## GUILD'S PEAL FEES: A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE


"The Ringing World" was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.

## ARE OUR MEETINGS DEMOCRATIC?

By WILLIAM BUTLER

$I^{T}$T has been said before that one of the strongest opponents of democracy is apathy. This is quite evident from thep reports of many of our meetings.

Cast your mind back to the last general meeting of your Association. When the officers were re-elected, as no doubt at least ninety per cent. of them were, how many nominations were received for each post? Did anyone vote against the election of the officers? Did the chairman even ask if there were any votes against? Even if the candidate for the post was the best available in the eyes of the majority, surely out of a gathering of about a hundred people, all with widely differing tastes and opinions, someone did not agree.

The lack of time is always a drawback at most meetings, and one of the items on which as little time as possible is spent is on the election of officers. One procedure is to use the "en bloc" election for committees. A proposition is put forward that the committee be re-elected en bloc, and this is hastily seconded. A good secretary will read out the names of those on the committee, otherwise one of them might be dead for years before anyone noticed. (This actually happened once.) Each member of a committee should be proposed and seconded, so that those present can express their opinions on each individual.

Of those present, who has the right to vote? This is one point that is often not made clear. How can members and non-members be separated? Do non-resident life members and those resident members in arrears with their subscription have the right to vote?

Another "undemocratic" method by means of which a small number of determined individuals can impose their ideas upon others is by relying on the general apathy of the majority and " packing" a meeting, i.e. by gatherirg supporters for their particular motion and ensuring that they all turn up for the meeting.

[^0]that would spread around the country if, for instance, bank managers, doctors, etc., were allowed two votes at a General Election. Yet we tolerate, indeed encourage, such a system in the election of our Central Council representatives. Let us take a hypothetical case: A woman graduate of London University, who joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths whilst at college, who on leaving took up a post with the Oxford City Police. She would then have seven votes, i.e. for the London University Association, the Universities Association, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Ladies' Guild, the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, the Oxford Society and the Police Guild. This is obviously absurd, yet many ringers, up and down the country, do have two or even three votes. Such a system is patently unfair to the majority and thus is undemocratic.

What is the solution to these problems?
Taking the first point, if competition exists for posts, then members will have to think before voting. The method by which the Master of the College Youths is replaced in turn by his senior and junior steward is excellent, and one that could well be copied by other Associations. It does ensure that the official does not regard himself as the kingpin of the Association without whom it would collapse.

With reference to en bloc re-elections, these should never be permitted; each member should be proposed, seconded and elected as an individual.

The right to vote should be clearly laid down in the rules and standing orders, and should be made clear by the chairman before any voting takes place. Visitors and those not entitled to vote should sit at the back of the hall or somewhere separate from those taking part in the meeting.

To prevent packed meetings, agendas should be circulated to all members well before the meeting, and the chairman should not allow items of a controversial nature to be introduced under Any Other Business.

Regarding "one ringer, one vote," the only logical suggestion would be to restrict elections to territorial Associations. However, I feel that such a motion would not be well received at a Central Council meeting, as it would mean too many people would lose their seats.

## WRATTEN'S WRINGERS i965



WRATTEN'S WRINGERS, after the peal of Langley Surprise at Badsey, Worcs. BoJ 89 द Left to right: John Hunt, Cyril Wratten, Ted Venn, Brian Bladon, Chris Kippin, Vic Griffin, Gill Hussey, George Cousins, Mick Hobbs, Peter Rridle, Tony Kench.

## 14 Peals out of Six Attempts

$\mathrm{C}^{\text {Y }}$YRIL WRATTEN'S South Midlands Peal Week, once again based on Cheltenham and once again contributing unofficially to the Cheltenham Festival of Music, was held this year from July 10th to 17th. As usuai, half the party stayed with Cyril and Margery. while the other half stayed in a hotel, this time The Fleece.
The party consisted of Brian Bladon, Peter Bridle, George Cousins, Vic Griffin, Mick Hobbs, John Hunt, Gill 'Hussey, Tony' Kench, Chris Kippin, Ted Venn and Cyril Wratten.
A two-pronged attack was launched on the first Saturday, with the help of some occasionals, and while a peal of Zurich was scored at Deddington, an attempt at Dodderhill was unfortunately miscalled. This was soon forgotten as the rendezvous at The Fleece got under way, and that evening was happily spent catching up on all the gossip and renewing acquaintance with the local Oriental restaurateurs.
After ringing at Cheltenham for morning service on Sunday, it was off to Kirtlington for a peal of Watford, where George Thoday, the Ron Clarke of the ringing world, knocked seven minutes off the previous fastest time, and then left the party with the traditional farewell of stones in his hubcaps.
Monday morning brought an early clash with the authorities over the dise parking system, but we eventually got away to Chipping Norton, where a leisurely peal of New Cambridge was rung. In the afternoon fivespliced went well on the best eight of the week, at Hook Norton; meawhile, Deadeye Mick Hobbs and Mexican Pete Bridle, water pistol in hand, went off to shoot up that hive of activity, the cinema at Chipping Norton. In the evening the party divided into drinkers and stompers (the Peal Week without the festival hop would hardly be the samel); the stompers had perhaps the more interesting time, with one non-driver, who for the sake of his lady friend shall be nameless, receiving a driving lesson at 2 am . from an all-American college girl!
This had nothing to do with Chris Kippin miscalling Belgrave at Ledbury the next morning, his second unsuccessful attempt to call a peal there. The afternoon saw a singularly unenjoyable peal of York at Lydney. By now the sound of billiard balls was regularly to be heard into the night at The Fleece. while back at the Wrattens' the only
trouble seemed to be the delays caused by Ted Venn playing with his toy boats in the bath. Wednesday was the most enjoyable day of the week; the weather broke fine at last, and the long drive into the depths of Monmouthshire was rewarded with excellent peals of Northill at Caerleon and five-spliced at Usk, where Chris showed what a good lad he really is. Brian Bladon had some trouble with his trousers, but nobody let this upset the ringing.

## THE LUSTY MALES

On Thursday morning it was Heythrop at Leckhampton, with the smallest tenor ringer in the world, Mick of the splay-footed action, contemptuously turning down offers to go slower. After lunch Ted Venn tenored a peal on the very peculiarly tuned bells at Norton, Glos, and then John engineered us a short ring at Sandhurst, which was Brian's last ringable eight in Gloucestershire. Thursday evening was highly entertaining; after the Cheltenham practice we met Hugh Evans, the well-known three-bell ringer, who, after a few drinks, told us all about Bob Minor, and explained how when he says "Go Plain Bob" they all laugh! We could not imagine why. To let George out of the car park, the lusty males of the party lifted somebody's Anglia 30 feet out of the way with the greatest of ease, and then it was stomping in the street for everybody.
Going north on Friday, Langley and fourspliced were scored at Badsey and Norton. Worcs, respectively, with an excellent lunch for some at the Royal Oak, Evesham, in between. For the traditional last evening celebration, we all went to the Cheltenham pub christened the "grot-house," where you can sing any song you like and the barmaid will very likely join in. Chris afterwards walked the car park railings, but unfortunately took more steps than there were railings. It seemed a good idea at the time! The best peal of the week was rung at Bishopstone the next morning; the villagers came flocking to listen, and vowed it was the best ringing there in living memory. One of them brought a gallon of beer after two hours, and was most disappointed to find the door locked! The afternoon saw the 11th different tenor ringer of the week at Stratton St. Margaret, and then, after the peal, Tony Peake, who we regret could not be with us for the whole week, insisted on showing us how he can ring two bells to Stedman Triples. Meanwhile guest conductor John Mayne was Meanwhile guest conductor John Mayne was
presiding over London Royal at Christ Church,

## ANDREW J. CORBY'S 100 PEALS

Mr. A. J. Corby, son of Mr. and Mrs. $P$. A. Coroy, of sevenoass, completed mis $100^{\circ}$ peals af madastone on June dyin. Detaus are appenaed.
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See also "Beltry vossip."

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL AssuClaliun <br> Chestentam Branch

On June Loth the Cneitennam Branch held its halt-yearly meeting at Blocsicy. 1 nere was some enjoyable ringing on the ring of eignt betore Evensong was sung in the choir ot the church. Members then nad tea at the Kailway Inn; an unusual signt to see cups of tea being served from the bar of a puo! After the business there was more ringing at Ebrington, where a new member was electedCnristopher Yovey, who showed great promise as a ringer. Finally the party made tor the village of Stanway, where fatrick Newman was ready to recerve us-it was the first tume the Branch had ever visited this tower! Whatever the weight of the tenor might be, it certainly took a very long tume to raise-as did the other three bells. However, with great skill and effort, the experts managed Bob Minimus on these dissonant bells, and our efforts were well rewarded afterwards with the Cotswold brew called "Stun "em," i.e. plum wine. It was a meeting enjoyed by all.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## Joint Meeting at Hackney

Three towers, quite closely and conveniently situated, in an eastern district of London, were chosen as the venue for the annual gathering between members of the London County Association and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. Service, tea and ringing took place at St. John-at-Hackney, whilst the bells at St Mathew, Upper Clapton, and at St. John, South Hackney, were available during the afternoon.

The day, July 17 th, was pleasant enough to attract a " stable" company of 40 , but there were others who flew in and flew out. Among those who stayed were welcome visitors from Hatfield, Bexley, Lewisham, Plymouth and Worthing, who were able to enjoy ringing in a variety of methods on these three well cared for and easy going octaves. The meeting was successful and a very pleasant one (there being no business to discuss titles or change of titles !) and the gathering voiced its thanks to the incumbents and tower captains for the arrangements made. T.J. L.
Swindon, and then it was time for farewells in the Cross Keys.

Fourteen peals were rung out of 16 attempted, and it was the best Wratten Week yet, with a splendid harmonious spirit throughout. Our thanks to everyone who met us and allowed us to ring; thank you. Margery, for putting up with us again; and thank you, Cyril, for arranging such an excellent and enjoyable week.
A. R.K.

## Winchester \& Portsmouth A.G.M.

## Peal Fees a Matter of Conscience

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FTER two years' departure from tradition, the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild annual general meeting returned to the first Saturday in July for 1965 . The venue was Christchurch, and although it had been stated that this was the first to be held there, George Pullinger, in his letter of apology for absence, proved quite correct when he said that the 1932 meeting was held at the Priory
Ringing took place at some six towers in the morning members converging on the Priory after lunch where, unfortunately, ringing on the 12 was curtailed by a wedding.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, where over 60 members, representing all Districts, were welcomed by the Master (Canon K. W. H. Felstead), who was supported by the general secretary (Mr. R. R. Savory) and the auditor (Mr. L. Bailey), who was deputising for the treasurer (Mrs. M. Chapman), the arrival of whose second child was imminent. The best wishes of the Guild were expressed by Canon Felstead. We were sorry that Mr. George Pullinger could not be with us; this was only the third meeting that he had missed since 1918.
After other apologies, the Master mentioned the absence of the Guild librarian, Mr. J. R. Faithfull, who had been seriously injured in a tragic road accident on Whit Monday, which had resulted in the death of another of our dearly loved and most promising young members, Miss Caroline Vibert. Canon Felstead said that he understood that Mr. Faithfull was making good progress in the South Hants Hospital, Southampton. The meeting then stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect for ten members who had died during the last 12 months.

The minutes of the 1964 annual general meeting were read by the general secretary. There were no matters arising. The treasurer's report, read by Mr. Bailey, showed the Guild finances to be in a sound state, although he pointed out that a triennial report was due next year and that this would consume a substantial proportion of the reserves. Mr.
D. T. Matkin presented his usual very comD. T. Matkin presented his usual very com-
prehensive report as peal recorder. This showed the Guild to have been quite active during 1964, 99 peals having been rung by 232 ringers in 57 towers. Thirty-seven had rung and three conducted their first peal. Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd was both leading ringer and conductor.

## PEAL FEES

$\mathbf{M r}$. Matkin said that he had had difficulty in collecting booking fees for three peals, two of which had been rung under the leadership of Mr. R. F. Diserens. Mr. Diserens had written expressing his objections to paying peal fees as a matter of principle. The Master asked the meeting how they felt about visiting bands ringing peals for other Associations or non-Association. After some discussion, Mr, C. H. Kippin said that he would suggest that Mr. Matkin reply to Mr. Diserens to the effect that "he should follow the dictates of his own conscience, having regard to the etiquette of peal ringing." This was approved. Mr. Matkin was applauded for his report.
In the absence of the librarian, his report was read by the secretary; this indicated that the books and handbells were in good order. Mr. J. Hartless presented the report of the Central Council representatives, highlighting some of the features of the 1965 Central Council meeting.

There was a motion on the agenda in the names of Messrs. J. Hartless and M. J. Thomas "That a sub-committee be formed to look into the possible need for reorganisation of District boundaries." Mr. Hartless explained that in the Southampton District especially it was becoming somewhat embarrassing to have to keep going to the same towers for meetings. He thought that with modern transport facilities there was a case for larger Districts. After considerable discussion, the motion was carried and Messrs. Hartless, Thomas, Jackson and Chapman were appointed to form the sub-committee.
Referring to the 1965 striking competition, the Master stated that a competition would be held although the response to date had not been any better than in previous years. The contest would still be for either six- or eight-bell - bands.

## NEW GENERAL SECRETARY

For the election of officers, Canon Felstead left the chair, but quickly returned when he was unanimously re-elected. As indicated at the 1964 annual general meeting, Mr. Savory did not wish to stand for re-election ; the Master paid tribute to his service over the past six years, and this was greeted by applause from the meeting. Mr. D. J. Forder was elected to the position of general secretary. All the other officers, treasurer Mrs. M Chapman, peal recorder Mr. D. T. Matkin, auditor Mr. L. Bailey, librarian Mr. J. R. Faithfull and Central Council representatives Messrs. A. V. Davis, J. Hartless, R. R. Savory and Canon Felstead were all re-elected for a further three-year period.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as July 2nd, 1966, and the venue Alton.
The service, which followed in the Priory, was conducted by the Vicar of Christchurch, the Rev. Leslie H. Yorke; the preacher was the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, whose address has been published in "The Ringing World."
On returning to the Church Hall we were confronted by a magnificent tea which had been prepared by the ladies of the Christchurch District, at which we were joined by the Vicar and the Rev. F. F. Rigby.

After votes of thanks a film show, organised by Mr. Davis, was given in the Priory School. This included the Canadian "Ringers Required," a short film made by a local club, of ringing at Fordingbridge, featuring Ron Marlow in the star role, and "The Tower of Washington," a very well produced film which we would recommend as being well worth seeing by all ringers.

## KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER

Ten members of the King's School Society had their annual outing on July 20th. Their first tower, Croome d'Abitot, added distinction to members' lists, as it is given as unringable in "Dove's." The six bells went fairly well and ringing ranged from Cambridge Minor to rounds. The six at Eckington are unique in being the only complete ring cast by Sanders of Bromsgrove remaining. Other towers included Bredon's Norton, Beckford and Hinton-on-the-Green. At the last tower, with the arrival of Mr. Newman, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Paul Cattermole was the organiser. He, incumbents, tower captains and the coach driver are thanked.
M. J. R.

## DERBY DIUCESAN ADSUCLAIIUN

## Cnesterfield Uistrict

Over 30 members and friends-representing 10 towers - were present at the July meeung of the chesterneld vistrict heid at Uld Whittington. Kinging in a wide variety of methods was rollowea by an excellent tea prepared by the wives and iriends of tue local company.
the ousiness meeting oegan with a weicome from the Kector (tne Rev. J. K. Kollinson), who kindly agreed to act as chairman. Miss E. Coleman, of the local band, was elected a new member. Tae fortncoming District outing is now to be neld a week fater than expected-on September 18 th-the venue being the beverley district of Yorkshire.
In proposing the vote of thanks to the Recior and local company, Mr. F. A. Adams (a vice-president) spoke warmly of the welcome that was always extended to visitors at UId whittington. the meetung ended with a 360 of Bob Minor rung " in nand" by $G$. cioodall 1-2, L. Goodall 3-4 and C. Hughes 5-6, atter which further ringing was enjoyed following a short break for Compline.
Next meeting: August 14 th (joint with Peak District). Special methods: Gainsborough Lilue Bob and Ashbourne College Bob.
M. P. P.

## DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

Visitors from Melton Mowbray (Leics) and Chorlton (Lancs) were welcomed by Mrs. D. $t$. Hood, the chairman, at the meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Bovey Tracey on July 24th, when ringing consisted of touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

Messrs. R. H. Cook and Bernard Moss and Miss Pauline Taylor were elected non-resident members, Miss Edith Holman, of Boston, U.S.A., an honorary member, and Mrs. Dunn, ot feignmouth, a performing member. A certificate was presented to Mr. Martin Dodd, also of Teignmouth.
The Rev. D. E. Hood, of Teignmouth, conducted the service, with Mr. Weeks acting as organist.

Next meeting: Joint with South Devon Association at Torquay, September 4th, and Buckfast Abbey, September 18th (subject to usual arrangements).

## NORWICH DIOCESAN <br> ASSOCIATION

## Northern Branch Discuss Division

At the meeting of the Northern Branch at Paston and Knapton on July 17th, the Rev. W. F. P. Kelly asked the meeting again to consider the division of the Branch into two parts. He contended that it would be beneficial if reorganised, as it was too big.
The president (Mr. N. P. Golden) explained that from 1877 to 1928 the Branch was in two parts, but was then reorganised into one after finding it did not work as two small units. After much discussion, voting was against a division being submitted to the Branch annual general meeting.

The Rev. W. F. P. Kelly said he would try to organise practice meetings in the District ; he regarded them as essential if they were to get all towers, where it was possible, ringing for Sunday service. Mr. G. H. Pullin was elected a member.

The president thanked the Rev. H. A. A. Thur for the use of the bells, and Mr. Kelly for conducting the service. The collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to $£ 1$ 3s. 6d.

## Letters to the Editor

## OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY ?

Dear Sir,-It is very rare indeed that I am moved to comment on the administration of any Association other than my own, but the pompous hypocrisy of some of the statements in

The Ringing World " of July 16 th relating to the workings of the Oxford Diocesan Guild have driven me to put pen to paper.

It appears that the general feeling at the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual meeting was that they had become tired of setting a good example to the rest of the Exercise and that they should stop making their annual donation of $£ 40$ to "The Ringing World" because no other Guild had followed suit.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild must be unique in the country in having close on $£ 4,000$ in its bank account. With interest rates at more than three per cent., the full extent of the sacrifice made by this Guild must be less than one-third of the money they earn in interest, i.e. it is no sacrifice at all (albeit that it is very welcome to "The Ringing World"), If my Association were to match this example on this basis our payment to "The Ringing World" would be 10 s . But then my Association does not wring 10 s . out of every nonresident member to swell its funds and subsidise the subscriptions of the residents, nor does it begrudge itself an annual report, neither does it have "secret sources of (unearned) income."
If the Oxford Diocesan Guild wishes to set an example to the rest of the Exercise as a philanthropic association, then let its members put their hands in their own pockets and not in those of non-residents, and not rely on money earned as interest.
I usually enjoy the articles written by W. G. W., but I completely fai] to see the logic of the recent leading article. After extolling the democratic way the elections of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were carried out, in which Mr. A. D. Barker was unfortunate not to be re-elected a member of the Central Council, he goes on to suggest that the Central Council should nullify this democratic act by electing Mr. Barker an honorary member.

I earnestly hope that no Central Council member will follow this suggestion. The choice of embarrassing Mr. Barker by rejecting him yet again or, alternatively, of upsetting the 1,900 members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild who no longer want him as their representative, is best avoided.-Yours faithfully,
G. A. HALLS.

Derby.

## FIVE SATISFIED YEARS

Dear Sir, - With regard to the recent criticism of the delays and damage to "The Ringing World" when received through the post, I would just like to point out that since I became a postal subscriber some five years ago I have invariably received my copy on Thursday or at the latest Friday, and have never yet had one damaged. In fact this week, far from being late, my copy came by the second post on the Wednesday
In view of this and both the increased profit and the Editor's assurance to replace free of charge any copies that may be damaged, is it not time we forsook the newsagents and wholeheartedly became postal subscribers?-Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM PHIPPS.
Chesterfield.

## SURPRISE OVER LAVENHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,-On Saturday, August 28th, at 2.30 p.m., a rededication takes place in one of the best known towers in England. Scarcely a ringer has not either visited or seen photographs of Lavenham, often described as one of our very finest churches.

Equally notable is the ring of eight hung in the impressive tower, and every care has been taken in this renovation to retain the character of these bells. They have been rehung with all new fittings in a metal frame, two of the bells slightly retuned and provision made for the addition of two or four trebles. The work has been done by John Taylor and Co.

Whilst at the foundry something quite remarkable was discovered. The tenor (1625) has always been known as 23 cwt ., already an uncommonly light weight for the note of $D$ flat-" she " is in fact only just over 21 cwt., some 12 to 15 cwt. lighter possibly than a D flat bell today.

The Suffolk Guild has looked forward to this dedication for many months now, and we hope that as great a number of ringers as possible from our own county and beyond will come to Lavenham on August 28th. A particular welcome is extended to visitors.-Yours truly,
P.S.-Talking of 21 cwt . in D flat reminds me of a dictum that used to be made by one of our grand old Suffolk worthies, Garnham A. Blaxcell. He used to say " You can't get a big note out of a little bell-yer gotta hev the wayte! "Obviously the exceptional thinness of Lavenham tenor has contributed to this exception. -G. W. P.

## FIRST OUTING AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,-Under the heading "Wrington at Guildford" in a recent issue, there is a statement which is not true for, on June 26th, the Apsley ringers had their outing and were privileged to ring on the Cathedral bells at Guildford, permission also having been given prior to the dedication.

Further, we rang the bells backwards for, as we were told, a recording to be made for the B.B.C. archives. I wonder if they will be used in times of disaster as were the bells of Sutton in the 1947 flood scenes during the B.B.C. 1 broadcast on July 20th.

When the inside acoustics are properly dealt with, ringing at the Cathedral will be a delight.-Yours faithfully,

Hemel Hempstead. WALTER AYRE.

## WOLVERHAMPTON TENOR

Dear Sir,-With regard to Mr. Julian Litten's letter concerning Wolverhampton tenor (page 512) I would like to say that if Mr . Litten's musical knowledge extended far enough, he would know that a single bell does not have a key, only a note, it is the actual ring which has the "key." Also, the note of this tenor is given in "Dove" and also on the board in the belfry as $C$ sharp. Also, I do not know whether Mr. Litten knew that $D$ flat as a note is exactly the same as $C$ sharp.

Another point. In the peal rung by "the St. Peter's tower resident band " only two of the people taking part were actual members of the St. Peter's band.

Perhaps Mr. Litten was misinformed.-Yours faithfully,

PHILIP R. JOHNSON.

## OBITUARY

## MR. CYRIL NORMINGTON

The name of John Cyril Normington will mean little to the younger generation, as he had done no active ringing since about 1930 , but his passing, on July 18th, merits more than a passing thought.

He was one of the band who gathered around J. T. White, of Felkirk, at the end of the second decade of this century when first attempts were made at change ringing, and was a member of the first local band ever to ring a 720.

Coincidentally we were only talking about him on the day he died, although we did not even know he was ill. How he gathered around him a bunch of boys and taught them how to handle both tower bells and handbells; tune ringing and change ringing; how he used to take his cassock and surplice into the belfry and dash down the steps to join the choir as it went up the aisle; how for many years he was organist at Archbishop Holgate Hospital; how he taught himself to play the 'cello and the violin; how he went into the woods at midnight with his 'cello to woo the nightingale into song; how we used to travel with him all over the countryside with a bag of handbells and a case of music; how he used to be at one time president of the Barnsley and District Society. What a character he was.

He introduced many ringers to the art, including Dan Smith, Arnold Cole, myself and many others. He was 75 when he died and was interred at Brierley in the Parish of Felkirk.
H. C.

FORMER LORD ABBOT OF BUCKFAST
The death took place at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, on July 18th, of the Rev. Father Bruno Fehrenbacher, who was appointed Lord Abbot of Buckfast in 1939 and who resigned in 1956 owing to indifferent health. After his resignation he acted as assistant chaplain to the Benedictine Nuns at Stanbrook, near Worcester. He had a serious operation in a Birmingham hospital about 12 months ago but was able to return to Buckfast some time before Christmas last year.

The funeral took place at the Abbey on the morning of July 22 nd and, prior to the service, the Community ringers, with Mr. A. L. Bennett on the treble, rang the minor eight half-muffled, as is their usual custom on the death of a member of the Community.

## MR. GEORGE BALLS

In the passing of Mr . George Balls at the age of 85 in Notley Hospital, Wormingford Church has lost a true and faithful servant. His ringing began in 1919, when the three old bells were rehung and three new bells added. It was a red letter day for him when he took part in the first peal on the bells. George was for some years a member of the Essex Association, also a chorister and member of the Church Council for half a century.

In 1963 he was the recipient of the Queen's Maundy money in Chelmsford Cathedral and celebrated his diamond wedding last year. His body was laid to rest on July 23 rd, when a quarter peal of Bob Doubles was rung halfmuffled on the bells he loved, by D. Culham 1, B. Lord 2, J. Avis 3, M. Warren 4, E. Leggett (conductor) 5, R. Perkins 6.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant.
E. L.


## STEDMAN TRIPLES-Its Construction and Calling

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD
(Continued from page 513)
5. OBSERVATION BELL AFFECTED BY CALLS
EXTENDED TOUCHES
It remains to deal with touches in which an Observation bell is affected by calls, and of these there are two chief kinds. In one type the calling may be learned off for a particular bell : as, for instance, the excellent 252 which, called by the Treble, reads: "Call Treble Out Quick, Once Right ( $6-7$ up). Once Wrong ( $6-7$ down), Make the Bob after Slow." This course to be twice, repeated. The Text Books and "The Ringers' Diary" give a number of touches that may be learned in this way.

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2314567 The other way of ca?ling certain touches is by "the bells behind," and a scrutiny of the one-course touch shown here will probably make the system clear. The bobs are all called when musical pairs of bells are behind: in this case, 67, 74 and 46. The conductor must accustom himself to recognising when these musical pairs come behind. so that he may call his bobs by this particular observation. The touch shown here would then be stated thus: "One bob on 67, one bob on 74, two bobs on 46 ." The process is made fairly easy by the fact that the bobbed pair of bells actually rinas one six behind before the bob has to be made, and so the caller has plenty of warning. Several good touches may be called by this plan and the student will find it valuable practice to write out one or two in full. Here is a good specimen:

Two bobs on 67, two on 74, two on 46 . repeated.
And here is one almost the same:
"Call the 4th to make the bob after slow. Two bobs on 74, two on 46, repeated."
Now these two touches may easily be com-

## FINCHINGFIFLD OUTING

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Finchingfield ringers as their coach party of 41 passed through the Dartford Tunnel into Kent for their annual outing on Julv 3rd. Are they the first to ring under the Thames or in the tunnel?
Ringing started on the good eight at Northfleet followed by the musical eight at Swanscombe. The ring of six at Cohham and the unique hrasses in the chancel impressed all. but the Gillett and Johnston eight at Wrotham were the bells of the day; surely thev are one of the best rings in the county. We had a short stay at Seal Chart (a ring of cix) and after tea at Tonbridge tried the light eight at Shoreham. "Terrible," someone told us. but we rather liked them: we noticed that some of the bells were cast in 16.35.
Our thanks to all who helped in make the outing a success.
bined to make a longer touch, as follows: "Two bobs on 67, two on 74, two on 46 ; call 4th to make the bob after slow; two bobs on 74, two on 46. Repeat the whole."
This will give a touch of 408 , one well known to Stedman conductors, and one that produces music as good as may be obtained in this method.
The above is a good example of the splicing of two touches to make one, and this is a device often adopted when a conductor wishes to improvise a louch or lengthen one. The general principle is a simple one. Consider the calling shown here. It is a touch of two courses obtained by bobs at 3.4 repeated. In the second course the bells re-enter the Plain Course at the Point A Being now in the Plain Course we are in exactly the same position as if we had started from rounds and called no bobs at all. We could therefore, if we wished. start, as it were, a new touch from this Plain Course. Suppose, for instance, that we now called bobs at 12.13 ( 7 th in and out Quick), and repeated this: we should find that we had returned to the Plain Course again just as the 7th left the Quick, and the result would be that we had added a course to our original touch, making three courses instead of two.

Again, consider the short touch of 75 changes shown here. It is verv simple to cali, especially from the Treble. It runs thus:

Call Treble
Once in $6-7$ up.

75
2314567
3426175
3467251
4737651
4725316
7541263
7516432
5673124 A
5632741
S 6757314
671543
2164735
2143657 Once in $6-7$ up with a Single. (Treble lies in 7ths.)
The bells rin round at handstroke the change after 2143657.

Now let us see how this touch can he extended. Wo know that if we call a hell In and Out Ouick TWICF we shall return to where wo started from. Having. therefore, called the first hoh in this little touch. let we rall the Treble In and Out Orick. repeated. We chall then be switched out of the nriginal touch for a short time hut as soon as we call the Trehle Out Ouick for the corond time we shall find ourcelvec hack in the original touch at the row 5673124 (the noint marked A). and from here we carry on in call the Single and in hring the hells round at hond We have added a whole comrse to the touch making it 157 chanepes inctrad of 77 .
The stindent should nrick nut the whole of this tourh. for by doing so he will gain move knowledge than ran he convever by manv
lines of print; and the really earnest seeker will find much amusement and profit in finding at what places other courses can be spliced into this useful little touch.
There is another useful touch of 117, shown here by the six-ends at which calls are made. The plan is simple. A single is called at 1 (the 7th making 7ths place); then the 7th is called once in 6-7 up. The bells run round at handstroke the row after 2143657. There are several ways in which this touch could be extended. Suppose, after the bob has been called, that we call the 7th In Slow and First Whole Turn Repeated. We shall even tually return to the point $B$. having added a course to our touch. If we wish to add two courses we may call the 7th In Slow. twice repeated This will also return us to our original touch the six before B , and from here the bells may run home.
Experiment with nencil and paper will show almost infinite possibilities in this matter of splicing one touch into another : and with practice the conductor will find it reasonably easy to improvise in the tower and to lengthen his touches to suit the time he has available.
Two points must however, be kept in mind. The first is that this process will not necessarily produce the most musical toucher (though some experimental work will show how this important matter may receive consideration): the second is that we cannot always be sure of the truth of the changes. Truth is a traditional feature of change ringing, and it is desirable, especially in the comvosing of specific touches, that the composer should have some knowledge of the principles of pronf
( To be conçluded)

## CORRECTION

In column 1 on page 482 the examples of the changes on three bells are both incorrectly printed. They should read:

|  | 123 | 123 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 213 |  |
| A | 231 |  |
|  | 321 | B |
|  | 312 |  |
|  | 132 |  |
|  | 123 |  |

E. C.. S

STUURBRIDGE, WURCS.-At St. Thomas ${ }^{\circ}$ Church, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, A. D. Fellows 2, P. J. Brown 3, M. J. Fellows 4. D. H. Watson 5, J. Warr 6. M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7. R. Smith 8. For Parish Communion, and in memoriam John Lloyd, of Brierley Hill.

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# Bell Ringing in Schools To-day: Points from Mr. King’s Thesis <br> DEPOSITED with the Central Council library is a thesis of 15,000 words written by Mr. M. King, of Wentworth, during his final year at a teacher-training college at York on bellringing in the schouls today His first probe into the subject took place during the summer vacation of 1963 and the thesis was handed to his education tutor jusi before Easter, 1964. When returned, the comment was: "The only thing that was missing was a real bell!" <br> As a basis to work on Mr. King delved into back numbers of "The Ringing World and had collected information about seven or eight schools, particularly Gnosall Primary School. The search proper began in September, 1963. First of all he wrote to the head master asking him to contact the master in charge of bellringers. To this member of the staff such questions were addressed as "How old is your Society?" "Does it 

 have regular tower bell practice?" "Do you ring tunes on your handbells?" A number of masters and scholars replied and some provided names of more schools. In this direction Mr. and Mrs. H . Poyner and Mr J. L. Queen were most helpfulA letter to "The Ringing World" in November, 1963 , produced three replies. Mr T. Ogden, of Shaw, Oldham, sent useful information about schools which he had visited during his sales travels and through this means contact was made with the Romin Catholic Abbey School at Ampleforth, near Helmsley, Yorks. Before the end of June, 1964, he had paid four visits to this school and also visited Robin Brown at Leeds and the youngsters of Bishopthorpe, near York

Mr. King estimates that if every word submitted was written in the thesis it would have exceeded 35,000 words: in this respect Shebbear College Society, Devon, was most energetic. In the introduction he dealt with the history of bells-both tower bells and handbells-and their uses in schools. He stressed that bellringing was but a minor school activity and the percentage of young people who learn to ring tower bells to change ringing level was less than one per cent. of those under 18.
All types of school were written about from Primary to Public and two or more schools outside England and Wales where there are ringing societies. Three English towers were given as examples of where school age ringers "man" the bells, and without their perseverance these bells would be silent.
The thesis was typed by Mrs. Ron Plant. wife of the leader of the ringers at Bradfield. Yorks. Photographs and music sheets were in the file handed to the education tutor.

## SCHOOLS COVERED-PRIMARY

1.     - Bishopsthorpe Primary, York. No
hortage of volunteers: an odd set of 18 shortage of volunteers: an odd set of 18 in combination with voice singing and other musical instruments. Mr. Clementson (headmaster. 1933) bad a team which produced excellent results.
2.-Boxgrove Primary School. Abbey Wood Estate, London. S.E. School went "bellmad" for quite a time.
3.-Gnosall Primary, Staffs. Mrs. Marion Key's use of handbells in the children's lessons have been most successful and the senior group has aopeared on television. She has 17 bells. and with each child taking one bel they progress from tonic sol-fa to complicated musical notation harmony.
4.-Carr Hill Primary School. Retford, Notts. Mrs. Harry Poyner has been at a number of primary schools and always gets a team of vounesters ringing handbells. She hones at Retford that her children will even tually progress to tower hell ringing. She has also been at Nettleham. Lincs: Syston, Leics anf Park College. Wellington, Somerset.
5.-All Saints' C. of E., Rochdale, Lancs Mr. J. Taylor, caretaker of this school until it closed in August, 1963, took charge of a team of seniors and taught them tunes from his own notation system. His team no longer exists as Mr. Taylor is not at the new school and the three octaves he had were his own.
6.-C. of E. Junior, Shepshed, Leics. Only occasionally are handbells used at this school. usually at Christmas time.

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

## 1.-Abingdon Grammar, Berkshire

 school team rings the bells of St. Helen's Abingdon (10), especially for school services 2.-Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar, Lancash re Mr. J. Partington's girls ring a set of 17 handbells from musical notation with she supplied by Mr. T. Ogden. Under his guidance his team is assured of a future, especially when their name spreads through ringing outside the boundaries of the school.3.- The Humphrey Perkins School, Barrow-upon-Soar, Leics. The Society here is wel! established, being formed in 1951. Tower bell ringing and change ringing on handbells is their chief concern but sometimes the whole set of 28 bells comes in handy for tune ringing. in which the bells are rung four-in-hand. The Society under Mr. B. S. Payne's leadership was 29 strong in October, 1963.
4.-Bangor Street, Blackburn, Lancashire. From the brief reply, I gathered that here is a team of handbell ringers displaying a considerable range of talent.
5.-Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, Blackburn, Lancashire. Mr. J. Parsons has a small number of boys tower bell ringing at Blackburn Cathedral (10). They also ring changes and tunes on handbells from a set of up to 15 handbells. The Society can ring up to Erin Triples if constant practice is achieved.
6.-Bradfield Secondary Modern, Yorkshire. Members of the staff and parents, with scholars, help to ring at St. Nicholas'. Bradfield, and organise the ringing for the now annual carol service.
7.-Pate's Girls' G.S.. Cheltenham. Gloucs. As they only had a set of handbells "on loan" up to December. 1963, this team may now be defunct.
8.-Cirencester G.S.. Gloucs. In past years this was a very active School Society, visiting neighhouring towers. There are hopes of a revival.
9.-Cowbridge G.S., Glamorgan, Wales. Mr. I. Davies is in charge of the dozen or so boys who are hoarders and who rine at Cowbridge Parish Church on Sundays. They also visit other towers and are members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.
10.-Ecclesfield G.S., near Sheffield, Yorkshire. Begun in 1933, with staff helping, and using an old set which once belonged to the Ecclesficld village team, they carried on until 1954. Since $1 C^{-3}$, partly under the influence of Michael Mca'ows. Paul Thompson and myself, the tune-rong. g team got going again with little staff assistance. Now a handbell team is a rergular feature of school concerts. although outside functions haven't been kept up. Ten ringers handle about 70 bells. If there are enough tower bell ringers in the school they ring St. Mary's, Ecclesfield. bells before and after the school's two annual carol services.
11.-Edmonton County G.S., Middlesex The school's magazines of 1962 and 1963 show a spirited company of school ringers who ring at Edmonton and Enfield Parish Churches as well as doing some change ringing on handbells.
12.-Hampton's G.S., Middlesex. Mr. P A. Brand's team ring Hampton's bells as well as changes on handbells: some of them are able to ring quarter peals.
13.-Leeds Central High. Yorkshire. Mr Robin Brown has six handbells which he uses for change ringing purposes only. In 1963 he and two other boys could ring up ty a 180 of Plain Bob Minor.
14. -New Parks Secondary Modern, Leicester. Nine boys, ringing four-in-hand and tunes from a number svstem, can ring up th excerpts from Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms." Together with other schools. the have joined in with combined school handhell meetings. Tower bell ringers ring at Sileby (8).
15.-Wyggeston Boys' G.S.. Leics. Founder back in 1946, a very strong Society fourisher in the mid-fifties. "Silent" in 1961-62 school year, they have since got oning again. Chanme ringing (quarter neal of Plain Boh Douhles in 1962) was revived as well as fuur-in-hand tuneringing on the school's set of 23 handbells
16.-Kettering Hirh Schonl for Girls. Northants. Twenty-nine handbells keen the Snciety's memhers busv with tune ringin" Firmly hased. the Society's future looks safe for some time to come with 26 recruits a'one in 1963
17.-Retford Boys' G.S.. Notts. Mr. Harrv Pouner started a change rincing ream here. With 13 handhells, thev set about ringing Roh Minor and in less than a year a full neal in the method had heen scored by Mr. Povner and two of the bovs. With Mr. Poyner at the holm. this Society should have a worthwhile future.
(To be continued)

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## " 0 "

## OCKLEY TREBLE BOB

$\times 34 \times 16 \times 12 \times 16.34 \times 12.5$. 2nds 64523. C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called Trowell.

OFFLEY SURPRISE
$36 \times 36.14 \times 12 \times 123 \times 14 \times 5.2$ nds 64523. Single change method.

## OLD BUMPER

See Royal Bob.
OLD OXFORD DELIGHT
x $34 \times 14 \times 12 \times 16 \times 12 \times 5.2$ nds 42635 Also called Old Oxford (Modernised). No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.
OLD OXFORD (MODERNISED)
See Old Oxford Delight. cf. Old Oxford Treble Bob.

OLD OXFORD TREBLE BOB
See Woodbine. In Annable's notebook. The method from which, presumably, the "modernised" version is derived by altering the position of the places at the half-lead and lead-end.

OLNEY ALLIANCE
x $16 \times 16.34 \times 34.5$. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

OMDURMAN
$\times 56 \times 14 \times 12 \times 36 \times 12 \times 1$. 6ths 65243 . William Woodcock.

## ORIGINAL

Given in C.C. Collection, 1907, thus: $\frac{123456}{214365}$ 241635
together with Bobs and Singles and described as a Principle. Reverse (called Uriginal Backwards in C.C. Collection. 1931), is also given, without figures, although these are supplied for Bobs and Singles.
ORSETT SURPRISE
$34 \times 36.14 \times 12 \times 123 \times 12 \times 5.2$ nds 4256 ? Single change method.

## OSSETT DELIGHT

$34 \times 34.16 \times 12 \times 16 \times 14 \times 1.2$ nds 36245 . Also called Rose of England.
OSWALD DELIGHT
$34 \times 34.16 \times 12 \times 36 \times 14 \times 5.6$ ths 35264. No name C.C. Collection, 1907.
In "Bell News," June 15th, 1907, by C. Sharples.

OVERTON ALLIANCE
$\times 14 \times 36.12 \times 12.3$. 2nds 42563.
OVERTON TREBLE BOB See Capel Treble Bob.

## ONFURD BUB

x $14 \times 16 \times 1.2$ nds 56342 .
Uxford Single Bob in "Campanologia." 1677 and 1702, also in Shipway's book. Uxford Single in Annable's notebook. Sometimes referred to as Single Oxford. Simply Uxford in C.C. Collection, 1907.
OXFORD DELIGHT

## See Merchant's Return.

OXFORD DOUBLE BOB
See Douhle Oxford.
OXFORD REVERSED Sic Narigation Boh.

OXFORD RIDDLE (I)
$\times 14 \times 16 \times 56 \times 36 \times 16 \times$. 2nds $3456 \div$. "Campanologia," 1677 . Asymmetrical. Also called The Hermaphrodite.
OXFURD RIDDLE (II)
In Annable's notebook; see St. Asaph's.
OXFORD (SINGLE) BOB
See Uxford Bob.
OXFORD SURPRISE
$\times 36 \times 14.36 \times 14.36 \times 14 \times 5.2$ nds 42635. In Annable's notebook. Rendered false by path of treble.

## OXFORD TREBLE BOB

$\times 34 \times 16 \times 12 \times 16 \times 12 \times 1$. 6 ths 42635. First published in "Campano!ogia." 1677. and described as Oxford Triple Bob the Second Way. This in contradistinction to Oxford Triple Bob (Woodbine). In Annable's notebook it was simply Treble Bob. Was named correctly in C.C. Collection, 1907.

## OXFORD TRIPLE BOB <br> See Woodbine.

OYSTERMOUTH DELIGHT
$34 \times 36.14 \times 12 \times 16 \times 12 \times 5$. 4ths 4536 ? (To be continued)

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

## Southern District

Ringers converged on Leigh, near Reigate. for the auarterly meeting of the Southern Dis trict on July 17th. This tuneful six were rung to a variety of methods including Plain Bob Doubles for the young ringers of Leigh.
The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Crockford, and at his kind invitation tea was served in the Vicarage gardens. At the business meeting, under the chairmanshin of the Association's Master, Mr. F. F. Collins, one new member. Mr. D. Robinson (Leieh). was elected. Topics under discussion included the holding of a comhined vouns ringers' practice once a month at Reicate ant the proposed ioint meeting with the Kert Countr Association. nossibly in early Noverber, at either Edenbridge or Westerham.
Votes of thanks were nassed to the Vicar the voung members of the Leigh band whin nrnvided the sumntrons toa. and to Mr. $r$ Dilton. whose hard work had made fich hell
a joy to ring.
C.H.C.

## HERTS COUINTY ASSOCIATION

## St. Albans District

The meeting on Julv 17th was held at Kimnton. Afternonn ringing ranoet from rnunds in Snliced Minnr. Graham Sillic. from Snuth Mvmms. nlaved the orean during the service and a new memher at the service was an extremelv well-hehaved dog!
The Rev. K. Martin tnok the chair for the meeting. which followed tea. It was announced that the Ladies' Guild had reauested to join the meeting hetween the St. Alhans District and the N. and F. Middlesex Assoriation at North and Siuth Mymms on Aumist 21 st. Names fo the District nutine to Guildford and Chessinn. ton on Senfember 18th were reouired hy the secretary by August 21 st. The car rally hat been arranged for Octoher 2nd. After di: cussion, it was deciried to continue the arrangements for the District dinner on Decemher 4 th . Members were reminded of the Kimnton Cun on September 25th.

A vote of thanks was nasend to the Rev. K Martin. to the local ladies for an eniovat, tea and to the organist. Evening rinoing or handbells followed.
J. A. F.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP

With the peal at Babworth, Notts, on July 24 th , Geoffrey Pick became the first ringer trained at the tower to ring a peal.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have promised to have the 12 bells of St. Peter Mancroft ringing again by Christmas.
A welcome was extended to Mr. B. Gogle at the meeting of the Northern District of the Norwich Diocesan Association at being able to drive himself again after an operation on one of his eyes.

Mr. Richard Hough, a former Master of Cambridge University Society, has started teaching a band of ringers at St. Mary's. Huntingdon, where there has not been a band for 18 years.
The peal of Doubles for the Shropshire Association on Saturday, June Sth ("Ringing World," page 438) was the Association's 500th peal. It was also the most methods (15) to a peal for the Association.
Mr. Gerald Moorhouse, of Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, made a welcome reappearance to peal ringing with a peal of Bob Major "in hand "at Marple. "His last "peal was Oxford Treble Bob Royal "in hand" almost 35 years ago.

It seems that the jinx referred to in the recent note in "Belfry Gossip" about the Bolsover outing was still present in the report itself, as the last tower was Cookley and not Castor, which is in Northants-nearly 100 miles away - and was in fact visited on last year's outing!
Southampton ringars rang a peal of Rutland Surprise Major on July 17 th in honour of the silver wedding of Canon K. W. H Felstead and Mrs. Felsteid. A wide circ'e of friends will extend congratu!u.ions, especially those who have benefited from the Canon's wide research into peals.

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## COMPLETES HIS 100 PEALS AT 16

With a peal of London Royal at Maidstone, on June 19th, Andrew J. Corby, of Sevenoaks, completed his 100 peals. Surely few ringers have, at the age of 16 , been able to show such a varied and impressive list.
Having rung his first, Plain Bob Major, at Sevenoaks on June 3rd, 1961, at the age of 12 , this 100 has taken just four years to complete.
With a peal total standing at only nine, an opportunity to ring the first of Maximus came in April, 1962, when a band met one short at Canterbury. Andrew was called upon to stand in at the last minute, ringing the treble to Yorkshire.
His first of Royal was Cambridge, rung at Cudham on July 21st. 1962, and of Spliced Surprise Major "inside," all the work four rung at Withyham on March 2nd, 1963, having now reached the mature age of 14 .

Andrew's 50th peal was his first as conductor, calling Middleton's Cambridge from the fourth at Edenbridge on March 14th, 1964, with sister Judith ringing her first peal on the second. Hence brother and sister had rung their first peal together in the same tower as their parents did in 1945.
The best achievement to date was to come on May 14th of this year, with the calling of A. J. Pitman's peal of four spliced "all the work" from the seventh, at Fairwarp. Although there were other conductors in the band who have called this composition, the writer can vouch that they gave no assistance whatever to Andrew during that peal, who can justly claim to be the youngest ringer to cal! this composition.

## "ALL HANDS ON DECK"

The party of ringers from Prittlewell, Brentwood and King's Langley who have just enjoyed an adventurous week cruising on the River Severn and the River Avon would like to thank Mike Hallett for arranging the week. All the 18 towers he planned were well worth a visit, particularly Pershore, Dursley, Bredon's Norton and All Saints', Worcester.
We would like to record that we bear him no malice for hiring the two oldest and leakiest boats available! Now we are all proficient at getting through locks, towing other boats, running aground, repairing engines and stopping leaks. Our only complaint is that we would have liked another week.
One serious note: If any other ringers are contemplating this sort of holiday on the River Severn, we are unable to recommend Bathurst's Yacht Co., Ltd., for hiring boats.
J.E.N.

## MADE RINGABLE

The four bells at Grove, near Retford, are now ringable, after a visit of the King Edward VI Grammar School Campanological Society. The Magna Carta holiday was chosen for the task. Twenty sacks full of twigs were thrown from the parapet. The bells are by J. Taylor, 1872, and the tenor has a diameter of 27 inches and an estimated weight of four cWt.

## COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

The Cowbridge Grammar School Society of Change Ringers, which was inaugurated in April, held its first annual general meeting at the school on July 5th.

A constitution was agreed on after careful discussion. Among its provisions are that membership is open to past and present members of the school who are also members, whether resident or non-resident, of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association; and that the Society's object is "to carry out and promote change ringing of good standard on Sundays and on other occasions, and in general to further the Exercise within the framework of school, tower and Association activities."

Christopher Ricketts was elected Ringing Master for 1965-66 in succession to Ellis N. Thomas. Mr. Iolo Davies remains hon. sec-retary-treasurer. Mr. W. J. Lewis Groom was elected an honorary member. He has taken part in several peals in the past with ringers from the school, including the "record number of methods for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association" peal of Doubles in 46 methods/variations at St. Bride's Major in 1964.

Two peals have been rung for the Society since the annual general meeting, one at St . Athan and one at the "home" tower of Llanblethian (originally St. Bleiddian, now St. John's). Each of these peals was only the second on the bells. At St. Athan, where 14 methods/variations of Doubles were rung in 2 hours 30 minutes, the previous peal was as far back as May 9th, 1925, being Grandsire Doubles, conducted by the late Robert $F$. Coles. At Llanblethian the previous peal, also of Grandsire Doubles, was rung in 1963, conducted by William T. Petty.

> The last-mentioned peal was a farewell to Ellis Thomas, who leaves school with 27 peals in his book, including one of Cambridge Royal. He has done much for ringing in the school and district and will be greatly missed. Our loss will be the gain of the Cambridge University Guild: Ellis will join Gareth Jones at St. John's College next term. Our best wishes go with him
> I. D.

## ALL TENOR MEN

Wratten Wringers had a good bunch of tenor men in the party this year. There were ten males who participated in the full week of the tour and each of them turned in at least one tenor to a peal. Of the two peals lost out of 16 attempts, both arose from miscalls after over two hours' ringing.

## OPEN NIGHTS AT DERBY

Open nights were held in Derby Cathedral belfry on July 18th and July 20th, when the general public were invited to see a demonstration of bellringing, which explained the various stages in training a ringer, from bell handling to change ringing. About 30 visitors attended on the Sunday and about 60 on the Tuesday, writes Mr. G. A. Halls.

A NEW LOOK FOR DORSET TOWER
The south and west sides of St. Peter's tower, Dorchester, are now encased in scaffolding ready for the final stages of the tower repairs to be carried out. The north and east sides have been repaired, including the rebuilding of the north-east buttress, a completely new roof to the tower and the rebuilding of some of the pinnacles, cleaning and replacing defective stone and completely repointing from top to bottom. This time on the south and west sides two pinnacles which are leaning slightly will be repositioned and the stonework from top to bottom will be cleaned and repointed. This will give the whole tower a completely "new look" although there is evidence of the lower part of the tower being built in Norman times.

It is regretted that while repairs are in progress ringing will be restricted and possibly stopped altogether for a week or two to allow the mortar to harden, but the whole job is estimated to take six to eight weeks.

Intending visiting ringers should inquire concerning ringing from the captain and tower keeper, Mr. R. H. Duke, 1. Came View Road, Dorchester: Tel. 158 or Dorchester 1628 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## FLASH BACK

Mr. P. Amos writes: The recent tropical thunderstorms on July 19th and 20 th reminded me of two outstanding days in 1934. On April 28th of that year. Cottesmore. Rutland. felt the full force of a tropical storm. Strangely enough it began as the bells were being raised for a peal which lasted three hours and two minutes, and by coincidence the storm ceased as the bells were being lowered immediately afterwards. So fierce was the thunder and lightning that at times the bells could not be heard above the noise of the thunder, and the Vicarage had to be reached for tea afterwards by wading ankledeep through water.

Then on September 15 th that same year a similar storm broke over Northampton within an hour of the writer entering a convalescent hospital close by. Lightning struck the chimneys as well as several newly-built houses in the vicinity. And on that same evening came the news over the radio of the terrible colliery disaster at Gresford, near Wrexham when 264 men lost their lives and were never got out. That storm, too, lasted all night and rain was like an Asiatic monsoon.

## THE WRONG VOWEL

The neal rung at Hughenden reported on page 503 was for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Society of Raving Ringers. We regret that this was credited to the Roving Ringers The bride and bridegroom and also Anthony D. Smith and Susan E. Burt are all Raving Ringers. Mr. Howard Oglesby being a former Master.

## THE FARMER OBLIGED

Meeting short for a neal attemnt of Plain Bob Minnr at the remote village of Nemone't Thruhwell. Somerset. a frantic search wac made for a ringer to complete the band To the delight of the comnany, Mr. Stuar Ford, a local farmer, left his work in the fields to come along and ring a very steadv tenor to a quarter of Doubles. This was his first ringing for about two years.

## THE 1965 SOUTH MIDLANDS PEAL WEEK

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.-At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul On Sat., July 10. 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes, A PEAL OF S125 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt . 10 lb . in E .

| Ivor Goulter | Treble | Edward R. Venn |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Peter J. Heritage | 2 | Cyril A. Wratten |
| Michael W. Coleman | 3 | Victor Griffin |
| Robert C. Kippin | 4 | Antony R. Kench |

Robert C. Kippin
Composed by R. F. B. Speed.
Antony R. Kench .. . . Tenor
Conducted by Robert C. Kippin the Guild.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.-At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sun., July 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5056 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt .1 qr .19 lb . in E.
Brian Bladon .. .. .. Treble Michael J. Hobbs
Edward R. Venn
Gillian M. Hussey
reble
Victor Griffin
Cyril A. Wratten
George E. Thoday .. . Tenor
Antony R. Kench . . Freebrey. Conducted by George E. Thoday. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, Oxfordshire.-At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., July 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb . in F sharp.
Robert C. Kippin
. Treble
*Gillian M. Hussey
Brian Bladon
Michael J. Hobbs
Composed by C. H. Hattersley.
+Edward R. Venn .. .. 5
$\dagger$ George T. Cousins Antony R. Kench
Peter Bridle
H. Hatter Conducted by Robert C Kippin


## HOOK NORTON. Oxfordshire.-At the Church of St. Peter.

 On Mon., July 12. 1965. in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJORIn five methods, being 1,056 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Rutland, and 960 cach of Yorkshire and Belgrave; with 68 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 20 cwt 2 qr .13 lb . in E
George T. Cousins
Gillian M. Hussey
Antony R. Kench
Cyril A. Wratten
Composed by P. G. $\dot{K}$. Davies.
Treble '
Victor Griffin D. John Hunt Robert C. Kippin . 5

Brian Bladon .. .. .. Tenor Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten. conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER \& BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION LYDNEY, Gloucestershire.-At the Church of St. Mary. On Tues.. July 13, 1965. in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 14 cwt .1 qr .12 lb . in $F$.

| *George T. Cousins | . Treble | *Antony | R. Kench | .. | .. | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\dagger+$ Michael J. Hobbs | .. | 2 | *Edward R. Venn | .. | . | 6 |

†Cyril A. Wratten *Peter *Peter Bridle
$\dagger$ D. John Hunt
29-course block reduced.
*Victor Griffin Tenor
Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
$\$ 100$ th tower for a peal. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association.

## CAERLEON, Monmouthsinire.-At the Church of St. Cadoc.

 On Wed.. July 14. 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,A PEAL OF 5152 NORTHILL SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 8 cwt .2 qr .1 lb . in B flat.

Composed by C. Middleton.
Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

## USK. Monmouthshire.-At the Church of St. Mary. <br> On Wed., July 14. 1965. in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey; with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor $14 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in $F$ sharp.


LECKHAMPTON, Gloucestershire.-At the Church of St. Peter On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5088 HEYTHROP SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt . in A flat.
George T. Cousins T. Treble| Edward R. Venn ... .. 5
Antony R. Kench .. .. 2 Robert C. Kippin .. .. Gillian M.
*Cyril A. Wratten .. .. 4 Michael J. Hobbs .. .. Tenor Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* 150th peal for the Association

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

NORTON. Gloucestershire.-At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Thurs.. July 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt .3 qr .14 lb . in F sharp.

## Michael J. Hobbs

Treble
George T. Cousins
Robert C. Kippin
Brian Bladon
Victor Griffin
Composed by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method on the bell
BADSEY, Worcestershire.-At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., July 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt .4 lb . in F .
George T. Cousins .. Treble| Cyril A. Wratten
Victor Griffin .. . . .. 2 Peter Bridle
*Michael J. Hobbs
Antony R. Kench
Brian Bladon
4 D. John Hunt .... Tenor
Composed by H. Poyner.

- 175,th peal. The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

NORTON, Worcestershire.-At the Church of St. Egwin. On Fri.. July 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 11 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 14 cwt. in $F$ sharp.
Peter Bridle
. Trebl
Brian Bladon
Michael J. Hobbs
Edward R. Venn
*Robert C. Kippin
Cyril A. Wratten
Composed by A. J. Pitman.

| 3 | D. John Hunt |
| :--- | :--- |
| 4 | Victor Griffin |

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin

BISHOPSTONE, Wiltshire.-At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5056 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR

Gillian M. Hussey Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb
D. John Hunt

Treble Cyril A. Wratten

| 2 | *Peter | Bridle |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3 | Victor | Griffin |

Brian Bladon
Victor Griffin .. 7
Michael J. Hobbs
Composed by C. Middleton.
Robert C. Kippin ... Tenor
Conducted by D. John Hunt peal of Surprise. The first peal in the method by all the band excep

In memoriam Frank Skidmore, died July 17th, 1960.
STRATTON ST, MARGARET, Wiltshire.-At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor $8 \mathrm{cwt} .1 \mathrm{qr}$.17 lb .


Composed by C. Middleton.
Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
First peal in the method on the bells.
SWINDON. Wiltshire.-At Christ Church.
On Sat.. July 17. 1965. in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.
Tenor 22 cw . 9 lb . in E flat

No. 3 Gersion.
Brian Bladon
Treble
Gillian M. Hussey
James R. Taylor
*Eric Sutton
Composed by R. W. Pipe
Conducted by John R. Mayne. tion. First peal of London Royal in the $\dagger 125$ th peal for the Associa-

* Cyril A. Wratten
* Victor Griffin
D. John Hunt 7 8 John R. Mayne 9
Robert C. Kippin Tenor tion. First peal of London Royal in the county.


## TOWER BELL PEALS

IHE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
HEYWOOD, Lancs.-At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., July 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 Var. of Thurstans'. Tegor 21 cwt .3 qr .9 lb . in E flat John P. Partington .. Treble Edward Jenkins J. Colin Ashworth

Cyril Crossthwaite Ivan Kay Geoffrey S. Mills Derek Butterworth Richard S. Starkie Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PITNEY, Somerset.-At the Church of St. John Baptist. On Sat., July 10, 1965 , in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents April Day and 15 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Thomas Bryant
Janet Crocker .. .. Treble Mrs. Dorothy Crocker .. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tenor } \\ & 7\end{aligned}$ ..... 2 Robert Parker Conducted by Francis J. White.
First peal in three methods by all the band. First peal on the bells. Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the fourth.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.-At Christ Church.
On Sat., May 1. 1965 , in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.
Harold C. Lonyon
Treble
Derek Yates
Basil Jones
Robert J. Warrilow
C. Kenneth Lewis

Tenor 23 cwt 2 qr .23 lb. John Worth Derek Butterworth William H. Dowse Alan McFall A. Peter Whitehead Tenor Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshiic.-At Chist Church.
On Sat., July 10, 1965. in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5000 PRIMROSE SURPRISE ROYAL Tenor 23 cwt .2 qr .23 lb .
William H. Dowse .. .. Treble Alexander J. Martin
Robert J. Warrilow

|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Robert B. Smith |

Derek Yates
John Worth
Alan McFall
A. Peter Whitehead ${ }^{\circ} \quad$. Tenor

Frank Osbaldiston
Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis
First peal in the method. Rung with a founth's place bob.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.-At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 24, 1965 in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

CHELFORD, Cheshire.-At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Mon.. June 14. 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,


## IHE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

THORPE-LE-SOKEN. Essex.-At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs. July 22 . 1965 , in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

## Being seven different callings. <br> callings.

- Peter Leach

Nsil V. Avis
$\dagger$ Robert Iscar
Tenor 9 cwt .

Tirt
Conducted by Peter G. Pitt.
Tenor

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

THE GLOUCESTER \& BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BRISTOL. At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.
On Thurs., July 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb . in $E$ flat.
Peter Bridle .. .. .. Treble James R. Taylor
Richard J. Bowden .. Alan Tubb
*Michael J. Hob
3
4
David J. Purnell
D. John Hunt Tenor Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 100th peal of Surprise Major.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. Malcolm M. Widdecombe and Miss A. M. Jones.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.-At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon. July 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 , each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative : with 127 changes
of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 23 cwt .3 qr. 8 lb in D .

| Edgar R. Rapley .. .. Treble | *Douglas A. R. May |
| :---: | :---: |
| C. Martin Press . . . 2 | Robert C. Kippin |
| *Stanley G. Ponting .. 3 | Derek E. Sibson |
| *Tom Page .. .. .. 4 | W. Leslie Weller |
| Composed by A. J. Pitman | Conducted by Derek E. Sibso |

Composed by A. J. Pitman.
In memoriam William T. Beeson.
EWELL, Surrey.-At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat.. July 24, 1965 , in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
(The "Cannon", peal).
*Martin Morris ... . Treble Peter J. Munday in
Richard E. Fentiman
$\dagger$ Sally Parrott
+Kevin Taber … ..
C. 4 David J. Herschell .. .. Tenor

Composed by Frank C. W. Knight. Conducted by David J. Herschell

* First peal. † First of Major "inside." $\ddagger$ First of Major.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Herts.-At the Church of St Mary.
On Tues., July 20. 1965. in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt .1 qr. 6 lb .
Richard G. Bell .. .. Treble *Walter G. Paul
Raymond G. Smith 2 +Leonard J North
Vernon Green
*Bernard E. Matthews
$\dagger$ Thomas H. Norris
George W. Debenham
Geoffrey W. Seaman
Tenor

## Composed by David E. Parsons (No. 5).

Conducted by George W. Debenham.

* First peal of Caters in the method. $\dagger$ First on ten bells.

Rung to celebrate the marraige of Rosemary Downward (daughter of the Vicar) to David Yarham, of Cromer, with the ringers' best wishes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ORMSKIRK. Lancs.-At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., July 17, 1965. in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Tenor 21 cwt . 1 qr. 26 lb . in E flat.
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { Derek Butterworth } & \text {. } & \text {.. Treble } & \text { Richard J. Parker } & \text {.. } & \text {.. } & 5 \\ \text { Margaret E. Fort } & \text {.. } & \text {. } & 2 & \text { Jeffrey Kershaw } & \text {.. } & \text {.. } & 6\end{array}$
J. Colin Ashworth .. .. 3 Cyril Crossthwaite .. .. 7 Edward Jenkins ..... 4 Tudor P. Edwards ..... Tenor Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SPALDING, Lincs.-At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas. On Sat.. July 17. 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR Tenor 15 cwt .1 qr .12 lb . in $F$.
Frank Taylor .. .. .. Treble Bernard B. Tyrrell
Norman B Fovargue .. 2 Denis Woods..
*Janet Hubbard .. .. 3 Edwin T. Chapman .. .. 7
Derek J. Jones ..... 4 | Maurice Bennett ... .. Tenor Comnosed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Edwin T. Chapman.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

Rung to mark the dedication and opening of the new Church Hall the previous evening.

BIGBY, Lincs.-At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., July 19, 1965, in 2 Hours 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGGE SURPRISE MINOR


Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by John Hall

* First peal of Surprise.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION bleanavon, Mon-At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat. July 17. 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

| Donald G. Clift | Trebl | Reuben S. Clench |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Donald G. Clarke | 2 | David Pike |  |
| Jacqueline S. King | 3 | David J. King | 7 |
| David J. Hughes | 4 | James L. Fitzge |  |

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by James L. Fitzgerald
First peal as conductor.
(and COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.)
ST. ATHAN, Glamorean.-At the Church of St. Tathan. On Sat.. July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 3 methods and 11 variations, being 3 extents in different callings each of St. Simon, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Litchurch, Seighford. Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps. Clifford's Pleasure, St. Davids, Litte Aston, Dedworth, Wychbold and Grandsire.

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\text { Tenor } 73 \mathrm{cwt} \text {. }
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| * $\dagger$ Paul Morgan | .. | Treble | Christopher Ricketts | .. | 4 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| * $\dagger$ Robert MacPherson | .. | 2 | Ellis N. Thomas | .. | . | 5 |

-David Barrington .. .. 3 Iolo Davies .. .. .. Tenor Conducted by Christopher Ricketts

- Most methods to a peal. $\dagger$ First of Doubles.

First on the bells since 1925. First peal for the Society.
(and COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.)
LLANBLETHIAN, Glamorgan.-At the Church of St. John.
On Wed., July 14. 1965. in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBI,ES
In 2 methods, being 22 extents of Plain Bob in 4 callings, and 20 of Grandsire in 10 callings.
Paul Morgan .. .. . Treb
David Barrington 3 W J Hewis Groom
Plain Bob conducted by tenor, Grandsire by 4.
A farewell peal to the Society's first Ringing Master, Ellis N. Thomas, on leaving school this day.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan-At the Church of St. Bridget. On Tues., July 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Miputes,
Being 2 extents Plain Bob, and one 240 and 38 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cWt .
Graham A. Evans (13) Treble

Harold Preece
D. R. Lynn Jones 2 William

Thomas F. Petty
Conducted by William T. Petty.

* Has now "circled the tower."

| MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. \& LONDON DIOCESAN GUIL |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| WICKENHAM. Middlesex.--At the Church of All Hallow On Saturday, July 17. 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes, |  |
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| PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS |  |
| Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb . in E flat. |  |
| Rosamund M. Rawlings Treble | Kenneth J. Darvill |
| Christopher H. Kogers . . 2 | C. Martin Press . . 7 |
| Hadley Hunter . . . 3 | Harold W. Rogers . . . 8 |
| Olive L. Rogers .. .. 4 | Alan R. Patterson .. 9 |
| *Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues | *Anne Horsford .. . . Tenor |
| Composed by A. S. Hudson | Conducted by C. H. Rogers. |
|  |  |

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PULHAM, ST. MARY, Norfolk.-At the Church of St. Mary the On Wed., July 21, 1965. in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes. A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

## Johnson's variation.

C. Frank W. Phillippo

William Clover
Treble
2
-Frank C. J. Arnold
David Heighton

Wilfred G. Saunders
+Robin Churchill
Henry Tooke
Leslie F. Bailey
Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. + First touch of Surprise Major. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

A compliment to Ernest Whiting of the local company on his 79th birthday the previous week.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.-At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., July 25 , 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Miputes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwit. 2 qr. 19 lb . in C .
Shelagh R. Collins
Sidney Marshall
Edward Howes Treble
qr. 19 lb . in C .

Edward Howes
Keith R. Davey .... $\quad \mathbf{3}$ Timothy G. Pett
Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Norman V. Harding.
Rung for the King's Lynn festival week

> SCOLE, Norfolk. - At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon.. July 12. 1965. in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents each called differently.
Harry B. Fuller .. . Treble Albert G. Harrison
Tenor $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Harry B. Fuller .. .. Treble Albert G. Harrison
Robin R. Churchill .. 2 †Charles R. Catchpole .. 5
*Frank C. J. Arnold .. 3 C. Frank W. Phillippo . . Tenor Conducted by C. Frank W. Philippo.

* 200th peal for the Association. $\dagger 50$ th peal for the Association.

Rung by members of the Southern Branch of the Association, being the first peal on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, Berkshire.-At the Church of St. Laurence. On Sat. July 17, 1965. in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor $23 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
Albert Diserens .. .. Treble | Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. 7
John N. Diserens .. .. 2 Brian J. Luff .. .. 8
*Frederick R. Scott .. 3 +David P. Hilling
J. Keith Ward .. .. 4 *Frank W. Lewis 9
$\dagger$ Patricia Diserens
Ronald F. Diserens
†Helen M. Diserens .. .. 6 Noel J. Diserens .. .. Tenor

* 50 th peal together. $\dagger$ First of Yorkshire Maximus.

Mr. G. K. Dodd's 400 th peal.
DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.-At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues.. July 20. 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
D. Kay Adkins .. .. Treble | Frederick R. Scott .. .. 5

Jennifer Sceeny $\quad$.. .. 2 Edward R. Venn .. .. 6
Anthony D. Sansom
J. Keith Ward

Alan R. Pink $\quad . \quad$ Tenor William Birmingham Composed by E. W. Tipler (D.8.). Conducted by Alan $\ddot{R}$. Pink.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Tioler, of Lutterworth, to mark their golden wedding anniversary (July 5th).

The first peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the treble and tenor ringers. Keith Ward's 100 th tower for a peal.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxfordshire.-At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., July 19. 1965. in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PFAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley. Surfleet. Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B.. St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt .
David Floyd
Roy H. Jones
. . Treble Peter G. Holden
James F. List
 2 D. Kay Adkins Conducted by D. Kay Adkins

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung as a 21 st birthday compliment to David Floyd.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PETERBOROUGH.-At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 10. 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Spliced Oxford and Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B.. St. Clement's, Single Oxford and two extents of Plain Bob. Geoff Davis .. .. .. Treble Bernard Branston .. .. 4
Wendy Daw .. .. .. 2 Roy W. Spencer .. .. 5

Gibert Conlin .. .. .. 3 Raymond Daw .. .. .. Tenor Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.
The ringer of the thira has "circled the tower."
Rung by a Sunday service band to commemorate the induction of
Rev. Philip Canwood to the living of this parish. Tenor 81 cwt .

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
GREETHAM, Rutland.-At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 24. 1965. in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 8 methods-(1) Double Bob; (2) Cambridge: (3) Single Oxford: (4) Oxford T.B. (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 104 cwt . Robert C. Woodward .. Treble Roger D. Bailey Derek J. Jones
J. Martin Thorley ... .. 3 E. Alan Jacques

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

## HODNETE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DNET. Shropshire.-At the Church of St. Luke.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
E. Marion Key

Remi M. Hodister
Ian Friend
Richard J. Warrilow
.Treble
2
3
4
mosed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 12 cwt 24 lb .
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
NETHERTON DUDLEY, Worcestershire.-At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon.. June 23. 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2.880 Yorkshire and 2,208 Lincolnshire with 56 changes of method. and all the work of both methods for every bell.
p:tstow's.
Philip R. Johnson
James Insley
J. William V. Conduct

Treble
2
3

Tenor 13 cwt 3 lb . in $F$ sharp. *Maurice G. Ingram *Paul McEvilly $\dagger$ Philip G. K. Davies Edward W. Colley 7 Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. $\dagger 100$ th peal of Surorise.

Believed to be the first peal rung in these two methods spliced.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

IPSWICH, Suffolk-At the Boys' Brigade H.Q. (St. Marv at the Quay). On Fri., July 16. 1965 . in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz:-Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B.. Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Robert E. Lester
r.

Treble
*Mrs. E. J. Lockw

- 2 Roger L. K. Whittell Frank B. Lufkin

Neville F. Whittell

Tenor Brian B. Hullah

## Conducted by Frank B, Lufkin.

* First peal in seven methods "nside."

A 90th birthday compiment to George E. Symonds, of Ipswich.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BEDDINGTON, Surrev.-At the Chirch of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat.. July 17. 1965 in 3 Hours and 5 minutes, A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt . 14 lb . in E flat.
William Hibbert ... .. Treble Roger F. Overington
Kathleen E. Chilcott
John W. T. Hibbert John Chilcott James Phillips John H. Crampion .. .. 9 Frank E. Darby . Tenor
Patricia J. Hibbert Frank E. Darby Conducted by John Chilcott.
Composed by David E. Parsons.


THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. SOUTHAMPTON.-At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat.. July 17. 1965. in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 43 lb . in F


David J. Forder
David E. House
. Tenor
Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 14).
Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

* First peal in the method. First neal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

A compliment to the Vicar. Canon K. W. H. Felstead. M.Sc., R.D., and Mrs. Felstead on the occasion of their silver wedding.

THF WORCESTERSHIRE \& DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
CLAINES, Worcestershire. At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat..July 17. 1965 , in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt .3 qr. 26 lb . in F sharo
Comoosed by Joseph J. Parker. Arranged by James E. Groves -Lawrence J. Haines . Treble Anthony P. White . . . 2 Raymond J. Adams ... 3 +Edward W. Colley Martin D. Fellows John C. Eisel
Reginald Woodyatt * First peal. first attempt. + First of G. Fellows.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson, of Claines, upon the occasion of their golden wedding.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BRADFORD. Yorkshire. - At the Cathedral.
On Sat.. July 17. 1965 . in 3 Hours 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor $25 \frac{3}{3} \mathrm{cwt}$
Frederick A. Munday .. Treble | Barry Sullivan .. .. .. 6
Harold B. Schofield $\quad . \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad$ J. Henry Fielden
Susan Jackson .. .. .. 3 Norman Chaddock
Roger Lumley
8
Mrs. H. B. Schofield Neil Donovan
Composed by William Pye
John N. D. Chaddock ... Tenor
Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
Rung to welcome David Guy, adopted son of Margaret and Roy Bettley-Cooke.
(and The SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.-At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues.. July 20. 1965 . in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS
Tenor $34 \frac{3}{3} \mathrm{cwt}$. in C sharp.
Tessa Hollis .. .. .. Treble Norman Chaddock .. .. 6
Elsie Chaddock .. .. 2 David G. French .. .. 7
J. Henry Fielden .. .. 3 John A. Harrison
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { John N. D. Chaddock } & . . & 4 & \text { Stuart Armeson } & \text {.. } & \text {.. } & 9\end{array}$
Neil Donovan ........ 5 Michael Meadows .... Tenor
First peal of Douhle Norwich Caters by all the band except 4 and 6.
A farewell to Michael Meadows, who is shortly moving to Guildford.
CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire-At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs.. July 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt .2 qr .20 lb . in G .
Graham C. Paul .....Treble| Charles E. Truman .. 5
Alan A. Paul .. .. .. 2 Harold B. Schofield
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 3 John A. Harrison .. .. 7
Roger W. Smith ... 4 Wilfrid F. Moreton ... Tenor
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

- (and THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

RAWMARSH. Yorkshire - At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs.. July 15. 1965. in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Elsie Chaddock .. .. Treble Michael Meadows
*Alan Howland $\quad .$.
John N. D. Chaddock
3 Neil Donovan
David G. French $\qquad$ 4
Norman Chaddock
Tenor
Composed by John E. Burton.
Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal. + First on 8 bells.

BATLEY. Yorkshire.-At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 24. 1965. in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes, A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 Oxford T.B., 2.160 each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.



Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.

* First peal. $\dagger$ First of Minor in 3 methods.

Rung by the local band as a farewell and congratulations to James Buckley who leaves after 10 years to become headmaster of a Grammar School in Ireland.

## HANDBELL PFAIS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
MARPLE, Cheshire.-At All Saints' Bell Tower. On Wed.. July 21. 1965. in 2 Hours and 20 Miputes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in $C$.
Alan McFall .. ...... 1-2 Giles B. Thomoson .. 5-6

Robert B. Smith .. .. 3-4 *Gerald Moorhouse .. 7-8
Comnosed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal for 35 years.

THE GLOUCESTER \& BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET. Wiltshire.-At 33. Bridge End Road.
On Thurs.. July 22. 1965, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PIAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.
*E. William Ford ... $1-2 \mid$ Brian Bladon
Anthony R. Peake (cond.) 5-6

* First peal on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WHEATHAMPSTEAD. Hertfordshire - At Wavside Cottage.
On Tues. July 6. 1965 , in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PFAI OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Bring seven different extents. $1-2 \mid$ Gerald Penney Tenor size 15 in $\mathbf{C}$. Sheila Brown
$1-2 \mid$ Gerald Penney
$3-4$
Roger D. R. Brown (cond.) 5-6.

ASTUN, BIRMINGHAM,-On July 25 th, 1.260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Petigrew 1, A. Burbidge 2, Miss C. Jennings 3, R. C. Ingram 4, R. Liggins 5, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 6, M. G. Ingram 7. B. Downie 8, D. T. Finnemore 9, D. R. Ingram 10 . First of $P$ ain Bob Royal 1, 3 and 5. For Evensong.
BATHFURD, BATH, SUMERSET.-On July 22 nd , 1.260 Doubles ( 6 methods): R. L. Coles 1, Shirley A. Cox 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3. T. W. Harris 4, J. E. Newman 5, A. Cannings 6. First in 6 methods for all except conductor. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Alice Sankey.
BATTERSEA, LUNDUN.-At the Church of St. Mary, on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Benn 1, R. J. Cooles 2, G. W. Shanks 3, Alison M. Mann 4, E. E. Dodds 5, A. R. Millidge 6, T. Lewis 7 M. J. Upinill (cond 150th quarter) 8. For Sir Walter Si. John's School, Battersea, Founder's Day. Also on July 9th, 1,200 Piaio Bob Miror: F. A. Benn 1, Jean Henderson (first Minor and first "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, N. O. Skeiton (first Minor "inside") 4. R. J. Cooles 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6.
CHARLWOUD, SURREY.-On July 7th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Diane Wickens (first quarter) 1, Carol Wickens 2, D. Nicholson 3, I. Wickens (cond.) 4, G. Wickens 5. Also on July 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Wickens 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, I. Wickens (cond.) 4, J. Ede 5. G. Wickens 6.
EPSUM.-At St. Martin's, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Aronson (first quarter) 1 , Adrienne Gibson 2, Sally Parrott 3, Sally M. Hooper 4. R. D. Mills 5, L. D. Kingswood 6, J. C. Davidge (cond.) 7. J. B. Helder 8. A farewell to Sue Aronson, leaving for Perth, Ausiraia; and for Rev. M. R. Hawes (leaving for a chaplaincy in the R.A.F.), and his wife. Also for the engagement of Anne Deverell, member of hocal band.
EPWURTH, LINCS.-On July 25ib, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Bains 1, W. Bains 2, M. A. Rose 3. M. Lings 4, J. F. Underwood 5, P. North 6, H. Judd (cond.) 7, E. Golland 8. Rung for the Isle of Axholme Rural District Council civic service.
ESSENDON, HERTS.-On July 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Petitt 1, Stephanie Green (first "inside") 2, Eileen Maskell 3, Susan Farnes 4, Paula Healing 5, M. J. Sherrick (cond.) 6.
HAWKLEY, HANTS.-On July $25 \mathrm{hh}, 1,260$ Plain Bob Minor (Tenor cover): Rosemary Walton 1, K. Sansom 2, D. Hughes 3, Lesley Read 4, K. Tipper 5 . B. Walton (cond.) 6, D. Port 7. Rung for the centenary of the consecration of this church.
HURRINGER, SUFFULK.-On July $25 \mathrm{th}, 1,260$ Plain Bob Minor: F. H. Cooper 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, Winifred M. Ivings 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, H Ivings 5. M. J. Rose 6. For Deanery Service.
LANCHESTER, CU. DURHAM.-On May 30th, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Jackson 1. Miss L. Moore 2, J. Tonks 3, A. Walker 4, D. Appleton 5. H. P. Thompson 6. Jointly conducted by 4 and 5. Also on June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Whaley (first quarter) 1, A. Walker 2, Miss L. Moore 3, R. Jackson 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5 , 1. Tonks 6. Also on July 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Thompson (first quarter) 1, J. Thomson 2, H. P. Thompson 3. R. Jackson 4, A. Walker (cond.) 5, J. Tonks 6. All for Evensong.

LANE END, BUCKS.-On July 17th, 1,260 Minos (Plain Bob and St. Clement's): C. Meakes 1, C. Hagger 2. K. Seymour 3, S. Smith 4, W. Avery 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6. First in two Minor methods, 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the wedding of Brian Hawkins and Anne Edwards.
LAVERSTUKE, HANTS.-On July 19th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): W. J. Marlow 1, R. Christine Hassell 2, Kay Winterbourne 3. M. S. Holbrook 4, Canon F. A. Sanders 5, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 6.
LECKHAMPTUN, GLOS.-On July 11th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: A. Spence 1, C. Wratten 2, T. Newman 3, T. Stevens 4, D. Newcombe 5, W. Farmer (cond.) 6, T. Boreham 7, H. Harrison 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

MOURLINCH, SOMERSET.-On July 22nd, 1,440 Single Court Minor: M. Stone 1, Audrey Short (first "inside" in method) 2, R. Short 3. W. Stevens 4, G. Davis (first in method) 5, C. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 6.
NEWPURT, MON.-At the Cathedral on July 20th, 1.260 Doubles ( 3 methods): R. Palframan (first quarter) 1. G. Wilkinson 2, D. Pike 3, D. Phillips 4. C. Bainham (cond.) 5. Rung on the front 6 ive.

## QUARTEK PEALS

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.-On July 7th, 1,280 SDliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major: J. Bryant 1, Mrs. R. Niblett 2, D. Niblett 3, J. J. Fox 4, V. Nutton 5, J. H. Fielden 6, R. G. Corby 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8. First of Spliced Surprise 2, 4 and 7.
PENDLEBURY, LANCS.-On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thornley 1, T. Hobson 2, K. Smetnills (first quarter) 3, H. Smethills 4, N. Tompkins (cund.) 5, A. Lomas 6, C. Cooper 7. H. Stuttard 8. To congratulate Peter Crook, of Holy Trinity Church Bulton, on bis 80th birthday.
PERSHURE, WURCS.-On Juiy 18ih, 1,260 Grandsire Iriples: R. G. Bateman 1, J. Attwood Jun. 2, A. E. Collett 3, A. C. Berry (cond.) 4, P. Robinson 5 , M. 1. Boskett 6, I. Lloyd 7, E. W. Bick 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Dr. P. C. Moore, Vicar of Pershore, and Miss M. Matcolm, on their recent wedding. Also on July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): A. C. Berry (cond.) 1. J. Atwood Jun. 2, A. E. Collet 3, R. G. Bateman 4, A. Grinnall 5, A. M. Amphett (first quarter) 6.
PETHAM, KEN1:-On June 19th, 1,280 Plain Boi Doubles: Elizabeth Sargeant 1, Rachel Sinden 2, J. M. Elaine Dixon 3, D. Cox 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, Joan Rarrett (first quarter) 6. Rung by Christ Church College Society as a farewell to Miss J. M. Elaine Dixon, former ringing master of the society.
PURTSEA, HANIS.-At St. Mary's Church on July 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. J. Gammon 1, Mrs. S. K. M. Baldwin 2. A. Page 3. A. Burbidge 4, T. R. Taylor 5. W. Cope 6,
Duguid 7. R. Baldwin (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RUCKWELL GREEN, SUMERSET.-On July 18ib. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. R. Chick (cond.) 1, C. Webber 2, Miss F. M. Hartley 3, D. Pike 4, A. Cooke 5, F. Taylor 6. To celebrate the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. Chick.
RUMNEY, MON-On July 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Phillips (first quarter) 1, Rev. R. C.
Lucas 2, Christine Glastonbury 3, D. G. Clarke 4, Lucas 2, Christine Glastonbury 3, D. G. Clarke 4,
N. W. H. Simon 5, C. J. Aldridge first in method as cond.) 6.
ST. HELENS, LANCS.-On July 24th, at the Church of St. Thomas, Eccleston, 1.260 Stedman Triples: Barbara Davies 1, I. W. Hesketh (cond.) 2, J. Dunbavin 3, J. N. Brown 4, E. C. Birkett 5, J. Robinson 6. D. Simpson 7. J. Hedgcock 8. A compliment to Miss Ann maned prior to the attempt and as a fareMe:l before leaving for Alberta, Canada.
SEMLEY, WILTS.-On July 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mussel 1, Helen A. Hobbins 2, R. T. Jones 3, R. Haines (cond.) 4, W. A. Theobald 5 , R. N. Marlowe 6.

SHALFURD, SURREY.-On July 20th, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: Diana Street 1, Rhoda Housden 2, D J. White 3. Rosemary Weal 4, F. W. Housden S, T. Wellen 6. Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 7, J. H. Payton 8. First of Major 4. 6 and 8.
SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.-On July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. E. Randall 1, Betty Daysh 2, M. Laborda (first in four methods) 3, R. Green (cond.) 4, P. Pase 5, F. Abrahams 6.
STEEP. HANTS.-On July $24 \mathrm{th}, 1,260$ Doubles ( 5 methods): K. Tipper 1, Lesley Read 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3. D. Hughes 4, A. Reeves 5, Jane Walker 6. For Belinda and Jane Triggs, Ketllebrook Cottage, Steep. Born Sunday, July 11th.
STULRBRIDGE, WURCS.-At St. Thomas's Church on July 18th, 1.280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. H. Watson 1, F. J. Vallender 2, G. Westwood 3, J. Warr 4, W. H. Cooper 5, M. J. Fellows 6, J. C.
Eisel 7. M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. By the local band Eisel 7. M. D.
STRATTUN, CURNWALL.-On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, Gladys Bishop (first "inside") 2, H. Heard 3, H. Trewin 4, C. Bishop 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, G. Halford 8. Rung for Capt. and Mrs. Cardale on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.
STREATHAM, LUNDUN.-AI Immanuel Church, on July 19th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: W. Parrott 1, R. Stevens (cond.) 2, K. Taber 3, C, Barnes $4, \mathbf{N}$. Bagworth 5, D. Herschell 6, M. Uphill 7. D. Kirkaldy (first quarter) 8. A compliment to D. Kirkaldy who is leaving for Brighton.
SWINDUN, WILTSHIRE.-At Christ Church on July 1lth. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: $R$. Hulme (first of Tribles) 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, M. Scowen 4, W. Merritt 5, P. Minchin 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7. P. Spackman 8. For Evensong.

TENTERDEN, KENT.-On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Nailor (first quarter) 1, Mary Maynell 2, M. French 3. Violet Relf (cond.) 4, W. Tickner 5, R. Weeks (first quarter) 6. For the Confirmation by the Bishop of Dover of ringers of 1,3 and 6 beils.

THRYBERGH, YURKS. On Juiy 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Margaret Donovan (first quaner) 2, F. Brunt (first quarter on 5) 3, Penelope Smith (first quarter) 4. John A. Harrison (cond.) 5.
TRENT, DURSET.-On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. R. Coward 1, T. E. Marks 2, D. S. Beaufoy (cond.) 3, T. Look 4, T. J. Setters 5, T. A. Cross 6.
TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.-On July 114h, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Hawkins (Orss on ireble) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, J. H. Thompson (first "inside") 3, R. L. Coles 4, I. P. Cox 5. Shirlev A. Cox 6. For Evensong. Also on July 25th, 1,260 Doubles 7.6, 8, covering ( 5 methods): J. H. Thompson 1. Shirley A. Cox 2, A. F. Lee (cond. 200th quarter) 3. J. R. Hobbs 4, I. P. Cox 5, R. L. Coles 6, M. J. Hawkins 7, D. F. Jefferies 8. First in five methods for all except 3 and 4. A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Lee, parents of conductor.
TWYFURD, BERKS.-On July 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Smith (first of Major) 1. B. Castle 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, M. Smith 4, R. Rivers 5 , D. Theedom 6, G. Harvey 7, H. Smith (cond.) 8 . In thanksgiving for the gift of a son (Timothy Michael) to Enid and Geoff Harvey.

Warwick.-At St. Mary's Church, on July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. D. Randall 1, P. C. Randa!l 2. Clare Dolphin 3, Christine Smith 4, J. Susan Smith 5, Gillian Browne 6, G. W. Randall 7. E. J. Gower (cond.) 8, E. Holdsworth 9, J. L. GarnerHayward 10. First of Royal 1. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Rung by the St . Nicholas Church band for a combined service for all the Anglican churches in Warwick.

WENDENS AMBU, ESSEX.-On July 22nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline M. Pye ( $12 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$ years, frst quarter) I. B. Couzens 2, J, Negus 3. W. E. Pye 4. 1. Byat 5, E, W. Pye (cond.) 6.

WEST DEEPING, LINCS.-On July 19th, 1,296 Soliced Surprise Minor ( 720 Cambridge and Primrose and 576 Cambridge): C. Black 1, C. T. H. Bradley 2, J. Reeson 3. C. Wade (cond.) 4. R. Wetenhall L. Blanchard 6 .

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.-On July 15th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Binsted 1. Kathleen Rivett 2, L. Tapp 3, P. Fox 4. A. Baldock (cond.) 5, J. Evans
6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. H. Coulthurst. Vicar, who died July 9th.
WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.-On July 25ih, 1.260 Grandsire Tridles: Gwen Chinnery 1, Jean Warner 2. H. Colcombe 3. C. M. Chinnery 4, J. J. Bailey 5 , A. J. Luxford 6, P. J. King (oond.) 7, J. David (first Triples) 8. For the patronal festival.
WHITBY, YURKS.-On July 17th, 1.440 Plain Bob Minor with cover: Janet Walker 1. M. Pickup (first quarter) 2, A. King 3, W. Hudson 4, S. Wright 5. M. King (cond.) 6. E. P. King 8. Rung on the back

WIMBLEDUN, SURREY.- On July 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Margie Ness 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2. D. Cocke 3, Elizabeth Zass 4, A. Knights 5, Hilary Johnson 6, A. Bagworth 7, M. Bangham (cond.) 8. Also on July 25 th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Cocke 1. Eiizabeth Zass (first in method) 2 . Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, M. Bangham (cond.) 5. Hilary Johnson 6.
WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.-On June 28th 1,260 Oxford and Plain Bob: K. Walpole 1, A. Wilby 2, M. Sherrick (has "circled tower" to quarters) 3, Gillian Brearley 4, M. Bew 5, F. Ellis (cond.)
WILLESBURUUGH, KENT.-On July 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob: J. C. Hillis 1, Miss R. Gower 2. P. Richardson 3, B. Johnson (first in the method) 4 , W. P. Garner 5, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 6. For Evensong.
WITNEY, OXUN.-On July 11th, 1.280 Cambridge Surprise Major:-L. T. Oliffe 1. T. J. Hester 2. D. K. Adkins (cond.) 3, P. G. Holden 4, P. Pearce 5 P. Becdie 6, B. W. Hall 7. B. J. Coggins 8.
To mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. To mark
WRINGTUN, SUMERSET.-On July 23rd, 1.277 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Knight 1, H. Yeates 2, Mrs. Ruth Ball 3, E. T. Lee 4, Mrs. H. Kingcott 5, A. Ferris 6, A. E. Cox 7, S. G. Smith 8, W. H. Kingcott 9, J. Baker 10. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Cunning, member of the band since 1911.

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## BIRTHS

BORDER. - On July 27th, 1965, at 18, Frobisher Road, Coventry, to Ruth (née Jackson) and Peter Border, a son (John James Peter), a brother for Helen and Janet. 7324

COBB.-To Sally and Don, of Waltham Abbey, Essex, on August 1st, 1965, a son, Richard Edward.

## ENGAGEMENTS

ALLEN-FOLLIS.-The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen, of Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, and Cynthia, elder daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Follis, of Little Aston Vicarage, Sutton Coldfield. 7308
LEE-MURCOTT. - The engagement is announced between Frank Lee, of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lee, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Elaine, daughter of Mrs. 1. M. Murcott, of Whitley Bay, Northumberland, and of the late Mr. G. E. Murcott.

MEW-GASSON.-The engagement is announced between Christopher Frank, only son of Mrs. K. M. Mew, of Putney, London, and Lesley Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Gasson, of Goring-by-Sea, Sussex. 7343

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

KIMBER - LAVENDER. - The marriage between Stewart F. Kimber and Jean L. Lavender will take place at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, August 7th at 12 noon. Future address: 112, Nightingale Road, Carshalton, Surrey.

## RETURN THANKS

CAWLEY. - Mr. David Cawley sends greetings and grateful thanks to all those Norfolk ringers who made his stay so enjoyable, particularly those at King's Lynn and Gaywood.

STENSON.-Our grateful thanks to all for the many congratulations and good wishes on our galden wedding day; especially the Editor, "The Ringing World," and staff, and the Railwaymen's Guild.-Frank and Ada.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ASTRIDGE.-The address of Derek and Marilyn Astridge is now 53, Holmwood Drive, Church Farm Estate, Meanwood, Leeds 6. Ringing friends weicome.

FOSTER. - The address of G. E. Foster, late of Southwell, is now 53, Coxwell Road, Plumstead, S.E. 18.

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## PERSONAL

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect towards him." II Chronicles, xvi, 9.

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Church Stretton bells are not available for August 14th. Efforts to obtain another tower have also been unsuccessful, therefore no meeting on that date.-E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7346
SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.-Oswy Street Cup contest will be at Rampton, Notts ( $9 \frac{1}{2}$ cwt.) on September 11 th, commencing at 3 p.m. Entries and names for tea to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts.
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## MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Warwick Archdeaconry District.-The next meeting will be held on August 7th. Whichford bells 3 to 5; Long Compton bells 6 to 8 . There will be no service. There will be a room available for our use at Whichford, in which anybody who brings the equipment may make their own tea. Food may be eaten here as well.-P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec.
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Ely District.-Meeting, Saturday, August 7th, at Histon. Beils (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Rampton bells (5) after tea. 7300
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. - Joint meeting, North Nibley and Stinchcombe, August 7th. Ringing North Nibley from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m.; Stinchcombe 4 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 at Stinchcombe. Tea 5 o'clock Stinchcombe. Names for tea to R. Bennett, 8, Chapel Street, Cam, near Dursley, Glos.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Watford District. - Meeting, August 7th, Abbots Langley, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Langleybury. Names for tea to Miss B. Harris, 34, Abbots Road, Abbots Lang-ley.-G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec.
LADIES' GUILD.-Kent Branch.-Meeting at Burmarsh, Saturday, August 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. Wratten, Marshlands Farm, West Hythe, Kent.-S. M. D.
LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD-Southern Branch.-Quarterly meeting, Heydour, on Saturday, August 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting in church. Bring your own teas.-F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. S. and W. District.-Ringing meeting, Saturday, August 7th, Stanwell (6) 3-4 p.m. East Bedfont (6) 3.30-4.30 p.m. ; Feltham (io) 67.30 p.m. Tea at East Bedfont. - W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7248
SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETYNext meeting, South Anston, August 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.-J. Seager.

SUFFOLK GUILD. - N.E. District. Quarterly meeting at Peasenhall (6) on Saturday, August 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Swan Inn, Peasenhall. Yoxford bells (6) also available 2.30-4 p.m. and during evening.-T. N. J.B.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division--Quarterly meeting, Fairwarp (8), Saturday, August 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Pienic tea.-Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. - Western District. Practice meeting, Corston (8), Monday, August 9th. Bells available $7.30-9$ p.m. -M de Jong.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.Taunton Branch. - Correction. - Practice meeting, Saturday, August 14th, Hillfarrance, 6.30-8 p.m. ; Oake, $8-9$ p.m.-A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District. - An evening meeting, Potton, Saturday, August 14th. Bells (6) from 5.30 p.m. Come and encourage this young band.-K. Fleming, Dis. Sec.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Chesterfield and Peak Districts.-Joint meeting at Ashover (8) on August 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Miss E. Revell, The Barley Close, Ashover, near Chesterfield, by previous Wednesday. Special methods: Gainsborough Little and Ashbourne College Bob Major. - M Phipps and Mrs. G. Richardson, Hon. Secs.

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EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.-Meeting on Saturday, August 14th, at Downe (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing $6.30-8.30$ p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. Names, please, to the secretary for Guild annual outing to be held on October 9th.

ELY DIOCESAN and ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS (Cambridge and North-Western Dis-tricts).-Joint meeting, Saturday, August 14th, at Great Chishill and Heydon. Great Chishill (5) 3-5 p.m. Service Heydon, 5 p.m. Tea Heydon Church School 5.30 p.m. Heydon (5) 6-8 p.m. No business meetings. B. D. Threlfall and G. Blake, Dis. Secs. 7336

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIA-TION.-Swindon Branch.-Meeting at South Marston on August 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50 , Eastcott Road, Swindon. Tel. $6824 . \quad 7335$
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Western District. - Redbourn, August 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Furness and Lake District Branch.-Meeting at Flookburgh on Saturday, August 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Edgar Holker, Grange-over-Sands.-T. F. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec. 7306
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Rochdale Branch -Joint meeting with Rossendale Branch on Saturday, August 14th, at Whitworth. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.-G. Cheetham. 7328 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Preston Branch.-Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, August 14th. Please bring own food. A. 6 Road, alight Chorley Road traffic lights.-L. Walmsley.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GULD (Syston District) and SHERWOOD YOUTHS -Joint meeting at Mountsorrel, Saturday, August 14th. Ringing 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. V. Harrald, 15, Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, by Wednesday, August 11 th. - M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - South Oxon Branch. - Quarterly meeting, Warborough, Saturday, August 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Absolom, Beverly, Warborough, Oxon. 7341

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. Culworth Branch.-Practice meeting, Boddington, Saturday, August 14th, 6.30 till 9 p.m.-A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 7332 Meeting, Lyneham (6), August 14th. Usual times. Special metbods after tea: Double Court and London. Names for tea.-F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham.- W. Hacker.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. ${ }^{7320}$ Bingham District. - Meeting at Whatton on August 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 . Names for tea to W. L. Exton, Si. Ouen's, Whatton, by previous Wednesday.-R. Blackshaw. 7333
SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. - N. Notts District. - Meeting at E. Markham on
August 14 th.
Names for tea to H. Poyner, 9 , Richmond Road, Retford, by Thursday, 12th, at latest.
SUFFOLK GUILD.-North West District.Practice meeting at Euston (5), Saturday, August 14th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m. A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - (6) on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available at 3.30 and after tea. Service at 4.30 , followed by tea at 5 oclock. Please notify for tea to: R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) \& BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. Joint meeting, Rotherham, August
available:
14th. Bells (8) $3-4.45$, Parish Church (10) $6.30-9$. Tea in the Rotherham Co-operative Society Restaurant, Westgate, 5 p.m. Important that names be sent to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10 , Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3 , by Thursday, 12 th, -J. W. Buxton and M. King.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. --

 Northampton Branch.-Business meeting at Harlestone on Saturday, August 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, $\begin{array}{r}\text { by } \\ 7322\end{array}$ Tuesday previous.SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. Southern District. - Meeting, Gorseinon, on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to: J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea. 7310

CUMPTUN BISHUP, SUM.-On July 15th, 1,440 Minor (Double Oxford; St. Clement's. London); H. Hooper 1, Miss M. Legg 2, M. Bartlett 3, E. T. Skidsey 4. A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, G. Prescott 6.

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followed by tea at 5.15 .
Shrewsbury, St. Mary (10) $7.00-8.00$
Shrewsbury, St. Chad (12) 8.00-9.0n Inquiries and reservations for tea-high. middle or low-should be sent to me at 18, Ferrers Road. Oswestry (Tel. 2744). Last minute bookings are possible, but the fate of the foolish virgins should not be forgotten. Visitors and non-resident life members especially welcome ! Roger B. Morris, Ringing Master. $\begin{array}{r}7327\end{array}$

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ASSOCIATION.-Wisbech Branch.Meeting, Emneth, Saturday, August 14th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (own food); cups of tea provided.-J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7349 Guilsborough Branch. - Meeting, Kelmarsh, Saturday, August 14th. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45 , Station Road, Long
Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous.
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HAMPTUN, MIDDX.-On July 11 th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Lawrence 1. C. Reader (first "inside") 2. Hilary Essen 3. Lesley Essen 4, Alison Wyllie 5. W. S. Deason (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

## UP AND AROUND THE POLDEN HILLS

WHEN the perpetrators of a tour (Mr. J. July C. Sawtell and Mr. K. C. Jones) on borough, the first tower of the day, the heavy six were already ringing. This was left to the enthusiasts from Dorset, who were quick to assure the latecomers there that before their arrival there had been some good ringing.
However, they were made to pay heavily for their sins by being required to assist in raising the rather difficult 19 cwt. six at Butleigh, where the story of the man who pulled the wheel off a bell was nearly capped when the strenuous efforts of the gentleman raising the four almost caused the tower to be burnt down. The rope was apparently bearing on a beam, resulting in clouds of smoke and a strong smell of scorched hemp filling the tower. He was persuaded to cease the attempted felony, the rope released and the bell raised without further trouble.
In Walston's unusual little tower, west of Street, it was it was found that the boiler seemingly takes precedence over ringingsome might add that its musical qualities may also be superior to those of the bells! Mr Prime greeted us at Ashcott (a splendid ring on which some London was performed) and where we chatted over the churchyard wall with the driver of a milk lorry, who proved to be none other than the captain of Cossington tower.

Shapwick has another Prime tower : here he is with true missionary zeal teaching a young band, and yet gallantly bore with us for another 30 minutes' ringing before we ascended the Polden Hills-all 200 feet of them-to eat our sandwiches in a hayfield overlooking Kingsedgemoor, which, in 1685 , although none perhaps realised it, was the scene of the last battle on English soil.
Woolavington tower has recently become embarrassed by the lack of a floor-at least, a secure one-in its ringing chamber, and the Rector of Cossington kindly offered, us the use of his bells for an hour, and thus we returned the favour by ringing for his church fete. John Hall and Gillian Webb ioined us here, incidentally providing transport for Graham Nabb of this tower, who put the tour to good use.
Despite the occasional explosions from the nearby Ordnance factory, the bells of Puriton appear unharmed and provided some pleasant ringing. The five of St. John's. Pawlett, lay across the $\mathbf{A} .38$ and while it did not prove necessary to use our emergency plan of crossing on foot, the vehicular crossing was a little prolonged. Retracing our steps over this holiday artery we came to the four at Bawdrip, with its cathedral-like approach above the nave. Now south of the Poldens, whose extremities had been followed all day, we arrived at Chedzoy, pronounced, the Rector assured us. as he exnlained the village's ancient candle auction. Chedree. After a brief tea break we climbed to the 18 cwt . six of Moorlineh, where Ross and Judith Robertson were able to renew acquaintance with the Rector, late of Kineswond, Surrev. Once again we welcomed Mr. Prime, now joined by his wife, who could not resist joining the party for this and the final tower.

## SALISBURY DINCFSAN GUILD

## Marlborough Branch

In the absence on holiday of both the chairman of the Marlborough Branch Mr. G. Newman) and the Ringing Master (the Rev. R. Keeley), the conduct of the affairs at the Ogbournes on July 24th was in the capable hands of Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary) The mellow five at Ogbourne St. Andrew were rung in the afternoon before the Guild service conducted by the Rev. H. Dunn. A splendid tea was served at Ogbourne St George and good use was made of the heavy five with its short draught in the tower bv those not lured away by the church fete and flower show. Visitors were welcomed from Reading, Blackwell (Som.). Liss, Alton, Hambledon (Hants) and South Cerney. W. A. E.

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