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COMMEMORATING A CENTENARY

MR. Frederick Sharpe's book on 'The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark' was intended to mark the centenary of the first book on English church bells, by W. C. Lukis, published in 1857. He had visited these Channel Islands twice, in 1952 and 1956, and on the second occasion made notes on the bells in 18 churches and took rubbings and photographs of most of them. His election as president of the Central Council in 1957, which extended over a period of six years, left him no spare time, and it was not until 1963 that he could complete the manuscript.

Two of our noted antiquarians—the Rev. W. C. Lukis and Dr. Amherst D. Tyssen—had made surveys of Guernsey bells. Mr. Lukis left behind details of 29 bells in Guernsey, and Dr. Tyssen, after a visit in 1907, left notes and rubbings of the bells in ten ancient parish churches. Of the 29 mentioned by Lukis, 45 per cent. have perished, and of 30 described by Tyssen, Mr. Sharpe records that 27 per cent. have been melted down. There are 62 bells in the 18 churches in Guernsey, and these come under the following classification: Rings of eight, six and four bells, one each; four rings of three bells; a chime of 11 bells; four chimes of three bells; one of two bells, and seven single bells. Chronologically, the classification is mediæval, 2; 17th century, 5; 18th century, 8; 19th century, 19; modern, 18; of uncertain age, 10.

The history of the Channel Islands is reflected in the bells. The oldest bell is in the Church of St. Philip, Torveval, and is dated 1432 and is thought to be of French origin for two reasons. Gothic characters used in the inscription were not in use at that time by English founders, and by the French word 'lan' introduced into the inscription. The other mediæval bell is the treble of three bells at St. Pierre-du-Bois. This was cast in the mediæval Exeter foundry, and the book is enriched by a chapter written by the Rev. John G. M. Scott on this foundry. The bell, states Mr. Scott, belongs to the first group of coin-bearing bells and was probably cast by Robert Russell between 1486 and 1504. There were also three Exeter bells in the Church of St. Michael, Vale. These bells were, however, recast by John Warner and Sons in 1891, making a ring of six with a tenor of 7½ cwt. A tablet in the church records the original inscriptions.

To the peal-ringing fraternity Vale is not an 'unconquered' tower. A peal in seven Minor methods was rung here in 1959 by Messrs. A. P. Cannon, W. S. Deason, Robin G. Leale, Philip Mehew, E. J. Munday and John D. Rock. The same band had a second success on the island of Alderney by ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Alderney was originally a Mears ring of six

of 1849. They were removed during the German occupation, the intention being to turn them into munitions. Happily, peace came; for a time the bells were hung in the churchyard and were struck for service. John Taylor and Co. recast the bells in 1953 to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and they were rehung in the central tower.

French bells are plentiful on Guernsey. Seven were cast between 1680–85 by Paul Bowidon, whom Tyssen considers learned the art of bell-founding from a French founder. The conclusion is that he carried on his business in the island, but it is significant that 60 years before there was a J. Bowidon and Le Jeune Bowidon casting bells in Normandy. However, the genuine French products are the 12 bells cast by Brocards of Lorraine in 1736, but the view of Tyssen was that the actual casting was done in Guernsey by a member of the firm. The Brocards had many noted bells to their credit: the bourdon of Poitiers Cathedral, the town bell of Rennes and at Bayeux Cathedral. A clockmaker, Nicholas Blondel, cast the bell for St. Sampson's in 1759, and it is similar in style, moulding and inscriptions to the Brocard bells.

The only ring of eight is in St. Peter's Church, St. Peter's Port, and these were cast by the Brocards. The tenor was of a ton and the treble as light as 2 cwt. 3 qr. Dr. Tyssen, in his notes, comments that the trebles were cast far too thin and light for swinging bells and were more suitable for chimes and carillons. The bell rope circle is anti-clockwise and there is an Ellacombe chiming apparatus. A new ring of eight was recast by Cornille-Havard, of Villedieu, France, in 1913. They have ornamental canons of the French type and the inscription bands are filled with ornamental borders.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are represented by a chime of 11 bells at the R.C. Church of St. Joseph, by three bells at St. Mary's, Castel, and as far back as 1778 they recast the three bells at St. Andrew's Church. There are also 11 from the Cripplegate foundry of Messrs. J. Warner and Sons.

The value of this book is enhanced by the extensive introduction occupying some 12 pages, in which the author summarises the history of bell-founding and the development into change-ringing. It is purposely included to add to the appeal of the book to the non-ringing fraternity, and we cannot recall having read better-made material for a lecture than Mr. Sharpe here provides. We feel certain that many of our readers will find it most useful.

This book is very well illustrated with 23 plates and 14 scale drawings, and is obtainable from the author, Frederick Sharpe, 'Derwen,' Launton, Bicester, Oxon; price 8s. 6d.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

MR. ROPER ELECTED A VICE-PRESIDENT—HIGHER STANDARD IN BELFRIES DEMANDED
'LEADERS SHOULD BE CHURCHMEN FIRST AND FOREMOST'

ALTHOUGH New College and Magdalene bells were not available because of bell-hanging and Merton had a special function where only a picked band rung, there was a substantial list of towers available for the Oxford Diocesan Guild Festival on June 27th and the same large happy throng of ringers to take advantage of the facilities afforded.

As in recent years proceedings started with a Corporate Communion service in St. Aldate's Church, at which the Master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) was the celebrant. The service in the Cathedral was also conducted by the Master with the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) reading the lesson. The choir of ringers, with the Guild's banner held aloft, made an impressive procession and the singing was full-throated, the team spirit of ringers being well manifested.

Canon E. W. Perkins, chairman of the East Berks Branch and Rector of Slough, was the preacher. As the father of a daughter who rang he denied emphatically that he commented on her ringing that she rang harder and faster than anyone else in the tower! 'I know it is a principle of your craft that you can never be a good bell-ringer unless you have learned to ring with other people and learned the discipline of serving with other people.'

The loss of happiness through disobedience was one of the oldest things in their religion. The Bible began with an extraordinarily entrancing story of great truth and insight. The story of Eden was that there was one thing required in life—that they should be obedient to the will of God. Then came the great temptation—the temptation that had beset man throughout history—the voice of the serpent. 'Don't believe it. Why should you trust Him? Be independent. Live in your own right and be free.'

ROSY APPLES OF TODAY

They were told by legend that it was a rosy apple that Eve offered Adam. Never before in human history has a section of mankind been surrounded by so many rosy apples as today. Man had become antagonistic and for the time being it was difficult to make His voice audible to mankind.

They were told that man was driven out of the garden of his happiness and at the entrance there was an angel with a flaming sword. The New Testament told something different—that standing at the gate was a Saviour, a conqueror of sin and death and there true happiness would be found in the performance and freedom in God's service.

Somebody said: 'Love God and do as you please.' If you do love God, doing as you please will always be in performing God's service.

THE MEETING

The meeting was held in the Chapter House with the Master in the chair. Presenting the printed reports the Master said they seemed to be the best ever in the way they were set out. He would like to thank Mr. Philip Walker for a beautifully produced report.

The Master in his report said young people today were accustomed to high standards of comfort and efficiency, both at home and in school life. In bell ringing, which was undertaken on a purely voluntary basis, there must therefore be a standard which they expect as a matter of course in their other activities. For example, ringing chambers should be comfortable, clean and properly heated in winter. The type of draughty, cold and dingy room, which they sometimes encountered should never be tolerated.

The tower foreman should be able to rely on the incumbent and P.C.C. to see the ringers were properly housed. Everything then depends upon the leadership of the tower foreman and senior members of the band, which must be imaginative and progressive. Young people easily become bored if the ringing instructor was too stereotyped. 'Gimmicks' designed to stimulate interest should



MR. H. L. ROPER, the new vice-president, who had been librarian of the Guild since 1956.

not be despised. Progress charts, proficiency badges, 'pen-friendships' kept up between towers sharing the same name and dedication in different parts of the country, handbell sessions including tune ringing at carol services, frequent quarter peal attempts, the observance of an annual ringers' Sunday and many other ideas which the ingenuity of the leader could suggest should be faithfully attempted.

Suggestions also contained in the Master's report were training certificates to tower leaders who had undergone a course of instruction in leadership and an inter-branch striking competition.

1,500 MILES ON GUILD'S WORK

The Deputy Master wrote that he had inspected and reported on the condition of bells and gear in 14 towers and in several instances on the structure and stability of towers. He had also inspected completed work where Guild restoration grants had been made. He had given nine lectures on bells and ringing, in addition to talks on bells to non-ringers and P.C.C.'s. The work had involved travelling just over 1,500 miles of which 576 were for attending branch meetings.

In his experience the interest and activities of the Guild were well maintained. They were certain to have some 'black spots' where little or no Sunday service ringing took place, but it was surprising how a few keen churchmen could alter such situations. The important point was to ensure that newly-appointed leaders were churchmen first and foremost. 'We have lost recently a number of that stalwart type, the ringer-chorister. May I appeal to the younger members to fill the ranks of these faithful servants of our Guild and Church?'

MEMBERSHIP STANDARDS

The hon. general secretary reported a decline of membership which now stood at 1,888 (ringing 1,797, life 31, honorary 62) compared with 1,934 (ringing 1,836, life 37, honorary 61). This might be due to the fact that all branches were now only returning the lists of paid-up members. Certificates issued in 1963 totalled 181 and this should result in membership allowing for normal loss. The question had been raised as to whether the Guild should set an 'unofficial' standard before accepting members. No one wished to see the return of the old rule of 120 changes on the treble, which led to the exclusion of regular churchmen who did no change ringing. In addition the Guild had admitted 48 non-resident members and they had lost by death 12 members.

The University, College and School ringing societies continued to gain strength. Both Culham College and Wallingford Grammar School had rung peals and other schools had quarter peals to their credit. Due to the encouragement of the Principal, a number of

students at Cuddesdon Theological College were learning to ring. Rippon Hall had several students who could ring or were learning to ring.

The report of the hon. general treasurer stated that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £1,836 4s. 3d. of which £1,584 15s. 4d. was in the Restoration Fund.

The hon. librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper) reported that 175 peals had been published as having been rung for the Guild in 1963, a number exceeded only by the Lancashire Association and Leicester Diocesan Guild. He proposed to move outside the Diocese and could not, therefore, accept a further term of office. He and Mrs. Roper would like to thank all the members for the warm welcome they always received at the meetings.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

There was only one change in the officers—Mr. H. L. Roper retiring from the post of hon. librarian. Canon C. E. Wigg was elected Master and Mr. F. Sharpe, Deputy Master. Thanking members for re-electing him hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker said that next year he would have held the job for 30 years and he would like by then to see the total assets of the Guild at £2,000. Miss M. R. Cross continues as hon. secretary.

The new hon. librarian is the Rev. E. Wood, chairman of the Reading Branch, who lives at Mapledurham Vicarage, Reading. There were a number of tributes to Mr. Roper's work. Miss Cross mentioned that Mr. Roper had brought the Guild records up-to-date. Mr. W. Birmingham spoke of the hours he had spent on research and his proposal that Mr. Roper be elected a vice-president was carried with acclamation.

Acknowledging the compliment, Mr. Roper said he had enjoyed the job immensely. He had access to all the books in the library. He was going to boast—he had read from every page of 'The Bell News,' first dated 1881 to the last page of 'The Ringing World' last Friday. There was a great deal of valuable stuff in those old volumes and sometime, when he had time, he was going to make an index.

Mrs. A. D. Barker, A. Diserens, Miss D. Fletcher, E. E. Pearson, P. Walker and F. A. White were elected to the General Committee: Mr. P. Walker, report editor; Ernest Francis and Son, Reading, hon. auditors.

GRANTS

A grant of £50 was given to Coleshill, Berks, where five bells are being augmented to six. A similar grant was made to Northmoor, where there was a complete rehanging in a new frame. It was ascertained that work was likely at Sutton Courtney, Drayton and Birtton.

The meeting confirmed the election of 172 new members. Miss Cross said that was not the complete list; others had been elected by branches.

Upon the proposal of Mr. Kinch, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was decided that the subscription remain at 3s. 6d. as at present.

An inter-branch striking competition was approved. Mr. B. C. Castle said the committee had met on three occasions and it would be held on October 24th, probably at Radley. Before that date branches would hold their competitions to select their strongest bands.

The meeting confirmed a grant of £10 to Mr. W. Parker who incurred serious injury whilst doing maintenance work in Finchampstead tower.

The Deputy Master said Mr. Parker had put his foot in the wheel of an adjoining bell when it descended. He was thrown across the belfry and sustained a nasty injury. The Guild were morally bound to stand by him.

Mr. Barker said he wrote to the Ecclesiastical Insurance office and Mr. Parker had received £5 a week for 17 weeks. He was not yet back at work.

It was decided 'to keep an eye' on the case.

SAFFRON WALDEN'S GREAT RINGING DAY



OXFORD FESTIVAL—Cont.

The meeting approved of an honorarium of £10 10s. being made to the Deputy Master towards the expenses incurred by him while carrying out bell inspections in the Oxford Diocese.

Supporting a grant of £5 5s. being made towards the expenses of the American tour. Mr. Roper said those who went to Washington really did something for ringing. They created a great deal of enthusiasm and they all knew what the Americans could do when they got enthusiastic. This Washington visit might be the beginning of change ringing in America.

LADY CHORISTERS

The Deputy Master said in respect of the service this year they had applications from several lady choristers to robe and join the choir for the Cathedral service. He saw the Dean who said that as far as he was concerned personally he would not object. He could not give permission as it had to go before the Chapter. The Dean had promised a ruling in ample time for next year's service.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Deputy Master and included the Dean and Chapter and College authorities at Christ Church, the steward and domestic staff, Mr. Philip Walker who had done the lion share of the ringing arrangements, the choir and people from Winslow who paid for the choir-boys, and Mr. H. Langrish, the organist for the service.

The Master called attention to Mr. Fredk Sharpe's book on the bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark, which was being published that day for 8s. 6d.

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon was held in the hall of Christ Church and attended by a company of 150. The Master presided and among the guests were the Archdeacon of Oxford (the Ven. C. Witton-Davies), the Rev. M. Melville (Master of the Southwell Diocesan Guild) and Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson (Master of the London County Association).

The toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. H. L. Roper, who described the speech as his swan song to the Guild. He

said that but for the Church there would be no bells, and they were inclined to take it for granted that it was the Church's bells which they rang for their own pleasure and enjoyment. But this privilege of ringing carried with it certain responsibilities—ringing regularly on Sundays and in training young ringers, and they all knew even with the best of hands what happened if youngsters were not being trained. Another responsibility they should be prepared to shoulder was the provision of bells for the future. Ringers often remarked that the responsibility was on the Parochial Church Council. It was up to ringers, he contended, to see that there was a belfry fund in every tower with a little put away each year against emergencies.

The Archdeacon replied.

Miss Cross in proposing 'the Visitors' thanked Canon Perkins for his inspired sermon, she welcomed Mr. Wilson as Master of the London County Association (he is also vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), and the Rev. M. Melville.

Mr. Melville in his reply mentioned his meeting unexpectedly in Massachusetts with Miss Cross, and how they both happened to jump off the same train. In proposing the health of 'the Guild,' Mr. Melville said he did not think any Guild was better served by its officers and stalwarts. That morning it was a delight to see Mr. Walter Judge steering a couple of 12-year-old youngsters through a course of Grandsire Cinqes.

The Master replied.

The company then dispersed for ringing and Mr. F. Sharpe took a party up Christ Church tower to see 'Big Tom.'

SUBSCRIPTION FORMS

Were distributed to all Postal Subscribers last week in the hope that they would use them to introduce new readers now that another quarter has started. If you cannot find a new subscriber buy one for the tower. Reduced rates for second and subsequent members (see page 468). We are still waiting for a number of renewals.

IN perfect weather the 341st anniversary of Great Ringing Day was held at Saffron Walden on June 27th, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells after being augmented from eight to 12 in June, 1914.

Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Essex Association, was the first visitor to arrive and was soon followed by a party of 30, organised by Mr. Charles Willmington, from the South-West Essex Division.

The usual service was held at noon, conducted by Canon R. Chute, who was deputising for the Vicar. The theme of his sermon was 'Teamwork.' After a good touch of Stedman Cinqes lunch was served in the Parish Room, 49 sitting down.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon in methods on eight, 10 and 12 bells till 5 p.m. when tea was taken. After tea ringing continued until 7.30 p.m., all agreeing it had been a good ringing day. The ringers would like to thank the Church Ladies' Committee who arranged the lunch and tea.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Nutfield on June 20th. Ringing commenced promptly at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m. when tea was taken at the Crown Inn. Due to a misunderstanding, no service was held and members returned to the Belfry for the business meeting only. 21 signed the visitors' book, a small number for this usually well-attended meeting. Ringing was somewhat restricted and the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting at Godstone on July 18th has been cancelled as the Kent County Ass. are unable to join us on that day.

K.G.G.

LAVENHAM'S RINGING DAY

On June 20th ringers from various towers from Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cheshire and Derbyshire attended the annual ringing anniversary, keeping the bells going from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Methods rung were Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. Grandsire and Stedman Triples. M. T. S.

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Letters to the Editor

When visiting—Points to remember

Dear Sir.—I was sorry to read of the complaint from Lavenham of the bad ringing by visiting bands on their outings. Whatever the cause of this particular complaint I think the attention of tower captains and outing organisers should be drawn to the necessity (I put it no less) of their choosing towers for their outing programme where the ringing of the bells is well within the capabilities of their band.

It is a fact that only too often this requirement is either overlooked or disregarded. I would not for one moment discourage the desire to ring in fresh towers. To explore fresh fields is an excellent way to improve one's ringing but if such visits result in bad performances no one gains.

The weight of probably all rings of bells in this country can be found in 'Wove's' so this need not be a problem in planning an outing. Information about 'go' and length of rope can usually be obtained from Association officials, who I have found, very often can help with useful suggestions for a manageable programme.

I have been arranging tower outings since the early 20's and the number of times I have been refused a tower is so small that for practical purposes it could be said to be nil. This generous hospitality extended to my party has always been respected and appreciated and this is the point of my writing this letter.

Let us always remember we are guests in other towns. The local inhabitants within earshot are our audience and we have no right to inflict bad ringing on them. So many ringers forget this audience once they are in the ringing chamber in their eagerness to see if they can manage this, that or the other method, which sometimes means invoking the age-old but still regrettable device of putting all the beginners in one touch to get them out of the way. It is a pity that this vast audience outside the tower is not remembered on all ringing occasions.

The bells should always be raised in some sort of order to avoid unmusical clashing even if in the last resort this means raising them singly.

I consider it a good plan, too, to ensure that the first and last touch at each tower visited is well struck: the former will ease the unexpectedness of hearing the bells at unusual times and the latter will do much to leave behind a good impression of the visitors (others may then be welcome). Some people will say that the public don't appreciate what is rung. This is arguable but suffice to say at the moment that rhythmic striking is less jarring to the unappreciative listener than 'rough stuff'. And, unless the ringing is reasonable, the same can be said of 'tenor behind' methods as opposed to 'tenor in'.

All this might sound a bit restrictive but it isn't. Anyone who has been on our outings knows that and the reason, I think, is that the good ringing we seek to achieve on this basis enables us to hear the bells to their best advantage and also avoids ruffled tempers

either inside or outside the tower. — Yours sincerely,

P.S.—If some of your ringers have enjoyed ringing Lavenham bells on outings as I have, don't forget the recent appeal for help there.—Ivor Heath. FRED. GOODFELLOW.

School handbell ringer at TV Studios

Dear Sir.—It was a red-letter day for the handbell ringers of St. Lawrence's Junior School, Gnosall, when Barney Bamford, of the B.B.C., paid a visit to the school to record items by the handbell ringers, with Glockenspiels and a Melodica.

As a result of this visit they were invited to the B.B.C. Television studio at Birmingham, where tele recordings were made for the programme 'Six-Ten,' and further items for use in future programmes.

It certainly was a great privilege and pleasure to spend the afternoon in the studio, and the children (aged nine to 11 years) will long remember, and talk of cameras, lights, microphones, etc., to their less lucky and envious friends.

The staff and technicians of the B.B.C. were kindness itself to the children, and even when it was discovered that by an oversight there was no piano in the studio there was no panic, and a new mini-piano was hired and in the studio within 20 minutes, and everyone was well satisfied with the results of the afternoon 'on the set'.

By the time this letter appears in 'The Ringing World' the recorded items for 'Six-Ten' may already have been seen on television, but others will appear in due course.—Yours, etc.,

Gnosall, Stafford. E. M. KEY (Mrs.).

Spliced Surprise Major on Handbells

Dear Sir.—I am sure the Exercise will congratulate the talented handbell band at Harrow on ringing a peal of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells in 18 methods.

Also to congratulate Chris Woolley on being the first to ring 100 Surprise peals on handbells.—Yours etc.,

Braintree, Essex. EDWIN JENNINGS.

P.S.—Many will desire to re-iterate the congratulations expressed by Mr. Jennings.—Ed.

In and Out of Course

Dear Sir.—Unfortunately Mr. W. O. Haythorne's method of determining in and out of course changes (page 432) is incorrect. Consider 1432—this row is out of course, yet on summing the number of places away from home of each bell, we have the number 4. Also consider 2431—this is in course, yet on summing we have 6—certainly not a multiple of four.

I would be surprised to see a method easier than that of John David (page 396).—Yours sincerely,

St. Albans, Herts. K. J. DARVILL.

'Spur' stays in Kent

Dear Sir.—Mr. Haythorne's letter (p. 416), is of considerable interest, as there are several examples in Kent.

At St. Lawrence, Godmersham, a ring of five tenor 14 cwt. approx. cast by Christopher Hodson in the late 17th century, the bells apparently retain their original fittings, including spur staves identical with those on the Winchester bell. Unfortunately, these bells are in a very bad condition, and half-buried in bird debris. They are 'clocked.'

The beautiful church of St. Mary, Westwell, has a ring of four tenor 12 cwt. with a similar arrangement. Unfortunately the No. 3 is cracked, and the remainder unringable, but well looked after.

There is a single stay of this sort on the No. 2 of the unringable six. (Tenor 9½ cwt.) at Eastling: here the tenor is cracked, but, as at Westwell, the remainder are swing-chimed. Here there is a very interesting set of 18th century ringers' rules.

In Canterbury there are two churches with this sort of stay—but with a difference: the stay is vertical, about one foot long, and engages with a horizontal slider half-way down the frame. These are the churches of St. Paul (3: 7 cwt.), of which the tenor was recast by S. B. Goslin in 1902, when the arrangement may have been made; and St. Martin, which were refitted about 1920. Here however the arrangement is in iron throughout. These bells (3: 7 cwt.), have some pretensions to being ringable.

Mr. S. B. Goslin also cast the treble, 2, and 3 of St. Alphege, Canterbury (6: 74 cwt.) in 1893-4, but there are no traces of this arrangement there. The bells were rebung later, but in the original frame. His remaining bell in Canterbury, the treble at St. Margaret's (1902), along with its two companions (Tenor 6 cwt.), is stayless.

There is another arrangement—a full stav, but a half slider—in use on some of the rough five (12 cwt.) at Newchurch, Kent.

If Mr. Haythorne feels a 'double-stav' is 'fiendish' he is right: there is one on the tenor at Bridge, Kent. (3: 10 cwt.)—Yours faithfully,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

Whitstable, Kent.

Old Peals at Margate

Dear Sir.—In the ringing chamber of St. John's Church, Margate, a peal board records that on Thurs. Jan. 29th, 1824, 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the Quex Institution in 2 hrs. 58 mins. The composition contained 194 hobs and 46 singles and was conducted by William Shipway. The composer's name is not mentioned. A second board records a further peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Sat. Dec. 12th, 1885, conducted by L. Willshire. This contained 98 hobs and 2 singles and again the composer's name is not mentioned. In the former the conductor rang the 6th and in the latter the 2nd. I am wondering if any of your readers can identify and provide me with the figures of these compositions from the information given.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Ramsgate.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Hon. Secretary Approaching His
1,000th PEAL

BURTON, apart from beer, is famed in the Exercise for its pioneer band of Surprise ringers at the latter part of the last century and following World War I for its equally famous Wednesday band, who rang under that talented conductor Mr. M. Swinfield over 230 different compositions of Stedman Triples.

It was at the Church of St. Modwen, Burton, that the Midland Counties Guild held its 18th annual meeting, the Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths, vice-president, being in the chair in the absence of Mr. B. Worthington (president) who sent an apology from his home in Northumberland.

The hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, in his annual report said 11 new members had been elected, bringing the total membership to 12 ringing and 16 honorary members. There were many non-resident members. It had been a record year for peals, 41 having been successfully rung, though only 16 resident ringers took part. The leading peal ringers were Messrs. J. W. Cotton 40 (total for Guild 465, grant total nearly 1,000 which notable milestone he would shortly pass), John K. Smith 29, Richard J. Clifton 25, Derek P. Jones 20. Leading conductors were Messrs. D. P. Jones 16, Roland Beniston 11.

Surprise methods rung by the Guild for the first time were Quodgley Major and Royal, Feering, Hitchin, Dorchester, Whitwick, Zurich, Vancouver and Amsterdam Major. For these achievements thanks were expressed to the many non-resident members who made up the bands. Mr. Cotton also submitted a report on the 1963 Central Council meeting at Great Yarmouth.

Mr. J. H. Brittain, hon. treasurer, reported that the Guild's finances were in a healthy state, the balance in the general fund standing at £137, with £18 in the belfry repair fund.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. B. Worthington; vice-president, Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths; chairman, Mr. R. A. Welton, ringing master, Mr. J. K. Smith; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittain; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; assistant secretary, Mr. J. K. Smith; committee, Messrs. G. H. Rowe, P. Marriott, G. Roobottom, D. P. Jones.

The hon. secretary proposed that the next annual meeting should be at St. Paul's, Burton, and this was agreed to. The possibility of a dinner in the autumn was discussed and the committee was instructed to explore the idea.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Cotton who specially mentioned Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brittain and Mrs. Dunn for the tea which the company enjoyed before going to St. Modwen's Church for two hours' ringing. Visitors welcomed included Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, with other friends, from Middlesex who had been having an outing in Leicestershire.

ANOTHER DEVON OUTING

Another of Mr. A. L. Bennett's popular outings was held on Wednesday afternoon, June 17th, when the ringing at Buckfast Abbey included a faultlessly struck extent of Plain Bob Minor rung under the conductorship of Mr. D. Roy Bould. After tea at a local cafe, the next call was at Staverton where the fine-tuned but heavy going ring was sampled. The other tower visited was Dartington, where the party were joined by a few of the locals. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and call changes were rung here prior to a service, and thanks were again expressed to Mr. A. L. Bennett for the arrangements made.

Extraction of False Course Heads and Their Application

Here is a composition and its proof:
5,216 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
5ths M W B 4ths H 23456

BY JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

(Continued from page 449)

To produce Natural Course Ends the transposition for a bob at 5ths will be 274365, at 4ths 647253, Wrong 52436, Middle 43652, Before 35264, and Home 42356, therefore the table of Natural Course Ends for this composition is as follows:

Twice repeated, omitting bracketed calls.						
Fifths	3	Middle	Wrong	Before	Fourth	Home
2	4	5	6	7	1	
274365	274365	274365	274365	—	64523	64523
64523	—	—	—	42635	42635	64235
64235	64235	64235	36245	36245	36245	36245
36245	36245	36245	43265	43265	43265	43265
43265	43265	43265	64235	64235	64235	26435
26435	26435	26435	26435	26435	26435	42635
42635	42635	42635	34625	34625	34625	63425
63425	63425	43526	43526	43526	43526	54326
54326	54326	34625	23645	23645	23645	23645

276354	276354	276354	276354	—	56423	56423
56423	—	—	—	62534	62534	56234
56234	56234	56234	35264	35264	35264	35264
35264	35264	35264	63254	63254	63254	63254
63254	63254	63254	56234	56234	56234	25634
25634	25634	25634	25634	25634	25634	62534
62534	62534	62534	36524	36524	36524	36524
36524	36524	36524	23564	23564	23564	23564

It will be seen that the tenors are parted in this composition for the first four leads in each part. The bells in seconds and thirds are the same in each part so look for a F.C.H. having 23 at home. There is only one—2354768 7 v 1; 2 v 3; 3 v 2; 5 v 4; 4 v 5; 1 v 7. Transposing the first row in each part by this F.C.H. gives row 'A.' Next look for F.C.H. which will bring 78 together. As the 7th is in 3rds in N.C.H. table so third must be in sevenths in F.C.H. table. The F.C.H.

are 2456738 7 v 1; 1 v 7; 1 v 4; 3 v 2; 2 v 3; 2 v 6; 6745238 6 v 1; 6 v 4; 5 v 5; 4 v 6; 1 v 6; 7 v 7. Transposing gives row 'B' from the first and row 'C' from the second.

Set out below is the table of falseness for the first four leads in each part. I have not set out the falseness for the remainder of the peal with the tenors together as this is a simple transposition by 24365. These four F.C.H.—24365, 2354768, 6745238 2456738—are the only ones of the 15 which are important.

	2	3	4	5	6	7	1
A	273456	273456	273456	273456	—	—	—
B	24365	24365	—	—	24365	—	24365
C	—	—	—	65432	65432	—	—
A	273645	273645	273645	273645	—	—	—
B	26354	26354	—	—	26354	—	26354
C	—	—	—	54632	54632	—	—
A	273564	273564	273564	273564	—	—	—
B	25346	25346	—	—	25346	—	25346
C	—	—	—	46532	46532	—	—

It now remains to check each column of False Course Heads against the corresponding column of Natural Course Heads; if no repetition occurs then, of course, the peal will be true.

I hope the above is intelligible but it is a very difficult subject to explain simply. Should anyone run into difficulties I shall be pleased to help on receipt of a s.a.e.

PEAL RECORD IN COUNCIL
CHAMBER

The only peal rung in Devon as a token of respect to the late President Kennedy was one of Grandsire Triples at Buckfast Abbey. The tragic death of the President took place during the term of office of Mr. C. R. Northcott as chairman of Buckfastleigh U.D.C., a close friend of Mr. A. L. Bennett. To mark the event during his term of office, a beautifully prepared record of the peal, suitably framed, has been placed in the Council Chamber.

WEDDING PEAL AT GNOSALL

The wedding took place on Saturday, June 27th, at St. Lawrence's Collegiate Church, Gnosall, between Miss Shirley Dyke and Mr. Rodney Downe. The bride is a niece of Mr. J. W. Dyke, tower keeper, and Mr. Downe is a member of the local band, having served as treasurer during the last four years. The couple left the church through a guard of honour formed by the Gnosall Wolf Cubs. A peal of Minor in seven methods was rung in honour of the event.

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OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT FISHER

On the evening of June 23rd, Mr. 'Bob' Fisher passed quietly away in his chair about 15 minutes after returning from practice in his own belfry at East Meon. He was 97, and had lived in the village nearly all his life.

Mr. Fisher helped to re-hang the bells at All Saints' Church after restoration in 1890, and had been a ringer and chorister there for more than 70 years. A carpenter by trade, he started felling and sawing as a boy, with his father: he loved the church and ringing and much of his trade had been followed in making and repairing things in local churches. Recently while at a meeting at Warnford Tower he proudly showed several points of interest on the Tower door which he had made just before the turn of the century.

This aged ringer was invited, and attended the veterans gathering at St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, a week or two ago and was very happy to have enjoyed such an occasion. Had he lived a few more days he would have been made a life member of the Guild, at the Annual meeting held at Basingstoke by the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

The funeral service was held on the following Saturday and the bells fully muffled were rung before and afterwards under the direction of Mr. Ronald Walker, Tower Captain. The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was represented by Mr. C. E. Bassett, Secretary of the Alton and Petersfield District, and towers represented were Steep, Buriton, Petersfield, East Meon and Warnford.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles followed the service in which Mr. J. E. Clark, a former Tower Captain at East Meon, took part.

C.E.B.

THE REV. W. M. K. WARREN

We regret to record the death at Stourpaine, Dorset, on June 13th, of the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, the father of the Rev. H. F. Warren, of Exford, who is the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. He also was Master of the Association from 1936 to 1948.

Mr. H. J. Sanger writes:

The quarter peal rung at Evercreech on June 26th was a tribute to life and work, in the Diocese, of the Rev. W. M. K. Warren.

From 1936 to 1945 Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, he was a member of the 'Wednesday' band which met throughout the 1930's and, of which, several of the band were members.

During his incumbency at Binegar, the old ring of three was restored and augmented to six, in no small measure due to his great effort. His was a delightful personality: he was held in the highest esteem by all ringers and the little gatherings at the Rectory were very happy occasions which will always be remembered.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Eastern Branch

The Eastern Branch visited Happisburgh on the Norfolk coast, for a meeting on June 6th. Canon Gilbert Thurlow conducted the service and the Rev. H. R. Chisnell (Rector), played the organ and gave a very interesting address. After a splendid tea the branch chairman (Miss D. E. Lidbetter) presided over the business meeting.

The Revs. A. Glendinning and J. E. Cummins, Rector and Vicar respectively of the Raveningham group of parishes, were elected as honorary members of the Association. Miss C. James, of Lowestoft, was elected a ringing member, and the belfry election of Mr. Cleeve F. Finch was ratified.

Mr. G. Walpole stated that after a delay of over four months the faculty, enabling Norton Subcourse bells to be rehung, had been granted. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and the ladies for preparing the tea.

Next meeting: Lowestoft, September 19th.

N. P. J. C.

THE ORIGIN OF CHANGE RINGING

BY ERNEST WEATHERBY

In the city of Cambridge, England, a monk in the Benedictine Monastery chimed the peal of three bells in the church of St. Benet for all of the services.

During the course of his ringing duties, he found it to be very monotonous continually to chime: 1 2 3, 1 2 3, all the time. Therefore, he varied this by chiming: 1 2 3, 2 1 3, 3 2 1, 3 1 2, 1 3 2, 1 2 3—six changes—all different; and these changes became known as the SIXES before the year 1600.

In 1610, Robert Roan (the monk) extended these changes to be rung on four bells, and discovered that by one bell following the smallest bell (which he called the 'Treble') he was able to chime 24 changes (the extent of changes on four bells 1 3 2 4, 1 3 4 2, when the treble bell was 'leading').

In 1625, he extended his chiming to be rung on six bells, following the same order of one bell to follow the treble bell 1 3 and 1 3, and the other bells to make a 'dodge' together 1 3 2 5 4 6, 1 3 5 2 6 4—thereby he was able to produce 60 changes.

According to his calculations, to find the extent of the changes to be rung on three bells (which was 6 changes), the extent on four bells was 24 changes (4 x 6 equals 24); the extent on five bells was 120 changes (24 x 5 equals 120); and the extent on six bells was 720 changes (120 x 6 equals 720).

He then produced what he called a 'Bob' (which was made at the last 'lead' of the treble bell 1 3 2 5 4 6, 1 2 3 5 6 4), and by using 3 bobs he was able to produce 360 changes (or half the total); by using what he called a 'Single' (1 3 2 5 4 6 to 1 3 2 5 6 4, and then the whole repeated) he produced 720 changes—the extent of changes on six bells.

Robert Roan sent these 720 changes to the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1625.

He was followed by Fabian Stedman who first produced the Grandsire method to be rung on five bells, and with the Tenor bell on six bells. He also produced the method for five bells which is now called after his name Stedman, and which is extended to be rung on eleven bells, and with a tenor bell, on twelve bells.

These changes composed by Robert Roan and now known as **change-ringing** were rung at the Dedication Ceremony of the Gloria in Excelsis Tower and Bells of Washington National Cathedral on May 7th, 1964.

Mr. Armingor Trollope, when Editor of 'The Ringing World,' found that the initials R.R. were those of Robert Roan, and that Grandsire Bob is now called Plain Bob.

NOTE:—Mr. Weatherby who now lives at Alhambra, California, U.S.A., sent a copy of this to Washington National Cathedral, Kent School and Groton School. In asking for this to be published, Mr. Weatherby states very few ringers know anything about Thomas Roan of Cambridge.

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L. C. D.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD BRANCH

Members of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch decided at their meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water, on June 20th, to form a deanery band to provide ringers for 'silent' towers throughout the deanery. The suggestion came from the Rural Dean.

The Rev. I. C. Heron, Rector of Stow-on-the-Wold, stressed the need for greater efforts to provide more Sunday service ringing, especially at towers which had no regular band of ringers. He said he strongly favoured the Rural Dean's idea that ringers should tour the deanery to ring on special occasions, such as confirmations and inductions.

The chairman (the Rev. C. H. Pickthorn) supporting the Rector's view, said that the scheme would mean that towers fortunate enough to have regular Sunday ringing would have to forego a week each month to help towers where there was no ringing at all, but as far as the tower at Bourton-on-the-Water was concerned he would not object to this.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Steps already taken to visit churches for bell-ringing were mentioned by the secretary (Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell). Ringers from Stow, Longborough and Moreton-in-Marsh met once a month and rang bells at Broadwell for morning service, he said. Efforts had also been made to ring on special occasions and some towers had been visited for harvest festivals. Two ringers from Longborough who rang the bells at Stow on Sunday mornings also went to Moreton-in-Marsh to help out at evening services.

After agreeing unanimously to form a deanery band of ringers, it was further decided to seek reports on all 'silent' towers in the Deanery by the next quarterly meeting in September.

The Rector of Stow-on-the-Wold pointed out that the form of service as laid down by the Association was outdated and that the branch should write to the general secretary suggesting that the form of service be revised. It was agreed to do this for the next meeting at Moreton-in-Marsh, the Vicar there being asked to draw up his own form of service.

A reply from Mr. Charles Rouse, the general secretary, states: 'That the question of revising the form of service will be put on the agenda at the Management Committee's meeting at Gloucester, in October.' He also states that the branch could use their own form of service as drawn up by local rectors.

A short service was held at 4.30 p.m. and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Pickthorn.

During the afternoon, under the direction of the Association Ringing Master, the Rev. F. F. Rigby, several 'touches' of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. Among the 40 ringers present were visitors from St. Albans, Wallingford, Southampton, Witney and Charlbury. Local towers were represented by Bourton-on-the-Hill, Bledington, Bourton-on-the-Water, Longborough, Moreton-in-Marsh and Stow-on-the-Wold. A tribute, dated June 25th, from the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Association Ringing Master, reads: 'The "touch" of Stedman last Saturday will live in my memory.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Dorchester Branch

Owing to unforeseen circumstances it was necessary to rearrange the Branch practice scheduled to be held on May 30th at Hilton and hold it instead on May 23rd. This was by special request by the boys of Milton Abbey School who maintain the ringing at Hilton. The bells of Hilton (6) were available from 2.40 p.m. and the practice was attended by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. N. Longridge, the assistant secretary, Dorchester Branch, Miss B. J. Dyke, members of the Dorchester Branch, members of the North Dorset Branch and ringers from Milton Abbey School.

A shortened form of evensong was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. A. Thomas), after which members were entertained to refreshments in Anstey Village Hall. Ringing was then resumed until about 8 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD

Fourteen members and friends of the University of Sheffield Guild spent the week-end of June 20th/21st visiting towers in Lincolnshire.

Saturday morning traffic queues at Newark delayed the start and cut short ringing on the fine six at Leadenham; nevertheless, the pleasant eight at Caythorpe and the six at Barkston were put to good use before lunch. Some excitement was caused by the odd sound and 90-foot draught of the five bells at Helpringham. Then on to the light eight at Bicker, where justice was not seen to be done; time was short and the striking was poor. The unique 12 at Surfleet were enjoyed by all, and 'fears' about the leaning tower were quickly dispelled. At Kirton-in-Holland free pints were at stake for anyone able to set the tenor at backstroke. Ringing in the evening took place on the three sixes at Fishtoft, Freiston and Butterwick, where methods ranged from Original to Surprise Minor.

Saturday night was spent at an hotel in Spalding. In spite of the 'night before,' everyone had climbed the 185 steps at Boston by 10.15 a.m. and enjoyed Stedman and Grandsire Caters on the fine ten. After lunch ringing at Nocton was curtailed when a rope broke, and whilst this was being repaired good use was made of a set of handbells found in the ringing chamber. Then on to Lincoln Cathedral, an excellent 12 and the highlight of the tour. A short ring on the six at Saxilby followed until it was time to move on to Gainsborough (a glorious eight). A flying visit to the six at Lea (by invitation of the Ringing Master) completed a very enjoyable week-end. Methods rung include Stedman Doubles to Cinques, Grandsire Doubles to Caters, London to Cambridge Major, Double Norwich down to rounds and call-changes.

Thanks go to incumbents for the use of the bells; to local ringers and the hard-worked drivers, particularly to the lady driver.

'ONSEC.'

OUTINGS

WARMINSTER

Our annual outing on June 20th was blessed once again with three features we have rather come to expect—good weather, an excellent picnic lunch and a very pleasant ringing tour. The first, of course, is not at human command, but the second, in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Norris, never fails to give both satisfaction and repletion. The ringing arrangements were made by Mr. C. N. Pearson, of Haslemere, and once again he succeeded in finding for us beautiful countryside and interesting ringing towers.

Our coach carried us first to West Meon, where Doubles and Minor were rung on the pleasant six. From here we ran to Petersfield and took a meal very happily by the lake in the park. Now the resources of Mr. and Mrs. Norris were revealed in all their glory; and to cold chicken, pork pie, meat rolls, tomatoes, onions and cheese, we were able to add tea, lemonade or bottled beer, according to fancy. Fruit pies served to fill up the cracks.

On the run to Shalford we took in the vast curve around the Devil's Punchbowl, and were able to view that astonishing abyss from all angles. Shalford is on the Editor's doorstep, so to speak, and the pleasure we had from the lovely churchyard and the fine ring of eight would have been enhanced if we had happened to find 'the Press' in attendance.

At remote Dunsfold we rang Cambridge Minor and some excellent Stedman, and at Witley, where the captain and vice-captain both met us, we had some amusing neck exercises in ringing round the clock-pendulum case.

A splendid tea was provided for us at Haslemere by Mr. and Mrs. Pearson. The lonely Binsted was our last ringing tower, where Mr. Pearson joined us for a good touch of Bob Minor. And here we said farewell to him and his family with what perhaps sounded very formal thanks, but which were really heartfelt, for the kindness and generosity of our Haslemere friends surpass anything we have a right to expect.

On the heights above Stockbridge we halted by the roadside for supper, and did our best to clear up the remains. We completed in comfort the remaining run of nearly 60 miles, and reached home satisfied both physically and mentally, and very much at peace with the world.
E. C. S.

NORTH WEALD

North Weald bellringers, having no bells of their own to ring, arranged a tour of other churches on June 6th; at 1.30 p.m. approximately 16 ringers and seven friends started out in six cars. At the first tower, Danbury, they found a fine ring of six and for about an hour livened up the village and proved that they had not lost the art. This was an interesting church, with three knights resting in niches under the walls. These effigies were carved in oak and are still in fair preservation.

The journey to Southminster was through a very rural countryside, and here good ringing was enjoyed. Tea was taken at Burnham-on-Crouch, and we were joined by Olly and Mrs. Reynolds. The bells at the Parish Church were voted to be the best of the day.

Despite tiredness, good ringing took place at Purleigh. On the homeward journey a call was made at the 'Army and Navy,' near Chelmsford. All were pleased to meet again Wendy Bowak, one of the tower's favourites. They then made their way home, tired but happy.

Ringling in a quarter peal at Woodstone, Hunts, on June 28th to mark the 50th anniversary of the bells was Mr. Charles Hoare, who rang for the dedication in 1914 and in a 25th anniversary quarter in 1939. Now 81 years of age, Mr. Hoare has been associated with this church for over 70 years.

When a recommendation of a grant for £5 5s. be made towards the expenses of the American tour came before the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual meeting, Miss Marie R. Cross, the hon. general secretary who has been to Washington recently, denied emphatically the suggestion that it was towards her expenses. The incident caused much amusement.

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Mr. Ernest Weatherby, who is now living at Alhambra, California, writes that according to the records of his family a Thomas Weatherby rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Martin le Grand, London, on February 24th, 1736. He asks if there is a peal board in the belfry.

The band who rang in the peal at Southminster, Essex, express thanks to Liz Sandwell for the excellent lunch she provided afterwards.

A progressive end-of-term peal was rung by Durham University Society at Brancepeth, on June 23rd. It included three first peals and one first on eight.

The quarter peal at Aldbourne should be associated with Mr. T. Arthur Palmer, secretary of the Marlborough Branch, who is still recovering from an accident sustained at work during May.

Another Diocesan Guild has a lady Master. The Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild at their annual meeting elected Miss Kathleen M. Watkins, of Sketty, Swansea. In 1962 this Guild had Miss Hazel Way as Master.

The local band at Wittersham, Kent, temporarily depleted by force of circumstances, wish to acknowledge the help of Mr. Crawford T. Hillis and his band, in the ringing of the quarter peal on June 27th for the 80th birthday of Mr. Wm. C. Pankhurst, formerly organist and choirmaster at the Parish Church. Acknowledgements also to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Denne for making the arrangements and providing refreshments.

The band who rang the quarter peal at St. James', Taunton, consisted of some of the friends Mr. E. H. Langley has made while living in Somerset. They were: Treble, captain of St. Mary's, Taunton; 2, secretary of the Taunton Branch, Bath and Wells Assoc.; 3, Staplegrove ringer; 5, the general secretary of Bath and Wells Assoc.; 6, captain of Wiveliscombe; 7, Waterow; 8, captain of St. Mary's, Bridgwater. To these and other ringers in Somerset and Devon, who have helped E. H. Langley in his ringing, he would like to say a sincere thank you.

BELFRY GOSSIP

On St. John's Day, when the new ring of five was dedicated at Heather Lewis, one of the new band of recruits was interred in the churchyard. While riding a scooter he came into collision with a lorry at Ibstock which ended fatally. The lay-reader is captain of the band and despite this sad occurrence, hopes are entertained about the progress of the band.

From Stow-on-the-Wold: 'I would like to congratulate "The Ringing World" as an advertising medium. We had six ringers from St. Albans, four from Southampton and two from Wallingford at our meeting.'

We were able to stop the publication of a false peal of Cassisbury rung at Drughlington for the Yorkshire Association, on June 18th. Mr. Henry Fielden, the conductor, sends his apologies.

Mr. E. Hotine writes thanking Mr. Robert E. Lester for the excellent day's ringing he provided for a small band from the Ipswich district on Whit Monday when they toured mid-Norfolk.

The Coco-Cola Company has provided for the New York World Fair a carillon of 610 'bells' (tiny rods of bronze which are amplified by banks of high-fidelity speakers) housed in a 120-foot tower. If any British brewery feels similarly interested in bell music—there are Cathedrals, such as Guildford, waiting for the completion of a ring of genuine bells.

Although the well-kept church at Harkshead, Suffolk, has a good ring of five—three by Thomas Gardiner, of Sudbury and two by Miles Graye, of Colchester, they were 'unpealed,' it is believed, until June 20th. They are on plain bearings, installed with a new oak frame by Bowell in 1899, and 'go' well writes Mr. Alan H. Andrew.

The quarter peal of Minor rung at Henlow, on June 28th, was a farewell to Mr. O. S. J. Philbrick, who has been stationed at Henlow for nearly three years and has been a great help to Henlow tower. He is also congratulated on being awarded the M.B.E. in the recent Honours List. His next station will be Abingdon.

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*On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

THOMAS W. HESKETH .. Treble	† PHILIP J. ROTHERA 7
KENNETH J. HESKETH .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON 8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 3	DEREK A. ASHTON 9
* RICHARD S. STARKIE .. 4	† GEORGE E. THODAY 10
* ALAN SHARPLES 5	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 11
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 6	† PETER S. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Cinques.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft.

*On Sun., June 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. Treble	MARTIN CUBITT 7
STANLEY W. GALL 2	JOHN COX 8
* JANET BUSS 3	DAVID HEIGHTON 9
CLIFFORD BIRD 4	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 10
* KENNETH BROWN 5	BERT GOGLE 11
DAVID CUBITT 6	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung by members of the Mancroft Guild for the service of thanks-giving for the completion of the restoration of the roof and clerestory.

The composition contains all the 5679E80, 5678E90, 6587E90 and 658709E course-ends.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

*On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

MARY C. POYNER .. Treble	* DONALD J. BEACH 6
DAVID FRIEND 2	WILLIAM L. EXTON 7
HARRY POYNER 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 8
* DAVID D. PARSONS .. 4	W. NEVILLE BROWN .. 9
* GEORGE A. DAWSON .. 5	JOHN R. PRATCHETT Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal on ten

EIGHT BELL PEALS**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

CLEVEDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

*On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 144 cwt.

* F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Treble	GEOFFREY H. PULLIN 5
* ALAN TUBB 2	MICHAEL J. HOBBS 6
HUGH N. EVANS 3	PETER BRIDLE 7
D. JOHN HUNT 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

*On Wed., June 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 144 cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	RICHARD S. STARKIE 5
HAZEL A. ARROWSMITH .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH 6
* MALCOLM A. PHILLIPS .. 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN 7
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 4	JOHN R. BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, Co. Durham.—SS. Mary & Cuthbert Church.

*On Sat., May 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
DAVID J. MARSHALL 2	ERIC N. HARRISON 6
WILLIAM G. WILSON 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
MICHAEL MAUGHAN 4	ALAN R. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PATTERSON.

First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.*On Wed., June 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

IRIS THOMSON .. Treble	FREDERICK ROSS 5
DAVID J. MARSHALL 2	MICHAEL MAUGHAN 6
M. ELAINE MURCOTT 3	GEORGE S. DEAS 7
KENNETH LAWSON 4	ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.

*On Tues., June 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

C. M. SAVILLE (Neville's) Treble	† R. M. FLANAGAN (Cuthbert's) 5
† A. F. DICKEN (Mary's) .. 2	L. R. PIZZEY (John's) .. 6
† B. REDGERS (John's) .. 3	W. G. WILSON (Chad's) .. 7
S. BUCHANAN (Hild's) .. 4	D. J. MARSHALL (Bede) .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First peal on eight. † First peal.

Rung for the eve of St. John-the-Baptist.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

*On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.
HARRY R. APPLETON .. Treble	* DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
MICHAEL J. COWLING 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 6
PETER G. BROWN 3	JAMES L. TOWLER 7
PETER J. CAME 4	IAN R. PANTON Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 350th peal.

A wedding compliment to Michael Edwards and Janet Groves, married this day at Broomfield.

HARLOW COMMON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.*On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ARTHUR G. MASON .. Treble	GEORGE A. SPENCER 5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
JACK S. DEAR 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL.—The Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

*On Fri., June 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL J. HOBBS .. Treble	† W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 5
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 2	RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 6
* JACQUELINE A. HOBBS .. 3	PETER BRIDLE 7
† ALAN TUBB 4	D. JOHN HUNT Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGELEY.

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.

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

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kynaston.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

*On Tues., May 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE Treble	BRIAN G. WARWICK 5
* SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 6
RAYMOND A. G. BENFIELD .. 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 4	† A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

*On Thurs., June 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5024 SELBORNE SURPRISE MAJOR**

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

H. GEORGE HART .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 7
ELSIE K. HART 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 280).

Rung in honour of the birth of a second son, Nicholas John, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill.

SELBORNE SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—4.58—12.38.14—14.5.14—14.5

2nds place L.E. 14263857. 4ths place bobs.

HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.*On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 3 Hours.***A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 5
CLIVE W. SIMPSON 2	PETER JOYCE 6
BRYAN C. BURROUGH 3	* LEONARD J. NORTH 7
LORNA E. SIMPSON 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Surprise.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., June 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.
 TUDOR P. EDWARDS... .. Treble DEREK A. ASHTON 5
 *RICHARD S. STARKIE 2 PETER S. BENNETT 6
 KENNETH J. HESKETH 3 FREDERICK SHALLCROSS 7
 *PHILIP J. ROTHERA 4 GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor
 Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
 * First peal in the method. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in D.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 71 lb. in G.
 WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. Treble IAN J. FRASER 5
 ALAN E. HARTLEY 2 A. JAMES POYNOR 6
 DAVID J. ALLEN 3 J. BARRY PICKUP 7
 JOSEPH WM. COTTON 4 R. KINGSLEY MASON Tenor
 Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by R. KINGSLEY MASON.
 Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Thurs., June 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
 A. JAMES ADAMS Treble NOEL J. DISERENS 5
 PETER J. HERITAGE 2 BRIAN W. HALL 6
 EDWARD R. VENN 3 CHARLES COLES 7
 FREDERICK W. SODEN 4 ALAN R. PINK Tenor
 Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
 First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sun., June 21, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.
 *HELEN M. DISERENS .. Treble *BRIAN J. LUFF 5
 *PATRICIA DISERENS 2 *FRANK W. LEWIS 6
 JOHN N. DISERENS 3 RONALD F. DISERENS 7
 *JENNIFER M. COOK 4 NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor
 Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
 * First peal in the method.

BURFORD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri., June 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
 FREDERICK W. SODEN .. Treble D. KAY ADKINS 5
 BRIAN W. HALL 2 WILLIAM J. DIXON 6
 ERNEST J. HILL 3 BERTRAM J. COGGINS 7
 PETER PEARCE 4 THOMAS W. TIMMS Tenor
 Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.
 Rung for the Patronal Festival; also to mark the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the seventh. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., June 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5021 FAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
 MALCOLM J. V. CHOWS .. Treble RODERICK W. PIPE 5
 AVRIL IVIN 2 DAVID J. ALLEN 6
 ALAN A. PAUL 3 STEPHEN IVIN 7
 PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 4 PETER BORDER Tenor
 Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
 This peal, which is the first in the method, is the minimum possible length for a peal of Surprise Major, and is the first such peal in a single method.

FAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
 38—58. 16.—56.—, 16.—14.—, 38.—12.—, 18
 2nds i.e. —14263857.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
MELKSHAM, Wiltshire.—The Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In five methods, comprising 1,056 of Cambridge, 1,024 each of Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, 960 of Superlative; with 126 changes of method. Tenor 184 cwt. in E.
 MICHAEL J. STANLEY .. Treble GORDON W. LAND 5
 *PETER BRIDLE 2 D. JOHN HUNT 6
 *GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 3 ANTHONY R. PEAKE 7
 †‡MICHAEL J. HOBBS 4 BRIAN BLADON Tenor
 Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
 * 25th peal together. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th of Surprise Major.
 First of Major in five methods by all except 6 and tenor.

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.
 BRIAN BLADON Treble MICHAEL J. HOBBS 5
 PETER BRIDLE 2 *MICHAEL J. STANLEY 6
 GILLIAN M. HUSSEY 3 GORDON W. LAND 7
 ANTHONY R. PEAKE 4 D. JOHN HUNT Tenor
 Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.
 * First peal of Yorkshire away from treble. First of Surprise Major as conductor, and 50th of Surprise.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BALCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.
 FRANK W. LEWIS Treble WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
 *PATRICIA DISERENS 2 BERNARD E. MATTHEWS 6
 EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3 BRIAN J. LUFF 7
 *EUNICE A. LEWIS 4 †RONALD F. DISERENS Tenor
 Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
 * First peal in the method. † 250th peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 28 cwt. in D.
 *GILLIAN A. RICHARDS .. Treble †ARTHUR C. BERRY 5
 ALLEN MORGAN 2 JOHN E. WHITTALL 6
 †IAN LLOYD 3 REGINALD WOODYATT 7
 ‡JAMES ATTWOOD, JUN. .. 4 ‡EDWIN W. BICK Tenor
 Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
 * First peal, and first attempt. † First of Triples. ‡ First on eight bells.
 Rung for the opening of the Pershore festival.

STOURBRIDGE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in E.
 PETER J. BROWN Treble GEOFFREY WESTWOOD 5
 WILLIAM H. COOPER 2 MICHAEL J. FELLOWS 6
 DEREK H. WATSON 3 JOHN C. EISEL 7
 RAYMOND SMITH 4 MARTIN D. FELLOWS Tenor
 Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.
 Rung to mark the opening of the Christian Stewardship Campaign; also a compliment to Frederick V. Nicholls on completing 25 years as Ringing Master.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LIVERSEDGE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 *SUSAN M. RHODES .. Treble PETER A. KIRKBY 5
 IRIS LEMARE 2 S. BARRY SCHOFIELD 6
 OLIVIA A. MARSHALL .. 3 †ROGER J. LUMLEY 7
 A. WILLIAM KIRKBY .. 4 LEONARD GOODALL Tenor
 Composed by LEONARD GOODALL. Conducted by ROGER J. LUMLEY.
 * First peal. † First as conductor.

NORTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Heywood's var. of Thurstan's 4-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.
 ROBIN H. ROGERS .. Treble *DAVID S. JOHNSON 5
 *JANET I. PORTER 2 *CHRISTOPHER C. BROWN 6
 ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 3 WILFRID F. MORETON 7
 *IAN G. CAMPBELL 4 RONALD DUCKER Tenor
 Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
 * First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman on the bells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Pitstow's. Tenor 15 cwt.
 DAVID SHEPPARD .. Treble JOHN POTTS 5
 IRIS LEMARE 2 DAVID SMITH 6
 ALLAN SHEPPARD 3 J. MARTIN THORLEY 7
 J. NEVILLE PARKIN 4 J. HENRY FIELDEN Tenor
 Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

WORTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb. in G.
 JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble †CHRISTOPHER MOXON 5
 *ELIZABETH PEACE 2 *NOEL F. MOXON 6
 *SUSAN PEACE 3 CYRIL RUSBY 7
 *HERMAN RUSBY 4 †TREVOR TARBATT Tenor
 Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
 * First peal of Spliced T.B. Major. † First on eight bells.
 Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the ordination of Canon A. P. Morley as Rector of Barnsley.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOBERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*ANDREW G. STEVENS .. Treble	MICHAEL J. WAKE 5
ANTHONY R. COPE 2	PHILIP STEVENS 6
†ANNE M. SMITH 3	E. WINIFRED KEYS 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	STANLEY G. PONTING .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. WINIFRED KEYS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major 'inside.'
Rung in memory of Frederick W. Rogers, who rang many peals at this tower.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., June 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*HOWARD G. FLYNN .. Treble	JAMES S. BAKER 4
FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 2	†TERENCE E. TRICKETT .. 5
FRANK R. MORTON 3	HERBERT SUTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK R. MORTON.

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

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHMINSTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY 4
ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 2	DAVID E. BELCHAM 5
GERALD D. J. SANDWELL .. 3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HALLETT.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LANGLEYBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Wed., June 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of (1) Northumberland, (2) Carlisle, (3) Sandiacre, (4) Alnwick, (5) Newcastle, (6) Cuncastre, (7) Westminster. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb.

BRIAN M. BARKER .. Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
ANTONY R. KENCH 2	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD .. 5
WALTER AYRE 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

A birthday compliment to R. E. J. Sheppard.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 5½ cwt.

*CAROL A. SMITH .. Treble	†STANLEY J. LIVERLEY .. 4
*VICTOR DRAPER 2	§FREDERICK PEARSON 5
†MARTIN E. SNAPE 3	*T. EDWARD TAYLOR .. Tenor

Jointly Conducted by the ringers of 2, 3 and 5.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. § First of Plain Bob and of Doubles. § 50th peal.

HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent Oxford T.B., two Cambridge Surprise, two Kent T.B., one Oxford Bob and one Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

NORMAN SHERRATT .. Treble	PHILIP A. MASON 4
*CHRISTINE BIRKS 2	DENNIS LATHAM 5
HAROLD DOWLER 3	WALTER SHERRATT .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS LATHAM.

* First peal 'inside' of Minor.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Tues., June 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford T.B., two Cambridge and three Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in C sharp.

RICHARD S. STARKIE .. Treble	MALCOLM A. PHILLIPS .. 4
HAZEL A. ARROWSMITH .. 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN 5
*CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Tenor

* 50th peal. Conducted by JOHN H. FIELDEN.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THURCASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., June 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Chester, (2) London, (3) Wells, (4) York, (5) Bourne, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

GEORGE L. PICKERING .. Treble	K. PAUL GILLIVER 4
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 2	JOHN WATKINS 5
JENNIFER STRATFORD 3	MICHAEL F. BROWN 6

Conducted by MICHAEL F. BROWN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.

On Sat., June 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 28 lb.

HARRY BARNES .. Treble	RICHARD A. WEBSTER .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	*JAMES LYONS 5
GEOFFREY DAVIES 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal 'inside.'

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

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., June 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.

ARTHUR PASHLEY .. Treble	†JOHN H. PARKER 4
*GEOFFREY BROMFIELD .. 2	ERIC HOTINE 5
SEPTIMUS NEAVE 3	MICHAEL W. CROWDER .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. CROWDER.

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

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Parker, of Cleethorpes.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CASTLEACRE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., June 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and St. Clement's. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

NEVILLE GREENACRE .. Treble	M. ROWLAND REED 4
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON .. 2	TONY OWEN 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

A compliment to the Vicar of Castleacre, the Rev. J. H. Bloom, on the 25th anniversary of his priesthood.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., June 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents each of College Exercise, Oxford, and one each of Kingston, Norbury and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

*T. GEOFFREY HOLDEN .. Treble	PETER PEARCE 4
*JAMES F. LIST 2	D. KAY ADKINS 5
PETER G. HOLDEN 3	BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. Tenor

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal. † First of Treble Bob.

STEVENTON, Berkshire.—The Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., June 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (2) College Exercise and Norbury, (3) Duke of Norfolk and Ockley, (4) Oxford and Kent, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Thelwall and Childwall, (7) Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS 4
D. KAY ADKINS 2	EDWARD R. VENN 5
CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE .. 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

* 50th peal. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung in connection with the Steventon Church of England School centenary celebrations.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Wed., June 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

*RICHARD MILES .. Treble	DENNIS LESLIE 4
†JOSEPH STRAWFORD .. 2	NORMAN LESLIE 5
JOSS C. I. PEARCE 3	C. TOM TIMMS Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS LESLIE.

* First peal attempt. † First 'inside.'

Rung by V.W.H. Branch members.

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ASKERSWELL, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY CRABB	Treble	*JOHN MEAD	4
JOSEPH T. BARNETT	2	JESSE DAVIS	5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	3	*WILLIAM LEWIS	Tenor

Conducted by H. DENNIS W. BISHOP.

* First peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROPWELL BISHOP, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles
On Fri., June 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Rev. St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*DIANE C. BARKER	Treble	RUTH BLACKSHAW	3
MARGARET E. CHILTON	2	MAURICE W. HARRISON	4
WILLIAM L. EXTON	3	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
GNOSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

E. MARION KEY	Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
IAN FRIEND	2	RICHARD E. MORRIS	5
REMI M. HODGKIN	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Shirley Dyke and Mr. Rodney Downe.

SHARESHILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN D. R. SMITH	Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY	4
HARRY BUTLER	2	†IAN FRIEND	5
†E. MARION KEY	3	†ANTHONY TALBOT	Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal. † First of Bob Doubles.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HARKSTEAD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of ten extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, eight extents and two 240's of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD	Treble	NEVILLE F. WHITTEL	3
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	4
EDWARD E. DAVEY	3	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

First peal on the bells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

HASCOMBE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 43 methods in 42 extents, as follows: One extent of Plain Bob and Boxford Spliced, and one extent each of Southrepps, St. Simon, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Miles, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Albans, St. Nicholas, St. Paul, Winchendon Place, Old, St. Columb, Cassington, St. Thomas, St. Peter, St. Luke, April Day, Eynsham, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Andrew, St. Leonard, St. John, Beshorpe, Costessy, Shropham, Norwich, Mileham, Walsingham, Seighford, Elford, Little Aston, Shreshill, Austrey, Ryton, St. Vedast, St. Remigius, St. Osmund, Stedman, Antelope and Grandsire.

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in D.

MARGARET E. FORT	Treble	ALISON M. MANN	3
CHRISTOPHER F. MEW	2	*ALAN R. MILLIDGE	4
DAVID C. BROOKES	3	Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

* First peal of Doubles. Most methods to a peal for all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung as a farewell to Margaret Fort, who is returning to Lancashire to teach.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., May 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

DEREK SLATER	Treble	JACK LEPPARD	4
*DIANA M. BUTCHER	2	JOHN A. HOWARD	5
EVELYN M. HICKS	3	FRANK H. HICKS	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung to celebrate the birth of Anthony David, son of the ringer of the fifth and Mrs. Valerie Howard.

WEST GRINSTEAD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. George.

On Wed., June 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London Surprise, Wells Surprise, St. Clement's, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

CECIL R. LONGHURST	Treble	ERIC T. LEE	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	BRIAN J. LUFF	5
PATRICIA DISERENS	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

Rung to mark the birth of a son, John, to Sheila and Richard Verrill.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

SHIPHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Tues., June 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

*CHRISTINE A. SNELLING	Treble	C. MARTIN FOSTER	4
DAVID HEIGHTON	2	DEREK B. WILLIAMS	5
†JANET D. PHILLIPS	3	PATRICK J. BIRD	Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal. † First in four methods.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
WYCHBOLD, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-de-Wyche.

On Sun., June 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, College Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

ANTHONY P. WHITE	Treble	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	4
JOHN E. WHITTALL	2	PAUL CATTERMOLE	5
ARTHUR C. BERRY	3	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

First peal of Minor in seven methods by all the band except the conductor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. James R. Hunter-Bailey on the eve of his induction and institution as Vicar of Wychbold.

STRENSHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sun., June 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 12 240's (six Morris's, six Pitman's) and 18 extents (ten callings).

*BARRY COLLINGS	Treble	*MARTIN J. BOSKEIT	4
ARTHUR A. JOPP	2	JAMES ATTWOOD, JUN.	5
†ARTHUR C. BERRY	3	†RONALD J. STEPHENS	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR C. BERRY.

* First peal attempt. † First of Grandsire.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to the conductor's grandparents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

STOULTON, Worcestershire.—At the Campanile.

On Wed., June 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

MRS. A. A. JOPP	Treble	R. GEORGE MORRIS	4
*ANDREW JOPP (10)	2	ARTHUR A. JOPP	5
ARTHUR BERRY	3	*ROSALIND PORTER (12)	Tenor

Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.

* First peal.

Tenor 3 qr. 23 lb. in C.

CROPTHORNE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Southrepps and two of Plain Bob.

RONALD J. STEPHENS	Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD, JUN.	4
JOHN E. WHITTALL	2	ARTHUR C. BERRY	5
ANTHONY P. WHITE	3	C. BARRIE DOVE	Tenor

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RICKMANSWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At Flat 1, Rectory Road.

On Mon., June 22, 1964, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Double Bob and six extents of Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*MICHAEL HUTCHETT 1—2 | *A. TREVOR HAWKINS 3—4

GILES B. THOMPSON (Cond.) 5—6

* First peal of two methods 'in hand.'

Rung on the Feast of St. Alban, Martyr.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, Buckinghamshire.—At 26, Fieldway.

On Fri., June 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*EDGAR G. SWIFT 1—2 | A. TREVOR HAWKINS 3—4

GILES B. THOMPSON (Cond.) 5—6

* First peal 'in hand.'

DATE TOUCH

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On June 29th, 1964 Siedman Triples (by James Toppl): M. Legg 1, H. W. Knight 2, T. Phillips 3, D. Gay 4, L. Derrick 5, S. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, H. Hardwicke 8.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On June 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara F. Banks (first quarter) 1, Heather A. Alford 2, J. R. Rowson 3, J. R. Poole (first 'inside') 4, W. A. Smith (cond.) 5, Caroline J. West (first quarter) 6. For the memorial to St. Edmund of Abingdon.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Newman 1, A. Keen 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, A. W. Johnson 4, Rev. A. Clayton 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6, B. Blaydon 7, T. Gilligan 8. First of Triples 2 and 4.

ALTON, HANTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Biddlecombe 1, Susan Wood (first 'inside') 2, H. Moody 3, D. Hughes 4, B. Walton 5, L. Noakes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. To welcome the Bishop of Southampton, preaching at the nurses' rededication service.

ASH, SURREY.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan O. Brown (first quarter) 1, S. T. A. Russell 2, C. Harwood 3, Angela J. Smart 4, P. G. Smart 5, P. G. Sherwood (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ASHBRITTON, SOMERSET.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Aldridge 1, J. Smith 2, S. N. Bristow (cond.) 3, J. Manning 4, H. Bristow 5, F. Brice (first quarter) 6. For Sunday service.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On June 20th, 1,200 Grandsire Triples: J. Hayns 1, R. Bradbury 2, R. Mills 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, K. Game 5, A. Elmore 6, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 7, J. Davidge 8. Rung prior to the wedding of Marilyn Gibbs and Derek Airdge, both ringers at the church.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on June 14th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Way (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, A. J. Hampton 3, Miss M. E. Powell 4, L. C. Way 5, F. E. Dadds 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, F. A. Benn 8. For Evensong.

BINGHAM, SOMERSET.—On June 21st, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: Miss S. Hallett 1, Miss B. Boyce 2, D. Adnett 3, G. Salmon (cond.) 4, R. G. Beck 5, E. J. Chivers 6. First of Siedman 1, 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled after Evensong in memoriam Rev. W. M. K. Warren, formerly Rector of Bingham and Master of the Diocesan Association from 1935-1945.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Munday 1, Mrs. L. Goodman 2, Miss V. Perkin 3, P. Warboys 4, G. Goodman 5, R. Hayden 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, P. Williams (first quarter) 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1 and 2. For Evensong.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Clark 1, T. Welton 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, J. E. Clark 4, M. D. Fuller 5, L. Connor 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 7th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Frances P. Gilbert (first of Caters) 1, Angela Granger 2, Angela M. Wright 3, D. P. Sniswell 4, Catherine M. Powell 5, J. R. Norris (first of Caters) 6, J. B. Long 7, M. J. Bew 8, B. G. North (first of Caters as cond.) 9, I. N. Pett 10. For Evensong, and as a birthday commitment to Albert W. Bond, captain of the tower.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose on June 16th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: G. Marham 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, Mrs. J. A. Hobbs 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, A. Tubb 5, J. A. Bennett 6, D. I. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hussey.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on June 26th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. M. Stallard 1, G. H. Pullin 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, Mrs. J. M. Tyley 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, R. J. Bowden 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, J. Bruin 8, J. R. Taylor 9, R. A. Southwood 10. For St. Peter's Day.

BURRINGHAM COOMBE, SOMERSET.—On June 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Gale 1, Rev. R. O. Fry 2, V. James 3, R. Gate 4, A. Gould 5, F. G. Sandy (first as cond.) 6. A wedding commitment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Walters.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. T. Biffage 1, Joyce Granger 2, E. Roushley 3, K. R. Divenport 4, G. R. Gardner 5, J. Robinson (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 5.

CORSTON, near BATH.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. King 1, Miss J. L. Burt 2, Mrs. L. J. de Jong 3, S. Woodcock 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, C. J. A. Brown 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, F. Burtin (first of Triples) 8. Rung to welcome on June 21st Kathryn Anne, daughter of Ned and Barbara Hobbs; also for the 70th birthday of the tower master, Mr. S. G. King.

QUARTER PEALS

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Clark 1, M. D. Fuller 2, J. F. Payne 3, J. H. Payton (cond.) 4, R. Cooper 5, L. Connor 6.

CRIPPLEGATE, LONDON.—On June 21st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. J. Marlow 1, Miss L. G. Gallini 2, W. Hibbet 3, Miss M. Powell 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, D. A. H. Bennett 6, P. G. Holmes 7, D. Darby 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, R. Overington 10. First of Caters 1, 5, 7. For Evensong.

EALING, LONDON.—On June 28th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Davies (first quarter) 1, M. Thomas 2, P. Felton (cond.) 3, A. M. Stacey 4, F. Ransom 5, M. Sprackling 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. Felton 8. For morning service.

EALING, MIDDY.—At St. Mary's on June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Mitchell 1, M. Hatchett 2, A. M. Stacey 3, M. Sprackling 4, F. Ransom 5, A. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. D. Bishop 8. For Matins.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Clark 1, Joy Martin 2, R. E. Walker 3, J. E. Clark 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, N. J. Lambert 6. Rung fully muffled after the funeral of Mr. R. Fisher.

ENFIELD, MIDDY.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lusan (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Twigg 2, Miss A. Lusan 3, M. Gibby (first of Triples 'inside') 4, H. Howson 5, R. Wood 6, J. Duggan (cond.) 7, D. Reeves 8. Rung for Communion service.

EVERCRECH, SOMERSET.—On June 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: V. Savage 1, D. C. M. Hill 2, P. Hull 3, H. J. Sanger 4, J. Metcalfe 5, F. Targett 6, D. MacKay 7, E. J. Chivers 8, G. Salmon (cond.) 9, A. White 10. Rung as an expression of gratitude for the life and work of the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, Master of the Bath and Wells Association from 1936 to 1945.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Petrock's Church, on June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Ann Giles 1, K. Wanne 2, Pat Pavey 3, P. Pavey 4, A. White (first as cond.) 5, Rowena Graddon 6.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On June 16th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): J. T. Burnup 1, Miss R. Blackshaw 2, D. Surman 3, M. W. Harrison 4, G. A. Diwson (cond.) 5, J. Dawson 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Southwell to the mother church of the deanery.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Christine Abbott 1, Nicolai Stroud 2, J. W. Hagey 3, N. Stroud 4, R. J. C. Hagey 5, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 6, H. Jones 7, P. G. Stroud 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

GRANBY, NOTTS.—On June 25th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): D. Barker 1, Ruth Blackshaw 2, M. W. Harrison 3, C. R. Larkin 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, E. Miller (first quarter) 6. Congratulations to Robin Rogers and Janet Porter, on their engagement.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lilian Sumner 1, A. E. Rushton 2, Mary A. Coburn 3, A. Day (cond.) 4, A. Smith 5, A. Wilby 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, I. G. Coburn 8. To mark the laying of the foundation stone of the new Church of All Saints, Harpenden.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Annable's London Surprise: P. E. Wells 1, Miss J. K. A. Cook 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on June 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. R. B. Davey 1, P. Woolven 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Braine (aged 14) 1, S. Hammond (aged 13) 2, Mrs. M. Egglestone 3, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 4, S. Bloomfield 5, R. Groom (aged 15) 6. By the local company for the Patronal Festival. Also on the second anniversary of the formation of the band. Believed to be first quarter rung by a local band.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Harris 1, R. Fuller 2, F. Mitchell 3, J. Church 4, S. J. Philbrick 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HESSLE, E. YOKES.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Sharpe 1, D. S. Johnson 2, Patricia M. Samuel 3, K. Kirk 4, J. A. Singleton 5, M. C. Faulkes (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter (Elisabeth Ann) to Ann, wife of the ringier of the fifth.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): D. Barker 1, R. Blackshaw 2, J. Dowse 3, R. Larkin 4, J. Heaps 5, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also to congratulate T. Dutton and S. Meredith on their engagement.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Mallett 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. Fowler 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. A welcome to the Ven. Hayman Johnson, Archdeacon of Sheffield and some time Vicar of Hornchurch, on Diocesan Sunday, it being the jubilee of the Chelmsford Diocese.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): C. E. Hill 1, W. G. Wright 2, J. J. Waller (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. To mark the dedication and opening this afternoon of Hutton (All Saints') Scout Group Headquarters.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor: R. W. R. Picton 1, R. J. Picton 2, K. D. Waples 3, P. W. Harper 4, B. M. Barker 5, D. J. Goodman (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong: 75th quarter at King's Langley, also on June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Spratt (first quarter) 1, D. J. Goodman 2, B. M. Barker 3, D. A. Bedford 4, K. D. Waples 5, P. W. Harper (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion.

LEICESTER.—At St. John's Church, on June 21st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Starbuck 1, R. K. Mason 2, S. H. Harrison 3, J. J. Fraser 4, N. E. Wade 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and also a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

LEWISHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shelagh M. Cynn (first of Triples) 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Barbara J. Leigh 3, J. Machell 4, G. Clarke 5, P. Erish 6, Dr. D. Hollis (cond.) 7, M. Ferrier 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Malcolmson 1, A. Nelson 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, C. Kild 6. For Evensong.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On June 28th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Gardner 1, Miss R. M. K. How 2, Mrs. M. Barton 3, E. Eldridge 4, G. Lister 5, D. Young 6, F. Gosling 7, M. Barton (cond.) 8. Rung for Solemn Evensong on the eve of SS. Peter and Paul, and to celebrate the christening this day of Heidi Caroline Gibson, infant daughter of Pearl and Stewart Gibson, both Sunday service ringers.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. White 1, F. Salford 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, W. C. West 4, E. Norris 5, N. Knepe 6, D. Orledge 7, T. Mallard 8. Rung uncondacted.

MERROW, SURREY.—On June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): M. A. Cattell 1, Hazel J. Giddins 2, Susan Woodthorpe (first in two methods 'inside') 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, S. M. Cobbe (cond.) 5, B. Davies 6. Also on June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire and 840 Plain Bob): Patricia M. Fox (first quarter) 1, Hazel J. Giddins 2, M. A. Cattell (first in two methods 'inside') 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, S. M. Cobbe (cond.) 5, R. A. K. Glue 6. For Evensong.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. R. Field 1, Miss K. A. Rivett 2, R. Chapman 3, D. A. Hammond 4, M. J. Marriott 5, E. W. Rivett (cond.) 6.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: I. Lloyd 1, H. J. Shuck 2, H. Shilcock 3, Irene Ellmore 4, E. H. Woodhall 5, B. Elsmore 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, E. Fletcher 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Fletcher, on their silver wedding anniversary.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Robinson (first quarter) 1, D. Wesley 2, A. D. Smith 3, A. J. Burt 4, J. Butler (cond.) 5, Susan E. Burt 6. For the wedding of Mr. K. L. D. Chopping and Miss P. J. Grant.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 21st, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Alison M. Mann 1, C. F. Mew 2, Brenda Wood 3, B. J. Bull 4, A. R. Millidge 5, B. H. Coatsworth 6, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 7, Julie S. Armstrong 8. For Evensong. Also on June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Julie Armstrong 1, Alison Mann 2, Ruth Carr 3, Margaret Fort 4, A. Millidge 5, B. Bull 6, D. Brookes (cond.) 7, J. Harvey 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Margaret Fort, who is leaving to take a teaching appointment at Ashton-under-Lyne.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On June 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Lacey (first quarter) 1, W. Bains 2, Mrs. J. E. Finn 3, R. Lord 4, H. Judd 5, E. Button 6, F. Lacey 7, F. Lord (cond.) 8.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

HILL—On Thursday, June 25th, 1964, at Hillington Hospital, to Marjorie and John Hill, a son, Nicholas John. 4967

ENGAGEMENT

HARRIS—CARPENTER—The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris, of Felpham, Sussex, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Carpenter, of Wimbledon, Surrey. 4997

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PERSONAL

'But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint.' (Isaiah xl. 34.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

BIRMINGHAM—Saltley Carillon. Parkfield Road. All are welcome to listen to an amateur recital by Clive M. Smith on 23 G. and J. bells (bass 17 cwt.) on Sunday, July 19th. Tower open approx. 6.40-7.30 p.m. 4858

RINGERS REQUIRED FOR PEAL WEEK IN SURREY—August 8th-15th. For details apply C. F. Mew, 219, Felsham Road, London, S.W.15, or phone PUTney 0733 (evenings). 4973

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, July 11th, at Henlow (6) commencing 6 p.m.—M. Major, Dis. Sec. 4979

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Compton Dando, Sat., July 11th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Frith, Vicarage, Compton Dando, nr. Bristol. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4933

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD—Meeting, July 11th at Fairwarp (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring own picnic tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing from 6-8.30 p.m. 4962

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bourn (8), Sat., July 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 4948

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Bentley Common, July 11th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Shenfield (6) available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood. 4899

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS—Practice meeting at Westleigh, July 11th. Bells (6) 3-4.30 and 6-7.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Vicar, Westleigh Vicarage, Bideford. 4965

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., July 11th, at Northaw (6). Ringing from 3. Tea and business meeting 4.15, at 'The Sun.' Special business: election of new District Secretary and discussion of the future of the district. All district members are asked to make a special effort to attend. 4938

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western District.—Flamstead (6), July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, 'Rose Cottage,' Flamstead. 4960

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hoo on July 11th (please note change of date). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4907

LONDON COUNTY AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS—Joint meeting, July 11th. St. Nicolas, Chiswick, 3 to 3.30; St. Mary, Mortlake, 2.30 to 4; St. Mary, Barnes, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea and handbells, Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth at 5. All Saints', Isleworth, 6.30 to 8. 4951

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Deddington (D.V.), on Sat., July 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea, followed by business, 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 7th, to Mr. C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 4950

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting July 11th. Swanage. Bells 3 and 7. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 4927

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS—Quarterly meeting, July 11th. Ringing: St. Stephen's, Rochester Row 3-4.30; St. Luke's, Chelsea, 7-8. Tea, South Kensington Restaurant, 5. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews, 6, Foxwood Road, Bean, nr. Dartford, Kent. 4940

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Shipley and Ickingfield, Saturday, July 11th. Shipley (6) 3 o'clock. Tea at Ickingfield at 5 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringing at Ickingfield (5) after service—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 4974

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chertsey District.—Combined practice at Chobham on Monday, July 13th. Bells (8) available from 7 p.m. All welcome. 4942

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Fakenham, Wed., July 15th. Bells (8) 6.30-9. Every ringer welcomed—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 4953

LADIES' GUILD—Western District.—Practice meeting Friday, July 17th, at Portbury. Bells (6) available 7 p.m.—M. de Jong. 4977

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wroxall (8), Sat., July 18th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business. Names for tea, please, to D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea. 4835

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Glastonbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 18th. Pylle (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea must be sent by Tuesday, 14th, to P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 4971

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Crewe Branch.—Asbury, July 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 15th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4980

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Farndon, Saturday, July 18th. Eve of Rushbearing Festival, decorated churchyard. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, July 16th, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. (Note.—If sufficient demand, Holt bells (6) will also be available after tea.) 4992

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION—A practice meeting of the Eastern Branch will be held at Orton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 15th to the Vicar, the Rev. H. Sawrey, Orton, Penrith. 4988

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Chesterfield District.—District meeting at Barlboro' (6), Saturday, July 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield. No name—no tea.—M. Phipps, Sec. 4994

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Chesterfield District.—Chesterfield Parish Church: Ringing by invitation, Saturday, July 18th, 6-7.30 p.m. as a welcome to visitors from twin-town Darnstadt. All ringing friends welcome.—Sam Scattergood, Ringing Master. 4987

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION—Western District.—Meeting at Tanfield on Saturday, July 18th. Revival of cricket match—Presidents' XI v. Western District. Wickets pitched 2.30 p.m., followed by tea, service and ringing. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 15th, to the Vicar, Church House, Tanfield, Newcastle upon Tyne. 4941

ELY ASSOCIATION—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Leverington, Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4993

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Grey, Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots (6) available after tea. Special methods: London and Single Oxford.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4990

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.E. District.—Meeting at Harwich on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich. 4968

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Cheltenham Branch.—Half-yearly meeting on July 18th at Chipping Campden, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Nole Arms, and meeting. Names for tea by July 15th to Rev. J. Homfray, 5, The Close, Mead Road, Cheltenham. 4986

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Eldersfield (6), Saturday, July 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 14th to Mr. R. Lodge, Hill Top Farm, Eldersfield, Gloucester. 4970

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION—Annual meeting and prize contest. Longwood, July 18th. Entries to T. Tarbatt, 8, King Street, Skelmanthorpe. Cups of tea only. 4989

HAWKHURST GUILD—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, July 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea (with remittance 3s.) to W. Gorringer, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent. 4982

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Ludlow and Church Street District.—Combined practice Westbury, Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas, G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 4977

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—St. Albans District.—Kington, July 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kington, Hitchin, Herts, S.M.: Carlisle.—M.A.C. 4991

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Ashford District.—Meeting at Cheriton, Sat., July 18th (note change from previously agreed venue). Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Chandler, 2, Alma Road, Cheriton, by previous Thursday. Newington bells available after tea.—C. T. H. 4934

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Birchington, Saturday, July 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. 6d. per person. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Luck, 57, Kent Gardens, Birchington (together with cash), not later than July 15th.—T. C. P. 4934

LADIES' GUILD—Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dartmouth, July 18th. Ringing: St. Petrox, 2—3.30; St. Clement's, 3.30—6.30; St. Saviour's, 7—8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Thursday, July 16th, to Miss V. Goss, 30, Raleigh Close, Dartmouth. 4920

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Manchester Branch.—Half annual meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton, on Sat., July 18th. Bells (13) at 2.30. Service 4. Free tea in Church House, 5, for those notifying Derek Marshall, 113, Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, phone ASH 1696, before previous Thursday. Business meeting after tea. Everyone welcome.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 4946

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Hallaton, Saturday, July 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—L. W. Allen. 4998

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Brigg, Saturday, July 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel 2623. 4964

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Hulton Halgate, Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, July 21st. Hon. Sec. P. J. Kilner, 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 4995

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 18th, at Honingham. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Ringing at Mattishall in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. B. W. Willgress, 24 Mill Lane, Honingham, Norwich, NOR 55X.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4955

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Easthampstead on July 18th at 6 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise Minor.—B. C. Castle. 4963

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Albany (6), July 18th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Wilbarston (5) available after tea. Names for tea, please, to M. Coleman, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell. All welcome. 4959

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Chisledon, Wilts, Saturday, July 18th. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Court, Plough Hill, Chisledon, Swindon.—G. Brown Asst. Sec. 4983

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD—Jubilee Ringing Day, Saturday, July 18th. Service, Prittlewell 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to Miss J. Emms, 76, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea. Bells: Great Wakering 2-3.30. Prittlewell 3-4.30. Leigh 6-7. Thorpe Bay 6.30-8.15. Prittlewell 8.15 p.m. South Benfleet and Rayleigh by arrangements for parties. Requirements to Sec. G. Eve, 30, Baxter Avenue, Southend, early, please. 4978

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Keymer (6), Saturday, July 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: London Minor. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 4984

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Quidenham, Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 22nd, to Dr. P. Jonason, The White House, East Harling, Norwich, NOR 12X.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 4972

QUARTER PEALS

BATTLE, SUSSEX—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles (1, 2 in front): Diana Hutton 1, D. J. Winchester 2, I. S. Holland 3, Judy Bowen 4, G. A. Masters 5, H. Ballard 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, G. O. Prodder 8. For morning service; a 71st birthday compliment to George Prodder.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: Penny L. Howell (first quarter) 1, H. Homans 2, Gillian A. Richards (first quarter 'inside') 3, P. White 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, R. Woodyatt 6.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Botley 1, C. Clark 2, Mrs. J. Seymour 3, Mrs. Willins 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, S. Dinwiddie (first quarter) 6.

EWHRIST, SUSSEX—On June 11th, 1,250 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Winchester (first on five and in the method) 1, Judy Bowen 2, C. M. Barnes (first in the method) 3, Valerie Mephram 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5.

FENNY DRAYTON, LEICS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: R. A. Gilliver 1, M. A. Caldecote (first 'inside') 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

FULTON, GLOS.—On June 28th, 1,279 Doubles (seven methods): Miss R. Sheldon 1, D. Haslum 2, Miss M. Haslum 3, D. Voss 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, F. M. Sheldon 6. For Evensong.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandfire): R. Storer (first away from tenor) 1, P. King 2, D. Wilson 3, W. Perrins (first as cond.) 4, R. N. Marlow 5, J. O. Coleman 6. Rung in memoriam Frederick W. Rogers.

STREET, SOMERSET—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: B. Chivers 1, C. Wensley 2, R. Lambert 3, G. Grenter 4, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 5, M. Thomas 6. First quarter 3 and 6. A birthday compliment to B. Chivers; also belated compliments for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wensley.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.—On June 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Patricia A. Wilson 1, Janet I. Porter 2, H. Rodmell 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Robin H. Rogers and Janet I. Porter, on their engagement.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET—At St. James' Church, on June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Tarr 1, A. H. Reed (cond.) 2, J. F. Brewer 3, E. H. Langley 4, G. Salmon 5, G. Sparks 6, H. V. Young 7, G. Burge 8. A farewell compliment to E. H. Langley, who is leaving the district to live in Cornwall.

USK, MON.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandfire Triples: G. Knight 1, L. Jones (cond.) 2, B. Kear 3, D. Taylor 4, R. Clench 5, F. Habbs 6, S. Kear 7, D. Hughes 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Jennifer Mea.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: Sheila Mellor (first quarter) 1, H. Pounder (first quarter) 2, R. J. Tanner (first 'inside') 3, A. W. Morley 4, G. Futers (first as cond.) 5, A. Burton 6. For Evensong.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM—On June 7th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): S. Thompson, junr. 1, W. Davidson 2, S. Thompson 3, J. Crowther 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5, F. Ross 6. For Evensong. Also on June 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. Crowther 1, W. Davidson 2, S. Thompson 3, F. Ross 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

WHITERSHAM, KENT—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. C. Hillis (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. John 2, P. Richardson (cond.) 3, C. T. Hibbs 4, Lyn J. Garroway 5, P. Denne 6. Rung for the 80th birthday of William C. Pankhurst, for many years organist and choirmaster.

WITHCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: Mrs. Mary Mack 1, N. Shepherd 2, F. Williams 3, Jane Hurrell 4, F. Mack (cond.) 5, A. Knight 6. For the first Evensong of St. Peter.

WITLEY, SURREY—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandfire Doubles: Maureen Lockyear (first away from cover) 1, M. J. Bura 2, M. D. Fuller 3, J. H. Payton (cond.) 4, B. G. D. Vince 5, W. J. Wakefield (first quarter) 6. To commemorate the golden wedding of the Vicar of Witley, the Rev. P. G. Holden, and Mrs. Holden, on June 23rd.

WOODCHURCH, Birkenhead, CHESHIRE—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Price 1, R. Cleaver 2, J. S. Anderson 3, A. Wilkinson 4, W. Hall (cond.) 5, J. Edwards 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. First by a local band since 1939. For Evensong.

DEDICATION

HEATHER, LEICESTERSHIRE

With the dedication service on June 24th, Leicestershire had another light ring of five, with a tenor of 7½ cwt., at Heather. The existing three bells had been recast and two new ones added. The church clock has been renovated and a plaque recording the work mentions generous gifts made by Mrs. E. Watts, of Heather, before her death, Mr. W. Boobyer, of Vancouver, B.C. and the Barrow Bell Fund. Local parishioners have tried hard to complete the scheme, but between £250 and £300 is owing.

The dedication was associated with the Parochial Festival and proceedings started with Evensong at which the Rector, the Rev. J. L. Hamlet, the lay-reader, Mr. W. Atkins, took part. The lesson was read by a former curate, the Rev. R. E. Willis.

The dedication was performed by the Ven. H. Lockley, Archdeacon of Loughborough, who also preached. In his sermon he allied the bells and clock to the life and service of St. John the Baptist as the herald of things to come.

After the service the opening touch of 240 Grandfire Doubles was rung by: A. E. Rowley 1, G. Ridgeway 2, W. Goadby 3, H. O. Over 4, R. Clifton 5; and then other ringers present, including recently recruited local learners were accommodated according to ability. All expressed, over coffee and biscuits in the Rectory afterwards, approval of the 'Go' and tone of this augmentation.

H. O. O.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The third Saturday in May found the St. Albans District at Essendon, where the small Hertfordshire spire is supported by guy ropes! Mr. Fred Bamford, the local ringer, came to welcome us and brought with him a band of young girls whom he has taught without outside help. They are all up to ringing Grandfire and most of them stood in a touch for the first time. It seems the district may have a ready made band to add to its numbers.

As there was no organised tea, it was unanimously agreed to hold only a brief business meeting in the tower. Mr. Keith Walpole handed out to those were interested a most lucid set of notes on conducting plain bob and Kent, which he had written himself. These were so clear that they genuinely could be understood by a beginner.

The notes were tried out the following week by about a dozen aspiring conductors at a conductors' practice at St. Stephen's, St. Albans.

J. D. C.

OUTING

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.

Higham ringers held their annual outing on June 6th, when, together with friends from Burbage, Thurcaston, Earl Shilton and Sapcote, they visited the Worcester and Tewkesbury area.

The first ringing took place at Wootton-Wawen (6), followed by another six at Upton-Snodsbury, where the long draught took some getting used to. After lunch at Worcester, we rang on the anti-clockwise six at St. Swithun's. Then came the most enjoyable ring of the day, the glorious 7 cwt. six at Stoulton, where we rang a very good course of Ipswich. We did not really do justice to the 12 at Tewkesbury but several members had a chance to ring on f2 for the first time. Tea was taken at Great Malvern, and then on to the last ring of the day, at Cleeve Prior (6). Higham was reached at 10.45 p.m.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Little Bob, Cambridge and Ipswich Minor, Stedman and Grandfire Doubles, Grandfire Triples and Caters, and call changes and rounds for learners.

Many thanks to incumbents and tower correspondents for a very enjoyable day.

K. P. G.

COMPOSITIONS

5,088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

By P. G. K. DAVIES

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34256	—		2	
23645		X		
23564		X		
43265	3			—
36245	3			—
54326	2			—
25346			2	
32654		X		
45236	3			—
23456	—			

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First rung at Frindsbury, Kent, on April 24th, 1964.

5,120 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by HARRY POYNER

23456 B M W H

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34625		—	—	3
42635			2	3
35426	2	—		
42356	A			—
53624		—	—	
25634	A			
32654	A			
25346	X			
23456		—	2	

First rung on March 21st, 1964, at Prestwold, Lincs.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On June 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Brighton 1, L. Brighton 2, C. Hoare 3, Pauline Larham 4, J. Roffe (cond.) 5, Carol French (first quarter) 6. For morning service, and to mark the 50th anniversary of the bells.

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