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WHERE HAVE ALL THE RINGERS GONE?

AS A FREQUENT visitor to parts of the South and West of England I have for some years become increasingly alarmed at the number of country towers where bells exist and where too few ringers, sometimes none at all, are available.

I have found that strong bands are relatively few and far between and quite often where they do exist there is an air of complacency about the condition of the Exercise outside. Most towers with ringers do have their own problems and tend to remain in a bubble of security—until the bubble bursts, when members leave the district, etc., and they are left floundering.

To give them their due the strongholds of ringing are doing an excellent job in keeping the Exercise alive, for from them spring the up and coming youngsters lucky enough to live in their locality. Peal bands move around the country and their hard-won efforts towards the efficiency and progress of the art are without doubt invaluable.

But is this effort, seemingly concentrated in isolated pockets, to be enough to keep the Exercise alive in the next five or ten decades? Are the strongholds holding their own and are the peal bands increasing in numbers with their records? Are Associations aware of, or deaf to, the often voiced fact that there are hundreds of towers where no bands exist, where efforts to recruit youngsters have tired (in some cases leaving only faded excuses and enough ex-ringers in the village to raise two bands).

Would it be wishful thinking to hope that one day the towers and the strongholds could call upon the local villages for help when required? It would appear it is at present the reverse where there are country bands.

I have often asked and been asked, "Where have all the ringers gone?" The popular answer is that they go to the towns for jobs, or marry and leave. A village, they say, is no place for a youngster nowadays. Comment too often heard but on a recent visit to Gloucester I was shown that this is not always so, that against many odds one tower contained enough enthusiasm in sufficient strength to conquer any lack of knowledge.

Twenty or more youngsters, all local, aged 10 to 20 maybe, all struggling to gain the knowledge, the elementary rudiments half of us have forgotten we once learnt, held together by their mutual aim to become good ringers and in the charge of a young man not long himself a ringer (and the first to admit his limitations), but having a grasp on matters which many lack.

Amazed by the progress this band had made in a very short time I was shortly disappointed to learn that their captain for reasons of work and study was soon to leave the area with no member of his company properly apprenticed to take his place. This, I then thought, is the usual state of things. A key man leaves and the remainder of the band folds up. The bitter pill after months of hard work. But no! Here they are to seek outside help and I am sure that if the enthusiasm rubs off they will succeed. There were no signs of giving up and I have little doubt that ringers nearby will give some time to this flourishing village band. For here on the edge of the Cotswolds lies the spirit of the early pioneers and I for one, and I think I speak for many, seriously feel that that spirit should not be allowed to die for the want of knowledge.

I came away from their practice (call changes and plain courses of Grandsire Doubles) wondering how much would the ordinary ringer give in time and effort if many more country bands were started like this. Are there many more similar bands now? If this is happening in Gloucestershire why not? I began to

think that this example, and any others, should be known throughout the country.

Bands at the start of things need encouragement and instruction until they are on their feet. They need to be set an example by the established bands and the Exercise generally.

Much criticism is found in these pages and valuable stuff it is, but let us also read of the deeds of these less proficient but worthy efforts of the enthusiastic learners. They may not have heard of "The Ringing World" but they will if they are shown that they are mentioned by an appreciative neighbour. Branches, bring out your bands of learners, let them know that they are not alone.

We shall then indeed know where the ringers are and perhaps many more besides!

S. G. S.

VENTURE IN THE SOUTH WEST

"Carbis Bay, Saturday, August 6th, 1966. Practice number eleven. For the second time in Penzance Branch territory. About 16 for tea from Kea, Truro, Constantine, Redruth, Lelant, Crowan and Carbis Bay. Several visitors and much ground covered: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles; Kent, Oxford and London Minor; Grandsire and Stedman Triples; Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Caters. First ten bell course and first of London under the auspices of the MRP's." Thus runs the official record (abridged) of the ringing on August 6th.

Method ringing practices in the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild have been held on many occasions and eventually came under the auspices of the Branch on October 24th, 1964, at the autumn Branch festival at Probus when the present regime of Mrs. Kathleen N. Mossop, of Constantine, and Mr. Anthony J. Davidson, of Truro, was approved and they were elected convener and Method Ringing Master respectively. Practices have been held three times a year, usually at a six bell tower in March and November, and at an eight in July when attendances are greater—due to a large extent to advertising in "The Ringing World."

The object has been to enable ringers to advance beyond the capabilities of their home towers. The keen ringer from a call change tower comes to practise his Doubles and the ringer from a tower where Grandsire Doubles is the highest achievement comes to get his Plain Bob and so on. Often a quarter peal is attempted at the end of the practice.

We are very grateful to the Rev. Jack Jose, the Branch chairman, not only for making his bells at Perranarworthal available, but also for his hospitality in placing the ecclesiastical lounge and television at our disposal. These were much appreciated in the early days, five years or so ago, when Grandsire Doubles was almost all we rang and enthusiasm was not quite what it is now. However, perseverance has paid off and since then we have held practices at eight different towers, nearly all of which are represented at the MRP's. Naturally at the six bell practices, when attendance is only by the faithful, concentration is on the less glamorous methods and that is probably when the most useful work is done. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent are rung regularly and the more experienced have an opportunity to conduct. At the present time method ringing is very much on the increase in Cornwall and very rarely is Surprise not rung on some practice night or other each week.

Testimony to the conscientiousness of the MRP supporters is borne out by the fact that Mrs. Mossop now no longer confirms by post the date and place of the next practice; it suffices to say: "Watch your 'Ringing World.'"

A. J. D.

GREATER LONDON PEALS

Middlesex Against Change in Recording

UPON receipt of Mr. Donald E. Cobb's letter suggesting that peals should be recorded giving the name of borough, county, dedication, locality: "Waltham Forest, London.—At the Church of St. Mary, Walthamstow," the Editor wrote to the hon. secretaries of five territorial Associations operating in Greater London desiring not to take action that would be contrary to local opinion.

Mr. T. J. Lock, secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, writes:—

"In reply to your letter dated August 16th regarding titles in the setting out in print of peals rung in the area of this Association, I had the opportunity of putting the matter to the meeting of the N. and E. District at Harrow on Saturday last.

"Not one vote was cast in favour of your suggestion, and the members sincerely hope that you will take no steps to adopt it. The main objection is that we are a body of Church bellringers and 'Diocesan Guild' is in our title. The Diocesan boundaries have not been altered, and London has become 'Greater' purely for administration. We have no desire to be affected by this, but your suggestion has a leaning in that direction, because the suggestion would not have been made if the administration had not changed from L.C.C.

"The word 'Middlesex' is dropped only by the administration. The Post Office, all descriptions of clubs, agencies and associations, etc., are retaining 'Middlesex,' and we wish to. Your suggestion omits the word, and we do not favour it. How much farther removed could Kilburn be than by your proposed description: 'City of Westminster, London.—At the Church of St. Augustine, Paddington'?"

"The meeting could see nothing constructive in your suggestion, not even from any point of view, and apart from serving no useful purpose it would be unpopular, unhelpful and misleading and, to 'Middlesex' members, irritating. After the recent Central Council meeting at Bath it was anticipated that all efforts would go towards improving 'The Ringing World,' and by its greater appeal be a means to increased circulation—we feel your efforts are being misdirected, as we know that there would be no larger sales of the paper if your suggestion were to be adopted."

A Surrey Point of View

Mr. William Parrott, general secretary of the Surrey Association, writes:—

"Thank you for your letter dated August 16th. Your approach to consider the opinion of the Surrey Association is appreciated. We do not have a meeting of the committee until October, so I cannot put the matter before them until then, but my personal opinion is that I can see nothing much against the idea from a practical point of view, and would not object if you decided to change. However, there are a number of theoretical points which deserve your attention and which perhaps the proposer has overlooked.

"In the past, towers have been given their geographical location and administrative boundaries have been ignored. Would the expression 'postal addresses' be more understandable? If you are going to change to administrative descriptions for London why not the rest of the country? As you know, the administrative county of Middlesex has disappeared. Most of it is now part of the Greater London Coun-

cil. Two parts are now in the administrative county of Surrey. If you are logical you will have to describe peals at Sunbury-on-Thames as Sunbury-on-Thames, Surrey, but it is still in the geographical county of Middlesex. Similarly, Staines. I should hate to be accused of approving a change that would suggest we are trying to take over these three towers. It is bad enough that a few people seem to be under the impression that we are perpetually trying to take over the Guildford Guild.

"Will you describe a peal at Bourne in Lincolnshire as Bourne, Lincs, or Bourne, Kesteven? It is in the administrative county of Kesteven. And a peal at Grinton, Northants formerly in the Soke of Peterborough, is now in the administrative county of Huntingdon and Peterborough. I think you are establishing a difficult precedent if you do change, and wish to be logical.

"Personally, I think that the Exercise would be well advised to set its own house in order first and try to rationalise the areas and territories of the various Guilds and Associations. Whether human frailties and personal dignity will allow this is doubtful, but it remains one of my ambitions. There is no better area to try to make a start than London although even I feel it might be advisable to wait until the Church produces its long awaited and much needed revision of diocesan boundaries.

"One other point about the suggestion if you decide to adopt it. The correct wording would be 'London Borough of Merton.—At the Church of St. Mary, Wimbledon,' or 'London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames.—At the Church of All Hallows, Twickenham,' or 'London Borough of Sutton.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Beddington.'"

JOINT MEETING AT BOLSOVER

Some 50 ringers from over 20 towers attended the joint meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Derby Association and the Sheffield and District Society at Bolsover on August 6th.

Under the expert eyes of the two Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Gilbert (Handsworth) and Mr. M. Phipps (Chesterfield), a wide variety of ringing was enjoyed, ranging from rounds and call changes to Yorkshire Surprise Major.

After an excellent tea, provided by the Bolsover ladies, there was a short business meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. M. King. Here a welcome was extended to Mr. Percy Knights, son of the famous conductor and composer, Arthur Knights, after his absence from any belfry for over two years. A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by Mr. G. Goodall (Liverpool) after which the company returned to the belfry for further ringing.

During the evening eight of the company managed to ring a course of Bolsover Surprise Major after only 30 minutes' learning.

Methods rung were: Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Yorkshire Surprise, Stedman, Double Norwich, Grandshire, Bolsover Surprise and Plain and Little Bob Spliced. M. Y.

LYNEHAM BELLS UNSAFE

Regarding the notice announcing the transfer of the Calne Branch meeting from Lyneham to Heddington for September 3rd, the hon. secretary informs us that this is because Lyneham bells for the time being are regarded as unsafe.

An inspection last week by the tower captain and another local ringing master revealed that the headstocks of the 2nd and 5th bells were loose. The bells are not to be rung until an inspection by bellhangers takes place.

INJUNCTION THREAT AGAINST RINGING MEETING

MUCH interest is being taken in the action of Mr. Paul Marriott, a television engineer, regarding the holding of a ringers' meeting and service at St. Peter's Church, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, on Saturday, September 3rd. According to "The Times" he is taking legal advice about applying for an injunction against the Vicar, the Rev. Donald Roberts, from ringing the bells for the service.

According to a statement he made to "The Guardian": "It is definitely in the Noise Abatement Act, 1959, that it is an offence for anyone to ring a church bell after 4 p.m. on Saturday."

"The Times" states that he has already served a petition on the local authority (Newton-le-Willows Urban District Council) demanding a reduction in the hours of ringing, particularly on Saturdays.

The Vicar, the Rev. Donald Roberts, is on holiday and we are informed that before leaving he had not received any communication relating to an injunction. There had previously been informal discussions between members of the Urban Council and the secretary of the P.C.C. about the bells but never any threat of an injunction.

According to the local Press a complaint had been lodged with the Newton-le-Willows Council, and Mr. Booth, the chief health inspector, is investigating. Mr. Booth has stated that he likes bells.

NO MENTION IN ACT

The Editor writes: There is no mention in the Noise Abatement Act of 1960 of church bells constituting a nuisance or of Mr. Marriott's allegation that it is an offence for anyone to ring a church bell after 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

On general grounds of complaint relating to business or trade, Section 1 (2) of the Noise Abatement Act requires the complaint to the magistrate to be supported by three other persons who are occupiers of land or premises and are aggrieved by the nuisance.

In these cases it is a defence for the defendant to prove that the best practical means have been used for preventing or counteracting the effect of noise.

Thus if a church was regarded as a business, sound prevention measures as advocated by the Towers and Belfries Committee would be regarded as an adequate defence. There is, however, no mention of church bells and the church does not come under the definition of a business.

NOT A STATUTORY NUISANCE

Part III of the Public Health Act, 1936, gives the local authority power to serve a notice to abate a "statutory nuisance." The ringing of church bells is not listed as a "statutory nuisance."

The final report of the committee on the Problem of Noise presented to Parliament in July, 1963 also does not specify church bells. The committee sent a questionnaire to all local authorities in Great Britain and these showed that the local authorities had dealt with several thousand cases of noise nuisance since November 1960, the date of the Act. In the overwhelming majority of these cases abatement had been secured by informal action without need to issue abatement notices or to take proceedings. Indeed, in most instances it seems that people making noise co-operate readily when they know that it is a cause of complaint.

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SOUTH LONDON RINGERS' WEEK-END IN EAST SUSSEX

IN a rash moment earlier this year the Rector of Ripe said challengingly, "And when are you coming down to ring my bells?" A few months later, on July 23rd to be precise, he was taken at his word, and sundry ringers from Battersea, Clapham Common, Streatham, Lewisham and Beddington arrived in twos and threes at the Rectory during that evening.

Ringling on the Saturday was at eight towers, the circuit covering not more than 30 miles. At 10 a.m. we ascended eagerly the wrought iron spiral staircase which led to the ringing chamber of St. John the Baptist's, Southover. To be on the safe side we first attempted rounds and call changes on this 17 cwt. ring of ten, but later progressed to Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

Reasonably satisfied, we went on to Ringmer (8), followed by an extremely pleasing 9 cwt six at Laughton. Here we were informed that the bells were not at all popular in the village but we could see no possible reason for this other than exceptionally bad striking. We hoped that we were not guilty of this, and moved on to East Hoathly, where we lunched before ringing.

We then visited Chiddingfold and Helmingfold, both with rings of six, methods

ranging from Plain Bob Minor, through College Single Reverse to Cambridge and Hull Surprise Minor. After tea in Hailsham

we rang at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and feverishly attempted to "outstrike" the ringers from Epsom, who had only just left.



The company outside the Village Centre, Chalvington (left to right): Richard Jones, Nigel Thomson, Chris Barnes, Jennifer Brown, Jeremy Pratt, Jim Hills, Jean Henderson and Sandra Thexton.

The last tower of the day was that of St. Andrew's Alfriston. Where there is a central tower and a ground-floor ring. Here we gathered a large audience who seemed suitably impressed, though we could feel our striking deteriorating.

Sunday was reserved for quarter peal ringing, and in the morning we did our best to thank the Rector for his hospitality by ringing for morning service at Ripe. The quarter peal on the 9½ cwt ring of five was energetically conducted by Jeremy Pratt, and was in six methods, the most to a quarter for us all. The Rector seemed well pleased and soon after the service shepherded us to the local for a leisurely drink.

We hope we satisfied the Vicar of Fairwarp equally well. Here we achieved a quarter of Plain Bob Major for Evensong, and Jim Hills was well pleased with his first attempt at conducting.

By and large we were well satisfied with our first visit to Sussex and extend warm thanks from our various home towers to all those concerned.

R. J. C.

DURHAM GALA—TANFIELD, 1966

IN County Durham the third Saturday of July is always reserved for Durham Gala, when the miners of the county descend upon the city of Durham, marching in with bands and banners to make the greatest trade union demonstration in the country.

To the bellringers of the Durham and Newcastle Association the Gala is a minor event, likely to cause delays and diversions on the way to Tanfield, where this date is reserved for the annual cricket match, when the Western District play the President's team.

This is not an occasion for first-class standards, as several ringers have not touched bat or ball since last year. Since the Tanfield bells were rehung three years ago, we have now played on three different pitches and had tea in three different places.

This year the match was played on the Tanfield Lea ground, and a mix-up over the supply of equipment forced us to play with improvised stumps, giving the batsmen at one end quite an advantage. A limit of 17 overs per side was agreed on by the umpires, K. Arthur and R. Leighton.

The Western District team, representing Whickham, Tanfield, Lanchester, Chester-le-Street and Benfieldside, won the toss and invited the President's team to bat first.

The president, Mr. W. Tyson, had picked a strong representative team from Newcastle, North Shields, Hartlepool, Darlington, Bishop Auckland and Consett. Eric Harrison and George Deas opened with a free-scoring stand, which lasted until the Western District tried their youngest bowler, Duncan Davis, who captured two wickets in his first over. Eventually, with three retirements, the President's team scored 42 in their allotted time.

The Western District were given a good start by Michael Maughan and Alan Walker who was given the benefit of the doubt on his first ball. With only one wicket down, the score passed 30. Two retirements "to give the others a turn with the bat" put new vigour into the President's team and the next five runs cost five wickets. Eventually the Western District secretary and vice-president came into

partnership and gained the necessary runs, so that the Ashes remain in Tanfield Vicarage.

After an excellent tea provided by the ladies of Tanfield, the Rev. A. J. G. Ellery took an inspiring service and then for the rest of the evening the eight bells of St. Margaret's, Tanfield, were put to good use. One noteworthy visitor was Mademoiselle Francoise Verger of Ruffec, France, who, staying on holiday with a keen ringer, has been taught to handle an English bell and now has grabbed four towers. Campanology and cricket are two typically English institutions, and to understand a little about them is a fair introduction to life in England.

PRESIDENT'S XI

E. Harrison	..	..	..	..	11
G. Deas (retired)	..	..	..	..	13
M. Donnelly	..	..	..	..	0
W. Maughan (retired)	..	..	..	..	8
R. Gladders	..	..	..	..	0
P. Park	..	..	..	..	0
D. Cox	..	..	..	..	2
E. Carter (retired)	..	..	..	..	2
K. Mitchinson, not out	..	..	..	..	1
S. Hewitt, not out	..	..	..	..	0
Extras	..	..	..	..	5
					42

J. Burton did not bat.

WESTERN DISTRICT XI

M. Maughan (retired)	..	..	..	..	18
A. Walker	..	..	..	..	11
W. Davidson (retired)	..	..	..	..	5
J. Tonks	..	..	..	..	3
J. Crowther	..	..	..	..	1
G. Robinson	..	..	..	..	1
J. Clifford	..	..	..	..	0
D. Davis	..	..	..	..	0
H. Thompson, not out	..	..	..	..	3
C. Lamb not out	..	..	..	..	2
Extras	..	..	..	..	0
					44

D. Bayles did not bat.

H. P. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The bells at the tower of SS. Peter and Paul's, Shoreham, heralded the start of the Lewisham District quarterly meeting held on July 23rd. After the service, conducted by the Vicar the Rev. D. E. Bimbrow, an enjoyable tea was served by ladies from Bexley and Crayford.

Mr. E. A. Barnett took the chair at the business meeting. Miss Mary Andrews reported that she had been sent a poster advertising a meeting of the District held at Lewisham in 1897 and asked the meeting what should be done with it. On the proposition of Mr. E. Barnett it was decided to have it framed, at the expense of the Association, and presented to St. Mary's, Lewisham, to hang in their tower.

The best wishes of the meeting were extended to David Manger and Jenny Wright, who were married this day at Chelsfield. T. L.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Quite a crowd of members augmented by visitors made the meeting of the West Lindsey Branch in the old village of Broughton on July 18th memorable.

The village lies close to Ermine Street, and the Church of St. Mary is of great antiquity with big patches of herringbone masonry and a little tower doorway of Saxon origin. On the west side of the tower an unusual semi-circular turret houses the stairs to the belfry. The six bells (tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb.) are a first-class ring and the meeting was made more enjoyable by the number of ringers who had learned one or both of the special methods—York Surprise and Single Oxford.

The Vicar, the Rev. G. E. F. Trubridge, conducted the service, and local ringers made arrangements for tea. Mr. C. H. Baker took the chair for the business meeting, at which Mr. G. E. Feirn and Mr. J. Bray gave their impressions of the Central Council meeting at Bath. Mrs. Gray of Gainsborough reminded the meeting that she was still looking for the owner of a purse full of money left behind after a Ladies' Guild meeting at Willingham.

Next Branch meeting: Stow-in-Lindsey, on September 17th. T. A. G.

Letters

BEQUEST TO "THE RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir.—I have been informed by the executor that the late Mr. T. R. Dennis, of Cambridge, has bequeathed the sum of £100 to the Central Council "to aid in keeping alive 'The Ringing World.'" At the time of writing it appears probable that the estate may be insufficient to pay all legacies in full and if this is so they will have to abate proportionately.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
Secretary, C.C.B.R.

"WHAT A MAN!"

Dear Sir.—On Saturday, August 13th, 1908 a small schoolboy stood outside St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, listening to what he afterwards learned was the first peal of Surprise ever rung on 12 bells, regarded at the time as the greatest 12-bell performance of all time.

On Saturday, August 13th, 1966, that same person was privileged (because of the illness of a talented young ringer) to take part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which will be regarded as the greatest heavy bell performance of all time. I am referring to the ringing, single-handed, of the tenor (82 cwt.) at Liverpool Cathedral by Peter Border.

For the writer, this performance was the greatest mental conquest of physical fatigue that he has ever witnessed. Well may the great ones of the past arise from the shades and acclaim "What a man!"—Yours sincerely,

E. JENKINS

Oldham, Lancs.

WHAT IS COURSING ORDER?

Dear Sir.—About six months ago I did a spot of research (inspired unknowingly by Mr. Wilson) into Stedman Triples, and on the relevant page in my "Standard Methods" wrote: C.O. 1652347.

I was, of course, highly delighted when Mr. Butterworth expanded this, delving much deeper than I dared to. Mr. York-Bramble's article in reply was extremely informative, but it leaves one big question: What is Coursing Order? It certainly bears no fixed relationship to the cyclical orders. For instance, in Plain Bob the C.O. is the same as the position cyclic, in Kent it is the same as the bell cyclic and in Double Norwich it fits in with neither. Yet in all these methods the accepted "Coursing Order" (?) is readily seen by noting the order in which a bell passes the others. If this is the true coursing order, then I suggest Mr. Butterworth could drop his inverted commas, since, with the exception of the quick bells in which the selected bell is on the Slow, the bells are met in the order 1652347.

If anyone can pull these ideas to bits, please do, since I would like to know the true facts: and if this all seems rather absurd, please excuse me, for I am neither a great researcher nor conductor and seldom get beyond Bob Doubles in either field. — Yours faithfully,

Braintree.

ROY THREADGOLD.

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SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD SUMMER TOUR

DURING this year's tour we visited six counties, being centred in Newtown, Linc. The week started with ringing for Matins at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and then doubling the congregation there before travelling up to Chesterfield to ring for Evening-song, ringing at Edensor on the way. The journey was not pleasant—in true British fashion it didn't rain, it poured. We enjoyed ringing at Chesterfield very much and discovered, much to the delight of most of the party (it being 12 males and two females), that young lady ringers in the North have as much trouble with short skirts as do their counterparts in the South.

Monday saw the start of the really serious ringing. The first tower was at Ratby, where the ringing included Yorkshire and Double Norwich, before going on to Desford, Kirkby Mallory and Market Bosworth. The help at Desford, being very small, gave some of the party ample opportunity to discover what the bells sounded like in the village, quenching their thirst into the bargain. We liked the bells at Market Bosworth very much.

Much of the next 90 minutes was spent in a transport café waiting for our lunch, and the rest in travelling to Grendon. From there we went to Polesworth and Tamworth. After waiting for a funeral to finish at the former, we found that the church was really magnificent, and rang Grand sire Doubles with the extremes. At Tamworth was another splendid church: we rang what were to be the three standard methods at ten-bell towers—Grand sire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal. The day ended with joining the practice night at Lichfield Cathedral.

MARVELLOUS CHURCHES

Tuesday brought yet more marvellous churches and some very nice bells. We started with some good ringing at Shepshed and then on to Breedon-on-the-Hill. The next church visited, Melbourne, was perhaps the best of all, but standing among the pews to ring, with ropes that were more than springy, did not help our ringing. Castle Donington's were found to be quite a handful straight after lunch, and the best ringing of the afternoon was at Alvaston, where we liked the bells very much. In the evening we joined the practice at Derby Cathedral.

The ringing on Wednesday morning was not particularly memorable, the best being at Hugglescote, which included Rutland. Somehow we managed to get lost in Burton-upon-Trent ("where all London's power comes from"), even though one of the local ringers had thoughtfully provided us with a map. More difficulty was experienced to find the church at Tuthury and the day concluded at Sudbury and Uttroter.

Thursday began with us ringing at what must surely be the nearest Gillett and Johnston ring to Taylor's bell foundry, Mountsorrel. From there on to the foundry, where, after a very interesting look around, we enjoyed ringing the bells. Our ringing included Yorkshire Royal and London Minor and Plain Bob Minor on the front six. After lunch we rang on the splendid ten at All Saints', Loughborough, before going on to Kegworth and Kingston-upon-Soar. Here the bus broke down, but luckily it was within walking distance of the church. The bus then managed to get us to the last tower, at Thrumpton, before breaking down three times on the way home.

Friday saw us ringing London at Swithland and Warkworth at Woodhouse Eaves before

A PEAL WEEK IN THE RUTLAND AREA

A SUCCESSFUL peal week was organised in the Rutland area by Alan Payne and Martin Thorley, during which ten peals were scored out of twelve attempts. This year there were only five "regulars"—including two young ladies—and we were dependent on those ringers who had promised to be available for the odd attempt. However, we discovered that Gerald Reynolds was home for the holidays and the writer was able to inveigle his youngest brother out of retirement (no peal for five years) by a judicious offer of some baby-sitting.

We began on the Monday with a peal on the light six at Deeping St. Nicholas, which got Derek Jones round the circle for the first time and the conductor round for the third time—twice as conductor—and in the afternoon rang a fairly leisurely one on the delightful six at Edith Weston. Although this was the easiest day of the whole week, the extremely humid weather ensured that blisters were plentiful very early.

On Tuesday morning we rang the "steady seven" at Glaston, not without distractions, as in the middle of the peal we had two old ladies wandering back and forth through the ropes on a sightseeing tour of the church. In the afternoon we had our first failure—at Empingham. Rutland's heaviest six—and in Double Court. Wednesday morning saw the week's best peal—ten methods at Deene—but in the afternoon the bells at Weekley began to go dry on us, so after a quarter peal (Double Bob and Surfleet) we dashed off to join John Woolley on a tower grab.

Thursday was an all-Rutland day—a peal in the morning on the newish six at Preston (Janet's 25th this year) and one of Bob Major in the afternoon on the recently rehung bells at Uppingham. For once during the week we had a surfeit of ringers and the girls stood out.

The rest of the peals were in Lincolnshire. On Friday we rang six methods at Rippingale (strange noises from upstairs) and a seven-method one at West Deeping that was almost as good as the peal at Deene. Saturday proved to be a tiring day; we rang nine methods at Quadring in the morning and had to struggle a little, and in the afternoon finished up with a peal in eight methods at Tydd St. Mary, where the tenor man found it better to ring with his back towards the fourth and fifth—he may be a little podgy, but there isn't really much room. J. M. T.

losing the first tower of the tour, Woodhouse. However, the marvellous roses in the churchyard nearly compensated for not ringing there. Sibley was the last tower before lunch. After lunch, the bells at Stanford-upon-Soar proved to be quite a handful and although they sound very nice, go more than badly. We rang Superlative just to prove that the tenor ringer could do it. Spliced Stedman and Double Norwich was rung at Prestwold before going on to Wymeswold and Long Clawson.

The last day started with two good rings of bells—at Anstey and Rothley—before going on to Syston. After lunch we had some good ringing at Asfordby and at Melton Mowbray, where we had to wait for the clock to chime "Home, Sweet Home" before starting to ring. The last two towers of the tour, at Whissendine and Oakham, were in the sixth county, Rutland.

I think that the tour was very much enjoyed by all, and I should like to express our thanks to all those who made it possible.

H. W.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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HUNTINGTON AND COMPANY ON TOUR

LEAVING Huntington at 8.15 a.m. on a miserable Friday morning (July 22nd), members of the Huntington (Yorkshire) Guild travelled first to Sheffield, where we collected Susan Thompson, who also provided a very welcome cup of coffee.

At St. Alkmund's, Duffield, we were joined by Roy Aldington and the light ten were rung to a variety of methods. After sampling Melbourne's fine bells, we travelled in lovely sunshine to Banbury. Here, after signing in at our hotel for the night and meeting Bryan Seymour, we did justice to the excellent ten hanging in St. Mary's Church. We then moved off to arouse the inhabitants (and policemen!) of nearby Wroxton. The five bells here were cast in 1676 by Henry Bagley, and go quite well.

Everyone managed to be up in time on Saturday morning to set off at 8.50 a.m. for Adderbury, four miles down the road. The glorious eight here were not rung as best they should have been, the previous night's activities and the extra large breakfast being blamed. On then to Bloxham, where the glorious eight in an equally beautiful village were rung better than we rang at Adderbury, in spite of it taking three men to get the 264 cwt tenor up the right way. At Chipping Norton the eternal wait for sandwiches in the Fox was probably remembered better than the bells.

RETREAT TO SAFETY

Hunger appeased, we reached Churchill, where, after a good rise, we attempted to ring Grandsire Triples and Cambridge. Next on the list was Enstone, where the bells are very noisy and the ringing chamber very dark. At Wootton the behaviour of certain bells caused some of the band to beat a hasty retreat to safety. Nevertheless, despite the square wheels and oblong bearings (as one, who shall be nameless, described them), we achieved a reasonably well-struck two courses of Bob Minor before going to Woodstock.

On our way into Oxford we paused at Bladon to view the grave of Sir Winston Churchill. Unfortunately, due to the condition of the tower, we were not allowed to ring here. In Oxford the acute accommodation problem was marvellously solved when the landlady at the house where Bryan had wisely booked in, agreed to take us all. Out then to Eynsham, where the pleasant six were well rung. Mike King managed to reach us here after a 24-hour delay due to two punctures. Returning to Oxford, we had an excellent meal at the Golden Palace (Chinese restaurant).

Sunday morning in Oxford saw us divide. Some rang on the easy-going six at St. Aldate's, whilst others enjoyed Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples on the delightful light octave at St. Martin's. Most of the party went to the 11 a.m. service at the Cathedral. After lunch we travelled to Great Milton and found quite a reasonable octave. The six at Little Milton, described by one old local ringer as "a pretty peal," were quite the opposite and, to make matters worse, an ancient ladder left in the pit of the sixth disintegrated during the ringing up: fortunately no real damage was done, and from here we paid a quick call to that delightful Berkshire village of Appleton and were privileged to join the local band in

ringing for Evensong. Back in Oxford, Jennifer Pearce's birthday was celebrated in the customary manner.

BEST TEN OF TOUR

Leaving Oxford at 8.40 a.m. on Monday, we first sampled the delightful ten at St. Helen's, Abingdon, felt by many to be the best ten of the tour. Our host here also joined us on the pleasant six at St. Nicholas' Church. At Faringdon Christopher Groome, John Woolley and Carol joined us and we took advantage of their presence. All the standard methods were rung, though a course of Oxford came to grief in the last lead.

After lunch we said goodbye to Christopher and his car-load and moved on to Stratton St. Margaret. Both the sixes at Wroughton and Chiseldon are heavy but beautifully toned, and regret was expressed at the short amount of time available. At Wroughton the Vicar invited us all to the Vicarage for refreshments, a gesture much appreciated on this warm afternoon. The ten bells of Christ Church, Swindon, are certainly a magnificent ring and our ringing on them was quite reasonable.

"THE OLDEST 12 IN THE WORLD"

Tuesday saw us off to a good start, the delightful anti-clockwise five in the huge tower of St. Sampson's, Cricklade, was our first call. At St. John's, Cirencester, the first 12 of the tour, we were joined by Martin, Paddy and Catherine Thorley and also had the help of George Pluckrose. Some reasonable rounds on 12 with Grandsire and Stedman Caters followed on the oldest 12 in the world! Holy Trinity has a very pleasant eight.

At Kemble the ropes are still being eaten by some mysterious "bug" so we couldn't ring: at least it enabled us to be on time at Stroud, where the assorted ten were soon ringing out to Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples before we had some lunch.

After lunch we went to Whitminster, where the first cars to arrive encountered a belligerent churchwarden (an ex-Army major!), who refused them entry. After producing correspondence from the Vicar we eventually got in and raised the bells. How long it was since the bells were rung no one knew, but it must have been some time. A short touch and down then we were off to Standish, where the delightful Gillett six were enjoyed for three-quarters of an hour. From there to Gloucester itself, and firstly the Cathedral: no one was over impressed by the bells or the ringing chamber, certainly not the place for a Boxing Day peal (as one person put it). The Rudhall octave at St. Mary de Crypt's is well worth a visit and we rang some fair Bob Major. The Fleece Hotel, our hotel for the night, is noted for its excellent food—little wonder, therefore, that no one could resist the temptation to have dinner. The meal was excellent, and we need not have rushed as much as we did, as we later discovered that there was no practice at Painswick. Instead, refreshments were taken in the Falcon Inn at Painswick.

Wednesday morning saw us a little late at Tewkesbury and we had not the time to do justice to the fine 12. At Evesham we soon

had the beautiful 36 cwt 12 ringing out into rounds and Grandsire and Stedman Caters, though the Stedman met with a sticky end. At Bidford-on-Avon the treble exhibited some peculiar mannerisms and so we were soon on the move to Warwick, where everyone agreed that Taylor's made a first-rate job of St. Nicholas' bells. Another encounter, too, with the Militia here, when the wife of an Army major ran her car into the side of Bryan's Hillman Imp. Fortunately no one was hurt and the damage was not too extensive though, needless to say, we were very annoyed.

On then to Kenilworth, where a good variety of methods was rung on the six. After lunch we all set off on our various ways, those returning to Huntington calling en route at the Loughborough Foundry, where the campanile bells proved a novelty for some; our thanks to Paul Taylor for the time given up to show us round the foundry.

Our thanks go to the drivers of the cars, to incumbents, local secretaries and to Susan and Colin for their efforts in organising the tour.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

The August meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at Aldbourne on August 20th, when although only two towers in the Branch were represented, there was a good number of visitors, who were probably attracted by Aldbourne's really fine octave—a rarity in the Branch, which possesses only one other.

The Ringing Master (the Rev. R. Keeley) was in charge and continued until the Guild service, which was also conducted by the Ringing Master Mr. A. Keen was organist. For tea in the Village Hall, the company were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keen, who also defrayed the hall expenses. In appreciation of their generosity a collection was taken amounting to £2 6s. and given to the church funds. They were thanked by Mr. G. Newman (chairman).

Visitors were welcomed from as far afield as Tuffield (Northants), East Budleigh (Devon), Manchester Cathedral, Bradford-on-Avon, Swindon and Stratton St. Margaret. W. A. E.

WEST LINDSEY BRANCH IN YORKSHIRE

For their annual outing on July 9th the West Lindsey Branch visited West Yorkshire. At Silkstone, the first tower, the local captain joined in the ringing on the good six. Most of the party met Yorkshire tail-ends for the first time at Kirkburton. A lucky bride at Sowerby had the bells without paying a fee, as we arrived just in time to ring her out on this pleasant octave.

The journey to Skipton took longer than anticipated and in consequence the ringing was limited to 20 minutes before fulfilling a tea engagement at the Midland Hotel. Finally came an hour's ringing at Ilkley and a visit to one of the inns before the long journey home.

Clergy and tower captains are thanked for their help and co-operation to make this enjoyable outing possible. T. A. G.

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For the Beginner

THE MASTERY OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

By Robert B. Smith, conductor of the peal of the Extent of Bob Major

Part IV : Conducting and Composition

WHEN one reaches the point where ringing the method presents no difficulty it is customary to attempt to conduct, and in order to conduct one is required to do the following:

(1) To make calls (bobs and/or singles) at the appropriate time.

(2) To correct those who lose their place in the ringing.

(3) To call "Rounds" or "Stand" if the ringing is not of the required standard.

1. Making Calls.

When we considered the effects of calls it was mentioned that calls should be made when the treble is in 2nds place at back-stroke immediately before leading. If a call is made too soon or too late it will normally cause a break in the rhythm of the ringing. Calls made at the wrong time do not give the band confidence in the conductor and the striking generally suffers.

Note.—The conductor should not make mistakes in the method ringing: mistakes in calling follow from these other mistakes quite logically.

2. Correcting Other Ringers.

On the first occasion that a ringer is called upon to conduct the ringing, it is more important that calls be made in the right place than that he or she tries to correct those who go wrong. It is helpful, therefore, if there is somebody else in the band capable of keeping a check on the ringing whilst the aspiring conductor makes the calls. Having gained confidence in making calls one should look for aids to help one conduct. There is no substitute, however, for really learning the method so that one can discount the possibility of going wrong oneself.

The most obvious aid to conducting, which should be apparent from the foregoing work done, is the use of coursing orders. Providing that the conductor knows that he or she is right, each of the other bells may be checked, and corrected if necessary, as they are passed. There is, however, one trap here which can be fallen into, and that is to move the treble into the wrong position. The effect of this is to ring too few or too many changes, which may not matter in a short "touch" but would invalidate a peal.

Notes.—(i) Any ringing involving calls is referred to as a "touch," and a peal is merely a touch having more than 5,000 different changes.

(ii) Making calls in the correct position involves learning a composition. This was not included in (1) above as it will be dealt with in detail later.

(iii) Point 3 above does not come within the scope of this article.

Learning a Composition.

To learn a composition for a short touch does not tax most people's memory too much, but a peal composition may be a different matter. Peal compositions should be learned to a plan so that a short lapse in concentration does not result in a miscall. Most conductors on some occasions have miscalled a peal, but if it becomes a habit people will decline invitations into peal attempts you are calling. Consider the well-known composition of Plain Bob Major by J. R. Pritchard, which is shown below.

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By J. R. Pritchard.

23456 W B H

23564	—	x	3
23645	—	x	3
26435	—	—	2
32465	—	—	3

Three times repeated.
Singles halfway and end.

The first point to note in learning a composition is most obvious in that one should learn or "form a picture" in one's mind of the composition.

Secondly, it will be seen that the 4th bell returns to 4ths place at the end of each of the four parts. This means that the 4th will be in the same position at corresponding course-ends of each part.

The next point to note is that alternate part-ends have 65's and 56's as shown below:

1st part-end	32465
2nd part-end	32456
3rd part-end	23465
4th part-end	23456

It will also be noted that 2 and 3 are never in 6ths place at a course-end.

A difficulty which many conductors experience is that of knowing when they have called blocks of three homes, wrongs or middles. The usual method to overcome this problem is to call bobs at the position in question until a certain bell makes the bob (e.g. the 4th makes the last of the block of three homes at the end of each part). This eliminates counting.

In the composition we are considering there is a very useful guide for the calling of each block of three homes. The "largest" bell concerned in any block of three homes always makes the last bob. Incidentally, the block of two homes brings the 4th bell into 4ths place at the course-end in each part also. A full breakdown of the coursing orders is shown below.

1st Part	2nd Part	3rd Part	4th Part
53246	62345	52346	63245
22546	23645	23546	32645
63254	52364	62354	53264
62534	53624	63524	52634
65324	56234	65234	56324
63254	52364	62354	53264
32654	23564	23654	32564
43265	42356	42365	43256
42635	43526	43625	42536
46325	45236	46235	45326
43265	42356	42365	43256
32465	23456	23465	32456
34625	24536	24635	34526
36245	25346	26345	35246
62345	53246	63245	52346
63425	52436	62435	53426
64235	54326	64325	54236
62345	52346	63245	53246

It will be observed from the above block of figures that at the end of each block of three calls at home (or wrong, or middle) the same coursing order is returned to! This means that by omitting blocks of three calls at home, wrong or middle, the calling will come round in the usual manner. This would not matter for a touch, but would generally mean that sufficient changes would not be rung for a peal (e.g. in the composition just considered, omitting one block of three homes reduces the number of changes from 5,056 to 4,832, which does not constitute a peal).

Blocks of calls such as three homes, which bring the coursing order back to what it was before the block began, are called "Q" sets and are widely used by composers. These will be referred to again later when we consider composing.

Compositions.

Under this heading many compositions could be listed for Plain Bob on all numbers. Readers are referred, however, to the Central Council publications of compositions if they require other compositions than those given here.

Initially it is better to call simple compositions, often these are the most musical. (It is better to call a simple composition correctly than to miscall a complicated one-part composition.) Most conductors realise that

they have a responsibility towards the other ringers not to miscall a peal and this should be remembered when a composition is being chosen.

720's PLAIN BOB MINOR			
23456	W	H	
45236	—	—	
34256	—	—	
53426	S		
42356	S	—	

Five times repeated, adding singles halfway and end. Five times repeated, single for bob halfway and end.

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
(See above)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

By H. J. Tucker.

23456 W M H

64235	—	—	—
36245	—	—	3
43265	—	—	3

Three times repeated.
Singles halfway and end.

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

By J. Reeves.

23456 W H

34526	S	2
23546	—	3
25436	—	2
32456	—	3

52436	S	3
35426	—	3
23456	—	3

(To be continued)

5,120 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR

By STANLEY JENNER

23456 M W B H

26354	2	—	—
52364	—	—	3
52643	3	2	x 2
52436	—	—	—
35426	—	—	3
64523	—	—	—
64235	—	x	—
26435	3	—	—
(63254)	—	x	—
23456	—	—	—

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QUARTER PEALS

ANGERSLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss L. M. Dade 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, R. F. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. A compliment to Miss M. Selway, 50 years organist of this parish.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Lathall 1, J. E. Whitlock (cond.) 2, F. Mynard 3, A. May 4, B. Eaglesfield 5, G. Bignall (first quarter) 6. On the Feast of St. Lawrence.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. F. Whittell 1, M. H. Whittell 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, R. W. Lockwood 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, M. J. Howes (cond.) 6.

BREADSALL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Parkin 1, J. Ashmore Dodd (cond.) 2, Linda Greasley (first "inside") 3, J. Roe 4, B. Greasley 5, J. Greasley 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Lord Mayor's Chapel, on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bellow 1, R. Algate 2, P. Bird 3, S. Bendle 4, J. Slater 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6.

BROMESBORROW, GLOS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grandsire): L. Smith 1, S. B. Bell 2, Frances Wilson (first "inside" and in more than one method) 3, E. D. Wilson 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, R. Coppin 6.

CARRIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. A. S. Roberts 1, Mrs. M. J. De Jong 2, G. Taysom 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, R. Curtis 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, J. George (first on eight) 8.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Woodcock 1, S. G. King 2, Mrs. M. J. De Jong 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, C. J. Brown 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. W. Jewell 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. A. J. Blackmore, 31 years churchwarden.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Marjorie Yarnold (first of Treble Bob) 1, F. A. Adams 2, D. G. Barnes 3, D. Cooper 4, M. P. Phipps 5, E. G. Mould (cond.) 6.

EYNESBURY, HUNTINGDON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Osbaldiston 1, R. D. Bellamy 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, D. J. Prescott 4, A. K. Peck 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Andrew Michael Tapp and Roger Kevin Walker, born on July 15th and August 9th respectively, also to mark the 21st birthday of David Prescott, coupled with his engagement to Minyon Sutton.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Jarvis 1, E. Baker 2, T. Relf 3, W. Gorrige (cond.) 4, A. H. Kemp 5, P. Harrison 6, G. Waters 7, E. West 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Meakes (first quarter, age 12) 1, R. Hazell 2, D. Sears 3, K. Seymour (cond.) 4, C. Meakes 5, Mrs. R. Hazell 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Aug. 14th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. H. Oatway 1, A. M. Stacey 2, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 3, J. Marks 4, C. A. Hughes 5, R. J. Collis 6, R. Cademy 7, W. F. Oatway 8, J. S. N. Porter 9, R. Mitchell 10. An 80th birthday compliment to ringer of 5th.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. George-in-the-East, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rea 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, N. Thomson 5, C. G. Barnes 6, J. R. Pratt 7, W. Grove 8. For Evensong.

LUTON, BEDS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Garrard 1, K. Lewin 2, M. Amy Coburn 3, N. Garrard 4, B. L. S. Hulatt 5, J. G. Newman 6, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 7, A. E. Butcher 8. First Stedman 1, 2 and 4. A wedding compliment to Colin McCartney and Elisabeth Holmes, whose marriage took place this day at Grantham.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On July 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. H. G. Benson 1, Rev. J. Tomsett 2, Rev. R. G. Bryant 3, Rev. K. C. Davis 4, Rev. E. B. Wood 5, Rev. Canon C. E. Wigg (cond.) 6. For the birth of twin sons, Giles and Patrick, to the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Wood, and the birth of a son, Nicholas John de Baillieu, to the Rev. and Mrs. C. R. C. Coussmaker. (Correction)

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Phippen 1, E. C. Shepherd (first of Yorkshire as cond.) 2, Eunice Overend 3, E. E. Norris (first in method) 4, E. Bray (first in method) 5, D. T. H. Robertson 6, R. E. Baker 7, N. G. Knece 8.

MELBURY ABBAS, DORSET.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. W. Marshall 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush (25th quarter) 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Bate (first quarter) 1, W. A. Osborn 2, F. L. Andrews 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, H. F. Creed 5, W. D. Miller (first quarter) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. L. Davis, a loyal member of the local ringers and choirman for many years, and Mrs. Davis.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Bingham 1, Mrs. D. Willey 2, Mrs. J. Bingham 3, S. Clark 4, J. Smith (cond.) 5, S. Law 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Annie Gridley, interred this day.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's, on Aug. 14th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford T.B. Major (Worcester Variation): F. Salter (cond.) 1, M. Foskett 2, N. Pailing 3, S. Foskett 4, H. Dale 5, D. Stainsby 6, R. Green 7, R. Inglis 8. For Evensong.

OLD MARKET, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 14th, 1,300 Doubles (four methods/var.): J. L. Hillman 1, Miss D. M. Chapman 2, P. Bridle 3, M. Powell 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, G. King 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Cooper 1, P. F. Romney 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, Miss M. Lush 4, T. F. Collins 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. C. Isaacs 1, E. Winkworth 2, Miss J. I. Frost 3, P. Clewett (first "inside") 4, F. Joyce 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. Rung to the "Glory of God," and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Frost.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Hillman 1, Suzanne Withers 2, B. H. Goodlife (cond.) 3, W. Willans 4, C. Brown 5, R. Haskins 6.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On July 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Barbara Duck 1, A. Locke 2, F. M. Rickard 3, Helen A. Hobbs 4, C. W. Jose 5, A. J. Davidson 6, G. F. Dunstan 7, R. Haines (cond.) 8.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Mrs. S. Blair 1, Mrs. P. Crosby 2, J. Guymer 3, M. L. Mann 4, J. M. Blakie 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew), 4, 6, 8 covering: B. Cooper 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, W. Lewis (cond.) 3, J. Lewis 4, E. Townsend 5, P. Meecham 6, K. Wakefield 7, V. Avery 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. E. Coombes, a life-time ringer at this tower.

STOWING, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, A. Lamb 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 28th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. D. Smith 1, Mrs. A. D. Smith 2, D. Floyd 3, R. K. Rex 4, B. J. Davis 5, B. R. Eaglesfield 6, M. A. New 7, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 8. By members of the Society of Raving Ringers for the Stratton summer fete. Also on July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. M. Lucas 1, Rev. R. C. Lucas 2, H. Stacey 3, A. McFall 4, M. J. Pryor 5, R. B. Smith 6, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 7, J. Sangwin 8. For the birth of a second grandchild to the ringer of the 8th.

STURRY, KENT.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. B. Thompson 1, P. A. Harrison 2, W. Corcoran (first quarter) 3, H. J. Payne 4, R. C. Button (cond.) 5, A. E. Pullin 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Mackenzie 1, B. Durkan 2, H. Payne 3, G. Thompson (first "inside") 4, C. Bouldin (cond.) 5, P. Harrison 6. For Evensong.

SUNNINGDALE, BERKS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: C. I. Rowson 1, K. W. Smith 2, Ann Carpenter 3, Marie R. Cross 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5, M. C. E. Hodges 6. Rung for the wedding of Elaine Dixon and Bob Mordaunt.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Aug. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Randall 1, Mrs. D. N. Randall 2, Shirley Jones (first Major) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. W. Randall 5, F. G. Knight 6, R. H. Randall 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Knight (cond.) 1, L. Derrick 2, H. G. Bird 3, W. Rice 4, J. Brain 5, R. Rice 6, S. G. Smith 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Morris, aged 101 years.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Keyworth also marked the achievement of the ringer of 3-4 in becoming the "Bingham District" putting champion.

Mr. Joe Thornley, of Bolton, Lancs, inquires about the new tower recently built at All Saints', Newquay, Cornwall. Are there to be bells?

The Rev. John Scott is to be inducted to the living of Newton St. Cyres, Crediton, Devon, on September 2nd. He asks to be remembered in readers' prayers.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was lost at Christchurch, Hants, on August 20th, through the clapper of the tenth breaking in the last three courses.

Former captain at Minehead, Somerset, Mr. John Pugsley, celebrated his 94th birthday on August 16th. Unfortunately the band met short for Caters and had to be content with a congratulatory quarter of Stedman Triples.

The ringers of Angersleigh, Taunton, Somerset, have effected a great improvement by providing a floor in the tower for ringing: previously this was a ground-floor ring. In consequence the bells are much easier to handle.

Composition correction. — Mr. J. Henry Fielden asks us to make a correction to the peal of 5,120 London Surprise Royal (page 536). The first course of the insertion should have a bob at home. This is covered in the script by calling it "A B." "B" is also missing from the "M 1/5th, 1/5th M" block.

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FIRST PEAL AT ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

The first peal on the bells at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, was rung on Saturday, August 13th, almost a year after they were dedicated and first rung. The occasion was the enthronement of the Most Rev. M. L. Loane as Archbishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of New South Wales, the first Australian to reach this high office.

The service was one of high ceremony, and at the moment of the Archbishop's enthronement the bells rang out from the tower while in the Cathedral there was a fanfare of trumpets and the Doxology, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow . . ." was sung. At the conclusion of proceedings the bells rang out again as the Archbishop's procession left the building.

Shortly afterwards, a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Tom Goodyer, was embarked upon and successfully accomplished, with a band of eight Sydney ringers together with Jack Roper and Bill Pitcher, the captains of the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, who had been specially invited for the occasion.

LIVERPOOL BELLS IN AUSTRALIAN BROADCAST

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation came to Childwall Parish Church, Liverpool, on August 21st, to record a feature about "Childwall Bells and Ringers." The Ringing Master, Mr. Michael E. Dodd, was interviewed by Mr. John Harper-Nelson, after which the sound of the bells ringing out for evening service was included on the tape.

Mr. Harper-Nelson was given a detailed account of Childwall bells, the history of which goes back to the early 16th century. He was also presented with a copy of the current Lancashire Association Report, which he indicated would be passed on to the Perth ringers.

It is understood that the programme will be networked from Perth, Western Australia, on Station 6WF on the A.B.C. Saturday Night Show (7-10 p.m.) on either the second or third Saturday in September.

A YORKSHIRE TOUR

Mr. G. E. Thoday's party had a most successful peal tour of Yorkshire, scoring nine peals out of 12 attempts. Fifteen ringers took part. The organiser conducted six peals and rang in seven of the successful attempts. C. Martin Press also scored seven and Giles B. Thompson and George E. Bonham six each.

STEDMAN TRIPLES AT CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

The quarter of Stedman Triples rung at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand on July 26th was the first in the method for the Society since 1905. Mr. G. Nelson Sloan writes that actually it could be the first, but it is possible that one was rung between 1900 and 1905, but there are no records to check on.

DEDICATION OF GEORGE CROSS MEMORIAL

The dedication of a very beautiful oak table as a permanent memorial to the late George H. Cross took place at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on July 9th. The service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. Austen Williams, and in his short address he spoke very sincerely of the qualities for which George Cross would be remembered at St. Martin's and by members and friends of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The table, which has been beautifully made by Walter H. Dobbie, was afterwards placed in the belfry at St. Martin's and it looks most impressive as a permanent reminder of one who did so much for ringing there.

It was a great pleasure to welcome to the service Mrs. Cross and her son and twin daughters and to renew old friendships again. There were many present who knew them well, and apologies had been received from others who were unable to make the journey.

We were joined at tea afterwards by the Rector and Mrs. Cross and her family, and following this a short business meeting was held. The day concluded with ringing on the new light eight at St. George's-in-the-East.

WASHINGTON SCORE OWN PEAL

Mr. Peter Staniforth received a cablegram on August 22nd from Washington, which read: "First peal Bob Major successful.—Betsy."

The sender, Miss Betsy Proctor, was recently in England and scored two peals—one of Stedman Triples at Leicester, and the other Plain Bob Major at Warfield, Berks, arranged by Mr. Frank Price.

There has only been one previous peal rung at Washington Cathedral and this was in connection with the opening ceremony in which the band was composed of the ten English ringers who flew over especially for the occasion.

The congratulations of ringers the world over will be extended to Washington Cathedral Society on this happy event of historical significance.

A telegram from Rick Dirksen was also received by Mr. Fred Price, of Southbourne. He replied: "Dirksen, Episcopal Cathedral, Washington. Congratulations. English ringers acclaim your fine achievement. Fred Price."

Mr. Fred Price asks us to make a correction regarding Miss Ann Gardner. He taught her to handle a bell, and not Mr. Harry Parks, who did not teach any of the girls from N.C.S.

COWLINGE, SUFFOLK

We are pleased to announce the revival of ringing at this pleasant five-bell tower. Following on the redecoration of the ringing chamber by three of the younger ringers, adjustments and repairs in the belfry and the purchase of new ropes, the bells, after having been virtually unringable, are now in good shape and "go" reasonably well. Visiting teams will be welcome. C. F. D. M.

KIKBY-LE-SOKEN'S SUNDAY

Ringers' Sunday at Kirby-le-Soken is again announced by Mr. F. B. Lufkin. The programme for September 11th is on the usual comprehensive lines. There is ringing for three services—the first at 7.15 a.m.—handbells in place of an anthem and a ringing parson preaching. A social gathering follows Evening-song, with singing and Suffolk handbell ringers entertaining.

BARTON SEAGRAVE'S FAREWELL TO TOWER CAPTAIN

On August 30th Mr. and Mrs. R. E. March, of St. Botolph's, Barton Seagrave, will be moving to a new home at Dawlish.

Mr. March has been tower captain for many years, and the friendship and regular attendance of himself and Mrs. March will be greatly missed. The local ringers, together with many more from the Kettering District, wish them a happy retirement and look forward to hearing of their renewed ringing activities in Devon.

The occasion has prompted the ringing of a well-struck quarter peal and peal, which the writer has been privileged to conduct. The peal is reported in the peal columns. The quarter peal was as follows:

At Barton Seagrave, Northants, on July 18th, 1966, 1,260 Doubles (Rev Canterbury and Grandsire): L. Clarke (first quarter) 1, M. Downham 2, R. E. Marsh 3, M. A. Coleman (conductor) 4, W. H. Hulme 5.

FOXTON, CAMBS, 30 YEARS' SILENCE BROKEN

For some 30 years there has been no regular ringing at Foxton, Cambs, Parish Church, but the silence was broken on August 14th when a newly-formed team rang for the Sung Eucharist of the Patronal Festival (St. Laurence). The "recruits" had been trained by Mr. S. Brown, Ringing Master of the Cambridge District, who had been accompanied by Mr. H. Jordan, also of Cambridge, and at a parish breakfast following the service each was presented with a gift from the ringers as an expression of appreciation and esteem.

Mr. Brown congratulated the ringers on their progress, but stressed that they had still much to learn and advised them to increase their experience by frequent visits to other towers.

Later in the day one of the new ringers, Mr. Clive Creswell, also received a "presentation" from his wife, who gave birth to a fine baby boy in Royston Hospital. As the new arrival—surely, with his elder brother, a future ringer!—was born at the time of the Patronal Festival Evensong at Foxton, one of his names is to be that of the patron saint, Laurence.

At a recent meeting the ringers elected Mr. J. Mead as their captain and Mrs. V. R. Smith as secretary. For the time being ringing will take place on alternate Sunday mornings but it will be more frequent as newcomers are trained.

ALL SAINTS', WORCESTER

The ringers of All Saints', Worcester, have committed themselves to raise over £3,000 to meet an estimate to have the bells rehung in an iron frame at a lower level in the tower.

BELL THEME FOR CHORAL WORK

The first performance of the choral work "Changes" by Gordon Crosse will be presented at this year's Three Choirs' Festival at Worcester on Thursday, September 8th. The music contains imagery of the sound of bells and some of the words are based on bell inscriptions.

RUTLAND AREA PEAL WEEK

RUNG FOR THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDITH WESTON. Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Surfleet Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Beverley Surprise, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob

Joan Gilbert	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Derek J. Jones	5
Alan G. Payne	3	Gerald W. Reynolds	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower

GLASTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., Aug. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob

Alan G. Payne	Treble	J. Charles Hudson	4
Joan Gilbert	2	Derek J. Jones	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed. Aug. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Beverley (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (4) Oxford T.B. (5) Cambridge, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob

Joan Gilbert	2	Alan G. Payne	5
Derek J. Jones	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob

Joan Gilbert	Treble	*Gerald W. Reynolds	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	*J. Martin Thorley	5
Derek J. Jones	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 25th peal together.

A compliment to Paddy and the conductor on their 12th wedding anniversary

UPPINGHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt in E.

John Woolley	Treble	*J. Charles Hudson	5
John Thorley	2	Gerald W. Reynolds	6
Robert C. Woodward	3	Alan G. Payne	7

*Derek J. Jones 4 J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Composed by W. Harrison. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley

* 50th tower for a peal, † First peal of Major

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon S. C. Woodward, Rector of Uppingham, has accepted the living of Cosgrove, Northants

RUNG FOR THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

DEEPIING ST NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas

On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet, (2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob

Gerald W. Reynolds	Treble	Derek J. Jones	4
Joan Gilbert	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

200th peal as conductor

RIPPINGALE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Double Bob, (2) Surfleet, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob

John Thorley	Treble	Alan G. Payne	4
Joan Gilbert	2	Derek J. Jones	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Jones.

WEST DEEPIING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Derek J. Jones	4
John Thorley	2	Alan G. Payne	5
	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 225th peal.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Hereward and Double Bob, (2) Beverley, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob.

Derek J. Jones	Treble	Alan G. Payne	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Gerald W. Reynolds	5
Joan Gilbert	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

A birthday compliment to Janet E. Hubbard and Gerald W. Reynolds.

TYDD ST. MARY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Hereward and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge, (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob.

Alan G. Payne	Treble	Keith R. Davey	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Gerald W. Reynolds	5
Derek J. Jones	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne

The conductor's 200th peal

MR. G. H. THODAY'S PEAL TOUR OF YORKSHIRE

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt, 17 lb. in C sharp.

C. Martin Press	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Giles B. Thompson	2	Barrie Hendry	6
Peter G. Brown	3	George E. Thoday	7
Philip Mehew	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivins

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Mon. Aug. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 PURBECK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt, 1 qr. 19 lb. in E

Anthony K. Fortin	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
George E. Bonham	2	C. Martin Press	6
John R. Ketteringham	3	Barrie Hendry	7
David E. Rothera	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by E. Timbrell.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

First in the method by all the band.

HEMINGBROUGH, Yorks.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Mon. Aug. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B. (5 and 7) Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
David E. Rothera	2	Alan W. A. Leggett	5
Giles B. Thompson	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon. Aug. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr 15 lb. in F sharp.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
John G. Gipson	2	C. Martin Press	6
Barrie Hendry	3	Philip Mehew	7
Anthony K. Fortin	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

First peal in the method on the bells.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues. Aug. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt, 17 lb. in E flat.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Philip Mehew	5
George E. Bonham	2	C. Martin Press	6
Giles B. Thompson	3	*George E. Thoday	7
John G. Gipson	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivins.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 25th peal in the method.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed. Aug. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt, 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

George E. Bonham	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Giles B. Thompson	6
*Anthony K. Fortin	3	Barrie Hendry	7
George E. Thoday	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal of Major in the method.

THODAY'S PEAL TOUR—Cont.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Aug. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

Giles B. Thompson .. Treble	C. Martin Press 6
Alan E. Bagworth 2	John G. Gipson 7
J. Marilyn Astridge 3	George E. Thoday 8
David E. Rothera 4	Philip Mehew 9
*Peter G. Brown 5	†A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First of Royal "inside." † 625th different tenor "turned in."

A birthday compliment to Miss J. A. Quilter, of Braintree, Essex.

SCARBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

C. Martin Press Treble	David E. Rothera 5
Peter G. Brown 2	John G. Gipson 6
George E. Bonham 3	*George E. Thoday 7
Anthony K. Fortin 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 150th peal as conductor.

NORTON-JUXTA-MALTON, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

*C. Martin Press Treble	Anthony K. Fortin 5
John R. Ketteringham 2	Giles B. Thompson 6
George E. Bonham 3	Alan E. Bagworth 7
David E. Rothera 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* 150th peal. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

OTHER PEALS**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt 3 qr 18 lb. in C sharp

John Phillips Treble	John Hill 7
John E. Chilcott 2	David P. Hilling 8
Roger F. Overington 3	James Phillips 9
Andrew N. Stubbs 4	Michael V. Chilcott 10
Alan R. Patterson 5	Frederick E. Collins 11
David E. Parsons 6	Richard C. Stevens Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Fredk. E. Collins.

Rung to mark 40 years' membership of the Ancient Society by the conductor.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

SYDNEY, New South Wales.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 29½ cwt in C sharp.

*Ross W. Bampton Treble	John J. Cummins 6
Margaret E. Goodyer 2	Thomas W. Goodyer 7
Enid L. Roberts 3	John H. Fryer 8
Ralph L. Clark 4	William D. Watson 9
William B. Pitcher 5	John J. F. Roper Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd (No. 5). Conducted by T. W. Goodyer.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells.

Rung for the enthronement of the Most Rev. M. L. Loane as Archbishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of New South Wales.

PARRAMATTA, New South Wales.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Jan. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods and two variations, being 20 extents and one 240 of Grandsire, four extents of Norfolk, four extents of Old and 12 extents of Plain Bob.

John H. Fryer Treble	†J. David Langdon 4
*Clare J. Masfield 2	Ralph L. Clark 5
Enid L. Roberts 3	†Martin L. Anderson Tenor

Conducted by Ralph L. Clark.

* First peal in Australia. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LYNG, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 15 methods/variations: (1-2) Stedman, (3-5) Reverse Canterbury, (6-8) Wychbold, (9-11) Clifford's Pleasure, (12-14) St. Columb, (15-17) Southrepps, (18-20) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (21-23) Fortune, (24-26) Plain Bob, (27-29) Kennington, (30-32) Dedworth, (33-35) April Day, (36-38) Old, (39-40) Norfolk, (41-42) Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt. in E

Robin L. Coles Treble	Robert J. Hawkins 3
Jennifer M. Durston 2	Julian E. Newman 4

Alan F. Lee Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

Most methods by all the band. First five-bell peal for all except conductor. First in 15 methods for the Association. First on the bells, which were rehung in 1954 by Mears and Stainbank.

LANGPORT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of

Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.	Tenor 17 cwt.
Trevor E. Marks Treble	Derek S. Beaufooy 4
Raymond P. Selway 2	Martin L. Howe 5
Gilbert W. Rendell 3	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

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

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 13 methods/variations: (1-3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4-6) Fortune, (7-9) Reverse Canterbury, (10-12) Southrepps, (13-15) Wychbold, (16-18) Clifford's Pleasure, (19-21) St. Columb, (22-24) Grandsire, (25-27) Plain Bob, (28-30) Kennington, (31-33) Old, (34-36) Dedworth, (37-39) April Day, (40-42) Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

Ian P. Cox Treble	William Lampard 4
Jennifer M. Durston 2	Alan F. Lee 5
Julian E. Newman 3	Robert J. Hawkins Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

First in 13 methods by all and for the Association. First on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1878.

BATHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Swithin.

On Mon., Aug. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

42 extents (four callings) Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

*Michael J. C. Cannon .. Treble	Alan F. Lee 4
Shirley A. Cox 2	Ian P. Cox 5
Julian E. Newman 3	*Geoffrey J. Taylor Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal attempt. First of Bob Doubles for all the band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Derek F. Yates Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 6
Cynthia Warrilow 2	Basil Jones 7
John Worth 3	A. Peter Whitehead 8
Robert J. Warrilow 4	Alan McFall 9
Harold C. Lonyon 5	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by A. Peter Whitehead.

First peal on ten bells as conductor.

PULFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*Maryan E. Harrison .. Treble	George H. Randles 5
Norah M. Randles 2	David N. Collins 6
John W. Griffiths 3	*Christopher C. Roberts .. 7
Dennis H. B. Millward .. 4	Geoffrey Parting Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Geoffrey Parting.

* First peal. A birthday peal for the conductor.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNBOROUGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.

Ernest G. Jones Treble	*Cyril H. Kinch 4
*Christopher C. Clarke .. 2	*Barry J. Davis 5
*Alec W. Ivings 3	*Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

* First peal in the method.

The ringer of the 2nd has now rung a peal of Kent T.B. from Minor to Maximus.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON, N.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.

On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 EARDLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Andrew J. Strathdee .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Yvonne Edwards 2	Tom Page 6
C. Martin Press 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Peter M. Fleckney 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.

On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

John G. Gipson Treble	Stuart Brown 5
Donald F. Murfet 2	Brian Pratt 6
*George E. Bonham 3	Frank E. Haynes 7
Chris M. P. Johnson 4	*George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 50th peal together. † 175th peal for the Association.

Rung in memoriam T. Reginald Dennis, who died on Tuesday, August 2nd, 1966.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

(C.C.C. 22.) Peter Baker Treble	Valerie Willard 6
Ivor Goulter 2	William A. Farmer 7
*Peter Clarkson 3	Leonard Edwards 8
Cyril A. Wratten 4	Michael P. Moreton 9
†Frances Fairbank 5	George T. Cousins Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal in the method † First of Stedman Caters.

SOUTH CERNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Ernest H. Jefferies Treble	Bruce Wakefield 4
Herbert L. Cook 2	William F. Scudamore 5
Frank Reed 3	Roland T. Wakefield .. Tenor

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

A compliment to Margaret Plain and Peter Rickards, married this day at South Cerney.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 of Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 13 cwt.

Geoffrey Dodds Treble	*Roger D. R. Brown 5
*Julia A. Fellows 2	Eric Edmondson 6
*Keith J. Walpole 3	Gerald Penney 7
*Joyce Dodds 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 ECCLESTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Rhian N. Bagshaw .. Treble	D. Paul Smith 5
Paul J. Dye 2	Richard Hayes 6
Judith M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. 4	†Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 800th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative and 1,184 Bristol, with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G

Frederick J. Cullum .. Treble	*Richard Hayes 5
D. Paul Smith 2	*Christopher H. Rogers .. 6
Judith M. Corby 3	Philip A. Corby 7
*Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. 4	†Andrew J. Corby Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman (C.C.C. 13) Conducted by P. A. Corby.

* First peal of four-Spliced. † 150th peal. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative and 1,184 Bristol, with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Tony Lewis Treble	*D. Paul Smith 5
Richard V. Fuller 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
Judith M. Corby 3	*Ian H. Oram 7
Doris E. Colgate 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. (C.C.C. 13.) Conducted by P. A. Corby.

* 50th peal together.

HARRIETSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*Diana H. Bradford .. Treble	Frederick G. Hogan 5
*John L. Anderson 2	Robert T. Lambert 6
John T. Mannering 3	A. F. Tony Lurcock 7
Reginald E. Lambert .. 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the seventh, who is shortly taking a post in Helsinki.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Richard S. Starkie Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	J. Barry Pickup 7
Richard J. Parker 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Maryl R. Crossthwaite.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard the Less.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Dexter's No. 1 Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Richard S. Starkie 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
*J. Barry Pickup 3	†Derek Butterworth 7
*Roger Barnes 4	Richard J. Parker Tenor

Composed by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal of Stedman. † 250th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Janice N. Smith and Jeffrey J. Fox on their engagement.

ROCHDALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Tues., Aug. 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-Part ..	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.
Jane Reynolds Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Roger Barnes 6
John P. Partington 3	Frank Reynolds 7
Margaret Crossthwaite .. 4	Colin S. Taylor Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mary Patricia Nightingale, elder daughter of Canon H. Nightingale, Vicar of Rochdale, and Rodney Asten, married at this church on August 6th.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.

On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

A. James Poynor Treble	B. Stedman Payne 7
Joan Beresford 2	Samuel J. Haines 8
Malcolm E. Wade 3	Brian S. Chapman 9
*J. Martin Thorley 4	E. Alan Jaques 10
David F. Moore 5	Russell S. Morris 11
W. Ernest Rawson 6	John M. Jelley Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by A. James Poynor.

* 200th tower for a peal.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH KILWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.
 *Clive J. Mobbs Treble | †George A. Barker 3
 *Catherine E. Taberner .. 2 | Rupert A. Clarke 4
 David F. Moore Tenor
 Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
 * First peal. † First peal "inside."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LICHFIELD, Staffs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.
 *Paul Raithby Treble | Peter A. Sharp 6
 Margaret E. Chilton .. 2 | James W. Raithby 7
 Joyce M. Sharp 3 | William L. Exton 8
 Jack L. Millhouse .. 4 | Geoffrey R. Parker 9
 John Walden 5 | Colin W. Reed Tenor
 Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.
 * First peal of Stedman Caters.

CASTOR, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., July 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Reverse Bob, Double Bob, College, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.
 Audrey Bains Treble | Maurice Lings 4
 William Bains 2 | John Hall 5
 Roger Hippisley 3 | Neil Donovan Tenor
 Conducted by John Hall.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
LOWER MACHEN, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.
 Richard W. Owen Treble | Donald G. Clarke 5
 Jacqueline S. King .. 2 | Austin T. Wingate 6
 David J. King 3 | David J. Llewellyn 7
 Donald G. Clift 4 | James L. Fitzgerald Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. King.
 Rung after the wedding of the curate, the Rev. Alan Silverthorne, and Miss Mary Bounds.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.
 *Alwyn R. Lewis Treble | Edmund J. Morris 4
 William J. Thomas .. 2 | Gwyn I. Lewis 5
 Ellis N. Thomas 3 | John M. Hughes Tenor
 Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
 * First peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Fri., Aug. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr.
 Jennifer Toon Treble | Gordon Halls 6
 Margaret Woolley .. 2 | John K. Smith 7
 Kingsley Jones 3 | George Roobottom 8
 Cyril Haynes 4 | David Friend 9
 John Dodd 5 | Michael Webster Tenor
 Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon Halls.
 A wedding compliment to John F. Murfin and Noreen Wickham, who were to be married the following day.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PIDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., Aug. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of 42 methods/variations: (1) Stedman, (2) St. Simon, (3) Eynsham, (4) Cassington, (5) St. Albans, (6) Somerville, (7) Elford, (8) St. Martin, (9) St. Leonard, (10) St. Peter, (11) St. Paul, (12) Magdalen, (13) Austrey, (14) St. Nicholas, (15) Lapley, (16) St. Thomas, (17) St. Giles, (18) Nuffield, (19) Sharesill, (20) Winchendon Place, (21) St. John, (22) St. Luke, (23) St. Miles, (24) Wadham, (25) Ryton, (26) Plain Bob, (27) April Day, (28) Old, (29) Kennington, (30) Hudibras, (31) Seighford, (32) Norfolk, (33) Dedworth Bob, (34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (35) Clifford's Pleasure, (36) St. Columb, (37) Southrepps Pleasure, (38) Campion, (39) Marston, (40) Grandsire, (41) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (42) Northrepps Pleasure. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.
 Cyril H. Kinch Treble | Ernest G. Jones 3
 Christopher C. Clarke .. 2 | Barry J. Davis 4
 Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor
 Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
 The most methods/variations yet rung to a peal on the bells.

WARDINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.
 Cyril H. Kinch Treble | Barry J. Davis 4
 Alec W. Ivings 2 | Michael W. Coleman .. 5
 Ernest G. Jones 3 | Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor
 Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
 First peal on the bells

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

IRCHESTER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.
 Barry E. Saunders Treble | Roger W. Smith 5
 Charles E. Truman .. 2 | James Linnell 6
 William J. Chester .. 3 | Alan A. Paul 7
 Barry R. Eglesfield .. 4 | Graham C. Paul Tenor
 Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
 First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

WEEKLEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., Aug. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, College, Oxford T.B., Double Court, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.
 Murray A. Coleman .. Treble | *†John G. Mitchell 4
 *Jean Marlow 2 | *†Christopher N. Stephenson 5
 *Philip Bosworth .. 3 | Frank E. Coales Tenor
 Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
 * First peal in seven methods. † First peal "inside."
 A 21st birthday compliment to Jean Marlow.

THE ST DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANSTEPHAN, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Ystyffan.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.
 Edmund J. Morris .. Treble | †Ellis N. Thomas 5
 Ruth E. Havard 2 | David J. Llewellyn 6
 J. Arthur Hoare 3 | Gwyn I. Lewis 7
 *David Barrington .. 4 | Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor
 Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
 * First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal.
 First peal of Superlative on the bells, in the county, for the Guild and by all except ringers of 6 and 8.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.
 George A. Dawson .. Treble | F. Neville Pailing 5
 *Richard Green 2 | Graham J. N. Colborne .. 6
 Denis A. Frith 3 | Simon Humphrey 7
 William Holmes 4 | Richard Inglis Tenor
 Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
 * First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt.
 Mrs. M. Fosket Treble | Gordon A. Halls 6
 Sampson Winklate .. 2 | Edmund Shuttleworth .. 7
 David W. Friend 3 | Simon Humphrey 8
 F. Neville Pailing .. 4 | Richard Inglis 9
 David Stainsby 5 | George A. Dawson Tenor
 Composed by G. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
 Rung in memory of John W. Coleman, a former member of the service band at this church.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (2) Reverse Canterbury, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.
 Reginald C. Kersey .. Treble | Roger L. K. Whittell .. 4
 Alan R. Walters 2 | Robert J. Southgate .. 5
 Michael J. Howes 3 | Neville F. Whittell Tenor
 Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.
 Rung to mark the birth of a son to Peter and Jill Harris.

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

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

William K. Whittell Treble	Michael J. Howes 4
Alan R. Walters 2	Robert J. Southgate 5
Jennifer M. Andrews 3	Neville F. Whittell .. Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LOWER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Aug. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LEWES SURPRISE MAJOR

David D. Smith Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Joan Beresford 2	C. Martin Press 6
Edgar R. Ropley 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Peter M. Fleckney 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

LEWES SURPRISE MAJOR

x 58 x 14.58 x 12.38.12 x 14.58.14 x 12.58. L.e. 18. 16482735.

Fourths place bob. F.C.E. 24365.

DORKING, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 DORKING SURPRISE MAJOR

A. Patrick Cannon .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Christopher B. Fynes .. 2	George Francis 6
*David D. Smith 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Tom Page 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

* 25th peal. First peal in the method. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

DORKING SURPRISE MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 34 x 38 x 34 x 58. L.e. 12. 18674523.

F.C.E. 24365. Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 5.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th Obs.).	Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.
Rosemary Earle Treble	Frederick J. Lambert .. 5
Christine M. Baldock .. 2	*Roger E. Peckham 6
*Amette E. Bradbury .. 3	Alan R. Baldock 7
Ann Harris 4	Ian V. J. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Grandsire and first on eight bells.

BARCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 twelve-scores (five each of Pitman's and Morris's and six Price's) and ten different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*Stella J. Soper Treble	Albert Turner 4
E. Sybil M. Tonkin .. 2	†David R. McLean 5
*Marion E. Addy 3	*Cecil F. Vine Tenor

Conducted by David R. McLean.

* First peal attempt. † First peal of Doubles and as conductor.

Rung to mark the centenary year of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

TANGLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Grandsire and 21 extents of Plain Bob. Methods changed at each quarter peal. Tenor 6 cwt. 14 lb.

Peter Furness Treble	Terry Tarrant 3
*Philip Taylor 2	Frank Tonge 4

Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal in two methods.

Rung by Andover District members to welcome the Rev. K. N. Collins as Rector of Hatherden and Tangley.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

FECKENHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

John W. Perkins .. Treble	*Eric Styler 5
Robert W. Cole 2	Martin G. Powell 6
Richard Bateman 3	Walter H. Raxter 7
Arthur A. Jopp 4	Arthur C. Berry Tenor

Composed by P. C. Wright. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Peak, of Feckenham. Mr. Peak having been a service ring at this church for over 40 years. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Kenneth B. Sissons .. Treble	Allan Sheppard 5
James S. Webb 2	John Potts 6
John Webb 3	Robin Brown 7
Daphne P. Brown 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

FIVE QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY

On August 20th.

DOWNE, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Jones 1, N. Thomson 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, Jennifer Brown 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2.

BRASTED, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (10 methods): R. L. Jones 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, N. Thomson 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, Jennifer Brown 6. Most methods for all the band.

SEAL, KENT.—1,260 Minor (Double Oxford and Plain Bob): R. L. Jones 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, Jennifer Brown 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, N. Thomson 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6. First of Double Oxford for all the band.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—1,260 Childwall Bob Minor: R. Jean Henderson 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Jennifer Brown 4, N. Thomson 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6. First in the method for all the band.

ASH, KENT.—1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): R. L. Jones 1, Jennifer Brown 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, N. Thomson 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss P. E. Powell 1, Mrs. R. A. Reeves 2, Miss C. A. Bennett 3, P. R. Davis 4, M. W. Sayers 5, R. A. Reeves 6, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 7, B. J. Davis 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial John E. Sayers, died on August 2nd, aged 22 years.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 14th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Carol Cousins 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Mave 6. For Evensong.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At the Town Hall, on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, F. N. Smeaton 2, R. A. Jolly 3, B. R. Cox 4, J. A. Martin 5, D. J. Bleby 6, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 7, R. A. S. Adams 8. First quarter on eight by a resident Australian band. First of Plain Bob Triples 1, 3, 6, 7, 8. Rung as a farewell to Austin Adams, who leaves for America.

QUARTER PEALS

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): J. G. Flint 1, A. H. Smith (cond.) 2, Sheila I. Smith 3, D. G. Carr 4, F. H. Briscoe 5, A. S. Smith 6. Rung prior to the baptism of Heidi Louise Mullins, daughter of a local ringers.

BRADFORD PEVERELL, DORSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. W. Marshall 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5. First in five methods by all the band.

BRISTOL.—At St. John-on-the-Wall, on Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Gray 1, Miss V. Vincent 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, S. Bendle 4, L. Pearce 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. R. Lewis 1, H. Boyce 2, D. J. Lewis 3, W. J. Thomas 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, D. Culpan 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—At the Cathedral, on July 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (on the light eight): C. H. Ward 1, Dr. P. J. Perry 2, Miss Lyn Stevens 3, A. Summerell 4, N. F. Reeve 5, Dr. R. G. T. Bennett 6, R. H. Idle (cond.) 7, J. N. Dunn 8. First of Stedman for all except the conductor.

ECCESTON, ST. HELENS, LANCs.—On Aug. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. M. Roughley 1, J. Hedcock 2, J. Dunavin 3, N. Goulding 4, J. Ridley 5, Rev. C. Herbert 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, T. D. Roughley 8. First of Major 1, 2, 8.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (15 methods/var.): Janet Pink 1, Pamela Osborne 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, A. Sturgess 6. Most methods to a quarter by all the band.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: K. J. Walpole (first on eight as cond.) 1, Julia A. Fellows 2, Susan D. Cowan 3, Gillian M. Brearley 4, J. Duggan 5, M. J. Bew 6, A. W. R. Wilby 7, R. E. Hardy 8. First of Yorkshire 1, 3, 5, 7.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDx.—On Aug. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jennifer Felton (first of Major) 1, I. C. Cooper 2, F. D. Bishop 3, Patricia Rogers 4, June Creak 5, H. W. Rogers 6, C. H. Rogers 7, R. J. Collis (cond.) 8.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 13th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): R. W. Lockwood 1, A. R. Walters 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, M. J. Howes 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

LYTCHETT MINSTER, DORSET.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. J. Mears (first away from tenor) 1, P. J. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, Mrs. M. M. Godley 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6.

MABE, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, D. Stephens 2, Valerie C. Allen 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6. Rung in memory of Peter Spargo, local tower captain and people's warden, whose funeral was on previous day.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Lloyd 1, A. H. Reed 2, H. Purchase 3, G. Sparks 4, F. Casley 5, R. F. Arcott 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, W. Middleton 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. John Pugsley, former captain of Minehead tower, on his 94th birthday.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss I. Gocher 1, Mrs. J. Fynes (first of Surprise) 2, C. B. Fynes 3, M. Wake (first Surprise) 4, H. W. Franklin (first Surprise for 30 years) 5, R. Wake 6, G. Francis 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. For morning service.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Stacey 1, M. Crowell 2, C. F. Mutton 3, Miss B. M. Boyle 4, A. Ballard (cond.) 5, S. M. Bailey 6, A. H. Everett 7, J. Everett 8. First of Stedman first attempt 2 and 3.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hevan 1, A. Williams 2, R. Williams 3, B. Travell 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, E. Travell 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong.

WESTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): T. Shepherd-Walwyn 1, R. N. Longridge 2, C. F. Longridge 3, J. Shepherd-Walwyn 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. L. Dunster 6.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

STRATHDEE—SMITH.—The marriage between Andrew Strathdee and Wendy Smith will take place at Harlington Parish Church on Saturday, September 10th, 1966, at 12.45 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 4, Packet Boat Lane, Cowley Peachey, near Uxbridge, Middlesex. 9761

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HOUSE.—From September 1st, for 10 months, the address of David E. House will be: 2400 Lübeck, Hohelandstrasse 4, Germany. 9782

MANGER.—The address of David and Jennifer Manger is now: 3, Thrift Cottages, Knockbridge, Cranbrook, Kent. Telephone: Staplehurst 517. 9796

MR. AND MRS. C. F. MEW.—Will ringing friends please note that our married address is now 32, Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15. Telephone number as before, PUTney 0733.

SCOTT.—The address of the Rev. John G. M. Scott is now: Newton St. Cyres Vicarage, Crediton, Devon, Tel. Newton St. Cyres 230. Institution September 2nd, 7.30 p.m. 9785

SMALL.—The address of Mr. Peter J. H. Small from September 1st will be: The Laurels, Stonehill, Sellindge, Ashford, Kent.

PERSONAL

"Having heard the word, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience."—St. Luke viii, 15.

MISCELLANEOUS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Would all freshers coming to Birmingham in October please write to: J. R. White, 44b, East Lockinge, Wantage, Berks. 9792

COVENTRY COLLEGES GUILD.—All students in Coventry interested in joining next term are invited to contact the Acting Secretary, S. C. Walters, 64, Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield. A special general meeting will be held at Bericote Hall, College of Education, on Wednesday October 5th, at 8 p.m. Will all members or prospective members coming on the outing on October 8th please contact the Acting Secretary.—S. C. W. 9804

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—You will be welcome at the Parish Church of SS. Simon and Jude, Earl Shilton, Leics. on September 10th and 11th, for the annual Flower Festival. Bells available Saturday, 5.30 to 7.30; Sunday 10.15 to 11 for morning service; 5 to 6 for Evensong. 9761

PRINTING.—Tower and Association secretaries requiring stationery, meeting notices, tickets, membership cards and other small printed items should contact F. W. Lewis, 38, Boston Avenue, Reading. Reasonable prices. Estimates by return 9750

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT KIRBY-LE-SOKEN

September 11th, 1966.

Ringing:

7.15 a.m. for 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. for 11 a.m. Matins.
5 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Breakfast after 8 a.m. service free to those who notify me.
Social gathering after Evensong.
Singing and handbell ringing.
Light refreshment.

Special ringing arranged for parties

Come and join us.

F. B. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea, Essex. 9794

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Royal practice at St. Peter's, South Croydon, at 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, September 10th. Special method: London (No. 3). —B. Bull, Asst. Sec. 9798

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Course on Elementary Change Ringing.—A series of six lectures will be held in St. Mary's Vestry Hall, adjacent to St. Mary's Church, Putney, on Wednesdays commencing September 7th. Each lecture will begin at 8 p.m. and last for about one hour, tea and biscuits will be provided afterwards, when questions may be asked. Squared paper and printed notes will be provided. The series will start from plain hunt and deal with method construction, bobs and their effect, conducting, compositions and proof of Plain Bob. All ringers are welcome to attend the lectures; for further information and names, please to: Mr. C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15, or telephone PUTney 0733. 9801

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CANCELLED

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Christow, Saturday, September 17th, cancelled owing to clash with meeting at Buckfast Abbey. 9784

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Cherington (3-4.30) and Great Wolford (6-8 p.m.), September 3rd. Service 4.30 at Cherington. Own tea arrangements.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 9756

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Clyst St. George, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Ringing at Woodbury 6 p.m. Names for tea to A. Williams, 5, Towerfield, Topsham. 9781

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting at Dudley, Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. Thomas' Church 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me. Bells available 2.45 p.m. until 3.45 p.m., Brierley Hill (8); 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Netherthorpe (8). Dudley bells not available.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Streatham, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Netherseale. 9771

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 3rd. Graveley (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. Stevenage (8) 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry. Everyone welcome. Norton, as usual. September 1st.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly and committee meeting will be at Dalton-in-Furness on September 3rd. Ringing at Flookburgh 12.30-2 p.m., Dalton from 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Cavendish Arms 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 9514

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Calverton, September 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Eaglesfield, 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Bucks. 9743

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Lyneham, September 3rd, transferred to Heddington (6). Times as for Lyneham. Names for tea to Mr. D. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 9802

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday evening at Bunney, September 3rd, 5.30 p.m. 9760

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, September 5th, at 7 p.m. S.M.: Spliced S. Major. 9803

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, September 7th. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. All standard methods. —W. S. Deason 9716

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Combe Florey, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Ash Priors available 7.30 p.m.-9 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 10th. Bosley (6) 3 to 5 p.m.; Horton (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. Free transport available between Bosley and Horton. 9736

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wadhurst (8), Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, by September 8th. 9787

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing after until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Pantou, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 9734

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Next meeting, Ruardean, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Notify F. E. Wilson, 25, The Tythings, Newent, Glos, before September 3rd. 9795

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Highworth on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday. 9795

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Meopham, Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please to Mrs. H. Hinde, 59, Cheyne Walk, Meopham.—T. Barton. 9764

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Barming, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please to Miss S. Gunner, 472, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 9777

LADIES GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Kelston, near Bath (6), September 10th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and meeting. Further ringing to 7 p.m. only. Names for tea to Mrs. Parfrey, 18, Meadlands, Corston, Bath.—M. de Jong. 9797

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's, Sefton, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Catering at Punch Bowl at reasonable prices.—M. E. D. 9791

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Elloe Deaneries Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Saturday, September 10th. Bicker, Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Dawson, Gauntlett Lane, Bicker, Boston, Lincs, before Wednesday previous. Please note change of venue of meeting. 9715

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at Fulbeck, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided. North Raucby (5) available after tea.—G. R. P. 9762

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting at Coity on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhooce, Barry (Tel. 494) by Monday, September 5th. 9724

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, September 10th, St. Mary's, Lewisham High Street, S.E.13, 3-4.30 p.m. St. Alphege's, Greenwich Church Street, S.E.10, 7-8.30 p.m. No business.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9806

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Cardigan, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Walters, Maesglas, Cardigan.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 9780

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester and Wimborne Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, September 10th, Wool (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Wareham (8) 6.30-8. Names for tea (at Wareham) to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford, by previous Wednesday. 9723

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts. — Meeting at Sturton-le-Steeple, September 10th. Bells lately rehung and augmented to six. Names for tea to Rev. Harris, Croft House, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, by previous Wednesday. 9808

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Horringer (8) on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9783

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Clifton (6). September 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells in evening at Otley (6) 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, Branch Sec., 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Oulton, near Ipswich, Suffolk, not later than first post Wednesday, September 7th. 9785

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Joint meeting between Western and Northern Divisions,
Billingshurst, Saturday, September 10th

Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea in the Women's Hall, 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea: W. L. Weller, Flagstones, St. Andrew's Hill, Billingshurst. Service at 6 p.m. conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Vicar of Lodsworth.

Ringling after the service, followed by a social in the hall. All welcome.
R. Wake, Hon. Sec., Western Division.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Extraordinary business meeting, Welland (6), September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall, also Castle Morton (6) 7 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Good attendance, please. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, September 7th. 9776

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 10th, at Holy Trinity, Skipton. Ringing 3 p.m. and after the business meeting, and tea, which will be at 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. G. Dean, 60, Burnside Avenue, Skipton, by Wednesday, September 7th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9768

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Cowley (6) at 6.45 p.m., and Elkstone (5) at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14th. All welcome.—J. Homfray. 9749

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting at Long Melford, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approx. 4s. 6d. per head) 5.15 p.m.; please send names to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 9786

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.15. Service at the Abbey 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Bro. Paschal, Buckfast Abbey, Devon 9789

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Ashted (8), Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, by September 15th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 9774

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

An important General Meeting will be held at Bridlington on September 17th, at which a presentation will be made to the former president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison.

The new Rules, copies of which will have been sent to all towers, will be proposed at the meeting, and nominations taken for one Central Council representative.

The service in the Priory Church will be at 4.15.

Tea in the Church School at 5 p.m. Names for tea are absolutely essential and should be sent to Mr. J. A. Parker, 188, Queensgate Extension, Bridlington, E. Yorkshire, by Wednesday, September 14th.

There is no General Committee meeting.

Bells: Nunburnholme (6), 10-11.30 a.m.; Flamborough (4) 2-3.45 p.m.; Bridlington Priory (8) 11.30-12.30, 2-4 and after the meeting.—W. F. Moreton. 9758

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The St. Albans District meeting on August 20th was held at Wheathampstead, the heat outside being compensated for by the coolness inside the church. The 60ft. of unguided rope rung from the floor of the church was made up for by the "go" and sound of the six bells, and methods such as London and Norwich were enjoyed. A short service was held and an excellent salad tea followed in the Church Hall. Unfortunately many who sent their names in neither joined in the service nor arrived in time for the tea.

At the business meeting Mr. John Cull was elected chairman. Miss Susan Desborough, of Kimpton, was elected a full member. The next meeting will be held at Barnet and Monken Hadley. It will be own tea arrangements, but luckily there are a fair number of cafés in Barnet. Special methods are Stanstead Triples at Barnet and Ealing Surprise Major at Monken Hadley.

Under any other business, the secretary, Mr. Roger Brown, read a letter from St. Albans Cathedral asking the District for help in teaching their learners on practice nights, there being only two ringers experienced enough in the present band. Mr. Gerald Penney reminded everyone of the car outing on October 1st. The number of cars is to be limited to 12, names for tea and 5s. per car to go to Eric Edmondson by September 24th at the latest. After a vote of thanks to the Rector, organist and Wheathampstead ringers for the tea, the meeting was closed and evening ringing followed until 8 p.m. J. A. F.

SPALDING, Lincs.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Noon 2, F. Taylor 3, Miss J. E. Hubbard 4, B. B. Tyrrell 5, M. Bennett 6, D. J. Jones (cond.) 7, M. Hare (first quarter) 8. For the Patronal Festival. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Smith 1, Miss J. E. Hubbard 2, Miss M. Waters 3, D. R. Woods 4, B. B. Tyrrell 5, F. Taylor 6, D. J. Jones (cond.) 7, M. Hare 8. For Evensong.

LATE NOTICES

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Would any freshers going to Southampton for the new session like to contact Miss H. A. Walters, 8, Colbrook Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex. 9810

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Winwick, Saturday, September 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Newton-le-Willows 4.30. Ringing afterwards.—K. F. Wilson Sec. 9811

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Special 12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, September 7th. Ringing 6 p.m.-9 p.m.—J. Brannan. 9812

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Practice meeting, Newton St Cyres, September 3rd. Bells 7-9.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 9822

BARNLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

—The annual "Swaine" Cup Contest on Saturday, September 10th, at Hoylandswaine. Names for tea to Mr. K. Muxworthy, 303, Barnley Road, Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield. Entries to Mr. T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. This is an open contest. 9826

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 10th, at Tring (8). Bells at 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. Collings, 16, Christchurch Road, Tring. 9815

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yetminster, Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Names to assistant secretary, M. M. Godley, St. Francis' Cottage, Yetminster, Sherborne, by Tuesday, September 6th. (Phone Yetminster 332).

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary Bourne (6) on Saturday, September 10th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr E. W. Rich, Bourne Farm, St. Mary Bourne, Andover, by September 6th. Ringing after, Whitchurch (8). 9814

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Saturday, October 29th, 1966

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A very successful meeting was held in the Hemsworth area on August 20th. About 30 ringers, including the Association president, tried with varying degrees of success to ring the 13 cwt. four at Badsworth. Ringing on Hemsworth's light eight was slightly delayed by a wedding.

At the business meeting Mr. M. R. Meadows, of Wentworth, the District's new vice-president, took the chair, and opened the business by introducing himself. In closing the meeting, Mr. Charles Moxon, of Hemsworth, stated how glad he was to see so many ringers again. Further ringing took place on the ground-floor rings of six at Wragby and Crofton, although a broken stay delayed ringing slightly at Crofton.

M. K.

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