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## REMEMBERED WITH GRATITUDE

'Skilled in the mystery of the pleasing peal,  
Which few can know, and fewer still reveal,  
Whether with little bells, or bells sublime,  
To split a moment to the truth of time:  
Time so oft truly beat at length o'ercame,  
Yet shall this tribute long preserve his name.'

THIS tribute to a ringer is found at Arreton, Isle of Wight, and the author of these rare lines seems to be unknown, but they commemorate a ringer whose work in the Isle of Wight is not easily forgotten. The name of William Rayner was best known at Newport, some five miles from Arreton, where he was a prominent worker for the 'Union Youths of Newport,' a society for which he acted as recorder. He was a turner by trade, and he must have gazed with pride at the stone tablet which records that 'the six ancient bells of this Steeple were augmented to a peal of eight by voluntary subscription, and were opened on February 14th, 1809.'

William Rayner must have been very keen to have an octave in the tower, for in 1786 he started to save ½d. a day, and 22 years later, when the sum had amounted to £16 14s. 7d., he gave the money to the augmentation fund for Newport's scheme to secure two new bells. Those years, 1786-1808, were difficult ones and no doubt Rayner could have broken into his savings on many pretexts, yet it was his noble example of self-sacrifice that appeals to us as ringers, because his mind was set on a definite object, viz., a voluntary subscription towards the cost of two new bells for the church.

Little seems to be known of Rayner's skill 'in the mystery of the pleasing peal,' but from 1809 till his death in 1823 he must have felt a sense of gratification whenever he heard Newport's octave peal out. For many years, on May 15th, the anniversary of his death, his memory was commemorated, and though war conditions halted many old customs, we trust this is one which will not be allowed to die out.

In these days we are apt to forget the patience, self-sacrifice and hard work of past workers in the augmentation of bells, especially from six to eight, and though William Rayner's ½d. per day might be a unique way of saving over a period of years, it certainly encouraged ringers in many parts of our ringing island to do their share towards augmentation and restoration.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

## CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, DUBLIN

THE tall tower of the Augustinian Church of St. John the Baptist, in Thomas Street, Dublin, is a familiar sight, being set upon the highest point of the city proper. It contains a magnificent ring of ten bells, which can be heard in all directions.

Opposite to the church there was the famous bell foundry of John Murphy, whose bells are world renowned. It was fitting, therefore, that the original eight bells of the Augustinian Church should come across the road. They were cast in 1872 and were dedicated on St. Patrick's Day, 1873. These eight bells did service for 25 years, when they were rehung and two trebles added by the now defunct foundry of Charles Carr, of Birmingham. The ring of ten bells was opened on the 24th November, 1898. They were rehung on ball bearings in 1949 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—St. Catherine.

2.—St. William.

3.—St. Bridget.

4.—St. Patrick.

5.—St. Nicholas of Tolentine.

6.—St. Thomas of Villanova.

7.—St. Joseph.

8.—St. John the Baptist.

9.—St. Monica.

Tenor.—St. Augustine. (The tenor is said to weigh 25 cwt.).

It was here that the late Daniel Kennedy rang for so many years. In all, he had over 60 years' ringing to his credit before he died in 1950. Dan was decorated by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. for his services to ringing, when he received the Medal Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice.

There is at present a team of ringers who are keenly interested in keeping their bells ringing and are learning change ringing. One of their number is Mr. James MacManus, Eastern District chairman for the past two years.

Only one peal has ever been rung on these bells, that was on Sunday, September 11th, 1904, when a team consisting of six famous English ringers with four Irish ringers rang a peal of 5,001 Stedman Caters in 3 hours 25 minutes.

[From 'The Irish Bell News.'



**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN A. ACRES .. ..	Treble	*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH	7
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	2	FREDERICK J. MILNER ..	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	3	E. ALAN JACQUES ..	9
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH ..	4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ..	10
HARRY G. WAYNE ..	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ..	11
BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	6	HAROLD J. POOLE ..	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

Specially rung as a farewell to the Right Rev. Guy Vernon Smith, D.D., M.C., Lord Bishop of Leicester, upon his retirement. The peal commenced immediately following the service at the Cathedral at which he preached his farewell sermon to the diocese.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., July 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PHILIP,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. ..	Treble	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	7
MURIEL REAY .. ..	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON ..	8
ALBERT WALKER .. ..	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	GEORGE W. PIPE ..	10
JOAN BERESFORD .. ..	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ..	11
*JOHN PINFOLD .. ..	6	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sun., August 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 42 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS .. ..	Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ..	7
*RICHARD E. PRICE ..	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ..	8
C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	9
JOHN A. WORTH ..	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ..	10
RALPH G. EDWARDS ..	5	GEORGE E. FEARN ..	11
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ..	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the wife of the ringer of the 7th.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD TREVOR .. ..	Treble	MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ..	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	*J. NEVILLE HAILLE ..	7
GEORGE W. PIPE ..	3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ..	8
*ADOLPHUS ROBERTS (83)	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ..	9
JOHN E. S. MORETON ..	5	ROBERT ROSE ..	Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

\* 100th peal for the Guild. † First peal of Stedman on tower bells.

Rung as wedding compliment to Frank Moreton, son of J. E. S. Moreton, and formerly a ringer at this church.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

CYRIL S. JARRETT .. ..	Treble	PETER F. BORER ..	6
ROBERT E. MOULDS ..	2	JOHN PEARSON ..	7
*JOHN F. BRYANT ..	3	†ROY MANN ..	8
RALPH BEAUMONT ..	4	†ARNOLD ROTHERY ..	9
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT ..	5	†ALBERT W. BOND ..	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the Korean Armistice.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL .. ..	Treble	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
JOAN BERESFORD ..	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ..	7
ERNEST STITCH ..	3	†DAVID M. LEES ..	8
HERBERT KNIGHT ..	4	PETER BERESFORD ..	9
MAURICE G. TURNER ..	5	DAVID G. WOOLLEY ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

\* 100th peal for the Society. † First peal on ten bells. 500th peal for C. Wallater. 450th peal for H. Howell.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. S. B. Ashley upon completing 13 years as Vicar of St. Giles'.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 13, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

CEDRIC CURSON .. ..	Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ..	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	2	ARTHUR G. BASON ..	6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ..	3	GEORGE SAYER ..	7
*STANLEY W. COPLING ..	4	†BERT GOGLE ..	Tenor

Composed and conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in method 'inside.' † First peal in method.

Rung on the 109th anniversary of the 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major at this tower, conducted by Thomas Greenwood.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt.

DONALD R. MARSHALL ..	Treble	MARK L. LOCKWOOD ..	5
*JAMES REED ..	2	JOHN E. KIRBY ..	6
HOWARD SCOTT ..	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	7
JAMES H. KIRBY ..	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	Tenor

Arranged and conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

\* First peal on eight bells.

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## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

## A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 816 changes of Double Oxford, 672 each of Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob, 528 each of St. Clement's College Bob and Hereward Bob, 288 of Pershore College Bob and 240 of Double Norwich Court Bob; 299 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed and conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in 9 Major methods by all, on the bells and for the Association.

## BENSON, OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
WILLIAM ABSOLOM .. .. Treble	TOM BOWLES .. .. 5
JAMES GODMAN .. .. 2	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. 6
FREDERICK S. SMITH .. .. 3	FRANK ABSOLOM .. .. 7
JACK BERRY .. .. 4	ERNEST GARRAD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Bryan Foster and Miss Joan Hill, married this day at Cowley.

## BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 32 lb. in F.

CHARLES BAILEY .. .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 6
STANLEY W. COPLING .. .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON .. .. 4	GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 12 cwt.
NANCY E. MARKLEW .. .. Treble	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. .. 5
ALFRED BALIARD .. .. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD .. .. 6
T. KELHAM DEACON .. .. 3	FRANK K. MEASURES .. .. 7
ALAN HOUGH .. .. 4	CECIL E. CARR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Steven H. Mayor, of Manchester, and Miss Janet A. Newton, only daughter of Mr. G. Newton, tower captain at Earl Shilton.

## WROTHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E flat.

RALPH BIRD .. .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. .. 5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. .. 2	FRANK E. DARBY .. .. 6
ROBERT G. LAY .. .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE .. .. 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

## MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sun., July 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 11 cwt.
STANLEY C. WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	BARBARA J. BEESON .. .. 5
JOAN GRAY .. .. 2	*F. ALAN BENNETT .. .. 6
BRENDA L. SHEPPARD .. .. 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY .. .. 7
VALERIE W. WILLARD .. .. 4	CYRIL R. WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the Coronation.

## CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb.

LLEWELLYN R. HALL .. .. Treble	HAROLD J. SHUCK .. .. 5
MAURICE G. TURNER .. .. 2	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. .. 6
HAROLD WHITE .. .. 3	*WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. 7
ERNEST STITCH .. .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

\* 50th peal together.

The first peal on the bells since rehousing.

## WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Mon., July 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. Treble	JOHN E. TURLEY .. .. 5
*IRVING BUNKER .. .. 2	BARRY HOLLAND .. .. 6
†ELIZABETH BATE .. .. 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. .. 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside.'

## WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
ROY COLMAN .. .. Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 5
KENNETH MEDWAY .. .. 2	FRANK LUFKIN .. .. 6
JOHN WALTON .. .. 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. .. 7
MARJORIE LEGG .. .. 4	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

## COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., July 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*MRS. S. H. JONES .. .. Treble	*ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 5
JOSEPH W. M. COTTON .. .. 2	*SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 6
*WALTER G. SOAR .. .. 3	DAVID J. MARSHALL .. .. 7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

\* First peal in the method.

First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Morris.

## PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 12 cwt.
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 6
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. .. 3	BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANFORTH.

## CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK .. .. Treble	FRANK H. HICKS .. .. 5
LESLIE EVANS .. .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. .. 6
*MRS. E. CHANDLER .. .. 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. .. 7
*FREDERICK A. JAINE .. .. 4	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS.

Conducted by W. E. THOMPSETT.

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



CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).		Tenor 13 cwt. in F.	
*HEATHER EVANS .. .. Treble	.. .. 5	A. RYAN PRICE .. .. 5	
JEAN POWELL .. .. 2	.. .. 6	JACK ALSOP .. .. 6	
THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. 3	.. .. 7	WILLIAM DARE .. .. 7	
FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. .. 4	.. .. Tenor	*GRAHAM FLOWER .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

ELHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK VERNEY .. .. Treble	.. .. 5	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. .. 5	
BETTY VIDLER .. .. 2	.. .. 6	WILFRID S. PALIN .. .. 6	
EILEEN S. WYLES .. .. 3	.. .. 7	REGINALD L. SILLS .. .. 7	
JOHN L. MORRIS .. .. 4	.. .. Tenor	†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT .. .. Tenor	

Composed by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Major. † 125th peal.

Rung in honour of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

OGDEN MOORES .. .. Treble	.. .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 5	
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR .. .. 2	.. .. 6	IVAN KAY .. .. 6	
FRED PRITCHARD .. .. 3	.. .. 7	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. .. 7	
JOHN T. WALMSLEY .. .. 4	.. .. Tenor	†PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. .. Tenor	

Composed by PETER BRICKELL. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Morris's Twelve-part		Tenor 14 cwt.	
*†BRYAN E. CARSON .. .. Treble	.. .. 5	THOMAS PRICE .. .. 5	
DORIS H. SHEPPARD .. .. 2	.. .. 6	†CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 6	
*DAVID W. BARR .. .. 3	.. .. 7	LESLIE BARRY .. .. 7	
†JOHN R. JOYNER .. .. 4	.. .. Tenor	*JOHN HOLMALEN .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

JAMES DRAYCOTT .. .. Treble	.. .. 5	WILLIAM YATES .. .. 5	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. .. 2	.. .. 6	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. .. 6	
ALAN CATTALL .. .. 3	.. .. 7	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. .. 7	
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. .. 4	.. .. Tenor	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. Tenor	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., August 3, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Middleton's.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
DIANA M. MATTHEW .. .. Treble	.. .. 5	RUSSELL G. PARKER .. .. 5	
ALBERT E. WHITING .. .. 2	.. .. 6	CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. .. 6	
FRANK RUFFLES .. .. 3	.. .. 7	WALTER W. MILLER .. .. 7	
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN .. .. 4	.. .. Tenor	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., August 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.	
*BARBARA MARKS .. .. Treble	.. .. 5	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 5	
†PETER W. CROFT .. .. 2	.. .. 6	FRANK W. CROFT .. .. 6	
†WALTER BROWN .. .. 3	.. .. 7	†DAVID L. GULLICK .. .. 7	
†GEORGE CHERRY .. .. 4	.. .. Tenor	*BERNARD L. MARKS .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First as conductor.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., August 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WINIFRED MELLIN .. .. Treble	.. .. 5	WILLIAM H. MELLIN .. .. 5	
ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 2	.. .. 6	JOHN S. WYBREW .. .. 6	
MARGOT THOMPSON .. .. 3	.. .. 7	*ALAN G. FEVER .. .. 7	
*C. JACK GIBSON .. .. 4	.. .. Tenor	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. Tenor	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

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

Rung as birthday compliments to David Brand, of Haughley, and Paul Blythe (brother of conductor).

WALMER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., August 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt.

*FRANK R. HAWKINS .. .. Treble	.. .. 5	†FRED W. LAWRENCE .. .. 5	
†JOHN F. PENFOLD .. .. 2	.. .. 6	†GEORGE E. RUCK .. .. 6	
E. THOMAS ELLENDOR .. .. 3	.. .. 7	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 7	
†MYLES R. HAWKINS .. .. 4	.. .. Tenor	FRED A. RYE .. .. Tenor	

Composed by J. BARKER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., August 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

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

JOHN THORLEY .. .. Treble	.. .. 5	DOREEN E. SMYTHE .. .. 5	
JAMES THORLEY .. .. 2	.. .. 6	DAVID THORLEY .. .. 6	
JEAN A. KIRKMAN .. .. 3	.. .. 7	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. 7	
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. 4	.. .. Tenor	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. .. Tenor	

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

A first birthday compliment to Alan, son of the tenor ringer

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., August 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES CLEGG .. .. Treble	.. .. 5	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. .. 5	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. 2	.. .. 6	WALTER WILKINSON .. .. 6	
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. .. 3	.. .. 7	ROGER LEIGH .. .. 7	
JACK S. DEAR .. .. 4	.. .. Tenor	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. .. Tenor	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

SIX BELL PEALS

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent

Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
*BARBARA HALDANE .. .. Treble	.. .. 4	JACK POUNDS .. .. 4	
*RUTH CORE .. .. 2	.. .. 5	CUTHBERT ACKERS .. .. 5	
ELLEN PARKER .. .. 3	.. .. Tenor	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

\* First peal in four methods.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 5th.

## MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Tues., July 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 21½ cwt.

STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS .. .. 4
WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. .. 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. .. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, jun. .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

A birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of the conductor.  
First peal in three methods on the bells, rung after meeting short for Grandsire.

## HUNTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Single Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JILL HAFFENDEN .. .. Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 4
LUTHER J. HONESS .. .. 2	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. .. 5
†BETTY VIDLER .. .. 3	REGINALD L. SILLS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one method.

## WEEKLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

*MARY C. STRACHAN .. Treble	ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 4
BRYAN S. COPE .. .. 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. 5
MARGARET ROWE .. .. 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

\* First peal.

## BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. &amp; LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOYCE DODDS .. .. Treble	GILLIAN R. LAMONT .. .. 4
*COLIN R. LAMONT .. .. 2	†MARTYN W. HARBOTT .. .. 5
WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. 3	GEOFFREY DODDS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

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

Rung for the births of Andrew Martin Dodds (nephew to the conductor) and Jonathan Richard Speed.

## BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*DAVID NICHOLLS .. Treble	*RONALD E. BURT .. .. 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 2	*T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 5
*†FRANK PEARSON .. .. 3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO Tenor

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. First in seven methods as conductor. First peal in seven methods rung by members of the Bunwell company.

## SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., August 1, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. .. 4
ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. .. 2	*HENRY DOUGLAS .. .. 5
*PHILIP EVANS .. .. 3	†ERNEST F. WILCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor on an 'inside' bell.

Rung for the wedding of Miss A. Redgwell, a ringer at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, to Mr. R. Hughes.



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# ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon. August 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.  
\*LESLIE PIERCE .. .. Treble \*LESLIE NICE .. .. 4  
\*RICHARD ROSE .. .. 2 WALTER PERRY .. .. 5  
HARRY KING .. .. 3 KENNETH BROWN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH BROWN.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

# UPLYME, DEVONSHIRE. THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., August 5, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.  
FREDERICK WRE福德 Treble ROGER KEELEY .. .. 4  
HENRY G. KEELEY .. .. 2 \*GEORGE BURTON .. .. 5  
BRIAN PIDGEON .. .. 3 G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* 50th peal. First peal of London Surprise Minor for the Guild.

# HANDBELL PEALS

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.  
\*JACK H. BRETT .. .. 1-2 | ALBERT CATTERWELL .. .. 3-4  
OLAVE E. BROYD .. .. 5-6

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

\* First handbell peal.

# BOURNEMOUTH.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 26, 1953, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,  
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,392 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 448 Reverse Bob, 320 each of Double and St. Clement's Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, 224 Crayford Little Bob and 1,472 Plain Bob, with 399 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. .. 5-6  
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 7-8

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

The conductor's 75th peal in Spliced methods 'in hand.'

# LEICESTER.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT 126A, LONDON ROAD, LEICESTER,

## A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 7-8  
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3-4 | HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 9-10  
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. .. 5-6 \*GEORGE W. PIPE .. .. 11-12

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal on handbells.

A birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

# NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., August 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BELFRY.

## A PEAL OF 5328 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. REGINALD HEATH .. 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5-6  
PETER BORDER .. .. 3-4 | THOMAS F. VARNEY .. .. 7-8

Composed by ALBERT E. AUSTIN. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

# QUARTER PEALS

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On July 5th, at St. Botolph's, 1,264 Bob Major: D. Brown (first quarter) 1, Lorna Briggs 2, F. Dewey 3, F. P. Harwood 4, S. Jessop 5, T. Freeston 6, A. Freeston 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8.

**BUCKLAND DENHAM, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pearce 1, H. Carver 2, D. Flower 3, E. Bray 4, G. W. Massey (cond.) 5, H. V. Plumley 6. First quarter peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Prescott.

**CAWTHORNE, BARNSELY, YORKS.**—On Aug. 2nd, 1,320 Queen Bess Minor: W. Broadhead 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For the Armistice in Korea, and a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Broadhead.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. S. Woodburn 1, R. O. Fry 2, Miss M. L. Hannam 3, Miss M. J. Taylor 4, W. J. Prescott 5, P. W. Weeks 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. R. G. Taylor 8. To celebrate the wedding of Dr. G. C. K. Herepath to Miss P. M. King, daughter of the local tower-master.

**COTTON, SUFFOLK.**—On July 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Lockwood 1, B. Chilvers (cond.) 2, F. Sterry 3, T. Lockwood 4, L. Forster 5, A. Cook 6, R. Ward 7, E. Cracknell 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. R. C. Hobbs, who was interred the same day.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Aug. 2nd, at St. John-the-Baptist Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Cartwright (first quarter on eight bells) 1, Pamela M. Steere 2, N. D. Brown 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, R. Abbott 5, R. Davies 6, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 7, G. H. Humphries 8.

**GIGGLESWICK, YORKS.**—On July 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Hodgson (first quarter Major) 1, Miss A. Lord (first quarter) 2, Miss D. Schofield 3, G. E. Braithwaite (cond.) 4, F. Postlethwaite 5, J. Close (first quarter Major) 6, E. Proctor (first quarter Major) 7, R. F. Eccles 8. Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and also to the ringer of the 6th.

**HILLESDEN, BUCKS.**—On July 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Coleman 1, Miss D. Spokes 2, W. Yates 3, C. Gough 4, F. Vickers 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. M. Baker 1, P. B. Wright (first quarter) 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, B. F. Shedel (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong.

**LEEDS, KENT.**—On July 22nd, 1,273 Stedman Caters: L. Manninger (cond.) 1, R. Sills 2, F. Macey 3, W. G. Cantrill 4, R. E. Lambert 5, T. E. Sone 6, R. T. Lambert 7, W. R. Mancer (first in method) 8, B. Baker 9, P. C. Wright 10.

**LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.**—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Wright 1, R. Smith 2, A. H. Worboys 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, R. W. Stannard 5, C. E. Wright 6, J. Grove 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First of Spliced Triples for 2, 5 and 7. Rung as a farewell to D. M. Salisbury, who is leaving for National Service.

**LISS, HANTS.**—On July 28th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire doubles: T. Riley 1, H. E. Tice 2, H. J. Newman 3, G. Norris 4, A. Belsworth (cond.) 5, D. Wheeler 6. Rung to commemorate the bicentenary of the recasting and augmentation of the five back bells 1753-1953. The treble was added in 1897.

**OXENDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): C. A. Swann 1, F. C. Arnold 2, D. E. Griffin 3, A. J. Millward 4, E. Martin (first as cond.) 5.

**OXFORD.**—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, E. P. Manning 2, J. Berry 3, G. W. Townsend 4, T. Smith (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 3, 4 and 5.

**PAUL, PENZANCE, CORNWALL.**—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Polgrean 1, Elizabeth Ford 2, J. Waters (first as cond.) 3, Decima Carne 4, R. Curtiss 5, J. Ladner 6. Rung for Evensong, and for the induction of the Rev. D. H. P. Davey as Vicar on July 20th.

**ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.**—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Stevens (first quarter) 1, C. J. Stevens 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, W. Stevens 4, A. Atyeo 5, E. Bawden 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Bawden, son of the tenor ringer, who was married to Miss B. Trump at Wellington Parish Church this day.

**SHREWSBURY, SALOP.**—On Aug. 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Pritchard 1, W. Farmer 2, Miss B. Carter 3, C. Lee 4, L. Hewitt 5, C. Barron 6, J. Butler 7, F. Beddow (cond.) 8, H. Douglas 9, E. Wilcox 10. First of Royal for 9 and 10. Rung for the wedding of Miss A. Redgewell and Mr. R. Hughes.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—At Christ Church, on July 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. W. Bishop 1, Miss P. Manning 2, J. Berry 3, G. W. Townsend 4, T. Townsend 5, Miss E. L. Roberts (first of Major as cond.) 6, R. G. Townsend 7, W. W. Daniell 8.

**UPAVON, WILTS.**—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Giddings 1, J. Dear 2, S. G. Grant (cond.) 3, G. Vines 4, G. Buckland 5, C. Drevitt 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

**WANDSWORTH, S.W.**—On Aug. 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Davis 1, J. Phillips 2, W. Rawlings 3, H. Langdon (cond.) 4, H. Belcher 5, R. F. Deal 6, W. H. Coles 7, H. M. Page 8.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.**—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wright 1, T. Templeman 2, J. Clouston 3, G. Wright 4, R. Webster 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6. Rung as a 'Welcome Home' to St. Oswald's first curate (the Rt. Rev. C. Cooper, Bishop of Korea), recently freed from Communist internment. Also at St. Oswald's Church on Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Watlace (first quarter) 1, G. Wright 2, T. Templeman 3, J. Cloughston 4, H. Short 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6. Rung on the 21st birthday of G. Watlace.

**WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.**—On July 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. S. Woodburn 1, Miss S. Drake 2, G. H. Cross 3, R. J. Cousins 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, T. J. Hayward 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, E. King 8. The first quarter of Stedman on the augmented ring.

**WHITFIELD, NORTHANTS.**—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Saunders 1, C. Gough 2, C. Haynes (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. J. Chester 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter peal to be rung on the bells.

**WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wickham 1, P. Cannon 2, K. Medway 3, Marjorie Legg 4, J. Walton 5, F. Lufkin 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, G. Lilley 8.

**WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.**—On March 21st, 1,260 Bob Major: Miss R. Snell (first quarter Bob Major) 1, W. A. Fitchford 2, P. S. Whalley (first quarter Bob Major) 3, C. H. Page 4, W. Massey (first quarter Bob Major) 5, G. E. Kettle 6, E. H. Edge 7, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 8. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Snell 1, W. A. Fitchford 2, P. S. Whalley 3, G. E. Kettle 4, W. Massey 5, E. H. Edge (first quarter as cond.) 6, D. R. Whalley 7, G. W. Biddulph 8. Rung fully muffled on the death of Queen Mary.

**WOOLWICH, S.E.**—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Grove, jun., 1, G. Daynes 2, E. B. Crowder 3, A. Grove, sen., 4, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 5, T. Culver 6, B. W. Aldridge 7, R. A. Johnson 8. Rung for the patronal festival and in honour of the former Rector (the Rt. Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley, Bishop of Croydon).

**YEovil, SOMERSET.**—On July 14th, 1,371 Stedman Caters: F. G. Leaker 1, G. H. Harding 2, J. M. Stallard 3, T. Marks 4, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 5, R. J. Fox (first quarter) 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, F. Hansford 8, I. H. Trueman 9, T. J. Setter 10. Rung to mark the dedication of a peal board presented by members of the Craft of Freemasonry.

**New Bob Triples**

1234567				
2135476				
2314567	5,040			
3241657	(Hubbard's Ten-Part)			
2346175	23456	W	M	H
3264715	45236	—	—	—
2367451	24536	—	—	—
3276541	52436	—	—	—
2375614	64523	—	—	—
3257164	56423	—	—	—
2351746	45623	—	—	—
3215476				
3124567	9 times repeated;			
1325476	Single for bob half-			
	way and end.			
1352746				
Bob	The first peal in			
1325476	this method was			
	rung at St. Leon-			
1235746	ard's, Shoreditch,			
Single	on March 28th,			
1325476	1750, conducted by			
	George Partrick.			
1325746				

**5,056 Ashted Surprise Major**

By E. W. TIPLER				
23456	B	W	M	H
24536	—	—	—	2
43265	x	—	—	3
52364	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	2
25634	—	—	—	3
53246	x	—	—	3
23645	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	3
23456	—	—	—	3

Rung at Ambrosden, Oxon., on December 13th, 1952, conducted by A. R. Pink.

**COMPOSITIONS****Shalford Surprise Major**

12345678					
21436587					
12346857					
21438675					
24136857					
42318675					
24138657					
42316875					
24361857					
42638175					
46231857					
64328175					
46238715					
64327851					
46372815					
64738251					
46372851					
64738215					
46783251					
64872315					
46782135					
64871253					
68472135					
86741253					
68714235					
86172453					
68712435					
86174253					
81672435					
18764253					
81674523					
18765432					
17856342					
Bob					
17856423					
6ths place bob					

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss W. Mellin 1, W. H. Mellin 2, C. J. Gibson 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, R. S. Payne 5, R. J. Darch 6, E. J. Thurlow 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8.

**Wicken Surprise Major**

By J. S. CARTER

12345678					
21354768					
12537486					
21357846					
23158764					
32517846					
23157486					
32514768					
23541678					
32546187					
32541678					
23456187					
32546817					
35248671					
53426817					
54328671					
45238761					
42537816					
4th Place Bob					

**COMPOSITION 5,024**  
By E. W. TIPLER.

23456	W	B	M	H
26435	—	—	—	2
32654	—	x	—	2
63425	—	—	—	3
63254	—	x	—	1
42635	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
53246	—	x	—	3
52436	—	—	—	2
35426	—	—	—	3
23456	—	—	—	3
First rung at Wicken, Northants, on July 12th, 1953.				

**5,024 Chesterfield Surprise Major**

By G. FREEBREY

W	M	H	
—	—	2	26435
—	B	—	46325
—	—	—	53624
—	—	—	25634
—	—	3	32654
—	—	2	36524
—	—	3	23564
—	—	3	52436
—	—	3	35426
—	—	3	23456

First rung at West Hallam on May 16th, 1953.

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The meeting of the Hinckley District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, which was originally arranged for August 22nd has been postponed until August 29th. The postponement arises from the induction of the new rector fixed for August 22nd.

Readers will remember the Coronation peal failure at Elham, Kent, when the M.C.

stopped the peal in the last 50 changes. Amends were made on August 1st when a peal was scored conducted by Mr. John L. Morris.

The peal of Surprise Minor reported on page 498 was rung at Harston not Marston as printed. The error is regretted.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, lost a peal on Coronation Day. Although a little belated, the honours were duly paid by Grand-sire Triples on July 26th.

When a visitor walked into a Midland tower he was asked if he knew Dick 'So and So.' 'No,' he replied. 'I haven't looked at that method yet.' Perhaps he had been reading 'One Man Bands'!

At the end of the peal at Brentford, Martyn Harbott rapidly lost all his blisters when he tried to set his bell. He had not noticed the ominous thump when his slider jumped off in the first lead of the peal!

Congratulations to Mr. Christopher Wallater, of Willenhall, Staffs, on ringing his 500th peal. The peal was rung in his home tower, Willenhall, on August 1st and was also Mr. Howard Howell's 450th.

For the wedding of Miss Janet A. Newton, daughter of Mr. G. Newton, tower captain at Earl Shilton, Leics, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of his own tower on July 25th by fellow-ringers of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Congratulations from a wide circle of friends will be extended to Mr. John Davis, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur V. Davis, of Bournemouth, upon his wedding last Saturday at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth. Mr. Davis is a member of the staff of Bromsgrove High School.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. F. E. Collins, conducted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Sunday, August 2nd. The band was composed principally of North Country ringers. Such visits do much to popularise the Society in the provinces.

In progress this week is a North Cornwall tour.

Now 83 years of age, Mr. Adolphus Roberts has just rung his 100th peal for the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

The band of St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, Staffs, is closely associated with St. Giles' Senior School, as eight of the ringers are scholars.

Birthday compliments were paid to Mr. Ernest Morris with a peal of Gainsborough Little Bob Major at Cole-Orton, in which he participated, and a peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' at Leicester, conducted by Mr. Harold J. Poole.

We are pleased to note that the signing of the truce in Korea was marked by ringing of peals and quarter peals. Typical was the ringing at Bakewell, Derbys, arranged at short notice on the evening of July 27th, when ringers were present from Doncaster, Darley Dale, Staveley, Bolsover, with a strong local contingent.

One of the best known ringers in the country is Major E. F. M. Sampson, son of the Rev. A. M. Sampson, of Loughborough, and the news of his wedding will be an occasion for widespread congratulations. Major Sampson has visited most parts of the country and, as far as his military duties permit, has entered fully into local ringing. He met his bride while ringing at Betchworth. His wedding was at Coudson on August 1st.

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# THE MOST ISOLATED RING IN THE EMPIRE

## Sydney Ringers Travel 853 Miles to Ring at Maryborough

*Probably the most isolated ring of bells in the Empire is at St. Paul's Church, Maryborough (8, tenor 21 cwt.), situated 853 miles from Sydney.*

*When the bells were dedicated in 1886 a band from St. Philip's, Sydney, was invited by the Mayor (Mr. Frederick Bryant) and Mr. Henry Aldridge to ring for the opening. The bells were a gift of Mr. Edgar Thomas Aldridge in memory of his wife.*

*Since then the bells had not been visited by a ringing band until last Easter when six members of the N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers rang them.*

*Appended is Mr. W. M. Rowe's story of the journey.*

The second tour was undertaken by the first band of change ringers to visit the tower and covered the four-day Easter holiday, April 3rd to April 6th. The members of the band were Messrs. W. M. Rowe, L. Curran, J. Stacey, J. J. Cummins, J. Rainsford and E. J. Fowell. Many are the comments which have been made on the tour, some people considering 1,780 miles by car in four days to ring bells subscribed very much to the view that the participants were mad, but the more charitable of their critics described them as just plain crazy. Still, each and every one of the party have no regrets whatsoever in taking the trip and will always remember the hospitality they received from the bell-ringing fraternity in Maryborough, the daughters of the late Mr. Frederick Bryant, in the persons of the Misses E. and A. Bryant and Lady Duce, and the numerous people in Maryborough who opened their homes to the band. Should another trip to this tower be contemplated, it would not be difficult to induce these ringers to take part.

The party left 15 First Avenue, Five Dock, at 6.5 p.m., after the usual unrehearsed delays, and picked up the balance of the team at Turramurra. Continuing through the very heavy Easter traffic up the Pacific Highway, slow time was made to Maitland, where we called in for supper at the home of Mr. J. E. Arkell at 10.45 p.m. After a very nice supper provided by Mrs. Arkell and Elaine, we left Maitland at 11.25 p.m. As we continued on and the hour became late, the traffic became scarce and good time was made to Guyra, 356 miles from Sydney, where the party did justice to a very excellent breakfast, leaving this town at 7 a.m.

With daylight now well advanced, good time was made over the next part of the journey, and we arrived in Lismore, the home town of John Cummins, at 1.30 p.m. Here the party decided to have a walk-in walk-out lunch of fish and chips, giving John only about 20 minutes with his relatives.

We then travelled on to Alstonville, where the Rev. Mr. Williams, a member of the N.S.W. Association, is the Rector. We inspected his church, rang his handbells, but were unfortunate enough not to meet our friend, the Rector, as he was taking a Good Friday service in a distant part of his parish. So, with as little waste of time as possible, the party continued on to some of the more scenic parts of the trip—Bangalow, Murwillumbah (home town of Tom Goodyer) and Tweed Heads, in New South Wales, and across the border to Coolangatta and Southport in Queensland. After leaving Southport in twilight, with 659 miles up, darkness fell and the party had supper at a roadside restaurant, a few miles out of Brisbane.

### 26 HOURS WITHOUT BREAK

Arriving in Brisbane at 8.30 p.m., after travelling 680 miles in 26 hours without a break, six very weary bell-ringers slept very well until 6 o'clock the next morning when Bill Rowe roused them and they set off at 6.45 a.m. to inspect

Brisbane in the early hours of the morning. Unfortunately, we did not get the best of views, as the fog was rather heavy on the river and only in patches where we able to appreciate the beauty of this northern city. A run down a very wide boulevard by the banks of the Brisbane River was well worth while, and after a short period of sight-seeing, we set off for Maryborough, which we had arranged to reach at 1.30 p.m. that day.

We had breakfast at a roadside cafe and here we met a very charming personality in the hostess, who was most intrigued with the antics of several of the team. We promised to call in at 10 p.m. on the Sunday night for tea on our way back and entertain them with handbells. After a most enjoyable meal and with a car full of bananas, just picked from the stalk, we set off over some of the most beautiful scenic country in Australia, arriving at Gympie, an important town in Queensland, at 12 noon. Here liquid refreshment was taken, very little time was lost, and we were on our way for the last lap of this long journey.

### FIVE MINUTES LATE

We arrived in Maryborough, 853 miles from Sydney, at 1.35 p.m.—5 minutes late! It must be admitted that we were somewhat dirty and rather tired. However, the warmth of the welcome we received from our Maryborough friends soon caused us to forget our bodily discomforts and we made our way to our hotel, where a shower and a shave made a wonderful difference.

### ANONYMOUS LETTERS

*The editor cannot entertain in future anonymous letters, even if the name and address of the sender accompany them.*

*The employment of a nom-de-plume to a contributed article will only be accepted provided the subject is non-controversial.*

We met at the tower again at 2.30 p.m., rang a quarter peal, praised the tone of the bells, congratulated the steeplekeeper on the excellent 'go' and met and fraternised with the local ringers until 5.30 p.m., when we adjourned to the hotel for a dinner given by the wardens and council of the church.

During the afternoon, Miss E. Bryant, of Harold Wood House, Pialba, was introduced to the band by Mr. T. E. Klupp, the secretary of St. Paul's Society. Miss Bryant is a daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Bryant, who invited the St. Philip's ringers to open the bells so long ago. Miss Bryant gave us welcome on behalf of her sisters and invited us to make the short 21 miles trip to Pialba and visit her home and meet the other members of the family who were so closely associated with these beautiful bells.

After leaving the tower at 6 p.m. we were entertained at dinner by the wardens and Parish Council of St. Paul's, presided over by the Rector and Mrs. Taylor. The Rector gave us a very warm welcome to Maryborough, to which Mr. Rowe suitably replied. After dinner the evening was spent at the tower, where some more ringing was enjoyed, and finally four of the party decided that bed was the best place, whilst two of our younger and more energetic members decided to spend the rest of the night at a dance.

### BROADCAST THROUGH QUEENSLAND

On the Sunday morning a quarter peal was rung, the whole of which was broadcast throughout Queensland, this being the first occasion on which a complete quarter peal has been broadcast in Australia. The striking was good and all were quite happy that we had done justice to ourselves. Immediately after the ring-

ing of the quarter peal we set off to Pialba and were entertained to morning tea by the Misses E. and A. Bryant and Lady Duce. We were then shown some very interesting photographs and mementoes of the early settlers in Queensland. After reluctantly leaving these very charming people, we were whisked away by Mr. Klupp to the home of Miss Montgomery, where we availed ourselves of the unexpected yet no less appreciated offer of making use of the changing room and going for a swim in the bay. All the party were amazed at the warmth of the water, but were a little bit disappointed that we did not have the rollers so much appreciated on our own beaches. However, somebody found a tennis ball among his belongings and a very hectic half-hour was spent chasing this around the bay. All this takes time, so one more meal was missed.

We arrived back at the church at 2 p.m. and rang there until 4 p.m., our scheduled time of departure. We said cheerio to the St. Paul's ringers and visited Mr. Neal, who had been a ringer for 50 years, but who had recently had a breakdown and was unable to ring for the Coronation, which he had very much hoped to do.

Eventually all farewells had been said and, escorted by the captain of the team, Mr. Bert Hurford, we left Maryborough, completely overwhelmed by the hospitality we had received and all determining that some time in the future we would once more make the acquaintance of these very enthusiastic people.

We arrived back at the cafe we had promised to visit at 10 p.m. after a detour (to see the sea—strictly unauthorised, but which somehow crept into the itinerary). A most enjoyable supper was had, the hostess keeping her word, and six very full persons left on the final run home. We ran through Brisbane at 1 a.m. and had to make a few minor adjustments at Ipswich at 2 o'clock in the morning, daylight catching up with us at 6 o'clock, 1,229 miles having been reached on the speedo. We arrived at Armidale, one of the big cities on the northern tablelands of New South Wales, and witnessed a students' procession at 11 a.m. and then ran on to Tamworth, where we had a look at the city from a very magnificent lookout. We continued on to Maitland, where we arrived at 5.25 p.m. Here again the Arkell family provided a very nice cup of tea and we started off for our final run to Sydney at 7 p.m. We arrived in Sydney at 11.20 p.m. after having done 1,780 miles in four days.

We had a most enjoyable trip and met some very enthusiastic bell-ringers. The cordial welcome extended to us is one that we will never forget. This trip was in itself a pioneer achievement and it is hoped that as the roads over this part of the country are now in really good condition, it will be the first of many and will bring our Queensland friends nearer to the southern states, so that they will not feel that they are as isolated as they have been for the last 60 years.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The South Norfolk Branch visited Winfarthing for their summer meeting on July 25th, when 32 members and friends attended. The Rector, the Rev. B. F. Ritson, extended a cordial welcome to the ringers during the service, after which, by the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Ritson and the local ringers and friends, the members adjourned to the Rectory lawn and sat down to an excellent tea.

The Rev. F. E. Vokes presided at the meeting, during which Mr. Herbert Woodrow, of Winfarthing, was elected a ringing member. It was decided to visit Brockdish for the autumn meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and Mrs. Ritson and the local ringers, especially Mr. W. E. Ely, who made the local arrangements. Shelfanger bells were also rung during the evening.



# IN DEFENCE OF IRREGULAR METHODS

## Two Readers Question Central Council Commentators

Dear Sir,—At last the long awaited report of the Methods Committee regarding Minor methods has been published, and we are greeted with the information that irregular methods have little or nothing to condemn them. We were forewarned of the fact that no case could be proved against irregular methods by two front page articles recently published which feebly endeavoured to support the Methods Committee.

The first writer stated, as a schoolmaster might reprove a naughty child, that 'he hoped this was the last which would be heard of the matter.' How blissfully optimistic!

The second writer, 'E. C. S.' states:—  
'... the Council sensed that in the main the right thing was being done and that to oppose the adoption of the report was to open up fresh difficulties.' By this we assume that the Central Council has taken the easy way out and airily dismissed the matter as unworthy of much discussion.

E. C. S. raises a further point in comparing irregular methods with Victorian hymn tunes, but does not say if the church congregations were increased by eradicating the offending tunes; I may say that a similar change of hymn book at Cawthorne caused a substantial drop in the congregation and we have now reverted to a new hymn book which contains hymn tunes old and new. No mention has been made of the possibility of acquiring new members for 'The Ringing World' by means of the Methods Committee's action. Perhaps some old subscribers may be lost, but in the fight for right there are inevitably casualties which I suppose the Central Council will bravely bear.

The Minor peal columns make interesting reading. Rarely do we see a peal in seven different methods excepting by the crack bands, the reason being that in Treble Bob only Oxford and Kent remain as full lead methods. Surely the Methods Committee occasionally glance at the Minor peal columns.

Mr. C. K. Lewis in his report has obviously taken much trouble to present a case against irregular methods, but is definitely biased in his opinions, and as work in regular methods is taken largely from irregular methods, his case will not hold water.

The Barnsley and District Society and the Halifax and District Society are definitely six-bell organisations and we should welcome news of other Minor dominated societies.

In conclusion, I should like to take up a point raised by the writer of the first leading article, who said the question of favouring regular methods was largely tradition. I suggest you open Mr. E. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' pages 370-371, which gives details of peals rung at Darfield, 1812; Wath-upon-Dearne, 1815, 1816; Bingley, 1826, of numerous methods, 'many not now considered regular.' Is not this tradition? These lads were ringers!

On page 363 Mr. Morris gives the following lines from an old MS:—

'Because there's peals of twelve in town  
Shall five or six bells ne'er be rung?  
I think 'tis a very stupid thing  
Of men that take delight to ring  
To rail at variety.'

All right, Mr. Felstead, Let t' battle commence!—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne.

**WARBOROUGH, OXON.**—On July 18th, 1,260 Doubles (360 of Plain Bob, 360 of April Day and 540 of Grand sire): W. Absalom, 1, J. Godman, 2, F. Smith, 3, R. Tuckwell, 4, F. Absalom (cond.), 5, W. Fulker, 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. D. Wells and Miss E. Townsend.

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read ('Ringing World,' June 12th) that the report of the Methods Committee went through without a lot of 'acrimonious discussion.' From reports since published, it appears that there was very little discussion, acrimonious or otherwise, concerning the vitally important subject of so-called irregular Minor methods.

One wonders if the members of the Council would have accepted with equal complacency a more justifiable proposal from a hypothetical committee composed primarily of six-bell ringers that: 'In view of the poverty of its music and the sterility of its composition we shall no longer recognise Cambridge Surprise Major.'

I can quite understand E. A. B. finds it 'difficult to put into words any better reason than tradition' for disallowing so-called irregular Minor methods, but shudder to think what a queer world it would be if everyone adopted attitudes without justification.

I find it piquant that ringers should be asked to produce reasons for ringing irregular Minor methods, but none for condemning them.

To say that there are 'far more regular methods available than anyone can possibly need,' when a group of monstrosities, of little or no practical use to the average ringer and incapable by themselves of producing an extent of Minor, has been concocted in order to fulfil the demands of a fractional percentage of record-breaking experts, makes strange reading indeed.

In 1929 I was a member of the local band at Felkirk, Yorkshire, which rang in 12 months upwards of 250 720's in different methods (I myself rang in about 240 of them). Seeing that the number of regular methods on Minor that will produce an extent is in the region of 180, it is obvious that in order to equal or exceed that record irregular methods must be rung.

I suppose I ought to be grateful to the Central Council for ensuring that the record remains for all time!

In the absence of any specific reasoning by the Methods Committee perhaps we should turn to those given by the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, at the seventh ringers' rally at Bourne-mouth on May 23rd, as reported on page 365 of 'The Ringing World.'

'What the Council did was to say what produced the best music from the bells and recommended to the members what it was desirable or not desirable to ring.'

And further in the same paragraph:—

'The Council could not lay down the law, but it tried to recommend that the methods that were rung were as musical as possible and as pleasant to the public ear as possible.'

Words of wisdom about which no one would quarrel.

That these statements 'exclude' most, if not all, irregular methods in Major and above is recognised by everyone, but Mr. Lewis and the Methods Committee know full well that neither they, the Central Council, nor a section of the public, including Sir John Barbirolli and the Halle Orchestra, could tell the difference MUSICALLY between a regular and irregular Minor method.

For why? There just is none!

In conclusion, let me say that a person who cannot see that the Central Council (including the Methods Committee) has done, is doing and will continue to do excellent work must be suffering from mental myopia, but in this country, this citadel of democracy, it is, I presume, the duty and privilege of everyone to criticise what he considers unfair or unjust, and at the risk of being unpopular I still maintain that in this instance the Central Council is wrong, especially when it can produce no 'convincing reasons' to the contrary.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

## PRESENTATION TO CANON C. CAREW COX

### Lyme Regis Ringers' Appreciation of 25 Years' Service

On Saturday, July 18th, twelve members and friends of St. Michael's Guild, Lyme Regis, set out in two cars into Devon and Somerset for their annual outing. This year the members had decided to run the outing at their own expense so that the money generally contributed from parochial funds for this purpose might be given to the Bells Restoration Fund.

Wellington, the first tower visited, was reached after a journey along some narrow winding lanes over the Blackdown Hills. Meanwhile the leading car, having taken a wrong turn, found itself in Buckland St. Mary encountering even narrower lanes. The time table, however, was not put out and the bells were raised promptly at 9 a.m. The party here was joined by three other friends, Preb. E. V. Cox, Dr. E. L. Taylor and S. H. Green. Ringing on these bells was enjoyed for an hour and a half before the cars, now numbering four, began the ascent of the Quantock Hills to Milverton Parish Church, where the eight bells are somewhat out of tune. Despite this, some good ringing was achieved and a course of London was brought round in fine style.

An amusing incident occurred on the road from Milverton to Tiverton. One driver, who must have imagined himself to be Ascarri or Stirling Moss, raced into the lead and would have reached South Molton had not the driver of the second car started the chase with one hand constantly on his horn. Before reaching Tiverton a stop was made for lunch on the banks of the Exe outside Bampton. In the afternoon all our expectations were fulfilled of a fine ring, and very appreciable comments were passed about the bells. Ringing here was followed by a salad tea.

Uffculme was where the first stop was made after tea. As this was the last time when Canon Cox would be accompanying them as their Vicar, the ringers had decided to present him with some token of gratitude for all the great work he had done in their interests. When everyone had assembled in the belfry at Uffculme the presentation was made. Mr. C. W. Powell, on behalf of the ringers, formally thanked Canon Cox for his 25 years' devoted service in the Lyme tower. Mr. G. H. Whitmore, the oldest member of St. Michael's Guild, then presented Canon Cox with a shooting stick suitably inscribed.

In reply, Canon Cox, who was taken quite by surprise, spoke on how it had always been his aim to establish a competent change ringing band in his own tower and thanked all the members who had made this possible. It would be his greatest joy, he said, to see the church in which he had served so long with a peal of bells worthy of the ringers who would ring them. Preb. E. V. Cox then thanked Canon Cox on behalf of the visitors who had been invited to join the party and for the tea which he provided.

St. Andrew's, Cullompton, with its ring of ten bells, was the last tower visited. The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking all incumbents for the use of their bells and the local ringers of each tower for making the party so welcome.

Methods rung during the day included Grand sire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Royal, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Lyme, Rutland, London and Bristol Surprise Major and Double Norwich.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On July 19th, the last quarter of Holt's Original: G. Hurrell 1, J. Hurrell 2, G. Daynes 3, G. Ashdown 4, F. Richardson 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.), 6, F. Hurrell 7, E. Long 8. For Evensong, and also for the engagement of Miss Coralie Smith to Mr. Brian Seamon, and an 83rd birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Daynes.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ONE MAN BANDS

Dear Sir,—It is a pity there are these types of men and there is not much you can do about it, or is there?

I know, among others, one of the most delightful O.M.B.'s, and this is intended as a sincere compliment to him and a warning to all others.

Recently I was having tea, reading 'The Ringing World' and listening to a lovely eight (tenor 26 cwt.) well up a Cheshire river, and recalled to mind several O.M.B.'s, one in particular, but with the difference that he knows more than a few touches, he has called many peals, he does visit other towers and also encourages his ringers to visit them; but he has all the other qualifications mentioned.

I had not intended replying to the above, but on Sunday it was mentioned that the O.M.B. was in very good form the previous Saturday.

Coming back to the important question of 'or is there anything you can do about it?' my answer is 'Yes, and this is how it was done. The tower had quite an array of good ringers, some very good, and was quite recently honourably mentioned in 'The Ringing World.' Here the good pupils had been told many times, 'There was no bob there,' and 'You were in the slow when you ought to have been quick bell in,' and all the other stock-in-trade of the O.M.B.

Well, the youngsters began to put their heads together and check up, and when the O.M.B. said one was wrong, one of the others would come down on him well supported by the others and soon convinced O.M.B. that he was wrong. Sometimes O.M.B. would shout so loud and try to say too much that he got himself tied up. He has shouted a good many into ringing and I don't know of any he has shouted out.

Moral: (1) Don't shout if you don't know what you are shouting about. (2) Don't be shouted down, if you do.—Yours,

FRANK STENSON.

## WASHBROOK SURPRISE PRINCIPLE

Dear Sir,—It was interesting to read in your issue of July 24th the re-recording of the peal in the above method rung at Caversham forty years ago. Living at Caversham at that time and ringing with the band, I learned the method with them and was outside the tower with others when the peal was rung.

I agree with the composer's claim that it is more difficult than London and more musical than Superlative. There was at the time considerable argument going on in the ringing Press and among ringers because of it being termed a Surprise method. Perhaps that was why no other peal of it was rung.

It seems a pity that such a valuable piece of method building should be lost because of a name and one wonders if some present-day enthusiasts could not revive it and ring some more peals in this fine method. Why not?

W. J. PAICE.

Wokingham.

## CRICKET ENTHUSIASTS

Dear Sir,—'Cricket Enthusiast' heard St. Peter's bells, Bournemouth, on Saturday, July 18th.

They were heard during the midday commentary being rung by an outing party of ringers from Fairford, Glos. During the afternoon commentary the bells were again heard being rung for a wedding by the St. Peter's band and afterwards by Winchester Cathedral ringers also on outing.

I gather that our bells were heard far afield during their unofficial broadcasts on this day.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS,  
Tower Captain,  
St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

## WELCOME AT LLANDUDNO

Dear Sir,—Twice within the last four years I have spent my annual holiday at Rhyl, and each time I have visited Llandudno for a ring. On each occasion I met with the greatest kindness and was invited to ring and conduct in Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Major. Each time learners had a practice first, and then left the tower to the more advanced ringers. This local arrangement, which I gathered was the usual procedure, did not concern me, for visitors must take things as they find them. So I can quite understand that on Coronation Day the young ringers may have had their pull first, according to their usual custom.

At Rhyl the same kindly spirit prevailed and at each meeting I was always given the opportunity of conducting in whatever method was being rung. Further, in 1951 the ringers of Llandudno and Rhyl arranged for a ring at Bodelywyddan—the Marble Church—and kindly invited me to call a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. At this famous church I looked on this as a great privilege, especially as it was the first quarter of Triples for two young ladies from Rhyl.

Certainly these ringers of North Wales lack nothing in the way of good fellowship.—Yours sincerely,

W. POSTON.

Bridstow, Ross-on-Wye.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. A. Crocker's letter, 'A cordial welcome at Llandudno,' I am pleased to point out that I have always had 'the usual welcome' each time I have gone to Holy Trinity Church to ring.

With regard to your suggestion of 'some good reason not disclosed' for the walk out on Coronation Day, I am forced to remark that it did not reveal the best of 'belfry spirit.' If the captain had apologised and made a reasonable excuse as to why it was impossible to continue ringing, I should have been satisfied. The action of the other ringers (all learners) in putting on their coats and following him down seems to suggest a prearranged action.—Yours sincerely,

A. BURTON.

Worsley, Manchester.

## ST. PETER'S, LISS

Dear Sir,—To commemorate the bicentenary of the recasting and augmentation of the five back bells at St. Peter's, Liss, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on July 28th.

Prior to 1753 there were three old bells in this tower, the age of which we are unable to find out. During that year a certain Charles Coles gave by will £100 towards the recasting of the three bells and casting two more to make a ring of five, also timber for a new frame. This work was carried out by Lester and Pack.

In 1897 a new treble was added by the parishioners of Liss in memory of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. This bell was put in by Mears and Stainbank, who rehung the whole ring at the same time. These bells still go extremely well.

In St. Mary's Church we have a modern ring of eight bells installed by Mears and Stainbank in 1938. I wonder how many villages are privileged with an ancient and modern ring like this. I might add that any band of ringers who come this way on their annual outings are always welcome to ring at either of these churches.—Yours truly,

A. BETSWORTH.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 2nd, 1.280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, L. Pryke 2, F. Mortlock 3, F. Day (first quarter in method) 4, F. Boreham 5, E. Cracknell 6, W. Jarvis 7, D. A. S. Symonds 8. A birthday compliment to E. Cracknell.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Aug. 15th, 1913

### A NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCE

The performance of Miss Hilda Willson in ringing two peals, one of Double Norwich and one of Stedman Caters, in one day is another remarkable tribute to the prowess of lady ringers. Speaking 'without the book,' we are not sure that such an achievement has ever before been attained by a member of the fair sex, but . . . when one considers the age of this young lady, the feat appears little short of remarkable. . . .

[Miss Willson, daughter of William Willson, of Leicester, was only 14 years old at the time. The fact that the Stedman Caters was later found to be false does not detract from the merit of the performance.]

## MR. C. ERNEST SMITH'S 500 PEALS

It has taken Mr. C. Ernest Smith 27 years to complete his 500 peals, his first being rung at Haslemere in 1927. In these peals he has been associated with 423 ringers in 172 towers with 41 conductors.

Minor.—Plain Bob 1 (conducted 1), three methods 1, four methods 4, seven methods 3, eight methods 1, ten methods 1. Surprise: London 1 (1), Cambridge 2 (2).

Triples.—Grandsire 21 (4), Stedman 74 (4).

Major.—Double Norwich 24, Plain Bob 8, College Single 1, Canterbury Pleasure 2, Kent Treble Bob 23\* (2). Surprise: London 67 (5), Bristol 44 (8), Cambridge 31 (3), Superlative 16 (2), Yorkshire 31 (8), Guildford 6† (1), Dublin 3 (1), Double Dublin 1, Reverse Dublin 1, Surrey 2, Norfolk 4, Lincolnshire 4 (3), New Cambridge 3 (1), Melbourne 1, Ashted 5 (1), Painswick 2 (1), Boveney 1, Pudsey 2 (1), Rutland 2 (1), Ipswich 1 (1), Belgrave 2 (2), Aldenham 2 (1), Watford 1 (1), Chiltern 1 (1), Berkshire 1 (1), Shalford 1 (1). Spliced: Two methods 1, three methods 1, four methods 12.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 26†.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 10 (1). Surprise: Cambridge 21 (3), Yorkshire 8 (1), New Cambridge 1, Albanian 1, Painswick 1, Lincolnshire 1, Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 3.

Cinques.—Stedman 5.

Maximus.—Surprise: Cambridge 2, York 1.

Total: 500 (conducted 63).

\* Including 6,048 and 10,432. † Including 6,144. ‡ Including 10,025.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

### Salisbury Branch at East Knoyle

Stormy weather did not keep ringers away from the meeting at East Knoyle, near Shaftesbury, on July 18th. Some 22 members of the Salisbury Branch and visitors mostly from North Dorset were present at the service, tea and meeting, and others also joined in the ringing before and afterwards.

East Knoyle has a fine old church which was probably the first one Sir Christopher Wren looked at, as he was born here when his father was Vicar. It possesses a very pleasant ring of six, hung anti-clockwise. Ringing was also enjoyed during the afternoon and evening at Hindon, with its light and fast-running six. Some found ringing call-changes 'off the cards' at Knoyle as intricate as the Cambridge that was tackled later! We are glad, however, that there are some young recruits here, and it is hoped to build up a change ringing band again.

At the business meeting three new members were elected: Mr. A. E. Kemish, of White-parish, Robin Moreland, of Salisbury, and Susan Farmer (aged 8½) as a member of the Wilton band. The chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles, reported two peals rung in the branch on Coronation Day.

Votes of thanks were passed to the two Vicars for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar of East Knoyle, the Rev. B. C. D. Palmer, also for taking the Guild service.



# RINGERS' RULES (ANCIENT & MODERN)

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 202)

Not many of our Leicestershire friends are aware that the earliest recorded peal of Doubles I can trace took place at Anstey, and this is how it was reported in 'The Leicester Journal' of September 27th, 1782: 'On Thursday last was rung at Anstey in this County, upon five bells, 5280 Grandsire Bobs in three hours and ten minutes.' It is a great pity no names were given. These old-time ringers had their own set of rules, which are quoted by Nichols, the historian:—

'Whoever takes a bell in hand,  
Must first these orders understand.  
Before you begin a bell to swing,  
Off your hat, spurs, and girdles, be sure you  
do fling.  
He that rings with his spurs on, his girdle or  
hat,  
He must pay down two pence, be sure of that.  
He that a bell doth overthrow, I say  
Shall two pence pay the clerk without delay;  
And he that doth a bell pull back again,  
Shall surely pay down sixpence for the same.  
If you refuse the stated sum to pay  
Presented you shall be, the next Court-day.'

Anstey tenor bell has the distinction of being one of the few—if not the only—church bell with the name 'King Edward VIII.' upon it. Leicester Cathedral tenor originally had it, but on his abdication this was carefully filed off and 'King George VI.' incised in place thereof.

## GREAT BOWDEN

Another Leicestershire five-bell tower not heard of much these days is Great Bowden. Here the ropes originally fell in an awkward order, the treble coming down in the middle with the other four at each corner of the tower. They were, however, rehung in 1926 and now fall correctly and the present writer called the first peal on them in that year. The old ringers here had their rules in verse thus:—

'Whoe'er designs harmonious Bells to Sound,  
In tuneful changes or the merry Round,  
These Orders must Observe.  
If you get Drunk and hither Reel,  
Or by your Brawl disturb the Peal,  
Or with \*mumlunguous horrid Smoak,  
You cloud the Room, and Ringers Choak.  
Or if you dare profane this Place  
By Oath, or Curse, or Language Base,  
Or if you can presume in Peal  
With Hatt, or Coat, or armed Heel:  
Or turn your Bell in careless way  
For each Offence shall Two Pence pay;  
To break these Laws if any hope  
May leave the Bell, and take the Rope.  
Thomas Buckby, Edward Englehorn, Church-  
wardens. N.B.—He who plucks his Bell over  
when turn'd, shall Pay six Pence.'

\* Stinking tobacco.

The following lines are from St. Nicholas' Church, Austrey, Warwickshire, by a very young writer:—

'Before you begin a bell to sway,  
Hats, spurs, girdles, you must lay away.  
And he that doth a bell overthrow,  
Must pay a groat before he doth go:  
He that will not these orders obey,  
Bare-headed he must go, or four pence must  
pay.  
Thomas Smith—Scripsit—age 9 years.'

## SOUTHILL, BEDS

The following hangs on the wall of the belfry of Southill, Beds (North, 'Church Bells of Beds,' page 192):—

'Rules to be strictly observed by every one  
who enters this belfry.  
We ring the Quick to Church, the Dead to  
Grave,  
Good is our use, such usage let us have.  
He that wears Spur, or Hat, or Cap, or breaks  
a stay,

Or from the floor does by a bellrope sway,  
Or leaves His rope down Careless on the  
floor,  
Or nuisance makes within the belfry Door,  
Shall sixpence forfeit for each single Crime,  
'Twill make him carefull at another Time.

Whoever Breaks or injures any of the Handbells  
shall make the Damage good.

We Gentlemen Ringers are nobodys foes.  
We disturb none but those who want too  
much repose.

Our music's so sweet, so enchanting to hear.  
We wish there was ringing each Day in the  
Year.

To call the folks to Church in time we chime	{	three seven minute peals Stop one minute between, toll the Tenor four minutes, ring the Ting Tang three minutes. Total $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour.
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When mirth and pleasure is on the wing we  
ring,  
At the Departure of a Soul, we Toll.

George Bryant, William Litchfield, John Litch-  
field, George Stacey, James Handscomb, James  
Finding, Ringers. John Hale, Sexton. David  
Dickens, Parish Clerk.'

These lines are to be found on the walls of the  
belfry at Much-Hadham, Herts:—

'Reade and Marke well these lines I pray  
Keep full in mind Ye Judgment Day  
Of all your sin confession make,  
God's Pardon beg, for Christ his sake.  
Now is the time while breath we have.  
There's no repentance in the grave,  
Then though our passing bell shall ring,  
Praises to God we still may sing.

Amen and Amen.

Will Matthews, Church Clerke, Thom Hawkins,  
Sexton. Benj. Some, Writer, 1715.'

## HASTINGS, SUSSEX

Over the belfry door in All Saints' Church,  
Hastings (Briscoe, 'Curiosities of the Belfry,'  
page 27):—

### 'L.H.S.

1.  
This is a belfry that is free  
For all those that civil be;  
And if you please to chime or ring,  
It is a very pleasant thing.

2.  
There is no music play'd or sung,  
Like unto bells when they're well rung:  
Then ring your bells well, if you can  
Silence is best for every man.

3.  
But if you ring in spur or hat,  
Sixpence you pay, be sure of that,  
And if a bell you overthrow,  
Pray pay a groat before you go. 1756.'

These rules are written with black paint upon  
the white wall. Only the first word of each  
verse begins with a capital letter.

Similar verses exist at Rye, Sussex, also at  
SS. Peter and Paul's, Osbourne, Lincs (North,  
'Church Bells of Lincs,' page 597).

## MIDDLETON, WARWICKS

On a board in St. John's, Middleton, North  
Warwickshire (Walter's 'Church Bells of War-  
wicks,' page 190):—

'All you who are ringers  
This do ye mark  
He who throws O'er a bell  
Pays a groat to the clerk  
If with hat on or spvr you  
Perchance should ring  
You must pay two pence  
For that very same thing  
& for every oath taken  
You one shilling do pay  
Or be expell'd from the Belfry  
Without and delay.

J. Hall, Clerk, 1782.'

## ST. CLEER, CORNWALL

Painted on a framed panel in the tower of St.  
Cleer, Cornwall:—

### 'The Ringers Articles.

Wee ring ye Quick to Church  
the dead to grave.  
Good is our use,  
Such usage let us have,  
Who Swears, or curses  
in an angry mood  
Quarrell or strike  
although he draw no blood  
Who wears his hatt or  
Spurs ore turns A bell,  
Or through unskillfull  
ringing, marrs A peall,  
Shall forfeit Sixpence  
for each single crime  
'Twill make him cautious  
against another time.'

Similar lines may be seen also at Northam,  
Devon.

The following lines we believe were first pub-  
lished in 'Practical Remarks of Bells and Bell-  
ringers,' by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe.  
They may be welcome to some of our young  
readers.

He that in ringing takes delight,  
And to this place draws near;  
These articles set in his sight,  
Must keep if he rings here.

The first he must observe with care,  
Who comes within the door;  
Must if he chance to curse or swear,  
Pay sixpence to the poor.

And whoso'er a noise does make,  
Or idle story tells;  
Must sixpence to the ringers take,  
For mending of the bells.

If any like to smoke or drink,  
They must not do so here;  
Good reason why, just let them think,  
This is God's House of Prayer.

Young men that come to see and try,  
And do not ringing use;  
Must sixpence give the company,  
And that shall them excuse.

He that his hat on his head doth keep,  
Within this sacred place;  
Must pay his sixpence e'er he sleep,  
Or turn out with disgrace.

If any one with spurs to heels,  
Rings here at any time;  
He must for breaking articles,  
Pay sixpence for his crime.

If any overthrow a bell,  
And that by chance he may;  
Because he minds not ringing well,  
He must his sixpence pay.

Or if a noble-minded man,  
Comes here to ring a bell;  
A shilling is the sexton's fee,  
Who keeps the church so well.

If any should our parson sneer,  
Or wardens rules deride:  
It is a rule of old most clear,  
That such shan't here abide.

The Sabbath day we wish to keep,  
And come to church to pray;  
The man who breaks this ancient rule,  
Shall never share our pay.

And when the bells are down and ceas'd,  
It should be said or sung:  
May God preserve the Church and King,  
And guide us safely home.

N.B.—A printed and framed copy of these  
rules may be seen in the church tower of St.  
Wolfram's, Grantham, Lincolnshire (1764), and  
until just recently in the Church of St. Swithin,  
East Retford, Notts. In the latter it is either  
lost or stolen. H. H.

The following lines are in Gulval Church,  
Cornwall:—

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**RINGERS' RULES—Continued**

Good Sirs! our meaning is not small,  
That God to praise assemblies call;  
And warn the sluggard when at home,  
That he may with devotion come  
Unto the church and join in prayer;  
Of absolution take his share.  
Who hears the bells, appears betime,  
And in his seat against we chime,  
Therefore I'd have you not to vapour,  
Nor blame ye lads that use the clapper,  
By which are scar'd the fiends of hell,  
And all by virtue of a bell.  
You ringers all, observe these orders well!  
He pays his sixpence that o'erturns a bell;  
And he that rings with either spur or hat,  
Must pay his sixpence certainly for that;  
And he that rings and does disturb the peal,  
Must pay his sixpence or a gun of ale.  
These laws elsewhere in ev'ry church are used,  
That bells and ringers may not be abused.

According to Halliwell's Dictionary of Archaisms and Provincialisms, 'gun' is a north country word for a large flagon of ale. 'Son of a gun' implies a merry, jovial drunken fellow.

**ECTON, NORTHANTS**

(North, 'Church Bells of Northants,' page 260)

In the belfry at Ecton there is a picture painted in colours on the plaster representing six ringers all in a row and each with his bell raised. They were attired—in the dress of a century and a quarter ago—in knee-breeches, stockings and buckled shoes, with the shirts well opened at the necks. The central figure is distinguished by a frilled shirt, white stockings and a bunch of keys hanging from his 'fob.' On a bench to the left of the ringers stand a huge jug, a mug, and five clay pipes, with what appears to be a tobacco pouch. The remainder of their clothes appear on the floor. The central figure, said to be John Childes, is distinguished by a frilled shirt, white stockings, and a bunch of keys hanging from his fob. There was a bell foundry at Ecton in the latter part of the 17th century. It was carried on by one of the Bagley family.

There were only five bells at Ecton previous to 1749, in which year the present treble was given by George Freeman, Esq. The chimes date from 1690. On the wall of the ringing room are two inscriptions. The first gives the names of the five ringers in 1721; under which are the lines: 'All you that come Into this place Thare names may read and not disface.' The second inscription is: 'April 21st, 1756. We the under written ring the First Six Bell peal 720 upon six bells of this parish; 1st Thomas Cox, 5ft. 6in.; 2nd, Thomas Collins, 5ft. 6in.; 3rd, Iohn Childes, 5ft. 9in.; 4th, Iohn Langly, 5ft. 6in.; 5th, Willm Smith, 5ft. 7in.; 6th, Iohn Jelley, 5ft. 8in.'

(To be continued)

**QUARTER PEALS**

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Hemer 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, E. Naylor (cond.) 3, A. Read 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, J. G. Davis 6. Rung to mark the signing of the Korean Armistice.

**BERROW, SOMERSET.**—On July 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Monir: J. Walton 1, F. Sweet (first in method) 2, Marjorie Legg 3, G. Prescott 4, R. Short 5, F. Lufkin (cond.) 6.

**FRITTENDEN, KENT.**—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Verney (first quarter) 1, M. S. Cloke 2, Miss B. Vidley 3, R. Crump 4, J. L. Morris 5, F. C. W. Knight 6, R. L. Sills (cond.) 7, J. E. Chittenden 8.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cornwall 1, Doreen Coker 2, F. D. Boreham 3, J. Kape 4, N. Cornwall 5, A. Newton (first quarter as cond.) 6, A. Cox 7, R. Schofield 8.

**PLYMPTON, DEVON.**—On July 29th, at the Church of St. Maurice, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Gapper 1, G. W. Lawers 2, H. O. Thomas 3, W. H. J. Edworthy 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, K. Sims 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

**OUTINGS****HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS**

Hertford College Youths had an enjoyable day's ringing in Hampshire on June 27th.

Leaving Hertford at 6.15 a.m., the first stop was at Basingstoke, where the eight of St. Michael's were soon rung to methods to suit all. The ascent to the ringing chamber of St. Mary's, Andover, proved too difficult for some of the older members of the party and the ringing here was limited to half an hour owing to a wedding. The next stop before lunch was at St. Mary's, Twyford, where three-quarters of an hour's good ringing was enjoyed. After a fine lunch at the Minster Cafe, Winchester, and a conducted tour of the Cathedral, the party journeyed to East Meon, where half an hour's ringing at All Saints' was enjoyed. The final ringing of the day was at St. Lawrence's, Alton, where an hour was quickly spent. Hertford was reached at approximately 10.30.

**EAST ILSLEY, BERKS**

On Monday, August 3rd, the East Ilsley bell-ringers with visitors and friends set out on their annual outing. Dorset was the county visited. The first stop being Gillingham, which was reached in good time. Mr. J. Ralph met us and joined in the ringing. Sherborne Abbey was our next call, to ring on the heaviest ring of eight in the country (tenor 46 cwt.). It was on this noble bell that our tenorman, Walter, reached great heights with skill.

Lunch was ready for us when we finished ringing here and was enjoyed, as it was the day's first meal for most of the party. Milton Abbas was reached on time, where we rang on the eight (tenor 11 cwt.) at the Abbey Church. We overstayd at this beautiful Abbey, which made us a little late for our ringing at Blandford (tenor 20 cwt.). However, short touches here, so that we all had a ring, enabled us to catch up on time for tea.

Leaving Blandford for home, we spent a very happy hour at Hazelbury Bryan, where the Rector gave us permission to ring on his six bells (tenor 16 cwt.) at a minute's notice. These bells were a delightful ring and some excellent ringing was enjoyed by all.

The weather all day was first class, the scenery wonderful and food excellent, and we offer our thanks to all incumbents for the use of their bells, to the tower foremen for meeting us and making our day in Dorset one to be remembered. C. J. H.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK**

On Saturday, July 25th, the Lavenham ringers, with their wives and friends, held their annual outing. Travelling to Bedfordshire, their first stop was at Cardington, where various courses were rung on the very nice eight.

St. Peter's, Bedford, was next visited, and more Major and Triples courses rung, followed by an excellent lunch.

A trek was afterwards made for St. Paul's, where the ten were soon put to use. The final pull here—rounds for the local youngsters—was cut short by the tenor rope breaking.

Next on the programme was Kempston, where more ringing took place, followed by tea. At Gamlingay, Cambs, the party halted for refreshments whilst the M.C. hunted up the Vicar, who consented to a pull on his bells, which to the said M.C. sounded like the front six of an octave. Here the Minor ringers excelled themselves in Bourne, Netherseale and Cambridge.

Other methods rung during the day were Plain, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich and Superlative.

To the incumbents and 'brother strings' who contributed to this enjoyable day we wish to say 'Thank you all.' G. H. S.

**WEDDINGS****Major E. F. M. Sampson—Miss A. F. J. Read**

On Saturday, August 1st, the marriage between Miss Audrie F. J. Read and Major E. F. M. Sampson took place at St. John the Evangelist's, Coulsdon, Surrey. The bridegroom's father (the Rev. A. M. Sampson) and the Rector (the Rev. A. Mitchison) officiated.

A short organ recital was given before the service. The bride was rung into the church with the bells (5) by the local band, and after the service the bells were rung by Coulsdon ringers and members of the Surrey Association of Change Ringers. The latter went for a successful peal of Bob and Grandsire Doubles after the ceremony.

The bride was dressed in a white gown with crinoline effect and the three bridesmaids were in gold. Fortunately the rain held off long enough to enable the photographs to be taken. The happy occasion was not, however, marred by the weather, and after a reception at the local Council Offices the couple left for Somerset by car.

This was indeed a ringers' romance and marriage: both the bride and bridegroom are ringers and their original meeting occurred in Betchworth ringing chamber.

I feel I am expressing the wishes of all Major and Mrs. Sampson's ringing friends, especially in the S.A.C.R., and at Coulsdon, in offering them both hearty congratulations. D. J. P.

**Mr. D. Davis—Miss F. Price**

Members of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association of Church Ringers were greatly interested in the wedding at Clay Cross Parish Church on July 18th of Miss F. Price and Mr. D. Davis. The Rector of Ashover (the Rev. P. F. Fleming), a friend of the bride's family, officiated.

The bride was until recently secretary of the Association, and the bridegroom has also held office, as ringing master.

A well struck touch of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the bells by fellow members of the Association as the happy couple left the church.

**Mr. John Davis—Miss Ann Peaty**

In the presence of a large congregation, Mr. John Davis, the only son of Mr. Arthur V. Davis, captain of St. Peter's bell-ringers, Bournemouth, and Mrs. Davis, was married at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, on Saturday, to Miss Ann Peaty, also of Bournemouth.

Miss Mary Davis, also a ringer at St. Peter's, was one of the four bridesmaids, and Mr. Bruce Rogers was best man. Mr. Rogers has been a regular ringer at St. Peter's for many years, but is shortly leaving Bournemouth to take up a position in York.

Another ringer, Mr. Andrew Pearman, A.R.C.O., was the organist. The wedding service was fully choral and the Vicar (Rev. Canon A. L. E. Williams, M.A., R.D.) officiated. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. E. Peaty.

The happy couple were the recipients of many lovely and useful wedding gifts, and during the reception held at Bobby's Restaurant the best man was kept very busy reading nearly forty greeting telegrams. After a short honeymoon, which is being spent in Jersey, C.I., during which they will be staying with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Brayshaw (former St. Peter's members), Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Davis will return to Bromsgrove, where the bridegroom is on the staff of Bromsgrove High School.

Mr. John Cole, deputy captain of St. Peter's ringers, arranged for the bells to be rung as the bride and bridegroom left the church, and the excellent striking was heard and approved by many ringers on 'other duties' at that time.



## GODMANCHESTER BELLS REDEDICATED

The bells of St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Godmanchester, Hunts, were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely (the Rt. Rev. H. E. Wynn) on Friday, July 17th. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have retuned the bells and erected them in a new frame.

The service started with the singing of the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.' Prayers were said by the Vicar (the Rev. P. J. Disney) and the lesson read by the Archdeacon of Huntingdon (the Ven. J. W. P. Jones). After Psalm 150 a procession was formed and, headed by the crossbearer and including the ringers, the visiting clergy and the Bishop, proceeded to the ringing chamber.

The rededication ceremony having been performed, the Bishop handed the ropes to the Vicar, who in turn passed them to Mr. J. Witney (the local captain). The bells were then rung in rounds.

To the singing of the hymn, 'The Sacred Bells of England,' the procession returned to the choir. The sermon, preached by the Ven. Adam Fox, Archdeacon of Westminster, was preceded by the carol, 'Ding, dong merrily on high.' The service concluded with the Blessing pronounced by the Bishop.

It was a great disappointment that owing to a transport breakdown on the way, the representatives of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were unable to be present.

On the Saturday afternoon following, the Hunts District ringers held their monthly meeting in the tower. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and a service was conducted by the Vicar at 4.30, followed by tea provided by local ladies. In the evening the bells were kept going in various methods from rounds to Yorkshire and Bristol Surprise. Visitors and members from six surrounding counties were present and all expressed their delight on the tone and 'go' of the bells.

## OBITUARY

### MR. TOM ARROW

Mr. Tom Arrow, captain of the Betchworth, Surrey, ringers for 22 years, was unfortunately killed in a road accident while cycling to work on Friday, July 31st. He was born in the village in 1878 and had lived there all his life. He started to ring in 1896 and had thus completed 57 years as a ringer in Betchworth tower, being a most regular attendant on Sundays and practice nights.

Tom, as he was affectionately called by his many friends, was a real countryman of the old English type, friendly, reliable and always willing to give voluntary help where needed. He took an active interest in everything connected with his beloved village and had served on the Parish Council since 1939. He had rung at least three peals and a large number of quarters, mostly Grandsire.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, Aug. 5th, and was attended by a very large gathering of local residents. The Surrey Association was represented by Messrs. C. J. Champion, C. S. Hoad, E. G. L. Coward and A. P. Cannon, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. G. Hoare, himself a ringer.

In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to Grandsire Triples and Bob Major by the following ringers: Rev. K. G. Hoare, Messrs. W. B. Judd, A. Stovell, C. J. Champion, C. S. Hoad, F. T. Hoad, A. T. Shelton, E. G. L. Coward, W. Inwood, E. Grey and A. P. Cannon. In addition rounds were rung with four girls and three boys, whom Tom Arrow had been teaching to ring during the last few months.

He will be greatly missed in the parish, as wherever there was a job to be done Tom was there to help. As a resident remarked after the funeral, 'There'll never be another like Tom Arrow.'

A. P. C.

## FOR BEGINNERS— And a Word to the Older Hands

### XXXVI.—EXTENDING CHANGES FROM FOUR TO FIVE BELLS

A good deal has been written in the columns of 'The Ringing World' as to the relative advantages of teaching beginners on an odd and an even number of bells. In the last article of this series we showed how changes were produced on an even number of bells, namely, four.

Let us now see how this four-bell ringing can be simply applied to five bells. There are two ways in which the method shown for the four bells can be adapted to five. Both have the same principle of plain hunting for all the bells between the leads of treble. But while in one case, when the treble leads, 2nds place is retained, which causes one of the bells to lie four blows (two whole pulls) behind over the dodging bells, in the other the 'place' is pushed out to 3rds and comes a half-pull later. This, in turn, pushes the dodging from 3-4 to 4-5, and the extra bell is absorbed, if we can use the term, by continuous plain hunting, like the treble.

The following figures show the difference in the methods which occurs when the treble leads:—

A	B	C
3 4 1 2	5 3 4 1 2	5 3 4 1 2
3 1 4 2	3 5 1 4 2	3 5 1 4 2
1 3 2 4	3 1 5 2 4	3 1 5 2 4
1 3 4 2	1 3 2 5 4	1 3 2 5 4
3 1 2 4	1 3 5 2 4	1 2 3 4 5
3 2 1 4	3 1 2 5 4	2 1 3 5 4
	3 2 1 4 5	2 3 1 4 5
	2 3 4 1 5	3 2 4 1 5

A is the method we gave in the last article, which produces the extent of changes on four bells.

B is the same method applied to five bells, with its 2nds place, the dodging in 3-4 and the extra bell lying four blows behind. The three-bell cycle of work in A becomes a four-bell cycle in B, the four blows behind occurring between the dodge in 4-3 and the dodge in 3-4.

C is the method with 3rds instead of 2nds. There are two hunting bells instead of one and, in practical ringing, when the treble is met, the other 'hunt' bell is always the next to be looked for. There are only three bells in the working cycle, which can be compared with the changes on four bells, thus:—

	On 4 bells	On 5 bells
First lead	2nds place	3rds place
Second lead	dodge 4-3	dodge 5-4
Third lead	dodge 3-4	dodge 4-5

We would like beginners to try constructing plain courses of these methods on paper. Both on four and five bells the method with 2nds place begins 2 1 3 4. In the method with 3rds, however, the place falls not exactly at the treble lead, but between the two hunts, that is to say, with one blow when the treble leads and the other when the hunt bell leads. This, therefore, requires 3rds place to be made immediately upon starting, and the bells go off, not 2 1 4 3 5, but 2 1 3 5 4.

Here are the first two or three rows of the methods:—

A	B	C
1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3	2 1 4 3 5	2 1 3 5 4
2 4 1 3	2 4 1 5 3	2 3 1 4 5

Now write out the plain courses, following the rules of construction which require plain hunting except when the treble leads in A and B, and immediately after the treble's lead in C.

(Concluded)

## THE BELLS OF BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY

Situated at the foot of the southern slopes of the North Downs is the old-world village of Bletchingley, where a sense of peace and quietude prevails. The tower is early Norman in its lower storey, dating back to about 1090, but the battlemented portion is modern.

When Henry VIII. welcomed Cardinal Wolsey at Bletchingley on his return from Rome in 1521 the bells, presumably four in number, rang out from the Norman tower, and it is recorded that the sum of 2d. was paid to the bell-ringers for ale when 'they welcomed the King's Grace' that day.

At one time the tower had a tall timber spire, but the parish register records that 'the Steppell was burned the XVII day of November, 1606,' after being struck by lightning. It also relates that it 'did in a very short time burne the spire,' and as a result the bells were lost, for the recording ends, 'and melt to infinite fragments a goodly ring of bells.'

The Royal Inventory of 1553 recorded, 'Item yn the styple flower bells.'

The present ring of eight dates from 1780, when Thomas Janaway, of Chelsea, cast an octave for this church, but five of these were recast in 1912. The tenor is 18 cwt. in E.

Ringing is done from the ground floor and the ringers are shut off from view by a curtain. To reach the bells means a climb up the long open rung metal ladder from the floor of the tower.

Shortly before the outbreak of war in September, 1939, it was found that the bell frame was badly affected by death-watch beetle. Restoration was, of course, out of the question, and the bells (except one) were lowered to the ground in order that they could be protected from damage by enemy aircraft. They were buried in sand and protected by a brick wall as a precaution against bombing.

Restoration work included a new oak bell frame, for the old one lasted nearly 350 years. Timber for the new frame was grown in the neighbourhood and sent to Fleet, Hants, for preparation, after which the present frame was constructed. The bells were sent to Croydon for renovation after being dug up and, if the writer remembers correctly, they pealed forth from the old tower again during Easter, 1948.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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## COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Southern District on August 8th, held at Alderminster and Tredington, was very successful, helped in no small way by the glorious weather. Besides the usual district towers being represented, we were honoured with the company of ringers from Nuneaton, Hinton-on-the-Green, Malvern, Charlbury, St. Albans, etc.

About 40 attended the service and some accepted the Rector's kind invitation to have tea on his lawn. Ringing to suit all tastes was arranged by the Ringing Master, who fixed up rounds for the learners and methods including Doubles, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and London for the more experienced.

Thanks are extended to the Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Alderminster, and to the Rector of Tredington for the use of the bells. R. J. E.



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HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Mayfield on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 2955

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Much Dewchurch, Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 2957

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Ashwell, August 15th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Sandal T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2954

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Harlington (8), Saturday, August 15th. Bells from 3. Tea and quarterly business. Cranford (6) in evening.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 2964

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Special meeting, Caldecott, August 15th. Bells 2.30. All Rutland branch members welcomed. Harringworth bells available in the evening.—B. S. Cope. 2996

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Great Wakering, Saturday, August 15th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Further ringing after tea. 2958

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, August 15th, Chailey (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 2953

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Pawlett, Aug. 22nd, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short. 2987

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Repton (8) on Aug. 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mrs. S. H. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton, Derbys, before Thursday, Aug. 20th. 2994

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea provided without previous notification. Evensong 7.30 p.m. 2993

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Tetbury and Long Newton, Aug. 22nd. Service 4.30. Bells open at Long Newton 3 p.m., Tetbury 6 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 20th, to E. H. Jefferies, 24, Siddington, Cirencester. 3001

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, August 22nd. (Please note change of date and place of meeting.) Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at the Otter at 5 p.m. Very important business to discuss and all members are asked to attend.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. 2967

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Munden on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec. 2995

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Brabourne, August 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Five Bells. Names to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, Ashford, Kent. 2971

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton Christ Church on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to be sent before Thursday, Aug. 20th, to Mr. J. Lunham, Primrose Cottages, near Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 2980

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting at Ashby Folville, Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea at 5 p.m. to Miss Smith, The Hollies, Barsby, please. 2991

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting Cookham, Saturday, Aug. 22nd, 4 p.m. Tea at Vicarage. Names by Aug. 17th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3002

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Glington, August 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, not later than August 18th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 2962

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Limpsfield Chart, August 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Buses: 464 from Westerham, 2.20; 465 from Edenbridge, 3.21; 410 from Westerham (change at Limpsfield). Names for tea, by August 19th, to L. Tidy, Windyridge, The Chart, Limpsfield.—C. Champion, R. Whithead, Dis. Secs. 2968

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Hastings (8). Saturday, Aug. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Notify for tea by Aug. 19th to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 2992

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owlesbury, August 22nd. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 2960

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Ringing festival at Westhoughton, Aug. 23rd. Bells from 1 p.m. Service at 3; preacher, Rev. P. T. Robbins. All welcome.—J. Thornley, Assistant Secretary. 3003

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Abbotsbury, Thursday, Aug. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Ringing resumed 7.30 until 9. Names by Aug. 24th to J. H. Hayne, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 2986

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church, Saturday, Aug. 29th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by the 25th.—A. B. Peck. 3004

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester and Crewkerne.—Combined meeting, Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Please notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 2997

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District) and the HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—A joint meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters and E. C. Buck, District Secs. 2982

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, Aug. 29th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, Secs. 2994

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Upton Pyne (6) available after tea. Names by Aug. 26th. — F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 2984

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Beckenham, Aug. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Victoria to Beckenham Junction or Charing Cross to Clock House, thence 227 bus.—A. Salter, Dis. Sec., 1, Roestock Gardens, Colney Heath, St. Albans. 2988

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, Aug. 29th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Names, please, by Aug. 26th to Mr. P. Hallam, 41, Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leicester. 3000

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Annual ringers' service, Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 2998

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer Festival will be held at Long Buckby on Saturday, August 29th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d. each) at 4.30. Names for tea, by the 22nd, to Mr. E. Orland, 11a, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. Bells available: Hazelbeech, Naseby, Creaton, Spratton, Oxendon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Ravensthorpe, West Haddon, East Haddon, Watford, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Long Buckby, 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. All towers open after tea, also Welford and Guilsborough.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 2959

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Sept. 19th, at Spitalgate Police Headquarters, 3 p.m., followed by dinner at George Hotel 6.15 p.m., and social evening. Ringing from 10 a.m. Details later. Tickets for dinner 11s. 6d. each from secretary.—C. H. F. Knight, 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 2985

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