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A RINGING TOUR IN NORTH WALES

By T. G. F.

THE Sussex ringers' tour in the first week in July would now appear to be a regular institution. The most enjoyable tour to date commenced on the morning of Sunday, July 1st. The weather was perfect when the coach left Crawley Station for Horsham to pick up more of the party. It then set off to its destination, the Welsh town of Llanfyllin, which was to be the headquarters for the week. The route lay through Reading, Oxford, Broadway, Evesham, Worcester and Shrewsbury; the beautiful countryside was seen at its best. At Llanfyllin the tourists were joined by Mr. and Mrs. T. Roderick, of Porthcawl.

The first tower on Monday morning was at St. Mary the Virgin's, Ellesmere, Salop, beautifully situated among the seven meres of the 'Shropshire lake district.' The party was met by the Vicar, Rev. G. S. Lloyd. Messrs. W. Slade and Joseph Edge, both local ringers, joined in ringing on the eight bells. The next step was to the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wem, where a good octave hangs in a late 14th century tower, although the remainder of the church is only 150 years old.

After lunch to St. Giles', Wrexham, where the grand ten (tenor 25 cwt.) are in a noble tower. The local ringers assured us this tower was one of the seven wonders of Wales. The last ringing of the day took place in the spacious belfry of St. Oswald's, Oswestry, on a very good octave. Some of the peal boards are extremely old. The tower has obviously been a centre of ringing for hundreds of years.

On Tuesday the route was via Lake Vyrnwy and Lake Bala—the two largest lakes in Wales—to St. Mary's, Dolgelly, where an octave, 15½ cwt. tenor, is very seldom rung. After lunch the party were given a warm welcome at St. Peter's, Machynlleth, by the Rev. E. T. Roberts, Vice-President D. Williams, Deputy Foreman G. E. Venables, J. C. Price and other local ringers. The ringing was good and the local ringers, a very keen band, joined in ringing rounds on the eight bells, and Messrs. G. E. Venables and J. C. Price joined the tourists at tea.

In the evening, by kind permission of Canon Jenkins, the bells of Llanfyllin Church were rung and created quite a stir. Several residents of the town, including the Town Clerk, Mr. T. Jarvis, were in the belfry and many were

outside the church. The bells, a good six, were last rung on VJ-Day.

On Wednesday morning the party were honoured at St. Peter's, Ruthin, with a welcome by the Mayor, Councillor R. B. Williams, the Rev. Cecil Jones (whose title is Warden instead of rector or vicar) and Mr. Thomas, the chief local ringer. The 17 cwt. octave was put to good use and best wishes were expressed to Mr. Thomas and his local band.

In the afternoon the tour continued with a journey to St. Margaret's Church, Bodelwyddan, the famous 'Marble Church' near Rhyl. The church seen standing in the trim green churchyard in bright sunlight made a beautiful picture and the wonderful interior was greatly admired. The eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.) were one of the best rings so far met during the tour. The last tower of the day was St. Matthew's, Buckley, where the party was met by the Vicar and local ringers. The local ringers joined in touches of Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise on the 14 cwt. octave. The church has connections with W. E. Gladstone, the famous Prime Minister. His son-in-law was vicar 1897-1904, and in that time the church was completely rebuilt. The chancel is a memorial to Gladstone, and Gladstone's daughter gave the eight bells.

Thursday's ringing began at St. Luke's, Hodnet. These eight excellent bells in an octagonal tower are rung from the ground floor. A passing motorist stopped long enough to ask the coach driver to convey his congratulations to the party on their ringing, regretting he had not sufficient time to meet them personally. At Market Drayton the eight bells of St. Mary's, 17 cwt. tenor, were set going to several methods, and Mr. W. Tyler, one of the local band, joined in the ringing. A visit to St. Nicholas', Newport, where trouble with a slider cut short the ringing time, and to All Saints', Wellington, completed the tower-bell ringing for the day. After the evening meal several members gave a handbell demonstration outside the hotel, including both change ringing and tune ringing, to an appreciative audience.

On Friday the coach left Llanfyllin for a sightseeing tour. The trip lay through Llangollen, Bettws-y-Coed, Capel-Curig, Pass of Llanberis in Snowdonia, Caernarvon, over Menai Bridge to Anglesey, and on return through Llandudno, Llanrwst and Corwen. The only ringing of the day took place at St. David's, Glanadda, Bangor. The bells are a good octave and go very well, but are somewhat difficult to hear inside the tower.

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200th ANNIVERSARY PEALS

of the first performance of Holt's Original on July 7th, 1751

WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.1.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 26½ cwt.
REUBEN CHARGE Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
JAMES W. CHAPMAN .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. 7
CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOLT (1751). Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.
The original peal was performed on these bells.

HOLBORN, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES IN THE FIELDS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 18 cwt.
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. Treble	DORIS E. LIDBETTER .. 5
ELSIE K. FULTON 2	WILLIAM J. ELLIS 6
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3	DEREK R. JUDD 7
H. GEORGE HART 4	JOHN HILL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 10 cwt. 36 lb. in G.
MRS. J. E. TURLEY Treble	CLEMENT GLENN 5
S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN .. 2	HENRY ROGERS 6
HAROLD PAILING 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS 7
HERBERT LEWIN 4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 21 cwt.
FREDERICK SHERATON .. Treble	THOMAS W. CROWE 5
JOHN ANDERSON 2	EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
ERIC N. HARRISON 4	CYRIL MORDUS Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.
WILLIAM T. GRICE Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS 5
LEONARD MANNERING .. 2	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 6
EDNA M. SILLS 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
HARRY BAKER 4	FRANK THWAITES Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	
FREDK. A. SALTER 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
The conductor's 200th peal on handbells; conducted 178.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, June 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 7
MURIEL REAY 2	*TERRY R. HAMPTON 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 5	HENRY H. FEARN 11
EDWARD T. LLOYD 6	*GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 100th peal together.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, July 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt.

MURIEL REAY Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD 8
WILLIAM C. THOMPSETT .. 3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN .. 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	HENRY H. FEARN 10
FRANK E. PERVIN 5	FRANK E. HAYNES 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 6	*CHARLES T. RICHARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

LEONARD HENRYS Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY 6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2	THOMAS WILSON 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	JAMES SKEATS 8
JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON .. 4	HARRY ANDERTON 9
ARTHUR SWINDLEHURST .. 5	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS WILSON.
Rung as a compliment to the Centenary Mayor and Mayoress of Blackburn (Ald. Wm. Hare, J.P., and Mrs. Hare), who are prominent members of the Cathedral congregation.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	†GORDON A. OLLIFFE 6
LESLIE W. STEVENS .. 2	ALAN CATTELL 7
JOHN J. MORRIS 3	†JOHN BRAMLEY 8
S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 4	*ERNEST MORRIS 9
*SHIRLEY BURTON 5	TERENCE A. THORNER .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* 100th peal together. † First in the method.
† 125th peal, and he has now 'circled' this tower.

An 84th birthday compliment to Josiah Morris, father of the conductor.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. 5
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 6
*BRIAN S. COPE .. 3	ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 7
C. HENRY HARDING .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN
* First peal in the method. Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watson.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.
MURIEL REAY .. Treble	*GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 2	ARTHUR D. COOK .. 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 7
*HENRY H. FEARN .. 4	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

*400th peal together. G. W. Critchley has now 'circled' the tower.
In memoriam the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John Canon Roskell, Administrator of the Cathedral, 1919-1948.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

ARTHUR H. BYSOUTH .. Treble	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH .. 5
†PETER W. CROFT .. 2	WALTER J. HOUGHTON .. 6
GEORGE CHERRY .. 3	*ERNEST W. ROBERTS .. 7
*HAROLD F. HEATHFIELD .. 4	FRANK W. CROFT .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major (age 13 years).
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

PAUL L. TAYLOR .. Treble	†ARTHUR FIDLER .. 5
*JOHN P. FIDLER .. 2	HAROLD MARCON .. 6
†DENIS BURNETT .. 3	†HORACE MYATT .. 7
†ROBERT D. WILSON .. 4	G. R. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First in method. Seven of the band are of John Taylor and Co., bell founders.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., June 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

*W. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES .. 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 2	*JOHN UNDERWOOD .. 6
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
*WALTER G. SOAR .. 4	*ROLAND BENISON .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung for the patronal festival.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 2,560 Bristol, 1,600 London and 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 114 changes of method.
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
*ALFRED E. SMITH .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*R. ANN CLARKE .. Treble	ERIC SUTTON .. 5
†A. CHARLES BAKER .. 2	REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 6
MRS. H. L. PARFREY .. 3	WILFRED F. WEBB .. 7
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. Twenty-fifth peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Mr. R. G. Hooper.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (Grove's Variation).
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

HERBERT SUTTON .. Treble	FRANK BARNARD .. 5
FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 2	EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. 6
WILFRED KERR .. 3	JOHN E. BROUGH .. 7
*J. DEREK SMITH .. 4	*THOMAS P. BARLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal of Triples. Arranged and rung for the 4th ringer, who is going to Scotland to do his National Service in the R.E.'s.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. in D.

*†EDWARD BAILEY .. Treble	†FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. 5
†FRANK J. BAILEY .. 2	WILLIAM H. DARE .. 6
*DILYS HULBERT .. 3	ROBERT E. COLES .. 7
THOMAS YEOMANS .. 4	BERT WEAVER .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON. Conducted by FREDERICK J. BAILEY.
* First peal. † First peal by three generations for the Association.
First peal as conductor.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION (NORTHERN DISTRICT).**

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

JAMES EDGAR .. Treble	WILLIAM PRATT .. 5
*JEAN STEWART (17) .. 2	TOM SMELTZER (16) .. 6
JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 3	HARRY BROWN .. 7
†JOHN J. FIELDING .. 4	FRED E. DUKES .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by H. BROWN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the wedding of Cyril Galbraith (Southern District secretary) and Miss Ann Miles, at Limerick this day. Also a compliment to the ringer of the third on the birth of a daughter. First peal in the method on the bells. Festival of Britain Peal No. 9.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt. in E.

*JAMES H. MUSSON .. Treble	*DENIS A. FRITH .. 5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 2	*WILLIAM H. DALE .. 6
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	JOHN CRAGG .. 7
ARTHUR MACKEARS .. 4	GEORGE W. CREASEY .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

MARJORIE F. JACKSON .. Treble	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS .. 5
GEORGE H. CROSS .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ALAN TAYLOR (13) Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
*KATHLEEN I. TIVEY 2	*ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 6
HAROLD TAYLOR 3	*JOHN F. WILKINSON .. 7
*JOHN STENNITT 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANCIS R. LOWE.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
JOHN E. CHILCOTT Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	DEREK R. JUDD 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 3	WILFRID G. WILSON .. 7
ALFRED B. PECK 4	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung on the occasion of the annual garden fete and as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary H. Claude Harland, M.A., R.D., on his recent appointment to the Prebendal Stall of Mapsbury in St. Paul's Cathedral.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
FRANK E. DARBY 2	JOHN HILL 6
ALBERT DISERENS 3	FRED E. COLLINS 7
NOEL J. DISERENS 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

AGNES E. PRICE Treble	*PETER C. RIDGWAY .. 5
RICHARD E. PRICE 2	*TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 6
*PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE 7
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by G. G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal in the method.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*REGINALD LAMBERT .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 5
†WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 2	†CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 6
†FRANK H. HICKS 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT .. 7
†FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.

* 300th peal together. † First peal in the method.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PILKINGTON .. Treble	GORDON CRAINE 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	THOMAS HESKETH 6
JOHN ROBERTS 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 7
RONALD KENRICK 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by all the band. Rung in honour of the weddings of Miss Helen Rice, of Halsall, Miss Glenis Williams, daughter of Mr. L. J. Williams, of Church Kirk, and Miss Betty Lintott, daughter of Mr. Arthur Lintott, of Liverpool. The conductor's 250th peal for the Lancashire Association.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES WENBAN Treble	THOMAS J. CLARK 5
REGINALD ROWLEY 2	JOHN E. ROOTES 6
FREDK. A. CATTELL 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
D. KAY ADKINS 4	ALBERT C. WENBAN Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. E. Harold Loasby, M.A., upon his induction as Rector by the Bishop of Willesden.

WANTAGE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six Part.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
*A. ROY WOOD Treble	ALEX WOODLEY 5
*EDWIN C. SEYMOUR .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND 6
*WALTER SEYMOUR .. 3	†HARRY WHITE 7
†CYRIL P. LAY 4	WILLIAM CORDEROY .. Tenor

Conducted by R. B. BLOND.

* First peal. † First of Triples. Rung for Patronal Festival.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, July 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 5
*MISS J. HEARN 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS .. 6
MISS M. PEMBERTON .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*MISS F. D. MURKITT .. 4	MRS. J. DUNHAM Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 24½ cwt.
HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
J. BENJAMIN BUDD 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 6
PAUL L. TAYLOR 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Specially arranged for Mr. J. B. Budd, of Mold, Flintshire. A birthday compliment to Josiah Morris and Reginald G. Hooper.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 5, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BOUTLAND Treble	HENRY O. BAKER 5
A. ARTHUR HUGHES .. 2	GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 6
BETTY GRIFFITHS 3	ARTHUR WATKINS 7
SHIRLEY GOLDING 4	WALTER ALLMAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY O. BAKER.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 6, 1951, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
DENNIS N. BURNETT .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 6
WINEFRED M. BURTON .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
JOHN P. FIDLER 4	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

WALTER G. SOAR Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	SIDNEY H. JONES 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells and for the Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

FRANK W. LEWIS Treble	ENID LONNEN 3
E. WINIFRED KEYS 2	*C. DOUGLAS LININGTON .. 4

NORMAN J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*REGINALD HANKINS .. Treble	JOHN KING 4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	BRIAN S. COPE 5
BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. WATSON.

* First peal. Rung for the opening of Corby Festival.

HARWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent, and 720 each of Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY BARNES Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
PEGGY M. LAMB 2	FRANK LAMB 5
ERNEST J. PADGETT .. 3	FRANK REED Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK C. PRICE Treble	PETER A. LAWRENCE 4
PETER C. RIDGWAY 2	TERENCE H. BLUNT 5
WILLIAM BUTLER 3	FRANK G. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

MORETON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5760 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Pitman's (24 240's) arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in G.

DESMOND G. MAYELL .. Treble	DONALD J. CROUCHMAN .. 4
MRS. D. G. MAYELL .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
FRANCIS R. GODDARD .. 3	FREDERICK W. JAMES .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS R. GODDARD.

Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. S. Symonds and also a birthday compliment to Mr. D. G. Mayell.

NUNBURNHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE DOWLING .. Treble	JOHN G. HOBSON 4
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2	LEONARD RODMELL 5
PHILIP H. SPECK 3	CHARLES BARKER Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Capel, Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

ANN WORTH Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 4
*STEPHEN W. J. PENNEY .. 2	†DENNIS MOTTESHEAD .. 5
NEIL D. LOMAS 3	‡SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal. First peal as conductor.

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WARMLEY, NEAR BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of fourteen 120's of Grandsire, sixteen of Stedman and twelve of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

R. ANN CLARKE	Treble	ERIC SUTTON	4
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	WILFRED F. WEBB	5
GILBERT SPRULES	3	*CYRIL TURNER	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED F. WEBB.

* First peal. First peal in three Doubles methods by all. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. H. Down and as a welcome to the new Vicar, Preb. C. W. Francis.

WARSP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Newdigate, Willesden, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Wragby, Neasden and St. Alban's Delight. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOAN M. SMITH	Treble	FRANK BRADLEY	4
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal in seven 4th place Delight Minor methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung for the opening of the Warsop Festival Week.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, June 25, 1951, in 2 hours and 44½ Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's in nine methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Spliced Double Oxford Bob and Thelwall, (3) Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

*DAVID H. PEARCE	Treble	*MARY PEMBERTON	4
*MRS. JEAN M. DUNHAM	2	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE	5
*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	FRANK H. HICKS	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in nine methods.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT BROWN	Treble	WILLIAM B. DAWSON	4
GEORGE W. BURRELL	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	5
HAROLD BARSLEY	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burrell, who were married at the above church on June 27th, 1901.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GERALD FROST	Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN	4
BERNARD SADLER	2	VICTOR W. GRIMWADE	5
*HERMON J. OLIVER	3	WILLIAM S. MAY	Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR W. GRIMWADE.

* First peal in three methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ALLAN CHAPMAN	Treble	HARRY POYNER	4
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	2	ALAN CATTALL	5
WINEFRED M. BURTON	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTALL.

* First peal.

TADMARTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*JOSEPH M. STRETTON	Treble	*JACK BISHOP	4
*VICTOR LINES	2	EDMUND E. PEARSON	5
*HARRY HYDE	3	*HARRY BISHOP	Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., June 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

RONALD W. STEWARD	Treble	*MAX P. PAGE	4
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
CHARLES A. ANDREWS	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, June 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

H. WAND (74)	Treble	H. REGINALD WOODS	3
*JOAN BRANDON	2	*F. G. VICKERS	4
REGINALD SCOTT			Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD SCOTT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 6480 MINOR

Being 9 extents as follows: (1) Crayford Little Court, Little Bob, Chalfont, Cromer, Northaw, Fulmer, Penshurst, Walsingham, Lammass, Olney, Stevenon, and Tibenham Alliance. (2) Crayford Little Court, Little Bob, Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Stratton, Buxton. (3) Kent Little Court, Bicker, Pinchbeck, Copt Oak, Wainfleet, Spilsby, Charnwood, Gedney, Gumby, Surfleet, Spalding. (4) Bastow Little Court, Poynton, Elsham, Bennington, Denton, Dunholme, Bassingham, Chelford, Langton, Candlesby, Bigby, Frieston, Frampton, Alford, Butterwick, Tattershall. (5) Mendip, Barham, Waterford, Kentish, Beeston, Berwyn, Berkeley, Melandra, Oswald, Edinburgh, Leasowe, Pemroke, Peveril. (6) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, Carisbrooke, Ockley, Donottar, Wath, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Pontefract, Kingston, College Exercise, Norbury. (7) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star, Elston. (8) Nelson, Bourne, Ely, Skipton, Knutsford, Chepstow, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Hull, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow. (9) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck, Horsmonden. 266 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN	2	JAMES W. BOWLEY	5
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	ROLAND BENISTON	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in 126 methods, being the highest number of methods at present known to splice into nine extents. Longest peal of Minor for the Guild. Extent No. 3 is now rung in a peal for the first time.

BURBAGE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods thus: (1) Spliced Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (2), (3), (4) and (5) Spliced Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston; (6) Oxford; (7) Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

NEVILLE A. BROWN	Treble	DEREK OGDEN	4
M. JILIAN BRIERLEY	2	RONALD BARLOW	5
F. RONALD FORSTER	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

HANDBELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT GREEN WAYS, GIPSY LANE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 1-2 | FRANK E. PERVIN 5-6
HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 3-4 | ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 7-8

Conducted by MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.

* 50th peal. First peal as conductor 'in hand.' A 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 25, 1951, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

ON THE TOP OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 32 with extremes and 10 six-scores. Tenor size 14 in D.

COLIN A. KIRK 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL 3-4

MICHAEL BROWN 5-6

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

DONCASTER, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2 | WILLIAM H. JACKSON 5-6

GIBSON JACKSON 3-4 | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 19 in F.

TERENCE A. THORNER .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD 7-8

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3-4 | HARRY POYNER 9-10

PETER J. STANFORTH 5-6 | HAROLD J. POOLE 11-12

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 1-2 | *JOSEPH A. FENTON 5-6

CLEMENT GLENN 3-4 | FREDK. A. SALTER 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal in the method off 1-2.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED MAJOR

Being six methods, comprising 1,728 Gainsborough Little Bob, 1,456 Plain Bob, 636 Wellington Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, and 304 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, with 397 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | *KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal in six methods. The conductor's 50th peal in spliced methods 'in hand.'

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

IN ST. MARY DE CRYPT BELFRY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores ten callings. Tenor 15 in C.

JOAN BUSSEY 1-2 | LESLIE BARRY 3-4

DORIS SHEPPARD 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1951, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

RONALD BARLOW 1-2 | FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4

FREDK. E. WILSHAW 5-6

Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

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The relatively few peals of Holt's Original rung on the 200th anniversary of the first peal came as a surprise to many in view of the prevalence of peal ringing to-day. A conductor has suggested to us that it would be interesting to ascertain how others call this famous peal and what checks to memory are employed.

Mr. H. Wand, aged 74, rang his first peal for 30 years at Market Overton, Rutland, on June 29th.

Mr. Frederick E. Wilshaw has rung a peal in a different method on each bell in the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke-on-Trent.

Mr. Fred Dukes, secretary of the Irish Association, has rung his first peal on the tenor in 137 peals.

Writes Mr. A. J. Corrigan: 'As I dare say that many of your subscribers will neglect to comply with your request for the extra 1s. 5d. to cover increase in postage, I send for two.' We trust that there will not be too many claimants for Mr. Corrigan's generosity.

Mr. W. Eric Critchley and Mr. Shirley Barton call our attention to the fact that the method published in the issue of July 13th under the name of Nettleham had already been rung as Withyham at the place of that name on March 21st, 1948, conducted by Philip A. Corby.

The sympathy of many friends will be extended to Mr. Jack L. Millhouse of the Lincoln Cathedral band, who was the victim of a nasty accident last Saturday. He had oiled the bells at Ewerby previous to a peal attempt when, on his way down, he slipped and fractured his kneecap. Through the kind services of a lady in the village, he was taken by car to a doctor at Heckington, who arranged for his removal to Lincoln County Hospital. Mr. Millhouse is in Robey Ward.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Copt Oak ringers have gained further laurels by a peal in 126 methods on June 30th, being the highest number of methods at present known to splice into nine extents.

The weight of the tenor at Marsden, Yorks, is 264 cwt and not 164 cwt. as recorded recently.

The Editor gratefully acknowledges on behalf of 'The Ringing World' Committee a donation of one guinea from an anonymous donor to meet the increased cost of production.

Mr. L. Bailey, of Godshill, Isle of Wight, thanks the many correspondents who wrote interesting replies to his enquiry re Clement Tosier.

The ringer of the third in the peal at St. John's, Bournemouth, was Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher and not Miss D. R. Fletcher, as inadvertently submitted to us.

Biggleswade District outing was on June 23rd and not June 16th, writes our correspondent. We do not question, after this, that the outing was a great success!

We have had a spate of 'completing the circle' of towers this week. The following are to hand:—Mr. G. W. Critchley, the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad, Birmingham; Mr. John E. Brough, Marbury, Cheshire; Messrs. Gerald Frost and William S. May, Downham, Essex (being the first persons to do so); and Mr. Stanley Prestidge, Netherton, Worcestershire.

It took Mr. D. Vincent, of Hale, Cheshire, four days to reach Yarmouth for the Conference of the National Federation of Grocers and Provision Dealers' Associations. He rang Pudsey at Hugglecote, Yorkshire at Wilby (adjoining his native village of Stradbroke), Cambridge at Framsdon and Superlative at Pulham, where he last rang a peal 28 years ago, and renewed acquaintance with Mr. Ernest Whiting. He thanks all ringers and friends who made his visits so enjoyable.

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THE STORY OF PEALS AND FAILURES

THE 200th anniversary of the ringing of the Original by John Holt, on Saturday, July 7th, was commemorated by relatively few peals.

Perhaps the peal of most interest was that at St. Margaret's, Westminster, where John Holt, in 1751, sat and called his composition. This commemorative peal was called by Mr. Charles Roberts. He had with him a band of veterans—three above the age of 70 and two over 60, while the average age of the band was 61. Mr. W. H. Hewett, who participated in the peal, has been a ringer at St. Margaret's since 1905 and tower-keeper since 1916.

He writes: The tablet which records the original peal and hangs in the porch at the base of the tower is in perfect condition. Some 20 years ago it was thoroughly cleaned down and revarnished. It has two interesting features painted in the corners—the rose in one and the thistle in the other and four clasped hands in the centre. Of the bells, he adds that in Holt's day there were only eight bells, cast and hung by Samuel Knight, of Holborn, in 1739. The present ring of ten is hung in the same frame but were all rehung with new fittings, and six recast, in 1939. The third and fifth are original bells.

AT ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELD

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who conducted a peal of the Original at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, adds this interesting commentary:

There is a peal board in the tower which mentions that on October 23rd, 1791, there was rung 'The Original' peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples as composed by Jno. Holt in one continued course with two Doubles in the last four leads, completed in three hours and seven minutes, called by James Bartlett, being the only person that ever rang and called this very difficult composition.

There were, however, at least two previous occasions when the conductor had taken part in the ringing. One was at Norwich and the other at Saffron Walden. It was undoubtedly its first performance in London.

A DOUBLE

Mr. Clem Glenn, of Nottingham, writes:—Noticing some time ago that I was nearing my 200th on handbells, I thought it would be nice to ring it on the 200th anniversary of the 'Original' and bring off a 'double,' so to speak, which was accomplished between 10.8 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. in the ringing chamber of St. Peter's, Nottingham. Although St. Peter's chiming were pulled off, the tenor persisted in making itself heard at 11 and 12: and this, together with Littlejohn's 10 tons 7 cwt. booming out nearby, is a little distracting. However, a good peal at a moderate speed and nothing serious to report.

Then to ring it on tower bells in the afternoon at Daybrook. Ringing chamber small, weather very close. Good raise, good peal, good cease, with 'echo' in Queens. Only three trips, all made by one who shall be nameless: said he was listening to the music. Pleasant surprise—up comes Mrs. Paling with refreshing cups of tea. Then, some homewards, some to repair for further refreshment. A jolly good day.

AT CHESTER-LE-STREET

From a Reporter on the spot
The selection of Chester-le-Street for any eight-bell attempt needs no explanation or justification and a band has just arrived to attempt to ring Holt's Original on the bi-centenary of its performance.

The band is drawn from two Newcastle towers and the local company with ages ranging from 15 to 71. The bells are raised, the ropes are adjusted and then there is a hitch while part of the floor is scrubbed! These preliminaries over, the ringing begins and continues very smoothly for almost 45 minutes until the bob

caller reaches an impasse. This is not yet realised by anyone else but what heart searching is proceeding within the bob-caller.

He has committed to memory the bells 'before' and is positive that he must now call '7 before' with a double but alas 7 is 'in the hunt'! Even greater calamity is the grim realisation that he is ringing 7 himself!! If only it had been the veteran... or one of the youngsters... but fate has not even provided a scapegoat. The conductor has no option but to call 'Stand.'

But, wait. What is this 'Belfrymanship'? Surely it will be easy to slip out of the hunt and bludgeon someone else into it, continue with the calling and see that the bells come into rounds at the right time; for, after all, this is one's own tower: one knows how long Triples should take and there is a clock on the wall. Yes, that's it. If only Holt had known this technique he need never have resorted to calling from manuscript 200 years ago.

But then fears arise one by one. The clock might stop and the watch is tucked away in a pocket. Conscience casts doubts upon the ethics of the plan. Seven is still in the hunt and the band seems to know the method far too well and any attempt to abscond from the hunt—even a hesitation on the way to lead—would bring forth a concerted shout from the others to 'get down and take the treble off.' Finally, a memory of the awful fate that befell Jonathan Wild in the famous ringing match at Flixton after he had carried out a similar plan with another Holt composition.

Thus it is that instead of 'bob' he calls 'Stand.' He explains the difficulty that has arisen and weakly admits that he must have miscalled it.

The heat of the day causes some discussion as to whether a fresh attempt shall be made, but it is finally decided that the next centenary is a bit too far distant and a fresh start is made. (Incidentally, it is noticed that the clock had stopped just about the time that 'Stand' was called!).

This time all goes well, and after three hours and two minutes the bells reach rounds and it is to be claimed as conducted by D. A. B.

After the peal the owner of the vintage Bentley finds his hands badly blistered. A volunteer is forthcoming to 'swing her' but his efforts are of no avail and the owner has to tackle the job himself with the aid of a duster. Six of the band pile into the car and go off to tea. Thirst seems to exceed hunger and the writer sees, for the first time, food remaining on the table after the departure of the youths from Fenham; but one of them admits that he is not in peak condition on this occasion.

NEW POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

The Editorial Committee regret that owing to the present finances of 'The Ringing World' they are unable to meet the increased postal charges when subscribers renew their subscriptions.

The new rates, which become operative with subscriptions due on July 6th, are as follows:—

Quarterly Subscription, 6s.

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And so to bed, for it is just about bedtime now that all this has been accomplished. The ringers depart, hoping for more peals but without a quarter-peal to warm up first of all.

AT FRITTENDEN

The 200th anniversary was also observed at Frittenden, Kent, where Mr. Louis Head called the Original.

He writes that the village folk thought it was being called from manuscript when seven of the band arrived at the church in a three-ton open lorry, whilst two men were clearing the path which led from the door to the belfry door.

A FAILURE

On July 7th, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted. Unfortunately, after 50 minutes' good ringing, the attempt came to grief, caused by the treble rope breaking. The band was stationed as follows: H. S. Shuck 1, E. Stith 2, C. Wallater 3, W. Davies 4, F. Brotherton 5, S. Birch 6, H. Howell 7, M. G. Turner (conductor) tenor.

FESTIVAL CHURCH RINGING

Arrangements For Visitors

The Festival of Britain Sub-Committee of the Central Council has been very glad to receive for publication in 'The Ringing World' the accompanying letter. It has been sent by the Rev. L. W. Harland, secretary of the Festival Church Committee, with whom negotiations have been conducted, and brings with it the assurance that visiting bands of ringers will enjoy the privilege of ringing the bells of St. John's. While there are no specific arrangements for individual ringers, Mr. Grainger will always be glad to hear in advance from such ringers, so that if possible they can be given the opportunity of standing in when they are visiting the Festival Church.

S. S. JOHN HATCHER, Convener.

Dear Sir,—In view of misunderstandings about ringing at the Festival Church, the Committee responsible have asked that, in future, bands wishing to ring should apply direct to the steeple-keeper, Mr. W. D. Grainger, of 36, Dulwich Village, S.E.21. Preference will be given to those churches whose choirs are singing at the Festival Church. Those bands which have already applied through the Central Council have now been allotted dates, and any others will be given dates as soon as possible after application.

It is regretted that permission cannot be given for peal ringing.—Yours sincerely,

L. W. Harland, Secretary.

British Council of Churches
Festival of Britain Committee.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT

The annual meeting and prize contest were held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 7th.

Seven teams entered the contest which resulted as follows:—

Meltham	52 points
Lindley	66 "
Friezland	62 "
Silkstone	90 " (rang out)
Liversedge	32 "
Cawthorne	37 "

Liversedge won the Association's silver cup and a preserve dish for each man, and Cawthorne won a sugar bowl for each man.

A meeting was held at the close of the competitive ringing and everyone expressed satisfaction over the state of the Association's funds, which showed an increase of £2 17s. on the previous year's total.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc unanimously, and Liversedge offered their tower for the next contest.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

A HEALTHY POSITION — THE GEORGE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL — ENQUIRIES FOR A GUILD BADGE — NEW PANEL TO CATHEDRAL WAR MEMORIAL PROPOSED

THE annual general meeting was held at Winchester on July 7th and was attended by over 80 ringers representing all districts of the Guild. Among the visitors present were Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Wimborne, and ringers from Buckland Newton and Piddihinton (Dorset) and Beaconsfield.

The business meeting was held in St. Maurice Hall, presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Pullinger), supported by the hon. general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers), hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Linter) and hon. auditor and librarian (Mr. A. York-Bramble). Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. V. Davis (peals recorder), R. Marlow, W. Read, W. Upton, P. N. Bond and the Rev. C. E. Brinkworth.

The accounts and balance sheet were reviewed by the hon. treasurer, who, whilst congratulating the Guild on maintaining its financial stability, appealed to all districts to increase their efforts to secure more membership. This, he said, was the only practical way in which we could reasonably face our future commitments without calling on reserve funds.

Mr. York-Bramble, as auditor, explained the manner in which the new form of accounts were presented to conform to the spirit of the rules. The accounts were unanimously adopted and the treasurer and auditor thanked for their work.

The joint report of the Master, hon. general secretary and hon. treasurer stated that, as the district secretaries' report showed, the position was still a healthy one, both in matters of ringing and membership. Reports of bell restorations in many districts were very encouraging, work having been undertaken and completed in North Stoneham (10), Alverstoke (8) and Wolverton (6). Bramley bells were to be augmented from 6 to 8, Arreton from 5 to 6 (since completed) and Baughurst were now receiving attention. Although in one or two districts a decrease in membership was reported and was sincerely regretted, most of the others had shown an increase, especially in the influx of young ringers, which was most encouraging.

Compared with the previous year, membership showed a total of ringing members 677 (647), honorary members 84 (70) and unattached 7 (5). The year started with a balance in hand of £304 10s. 3d. and concluded with a balance of £331 18s. 5d.

The Guild was very fortunate in finding an efficient successor to Mr. G. Smith as auditor. Mr. York-Bramble, who consented to fill this office, had been very painstaking in this work and members would note the efficient manner in which the Guild accounts were presented in the report. As first librarian to the Guild, he had prepared an inventory of all their property.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected en bloc on the proposition of Mr. Smart (Andover) seconded by Mr. Tucker.

PEAL REPORT

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, the peal recorder, reported that there had been a slight drop in the number of peals recorded during 1950 as compared with the previous year, a total of 121 as against 143.

There were four less tower-bell peals (49) than in 1949. The peal of Bob Maximus, at Christchurch, was a creditable performance in every way, most of the band earning a 'first performance' star of some description. New ground was broken with London Royal at Southampton, and Spliced Surprise, in six methods, at Soberton. A band rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise on the Isle of Wight. The peals were rung in 27 different towers: there were 12 'first-pealers,' four of whom qualified in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Bournemouth.

In the handbell section there were 72 peals recorded against 95 for 1949. In all, 25 ringers took part, 13 of whom were visitors to Bournemouth. First peals for the Guild were rung to Gainsborough Little Bob Major, Spliced Major in 10 methods, Spliced Royal in three and also four methods. Mr. D. T. Malkin conducted 61 of these peals and actually conducted more peals than anyone else in the county during 1950. In the tower-bell peals Mr. John H. Hunt led the way with 11, and in all there were 119 instances of first peals in the method.

The report of the Central Council meeting at Chester was given by Mr. C. H. Kippin, who explained the various decisions on methods and peals. He was heartily thanked for his presentation of the report on the proposition of Mr. Chesterman, seconded by Mrs. Marshallsay.

THE GEORGE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL

The Master said that although up to the present the response to the appeal was not yet what was expected, the Executive Committee now recommended that the work in connection with the proposed bookcase should be proceeded with. Mr. Lampard, of Winchester, kindly offered to produce a design in keeping with the Guild's desire to house the books left to the Guild by the late Master and also to allow for other books and future additions. It was agreed that tenders be asked for from several cabinet makers who had been recommended and the Guild officers were empowered to proceed with the work if these proved to be acceptable to them. This was agreed to on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. Haines.

THE GUILD WAR MEMORIAL

In view of the fact that the Guild had now decided to proceed with the George Williams Memorial, it was felt that, taking into account the financial position, all suggested schemes of bell restorations or augmentations should be dropped and that the panel in the belfry at Winchester Cathedral containing the names of members who had fallen in the 1914-1918 war, should be extended, or a new panel provided, to bear the names of those who had lost their lives in World War II. It was unanimously agreed that the Dean and Chapter be approached in order to obtain the necessary permission to do this. This was carried on the proposition of Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Cheater (Ringwood). In connection with this, the Master appealed to the district secretaries to endeavour to obtain a complete list from the towers, which also was being sought by the committee of the Central Council compiling the 'Roll of Honour.'

ALTERATION TO RULES

During the year, a sub-committee consisting of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. A. York-Bramble had been appointed to go into the question of a re-draft of the rules, as many anomalies were apparent in the present ones. This committee had thoroughly investigated the rules and their proposals were placed before the general meeting for its discussion and, if desired, adoption. The proposed alterations had been printed in 'italics' in the current annual report so that comparisons could be made with the existing rules. On behalf of the Committee, Mr. York-Bramble explained that it had been found desirable to revise the rules for mainly three reasons:—(1) To ensure logical sequence in their order; (2) To omit many unnecessary prefaces; (3) Essential alterations to context, which were shown in 'italics.'

The alterations, dealt with rule by rule, were, with one or two minor alterations, unanimously adopted on the proposition of Mr. York-Bramble, seconded by the Rev. Felstead. One further alteration was made in the rule dealing with subscriptions, that a new paragraph be inserted

that 'Juvenile members up to the age of 16 years shall subscribe 1s. 6d. annually. Such members shall enjoy the privileges of ringing members except that they shall have no vote on matters of finance.'

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Basingstoke on July 5th, 1952.

The hon. general secretary announced that a reprint of the Guild Certificate had been completed and it was decided to make a charge of 6d. each for these, excluding postage.

Mr. W. C. Lampard received the congratulations of the meeting on attaining 60 years' service as a ringer at the Cathedral. This had also been suitably rewarded by the local authorities in presenting him with a handsome wrist watch.

GUILD BADGE

The question of a Guild badge for ringers was raised and it was proposed by Mr. Mitchell (Bournemouth), seconded by Mr. Hunt (Portsmouth), that enquiries be made from suitable firms with a view to adopting one. It was decided that a grant of five guineas be given to Baughurst towards the restoration of their bells.

Mr. J. A. Hill (Andover) proposed that Messrs. G. Pullinger (Master), F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary) and W. Linter (hon. treasurer) be elected honorary life members of the Guild in recognition of their long and loyal service. This was carried with acclamation and the officers suitably responded.

Votes of thanks, on the proposition of the Master, were accorded the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells, the clergy who had placed their bells at the Guild's disposal, and Mr. J. A. C. King (Winchester) for the untiring work he had put in in making all the local arrangements.

Tea was served in St. Maurice Hall, after which members attended the Cathedral evensong.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung at intervals during the day and many took advantage of visiting the variety of surrounding towers that were available.

DEATH OF MR. H. A. WRIGHT

N.E. Essex and the Essex Association have lost an old friend by the death of Mr. H. A. Wright, of Clacton, who died at the age of 74, on July 5th. He had been in failing health for some time, but his passing came as a surprise to many of his friends. The funeral was at Clacton Cemetery on July 10th. Representing local ringers and Essex Association were Mr. E. E. Davey and Mr. U. W. Wildney, and wreaths included one from Kirby and district ringers.

Mr. Wright, a native of Clopton, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, came to reside in Clacton upwards of 50 years ago, and was employed by Clacton Council until retiring towards the end of the late war. He was a ringer in the standard methods, having rung 51 peals, mainly for the Essex Association. He came forward to assist at Kirby-le-Soken when the bells were restored in 1923 and it was at this tower that many of his peals were rung, the last being as recently as Whit Monday. Mr. Wright was a life member of the Essex Association. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

U. W. W.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—With regard to the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Giles', Northampton, on June 9th, and conducted by me, I shall be glad if you will withdraw the same as I consider it was a most unsatisfactory finish.—Yours truly,

RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

Crewe.

CRICKET AND BELLS

Oxford Guild's & University Society's Diversion

Genius is a rare visitor. To one such stroke, whether Wednesday evening in the Mitre Tavern or Sunday afternoon over the tea cups claim the credit, belongs the idea of bringing the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers to Great Tew on the sunny afternoon of Sunday, June 3rd, to play a cricket match. The Guild drew its team from Oxford, Great Tew, Appleton, Bicester and the University fielded almost its full male change-ringing strength. In face of at least one big cricketing reputation in the Guild side, the University men were fortified by the reflection that Wright, of Kent, was playing for them. William Judge, who had bumped the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Caters on the previous day and so could be expected to maintain an impartial outlook, shared the umpiring with a local cricket club member.

Winning the toss for the University, McCrum elected to bat. Inspection of the pitch was superfluous, the sun being just past its zenith and ice cream on sale close by. The opening pair, Meadows and Homfray, took up their diffident stance. White and Pink began the bowling with a well-directed and vicious swing attack. This was patently much too good for the circumstances. The difficult ball that runs away from the bat was missing both wicket and bat. A Washbrook or a Hutton would surely have got a touch and swift dismissal, whereas the batsmen concerned prodded and elided the total to 22 before Homfray yielded Pink a well-deserved wicket. The bowlers then set to with a vengeance. In no long time the total had moved to 35 for 5. Niblett compiled six patient runs before being excellently stumped. A hurried single found McCrum more than half wicket, but definitely out of course. Pimm and Smith took over the bowling with but little less venom than their predecessors. In general, the progress of the less successful University batsmen to and from the wicket is aptly described by Stedman's term for less prolonged visits to the Front Work. One innings showed different ideas. Guy for two overs lulled spectators and opponents alike with the dearest of dead bats, before lashing out with herculean fury. 'Six, four, two,' marked all to brief a stay, a ball from Smith ending the gay episode, with the score at 48 for 6. This was soon to become 51 for 9. But a sagacious and unhurried last wicket stand delayed the end, Grayson and Thomas obviously having gone out to bat and not merely to make runs. So the innings closed for 60.

Over a tea, such as makes cricket a pleasure to play, non-playing enthusiasts were collecting a band to ring for Evensong. Wags meanwhile speculated that a muffled quarter peal should be attempted for the University bowling averages. In the event the bowling, regarded by expert opinion as tenuous, turned out quite formidable. Niblett and Guy soon found a length and had Cross and Morley wrong stroke quite early on. Pink, in partnership with White, sustained the innings until the score reached 21, when extra cover fetched a camera and photographed him at the wicket. Two balls later Niblett's faster one rattled his stumps (extra cover indignantly denies that this was a variation of the Gamesmanship play originated by Dr. W. G. Grace). Porter now judiciously helped the total on to 30, silencing speculation about possible Oxford Society use of the splice, before falling victim to the bowling of Wright, who had replaced Guy. Then, at 35, White's steady knock came to an end.

A crisis faced the Guild and the game was entering its most interesting phase. Furthermore, the bells of Great Tew, close by the ground, had been having their say. Seldom did ringing have a more discerning audience or cricket a more diverting accompaniment. For

a hazardous half-hour, batsmen absentmindedly tickled balls outside the off stump, while checking lead-ends, and the slips conversed Stedman and Grandsire. What now decided the match was the arrival of Smith, who launched a tremendous and sustained onslaught on the University bowling. The score-book's '1, 1, 4, 2, 4, 4, 6, 4,' registers the havoc. And, with Wells quietly collecting runs at the other crease, the Guild were winners by five wickets. The rest of the innings, though relaxed in tension, was not farcical. Pimm was out on an excellent catch off a full-blooded hit to mid-wicket. Wilkins, undeterred by an encroaching ring of fielders (or field of ringers) proceeded to treat the bowling strictly on its merits. Chaundy looked good for a century, though perhaps not all in one day. Walter Judge took guard at the wicket with the kindly, but masterful air of a Beecham or a Boulton called in at short notice to conduct a cafe orchestra. It is just a question of concentration. 'Four not out' might have been the start of a big score, had not Wells' long innings ended with a catch in the gully. His 28 had been the sheet-anchor of the Guild's final total of 101.

Local advice on where the evening could best be spent was readily forthcoming. And the memories of a delightful day shade imperceptibly into the lengthening shadows of an inn garden at Dunst Tew.

Oxford University.—Meadows lbw b White 15; Homfray b Pink 10; Niblett st Wells b Pink 6; Wright b Pink 1; McCrum run out 3; Guy b Smith 12; Edge b Smith 3; Scott b Pimm 1; Border c Wells b Pimm 2; Thomas not out 4; Grayson c Pink b Morley 2; extras 1; total 60.

Bowling.—White 8-1-20-1; Pink 9-0-14-3; Pimm 4-0-14-2; Smith 3-0-10-2; Porter 1-0-1-0; Morley 1-0-0-1.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Cross b Guy 1; Morley c Wright b Niblett 0; Pink b Niblett 13; White b Niblett 10; Porter b Wright 8; Wells c sub b Guy 28; Smith lbw b Meadows 26; Pimm c Homfray b Meadows 1; Wilkins st McCrum b Meadows 9; Chaundy b Border 1; Judge not out 4; extras 0; total 101.

Bowling.—Niblett 11-2-19-3; Guy 8-1-14-2; Wright 4-0-35-1; Meadows 4-0-11-3; Grayson 2-0-10-0; Border 2-0-12-1.

R. M.

RINGING TOUR IN N. WALES

(Continued from front page)

The first tower on Saturday was St. Mary-of-the-Salutation, Welshpool. The party was met by some of the local band, C. Williams (capt.), G. Lamister and E. Goodwin, who rang in a touch of Grandsire. The next call was St. Lawrence's Church, Stretton, where eight bells hang in a central Norman tower. St. Andrew's, Condover, proved rather difficult to find, but eventually ringing took place in the ground floor belfry in the Church of St. Mary, Shrewsbury, where Mr. F. Owen, the local captain, and Mr. W. Parker, the tower-keeper, met the party and joined in the ringing. The local ringers are justly proud of the back eight bells of the ring of ten with its 22 cwt. tenor.

That evening, at the hotel, Mr. G. Cecil, the Master of the Sussex County Association, presented a small gift, on behalf of the tourists, to Miss F. Wyman, who had done so much hard work in the organising of the tour.

No ringing had been planned for Sunday, July 8th. A midday lunch had been arranged at Brewwood and owing to an early arrival several ringers went to explore the church of SS. Mary and Chad. The bells proved to be excellent, probably the best of the tour.

The previous arrangement of appointing a Ringing Master for every morning and afternoon was adhered to and these duties were shared by Messrs. G. W. Cecil, B. Harman, R. Overy, E. Rapley, K. Snelling and L. Stilwell. Seventeen methods were rung from Plain Bob Minor to Stedman Caters, including the four Standard Surprise Major methods as well as Yorkshire and Painswick Surprise, in all a total of 11,133 changes. The number of steps climbed was 692 and the total mileage covered was 1,209 on the round trip.

It would be impossible to omit from these notes a reference to two dear old friends who were with the party last year, Walter Claydon and especially Oliver Sippetts who had been the prime mover in the previous tours.

The tourists have been agreeably surprised at the interest taken in the trip by ringers and others in North Wales and districts. Mention has been made of the tour in various local papers, and Canon Jenkins, of Llanfyllin, in a letter of thanks to Miss Wyman, hopes the interest aroused may lead to the Llanfyllin bells being rung once more.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT PATRINGTON

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Patrington on Saturday, June 30th, and was attended by 36 ringers from 14 towers. A short service in the church, very appropriately called the 'Queen of Holderness,' was conducted by the Rector the Rev. J. Janes, who gave an unusual and inspiring address. During the singing of the 150th Psalm a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. R. B. Smith, of Howden, and the District secretary, Mr. H. S. Morley, who was prevented from attending by a slight accident, but is by now quite recovered from the effects. Mr. T. H. Foster kindly deputised.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet, subject to permission. Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. J. W. Laws and T. K. Tilly (Hull), C. T. Barker (Beverley Minster) and an out-county member, Mr. G. C. Lunn, of Lea, Lincolnshire. Mr. A. H. Fox, the retiring vice-president, did not seek re-election and Mr. A. C. Sellers, of Beverley Minster, was elected in his place.

Messrs. L. Rodmell, T. Southwick and L. M. Woodhead were elected to serve for three years

on the District Committee, the first-named also to serve on the General Committee.

Mr. A. E. Sellers proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. A. H. Fox for the good work he had done during the eight years he had served as vice-president and this was carried with acclamation. In his reply Mr. Fox said he was happy to work for the Association and would be pleased to come and play the organ at the services as he had always done at the meetings. He felt the various posts should go round now and again. On the motion of Mr. L. M. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. F. Wilkinson, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and his address at the service, and the local company for arrangements and ladies serving tea and the excellent welcome the Association had received, and this was carried with applause.

The Rector in his reply welcomed all to Patrington and extended an invitation to 'come again soon.' Messrs. L. Rodmell and Foster also replied.

A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1 ls.

The acting secretary was instructed to convey to the secretary, Mr. Morley, their concern at his accident and wishes for a speedy recovery.

Further ringing on tower- and handbells till nine o'clock concluded a happy meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BROADCAST RINGING

Dear Sir.—The bells of Bolsover Parish Church were broadcast in the Northern Home Service of the B.B.C. before the evening service on Sunday, July 8th, 1951, and many messages of congratulation on the high standard of the ringing have been received by the joint Ringing Masters, Mr. S. Slaney and Mr. A. B. Cooper.

Extracts from two typical letters are as follows:—

'Congratulations to all concerned in the recent broadcast, a really fine display of good striking.'

'You have set a very good example to the fellow-ringers throughout the country who heard you.'

Several friends have made reference to the example set by the late Mr. John Flint and one correspondent said that as he listened he could almost imagine Mr. Flint standing in the ringing chamber encouraging the comparatively young band to give of their best.

The broadcast ringing was performed by the regular Sunday service band and the changes consisted of a course of Little Bob Major.—Yours faithfully,

A. B. COOPER.

Duckmanton, Chesterfield.

BELLRINGERS' GUIDE

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter published in 'The Ringing World' on June 22nd, I was very pleased to see the letter from W. H. Vigers in the current issue. The more so as on July 6th I received from another source what purports to be an extract from the report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee for 1950, and which reads as follows:—

'Lastly, the current year has witnessed the appearance of a perfectly monumental work in Mr. R. H. Dove's 'Bellringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Britain.' The incalculable degree of perseverance and industry required to ascertain and tabulate such a mass of detailed information about 5,439 peals of bells in Great Britain and Ireland is matched by the skill and ingenuity displayed in such a neat and attractive form of publication.'

Assuming that that is a true extract, it completely clears the Committee of any suspicion of unfair dealing and gives point to my observation that however black the evidence may look there are nearly always two sides to every question.—Yours faithfully,

T. V. LISTER

Apperley, Glos.

GREAT PAUL

Dear Sir.—The photograph of Great Paul, which appeared in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' brought back many memories to the veteran foreman and ringer, Mr. E. Yates, of St. Giles' Church, Stony Stratford, Bucks, who has passed his 83rd year.

He well remembers the incident and names of most of the people collected round the bell, and was himself in the crowd but cannot actually be seen in the photograph.—Yours faithfully,

H. C. EDWARDS.

Stony Stratford.

NOTE.—We shall be pleased to hear of any other ringers who saw this bell on its famous journey.—Ed.

BELFRYMANSHIP

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer my thanks and congratulations to you and Rodney Meadows on the Belfrymanship articles, which have provided many laughs and much speculation about the identity of the 'Artful Dodger.' I think I had the pleasure of ringing with him recently.—Yours sincerely,

ROGER O FRY.

Bath.

A SUSSEX BLACK SPOT IS TURNING LIGHT GREY

Standing in the north-east corner of Sussex are the three six-bell towers of Frant, Wadhurst and Ticehurst, which in the years between the wars was the black spot of county ringing. Apart from the number of bells, the towers were alike in many other respects. None of them was affiliated, and no member belonged to any Guild or Association. There was not a peal board in any of the towers to record any past performances, and except for Wadhurst there is no record of there ever having been a change-ringing band. The bells were regularly rung in each tower, but off cards, and a ringing meeting was a rare occurrence.

At Frant the bells, in their wooden frame are well-looked after and go like tops, but the music is horrible. The treble (1777) and 5-6 (1776) are by Pack and Chapman, 3-4 (1633) are by John Wilmar, while the second (1715) is the only bell in Sussex by Matthew Bagly. John Wilmar's foundry was at Borden, in Kent, and the weight of the tenor is 8 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Before the ban, Mr. W. Kitchenside, of Mayfield, tried to raise a band, and after the ban Mr. W. Rogers, of Rotherfield, had a try. Both attempts started off well but petered out, and the bells are now rung for both services on the first Sunday in the month, off cards.

Ticehurst, at the other end of the line, have one of the few complete rings by Thomas Jannaway (1771), tenor 154 cwt. They were put in a steel frame by Warners about 1900, but on the old foundation of beams, and, although they have recently been rehung on ball bearings, they do not run very well.

With the death of the old leader and the enthusiasm of the village schoolmaster, there are hopes of a method band here, for out of the nine ringers four have a good knowledge of plain hunting, while another can cover with the tenor. The schoolmaster (Mr. S. G. Ponting) recently made history by becoming the first Ticehurst man to ring a peal.

Wadhurst, in the centre, has the most musical ring of the three (tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp). The third is by John Hodson, 1670, and the rest from Whitechapel at various dates from 1752 to 1764. The old oak frame, 1760, was drawn together by long tie rods in 1891, and strengthened with angle brackets in 1938, but it

is nearly at the end of its useful life. Until 1911, the bells were rung from a gallery in the tower, but after this was burnt out they were rung from the ground.

Mr. M. W. Watts, who retired a few years ago after 56 years in Wadhurst tower, informed us that when he learnt to ring in 1889 there was a Doubles band who could occasionally ring Minor, and did ring a few quarters of both. About 1900 the band deteriorated to call changes, and although a band was maintained through the years, it was call-changes until 1939, when an attempt was made to ring methods.

Good progress was made, with the help of Mr. H. Stalham, of Brighton, and when the ban came, many hours were spent with hand-bells in his general foreman's office at the new Church School building. The military, however, requisitioned seven of the learners, and in 1943 another band was started, including several ladies.

This band got so far, then got stuck, so that the whole lot were taken to Lamberhurst where, with the help of Albert Relfe and his few stalwarts, they learnt to ring Bob Doubles. Then Len Giles joined the band, and they were soon ringing plain courses of Minor, and although learners keep coming and going a Minor band is maintained.

Apart from Mr. Watts, the only other Wadhurst ringer of note was the late Mr. S. T. Wallis, who also learnt to ring in 1889. Through the years he maintained his interest in change ringing, and it was his one grievance that he could get no one to join him. In December, 1922, the Lamberts, of Horsmonden, and Albert Edwards, met one short for a peal at Wadhurst, so they went and found Mr. Wallis, who, three hours later, was the first Wadhurst man to ring a peal, and was the only one until the writer rang his first peal in 1938.

Wadhurst has been affiliated to the county since 1938, and of late years several ringing meetings have been held there, and ringers' outings have found all three towers.

So the black spot of Sussex is now a light grey, and if anyone can correct me or give any further information about the three towers I would be most grateful.

C. A. BASSETT.

REDEDICATION AT ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO, LEICESTER

On Thursday, July 5th, a capacity congregation assembled in the ancient and noble church of St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, for the rededication of the bells by the Assistant Bishop of Oxford (Dr. Roscow Shedden).

The congregation included the Lord Mayor and other City Fathers and most of the principal organisations of the City were represented.

Whilst the congregation assembled in the church, the clergy and representatives of the various organisations gathered in the nearby Castle (now used as an Assize Court) and spirits of the past must have moved as they walked in procession across the old castle yard for the service in the Castle church, being possibly the first party to do so for several centuries.

A truly beautiful service followed. After the singing of the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell,' the rededication prayer was said and immediately the bells rang out five whole pulls in rounds. The hymn 'Now thank we all our God' was then sung, followed by a short sermon and the final hymn 'Praise my soul, the King of Heaven.' After the Blessing, several short touches of Stedman Triples were rung.

The bells had been unpealable for over half a century and entirely silent for 32 years. The tenor bell was cast by Watts and bears the date 1631. It was the fourth of a ring of five that

hung in the tower until 1830, when they were taken to the Whitechapel foundry, where the other four were broken up and seven new bells cast to complete the octave. All have now had the canons removed and been tuned, turned, fitted with new headstocks and ball bearings and now hang in a massive iron frame. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, who have done a magnificent job.

There are at present no ringers at St. Mary's and the ringing on this occasion was done by representatives from the four central towers of the City: J. Bramley (St. Margaret's), A. Cattell (All Saints'), T. Thornber (St. John the Divine) and H. J. Poole, H. Broughton, S. Burton, J. Grant, D. Grant (Cathedral). The last five were previously ringers at St. Mary's.

The last peal on the bells—Bob Major—was rung in 1898 and Josiah Morris, now in his 85th year, is the only survivor of the band that rang it. Finally, hearty thanks and congratulations must be given to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Collins, for the manner in which he tackled the job of saving this church from decay. In the last 20 years he has raised over £25,000, a truly colossal task in a poor parish with a dwindling population—may his shadow never grow less!

H. B.

A PAGE OF OUTINGS

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY

The annual outing of the Allesley Society of Ringers was held on June 30th and consisted of a motor coach tour into Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire. A start was made at 8.30 a.m. and the first call was at Weedon where there was some well-struck ringing on the recently augmented eight.

The next tower was Bromham and the slow speed of this fairly heavy ring of eight was unusual to the party but was mastered before proceeding to Bedford for lunch. At Cardington, the first tower after lunch, ringing was curtailed as the bells were required for a meeting. A very pleasant 45 minutes was spent on the light ring of eight at Maulden. The church stands on a hill and there is a wonderful view from the churchyard.

The unexpected happened at the next tower—Husborne Crawley, the door to the tower being locked. Efforts to obtain the key were unavailing, so, at the Vicar's suggestion, a ladder was used to climb from the baptistry over the railings into the ringing chamber. This unorthodox entry was justified by half-an-hour's good ringing.

After tea at Woburn, the church was visited and the Guild stayed twice as long as they intended. The ring of eight (tenor 24½ cwt.) was entirely in keeping with the beautiful church and tower. Woburn was left at 8.15 p.m. for the long drive home. During a pause for refreshments, entertainment was provided by handbell ringing, both changes and tunes.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and London. Thanks are due to the organiser, Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., for the success of the tour, D. A. C.

A TRIP INTO YORKSHIRE

The joint outing of Darlington (St. Cuthbert and Holy Trinity) ringers took place on June 30th as a motor coach tour into Yorkshire, and real summer weather was experienced. Leaving Darlington at 8.30 a.m., a stop was made at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Kirkby Wiske—a pretty little village lying off the beaten track in delightful rural surroundings. The Vicar met and welcomed the party and the handy ring of six (tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.), rung from the ground floor, was soon going to London and Cambridge. Before departing, handbells were rung in the churchyard.

The pleasant city of Ripon was the next stop for a visit to the Cathedral. This is one of our smallest cathedrals, but amongst the most beautiful. It contains some particularly fine carvings and its architecture varies from early Norman to late Perpendicular; the dedication is SS. Peter and Wilfred; it possesses an excellent ring of ten (tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb.) and good use was made of the bells—Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire being rung.

A run through the West Riding via Studley and Fountains Abbey was the next interlude, arriving at Harrogate for lunch. The Yorkshire spa was at its best and the whole afternoon was spent there. The gardens, floral displays and tree-lined open spaces were especially attractive, although the Harrogate shops exercised a strong influence on the ladies.

The short distance to Knaresborough was soon covered, where tea was taken. Unfortunately the bells here are unringable, but the evening was spent in boating on the River Nidd, with visits to the Castle, Mother Ship-ton's Cave and the Dropping Well being especially popular.

During the homeward run a halt was made at St. James' Church, Boroughbridge, which has a ring of six (tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.). Spliced Surprise was rung and several of the local ringers joined in for Plain Bob. Home was reached at 10.30 after a most enjoyable day. W. N. P.

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL

St. Mary Redcliffe Guild held their annual outing on June 30th this year, being earlier than usual so that we could have Canon Swann with us, as he will be leaving in July.

Leaving Redcliffe at 7.30 a.m. we proceeded by coach along the main Bridgwater Road where the early morning mist forecasted a fine and hot day. This is the County of Legends, so it appeared safe enough to assume that early morning dry mist would produce a fine day. This was borne out when we had passed through Bridgwater and reached the hills beyond, the sun shining in all its glory; cardigans were discarded.

We stopped at the Beambridge Hotel, known to many as the home of a very well-known ringer. He had left but we were made very welcome by the new proprietor and a lovely cup of coffee served with biscuits was enjoyed by all.

On again into glorious Devon and we were soon to understand the meaning of the word 'glorious.' The scenery was magnificent and with good visibility nothing in the world could have surpassed it. Our stop for lunch was at Ilington, where the lovely ring of six was set going to all kinds of methods. One member, being very thirsty, left the rest to it and proceeded up the hill towards the hotel whilst a course of Cambridge was being rung. Half way up the hill the echo was coming up a vale to his left and was remarkable inasmuch as it was exactly one whole pull behind the bells themselves. Beautifully struck, this was worth listening to and the band are to be congratulated upon their ringing.

The drink at the hotel was much appreciated after this climb but the lunch which followed was just what everyone had been waiting for. So good, in fact, that relaxation was sought by all and in the sweltering heat was much enjoyed. It was partly with regret that we boarded the coach to set off for our goal, Buckfast Abbey. Through magnificent country the tower of St. Mary's came into view. We had been informed that a choir would be giving a concert in the Abbey at 3 p.m. The singing was beautiful, the first part being heard by us in the nave and the last part in the gallery so well known to many ringers. This is about 70 feet above ground and with the choir immediately below us, it was awe-inspiring to look over and listen.

Up the stairs to the ringing chamber, a good rise on the middle eight and off into Stedman Cinques. This is truly a lovely ring of 12, it might have been this that upset the first touch but Grandsire went much better. Royal and more Cinques and a good fall on the back ten brought the ringing to an end. Off up the tower and on to the top where a truly fine view awaited us. We should like to record here our grateful thanks to the Lord Abbot for the wonderful welcome given us; nothing was too much trouble.

Arriving back at the hotel for tea we found a magnificent table awaiting us and with some real Devonshire cream available, a good time was had by all. Handbell ringing after tea and photographs on the lawn brought to an end a really wonderful afternoon.

Nearly an hour late, we set off for the Beambridge again. Roads packed with cars told us that others had also been out and enjoyed the lovely weather: we were glad to scramble out of the coach and spend an hour together in a room on our own. Tune ringing was much enjoyed, but it was obvious to most of us that we need more practice. A tired party arrived home at 11.20 p.m. after one of the most memorable outings the Guild have experienced.

Thanks to the people who helped to make this trip so enjoyable. E. F. H.

PORTSMOUTH AND DISTRICT

An outing of the Portsmouth and District ringers (with friends) was held on June 30th, starting and finishing at Fareham. To ensure a prompt start at 7.30 a.m., the peal conductor's old rule of announcing that the meeting time was a quarter-hour earlier than the correct one was successfully employed.

Picking up three more of the party at Wickham, we proceeded via Winchester and Whitechurch to Newbury (stopping for a cup of tea en route) where the last member joined us, complaining that he had had to forgo his breakfast in order to get from Woolton Hill in time! Hungerford was reached at 9.32 and the eight bells (tenor 13½ cwt.) were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. Wantage (eight bells, tenor 21½ cwt.) was the next stopping place, and here we were joined by some of the local ringers, the same three methods as in the previous tower being rung.

Lunch at Goring-on-Thames was the next item on the programme, the lucky ones being those who took their own food for a picnic. The others were absolutely robbed! After lunch, ringing on the pleasant light eight bells at Goring (tenor 8½ cwt.) with some of the local ringers was much enjoyed, methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich.

At Great Marlow (eight bells, tenor 15 cwt.) we were joined by local ringers to ring Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major. An ingenious feature noted in this tower was the duckboard type flooring which is fitted in the summer months for ventilation purposes.

Due to a bridge being under repair at Marlow, about 20 extra miles were added to our journey to Slough, with the result that we were about an hour late in arriving. Mr. W. Birmingham joined us at the truly magnificent tea which he had most kindly arranged for us and the meal more than made up for disappointments over lunch.

The titbit of the day's ringing was on the beautiful ten bells (tenor 17½ cwt.) at Slough, and with the help of Mr. Birmingham and some of his band Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal were duly accomplished. All agreed that the outing would have been worth while if only to ring here, and regrets were expressed that a longer stop could not be made.

After bidding farewell to the Slough ringers, the route to the last tower of the day, Bagshot (eight bells, tenor 17½ cwt.), was through the historical country of Eton, Windsor and Ascot (we did not see Lord Rosebery's 'Bob Major' running round the course!) and owing to the fact that we were three-quarters of an hour behind schedule, our Grandsire and Stedman Triples only consisted of short touches, but were enjoyed, all the same.

J. R. H

OTTERSHAW, SURREY

The ringers of Ottershaw held their annual outing on July 7th accompanied by the Vicar and ringing friends from Horsell, Old Woking and Walton-on-Thames. The weather was all that could be desired. Ringing was enjoyed during the morning at Fittleworth, Arundel and Chichester Cathedral (where we were met by Mr. Falconer and Mr. Blackman). After lunch at Chichester, Rogate was the next stop, thence to Chawton, where ringing was curtailed owing to a late arrival.

Tea was partaken at Knight's Restaurant, Alton, where an excellent repast was very much enjoyed. Crondall was the last tower of the day, where we were glad to meet one of our old ringing friends now residing in the Farnham district.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Single Oxford and rounds. A very enjoyable day ended by reaching Ottershaw at 10.15 p.m. R. J. A.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

In Camp in Warwickshire

THE Cambridge University Guild junior tour was held this year in Warwickshire from June 22nd to June 29th. We camped at Wroxall, about five miles north-east of Warwick, and from there visited, on bicycle, about 25 towers in the area.

Unfortunately, some of our members were prevented from coming at the last moment, and so the party was not as large as had been expected. We were thus all the more pleased to welcome the three Oxford University ringers who had accepted the invitation we had sent to the Society. They gave invaluable assistance both in and out of the tower.

We are very grateful to Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver for making all ringing arrangements, which were excellent, if occasionally a little hectic, and also to all the vicars and local ringers we met, for the great welcome they gave us. We visited a good selection of towers, with rings of various sizes and weights. One member of the party also rang a great deal on the telephone, a bell which caused considerable alarms and excursions during the week.

E. W. Taylor made the camping arrangements, and, thanks to his efforts, we were very comfortable. Our site was a field behind the 'Shrewley Arms'. The landlord and his wife were extremely kind to us, and removed many of the inconveniences of camping.

It is difficult to pick out any particular highlight of the tour, but there are two things which come to mind immediately. Firstly, the visit to All Saints', Leamington, where we had a most gracious reception in the most handsome of ringing chambers, and, secondly, a 90-minute camp-fire story—The Bordeaux Diligence.

A. R. G.

BOLSOVER VISIT SHREWSBURY

On June 30th the ringers of Bolsover Parish Church, together with friends from neighbouring towers, fully enjoyed the annual outing for which the destination was Shrewsbury. The party left Bolsover by luxury coach at approximately 7.30 a.m. and the first stop for ringing was at the really majestic church of St. Mary-the-Virgin and St. Chad at Brewood (Staffs.). The local inhabitants insisted that the name of the village should be pronounced 'Brood' and all that had been indicated by those who recommended the party to visit this fine church was fully realised when the bells were raised. The 'go' was really excellent and the bells are a great credit to the founders and those responsible for maintenance. Walter Allwood, in spite of advancing years, rang the 21½ cwt. tenor to Little Bob Major without the slightest appearance of exertion.

Lunch was taken at the Prince Rupert Hotel, Shrewsbury, and ringing followed at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. Some of the party had their first experience of ten bells and for a time the striking was not all that could be desired. A really good touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on the back eight, Herbert Rooke handling the tenor in fine style.

The coach left Shrewsbury at 3.30 p.m. and a very welcome tea, beautifully prepared, was enjoyed at the Robin Hood Restaurant in Wellington. The bells of the church of All Saints', Wellington, proved rather difficult to handle but the experts in the party eventually rang them well to Cambridge Surprise Major and Stedman.

Some of the best ringing of the day was reserved for the last call, at the Church of All Saints, Alrewas. The ringing had to be curtailed for a service at 8.15 p.m., but really good touches of Superlative Surprise Major and Little Bob Major were enjoyed by all.

On the return journey the Vicar thanked Mr. A. B. Cooper for organising the outing.

A. B. C.

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.

—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Beckett 1, H. D. Taylor 2, O. A. Needham 3, M. Smart 4, J. Hallett 5, R. O. Fry (cond.) 6.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Minor in three methods (Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): R. Freeman 1, Miss E. Steel 2, A. Ager 3, J. M. Kemp 4, C. G. Woodhead (cond.) 5, C. Izzard 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's on July 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. Chamberlain 1, N. Brain 2, W. J. Leach 3, H. E. Harrison 4, A. Foster 5, P. Foster 6, G. Harrison 7, E. J. White 8, B. G. Key (cond.) 9, B. Deakin (first quarter) 10. Rung for the patronal festival.

CALNE, WILTS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freegard 1, H. Parsons 2, F. Walker 3, E. Dixon 4, R. Saye 5, H. Burry 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. Rung for Festival of Britain service and as a welcome to the new Vicar of Calne, the Rev. W. D. O'Hanlon.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral on June 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Walter 1, Miss J. Roberts 2, Miss M. M. Brockman 3, S. G. White 4, S. Walter 5, J. W. Unwin 6, T. H. Holmes 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Kent 1, I. Ireland 2, H. Best 3, T. Mogg 4, W. Kent (cond.) 5, E. Martin 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At St. John's on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Warner, sen. 1, P. G. Parrott 2, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 3, J. Carrott 4, T. A. Easterby 5, C. E. Wright 6, J. Warner, jun. 7, F. V. Gant 8.

DITCHHEAT, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Higgins 1, Mrs. E. Hodges 2, E. Elliott 3, Miss B. Look (cond.) 4, Miss A. Look 5, R. S. Tucker 6, W. Higdon 7, A. Lintern 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rablah 1, G. Daynes 2, E. Jones 3, I. Emery 4, T. Brett-Smith 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, F. J. Hurrell 8.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On May 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Whitney 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, J. R. C. Spicer 3, A. Clements 4, L. W. Fisher 5, H. S. Peacock 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, R. H. Brooker 8.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): B. Weaver (first quarter) 1, L. Bailey 2, C. Callaway 3, R. D. Langford (first quarter) 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, C. Morris 6. Rung in honour of St. Thomas-a-Becket, patron saint of the Diocese of Portsmouth.

HERTFORD.—On July 8th, at St. Andrew's, 1,240 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorne (first quarter Triples) 1, V. Neale 2, Miss M. Matthews (first quarter Triples) 3, R. Dore 4, A. S. Carter (cond.) 5, A. Wright 6, J. Kemp 7, G. J. H. Ditton 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On June 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Peacock 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. Warrington 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung before the open-air Festival of Britain service.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On July 8th, at St. Mary Abbot's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Lidbetter 1, R. Mackerill 2, K. W. Mackintosh 3, W. S. Langdon 4, H. Belcher 5, R. F. Deal 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

KINETON, WARWICKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Edden 1, J. Hobbey 2, W. Collett 3, R. Barrett (first quarter) 4, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. Barrett (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Edden, married at Kineton on July 3rd, 1926.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wright 1, J. Payne 2, B. E. Frost 3, S. F. Earl 4, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 5, F. Benfield 6. First quarter on the bells after re-tuning and re-hanging. Rededicated on the previous day. The same ringers rang the last quarter on the same bells.

LADBROKE, WARWICKS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Purkiss (first quarter) 1, R. Barrett 2, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 3, H. Windsor (first quarter 'inside' 4), R. J. Edden 5.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—At St. John the Evangelist's, Waterloo, on July 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender (cond.) 1, Miss J. Atkins 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, E. T. Beauchamp 4, J. Bullock 5, C. A. Hughes 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. H. Lott 8.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Pike (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, F. W. Slocombe (cond.) 3, H. Commins 4, C. Carr 5, F. Burton 6. Rung prior to the church fete to raise funds for repairs to this tower and also that of Runnington Church.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Howard 1, T. Miller 2, R. Stoddard (first quarter Minor) 3, H. Allen 4, W. E. Eveleigh (first quarter Minor) 5, E. H. Eveleigh (first quarter of Minor and as cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to the conductor's wife and father (5th ringer), whose birthdays fall on the same day.

QUARTER PEALS

NEWTON - LE - WILLOWS.

LANCS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob and 900

Grandsire): P. Millward (first quarter, age 13) 1, K. Edwards 2, G. Halls 3, R. Clark (first quarter 'inside' 4), J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, R. Phillips 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On July 1st, at St. Giles', 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Pearson 1, Miss M. Valentine 2, F. Burgess 3, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 4, I. Dicken 5, S. F. Earl 6, B. E. Frost 7, W. R. Hammons 8, R. C. Noon 9, F. Benfield 10. First quarter on ten bells for 2, 5, 6, 7 and 10.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sheppard 1, J. Arbury 2, L. Hine 3, C. C. Turner (cond.) 4, C. J. Turner 5, E. Marks 6, G. H. Clift 7, R. Wood 8. Rung for the Sunday School festival.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—On June 28th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: L. L. Gray 1, A. Gorringe 2, E. J. Gilbert 3, G. Ledsham 4, A. J. Martin 5, E. T. Carvell 6, E. F. Bennett 7, R. G. Edwards (cond.) 8.

PELSALL, STAFFS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Claridge 1, H. Claridge 2, D. W. Barr 3, C. M. Smith 4, J. Gregory (cond.) 5, R. Derry 6. On the occasion of the Vicar's daughter's wedding and the local carnival for the Festival of Britain.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Boutland 1, D. Peers (first quarter 'inside' 2), J. Bagley 3, R. B. Morris (first quarter 'inside' 4), R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. S. Wood 6.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Clark 1, P. Davis 2, R. Woodley 3, R. Pike 4, C. Deem 5, E. Rowe 6, J. Glanvill (cond.) 7, M. Denner 8. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Glanvill, jun.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Clarke (first quarter) 1, D. H. Pearce (first quarter Grandsire Caters) 2, Miss J. Hearn (first quarter on ten) 3, W. F. Butler 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, W. E. Judd 6, J. M. Ellwood 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, F. Scott 10. Half-muffled for Mrs. Sargeant, wife of E. J. Sargeant (parish clerk), a great benefactor to Slough bellringers.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on June 26th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, T. J. Southam 2, L. T. Hansell 3, A. Hatten 4, A. Day 5, C. F. Sayer 6, R. F. Ewer 7, W. J. Arnold 8. First quarter of London Surprise ever rung in the city. First quarter in the method by 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8.—Also on July 3rd, 1,260 Erin Triples: G. W. Debenham 1, Miss B. Copson 2, A. Hatten 3, B. C. Johnson 4, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 5, C. F. Sayer 6, R. F. Ewer 7, W. J. Arnold 8. First quarter in the method on the bells.

STEEP, HANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. D. M. Jones 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, A. H. Fisher 3, N. A. Smith (first quarter away from the tenor) 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, J. R. Smith 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss S. D. M. Jones.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—At St. Mary's on May 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Hawksford 1, G. Nicholls 2, A. Clements 3, H. Fields 4, F. R. Baker 5, F. W. Lack 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, R. H. Brooker 8. Specially arranged for Mr. S. Hawksford (aged 78), 53 years' unbroken service at St. Neots.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On June 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Sampford 1, C. Warboys 2, P. Warboys 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5, C. Newman 6. Longest touch by the local band. A farewell to the secretary, Mr. C. Newman, leaving for St. Albans.

WALMER, KENT.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Vine (first quarter of Triples) 1, J. A. Hales 2, Miles Hawkins (first quarter of Triples 'inside' 3), Miss J. Wells 4, A. C. Rye 5, T. Wickens 6, F. A. Rye (cond.) 7, G. Ruck (first quarter of Triples) 8.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Lentell 1, B. Salter (first quarter of Triples) 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, E. B. Barrington 4, F. W. Slocombe 5, G. J. Gammon 6, G. Walford 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. Rung for the patronal festival, also for the christening of John, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bellamy.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on June 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. Weddell 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, B. A. Richards 3, C. W. Otley 4, C. H. Wood 5, C. M. Meyer 6, J. W. Ward 7, J. Bullock 8. Rung on the 101st anniversary of dedication of church and bells.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Mary Fuller 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, J. Cannell (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6.—Also on July 8th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mary Fuller 1, Hildegard Bird 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, A. S. Richards 4, J. Cannell 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Elwick 1, W. A. Breckon 2, A. Hunter 3, S. R. Elwick 4, H. Waters 5, H. Short 6, A. V. Coates (cond.) 7, J. Hodgson 8. In memoriam J. T. Waters, aged 73, interred this day, for many years a ringer at this church.

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Bletchingly. July 21st, with Godstone in evening.—C. A. Basest. 9152

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Barrington. July 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9158

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely, Wisbech and Hunts District.—Joint meeting at Whittlesey St. Andrews. Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 2.30. Tea 5. 9177

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, July 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 3 p.m., not 5 p.m., as is usual. Tea at 4.30.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 9157

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, July 21st, Lamberhurst. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 9153

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Haslingden, Saturday, July 21st. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 9193

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Chester Branch). — Joint meeting, Llangollen (8). Saturday, July 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 9192

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western branch meeting, Saham Toney, Saturday, July 21st. Usual arrangements. Replies, soon as possible, to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 9183

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reminder. Annual meeting, Oxford, to-morrow, July 21st.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 9076

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern and North-Western Districts.—Combined meeting with the East Grinstead Guild at Bletchingly (8) and Godstone (8) on July 21st. Ringing Bletchingly 3. Service 4.30. Tea, at the King Charles' Cottage, 5. Ringing afterwards, Bletchingly 6—9 and Godstone 7—9. 9175

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Clent, Saturday, July 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 9179

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Milton Abbey, Thursday, July 26th. Service 4. Tea 5. Names, by July 23rd, to Mr. Bolt, Ravensbourne, Milton Abbas, Blandford.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 9174

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — Meeting on Saturday, July 28th, at St. George's, Mossley, 3 to 9 p.m. Mottram unavailable. Cups of tea and sandwiches can be had.—E. Walker. 9197

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly at Burnham-on-Sea, on Saturday, July 28th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church House 5 p.m. Bells 2.30 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec. 9199

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Great Budworth, July 28th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 9207

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Taxal, July 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise, by 24th, Mr. G. Cook, 165, Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge.—C. K. Lewis. 9208

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Southam, July 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Craven Arms Hotel. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 25th, please, to A. J. Hobley, Coventry Street, Southam, near Rugby.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec. 9159

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 28th. Clay Cross (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, July 25th, to the Vicar, The Vicarage, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield. 9201

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Stapleton (6), July 28th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6. Names for tea, please, by July 24th, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 9191

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of War Memorial Tablet, All Saints' Hereford, by the Bishop of Hereford, July 28th. 5.30. Bells: Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas (6) 2.30—4.15; All Saints' (8) after service. No arrangements for tea. 9169

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Bye-meeting at Brabourne, July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9176

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham, Saturday, July 28th, 3 p.m. Tea (1/6) 4.45, at 'The Spinney.' No service. Names for tea, by Monday, July 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 9178

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Churchtown on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Foster. 9210

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, July 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook. 9213

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kippax on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Members take own food: cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 9209

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Wetherley, July 28th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify, by July 25th, Mr. Parker, Jubilee Cottage, Wetherley, Atherstone. Mancetter available after tea. 9206

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, July 28th. Sunbury (8). 3—5 p.m.; Hampton (8) 6—8 p.m. Cafes in Hampton.—G. Dodds, Dis. Sec. 9203

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Standing Committee meeting, Saturday, July 28th, 2.15 p.m., St. Clement's Hall, Colegate, Norwich. Tea 4.30. General meeting 5. Agenda: Service Book; Finance. Bells available: St. Giles', St. George Colegate, St. Miles, 2.15—4.15 and 6.30; St. Peter Mancroft and St. John Sepulchre 6.30. Names for tea, before July 21st, to Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, 3, Colegate. 9156

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mortimer, July 28th. Bells, both towers, 3 p.m. Service, St. John's, 4 p.m. Notification for tea, 4.45 p.m., by 25th, to A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 9161

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks, S. Bucks and W. Hertford Joint.—Saturday, July 28th, Ellesborough, 3. Wendover, tea, 5. Ringing 6. Names for tea by July 23rd.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 9204

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Lambourn (8), July 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, July 25th, to the Lambourn Bakery, Lambourn, Berks. 9196

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Courtenhall, July 28th. Names for tea, by July 24th, to Mr. E. Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 9180

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Wadenhoe, Saturday, July 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 9163

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Ringing Meeting, July 28th, at Benhall, 2.30 p.m. Tea, at Sweffling Vicarage, 5 p.m. Ringing at Sweffling after tea.—P. S. Bedford, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh. 9163

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Yateley (8) on Saturday, July 28th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 25th, to Mr. C. Bunch, Yateley, Camberley.—J. Chesterman, Dis. Sec. 9195

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Froyle (6), July 28th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Numbers by Monday, 23rd.—C. Bassett, Warsash, Hants. 9217

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Whitby (10), Saturday, July 28th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by July 26th, to Mr. Sidney R. Elwick, 19, St. Mary's Crescent, Whitby.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9211

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting at Leigh (6), August 4th, at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than August 2nd, to Mr. B. W. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, The Green, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 9214

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Lakenheath, August 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve. 9212

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells 3 to 9. Service 4.30. Various cafes open for teas.—A. Smith, R. Lathbury, Hon. Secs. 9215

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival of Britain ringing day on August Bank Holiday Monday. Several towers open for ringing from 10.30—9. Full details next week. 9202

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL.—Preliminary Notice.—At Basingstoke, August 25th. Nine towers available. Full details later. 9194

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—There will be no practice meeting in July. Quarterly meeting, Rotherfield, August 25th.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 9198

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