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ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL BELLS

MMR. FREDERICK SHARPE this year addressed the Friends of St. David's Cathedral and, with the handbell ringers of St. Mary's, Launton, gave a recital of sacred music on handbells, which included selections from Bach and Mozart, mediæval and moral carols and Welsh hymns. His address has been printed in the annual report of the Friends of the Cathedral. Summarised, the story dealt with: Pirates—Danes—the collapse of the tower—earthquake—slander—mediæval generosity—fanatic Puritans—thieves and robbers—neglect; a long story with a happy ending—a magnificent gift and a glorious ring of bells.

According to one writer, it was in 1649 that certain 'sacrilegious villans' stole the tenor and treble bells. In their haste or incompetence in lowering the large bell it crashed to the pavement, doing considerable damage. The bells were taken away in a ship, which was sunk before it reached its destination.

Another story that might be almost legendary is that during the Civil War, when fanatical Puritan soldiers were destroying the organ, a small boy climbed to one of the upper galleries and threw stones at them. One stone hit a soldier on the head and hurt him severely.

The enraged soldier gave chase. Finding himself pursued, and despairing of being able to escape, the boy climbed into the belfry. Here he hid inside one of the bells, holding on to its clapper until the search was abandoned. The boy, whose name was Williams, afterwards became a vicar choral of the cathedral, and lived to the age of 90.

In 1719 there were five bells in St. David's Cathedral, and rubbings and drawings of their inscriptions and rough sketches of the founders' marks are preserved in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. For two centuries their story is a sorry one. Referring to their condition in the 18th century, Capt. G. W. Mandy wrote: 'When rung they puzzle the hearer to determine whether they are intended to utter expressions of joy or sorrow.'

Four large bells were reported to be cracked and unfit for use in 1748, and an order was made for them to be sold and replaced by a new one. Whether this was acted upon is not clear, but in 1777 three of the ancient bells, weighing 36 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. (bells named Andrew, Katharine and Michael), were sold to William Savill, a London bell-founder. He made two new bells; the one at the top of the central tower weighs 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb., is used as a clock bell and is tolled as a service bell.

The present ring of eight were the generous gift of an anonymous donor in 1928 and were cast at the White-chapel Bell Foundry.

WHEN THE BELLS STOP RINGING—

By The Rev. KENNETH STUART,
Rector of Milton-next-Gravesend

IT is commonly stated that bellringers are not regular attenders at church. They spend half an hour or so pulling the bells to invite the parishioners to come to church, and then slip off to the local for a glass of beer while the service is going on.

The recent rededication of the bells at a Suffolk church was the occasion for remarks on these lines by the bishop who carried out the ceremony of rededication.

Now, it is true that once the bells have finished ringing the ringers do not always come into church, but I doubt very much whether they go straight to the pub.

For one thing, the pubs aren't open on Sundays until at least half an hour after most churches begin Evensong, and for an hour after most of us begin Matins.

My experience is that a fair proportion of bellringers do come into church for the service. But I would like to put a slightly different point of view here: the bellringers are not simply inviting us to worship God when they ring; they are, in the act of ringing, worshipping God themselves.

The congregation worships at 6.30 by singing hymns and psalms and by hearing the Bible read to them, but the ringers worship a little earlier than the rest of us by making a melody on their bells.

There is scriptural authority for this: the 150th Psalm lists musical instruments on which we may praise God; and the ringers may feel that after an hour or so's pulling they are a little hot and dishevelled and have praised God and so may now go home.

It is very encouraging when they do come to church for the service, and no doubt it is acceptable to God. But if we criticise the ringers for not coming into church then we should surely criticise ourselves also for not being at church an hour or so earlier to listen to the bells in an attitude of worship.

Bellringers on the whole are very pleasant people. Not only do they take time off to ring on Sundays, but they frequently take time off to practise ringing and to teach others how to ring. They are in frequent demand at weddings, a task which involves them in at least an hour's service by the time they have rung for the bride to come into church, waited for the service to be concluded, and rung the newly-married couple out of church.

For something like an hour's work, usually on a Saturday afternoon, they get paid round about 10s.—not an excessive fee by any standards. I personally don't grudge the ringers a glass of beer on Sundays or on any other day of the week.
[From 'The Gravesend Reporter']

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Preb. Cox Memorial Fund To Be Closed

THE 83rd annual festival of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Exeter on June 23rd, when ringing was enjoyed at the Cathedral, and at the four other Exeter churches with ringable bells.

The service, at St. Mark's, was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. C. G. Poulton, who, in welcoming the Guild once again, regretted that, as he would shortly be leaving the parish, it would be his last welcome, but he hoped that the Guild would continue to have its festivals there. The lesson was read by the president, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews.

The Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Rev. Norman H. Clarke, preached, and in his address referred to his impending retirement and said that two memories he would take with him were hearing the bells of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, ringing after his induction as Vicar of Plymouth in 1944, and hearing bells ringing from country churches during his visits, the sound of which often guided him to the church.

REASON FOR RINGING

He gave three reasons why we ring: (1) We enjoy ringing—it is a pleasure away from routine and there is a fellowship which extends outside our own tower, and a reminder that God has a share in all our amusements; (2) It is a worthwhile craft and there is great variety in ringing. Many churches have records of ringing achievements commemorating public happenings, and thus it is an ancient craft, which reflects the life of the community. God is Lord of all life and of all our skills, including ringing; (3) It is a service for God and His Church. In Devon our towers were built for bells, and in other parts spires point heavenwards. The towers indicate to us that God is Lord of all joy and all life.

A service like this, he said, reminds us of the purpose of ringing, which is for the Glory of God in calling to worship week by week. We must keep our towers really alive; he thought that more towers were ringing now than five or ten years ago and we must get together and cement our brotherhood.

The collection which amounted to £4 10s. 6d. was shared between the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund and St. Mark's Church funds.

More than 100 members had tea in the parish room and, in addition to the Bishop Plymouth, the president of the Central Council, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, were honoured

guests. At the subsequent business meeting the president took the chair and the treasurer presented the accounts, which were accepted. He referred to the fund to provide a memorial to the late president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, and suggested that the fund should be closed at the end of August. The committee could then discuss the form the memorial should take. This was agreed to and the treasurer asked for any amounts outstanding to be forwarded as soon as possible. Grants of £25 and £20 respectively were made from the Bell Restoration Fund to Bampton and Westleigh.

PROSPECTS GOOD

In presenting the committee's report, the secretary pointed out that although membership was stationary at about 650, there were many young members, and prospects were good provided older members gave them every encouragement. At the committee's request the Bishop had inserted a reference in the Diocesan Leaflet and the Directory to the Rev. J. G. M. Scott as adviser on bells and belfries.

The printed report contains a condensation from 'The Ringing World' of an article on the early history of the Guild by the late Mr. F. C. Smale, which had been inserted as a tribute to the author, who had been general secretary for 10 years. The committee had met twice during the year and had confirmed as honorary life members Mr. A. Newman, of Dartmouth, and Mr. W. G. Hiscott, of Liscard.

The librarian made an appeal for old books and hoped that old ringers would see that any in their possession were not lost. He also reported on the recent meeting of the Central Council and said that the advent of the Devonshire Association had produced a new spirit, and made members realise that call change ringers were also ringers.

It was agreed to hold next year's festival again in Exeter, and the officers were all re-elected, with the addition of Mr. G. C. Woodley, of Sidbury, as a vice-president. The Central Council representatives were also re-elected, and Mr. Sharpe was elected a non-resident life member. After the president had proposed an omnibus vote of thanks, members returned to the belfries for more ringing.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Andover District

The Andover District members had beautiful sunny weather for their summer meeting when ringing took place in seven towers in North Hampshire.

East Woodhay's pleasant six were available for an hour from 1 to 2 p.m., then the noisy six at Woolton Hill before going on to the eight at Highclere.

The service was conducted at Highclere by the Rector (the Rev. T. W. Lewis), who welcomed the visitors. Tea was served by the Highclere lady ringers, and there was more than enough for everyone present.

Six new members were elected from the Burghclere tower, making seven in all from here, others elected being from Andover and a life member from Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Mr. Alliston, the District's chairman, announced that Mr. J. Wickett, a ringing member of Whitchurch, had been awarded the M.B.E. in the recent honours list and, being present, he was congratulated by the meeting.

Ringing afterwards followed at Burghclere, Newton, Sydmonton and Kingsclere. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Bristol Surprise Major. G. K. D.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Officers for Michaelmas term: F. J. Nelson (Corpus), Master; Miss C. B. Clayton (St. Anne's) and J. E. Camp (Jesus), secretaries; Miss C. C. Macnair (L.M.H.), treasurer.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

THE Lord Bishop of St. Asaph's, Dr. D. D. Bartlett, attended the annual meeting of the North Wales Association at Llangollen on June 23rd, and gave an address at the choral service. Showing a keen interest in the work of the Association, he joined the members at tea and afterwards presided at the business meeting.

The attendance was not as good as expected considering the attractions of Llangollen, which is one of the beauty spots of North Wales and now famous for its International Eisteddfod. Towers represented were Machynlleth, Rhyl, Abergele, Hope, Buckley, Flint, Wrexham and Llangollen.

Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (Chancellor Dr. J. Alun Thomas), assisted by the Rev. John Gilpin.

Tea was served at Dorothy's Cafe when the ringers were joined by the Bishop and clergy. Also present were Mr. A. Bailey, an old Llangollen ringer in his 90th year, and Mr. T. R. Butler, president of the Police Guild. Mr. Butler spoke of his pleasure at being at the meeting and how delighted he was to meet some of his old friends. Mr. D. H. B. Millward thanked the ladies for the excellent tea provided.

At the business meeting the chairman requested the members to stand in silence as a token of respect to Mr. J. Powell, of Rhyl, and Mr. J. Lewis, of Hope. Both were staunch members who had died recently.

LIFE MEMBERS

As an honour for their long service as ringing members, the following were voted life members: Mr. Russell Edwards (Abergele), Mr. Jos Hayes (Buckley), Mr. Ll. Griffiths (Llandudno) and Mr. J. Evans (Rhyl). The secretary read a letter from Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, expressing his inability to be present and conveyed his good wishes for a successful meeting.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Chancellor Dr. J. Alun Thomas; vice-presidents, Lt.-Col. Corbett Winder (Lord Lieutenant of Montgomeryshire), Archdeacon Richards, the Rev. C. Humphrey Jones, the Rev. D. R. Griffiths, Mr. J. S. Antiss and Mr. G. F. Hewitt; Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans (Wrexham); honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall (Wrexham); District secretaries, Mrs. Ll. S. Griffiths and Mr. D. H. B. Millward; District instructors, Mr. Ll. S. Griffiths and Mr. F. R. Evans; auditor, Mr. W. H. Lewis (Hope).

Mr. D. H. B. Millward, Central Council representative, gave a report of the C.C. meeting at Cardiff, and stressed importance of tower captains purchasing C.C. publications for young ringers.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Bodolwyddan on September 1st, and the annual meeting next year at Beaumaris on the second Saturday after Whitsun.

A retiring collection was taken on behalf of the restoration of the bells at Llandigai and the Kilifi Church Bell Fund, East Africa.

On behalf of the ringers Mr. E. Jones expressed thanks to the Bishop for his interest and for giving the address. A vote of thanks was also proposed by Mr. D. H. B. Millward to the Vicar, and to Mr. A. Bailey, captain of the Llangollen ringers, for the excellent arrangements.

The meeting was most enjoyable both from a social and ringing point of view. The duty of Ringing Master was ably carried out by Mr. F. R. Evans, of Wrexham. The bells are a fine ring of eight, tenor 17 cwt.

50 Years Ago

'R.W.' July 12th, 1912.

For the proposed new tower and spire for St. Mary's Church, Southampton (long associated with the name of Wilberforce), £2,562 has now been raised, exclusive of the £1,000 promised for a peal of bells.

Congratulations to the band that on Sunday scored the 8,099 Grandsire Caters on handbells, and particularly to Miss Elsie Bennett, who rang 1—2. Miss Bennett is making a splendid record in handbell ringing, and this latest achievement is a capital performance. The peal is the longest length in the method rung on handbells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

South-West District

We were especially pleased to welcome a visitor from Pontefract, Yorkshire, among the 26 ringers and friends who attended the District meeting at Great Thurlow on June 9th. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Barrington Barnes, with the lesson read by Mr. Allen W. Cansdale, after which an excellent tea was enjoyed, given by Mr. and Mrs. Vestey, of Great Thurlow Hall.

At the business meeting two new ringing members were elected—Miss Brenda Mander, of Higham, and Mr. Michael Jackman, of Stratford St. Mary.

Mr. Ernest Smith reported that the Assington ringers had appealed to the villagers by handwritten letters for £15 for new bell ropes, and to date the fund had realised £24. He felt that by reporting this overwhelming response it might assist other towers who were in a similar position.

The Rev. Barrington Barnes said that Mr. and Mrs. Vestey were willing to give a cup if this would encourage ringing in the District. It was decided to accept this offer and to send a circular letter to all District towers to obtain the views of those members not present, on this subject, the results of which are to be put forward for discussion at the next District meeting at Glemsford on August 25th. E. R. M. C.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEADWOOD

Dear Sir,—Your leading article, June 22nd, once again brings to mind the state of so many towers that remain stagnant. They have a regular band, ring for Sunday service, but beyond this and the occasional practice, take no active part in their Guild's functions, not even when the Guild visits their own tower for ringing.

We in these parts have our fair share of these towers, but we have proved that they can be made to awaken; in fact, in this immediate area we have three towers which are now learning Bob Doubles, due to a sudden spur of enthusiasm, brought about by one keen ringer who, in at least two cases, has given them a new lease on life.

In my experience I have found that if there is one enthusiastic member in the team he can usually pass on his enthusiasm to the others, especially if he has a big car. If they can follow this up with local quarter peals they soon become a live tower, wishing to join in with other activities.

However, this enthusiasm has to be created from inside, outside help is usually not welcomed, although a lot depends on the local captain and how enthusiastic he is for his band to progress.

Fortunately the majority of tower captains, whatever the state of their bands, are only too pleased to allow visitors to ring on their bells. Refusals to visiting bands are extremely rare, and these tower captains are given the cold shoulder.

A lot also depends on the incumbent, but, although he is in charge of the bells, it is always the tower captain who has the last word and on this individual depends whether he has a live band or **deadwood**, as his enthusiasm can usually be passed on to the rest of the team.

So look to it, tower captains, it rests on you as to how your band is described by your fellow ringers.—Yours faithfully,

G. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

IN DEFENCE OF THE 'DEADWOODS'

Dear Sir,—I doubt very much whether the reference to certain ringers as 'deadwood' ('R.W.' front page, June 22nd) will be regarded as constructive criticism. There must be hundreds and I know of some, who qualify for what seems to me to be an unwarranted accusation. These people are doing a fine job, in these days of so many silent towers, in keeping the bells going. In most cases, where Grandsire Doubles is the only method, the bells are generally well struck, which is to the credit of the 'deadwoods.'

There may be quite a number of reasons for the non-attendance of these ringers at Guild and A.G.M.s. Inconvenience may be one, and another is that they find the A.G.M.s a little boring. (My experience is that they appear to be too much of 'the cut and dried' affairs.)

For financial reasons these ringers may find 'The Ringing World' too costly, or uninteresting and not worth the cost, plus postage. That is my view and I now purchase my 'Ringing World' through a newsagent.

Finally, in these days of abundant amusements and recreations great credit is due to those who are keeping bands together by ringing the simplest of methods and call changes. Constructive criticism is always welcome and, coupled with real assistance and the right approach, might well bring these 'deadwoods' into the fold.—Yours truly,

R. BEALE.

Taunton.

EYE BELLS

Dear Sir,—At the rededication of Eye, Suffolk, eight bells the Bishop is reported to have said 'and the ringers sink off to the nearest pub to refresh themselves.' This shows his ignorance of the license laws, as the 'locals' do not open on Sundays till 12 noon and 7 p.m. These times are more convenient for the tenors and basses of the choir, who desire refreshments after their 'energetic action' and perhaps a dry sermon.

It has been said that Queen Victoria, attending divine service, gave instructions for a bottle of sherry to be placed in the vestry for the use of the officiating priest. From my knowledge of the 'cloth' very few of them would resist the 'evil' (?) temptation of taking a 'drop,' before and after the service.—Yours, etc.,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

CRICKET MATCH RECALLED

Dear Sir,—I read in the 'R.W.' (dated June 22nd) that one of your hidden reporters has beaten me to the task of reporting a cricket match held at Edenham some time last year.

It is only right that the 40-run victory of Spalding should not go unsung or that the player, mentioned in the sentence of the report, be rapped over the knuckles for his omission.

Perhaps it will suffice to say that the player in question, having been dropped from this year's team, is still in exile at Mablethorpe, where he still enjoys that singular privilege of the blue uniform.—Yours faithfully,

A. L. L. BUTTS.

Mablethorpe, Lincs.

WHEN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FAILS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read your article and correspondence concerning electrical installations in belfries and, whilst precautions against lamp failure and accidental switching off are no doubt desirable, there still remains the possibility of failure of the supply.

I do wonder whether the danger is exaggerated—I well remember one Sunday evening in winter, some twelve years ago, when the power supply for the district failed whilst we were ringing. The touch of Major went up the spout, but we all controlled our bells and caught our sallies in pitch darkness for at least two whole pulls until the conductor called, 'Stand!'—Yours faithfully,

FRANK S. CHENEY.

Wigston Magna, Leics.

DOUBLE NORWICH PEAL AT NEWTON NOTTAGE

Dear Sir,—Regarding the peal of Double Norwich rung at Newton Nottage, on page 433, the report needs some correction.

The dedication of the ancient church is St. John Baptist—without 'The.' The note of the tenor is B flat, not 'A.' The treble ringer spells her christian name Rosemarie; it is her first peal of Major, not her first on 'eight bells.'

The ringer of the second (myself) is not the local captain. (I am a churchwarden of the parish.) It may hurt the feelings of the tower captain if it is not corrected (his name is Michael Larcher).—Yours sincerely,

TREVOR M. RODERICK.

Porthcawl.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENT AND 'RINGING BUG'

Dear Sir,—From reading your account of the report of the Education and Sunday Service Committee, we are still wondering exactly what it is that the committee hopes will be achieved in the Theological Colleges.

It is understandable, that any account of the proceedings of the Central Council, which appears in 'The Ringing World,' must be condensed, but the report of this committee, in so far as it referred to the Theological Colleges, must raise many questions in the minds of those who are interested or involved.

By all means let us have more propaganda by way of talks and even visits to a belfry for practical demonstrations. Most Theological Colleges have talks and lectures by visiting speakers on a wide range of subjects connected with the future work of the theological student and it is a good thing that the committee should be concerned to see that the aims and objects of the Exercise are included in these.

Here at Lichfield we are hoping that something like this will be done during the coming term, but in my view, there is a definite limit to what can be done. Is it necessary, as the report would suggest, that Ordinands should be 'innoculated with the ringing bug'? If a man has been taught to ring before he begins his theological training, this is a different matter. For this is one of the special gifts which he brings to the ministry, as others might have the ability to play a musical instrument, or excel at some form of sport.

Theological Colleges vary greatly, both in their understanding of what they are trying to do, as well as in their methods of doing it and one can only speak from personal experience, but it appears that the whole curriculum of theological training and the pattern of college life combine to make this the least desirable time to begin to teach a person to ring.

If we are to believe all that is said by various lecturers in a theological college, then a priest must have a real concern for all aspects of the life and work of the Church, but it does not follow that he must be actively engaged in them all. From the report, however, this must be how the committee does think, and presumably we shall soon be seeing that they are recommending that their pupils' first curacy be served at a church with a good ring of bells and a high standard of ringing, where the man's youthful enthusiasm can best be maintained!

Presumably, these are the men who will some day be telling ringers at Guild meetings, etc., just how important ringers are to the life of the Church. For this, they need a more balanced picture of what ringing is, than that which is usually gained by the enthusiastic adolescent, who is being inoculated with the Saturday afternoon 'ringing bug.'—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST G. ORLAND.

Lichfield Theological College.

BIRTH OF ANZAB

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read 'The Birth of Anzab,' as a few years ago, while spending a holiday in Auckland, New Zealand, I discovered a ring of eight by Warners in St. Matthew's tower, of that city.

I was given to understand the tower, a substantial building of stone, had settled and was unsafe for ringing.

With the anticipated visit of English ringers now being arranged, could a member of the Tower and Belfries Committee be invited to inspect and advise about this tower.—Yours sincerely,

ALLEN B. STROUD.

Southampton.

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ALFRED BOWELL'S FOUNDRY

HELPED CAST LAST BOWELL BELL

Dear Sir,—It was between the years 1896 and 1939 when Mr. Alfred Bowell cast his first bell and his last. The second war was the end of the business, and of him, on August 29th, 1940, at the early age of 66. His first bell was cast when I was a few weeks old, and I helped to cast the last; I also did all the tuning after 1918.

One job was to use the old six and additional metal from a disused church single bell, approximately 15 cwt., to make a new ring of eight at All Saints', Maldon, Essex, and hanging all in a new steel frame and plain bearings. The old six in oak frame filled the tower, but he got the eight (tenor 12 cwt.) in same space on level with steel frame, and with good circle in church below. This tower is the only triangular tower in the country.

His bellfounding and hanging extended over 25 counties, from Ulceby, Lincs, 1907-8 to East Langdon, Kent; Wigmore, Herefordshire, Bishop's Castle, Salop, Hinton Blewett, Somerset, Thurcaston, Leicester, 1919 (ring of Taylors) tuned and rehung in steel frame for eight on plain bearings and 1922 added two trebles. All eastern counties, and Kent. So hardly a *sideline*. Largest bells cast: Turvey, Beds, 194 cwt., and Dennington, Suffolk, 194 cwt.—Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWELL.

91, Levington Road,
Ipswich, Suffolk.

RECORDS DESTROYED

BY BLITZ

Dear Sir,—With reference to your recent correspondence regarding Bowell's foundry, it might interest readers to know that most of the records, kept by the foundry, were destroyed during the war.

About 40 years ago I wrote to the foundry requesting information about our own bells. At the time I didn't know that it had been destroyed during enemy action.

My letter was duly passed on to one of the sons of the family, who had just a few of the records left. Fortunately he had the information that I required which he let me have, at the same time stating that most of the records had been destroyed.

Incidentally, he carried out a major restoration of Weldon bells, new steel frame, recasting and rehanging of the whole ring in 1907.

—Yours sincerely,

R. A. WEBSTER.

Weldon, Northants.

SOME MORE OF HIS BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Shepherd's letter about the Bowell's bell foundry, the following may be of interest to him:

Cheddington, Bucks.—Rehung and a treble added, 1911.

Maidens Moreton, Bucks.—Six bells cast, 1906. (These have since been recast by Taylors.)

Barton-le-Cley, Beds.—Rehung the old five and added three trebles in 1904.

Chicheley, Bucks.—The six bells rehung and quarter turned in 1905.

Braintree, Essex.—All rehung in 1927.

Fryerning, Essex.—Rehung, 1884 and 1900. This information has mostly been gleaned from boards in the towers concerned, or from local ringers, so I cannot vouch for absolute correctness.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. HARDY.

Leicester.

ALFRED BOWELL

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent who inquires about works of the late Alfred Bowell may like to have particulars of the following in Northants:

Cogenhoe.—Recast three bells of 1678 and added three trebles in 1909, tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb.

East Farndon.—Added a treble to four in 1897.

East Haddon.—Rehung all five in new metal frame, 1905. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. (Messrs. John Taylor and Co. added a treble to make six in 1928.)

Hardingstone.—Rehung all five in new metal frame in 1910. Tenor 124 cwt.

Kingshorpe.—Rehung five old bells and added a treble and new metal frame, 1911. Bells placed on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, 1951. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Lois Weedon.—Recast four bells (tenor 64 cwt.) and added two trebles in 1924.

Passenham.—Recast a pre-Reformation treble and rehung all five bells, 1907. The fourth is a Richard Bentlye bell, dated 1585. All rehung in old oak frame.

Weston Favell.—Rehung all five bells in oak frame of 1808, by John Over, of Rugby, with new headstocks and new wheels in 1908. These have since been put on ball bearings by White's, of Appleton, 1960.

Weldon.—Recast treble and tenor of six bells and rehung all in new metal frame, tenor 104 cwt.

Clifton Reynes, Bucks.—Rehung six bells, 1910.

In 1911 he inspected the small (Wren designed) steeple of Great Houghton, where there were two bells—one of 1590 period, by one of the Newcombes, of Leicester, taken from the old church and put in the new, built around 1760, after which another was added by Robert Taylor in 1817—with a view to adding more bells. Bowell determined he could hang five—the existing two (tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lb.) and add three trebles—four on one level and a treble above. **This he told me in one of several letters as we corresponded from time to time.** Messrs. Taylor's have since (in 1936) added four more, and hung them stationary as a chime of six, with an apparatus.

After seeing the job at Woodston, near Peterborough, where six bells are hung in an even smaller tower than Great Houghton, with a tenor of only 25 lb. less, I am convinced that Bowell was right, as is an architect friend of mine who has seen both jobs.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

NOT TOO LATE

We can still take you as a postal subscriber for this quarter. Rates: 3 months 9s. 6d., 6 months 18s., 12 months £1 15s. Remit to J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

SWANSEA TENOR

Dear Sir.—Mr. Wilfred Williams conducted a peal of Cambridge at Swansea last year and the weight of the tenor was given in 'The Ringing World' as 19 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lb.

A peal of Yorkshire was rung there recently, conducted by Mr. J. L. Millhouse, and the tenor appears as being 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Can either of these gentlemen, or anyone else, say which is the correct weight, please?

—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

REDEDICATIONS AND AUGMENTATIONS

HEMINGTON BELLS

Additional details to the paragraph that appeared in our issue of June 29th of the hallowing of the restored and augmented ring of six in the little Somerset village of Hemington, have been forwarded by the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Durston.

The work with the additional items is likely to cost some £2,000. Of this about £1,850 is now raised. Events on the dedication day raised some £210. The Barron Bell Trust has given £500 and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association a contribution. The remainder of the fund has been found by the parish, which has also dealt with the tower roof, the restoration of the windows and the organ.

The new bell is a treble of 54 cwt., having the following inscription: 'John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough. This peal was restored and augmented by the assistance of the Barron Bell Trust, 1962, Emma Barron founder, H. W. Eldred, K. C. Walrond, E. R. Pennell, trustees.'

The third and the fifth are old bells of before 1480, the tenor of 1610 is of 164 cwt. and the fourth was cast in 1592.

The rounds during the service and ringing as the congregation left the church was by members of the parish's own band. This is almost completely new since the bells have been unringable for nearly 40 years.

DORNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The old ring of four bells at Dorney has been augmented to six by the addition of two new trebles. On Sunday, June 24th, the bells, and also a new organ, were dedicated during Matins by the Bishop of Buckingham, the Rt. Rev. G. D. Savage.

The dedication rounds were rung by Mr. W. A. Theobald, bell hanger, and five members of the newly formed local company. Mears and Stainbank were represented by Mr. D. Hughes. Immediately after the service the first peal on the bells was successfully completed in two hours and twenty-five minutes, the first 720, Dorney Court Minor, being the first extant on the bells.

There have been four bells at Dorney since at least 1637, but the bells have been unringable for many years. This restoration is due mainly to the enthusiasm of Lt.-Col. Palmer, of Dorney Court. The inscriptions on the bells are:

Treble.—'Eton gave to God's Glory, Mears and Stainbank, 1961.'

Second.—'The Palmers gave me, Mears and Stainbank, 1961.'

Third.—'William Eldridge made mee, 1698.'

Fourth.—'Prayes the Lord, 1631.' (This bell is by Ellis Knight.)

Fifth.—'Blessed be the name of the lorde, 1582, Joseph Carter.'

Tenor.—'Richard Siddings, Thos. Martin, Church Wardens. Thos. Swain Fecit, 1771. Recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1961.'

A local band is being trained, and have been ringing for morning service since Whit Sunday, having commenced on May 3rd. An open meeting was held on June 30th, and a variety of methods were rung by visitors from as far away as Coventry, Farnborough and East Grinstead. It was generally agreed that an excellent musical ring of six has been once again produced by the Whitchapel Bell Foundry.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Sangwin 1, W. L. Exton 2, S. Jenner 3, Ann George 4, M. Sinden 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. D. Clarke 7, J. Halford 8.

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ABOUT 17 members (mostly graduates) of the Society took part in a highly successful tour, centred on Rochester, during the Whit week-end, good weather, bells and organisation contributing greatly to enjoyment.

A prompt arrival at the first tower, Boxley, on Saturday morning ensured plenty of good ringing on this lively, 11 cwt., Mears six, including a touch of Spliced Doubles and Minor which came round quite unexpectedly. Thence we passed on at a hair-raising pace to Charing, where we were joined by Rex Agg and Gay Williams, for a variety of methods on this pleasant Taylor six, which seemed to sound better than they went. After a fairly long trek across country we arrived, surprisingly early, at Biddenden, and took advantage of the glorious sunshine to sunbathe in the churchyard before someone had the presence of mind to rout out a local ringer, who had not expected us for another two hours. It is a joy to ring in this tower with its attractive ringing chamber, but we unfortunately did not do justice to this 23 cwt. eight.

A short trip brought us to Headcorn, where we lunched and played billiards in the local, whilst others sunbathed. At the parish church an odd-struck tenor was encountered, but courses of Stedman and Bristol both got underway. The ten bells at Leeds, famous in the annals of change ringing, are housed in a tower that more resembles some castle keep. Touches of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal, and Stedman Caters both come round on bells that go very well.

Feeling by now very hot and thirsty we pressed on to Aylesford, and further exhausted ourselves in trying to find a shop to sell us minerals. Thirsts having been quenched, the ringing improved on the good eight here, and David Martin finally managed to persuade us to ring a course of Duffield. Later during the evening we joined the local ringers at Rochester Cathedral, enjoying Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

Sunday was mainly a day of rest and relaxation; ringing was enjoyed during the morning at Chatham, and most took the opportunity of boating on the river during the afternoon, although the boating company may be still looking for some of their oars! Ringing during the evening took place at Maidstone.

Grey skies and rain greeted us on Monday morning as we made our way to ring at the only undenominational church in England with a ring of bells, St. George's Chapel of Unity, Gravesend. The fine Taylor eight were rung quiet well despite a long rope draught and springy ropes, although the treble was found to be almost unringable to Yorkshire (or perhaps it did not know the method?!)

At Milton-next-Gravesend the light eight go very well, being rung from a neat little ringing gallery.

LADIES' TOUCH

The weather improved as we arrived at the quiet village of Shorne to awaken the inhabitants to the ladies' touch of Grandsire Doubles. A local gentleman working in his

garden declared that he had 'never 'eard the bells going so fast,' but we were not sure whether he was referring to the Society's traditional course of 'London Scholars' Pleasure, or another erudite touch of Spliced Doubles and Minor. The local pub was again invaded for lunch.

We arrived early at the picture-postcard village of Cobham, and had to wander around the church fete, and watched Chris Pain bowling for a pig! It was generally agreed that Cobham bells were not easy to ring, the fifth bell having a rhythm of its own, and even though Derek Sibson and Jane Langton had now joined us, Eric Roberts' touch of Spliced Court Bob Minor refused to come round, although London Surprise fared better.

At the next tower, Meopham, we found it necessary to use Jumbo's tool kit to prise open the belfry door, but both tower and bells were found to go very well, a half-course of London Major nearly coming round. At the last scheduled tower, Ash-by-Wrotham, we were met by the local captain, Mr. John Muller, who joined us in the ringing and spoke of the proposed restoration of the bells. Some of us stayed on at Ash to watch a local cricket match, whilst the rest wended their weary but contented ways home.

Grateful accords are expressed to all the local incumbents and landlords who made us so welcome, and especially hearty thanks are accorded to Mike Layton, who made the excellent local arrangements.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

Near 40 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Eastern District, held at Selby on June 23rd. Visitors from Somerset, Berkshire, Warwickshire and Leicestershire were welcomed, and also Mr. Harold Marcom, of Loughborough, who learned to handle a bell at Selby Abbey nearly 50 years ago.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and tea was served by ringers' wives in the Howdon Institute.

In the absence of the vice-president, Mr. H. Walker presided. Mr. Horace S. Morley, who had held office as District secretary for over 30 years, was re-elected. His suggestion that he should stand down to make way for a younger man was not accepted. Representatives on the District and General Committees were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. S. Johnson on the General Committee in place of Mr. L. Rodmell, who resigned owing to ill-health, and Mr. J. Potts to fill a vacancy on the District Committee.

New members elected were: Miss L. Dalton (Kirk Ella), Miss Pat Teal and Mr. K. Kitchen (Walkington) residential. Mr. J. Underwood (Hoxey) non-residential. To the votes of thanks, Miss Margaret Whitehead replied for the local company and ladies.

Next meeting: Holy Trinity, Hull, September 29th, if possible.

Mr. A. E. Marsh Retires From Secretaryship

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on June 16th. For several of the 50 or so members and friends present this was their first visit to Cross Stone, with its splendid views and light, tuneful ring of eight bells, not to mention the hospitality of the local company, which left nothing to be desired.

The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. W. Barton. Routine business matters were completed and hearty votes of thanks accorded to those responsible for the meeting arrangements before passing on to the main business, the election of officers.

Mr. A. E. Marsh was due to retire from the office of honorary District secretary and had expressed his intention not to seek re-election. This vacancy had been considered by the District Committee and they recommended the election of Mr. R. Lumley. No other nomination was forthcoming and Mr. Lumley was duly elected. The chairman and others expressed regret that Mr. Marsh had found it necessary to relinquish his post and paid tribute to the cheerful and efficient manner in which he had performed his duties during the last ten years. Mr. Marsh said that he had derived much pleasure from his work as secretary, but now felt that, owing to other commitments, he was unable to devote sufficient time to the job.

Retiring members of the District Committee were Messrs. P. Birkett, I. Slack and P. Dawson. Mr. Slack did not seek re-election and the retiring secretary was elected to fill the vacancy. Messrs. Birkett and Dawson were re-elected. Mr. Birkett was also elected to the General Committee of the Association. New members elected were: the Misses Jennifer Jackson, Jeannie Settle, Sheila Teale and Karen Walker, of Northwram, and Dr. M. F. D. Burton, of Skipton.

Before the meeting terminated, reference was made to the Snowdon commemoration dinner to be held this year at the Windmill Hotel, York, on October 13th. Members were asked to give the function their full support.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Eastern District

About 40 members and friends were present at a meeting held at Preston St. Mary (6) on June 23rd. Ringing ranged from Plain Bob to Surprise. At the business meeting, which followed tea at the Six Bells Inn, several new members were elected, and the next meeting was provisionally fixed for East Dereham on September 29th.

Other items on the agenda included the proposed venue for the 1963 Guild A.G.M. Congratulations were expressed to Mrs. E. Lockwood on ringing her first peal. At the close of the meeting most people went to ring at Lavenham, but a few others 'grabbed' Felsham and Acton. Our thanks go to the incumbents and to all who came and made this meeting one of the most successful we have had.

A. E. J. L.

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CHURCH OF EIGHT CENTURIES ALMOST DESTROYED

By T. A. BEVIS

DURING the last war skies above East Anglia and Lincolnshire vibrated with the peculiar and persistent throb of aircraft diesel engines hauling loads of destruction from a militant Germany.

Time and time again enemy aeroplanes flew above eastern shores, bent upon mischief, the sadistic idea being two-fold: to bomb at random and un-nerve the countryside's inhabitants, at the same time to afford experience to young German aircrews who had not long been in possession of their hard-earned wings.

Thus on one occasion a hit-and-run raider of Teutonic origin circled above the virile soil of south Lincolnshire, hidden in the dark mantle of night. Away to the east, muddy waters of the Wash fed numerous inland creeks harbouring a variety of wild life; slightly to the north rose the spectacular lantern-tower at Boston, and beneath the lean shape of the intrusive aircraft small villages appeared and disappeared: Algarkirk, Sutterton, Donington and Swineshead—all would hear harsh noise of those laborious pistons.

It is quite possible that the navigator had been briefed on one particular spot, Boston docks perhaps, or even Boston 'Stump'?

Approaching Bicker the aircraft's navigator may have imagined that he was already over Boston town, or the pilot may have feared that his position had been fixed by a British night-fighter. At any rate the lethal cargo consisting of 14 bombs was released in a string above the pleasant collection of dwelling places enriched with pantile roofs and creeped walls. The missiles plunged into the ground and one fell a mere 20 feet away from Bicker's impressive cruciform church—yet not one of those sinister canisters exploded!

Never before in a thousand years had Bicker been so near to complete annihilation. The stately church, dedicated to St. Swithin, has long honoured the saint and his strong aquatic connections, but the day it rained bombs was, even in war-time, beyond the liveliest imagination.

GIFT OF THANKSGIVING

It all had a happy ending, however, for as a thanksgiving for the remarkable and miraculous deliverance from death, hurt and destruction, the then existing ring of six bells was augmented to eight, the second of the new bells in actual fact being the token instrument of Bicker's gratitude.

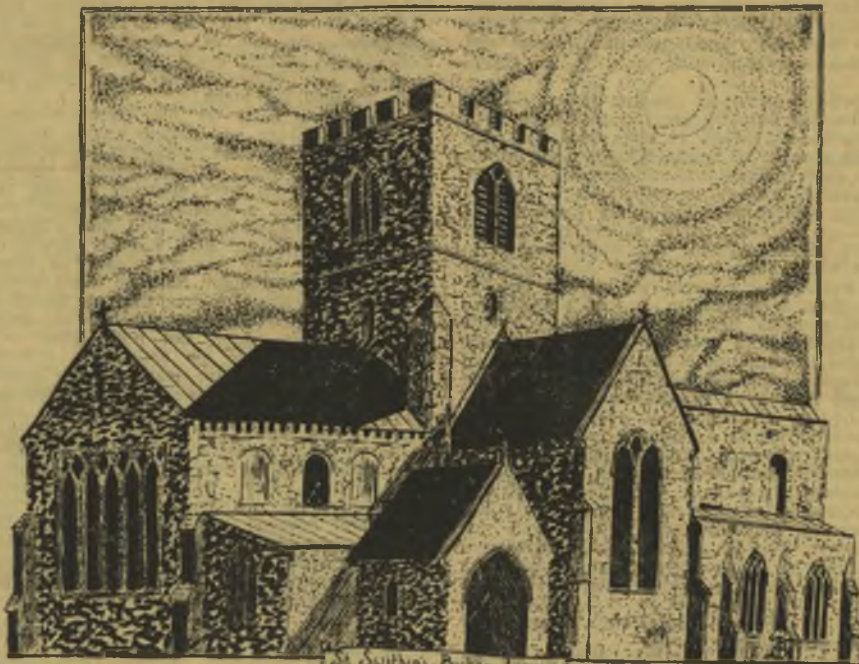
St. Swithin's Church prides itself as being one of the oldest ecclesiastical buildings in Lincolnshire. There are considerable Norman works to admire and even a portion of an 8th century preaching cross, used in the days of Saxon England, can be seen at the west end of the nave.

Entered from the exterior a turret stairway leads to a passage in the thickness of the transept wall, and entering the tower proper a further climb leads to the comfortable ringing chamber directly beneath the bells.

With the exception of the two new trebles (added by Messrs. Taylor's at a cost of nearly £400) the original six have witnessed the passing of time for many years. The third bell is inscribed, 'Percute Dulcie Cano,' cast at Downham Market by Thomas Osborn in 1784. Number four informs the inquirer that she was 'Raised by Subscription' and cast by Osborn in the same year. Pack and Chapman, of London, created the fifth in 1780, this bell also having been acquired by public subscription.

The London foundry provided the sixth bell in the same year as the fifth, and the seventh (1636) possesses an appropriate inscription in the light of near disaster: 'God Save the Church'—this prophetic appeal was assuredly heard. The tenor (7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A), dated 1661, came from the olden-time foundry at Stamford, which was managed by that indefatigable man-of-metal, Thomas Norris.

There is also a sanctus bell, now in its 663rd year (undoubtedly one of the oldest bells in use).



Surprisingly for its light weight, the octave is most delightful to the ear, and the bells without exception are a delight to handle.

A few peal boards are displayed in the ringing chamber, most peals having been brought round on six bells. The peal of Bob Major on November 18th, 1949, conducted by Cyril Wander, is of particular interest, for it was the first of its kind in the tower, due almost entirely to that uncharitable and unwelcome visitor from a country in the east.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

At the quarterly meeting of the Hereford District held at Burghill, the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Coombs), at the service, referred to the loss ringers had suffered by the deaths of three stalwarts: Mr. F. A. Jaine, of Kimbolton, who had been Ringing Master of Leominster District for 32 years and who in 1959 and 1960 was Master of the Diocesan Guild; Mr. Jabez Preece, Staunton-on-Arrow, a ringer at St. Peter's Church for 60 years and secretary of Kingston District for 38 years; Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, who was known to bellringers in many parts of the world and his literary works include notes on the towers and bells of the Cathedral and other Herefordshire churches.

Mr. G. Cousins, District Ringing Master, presided at the business meeting, when 11 new members were elected. As an experiment during the summer months, it was decided to change the customary monthly Saturday evening combined practice of the District to a Thursday evening.

After the tea break a representative gathering of ringers from Clifford, Kingston, Leominster and Hereford Districts, together with visitors from Cornwall, Cheshire and London met at the belfry and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

F. M.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS

Members from Warsop, Greasley and the Leicester District attended the Holme Pierrepont meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths on June 23rd. The handbell ringing, given by four members, was very much appreciated by the visitors to the annual fete and gala, during the afternoon tea. Ringing in the tower continued until 8.30 p.m.

A PLYMOUTH WEDDING

For some time honorary secretary of Birmingham University Guild and the organiser of the Guild's ringing week in Devon and Cornwall last year, Mr. Alan James Collings, B.Sc., was married at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on June 30th to Miss Esther Mary Congdon. The ringers of St. Andrew's turned up in force to ring for this very popular young couple. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung before and after the service, under the conductorship of Mr. T. G. Myers.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a deep cream peau-de-soie classic gown, with a matching veil, held by a head-dress of real roses and carnations. Her cousin, Miss Margaret Jolliffe, was bridesmaid, and Mr. John Collings was best man to his brother.

Among the presents was a clock from St. Andrew's ringers, which company the bridegroom joined in his early teens as a pupil of Mr. T. G. Myers. He is now engaged on research at Birmingham University.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The Southern District met at Staindrop, Co. Durham, on June 23rd, in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild, and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon and evening, in spite of finding on arrival at the tower, that the bells had been completely fitted out with new ropes, some of which needed adjustment.

Methods rung included Plain Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Yorkshire and London Surprise. Spliced Cambridge and Superlative and Kent T.B. Three attempts were made at a course of Prince Albert, and were unsuccessful because too few of the ringers had done the necessary homework, and the apt comment was made that Queen Victoria would not have been amused.

By sheer coincidence, 'The Ringing World' current on the day of the meeting, referred to a peal of Prince Albert at Liversedge in 1859, and a former Liversedge ringer was on the tenor at Staindrop.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the District should be in September, at either South Church, Bishop Auckland, or Shildon.

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

This year's outing of Walthamstow ringers and friends must have set a precedent for such occasions by departing five minutes before the advertised time! This ensured a prompt arrival, through London traffic, at the first tower, the excellent 10 at St. Peter's, Croydon.

Between Croydon and Guildford, however, the good timing went seriously adrift with the result that not only were we half an hour late reaching Holy Trinity but found to our mortification that we had kept the Editor waiting! After appropriate apologies, some good ringing was enjoyed, the party drifting along in relays to St. Nicolas' in order to give everyone a pull at both towers. A fine lunch followed at the Prince of Wales Hotel, well recommended to outing organisers.

In the afternoon the standard of ringing improved and on the musical eight at Alton a course of Bristol was brought round. This year's 'novelty' tower was the unique nine at Basingstoke; an odd and unrewarding experience. Those who think London Major unmusical should try Stedman Caters on the back nine of a normal 10: dreadful. No trace was discovered of the reputed major and minor octaves to be found within this nine.

Outing organisers may also like to note that the Co-operative Restaurant in Broad Street, Reading, provides a first class tea. Later, our younger members acquitted themselves on the 12 at St. Laurence's; a good half course of Cambridge Royal, some Stedman Cinques and a stately course of Double Norwich concluded the day's ringing.

Grateful thanks are extended to all who allowed us to ring. A.B.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Jun 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Moon (first quarter) 1, J. Rose 2, C. Scull 3, H. Smith 4, D. Lee (cond.) 5, M. Newman (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. P. A. Newman (vice-captain) and his two sons, John and Michael, who have now left to live in Christchurch (Hants).

OUTINGS**NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE**

Six-bell towers were selected by St. Mary's, Newington-next-Sittingbourne, for their fourth annual outing on Whit Monday. The rain had stopped by the time Sellinge was reached. At Newington-next-Folkestone the ringing chamber was found behind the organ. After a fish and chip lunch at Folkestone the journey to St. Nicholas', Ringwould, was along extremely narrow lanes. Two local inhabitants who were pushing their bicycles dumped their machines in the hedge and clambered up the bank to safety as they saw the coach approaching.

The best ring of the day came after tea at Deal. Then on to St. Andrew's, Wickhambreaux, which is set in the midst of a typical English village, with swans, water mill, village green and antique shop. The last tower was Littlebourne.

Ringing was reasonably good and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. Whilst a plain course of the latter was achieved, a bob course seemed elusive, although we got within half a lead from the end.

Of the many who should be thanked two deserve special mention—Miss Darson, who did all the secretarial work, and the coach driver, Mr. W. Smith. L.M.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX

A glorious day was spent by the Hornchurch ringers and friends on June 23rd, when they journeyed into Berkshire and Oxfordshire.

Outings may be judged in a variety of ways—time keeping, food, towers, weather, map reading, etc. We had the best of everything.

Towers visited were Dorchester, Appleton, Drayton, Sutton Courtney, Harwell and East Hagbourne. Our gratitude to all those towers for their co-operation. F.V.G.

LISS, HANTS

Ringers from Petersfield, Warnford, East Meon, Binsted and Alton joined Liss ringers and other non-ringing friends for their annual outing on Whit Monday. An early start was made for Aldermaston, which proved to be quite a pleasant eight. Wallingford was reached in good time, so a large section of the party squeezed into a convenient cafe for coffee. These bells were remembered for the good course of Stedman, as well as most people's first contact with a tufted rope end.

Dinner was at the Cafe de Paris, Oxford, after which ringing commenced a stone's throw away at St. Martin and All Saints', where we failed to do justice to the fine ring of eight. A few minutes' walk brought us to St. Giles', where we were joined by two more ringers.

After tea in Henley, we rang at St. Mary's Church, which seemed to be the best ring of the day, although Yateley, our last tower, was certainly the most interesting. However, these bells went well to Kent on the back six, our final touch. D.H.

ELSTOW, BEDS

Elstow ringers, accompanied by friends had an enjoyable outing into Leicestershire and Rutland on May 26th. St. Wilfrid's, Kibworth Beauchamp, proved to be a lovely church with a fine ring of eight. The next tower, St. Andrew's, Countesthorpe, had a light ring of six.

Dinner was booked at the Crown Inn, Great Glen, and then at 2.45 p.m. we were ringing at St. Andrew's, Twyford. Here in the centre of the belfry was a large wooden chest containing a magnificent set of handbells. The air of cathedral quietness surrounded All Saints', Oakham. After tea at the George Hotel, Oakham, we visited St. Peter's, Empingham, and All Saints', Stamford, where a well-struck course of London Surprise Minor was rung.

Our sincere thanks to Miss Marion Pettitt for arranging such an enjoyable day, and also to incumbents and tower captains D.J.

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When Mr. James H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, Lincs, left to ring a peal in honour of his daughter's seventh birthday she said, 'Good-bye, Daddy, and understand I don't want a lot of bad ringing tonight for my birthday.' At nine o'clock, as the peal finished, she came to the church and thanked the ringers, so father thought that she must have been satisfied!

Mr. Horace C. E. Goodenough, past captain of St. Albans Cathedral ringers, is seriously ill in Lister Ward, Clare Hall, South Mimms, Middlesex.

Mr. E. H. Chambers, St. Michael's, St. Albans, received the M.B.E. in the recent Birthday Honours. Mr. Chambers is Divisional Officer of the Hertfordshire Fire Brigade, and was appointed to his present position in 1948.

Mr. Wilfred F. Moreton, of 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield, Yorks, is anxious to find out whether any people would like to attend a week-end course on either conducting or composition, or both. If so what time of the year would suit them and how far would they be prepared to travel.

In an attempt for a peal of Doubles in seven methods at Shaw-cum-Donnington, Berks, on June 23rd, a sudden increase in the volume of the organ caused a lapse of concentration and two bells shifted course. This occurred in the 23rd extent and deprived four of the band of their first peal and the first peal as conductor. The next attempt will take place in a quieter church.

Thursday, July 5th, was the 80th birthday of Mr. G. C. Woodley, for many years until his retirement last May, chairman of the East Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. To mark this occasion members of the East Devon Branch, including the vice-chairman (Mr. C. J. Turner), the secretary (Mr. W. Webb) and the Ringing Master (Mr. C. C. Turner), rang a 720 of Bob Minor, conducted by Mr. C. C. Turner, at Branscombe. Congratulations, Mr. Woodley, we all wish you many years of ringing yet!

BELFRY GOSSIP

Joining in the correspondence regarding Bowell's bell foundry is Mr. Frederick Bowell, of 91, Levington Road, Ipswich, who helped to cast the last bell at this foundry in 1939. A ringer of 55 years standing and a College Youth since 1919, his grandfather was a founder member of the St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Society, ringing in the first peal of Double Norwich there. His father's first tower bell peal was Kent T.B. Maximus there. The late Mr. Dick Standard rang in this peal.

Approximately 400 bells were cast by Alfred Bowell's foundry in Ipswich, including one for Madras, India.

Mr. A. E. Marsh, who, for the past ten years has been honorary secretary of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association, has resigned. His successor is Mr. R. Lumley.

The Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, at their annual meeting on June 30th elected Miss Hazel Way, of Sketty, Swansea, as Ringing Master of the Guild. She is the first lady to hold this office.

The peal of Bob Minor rung at Baughurst, Hants, was the first for two of the band, both members of the newly formed Kingsclere team. It was also a first for the conductor, as it was the first time he had rung a peal on a bell with no stay.

Will the gentleman who left behind a pair of reading glasses in the belfry of East Woodhay Church on the occasion of the Andover District's summer outing, please contact the local tower captain, Mr. J. Webb, Hayes Farm, North End, East Woodhay, near Newbury, enclosing postage for return.

Those South Yorkshire ringers who are prevented from ringing by steps to the belfry should note the joint meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association and the Barnsley District Society on August 11th at three ground floor rings—Wragley (6), near Wakefield, in the grounds of Nostel Priory; Hemsworth (8) and Crofton (6). An appeal is made to those ringers not often seen to make this a great ringing day.

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FRANK L. HARRIS 6	LEWIS F. COBB Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

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TEN BELL PEALS

WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 11, 1962, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JOHN H. FIELDEN Treble	JOHN F. MURFIN 6
CAROL FEARNLEY 2	JOHN ROBINSON 7
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 3	DEREK P. JONES 8
†EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4	DEREK OGDEN 9
†PETER DALE 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* 125th peal. † 25th peal together.

MACCESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH Treble	BASIL JONES 6
*GILES B. THOMPSON 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 7
IVOR JENKINS 3	ROBERT B. SMITH 8
*†RICHARD A. SHEKELTON .. 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

GILLIAN R. PARSONS Treble	*RAYMOND E. FINCH 6
JEAN L. LAVENDER 2	*JOHN E. WARNER 7
JOAN BERESFORD 3	STEWART F. KIMBER 8
FRANK E. DARBY 4	ROBERT W. HINDE 9
JEANNETTE M. WINCHESTER .. 5	JOHN SCHOFIELD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of Stedman. The conductor's 200th peal for this Association.

A wedding compliment to Heather Talbot and Norman Steere, both members of St. John-the-Baptist's, Croydon, who were married at that church earlier on this day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 15, 1962, in 3 Hours.

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES 5
*WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT 3	EDGAR J. SMITH 7
*JAMES LINNELL 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

J. E. Groves' transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.	
*ANTHONY C. NEWMAN .. Treble	†BOB DOWDESWELL 5
SHIRLEY M. DREW 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 6
VALERIE WILLARD 3	WILLIAM A. FARMER 7
WILLIAM H. WOODYATT 4	ALBERT J. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

* First attempt for a peal. † First of Triples.

Rung to mark the wedding at Whitchurch, Salop, on this day, of Alan Pendlebury (a member of the band at the above church) and Irene Davies.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A. PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.
KATHLEEN PILSBURY .. Treble	PETER LAFLIN 5
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2	BASIL JONES 6
GILES B. THOMSON 3	FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 7
CAROL FERNLEY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

BUDOCK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BUDOCUS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 10 cwt.
GILLIAN A. NEAL-SMITH Treble	ALAN CARVETH 5
V. MARY MATTHEWS 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 6
*ARTHUR F. BURLEY 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE 4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

A wedding compliment to Peter Rowe and Patricia Rule, who were married the previous Saturday.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	*MARTIN L. HOWE 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of London Major 'inside.'

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

GEOFFREY DAVIES .. Treble	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5
DAVID W. FRIEND 2	BRIAN J. WYLDE 6
BARBARA STEVENS 3	NEIL BENNETT 7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID MURCOTT .. Treble	JOHN K. SMITH 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6
BERYL E. CAWSE 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	RAYMOND HAINES 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	LEWIS F. COBB 6
*JOHN HARTLESS 3	PHILIP N. TUBBS 7
GEORGE E. EVENDEN 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

* 100th peal.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 27, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 GATESHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

MICHAEL MAUGHAN .. Treble	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 5
ROBIN G. TURNER 2	FREDERICK ROSS 6
*DENIS A. BAYLES 3	BRYAN PATTISON 7
GEORGE S. DEAS 4	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* 100th peal together. First in the method.

GATESHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

E. W. TIPLER'S E.4/9

Method: 38 x 58.14 x 58 x 38 x 12 x 38 x 14 x 38
L.-e. 12. 4ths place bob. F.c.e. 24365.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., June 29, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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

BARBARA D. MARSH .. Treble	DAVID J. ORLEDGE .. 5
*ROBERT E. DAY .. 2	ROGER BALDWIN .. 6
*DEBORAH HOPKINS .. 3	*ROY R. TIFFIN .. 7
KENNETH W. PRICE .. 4	DAVID W. FRIEND .. Tenor

Composed by E. BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Society, rung by a resident band.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	†† MARTIN PRESS .. 5
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 2	PETER BRIDLE .. 6
† MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. 3	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 4	*D. JOHN HUNT .. Tenor

Composed by N. SMITH.

* 50th peal together. † First of Surprise. †† First of Major. 25th peal as conductor. First in the method by all.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. E. Grove's variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).
Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*CHRIS. F. WOODRIDGE Treble	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 5
YVONNE EDWARDS .. 2	JOHN LLOYD .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 7
C. FREDERICK JUKES .. 4	JOHN C. EISEL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. G. John, of Clent, on the 25th anniversary of their marriage; to their daughter, Margaret, on her 21st birthday; and to the Rev. G. John on being instituted as Rural Dean of Swinford.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

DAVID J. TAYLOR .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. 5
ELSIE K. HART .. 2	GORDON H. LANE .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 7
*BERYL E. CAWSE .. 4	†DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † 550th peal.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rawson, of Leicester.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5088 BILLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ERIC SUTTON .. Treble	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH .. 2	J. KEITH WARD .. 6
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
BRIAN BLADON .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of St. Peter.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

SYDNEY D. EDWARDS .. Treble	JOHN G. PUSEY .. 5
*JANET E. BREWER .. 2	ERNEST G. JONES .. 6
*CLAIRE J. MASEFIELD .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE .. 7
CHARLES COLES .. 4	CYRIL H. KINCH .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First attempt for a peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*ANTHONY HOWELL .. Treble	PETER BARKER .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL .. 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 6
† WILLIAM DAVIES .. 3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal, aged 13 years. † 150th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Joan Turner and Mr. Michael Barker on their engagement.

PENRITH, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 90 lb. in E.

GRAHAM MCKAY .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS .. 5
NORMAN ERRINGTON .. 2	FREDERICK ROSS .. 6
*STANLEY RICHARDSON .. 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 7
*ROGER W. WETENHALL .. 4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Richardson on the birth of a daughter on June 21st.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 2,560 London, 960 Bristol and 800 each of Cambridge and Superlative; 100 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

JOHN A. WARNER .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
JOE E. G. ROAST .. 2	PETER J. EVES .. 6
ALAN R. SYDER .. 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
ANDREW S. HUDSON .. 4	*GEORGE E. THODAY .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 50th peal of Surprise Major, and first of 4-Spliced.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Treble	PETER J. COLES .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. 2	JACK S. DEAR .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5152 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 5
TREVOR A. CROSS .. 2	IAN H. ORAM .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3	MARTIN L. HOWE .. 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

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

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*SAMUEL J. HARDING .. Treble	DAVID S. M. JONES .. 5
ALEXANDER PAGE .. 2	†BARRY J. DIXON .. 6
*SUSAN E. SMITH .. 3	E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 7
BETTY J. DAYSH .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Vicar of Shedfield (Rev. E. E. Staples) and Frä Kate Thusberg, who were married in this church on the previous day.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

JOHN R. COOPER .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM .. 5
*ANDREW J. CORBY .. 2	TREVOR A. CROSS .. 6
MARTIN L. HOWE .. 3	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 7
*CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 7).

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

REGINALD W. REX Treble	RAYMOND HAINES 5
RONALD N. MARLOW 2	LEWIS F. COBB 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
JOHN HARTLESS 4	*PHILIP N. TUBBS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PHILIP N. TUBBS.

* First peal as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

ABSON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 4, 1962, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1, 3, 5 and 7) Plain Bob, (2) Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent T.B.

REGINALD G. HOOPER .. Treble	IAN G. SMITH 4
*JACQUELINE A. REASON .. 2	*HENRY TAYSON 5
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 3	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First of Minor in four methods.

‡ First of Minor.

CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) London, Lytham, College and Wavertree College; (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (3) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston and Capel T.B.; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Kent T.B.; (6) Double and Fulbeck; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

ROGER TARBATT Treble	*DAVID LOCKWOOD 4
*TOM CROSSLEY 2	*R. GORDON CORBY 5
WILFRID F. MORETON 3	TREVOR TARBATT Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 18 methods.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 22, 1962, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN F. WRIGHT Treble	WALTER WESTON 4
HENRY P. COLLIN 2	FREDERICK DERRY 5
DONALD A. KIRK 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

100th peal as conductor on these bells since augmentation from three to six (October, 1945).

A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter, Beverley June.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROBERT T. SOMERTON .. Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	CHARLES E. TRUMAN 5
†MRS. G. SHELLARD 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

DORNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 24, 1962, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Dorney Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, College and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	DAVID P. HILLING 4
MONICA M. BLAGROVE 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 5
*NORMAN V. HARDING 3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* 300th peal. First on the bells.

NORTH PETHERWIN, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., June 25, 1962, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATERNUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

*MARGARET A. SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM L. EXTON 4
ANN GEORGE 2	*D. ROY BOULD 5
J. DAVID CLARKE 3	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Minor. † First in three methods.

In honour of the ordination of Peter N. Bond as deacon, which took place at Rochester Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

BAUGHURST, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B.

*PAUL MYERS Treble	*PHILIP MURDUCK 4
DAVID E. PAPWORTH 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
DAVID E. COX 3	MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First of Bob Minor on the bells.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALAN CARVETH Treble	ARTHUR F. BURLEY 4
AUSTIN T. WINGATE 2	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 5
S. ARTHUR READ 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., June 27, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAF, KING AND MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM L. EXTON Treble	ALAN R. ELLIOTT 4
ANN GEORGE 2	STANLEY JENNER 5
YVONNE C. PORTER 3	J. DAVID CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE ST. BARTHOLOMEW DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

JEAN PALMER Treble	LESLIE J. COX 4
TERENCE J. MILSOM 2	ALAN F. LEE 5
DAVID A. BURT 3	ALBERT F. BUTT Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Brimble.

TROWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT E. DAY Treble	*KENNETH W. PRICE 4
ROY R. TIFFIN 2	DAVID J. ORLEDGE 5
ROGER BALDWIN 3	DAVID W. FRIEND Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

* 25th peal

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, E.C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Sun., June 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN C. EISEL (King's) .. 1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE (King's) 5—6
*PAUL CATTERMOLE (King's) 3—4	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor on handbells.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT 18, CHESTER ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 4,656 Plain Bob, 276 Gainsborough Little Bob and 96 Little Bob; with 70 changes of method.

JOHN F. BRYANT 1—2	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 5—6
J. HENRY FIELDEN 3—4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. L. Roper 1, M. W. Sayers 2, A. W. Ivings 3, H. H. Alexander 4, E. E. Pearson 5, C. C. Clarke 6, B. J. Davies (cond.) 7, C. E. Guntripp 8. For Evensong, and as a 91st birthday compliment to Mr. F. Selwyn, a ringer for many years at Banbury and great-grandfather of the conductor.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): A. Hodge 1, C. J. Turner 2, D. Salter 3, R. Woodley 4, C. C. Turner 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, W. Webb 7, J. Board 8.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge and Ipswich, 720 Kent and Oxford): T. C. Phillimore 1, D. G. Mitchell 2, K. J. Triplow 3, D. A. Chapman 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, J. R. Cooper 6.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (in seven methods): Jane Harding 1, D. Nibbs 2, M. Wilmot 3, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 4, P. Gaisford 5. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Gunstone 1, Christine Lansley 2, G. Gunstone 3, P. Gaisford 4, G. Parsons 5, F. Box 6, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 7, G. Carter 8. Rung for the christening of Vincent Allen Newman, infant son of the Rev. Allen Newman, Vicar of Christ Church.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Lilley 1, E. G. Swift (cond.) 2, B. Edwards 3, D. G. Wheeler 4, Miss R. Hicks 5, P. Penrose 6. Rung for a successful church fete.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Halton (first quarter) 1, M. E. Dodd (first 'inside') 2, R. F. Mack 3, T. M. Fitzgerald 4, P. Tockock (cond.) 5, K. J. Heskeith 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On June 24th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Abram 1, W. H. Hayward 2, P. Rothera 3, P. Law (first 'inside') 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, P. A. Morgans 6, B. Wakefield (cond.) 7, R. Wakefield 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. John the Baptist.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On June 17th, at St. Peter's, 1,296 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, R. Talbot (first in method) 4, K. Smith 5, E. E. Davey 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. For Evensong.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margery Pearson 1, J. G. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, M. Armstrong (cond.) 4, N. Errington 5, R. Oliver 6, W. Tyson 7. For Evensong.

CRANFORD, MIDD.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, Josephine Pole 2, P. Woodgyer 3, D. Fowles 4, T. Baker (cond.) 5, G. Britchford (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Barron (first quarter) 1, G. Clarke 2, E. B. Crowder 3, June Mead (cond.) 4, R. Clarke 5, P. Clarke 6, F. P. Mead 7, B. R. Hollis (first quarter) 8. First quarter together for three brothers Clarke. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

ELING, HANTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Parsons 1, Ronda Purkess 2, Mavis P. Coffin 3, L. D. Smith 4, Christopher M. White (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Northway on their marriage. Also 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mavis P. Coffin 1, C. M. White 2, L. D. Smith 3, M. Peters 4, D. L. White (first of Minor in method) 5, J. Hartless (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor 1, 2, 3, and 4.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Sedgley (cond.) 1, Muriel R. Page 2, F. Ruffles 3, L. G. Brett 4, L. E. Last 5, W. Ruffles 6, W. J. Button 7, C. W. Becroft 8. First touch since dedication.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On July 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. B. Allen (first of Kent) 1, R. H. Mills 2, Beryl R. Simpson 3, V. M. Cox 4, P. J. Joyce 5, D. P. Treble (cond.) 6. To welcome the new curate, the Rev. C. Gane, and his wife to the parish.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Rivers 1, Nicholai Stroud 2, Diane Street (first 'inside') 3, D. Debenham 4, J. Hagley 5, Elizabeth Stevinson (first of Triples as cond.) 6, R. J. C. Hagley 7, P. G. Stroud 8. First of Triples for all except 6 and 7. Rung for Patronal Festival Evensong.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. V. Protheroe 1, W. G. Smith 2, M. R. Thomas 3, M. T. Johns 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, C. F. N. Wedgwood 6. For St. Peter's Day.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): J. Booth 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, Betty M. Mansfield 3, A. A. Booth 4, W. A. Denny 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. A. A. Booth.

HALLOW, WORCS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (in five methods): F. C. Pugh 1, Hilary Knight 2, J. S. Knighton 3, R. J. Bayliss 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5, A. J. Herman 6. First in five methods for all the band except the conductor. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. G. Underwood.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Toms 1, Mr. F. Bowden 2, A. V. Queen (cond.) 3, J. P. McDermott 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, J. L. Queen 6, H. Gauntlett 7, R. Burford 8. For Matins.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On June 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, Miss M. Shepherd (first in method 'inside') 2, J. A. D. Woolford 3, W. Lavers 4, D. R. Bould 5, F. D. Mack 6, F. Myers 7, T. Myers 8. Rung on the occasion of the annual Guild festival at Exeter this day.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On St. Peter's Day, June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan A. Smith 1, Mrs. A. Smith 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. Martin 4, J. King (cond.) 5, V. Smith 6. For Patronal Festival.

HESTON, MIDD.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hawkins 1, Miss F. Pocock 2, Miss G. Baresel 3, P. Ruch (cond.) 4, R. Sumner 5, G. Golding 6, A. Grant 7, S. Porter 8.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Leslie 1, Miss S. Cantwell 2, A. Cantwell 3, D. Leslie (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5. Also on June 24th: B. Batten (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Cantwell 2, D. Leslie 3, A. Cantwell 4, N. Leslie (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HOLT, WILTS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Nibbs 1, D. Nibbs 2, J. Stillman 3, R. Humphries 4, D. Stillman (first as cond.) 5, K. Jones 6. For the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Bibby 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, A. Gargrave 7, L. S. Woods 8. For Confirmation service.

HOVINGHAM, YORKS.—On June 30th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Hodgson 1, M. N. Bland 2, P. Wishart 3, J. Roach 4, T. M. Cox 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. Rung by members of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to T.R.H. Duke and Duchess of Kent.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Helen Sydes 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallatt 3, W. G. Wright 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Matins.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On June 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Wright 1, M. Rose 2, H. King 3, R. Rose 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. A compliment to Captain and Mrs. Unett, after their wedding.

KINGSLERE, HANTS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Butler (13) 1, P. Myers (15) 2, G. Weston (16) 3, P. Munduck 4, J. Pares (first as cond.) 5, E. Cox (13) 6. First quarter on the bells by a local band. Rung for Evensong.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Smith 1, J. Linford 2, E. Stanton 3, C. Stopps 4, D. Burbidge (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Miss Margaret Culley and Mr. George Rowe.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Peck (first quarter) 1, S. J. Orchard 2, Elizabeth Sunley (first quarter) 3, Ann Seymour 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, A. J. Peck 6. Rung to herald the forthcoming marriage of the conductor and the ringer of No. 4, to take place on June 30th.

LLANDEFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Penelope J. Welch 1, Christine Glastonbury 2, D. S. Bishop 3, N. A. James 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, B. Taylor 6, W. J. Goodfellow 8. First of Triples in method for all. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 1, Penelope J. Welch 2, Hazel Everett 3, R. J. H. Simon (first of Triples and 'inside') 4, N. Lamping 5, B. Taylor 6, N. A. James 7, M. Bennett 8. Also on April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Shan Williams 1, Penelope J. Welch 2, D. S. Bishop 3, B. Taylor 4, N. W. H. Simon 5, W. G. Goodfellow (cond.) 6, M. Bennett 8. Also on April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. S. Bishop 1, Penelope J. Welch 2, Mrs. P. Minchin 3, W. J. Goodfellow 4, P. J. Shipton 5, B. Taylor 6, N. W. H. Simon (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, P. Minchin 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 2. Also on April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. E. Williams 1, Hazel Everett 2, Penelope J. Welch 3, D. S. Bishop 4, W. J. Goodfellow 5, P. J. Shipton 6, N. W. H. Simon (25th quarter, cond.) 7, M. Bennett 8.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on June 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss G. Wild 1, D. Hawkins 2, Miss J. Cook 3, D. Pickeu 4, C. Fynes 5, M. Austin 6, D. Hewitt 7, R. Chapman 8, L. S. Woods (cond.) 9, C. S. Smith 10.

MIDGHAM, BERKS.—On June 26th, 1,320 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss J. Carr 1, Mrs. F. Wilcox 2, Miss M. Marshall 3, D. Wilcox 4, R. Pike (cond.) 5, H. Lawrenson 6. First in more than one methods for 1, 2 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. M. Currie.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Nancy Kempell 1, K. G. Game (cond.) 2, G. Oliver 3, W. Dunn 4, A. T. Shelton 5, S. Smith 6. For St. Peter's Day. Also on July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan Hanning 1, A. T. Shelton 2, Nancy Kempell 3, K. G. Game (cond.) 4, W. Dunn 5, S. Smith 6. For the Patronal Festival.

OTLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Broadbridge 1, C. Hill 2, Mrs. A. Smith 3, Joan A. Smith 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. King (cond.) 6, J. Martin (200th quarter) 7, C. Hudson 8. For children's service.

ODCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On St. Peter's Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. J. House (first in two methods) 1, W. P. Lambert 2, R. J. Vardy 3, R. D. Short 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. In honour of the Patronal Festival, and believed to be first on the bells.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Porter 1, R. H. Jones 2, A. J. Dunkley (first 'inside') 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. For Evensong.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Woodbridge 1, P. L. Bill 2, M. D. Fellows 3, F. J. Vallender 4, J. R. Niblett 5, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 6, J. A. Tandy 7, J. E. Lawley 8. Rung by Stourbridge Grammar School Society to commemorate the 410th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the school by King Edward VI. Also on June 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Woodbridge (first of Major) 1, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, C. Skidmore 4, F. G. Handley 5, C. W. Cooper 6, P. L. Bill 7, M. J. Fellows 8.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. J. Twinn 1, F. Claydon 2, V. Buttle 3, Miss E. M. Tyler 4, G. A. Trendell 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. F. Dickinson.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. E. Speake 1, F. E. Wiggins 2, Cynthia E. Bibby 3, B. G. Key 4, J. D. Holden 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, R. K. Mowforth 8. Rung for the wedding of Brian D. Bromley and Pauline R. T. Price.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wendy Hollowell 1, G. Davis 2, B. Branstion 3, M. Roberts 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, G. Cowlin 6. For morning service of Patronal Festival.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Griffin (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Davies 2, M. D. Ling (cond.) 3, Miss B. Jones (first quarter) 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, D. Griffin 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. Mr. Hill, for many years Vicar of Prestbury.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On June 24th, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. G. Lavers 1, Miss M. A. Shepherd 2, A. J. Collings 3, Miss Y. C. Porter 4, J. W. Perkins 5, H. F. Myers 6, H. W. Milford 7, D. R. Bould 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung for Evensong, at which the Vicar (Preb. W. H. A. Cooper) preached his farewell sermon, on leaving to become Provost of Bradford.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Brake 1, G. Skelly (first of Minor 'inside') 2, V. James (first of Minor) 3, B. Goodliffe 4, J. Riley (first of Minor) 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. The 5th ringer has now 'circled the tower' to quarters.

PORTSMOUTH.—On June 23rd, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,344 Biddenden Surprise Major: D. S. M. Jones 1, T. R. Taylor 2, A. Page 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, W. T. Beeson 5, L. Stillwell 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, L. W. Weller 8.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On June 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Catchpole 1, C. Thompson 2, E. A. Head 3, E. Whiting 4, G. Gower 5, L. Minns 6, H. Fuller 7, W. J. Flatt (cond.) 8.

OUTINGS THAT GAVE PLEASURE

AMONG HERTS AND ESSEX CHURCHES

Saturday, May 26th, found a small party of ringers from various areas visiting churches around the Hertford-Essex border.

The Kent and Surrey contingent reached Broxbourne (8, 18 cwt.) more or less on time and rang Cambridge and London Minor with the local captain until the arrival of our Staffordshire friends, so that we concluded with a respectable course of Bristol.

The pleasant red-brick tower at Nazeing contains an easy-going Gillett six, and from here one of the resident band escorted us to Roydon, where we were pleased to receive a welcome from the Vicar. Another octave followed at Sawbridgeworth; Ted Rochester had all in readiness, and joined us for a course of Superlative on these difficult bells.

Our first call after lunch was to Hatfield Heath, where Mears and Stainbank have augmented a ring of three to provide a delightful six (tenor 4-1-21), rung from the south porch. The next two towers gave us some work of the Loughborough Bell Foundry: Great Hallingbury, where the five bells have recently been retuned and rehung, but are a little too noisy in the ringing chamber; and the much older but none the less very pleasant six at Thorley.

From here we journeyed to the uninspiring church and bells at Farnham. For many years the five bells at Rickling have been thought to be unringable, but permission was readily given for a ring here: perhaps due to a change of incumbent. New ropes had been fitted and the tenor stay was broken—presumably a sign of a new team in training.

After a pause for tea, during which period some of the party joined another band visiting Clavering, we sampled two rings of five which had recently been restored: Brent Pelham, where Taylor's have cast a new treble and tuned the old four; and Little Hadham, where the bells have been retuned. Widford's six were sampled, with a tenor that went 'plunk.' Returning to Much Hadham (8, tenor 10-3-5) we made a dismal attempt at a course of London, which we soon abandoned; the draught of rope here is excessively long.

To those who did meet us and the incumbents who allowed us to the use of their bells, we extend our grateful thanks. I. H. O.

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON

June 23rd will be remembered by the 41 passengers aboard the very latest in coach refinement as the day when everything went with a swing. Perfect weather, grand bells, good meals, pleasant company and, perhaps most important, of all, smooth arrangements by our organiser, Angela Grainger.

Our first ring was on the eight of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, where we were met by Mr. Collison. At Rochester, 'Charlie' Norris awaited us and joined in the lunch at 'Patricia's Pantry,' prior to ringing the Cathedral ten. Chatham eight, with its tenor of 25 cwt., were set in motion on schedule. On leaving, two old friends, Messrs. Norris and our indefatigable Brightonian Harry Stalham bade farewell.

On to St. Paulinus', Crayford, where our heavy tenor man, feet firmly on the trap-door, prevented Mr. Barnett (sen.) from joining in the ringing. Later, at 'Penny's' Restaurant, we were delighted to meet Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and their daughter, Jean.

Mr. W. Cave and a number of ladies met us at Beckenham, the home town of one of our Brighton lady ringers. An hour's ringing on the ten at St. George's Church followed.

Still on time, we reached our final tower, St. John's, Croydon, with its thirteen bells, the 'piece de resistance.' Grandsire Cinques was the extent of our efforts, but 'rounds' were enjoyed by many as their first experience on twelve, there being none of that number in Sussex.

After bidding farewell to Mr. Brown, who had welcomed us on arrival, we set course for home, reaching Brighton exactly on schedule.

Our grateful thanks to the incumbents, the ringers who met us and finally our efficient organiser. A. W. B.

APPLETON, BEDS

I have, for over 40 years, been in close contact with Appleton, sharing their joys and sorrows, and attending their ringing festivals on March 4th with very few misses, and have come to the very definite conclusion that the ringers of this famous village are in a class by themselves, perhaps not as expert ringers but as men who love good ringing and enjoy life to the full.

On June 30th I was privileged to be invited to their annual outing, and what an enjoyable day it was! Ringing first on the famous 10 at Wrington, where we rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and had a very happy luncheon at the 'George,' a name unknown at Wrington until the advent of Frank White and Company.

At Cheddar we rang for a wedding, and owing to the sway of the tower, had one or two good 'fires.' Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge were rung at Street and a jolly good ham and salad tea was enjoyed before setting off for the last tower of the day, Frome, a good eight; and a touch of Stedman Triples was well worth listening to as well as Grandsire and Plain Bob.

At the 'Bell,' at Broadhampton, the locals again enjoyed tunc ringing, 'lapping' of Grandsire Caters and Grandsire Triples on a big eight, and they were quite excited and rather proud that the Vicar of Appleton could enjoy his beer the same as his ringers.

Appleton was reached about 12.30 a.m. and such is the trusting nature of the village, that I let myself in the 'Plough' had a nice rum and so off to bed with very happy thoughts and memories of another Appleton outing. W. H.

DARLINGTON

St. Cuthbert's (Darlington) ringers, with friends from Ormesby, went south for their outing on June 30th, and stopped first at Easingwold. Here there was enjoyable ringing on the octave, with some ringers making their first acquaintance with Yorkshire rope-ends.

Some of the less enthusiastic left the tower to discover, in the churchyard, the gravestone of Anne Harrison, who died in 1745, and whose nickname, Nanna Rann Dann, is carved on the stone as an epitaph, which says that 'she was chaste but no prude, and though free yet not a harlot.' 'Her tongue and her hands,' it says, 'were ungovernable, but the rest of her members she kept in subjection.'

From Easingwold the bus ran through countryside which justifies the Yorkshireman's pride in his county, to Malton and over the Derwent into the East Riding. There the notable eight at Norton were thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. H. Rowsby met the party and joined in the opening touch of Grandsire Triples.

Fortified by a ham and egg tea, the party continued to the lovely village of Hovingham, where six bells hang in a fine old Saxon tower. Here, after a preliminary touch of two of Plain Bob and Cambridge S.M., there was a local request for a quarter peal of Kent, to mark the birth of a son to the Duchess of Kent, whose ancestral home overshadows the church.

The journey home was by Helmsley, through Bilsdale to Stokesley, through Yarm, and home again.

A YORK TOUR

Ringers from Scarborough, Westworth and Acomb, Yorkshire, met at Acomb on June 30th. A 720 of Plain Bob Doubles was rung here to enable two Acomb ringers to qualify for membership of the Yorkshire Association.

The second tower was the heavy four at Bishopthorpe, where the Archbishop of York has his Palace. These bells were in immaculate condition, and the visit was much enjoyed. After an excellent tea, provided by an Acomb ringer, another four-bell tower at Stockton-on-the-Forest was visited. The Rector joined in some rounds and the band was watched by a number of villagers, as we were the first to ring there light pleasant-toned bells. M. K.

DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

Part of the Weald of Kent and over the border into Sussex was the route taken by Dartford ringers and friends from Gravesend, Erith and Bexley for their outing of June 2nd.

It was a happy augury to the day that at the first tower, Hawkhurst, the Vicar voiced his appreciation of the ringing. Very good use was made of the bells of Rye Parish Church before lunch. The next tower was Appledore, and our journey across Romsey Marsh took us by Brookland, where the five bells hang in a picturesque shingled turret. At Appledore the Vicar welcomed us and conducted the non-ringers over his church.

Before tea the lofty tower of Tenterden was climbed and this recently rehung eight (30 cwt.), the heaviest bells of the day, gave very little trouble and good ringing ensued. Another historic tower was High Halden, where six bells hang in a timber tower, and, although the ravages of time can be seen on the timbers it has no effect on ringing. The handy ring of 8 at Linton, that for years has been a favourite with Maidstone District ringers, provided some of the best ringing of the day.

To all clergy and to those who had their bells ready for us and helped to make this a successful outing, our grateful thanks.

R. G. R.

REDEDICATION

STANTON DREW, SOMERSET

A representative gathering of parishioners and ringers attended the rededication of the five bells at the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stanton Drew, on June 25th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Russell), and the rededication of the bells and unveiling of a tablet in the church was performed by the Bishop of Taunton. The Rev. T. D. V. Clatworthy, R.D., acted as Bishop's Chaplain.

Immediately after the dedication the local ringers rang the opening rounds on the bells, which were available for general ringing after the service. Messrs. Taylor have made an excellent job of providing a new frame with space for a future additional treble bell. Those present, who remembered the former condition of these bells, were impressed by their easy 'go' (tenor 15 cwt.). Visiting ringers included the general secretary and the peal secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, and the chairman and secretary of the Chew Deanery Branch. Towers represented were Bath (Twerton), Bristol (Cathedral and St. Ambrose's), Clevedon, Evercreech, Farnborough, Long Ashton, Portbury, Publow, Wells and Wrington.

The local band, consisting of some of the former ringers and some new recruits, have been trained at Publow by Mr. F. C. Mogford, and the following tower officers have been elected: Captain, Mr. Roy Penney; vice-captain, Mr. George Emery; secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. Dickson.

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PERSONAL

'And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the Lord.' (Zech. viii. 16.)

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Those who have not received or do not reply to the circular of June 3rd may be struck off the mailing list. Those intending to come on the tour (Shrewsbury, August 3rd to 11th) who have not received details must write now to D. J. Roaf, Exeter College, Oxford. 563

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—Week-end tour, Isle of Wight, September 27th-30th. Will members and anyone else interested, please contact Miss Gillian Graney, 2, Hyde Lane, Nash Mills, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, as soon as possible. 549

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Ringing practice on Thursday, July 19th, instead of Wednesday, July 18th.—Mrs. M. A. Williams, Hon. Sec. 585

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minehead, July 14th, 7 p.m. Quarterly meeting at Selworthy, July 28th. Note change of date. Names for tea by 24th.—A. R. Tudball. 576

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hinton Blewitt (5), Saturday, July 14th. Usual arrangements. Notify Mr. F. Andrews, Abbots Barn Farm, Hinton Blewitt, for tea.—F. Chivers. 506

EAST GRANSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, July 14th. Danehill (6) 3-5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Maresfield (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. Jeffrey, 1, Stanley Terrace, Hever Road, Edenbridge, Kent. 544

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Littleton on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Buhlman, Dis. Sec. 518

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Stretton, Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at Haddenham (6) until 9 p.m.—D. F. Muffet, Dis. Sec. 520

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Combined practice, Shalford (8), Saturday, July 14th, 6-9 p.m.—Miss E. Stevinson, Hon. Sec. 522

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 522

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service, tea and business. Tea supplied only for those who notify Mr. J. Manktelow, The Square, Lenham.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 522

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 14th, at North Myrms. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Tower open until 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kirby, Dis. Sec. 497

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 14th, St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells afterwards. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 493

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Orston, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 489

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting on July 14th during afternoon at Shipley (6) from 3 p.m., and Itchingfield (5) available after tea which is at Itchingfield. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones', Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, please. 521

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Soberton, Saturday, July 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the White Lion. Names for tea to Mr. Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 524

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—Dedication of new trebles, Friday, July 20th, 7.30 p.m. Archdeacon of Exeter. Open practice, Saturday, August 11th, 3-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Savage, Brookside. Regular practice, Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 578

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Clevedon (8), Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, July 19th.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune', Brockway, Nailsea. 184

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, Fivehead (6), Saturday, July 21st, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke. 581

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting at Butleigh, Saturday, July 21st, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Hull (Hon. Sec.), Dinder, Wells. 551

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Asbury, July 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 18th, please.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 561

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. John Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, near Northwich. 553

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, July 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falson Road, Birkenhead. 587

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, July 19th, to P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 558

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 21st, at Stratford-on-Avon. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Riverside Cafe. Numbers for tea important by July 19th.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. 584

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Joint meeting with the Derby District at Crich, July 21st.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 588

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 21st, 2.30 p.m., All Saints', Lancaster. Names to H. P. Thompson, Hallgarth Terrace, Lancaster. 550

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 591

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 574

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Braintree, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to R. J. Lindsall, Challs Lane, Braintree. 507

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names to P. W. Saffmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 515

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Marshfield, July 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by July 19th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 555

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Tidenham, July 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please bring picnic tea. Hot drink provided. 579

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD (Southern District) at Ockham, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3-4 p.m. Tea at 4.15. Service 6 p.m. Note times! Ringing at Send and Ockham in evening. Names for tea to Miss E. Loveland, Cleeve, Maybury Hill, Woking, Surrey. 565

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and 6-bell prize contest, Liversedge, Saturday, July 21st. Entrance fee, 10s., to secretary by July 14th. For teas, please notify by July 14th, B. M. Sheard, 16, New Street, Rawfolds, Cleckheaton.—A. Farrand, Sec. 466

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Pulverbatch, July 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas, G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 559

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—July 21st. Tewin (6). Bells 3 p.m. Welwyn (8) 7-8 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. Special methods: Killamarsh T.B. and New Bob Doubles.—M. A. C. 562

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Rodmersham, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea definitely not later than previous Wednesday, please, to W. R. Rees, Littlehayes, Highsted, Sittingbourne. 498

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Selling, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, together with cash, please, by July 18th.—Mr. H. A. Kingsnorth, Woodside, Perry Wood, Selling, near Faversham. 531

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Bentham, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland. 543

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, July 21st. Halewood. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing. Names for tea to M. J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood, by July 18th.—J. H. Witton, Branch Sec. 564

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Swinton, July 21st. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Neil Bennett. 590

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Easton, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Bring own tea.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 592

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Ashby Folville (8) on July 21st, 6 p.m. 548

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Billingham, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 16th, to Mr. L. P. Wilson, 40, Grosvenor Road, Billingham, Sleaford, Lincs. Special methods: Plain Bob Major and Superlative.—F. G. Vickers. 535

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Broughton, near Brigg, Saturday, July 21st. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 490

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, East Farleigh, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to Secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Osborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 525

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Practice on July 21st. Shepperton (5), 3 to 4 p.m. Sunbury (8) 3 to 5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to D. Brock, 7, Loudwater Road, Sunbury-on-Thames. Hampden (8) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Some subscriptions still owing.—F. T. Blagrove. 569

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Warkton, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Weekley (6) and Geddington (5) available afterwards. Names for tea to M. Coleman, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell. All welcome.—M. A. C. 542

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Shalbourne, Saturday, July 21st. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 570

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hemingborough, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 567

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Practice meeting, Peasenhall (6), 2.30 to 5 p.m., and Yoxford (6), 6.30 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, July 21st. Tea at Peasenhall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 18th, to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 499

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at Assington, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available 6 to 9 p.m. 547

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Charlwood, Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 18th to Mr. A. J. Ede, Claremont Villas.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 505

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Twineham (5), Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 18th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 582

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th to D. B. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 523

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting Kirkheaton, July 28th. Names for tea by 26th to Mr. R. Senior, 4, Knowle Road, Kirkheaton. Please look up Cambridge and London Minor.—D. Smith, Sec. 552

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Widecombe, Saturday, July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food and cup. Camp tea. Business after. Guild members and visitors welcome. 580

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Holsworthy, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to Mr. R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon, by Monday, July 23rd. Visitors welcomed. 575

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Burton-on-Stather, July 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Barnes, 'Britannic', Tee-Lane, Burton-on-Stather, by previous Wednesday.—C. A. Harrison, Branch Sec. 554

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Saxlingham, Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 25th, to Mr. T. R. Simmons, Home Farm, Saxlingham, Norwich, NOR 62W.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 560

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 28th, at Hindon. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Grosvenor Arms. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 24th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 566

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting at Eye (8) on July 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. First 25 names for tea only before July 25th to H. Mitson, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 573

Quarter Peals

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's, on May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lewis 1, Angela Rimmer (first of Minor 'inside') 2, D. Fellows 3, R. Porter 4, G. Penny 5, P. Fells (cond.) 6. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine M. Rimmer 1, Angela Rimmer 2, Celia Bland 3, Angela Brunsell 4, D. Fellows 5, P. Fells (cond.) 6. Rung for Patronal Festival Evensong, and as an 8th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor. Also on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Rimmer 1, P. Fells 2, R. Lewis 3, K. Darvill 4, D. Fellows (first as cond.) 5, Christine M. Rimmer (has 'circled the tower' to quarters) 6.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At Sacred Trinity, on March 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Jean A. Allen 1, D. W. James 2, Janet Warwick 3, Mary Browne 4, D. J. Baker 5, Margaret Ross 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, I. N. Goldthorpe 8. First in method by all except conductor. Also on June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sabra Sullivan (first on tower bells) 1, Janet Warwick 2, D. J. Baker 3, Margaret Ross 4, D. W. James 5, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 6. Both rung by the Manchester University Guild for Evensong.

SELDENCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Christine Fuller 1, D. R. Fuller 2, I. V. J. Smith 3, A. R. Baldock 4, E. A. Fellows (cond.) 5, G. M. Fitz Hugh 6. First in more than one method by all except the conductor. For the Patronal Festival.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Hunt 1, A. Carr 2, H. Lawrenson 3, Miss M. Marshall 4, R. Pike (cond.) 5, A. Davis 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. W. Robinson, for many years the only ringer in this tower.

SIBSEY, LINC's.—On June 22nd, 1,264 Bob Major: B. Holland (first touch of Major) 1, L. Taylor 2, W. Wilkinson 3, W. Elmitt 4, T. Cummins 5, D. Smith 6, J. Horstwood 7, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 8. Rung for induction of Rev. I. W. S. Jones, Ph.D.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. A. T. Collins 1, Mrs. B. Bladon 2, Mrs. R. Drewett 3, A. T. Collins 4, B. Bladon (cond.) 5, R. J. Drewett 6. Rung by three married couples for Evensong.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on June 24th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: M. T. Sprackling 1, Mrs. O. L. Roberts 2, F. P. Mead 3, W. D. Grainger 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, W. G. Wilson 6, J. W. Smith 7, C. M. Meyer 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, L. W. Bullock 10. Rung for Nave Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Carol L. Norman 1, Carol I. V. Conon (first in 11 methods 'inside') 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, K. H. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, A. R. Mildred (first in 11 methods and first on tenor) 6. For Evensong. Also on June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol L. Norman 1, Carol I. V. Conon 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, M. G. Wood 5, D. W. Stenson 6. For Evensong.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. G. Clark 1, A. W. Dillow 2, B. R. Eglesfield (13) 3, H. C. Edwards 4, E. R. Lambert 5, E. J. Sharp 6, J. Odell 7, M. J. Hootton (cond.) 8. First quarter 3 and 7. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Rev. C. L. G. Hutchings' (Vicar) ordination.

THEALE, BERKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss M. Marshall 1, A. Carr 2, I. Munro 3, R. Pike 4, D. Wilcox (first as cond.) 5, J. Allen 6. First in four methods 2, 3 and 5. For Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On June 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. R. Drewett 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, R. J. Drewett 3, R. J. Purnell 4, A. R. Peake 5, V. Griffin (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor 3 and 4. Also on June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (13 methods): Miss P. Lansley 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, R. J. Purnell 3, A. R. Peake (cond.) 4, V. Griffin 5. First in 13 methods 2 and 3. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss T. Rogers 1, Miss P. Lansley 2, Mrs. R. Drewett 3, A. R. Peake 4, R. J. Drewett (first as cond.) 5, V. Griffin 6.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. R. Collins 1, Miss J. Marlow (first 'inside') 2, M. A. Colerian 3, I. W. Hall (first 'inside') 4, F. E. Coates 5, P. M. Fleckney (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: M. J. Young 1, Judith R. Harding 2, G. W. Elmes 3, C. G. Cherrett 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, C. A. Bull 6. First in the method by all. For Evensong.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On June 28th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): J. V. Clarke 1, R. A. Yeates (first as cond.) 2, C. Simpson 3, C. D. Emery 4, M. P. Moreton 5. Also on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): C. Simpson 1, R. A. Yeates 2, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 3, C. D. Emery 4, M. P. Moreton 5, J. V. Clarke 6.

WIGTOFT, LINC's.—On June 28th, 1,260 Minor (723 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): N. Fovargue 1, J. Morris 2, J. Bailey 3, P. Reynolds 4, W. E. Clarke 5, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as token of respect of Les Taylor, local captain and Branch Master.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Judith Geiringer (first quarter) 1, K. Newman 2, Rosemund Rawlings (first on eight) 3, Anne Garneiz 4, A. Bishop 5, Susan Rawlings 6, A. Bagworth 7, C. Walters (first on eight as cond.) 8. A congratulatory quarter to Mary Price and Christopher Powers-Moore, members of the band, who were married the previous Saturday.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On May 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. S. T. Farr 1, A. Bird 2, J. Brooks 3, A. Wenban 4, G. Jenkins 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6, B. Taylor 7, A. J. Glass 8. For Matins. Also on June 3rd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Monica Blagrove 1, B. Taylor 2, A. Bird 3, G. Jenkins 4, A. J. Glass 5, C. A. Wratten 6, A. Wenban 7, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 8. For Matins, and silver wedding anniversary of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, N. Phillips 3, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 4, A. Bird 5, J. Brooks 6, A. J. Glass 7, S. Blyth 8. For the gift of a son to the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

WOODBURY, EXETER, DEVON.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. H. Glanvill (cond.) 1, T. Gooding 2, L. K. Dawe 3, G. Ellett 4, J. Briggs 5, D. Gooding 6, J. Gooding 7, G. West 8.

LATE NEWS

DIED ON AN OUTING

The death of Mr. Alfred Boxley occurred on Saturday, July 7th while at Upton Snodsbury on the Bilbrough ringers' outing. He had rung in a touch of Stedman Doubles and, while standing around after the touch, he was seen to sway. His fall was broken and first aid was given. He was taken to Worcester Infirmary, but he was found to be dead on arrival. He was 62 years of age.

A NEW CANON

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Rural Dean of Southampton, has been appointed an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral and will be collated and installed in Winchester Cathedral on July 16th at 5.15 p.m. He was also elected Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild at their annual meeting on July 7th in place of Mr. F. W. Rogers, who did not seek re-election.

AMERICANS AT OXFORD FESTIVAL

Ten boys from Groton School, Mass., U.S.A., were elected members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at the Guild's festival last Saturday. Accompanied by Mr. Russell Young, they received a warm welcome from the Master, Canon C. Elliot Wigg.

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