also for Commonwealth Youth Sunday.

LLANGASTY TAL-Y-LLYN, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GASTYN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 210 extents. Tenor 10 cwt., approx.
ALAN V. PROTHEROE .. Treble MICHAEL R. THOMAS .. 3
J. ANTHONY ELLIS .. 2 MALCOLM T. JOHNS .. Tenor

Rung non-conducted.

Umpire: DAVID G. PUGH.

First peal of Minimus in Wales, for the Guild, and by all the band.
Rung for Rogationtide.



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WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT 6, BAR LANE.

A PEAL OF 5060 SPLICED ROYAL

Consisting of 4,400 Plain Bob and 660 Gainsborough Little Bob; with 110 changes of method.

JOHN F. BRYANT .. 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5-6
ROBERT E. MOULDS .. 3-4	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 7-8
J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. 9-10	

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Jones 1, D. L. Kerley 2, G. E. Kerley 3, J. Owen 4, G. D. Kerley 5, K. Hartnoll 6, D. W. Kerley (cond.) 7, J. Turner 8. Rung to celebrate the presentation of a son to Clive Lloyd, a ringer at this tower.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on June 3rd, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hampton (first quarter) 1 Mrs. S. R. Foot 2, Mrs. J. M. Hampton (first quarter) 3, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 4, C. W. Otley 5, E. E. Dods 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, R. E. Foot 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. P. Powrie, former ringer and headmaster of St. Mary's School.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On May 27th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: R. Hayden 1, W. H. Alcy 2, D. H. Kingston 3, C. Curson 4, G. C. Goodman 5, F. Bird 6, H. Bird 7, T. J. Southam (cond.) 8, E. J. Rochester 9, T. Camp 10. First of Caters 2, 3, 9 and 10. A 73rd birthday compliment to the captain, Mr. F. Bird.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, G. McIlhone (first of Stedman) 4, A. R. T. Greenough 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, E. J. Grace 8. For the wedding of Miss R. Pulford and Mr. J. Wilson.

BOTTESFORD, NOTTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. T. Samuel 1, T. O. Greasley 2, T. G. Goodwin 3, S. Kathleen Baldwin 4, R. Baldwin 5, J. D. Clarke 6, W. L. Exton (cond.) 7, L. B. Box 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. T. Ravell, Rector's warden for 22 years.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. J. Cheeseman 1, M. Clarke 2, H. H. Osborne 3, J. Manninger (cond.) 4, C. Osenton 5, R. Butler 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BRECON, BRECONSHIRE.—On May 20th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. V. Protheroe 1, J. A. Ellis 2, M. R. Thomas 3, G. P. Davies 4, M. T. Johns (cond.) 5, D. G. Pugh 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. W. Pryce-Johns, upon preference.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen, on May 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Ryder (first of Major) 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, J. R. Taylor 4, J. H. Gilbert 5, R. G. Bowden 6, P. Bridle 7, D. C. Exell (cond.) 8.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. F. Gosling 1, M. Goss 2, P. Watts (15) 3, F. Gosling 4, D. Papworth (cond.) 5, Miss M. Gosling (first quarter) 6. First in more than one method 1, 2, 3, 4. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and in thanksgiving for the raising, this day, of more than £300 for church funds.

BURNLEY, LANCs.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Sheila Smith 1, Pamela Blakeley 2, Mary Smith 3, J. Collier (first of Major) 4, N. Smith 5, R. Bolt 6, E. Wall (first of Major) 7, R. Parker (first as cond.) 8. For Mayoral Sunday.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 6th, at St. Andrew's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. S. Hudson 1, Claire Dillamore 2, B. Clare Webster 3, L. R. H. Smith 4, D. J. Mundy 5, J. W. McClenahan 6, J. R. Hough (cond.) 7, H. E. Bishop 8.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June Damen 1, R. Sturmer 2, F. Symonds 3, J. W. Rose 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, R. Skinner 6, G. Abbott 7, V. Furnage 8. Rung after Evensong to mark the institution of Christian Stewardship in the parish and the dedication of the premises.

COTTINGHAM, EAST YORKS.—On May 31st, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Dinah Blow (first quarter) 1, R. D. Gibson 2, F. C. Hobson 3, J. Singleton 4, J. I. Booth 5, G. W. Pybus 6, P. Scowston 7, C. C. Brown (cond.) 8. First in the method by all. For Evensong.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On May 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, W. T. Turner 2, D. D. Bell (first of Kent Major) 3, D. Ellidsen 4, W. Wall 5, J. Bagnall 6, T. F. Metcalfe 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8. Rung for the 74th birthday of Thomas Metcalfe, 63 years a ringer at this church and present chief ringer.

DEANE, HANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Gosling 1, M. Goss 2, P. Watts (15) 3, F. Gosling 4, D. Papworth (cond.) 5, E. Cox (13) 6. For Evensong by members and helpers of the Burchclere Sunday service band at the invitation of the Rector.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.—On May 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Chappell 1, B. Schofield 2, Mrs. E. V. Parker 3, Mrs. W. Penny 4, P. Dale 5, S. W. J. Penny (cond.) 6. A tribute to Mr. Colin Lever, 25 years verger at this church.

EALING, MIDDx.—At St. Mary's, on May 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. M. Harvey 1, L. Way 2, A. M. Stacey 3, S. Croft 4, F. Ranson 5, F. D. Bishop 6, M. Sprackling 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8. For Matins.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On May 31st, at Christ Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Kyme (first quarter) 1, R. E. Fentiman 2, Margaret Taylor 3, Sally Parrott 4, W. Parrott 5, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day.

FINCHLEY, MIDDx.—On May 31st, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Ellen Richardson (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. Barker 2, C. Ward 3, B. Watson (first 'inside') 4, L. Tubbs 5, M. Carter 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. For Ascension Day Evensong.

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ockerden 1, H. Wakelam 2, J. E. Elliott 3, C. Gower 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, J. Charman 6. For the Queen's Official Birthday, and also for the 20th birthday of J. R. Maple.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol E. Tyler (first quarter, age 11) 1, D. J. Beach (cond.) 2, P. Mary Beach 3, A. Minkley 4, J. W. Tyler 5, C. W. Hodgkinson 6. For morning service.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On May 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: U. W. Wildney 1, Miss G. Brown 2, W. Rouse 3, G. Waterman 4, E. B. Smith 5, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 6, W. Felgate 7, J. Brown 8. Longest in method 2 and 7.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Roberts (first quarter) 1, J. Keyte 2, B. Morley 3, W. Cross 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, J. Benfield 6, A. Lloyd 7, H. Francis 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 23rd, 1,440 London Surprise: W. J. Croft 1, Miss J. Croft 2, L. R. Runnacles 3, G. Cherry 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. F. H. Rolph, Vicar, buried this day.

HAMPTON, MIDDx.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. H. D. Jones 1, Susan Rawlings 2, D. Brock 3, D. Struckett 4, M. J. Bangham (cond.) 5, J. F. M. Maybrey 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. D. D. Pratt, late director of the National Chemical Laboratory. All six ringers are from the National Physical Laboratory.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Latimer's Church, on May 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge S., 540 Plain Bob): C. J. Brown 1, Margaret A. Essen 2, N. J. Goodman 3, G. Davies 4, R. W. Pipe 5, P. W. Webb (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDx.—On May 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Gage 1, Miss S. Heeseman 2, J. Small 3, C. W. Simpson (first 'inside') 4, D. Knights 5, B. Matthews 6, J. Rank 7, B. Burroughs (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Ascension Day Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 20th, 1,440 Spliced Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Davey 1, C. L. Bell 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, D. F. Murfet 4, H. S. Peacock 5, G. E. Thoday (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HEREFORD.—On May 31st, at the Cathedral, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge, Single Oxford, Plain Bob), with tenor covering: R. G. Powell 1, Audrey T. Gladwell 2, A. T. Wingate 3, R. Hatcher 4, W. F. Scudamore 5, F. Reed (cond.) 6, G. T. Cousins 7. For Ascension Day service.

HESTON, MIDDx.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, for morning service: Miss C. Andrews 1, A. Grant 2, Miss G. Baresel (first 'inside') 3, P. Ruch (cond.) 4, Miss F. Pocock 5, A. Butcher 6, M. Hawkins 7, R. Sumner 8; and for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Andrews 1, P. Ruch (cond.) 2, A. Grant 3, Miss G. Baresel 4, Miss F. Pocock 5, R. Sumner 6, A. Butcher 7, M. Hawkins 8.

HOLT, WILTS.—On May 20th, 1,140 Doubles (four methods): J. Sawtell 1, J. Nibbs 2, D. Nibbs 3, R. Humphries (cond.) 4, D. Stillman 5, K. Jones 6. First in four methods for all the band. A compliment to Nurse Mason on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Ford.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. A. Price 1, E. V. Woodcock 2, B. Griffiths (cond.) 3, J. H. Jones 4, D. H. B. Millward 5, W. Price 6. Rung half-muffled after the interment of S. J. Lewis (a local ringer).

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Miss S. Staley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Watson 2, R. Stretton 3, B. S. Cope 4, M. Staley (first quarter 'inside') 5, G. Watson (cond.) 6.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKS.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Oxford T.B. Major: Miss J. I. Porter (first of Major as cond.) 1, A. G. Osborne 2, I. Booth 3, F. C. Hobson 4, G. Pybus 5, H. F. Gibson 6, J. A. Singleton 7, R. Ducker 8. Birthday compliment to daughter of tenor ringer.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): Christine V. Bowen 1, D. C. Bowen 2, N. R. Waits 3, S. C. Walters 4, A. S. Bishop 5, A. R. Mann (cond.) 6.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles: A. Georgetta Harrison 1, M. J. Kirk 2, N. D. Kirk (first in six methods 'inside') 3, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. For Rogation Sunday, and a birthday compliment to treble ringer. Plain Bob Major: E. B. Smith 1, Ann C. Brown 2, Dina Harrison (first quarter) 3, R. Harrison 4, W. Rouse 5, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 6, U. Wildney 7, J. Brown 8.

LEWTRENCHARD, DEVON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Boucher 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, H. Hicks (first 'inside') 3, J. Benoy (cond.) 4, F. Wells 5, C. Burden (first quarter) 6.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Nicholas', Cole Abbey, on May 23rd, 1,260 St. Nicholas' Bob Doubles (four callings): J. C. Eisel 1—2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3—4, N. J. Davies 5—6. Rung to commemorate the restoration and reopening of this church.

MANCHESTER LANCs.—In the University Union, on May 28th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Sabre Sullivan 1—2, D. W. James 3—4, K. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 5—6, Mary Browne (first 'in hand') 7—8. First of Major 'in hand' for 1—2, 3—4 and 5—6. Rung by the Manchester University Guild to mark the engagement of Miss Nancy J. Robins, secretary of the Guild, to Mr. J. H. Soanes, immediate Past Master of the Guild.



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EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Speldhurst, June 16th, Bells 3 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—Margaret A. Ladd, Sec. 363

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Quarterly meeting Bridstow, Saturday, June 16th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall.—J. J. Webb, 23, Akon Street, Ross-on-Wye. 393

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—June 16th, Essendon (6), Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Coburn, 3 Lea Road, Harpenden, Herts. Special methods: Killamarsh T.B. and New Bob Doubles.—M. A. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip, Saturday, June 16th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Mitchell, 1, Boyces Hill Cottages, Newington, Sittingbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Eastry, Saturday, June 16th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per head. Names together with cash, please, to Mr. I. Eldridge, 5, Maymills Cottages, Sandwich. 304

LONDON COUNTY and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS present the Thames Ringing Festival, June 16th, 1 to 2 p.m. St. Mary's, Barnes (8), and St. Mary's, Mortlake (8); 2 to 3 All Hallows', Chertsey Road, Twickenham (10); 3 to 4.15 All Saints', Isleworth (10). 4.30 tea, Isleworth Church Hall, South Street. 6 Service, Isleworth. 6.30 to 8.30 ringing, Isleworth; 7 to 8.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Richmond (8). Names for tea to H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. 312

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—The inaugural District meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16th, Ringing: Whatton 2-4 p.m. Tea: Church Hall, Bingham, 4.30, followed by meeting and service. Bingham bells available 6.30-9 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, Notts. 301

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Highclere, June 16th, Bells available: East Woodhay 1 to 2 p.m., Woolton Hill 2 to 3, Highclere 3 to 4.30 (followed by service and meeting), Burghclere 6 to 7, Newtown 6.30 to 7, Svdmonnton 7 to 8, Kingsclere 8 to 9 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mrs. M. Green, Old School House, Highclere. 356

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Belbroughton, Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. E. Calcutt, Hartle Lane, Belbroughton, by Thursday, June 14th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 325

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A ringing day and business meeting will be held in Bristol on Saturday, June 23rd. Luncheon will be reserved at the Assize Courts Hotel for those sending names and cash (12s. 6d.) by June 15th to Mr. F. E. Hansford, 'Worle', Station Road, Winterbourne Down, Bristol. Accommodation limited so early application is advised. Business meeting at St. Mary Redcliffe Hall, 5.30 p.m. Ringing programme: St. Philip's (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m., St. James' (10) 11 a.m.-12 noon, St. Stephen's (10) 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Cathedral (8) 2.15-3.15 p.m. Christ Church (10) 2.45-4. St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 3.30-5 p.m.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 251

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 23rd, at Burrington. Bells (6) 5 p.m. 373

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Branch practice, Taunton St. James', Saturday, June 23rd, Bells 7-9 p.m.—A. H. Reed. 588

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 23rd, Studham, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss Angela Harrison, 'Greystones', Studham, near Dunstable, by 21st, please. Great Gaddesden bells available after tea. We have also been invited to a barbecue here in the evening, tickets at 5s, from Mr. R. Goldsney, 18, Great Elms Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 375

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 23rd, Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Plymouth. Tea and meeting in St. Mark's Hall, Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral 1.30-3 and 6-8, Heavitree 1.30-3, St. Mark's 3-4, St. Thomas' 7-8 p.m. 344

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Joint meeting with the LADIES' GUILD, Saturday, June 23rd, at Staindrop, Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st to E. Thompson, 1, West Green, Heighington, Darlington. 384

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints, Saturday, June 23rd, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 377

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Dursley (8), Saturday, June 23rd, Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names to B. T. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley, Glos. 380

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Great Gaddesden, June 23rd, joint ringing Western and Luton Districts, followed by a barbecue and social evening on the estate of Capt. Sir Thomas Halsey. Tickets 5s, from R. Sheppard, 57A, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead. 393

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willborough on Saturday, June 23rd, Specially arranged for the 95th birthday of Mr. E. S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Association. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Rita Gower, 131, Osborne Road, Willborough, Ashford, by previous Wednesday.—C. T. H. 334

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Preston, Saturday, June 23rd, Bells (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Lavenham (8) after the business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 20th, to Miss A. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market. 349

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Saxilby on Saturday, June 23rd, Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Cox, 5, High Street, Saxilby, near Lincoln, by Tuesday, June 19th.—A. Richardson. 336

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bokton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod, Saturday, June 23rd, Tea meal at a moderate charge.—Thornley, Sec. 395

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The 151st ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 23rd, Bells available 3 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everyone welcome.—F. S. Mortlock. 376

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Long Clawson on June 23rd, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Tinsley, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray. 381

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Blo' Norton, Saturday, June 23rd, Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 387

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Half yearly meeting, Baldon, June 23rd, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 20th, to Mr. J. Greenaway, 3, The Croft, March Baldon, Oxon. 389

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Hitcham, Saturday, June 23rd, Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 19th, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 339

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—June 23rd, practice meeting at Broadchalke, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 19th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 345

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—By-meeting, Hilton, Saturday, June 23rd, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. R. Master-Curtis, Damer House, Milton Abbey, Milton Abbas, Blandford, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 378

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. 1672.—Meeting at Holme Pierrepont, June 23rd, in conjunction with their fete and gala afternoon handbell demonstration. Many attractions. Teas available. All welcome. Evening ringing 6-9 p.m.—A. Henson, Sec. 382

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 23rd next. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.25 and 6.30-8.30 p.m., St. Michael's (6) 3-3.55 and 5.30 onwards, St. Mary's (8) and St. Chad's (4) both 6 p.m. onwards. Service at St. Michael's 4 p.m. Tea (at W.I. Hall, Lombard Street) 4.45 p.m. Names for tea (seating limited) by Wednesday, June 20th, to C. M. Smith, 'Fosseway', Talbot Avenue, Streety, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks. Tel. STREety 7793. 297

SUSSEX AESSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Ewhurst, on June 23rd, Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to E. Beoney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 379

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Saturday, June 23rd, outing to Staines and district, starting St. Mary's, Hampton (8), at 12 o'clock. Sandwich lunch provided at The 'Bell' and supper at 29, Lynegrove Avenue, Ashford, Middlesex. Names, please, to N. D. Robinson or to a Society officer. 396

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Selby Abbey, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (10) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Hawdon Institute, near Abbey, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Pontholme Drive, Selby, by Thursday, June 21st. Subscriptions now due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 327

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Chewton Mendip on Sunday, June 24th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.30 a.m.: Notify Mr. H. Baber, Barrow Farm, Chewton Mendip, for breakfast.—E. Chivers. 383

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent District joint with the Central District.—Meeting at Bromley, Saturday, June 30th, St. Luke's, Bromley Common. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, SS. Peter and Paul's, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss M. Kirby, 13, Wendover Road, Bromley, Kent. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. M. D. 390

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Netherbury, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to J. Davis, The Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 370

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow: the Lord Bishop will preside. Names for tea to Mrs. Whitworth, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea.—J. A. Hoare, Gen. Sec. 391

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 7th. Arrangements as follows: 9.45 a.m. Corporate Communion in St. Aldate's Church: 11 a.m. festival service in Christ Church Cathedral: 12 noon business meeting in the Chapter House: 1.30 p.m. lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church. Application for tickets (6s. 6d. each), accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge,' Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, not later than Tuesday, June 26th. Ringing arrangements as on Agenda.—M. R. Cross.

SAFFRON WALDEN BELLS.—The date of the reopening of the ring of 12 bells at Saffron Walden has been fixed for Saturday, October 20th, at 11 a.m. Lunch and tea provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, October 17th.—L. E. Pitow, 4, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 392

WEEK-END IN SOMERSET

Arranged by 'Margaret,' four carloads of ringers left Kingston-upon-Thames on May 18th for a week-end in Somerset. As last year, the headquarters were the King's Head, Wells. Saturday morning's ringing was at Street, Wilton, Wellington and Milverton, and at the last named tower 'Brigand' Young joined the party and conducted them to his delightful home at Waterrow for lunch.

Chipstable's light six sounded out of tune, and the long draught at Old Cleve did not improve the striking. Some Minor methods were rung on the heavy six at Stogumber and the day's ringing was rounded off at Nether Stowey.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny. The local ringers were joined at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, to ring for morning service, and in the afternoon the 10 bells at the Cathedral were kept going for an hour to Grandsire. Stedman and Cambridge, again with the aid of the locals. Other ringing followed at Heytesbury, Croscombe ('must be the noisiest six in England') and Great Wishford. Over supper at Salisbury the accounts were settled before the journey back to London.

Our thanks are due to Margaret, the drivers, incumbents and local ringers. B. M.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL QUARTER PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith A. Suffolk (18) 1, Christine Mason (15) 2, Dorothy E. Beamish 3, M. H. Hodgkinson (16, longest length as cond.) 4, G. A. Bell 5, W. J. Day (15) 6. Also on June 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Christine Mason 1, M. Trevor (13) 2, J. Draycott 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, A. H. Beamish 5, G. A. Bell 6, T. E. Wilson 7, H. Harris 8, L. Trevor (first as cond.) 9, J. E. Lloyd 10. First in method for 1, 2 and 7. For Evensong during Coventry Cathedral Festival.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On May 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Edson 1, L. A. Whewall 2, W. C. Budd 3, A. G. Grant 4, R. W. Gibbons 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Richardson 1, R. Bates 2, Miss K. Greenway 3, W. Beebe 4, A. Blackmore (first 'inside') 5, R. Brown (first quarter) 6, H. Steed (cond.) 7, J. Richardson 8. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Beebe 1, Miss M. Northover 2, Miss K. Greenway (first as cond.) 3, H. Steed 4, Miss J. Broadgate 5, R. Bates 6, A. Blackmore 7, M. Newcombe 8. First quarter in method for all.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): R. A. Porter 1, Hilary Knight 2, R. H. Jones 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Teal (first quarter) 1, J. Gray (first as cond.) 2, E. M. Haynes 3, S. J. Wight 4, C. Hunt 5, N. W. Castle 6. First quarter as own band. Also for morning service.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Spring Festival Lasts Until 10.30 p.m.

The spring festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch was held at St. Mewan Church on May 19th. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. H. Jupp (Rector), and the preacher was the Rev. J. Jose, of Perran-ar-Worthal.

Mr. J. Keat, of St. Merryn, was the judge, and proceedings lasted until 10.30 p.m., when the ringers again assembled in the Church Hall for more refreshments and to hear the results.

Mr. D. Burnett, the Guild Ringing Master, said the general standard of ringing was below that normally encountered. This was probably caused by the large number of young entrants into the art of ringing who were present, and it was encouraging to note that this festival had received greater support than many previous meetings.

First class awards were gained by Tywardreath B (3), St. Mewan B, St. Mewan A, St. Ewe, Tywardreath A, St. Ewe A, St. Columb Minor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On May 19th the West Central District held a practice meeting at Barking. For some the day started with a ringing afternoon at the towers of Sproughton, Bramford, Oulton and Ashbocking. By 6 p.m. thoughts and cars were turned to Barking, where use was made of the time to encourage learners in treble work and Plain Bob, and, for the more experienced, methods rarely rung.

The meeting was well attended, with visitors from most of the Suffolk Districts, and among our other visitors we welcomed Kitty Willers from Trumpington. E. M.

OBITUARY

MR. T. H. BROWN

Mr. Thomas Henry Brown, who died in the Royal Halifax Infirmary on June 5th, aged 76, had been a bell ringer at St. Peter's Church, Sowerby, Yorks, for 56 years, and was active until the time of his death. Peals had been rung at Sowerby Parish Church for his 70th birthday, and also when he had completed 50 years as a service ringer. He had also served the church as a member of the P.C.C., and for a time as verger. Of a friendly disposition, he will be greatly missed by Sowerby ringers.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Pauline Fearn (first quarter) 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Susan Funnell 3, Veronica M. Miles 4, Ann E. Fellows 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, J. K. Foot 8. For morning service.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On June 3rd, at St. Mary the Virgin, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. G. Inglis (first quarter) 1, George L. E. Brown (first of Doubles) 2, Mrs. M. C. Brown (first of Doubles) 3, J. A. W. Fuller 4, A. W. Johnson (first as cond.) 5, M. L. Stevens (first quarter) 6. By Sunday service ringers for Confirmation. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

MEASHAM, LEICS.—On May 26th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: W. F. Woodward 1, R. J. Clifton 2, Beryl Cawser 3, J. E. Cawser (cond.) 4, D. P. Jones 5, F. E. Wilshaw 6, J. W. Cotton 7, R. Warrilow 8. Rung for the anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. Algernon J. Day.

MERROW, SURREY.—On May 29th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob): R. A. K. Glue (first of Treble Bob) 1, Carolyn White (first in two methods and first extent of Grandsire) 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, D. J. Tubbs 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia A. Drew (first quarter) 1, Christine M. Hadfield (first quarter) 2, H. N. Evans (cond.) 3, E. D. Elderkin 4, J. R. Goodenough 5, M. Morris 6. For Ascension Day by members of the S.U.G.C.R.

PUTNEY, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Swatton 1, Allison M. Mann 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, M. J. Uphill 4, L. W. Allen 5, A. R. Millidge 6, D. C. Brooks 7, B. H. Coatsworth 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 27th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: R. Lindsay 1, J. Bruce 2, N. Donaven 3, D. Nichols 4, S. Armeson 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. Rung by members of Kimberworth School Society of Change Ringers. Also on May 27th, 1,080 Plain Bob Major: J. Bruce 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, R. Lindsay 3, D. Nichols 4, N. Donovan 5, G. S. Lee 6, S. Armeson 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LATE NOTICES

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, June 16th. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. No ringing before tea.—J. R. Norris. 404

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Forthcoming Tuesday practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: June 19th, St. Mary-le-Bow; June 26th, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 3rd, St. Lawrence Jewry; July 10th, St. Michael's, Cornhill. Business meeting at Bristol on June 23rd (see separate notice). There will be no business meeting on Tuesday, June 26th.—John Chilcott. 397

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crowkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Crowkerne (8). Saturday, June 23rd. Please notify for tea. Usual arrangements.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 403

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirtall Branch.—Port Sunlight, June 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous, Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 406

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 23rd, to be held at Heath. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 399

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Worsley, Saturday, June 23rd. 3 p.m. Cups of tea available.—W. H. Riddle, Branch Sec. 409

DEVON.—Westleigh, near Bideford.—Friday, June 29th. Reopening of bells. Ringing 6 p.m. Service 7.30. Supper 8.30 p.m. Supper tickets (2s. 6d.) must be ordered by Wednesday, June 27th, from Vicar, Westleigh Vicarage, Bideford. 405

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Whittlebury on June 30th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. Linnell, Whittlebury, near Towcester. 402

Quarter Peals

READING, BERKS.—On June 3rd, at the Municipal Church of St. Laurence, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Florence Gonge (first quarter) 1, J. Hibbert 2, Mrs. Doris Catherall 3, J. H. Napper 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, P. G. Davies 6, J. K. Morley 7, W. Rampton 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blown 1, W. F. Scudamore 2, J. J. Webb 3, A. C. Berry 4, E. W. Penn 5, P. T. Hurcombe 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, H. F. Meek 8. Rung prior to the dedication of a peal board, commemorating a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ruardean by the above band (except the treble ringer) on October 8th, 1961.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 20th, 1,260 Gainsborough Little Bob Major: W. J. Arnold 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, R. F. Ewer 3, G. Dodds 4, W. Little 5, J. E. Ewer 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, M. D. Frost 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At Sacred Trinity, on May 27th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mary Browne 1, Margaret Rosa 2, R. I. Johnston 3, R. Edwards 4, Janet Warwick 5, J. H. Soanes 6, E. F. P. Bryant 7, D. W. James (cond.) 8. First in method for all the band. Rung by the Manchester University Guild for Evensong.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. G. Goodman (first of Triples) 1, G. C. Goodman 2, W. H. Aley 3, R. Hayden 4, S. L. Brooks 5, T. J. Southam (cond.) 6, E. J. Rochester 7, T. Camp 8. A farewell to the Vicar.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Waller (first quarter) 1, E. H. Smith 2, C. Tigwell 3, F. Henbest 4, A. Street (cond.) 5, D. Bayles 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Cyril Isherwood, Vicar of Stoke Row, Oxon.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain): Miss B. Mainstone 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, J. Nelson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, M. Manning 6. For Evensong.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. W. Ellis 1, Mrs. S. Brown (first quarter) 2, R. D. R. Brown 3, J. Cole 4, J. G. Cull 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.—On May 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Myers (cond.) 1, B. Coles 2, D. R. Bould 3, F. D. Mack 4, J. Carter 5, J. Woolford 6.

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