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NATIONAL SERVICE

MOST issues of 'The Ringing World' contain a farewell quarter peal to some ringer joining 'Her Majesty's Forces.' We picture the regret of the conductor in losing a promising recruit and the uncertainty in the mind of the 18-year-old ringer as he hears at the end of the 1,260 'And that is all.' In a great many cases it is in no sense the end for two years of a promising ringing career. Many young men have found that while in the Service a new vista has been opened out to them. They have come in contact with ringers of all types—good, bad and indifferent; they have gained an insight into the great fraternity of ringers; and they have often profited and advanced their knowledge of the art.

This question of the National Service ringer resolves itself into two parts. The first relates to ringers of those towers near to an Army, R.A.F. or Navy camp, especially those where basic training takes place. To those ringers J. A. A. writes: 'Do not lessen the welcome I am sure you give to the bewildered recruit. The belfry, speaking from personal experience, helps to convince him that the world has not come to an end. If possible invite him into your home for a meal perhaps after the Sunday ringing. Such an act giving a touch of home life is more than welcome.'

In some areas there is a direct contact between the towers and the camp. There is, however, scope in many areas for a closer liaison between towers and the camp chaplains. Information should be available as to the prospects of Sunday ringing in the neighbourhood and local practice nights. If Guilds provided this information to chaplains we feel sure it would be circulated. There are ringers who take their 'Dove' with them on service, but, even so, the information is not always up to date. As is only too well known, towers advance or wane, and in some areas practices are seasonal.

For the Service man the advice of J. A. A. is: 'Do not hesitate, whatever your capabilities, to seek as much ring-

ing as possible. If you are a six-bell ringer, go to an eight-bell tower, if convenient, and try to master the ropesight and also the eight-bell methods. If you are already a capable ringer and conductor of most standard methods, then try and learn about other aspects of ringing, such as the organisation of the Guild or Association in whose area you are stationed and different methods of teaching learners. If the ringers of the district are content with a mediocre standard of striking and ringing only the usual methods, then try and introduce new ideas, at least into the practices and meetings.

'Another point is that the barrack room is an excellent place for missionary work on bells. Do not hesitate to get out a pencil and paper and draw diagrams of a bell and the principle of plain hunting. If anyone starts asking questions about where you disappear to on a Sunday and if he seems sufficiently interested, invite him to accompany you on one of your Sunday jaunts. We feel certain he will not be disappointed.

'Above all, don't neglect advancing your knowledge of your art when serving. Many a leisure half-hour can be profitably employed in mastering a new method. Maintain your subscription to "The Ringing World." There is always something of interest, apart from the information about meetings. By local contacts opportunities will come for peal ringing if you let local people know that you are keen on attempts. Most weeks the name of some National Service man appears in our peal columns and it is a pleasure to the Editor to acknowledge from time to time the pleasure and friendship those in the Services have derived from ringers in the neighbourhood of the camp. We know of a number of young ringers who have enhanced their knowledge of our art beyond recognition during the two years they have been in the Services. Some will say they have been lucky. Perhaps so, but just remember your ringing in the Services will not be just served up to you like "char and wads." The initiative to seek out the towers rests with you, and the keen ringer stationed in this country is rarely disappointed.'

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD 1954 TOUR

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt.
B. J. E. WHITE (Queens') .. Treble *W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 5
C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) .. 2 C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 6
REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.'s) 3 J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) 7
R. LEIGH (St. Cath.'s) .. 4 P. A. F. CHALK (Sel.) .. Tenor

Conducted by P. A. F. CHALK.

* 100th peal. The 400th peal by the Guild.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) .. Treble W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 5
*MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.) 2 REV. A. G. THURLOW (Sel.) 6
*W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 3 P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 7
*J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 4 B. D. PRICE (Emman.) .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. Treble F. E. ROBERTS (Sel.) .. 5
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 2 W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 6
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 3 P. A. F. CHALK (Sel.) .. 7
R. LEIGH (St. Cath.'s) .. 4 P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) .. Tenor
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

LLANFIGAN, BRECONSHIRE.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEUGAN.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) .. Treble W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.'s) 2 B. D. PRICE (Emman.) .. 6
REV. A. C. BLYTH (Sel.) .. 3 F. E. ROBERTS (Sel.) .. 7
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') 4 C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (Trin.).

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble WALTER TOMLINSON .. 7
GEOFFREY PAUL .. 2 ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. 8
JOHN FREEMAN .. 3 HERBERT LOWMAN .. 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4 JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 10
JOHN WALDEN .. 5 H. LESLIE PASK .. 11
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6 SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Betty Brown to Richard Pearce, which took place earlier in the day.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.
ALBERT WALKER .. Treble RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. 2 ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3 GEORGE E. FEARN .. 8
FRANK E. HAYNES .. 4 CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 9
TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 5 PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.
JOHN A. ACRES .. Treble RALPH ELKINGTON .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2 ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 3 BRIAN MARTIN .. 8
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 4 HAROLD J. POOLE .. 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 5 G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Royal in the method by all and for the Guild.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.
*MRS. W. MAUGHAN .. Treble *MRS. K. LAWSON .. 6
*THOMAS TEMPLEMAN .. 2 *KENNETH LAWSON .. 7
*ROBERT BELL .. 3 †KENNETH PICKERING .. 8
*CHARLES LEA .. 4 *WILLIAM MAUGHAN .. 9
FREDERICK ROBSON .. 5 ARNOLD BRUNTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

A farewell peal for Kenneth Pickering, who is shortly to join H.M. Forces.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble JOHN A. ACRES .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2 *DENNIS KNOX .. 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3 *BRIAN MARTIN .. 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 4 HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Dorothy M. Udale, of the Leicester Cathedral band, and Ivan A. Hitchborn, on their wedding, which took place the previous Saturday at Thurmaston.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
DAVID A. CARPENTER .. Treble FRANK W. PERRENS .. 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 2 *VICTOR GRIFFIN .. 6
PERCY STONE .. 3 L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR .. 4 *RAYMOND WINTER .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Webb, married at St. Michael and All Angels, Croft, Leicestershire, on August 27th, 1904.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt.
FREDERICK G. JAMES .. Treble JAMES P. BLOND .. 5
FREDERICK S. SMITH .. 2 CLAUDE CORDEROY .. 6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH 3 ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
JACK JARVIS .. 4 DOUGLAS BOSLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

First peal of Bob Triples by all the band.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES

Consisting of 840 changes each of Grandsire and Double Court, 420 each of Double Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, St. Clement's, Colledge, Oxford and Court, 490 of Hereward, 350 of Double Oxford, with 125 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.	
ALBERT MALLEN Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 5
ARTHUR PEAKMAN 2	BERNARD LAWTON 6
JOHN LLOYD 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7
FREDERICK JUKES 4	STEPHEN MALLEN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

The first peal of Triples in ten methods.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Nora Evans, of the Wordsley band, who was married at this church earlier in the day.

CHISELHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

JOHN L. MORRIS Treble	JAMES F. DODSON 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	PETER BERESFORD 6
*IAN H. ORAM 3	DENNIS BERESFORD 7
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 4	BRIAN J. LUFF Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.

* First peal in method.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Betty E. Luff and Patrick Saxton.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, in 3 Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

GEORGE TRENDALL Treble	*WALTER ARNOLD 5
*HARRY J. MILLATT 2	*JOHN WARNER 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	*TERRY EARLE 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

* First 'touch' in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE .. Treble	† REGINALD ROWLEY .. 5
*HAROLD E. CLAYTON .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN .. 6
SYDNEY A. WARWICK .. 3	† RICHARD G. BELL .. 7
D. KAY ADKINS 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRIAN MARTIN Treble	*JOHN A. ACRES 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JOHN M. JELLEY 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	† ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 4	E. ALAN JACQUES Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR CATTELL Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
ELSIE K. FULTON 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ALAN CATTELL 7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD .. 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by WM. THORNEY.

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5088 WHITWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 5
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
*BRIAN MARTIN 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1954, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

LESLIE G. TOWNSEND .. Treble	*DONALD S. PAYNE 5
A. JOHN HOBLEY 2	*CLAUDE UNDERWOOD .. 6
*JOHN G. UNDERWOOD .. 3	VICTOR A. PERRY 7
MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 4	ERNEST G. ORLAND Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

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

A wedding peal for Sydney G. Osborne and Babara Chown, who were married at the Church of the Holy Cross, Daventry, on August 28th.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

ANNE P. BROWN Treble	JEAN C. BROWN 5
ALAN PENDLEBURY 2	FRANK REYNOLDS 6
RUTH M. JACKSON 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
GEOFFREY PEARSON 4	ALAN J. BROWN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

*KATHLEEN S. BROWN .. Treble	WILFRED NICHOLSON .. 5
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. 2	CYRIL MORDUE 6
J. BRENDA SOFTLEY 3	SAMUEL C. WALKER 7
WILLIAM F. SHERATON .. 4	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First attempt for a peal.

Specially arranged for the 75th birthday of Frederick Sheraton, which occurred the day before.



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CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
MICHAEL ORME 2	BRYAN PATTISON 6
STEPHEN IVIN 3	JOHN B. LONG 7
PHILIP MEHEW 4	BRYAN F. SIMS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John B. Long.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	STEWART F. W. KIMBER .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	JOHN E. CANNELL 6
TREVOR A. CROSS 3	RALPH BIRD 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN (C.C.C. 14).

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN .. Treble	H. WALTER SMITH 5
JOHN WARNER 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
PETER L. WOOD 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	*TERRY EARLE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

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

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	E. DENNIS POOLE 5
DOREEN COKER 2	WALTER LEE 6
WALTER AVERY 3	ANTHONY E. COX 7
PETER BALDWIN 4	*ROGER SCHOFIELD Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.

* First peal.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
DOREEN DUTTON 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
RONALD KENRICK 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD 2	*EWART H. EDGE 6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 7
ROLAND BENISTON 4	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of London 'inside.'

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. H. Lane, of Kingsbury; also a farewell to the Rev. D. P. Roberts, who shortly leaves Stafford for Whiston, near Liverpool.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's transposition of Washbrook's variation of Thurstans'.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE SAYER Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	*JOHN MOORE 6
DAVID HEIGHTON 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung in honour of the engagement of the Rev. Alfred Gilbert Goddard Thurlow and Miss Thelda Mary Hook.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

MARGARET A. LEWIS .. Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4
WILLIAM BIRD 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON .. 5
JAMES W. FORDER 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer, and a birthday compliment to Miss Janet Spurgin, of Bures, Suffolk.

ALDEBY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, comprising one extent of Stedman, five extents of Plain Bob, and six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

*FREDERICK C. GUNTON .. Treble	*STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3
JAMES W. FORDER 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor	

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in eight Doubles methods by all. First peal on the bells.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*VIVIEN HORTON .. Treble	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4
†GRAEME A. HUGHES .. 2	†DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 5
ELISABETH GRIME 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal in method. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung on the front six,

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 720's each of York, Ipswich and Norwich and one 720 of Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

RAYMOND PECK .. Treble	PETER BEDFORD 4
*ROBERT E. LESTER 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
JACK PILGRIM 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal in four Surprise methods.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. J. Thompson, of Southwold.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being a 240 and forty 120's (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

LESLIE ANDREWS .. Treble	BERNARD C. COLLINS .. 4
DONALD G. WHEELER .. 2	WALTER LEE 5
ROY EGGLETON 3	FRANK KIRTLAND Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. COLLINS.

First peal as conductor. 21st birthday compliment to Leslie Andrews.

**ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Mon., Aug. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
WILLIAM F. SMITH Treble | **ROBERT E. LESTER** 4
JACK PILGRIM 2 | **PETER S. BEDFORD** 5
RAYMOND PECK 3 | **NORMAN R. BAILEY** .. Tenor

Conducted by **NORMAN R. BAILEY**.

Arranged and rung for Aldeburgh Regatta and Carnival.

**WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (4 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).
DENNIS SIMPSON Treble | **FREDERICK G. HOOPER** .. 4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 2 | **WILLIAM L. EXTON** .. 5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 3 | **WALTER MEAD** Tenor

Conducted by **FREDERICK G. HOOPER**.

First peal in the method on the bells and in the county of Nottinghamshire.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Midwinter on the tenth anniversary of their wedding.

**NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Sept. 4, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,*

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of 720. Tenor 13½ cwt.
DENNIS SIMPSON Treble | ***CLARENCE F. BRIGGS** .. 4
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2 | ***F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER** .. 5
WILLIAM L. EXTON 3 | **FREDERICK G. HOOPER** .. Tenor

Conducted by **FREDERICK G. HOOPER**.

* 25th peal together. First peal of Minor in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. F. G. Hooper has now 'circled the tower' as conductor.

**BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Tues., Sept. 7, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Combined, (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.
***DAVID BRAND** Treble | **ROBERT E. LESTER** 4
GEORGE WATERMAN 2 | ***FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD** .. 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 3 | **JOHN W. BLYTHE** Tenor

Conducted by **JOHN W. BLYTHE**.

* First peal in eight methods.

**SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Hinckley District.)
*On Wed., Sept. 8, 1954, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

V. THOMAS COOPER Treble | **ALLAN CHAPMAN** 4
ROY HALL 2 | **JOHN VERNON** 5
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD .. 3 | **MICHAEL E. BROWN** Tenor

Conducted by **MICHAEL E. BROWN**.

Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Powell and family to Sapcote.

HANDBELL PEAL
**LEICESTER
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1954, in 2 Hours,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1—2 | **JOHN A. ACRES** 5—6
DEREK G. GOODMAN 3—4 | **ERNEST MORRIS** 7—8

Composed by **ERNEST MORRIS**. Conducted by **BRIAN G. WARWICK**.



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QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Grieveson (first quarter) 1, Diana Gough 2, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 3, H. W. Brown 4, Valerie Mephem 5, R. D. Brown 6.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, P. Stone 2, J. W. Taylor 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, W. A. Stote 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Mitchell 1, S. T. Ford 2, Miss C. M. Ford 3, R. W. Stannard 4, C. Wardell 5, A. W. Beard 6, D. W. Beard (cond.) 7, E. G. Cottis 8. First in method for 2 and 3. A compliment to R. W. Stannard on his 85th birthday.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Kerrison 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, E. J. Thurlow 3, R. S. Payne 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5. Rung on the visit of the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich for the service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Beamish (cond.) 1, Miss M. E. L. Beamish 2, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 3, W. Noon 4, F. A. Elson 5.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, E. G. Webb 3, B. P. Danbury 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer (first of Minor as cond.) 6, W. W. Shorter 7. First of Plain Bob for all except the ringer of 6th.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baber 1, L. Pullen 2, C. Cornelius 3, H. Ford 4, J. Bartlett (cond.) 5, R. Middle 6, R. Dudden 7, C. Ford 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Cromwell Paul Bush, Vicar of this parish for 16 years and also a ringer.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 5th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 2, E. J. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, R. Davies 5, G. H. Humphries 6, W. F. Oatway 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Mrs. Clark 1, Miss B. Dowling 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Miss H. E. Brown 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, A. Harman 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, —. Lloyd 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. White 1, S. Borrett 2, M. Fleet 3, M. Mason 4, R. Elliott 5, A. Fleet (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor and his son, M. Fleet, who are leaving the district.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,680 Gainsborough Little Bob Major: J. Mussel 1, L. J. Lockyer 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, H. Abrahams 5, F. Harris 6, D. R. Reed 7, R. Marlow 8.

FRAMPTON-ON-SVERN, GLOS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roselyn Crewe 1, Jessie Cockburn 2, S. J. Pugh (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. E. T. Tranter 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, D. Cobb 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. C. Whitby 1, Miss A. M. Bailey 2, F. V. Tipton 3, S. T. Ford (first in method) 4, S. Clark 5, L. A. Whitby 6, D. W. Beard (cond.) 7, E. J. Rochester 8.

HAZELBECH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Brown 1, Miss D. Elson 2, D. Payne 3, R. Wilson 4, J. Kinchin 5, D. Griffin 6, E. Orland 7, M. Amos (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. First quarter of Major by a Guilsborough Branch band.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Lanfear 1, H. Lovell 2, C. Abbott 3, Miss H. Davey (first quarter 'inside') 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, C. Rugman 6. Rung on the eve of the wedding of B. Frost, a local ringer.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 5th, on the heavy eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Clutton 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, P. Baldwin 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, P. Evans 5, C. A. Smith 6, R. Coles 7, S. Taylor 8. Rung for evensong. Congratulations were accorded the ringer of the 7th (23 cwt.), who is now in his 81st year.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: I. S. Biggs 1, D. Cornwall 2, R. Biggs 3, Doreen Coker 4, J. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, A. E. Cox (cond.) 8.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 4th, a quarter peal of Grandsire, Plain Bob and All Saints' Doubles: Miss B. Forster (first quarter on five bells) 1, C. Hill 2, R. Pitman 3, W. Hill 4, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 5. Ad Gloriam Deo.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Williams 1, R. Nuts 2, W. Hovey (cond.) 3, W. Rhodes 4, L. Willis 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to G. H. Lane and P. Westbury.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Bond 1, H. B. Nicholson 2, L. Straker 3, A. Taylor 4, F. R. Pearson (cond.) 5, D. Johnson 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Muriel Kelway Andrews, of Kirk Ella, to Mr. Nicholas Drury Hill, of Frenchay, Bristol.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 5th, 1,296 Bob Major: H. E. Pryke (first quarter peal of Major) 1, S. H. Symonds 2, S. Smith 3, W. Faires 4, F. Boreham 5, F. A. Turner 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, W. Jarvis 8. A birthday compliment to W. Faires.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Northway (first quarter) 1, M. Northway 2, D. Greenlaw (first quarter 'inside') 3, K. Jacobs 4, J. Page (first as cond.) 5, I. Templeton 6. Rung by Romsey Abbey band.

NORTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Marchant 1, M. Stone 2, C. Marchant 3, D. Miller 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first of Minor on the bells.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Jackson 1, W. J. Wishart 2, Mrs. Laura Warrior 3, J. C. Pollard 4, W. Ellerington 5, T. M. Cox 6, P. W. B. Semmens (cond., first in the method) 7, C. Oldfield (first quarter) 8. Rung to mark the silver wedding anniversary of the ringer of the tenor.

POWDERHAM, DEVON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (being 2 extents each called differently): J. White 1, Miss M. Mundy 2, W. Howe 3, W. Wills 4, C. Deem 5, N. Mallet (cond.) 6.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Overbury 1, Miss W. Pennal 2, B. Anzell 3, V. Jones (first quarter) 4, D. Pennal (first as cond.) 5, N. Smart 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 5th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Diserens 2, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 3, R. F. Diserens 4, C. E. Lewington 5, R. W. Rex 6, —. S. A. Jesson 7, T. A. Thornber 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cobb 1, Rosemary K. Marlow (first quarter) 2, Joan Gray 3, H. Abrahams 4, M. J. Best 5, J. E. Daniels 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, J. Hartless 8.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—On Aug. 31st, 1,284 Plain Bob Major: A. Busill 1, W. Staff 2, G. Staff 3, J. A. Taylor 4, J. Meadowcroft 5, S. L. Parry 6, H. Hamer (cond.) 7, J. Taylor 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Staff, who was 84 on Aug. 10th, and still a regular service ringer at Milnrow.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.—On Sept. 2nd, a quarter peal of 1,260 changes: J. Parry 1, W. Reynolds 2, S. Goodwin 3, R. Burley 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, S. Brown 6. First quarter by ringers of 1, 4 and 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. Heal, Vicar, before his departure for Painswick.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sept. 5th, before matins, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, G. Nicholls 3, W. O. Noble 4, E. J. Parish 5, W. Ransom 6, L. W. Fisher 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (one 120 each Plain Bob and April Day and 84 120's Grandsire): Vivienne Horton 1, G. Hughes 2, Elisabeth Grime 3, P. Skinner 4, D. Walklate (cond.) 5, D. Shakespeare 6. Rung to mark the wedding of Mr. W. A. Parsons to Miss P. M. Hayes.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Johnson 1, D. Gullick 2, W. Brown 3, A. Harris 4, G. Cherry 5, D. Jones 6, M. Orme 7, P. Croft (first of Major as cond.) 8.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Swain 1, D. Gullick 2, H. Wittering 3, G. Johnson 4, W. Brown 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, H. Cooper (covering) 7. Rung for evensong. Both as farewells to the Rector, the Rev. J. H. King, who is to be Rector of St. Paul's, Bedford.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Elsome 1, D. Peacock 2, A. Leggett 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, A. Payne 6.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Sept. 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 3, W. S. Langdon 4, H. Belcher 5, W. Rawlings 6, J. Phillips 7, J. Allsop 8. Rung for evensong, also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and H. Langdon (conductor of St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers).

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): R. Wells 1, W. Absalom 2, F. Goden 3, F. Smith 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, W. Fulker 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of Robert Absalom.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cox 1, Mrs. E. Devenish (first 'inside') 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, J. Brickell (first quarter) 6. Rung for evensong.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gooding 1, D. Gooding 2, T. Gooding 3, J. Briggs 4, K. Dawe 5, H. Miller 6, C. Deem (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8; 4-6-8 covering. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Glanvill and Miss D. Ayre, who were married earlier in the day.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of All Saints on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Woodyatt 1, Susan Jackson (first of Triples as cond.) 2, I. Goulter 3, A. E. Garbett 4, C. S. A. Hone 5, D. Beacham 6, C. Tansell 7, J. J. Stanier 8.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Simons 1, G. Challons 2, W. Brunt 3, A. Hill 4, H. Smart (cond.) 5, S. Eastland 6. First quarter of Minor for all and first quarter of Minor since rehanging.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Goddard 1, Miss V. Preston 2, R. Barry 3, F. Preston 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

MR. C. H. CHAMBERS

Stanwick, Northamptonshire, has sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. C. H. (Harry) Chambers, aged 52. Although he had been very ill for over 12 months, of late there seemed an improvement. On Friday, September 3rd, he was taken again to Kettering Hospital, and died suddenly on Saturday, September 4th.

He was taught to ring by Mr. A. Y. Tyler at Irthlingborough round about 1920, and scored his first peal, Kent Treble Bob Major, on June 24th, 1922, at Irthlingborough. This was followed by peals in the Standard Surprise Major methods, etc.

The Irthlingborough band was depleted when Harry and his family, the oldest son, John, being also a member of the band, left the town and went to keep the post office and general stores at Stanwick in 1950.

The funeral service was at Stanwick Church on September 8th. Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, A. Bigley, M. Munton and P. Smart, of Irthlingborough, and F. Kirk and F. Stubbs, of Raunds, all members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, acted as bearers. Other ringing friends were present from Stanwick, Bozeat, Lavendon and Leighton Bromswold. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung by the graveside after the service by Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, A. Bigley (branch secretary), E. Whitmore (Guild Ringing Master) and J. J. Mawby.

The five bells in the belfry at Stanwick, of which Harry was in charge, were rung half-muffled after the service, and the eight at Irthlingborough, half-muffled, the Tuesday previous.

A. B.

OBITUARY**MR. WILLIAM ERNEST HIBBERT**

A familiar name has been severed in connection with the long history of the Bedfordshire Association from its foundation by the death which occurred on August 30th of Wm. Ernest Herbert at his residence in Leighton Street, Woburn, after a long illness, at the age of 77.

He was the younger son of the late Charles Herbert (the well known 'Father' of the Association), and its oldest member, having joined 65 years ago on April 22nd, 1889. Mr. Herbert was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 53 years, having joined in November, 1901, and of several other County Associations and Guilds. He was a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association up to the time of his death and its hon. auditor for many years until 1949, when ill-health obliged him to relinquish the office.

He rang altogether 82 peals in all the standard methods, mostly before and immediately following the first world war. Twenty-two of the peals were on handbells, including one of Bob Maximus and a 'silent' peal of Plain Bob Triples, both 'records' for the Beds Association and County. The latter was rung in March, 1903, just previous to the relegation of the method to the scrapheap of illegitimate outcasts. This latter, by the way, was the only 'conducting' he ever did.

Ernest (as he was known to a wide circle of ringers) was an immaculate 'striker' and a model of how to handle a bell with the least exertion. He scarcely ever was known to make a 'trip,' certainly not enough to upset a peal.

The funeral took place at Woburn Old Churchyard on September 1st, when the Bedfordshire Association was represented by Miss E. Steel (president) Messrs. H. D. Harris (vice-president), E. J. Hobbs (also representing Mr. Alfred King, vice-president), and C. Matthews (also representing Mr. A. E. Sharman, vice-president). Amongst the numerous floral tributes was a wreath from the Bedfordshire Association.

MR. W. C. PARKER

We regret to record the death of Mr. Wm. C. Parker, of Staines, which took place in Staines Hospital on Saturday, September 4th. He was 88 years of age.

The funeral service was held at Staines on September 9th. Among the ringing friends present were Messrs. W. Welling, W. W. Wolstencroft, W. A. Peck, F. V. H. Sinkins, F. G. Fairhead, G. Michelson, D. F. Froome, J. B. Hessey, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hiscock, Miss N. E. Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury.

The bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled.

ERRATA

The inscription on the tenor at Pertenhall, North Bedfordshire, should read 'Chandler made me 1683.' Through a typographical error on page 586 the date was given as 1863.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal on August 17th of Superlative Surprise Major at Chilham, reported on page 578, was Mr. George E. Fearn.

In the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Allesley, Coventry, on August 14th, the ringer of the 5th was Raymond Winter, and not W. A. Stote as submitted in the report.

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A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was
rung at Colerne, near Bath, on September 8th
as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Regi-
nald O. Fry, of Bath. Mr. Fry was for many
years one of the band at St. Andrew's Church,
Bath, and was tower master there until the
church was destroyed by fire in 1942. He is
still keenly interested in ringing, and has an
occasional pull.

Some forthcoming broad-
casts: Chipping Norton
Parish Church on Sunday,
October 3rd, at 7.45 p.m. in the Midland Home
Service: Duloe Parish Church, Liskeard,
Cornwall, same day and time in the London
Region and West Home Services; Sunday, Oct.
10th, before the service from Huntspill Parish
Church, Highbridge, at 9.45 a.m. in the West
Home Service.

For those interested in Lundy Island bells
the last trip of the season is on Wednesday,
September 22nd, sailing from Clovelly at 12.50
p.m.

Wishes for a speedy recovery from a serious
illness are extended to Mr. R. Warner by his
friends in the Chertsey District of the Guildford
Diocesan Guild.

To mark the birth of a daughter to Mr. A.
R. Turley, steeplekeeper at St. John-the-Bap-
tist Church, Hillingdon, a quarter peal of
Grandsire Caters was attempted by the local
band on September 9th, but, unfortunately, the
bells shifted in the last course. Mrs. Turley is
also a ringer at this tower.

Associated with the peal at Chester-le-Street,
Durham, for the 75th birthday of Mr. Fredk.
Sheraton, were birthday greetings to Brenda
Softley (Sept. 1st), Mr. W. F. Sheraton's son
(Sept. 4th), Mr. D. A. Bayles, brother-in-law
(Sept. 4th) and Mrs. F. Sheraton (Sept. 7th).
To all of them we say 'Happy birthday.'

At Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on a re-
cent Sunday morning a lady, uncertain of the
time, sat at home waiting for the bells to ring
for service. Unfortunately, owing to holidays,
the bells did not ring and she did not get to
church! Moral: always arrange for at least
one bell to be chimed for service.

BELFRY GOSSIP

When a hurricane struck
Long Island on August 31st
the steeple of the historic
Christ Church in Boston fell. This church is
reputed to contain a ring of eight bells. Per-
haps one of our American readers can inform
us whether the bells crashed with the steeple.

The peal at Gisburn, W. Yorks, on August
21st (see page 565) was the second on the
bells. The first peal, one of three Minor
methods, was rung on May 13th, 1913.

Miss Hilda G. Snowden has 'circled' several
towers in North Essex, including the eight bell
towers of Halstead and Bocking with tenors of
14½ cwt. and 18½ cwt. respectively.

During an outing in Kent on September
4th Mr. Ernest J. Rowe rang at his 1,200th
tower at Stowling. Nearly all these towers
he has visited since the end of the last war.

The scribe of Pipe's Pilgrims' tour asks:
Is the distance between Birmingham and
Grundisburgh likely to put a damper on the
affections of two young people who met for
the first time this tour?

While engaged in a 'phone conversation at
Bournemouth, the bells of Christ Church,
Crewe, were heard distinctly by a Crewe resi-
dent. This is not unusual, but such an occur-
rence brings a real touch of home in an un-
expected fashion.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick writes that the peal
of Braunstone Surprise Major which he con-
ducted at Market Drayton on August 12th was
rung in 2 hours and 57 minutes. He adds: 'To
have rung these bells (17½ cwt.) at 2.45 speed
might not have been impossible, but I am
sure the standard of ringing would have been
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THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

WEEK AT HEREFORD

FOR this year's Ringing Week, the Universities' Association visited Hereford area, from Aug. 13th to Aug. 21st, where a comprehensive programme had been mapped out by Wilfrid Moreton. Excellent accommodation was provided by the Hereford Training College, and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

The secretary started well: preferring always to go by train, he turned down a lift from London—and was later very glad, as the car in question arrived at midnight! For those who were in time, there was ringing at All Saints', Hereford.

Saturday, to our surprise, was fine, and a convoy of cars set out from Hereford towards Eardisland. On the way, we were a little surprised to see a (somewhat battered!) A.A. direction sign reading 'U.A. TOUR,' but, after a little discussion it was agreed that it must be a mistake, it *couldn't* be us. However, we realised on meeting a *second* one that it must be true and a photograph was duly taken. The mystery was explained at the tower—the local patrol is a member of the Church Council and had been primed by the Vicar's sons, both members. Our second tower, Leintwardine, supplied a suitable contrast for those who argue about foundries' respective merits—and the presence of one of the founders in question merely made the discussion hotter.

After lunch, at a pleasant inn overlooking the Teme Valley, the party split for peals at Clun (Yorkshire) and Leominster (Cambridge Royal), while 'the rest' visited Presteigne, Knighton and Pembridge. Both peals were successful, but an unfortunate accident involving one of the cars, which put it out of action for the remainder of the week, rather marred the afternoon for the others.

The usual service ringing was the main activity on Sunday, and five towers were visited in the morning: three in the city, Burghill and Lugwardine. At lunch, we welcomed a number of guests: Canon and Mrs. Moreton, Rev. H. G. Thomas, the new secretary of the Hereford Guild, Mr. A. W. Davis, Ringing Master at the Cathedral, Miss Daniell, Principal of the College, Leslie Evans from Eardisland, and Geoff Lewis from Powick, Worcester. A fine afternoon made most people want to see the countryside, and a large party set off towards the Golden Valley. The bait for the tower-snatchers was Clodock, but there was also Abbey Dore to be seen and a large tea to be eaten. Another party also went tower-and-tea-snatching, to Bridstow, and some even stayed indoors to ring a handbell peal. The local towers were again manned in the evening, though the organisation broke down somewhat, for there was rather a crowd at the Cathedral and none at All Saints'!

'COOL YOUR RADIATOR . . .'

Although the transport was a little depleted, the longest day was successfully negotiated on Monday (despite an argument between the secretary and the organiser as to who had altered the time of supper). The choice of bells was really appreciated this day: starting at Usk, we went on to Abergavenny, Blaenavon and Ebbw Vale, all very pleasant. At the top of the 2-miles-at-1-in-7 hill out of Abergavenny, a notice 'Cool your engine and slake your thirst' was obeyed with alacrity—at least two radiators were boiling merrily by then! Ebbw Vale ringers entertained us to a delightful tea, much enlivened by the Vicar, who raffled a large photograph of the church. The tea *must* have been good—the secretary went into the belfry and immediately broke a rope!

The general meeting on Monday evening, presided over by Miss Cross, was over in record time, and 20 new members were elected. The 1955 and 1956 ringing weeks were discussed, and it was decided to hold the former in the South and the latter in the North.

Both peal attempts on Tuesday morning, Double Norwich at Clifford and Spliced at Eardisland, failed after two hours due to conductors' errors. According to the local critic who recorded most of the latter on his tape machine, the standard was high, and it would have been a very good peal. Non-pealers this morning visited Wellington, Bodenham and Stoke Prior; and all were reunited at Leominster after lunch—all, that is, except the would-be spliced conductor, who was said to be drowning his sorrows. He was later found, rather damp, sheltering under a tree in the way to Weobley, having walked by a 'short cut' suggested by a local ringer.

The afternoon towers, after Leominster, were Weobley, where we had tea, and Burghill, where the President joined us. After supper, Holmer was visited; and it was heard that there were some who were unable to find their way home later in the evening!

Wednesday's peals were better: Grandsire at Holme Lacy and Double Norwich at Lugwardine both came round, both with 'firsts' despite the well-and-truly-cracked fourth at Holme Lacy. The rest enjoyed their morning at Withington, Stretton Grandison, where the Vicar gave us a great welcome, and Stoke Edith. The secretary's wife had cause to curse the peal organisers, as she had to spend the morning 'ferrying' passengers owing to lack of transport.

TAPE RECORDING

Lunch this day was at the College, and several took the opportunity to miss the afternoon's first tower, Bridstow, to go shopping in Hereford. However, we all met for tea in Ross and were very pleased with the bells there after tea. An early supper preceded the Cathedral practice night, where Mr. Davis very kindly gave us the run of the tower. Another tape recorder was in evidence, and Stedman Caters *under* the tower sounded better than either inside or outside it!

We went further afield on Thursday, towards Worcester, the first tower being Mathon. On the way, the reason for one member wanting to buy a traction engine became more obvious when his car was found stalled halfway up a hill. (Is it easier to change down on traction engines—or doesn't one have to?) After Mathon we went on to Colwall, the only really disappointing ring of bells we met. An attempt to make off with the organiser's lunch was unsuccessful—it was noticed that he did not offer his sandwiches to the lady who lost hers!

Malvern Priory and Malvern Link were on the programme for the afternoon, and many people preferred the Link to the Priory bells. After tea in Malvern, a band returned to Hereford for a (successful) peal attempt at All Saints', where a good peal, if a bit slow, was rung. The majority rang at Ledbury and returned to dinner, but a few also seceded to Eastnor and Upton-on-Severn. Another handbell peal was still in progress at the College when the band returned from All Saints', and there was also a practice at St. Nicholas', Hereford.

A CLOUDBURST

Another long day looked a bit unpromising on Friday. The rain held off as far as Cheltenham, the first tower, but during lunch at Painswick, after ringing on the famous twelve, the

downpour started. By the time we got to Stroud, it had turned into a cloudburst and rather complicated the difficulties of parking in the narrow streets. Tea was 'freelance' and some had it in Stroud, others in Gloucester. However, we all met punctually at Gloucester Cathedral for the long climb, including a visitor who was later of great use.

After waiting for five o'clock to strike (!) the bells were rung up and we started to ring, but the sixth proved a little difficult. On investigation, a clock-hammer was found to have worn a deep groove in the wheel and was itself somewhat bent. The amateur bell-hangers (watched with some amusement by the professional) got to work and bent it almost straight; then, 'one more heave' and—snap! Still, it was out of the way and the sixth went much better. A course of Cambridge was a little marred by six o'clock, but the conductor managed to make himself understood, if not heard, and it came round.

By very kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Moreton, a most successful social evening was held at their house in the Close. The tape recorder from Eardisland was there, and great fun was had recording a course of 'lapped' Stedman Cinques, where not merely the bells but the ringers also had to move. It actually came round (or rather, straight) too. Unsuspected talent came to light, especially in a long recitation concerning a pair of young lovers, and in a selection of 'howlers'; and several rounds (not the campanological sort) were sung with varying success—the simplest, with no words, was the best! The evening closed with an expression of thanks by the President to Canon and Mrs. Moreton, to the Training College, to the local ringers and, most of all, to the organiser, Wilfrid Moreton, for a very happy week.

Peal attempts on Saturday would not go—not surprising, perhaps, at the end of a week: Stedman Cinques at Tewkesbury lasted half an hour, and Minor at Aston Ingham a little longer. However, tower-grabbing ardour was not entirely quenched: a few from Tewkesbury visited Deerhurst, and the Aston Ingham band rang at Longhope before some of them attended the meeting at St. Briavels. B. T.

Rotherham Ringer Married

The marriage of Miss Maureen Elizabeth Gillott to Mr. Philip Coote took place on Saturday, August 28th, at Whiston Parish Church. The bride, who was given away by her father (Mr. R. Gillott), wore a ballerina length dress of white satin.

Ringers from Whiston, Thrybergh, Hands-worth and Rotherham Parish Churches were present, and Mr. P. Coote (Rotherham Parish Church) joined in the ringing prior to his wedding. The best man (Mr. Robin Rhodes) also took part in the ringing, which included Plain Bob, Little Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

After the reception the happy couple left to spend their honeymoon in London. N. C.

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

Popular Meeting at Llandudno

Llandudno with a fine, warm late summer afternoon proved to be an ideal setting for the half-yearly meeting held at Holy Trinity Church on September 4th.

Wives and friends accompanying the ringers were able to enjoy all the beauty and facilities which Llandudno has to offer while ringing was in progress.

The bells were raised beforehand and ringing started sharp at 2 p.m. A service was conducted by the Rev. F. W. Jones, in the absence of the Vicar (Canon Rowlands). A moving and inspiring address was given by Canon Cwbi Jones, in which he spoke of the message of the bells to the people outside, and to the great and special work bellringers were called upon to do for God's Church on earth. He recalled the great works of ringers of other days, notably the Peglar brothers, whose efforts to train him as a ringer when he was at Bangor were not successful, due to his inability to master the intricacies of method ringing. Present day ringers were following in the footsteps of such men as these, some of whom had been ringing bells for 50 and 60 years.

The service over, the business meeting followed, and all stood in silence in memory of Mr. J. W. Best, who passed to his eternal rest in late July. Mention was made of the fact that Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, an old and stalwart member, had been confined to his bed for the past twelve months, and that some improvement in his condition had now taken place.

After a vote of thanks to all who had assisted and worked to make the meeting a success, especially to Canon Rowlands for so kindly giving us the use of the church, bells and schoolroom, the meeting adjourned for a very nice tea.

Ringing continued until after 7 p.m., and among other methods rung were Cambridge, Kent, Double Norwich and Little Bob. Visitors were welcomed from various parts of the country, such as Market Drayton, Alvechurch, Reading, Stourbridge, Rugby, Middlesbrough and Southend-on-Sea, and finally one from Manchester who, arriving in Llandudno late, couldn't resist coming up for a pull. Apart from the visitors members were present from Rhyl, Wrexham, Bangor, Llandudno, Abergyle, Buckley and Chester, and all were agreed that it had been a very successful meeting, with ringing to suit all tastes. D. H. B. M.

MR. F. SHERATON'S 75th BIRTHDAY

On September 3rd, 1949, Frederick Sheraton took part in a peal of Kent in his home tower of Chester-le-Street to celebrate his 70th birthday. In the interval Fred has given up peal ringing, although he still rings for Sundays and practices with a regularity and punctuality that put many a younger one to shame, but he has taught his grand-daughter to ring, and when his 75th birthday was celebrated with a peal of Bob Major on the following day, Kathleen, who has only just left school, rang the treble in worthy fashion. Fred's nephew also maintained the family representation by ringing the 4th.

The band was kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Sheraton. This was much appreciated, and the hope was expressed that the five-yearly habit might be continued to enable a return in 1959 to celebrate the 80th birthday and the golden wedding.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The bells of Westbury, Salop, were in great demand recently. They were included in Pat Cannon's Shropshire itinerary during the same week as the Shropshire Association paid their first visit to this tower.

The Rector, the Rev. A. Duston, had left Stanton Lacy early this year, where the bells were put in order after 30 years' silence.

The village is almost on the edge of the county to the west, but 20 ringers assembled for service and tea, after which the number was considerably augmented.

Mr. A. Pritchard, Ringing Master, referred to the recent deaths of Mr. J. Best, life member, and Mr. Walter Lago, who had given such fine service to Coalbrookdale over a period of 50 years.

Mr. Lago's abilities included fine striking on any tower bell and considerable dexterity with handbells, he having rung peals on each.

Ringing ranged from instruction in Grandsire Doubles to London Minor, a distinguished visitor, Mr. Tony Price, demonstrating his acquaintance with the latter by finally ringing 3-4 to one course.

Towers represented were as follows (excluding a youthful party of 'tower grabbers' who arrived, rang two touches and rapidly disappeared in the direction of Worthen):—St. Chad's. St. Michael's and St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, Hodnet, Oswestry, Ellesmere, Clive, Wellington, Kempston (Beds), Feltham (Middlesex), Norton (Staffs) and members of the local band.

CATTISTOCK BELLS AND THE MORRIS FAMILY

In connection with the article on Cattistock (Dorset) tower and carillon (page 536, Sept. 3rd) it might be of interest to note that the father of Leicester's G.O.M., Josiah Morris (now 87), used to ring on the old three bells in the old original tower of Cattistock. This tower formed a porch entrance to the church, and the congregation passed by the ringers, who stood in a line facing the wall, down which they threw their ropes!

William Morris, great-grandfather of Ernest and George Stedman, was born here on September 30th, 1805, and was here married in 1830. George (his son) was born here on July 8th, 1832 and married here in 1855.

When on a visit to Lyme Regis, where Geo. Stedman now resides, a peal attempt was specially arranged for Ernest to ring at the ancestral home. A band was fixed at great trouble and travelled over long distances—but alas! on arriving at the tower they were not allowed to ring as there was an unburied corpse in the village! The old custom still prevails, and it was not permitted even to ring muffled, much to the disappointment of the brothers Morris.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Newton St. Cyres Meeting

The attendance at the practice meeting at Newton St. Cyres on August 14th was very disappointing from the Exeter Branch point of view. About six members of the branch actually attended, and they were very pleased to welcome friends from as far afield as Combe Martin and Barnstaple and other surrounding districts. A very pleasant afternoon's ringing was had by all, and the methods practised were Kent, Little Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

It is hoped that on future occasions members of the Exeter Branch will support their meetings and thereby help members and the Guild in their aim for better striking and progress towards the more advanced methods.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Kirkheaton was the tower for the meeting held on September 4th. Although the bells are rarely rung owing to the absence of a local band, the ringing chamber had been recently redecorated in bright colours and the bell fittings greased. The result was that this tricky ring of six was in good order and some good striking was obtained. Ringing took place until 4.30.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Dr. Dawson, whose address was applicable to this atomic age.

Justice was done to an excellent tea, and the business meeting followed. Mr. P. Birkett ably proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and to the ladies for all that had been done to make the Society so welcome.

A letter from the Rev. A. L. Minns (former chairman) was read, thanking the secretary for the small gift sent him in appreciation of past services to the Guild. He has now taken a living outside the district. The programme regarding the dedication of the two new trebles at Marsden in a few weeks' time was noted. Further ringing then took place until 9 p.m. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor. A. W. B.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at Lightcliffe on September 4th.

Three teams entered to ring six-score practice and 600 changes test piece, any method and any calling. The judge, Mr. J. Buxton, of Shelley, gave his decision as follows:—

	Penalties	Faults	Total
Meltham ..	10	137	147
Friezland ..	10	149	159
Silkstone ..	20	198	218

Meltham were declared winners of the silver challenge cup but Mr. Buxton stated that the ringing had been of an inferior standard throughout the contest and he had had no need to look for faults—they had been obvious.

The president, Mr. Earnshaw, congratulated Mr. F. Popplewell on his silver wedding anniversary and for the excellent arrangements he had made for the visit of the Association, saying that it was a pity that more members had not attended to make the celebration more of a success.

Business discussed included a tower for the April contest and meeting and a suggestion by Mr. C. Byrom to hold the annual meeting and prize contest during the course of an annual trip. As the meeting was not the annual, no rules could be altered, so the proposition fell through without a second. A. F.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 18th, 1914
KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 6th, 1914, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

At 7, The Broadway.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES.

David J. Nichols 1-2

J. Edward Chapman 3-4

E. Maurice Atkins 5-6

John D. Matthews 7-8

William R. Hensher 9-10

Composed and Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells by all except the conductor.

This peal was arranged for Mr. John D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), who was at one time the much respected leader of the Kettering ringers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DERBYSHIRE EXPERIMENT

Dear Sir,—The N.E. Derbyshire Education Authority has sanctioned the running of an Evening Class in Bell Ringing at the Eckington County School. This will commence on September 29th at 7 p.m. and run for 22 weeks.

The class is open to all who have left school and upwards. The tutor will be Mr. N. Chadock, of Rotherham, a member of the Central Council. The whole field will be explained and the practical side made efficient. The curriculum includes both tune and handbell ringing. All this area is asked to give support not only to promote a successful class, but also to enliven a more general interest in the subject.

The cost of the class will be 7s. 6d. for the full session; 2s. 6d. if any further classes are attended by the student under the same authority (on production of the first 7s. 6d. receipt). Boys and girls under 18 years of age come free.

Further particulars can be obtained from the headmaster of the school, Mr. Booth.

Let us hope that this class is not only successful, but that we glean a great amount of experience which can be handed on to others who follow the same example. — Yours faithfully,

C. W. STANILAND.

Eckington, Yorks.

PEALS AT ST. STEPHEN'S, CARLISLE

Dear Sir,—I was very grateful for the information Mr. Butterfield gave in his letter—he will have received the details he asks for about the 1892 peal at St. Stephen's, Carlisle.

In my first article or two, I pointed out that my observations commenced from 1881—the year that 'Bell News' was first published. This applies to all the articles (unless an earlier date is occasionally mentioned, e.g. the peal at Dunham Massey in Cheshire). Consequently, the peal at Carlisle in 1865 comes before the period I review. My mention of the 1890 peal as being the first in the county was due to the footnote to the peal in 'Bell News' which states 'supposed to be the first in the county.' Apparently it wasn't, and I am pleased to learn of this earlier peal for my records. Mr. Butterfield is quite right about Kendal. From various sources I have 11 earlier peals (there may be more), the first being in 1796. I apologise for misleading ringers on this point.

I am wondering if Mr. Butterfield believes the 1892 peal is the last one at St. Stephen's? His letter seems to suggest it. Actually, two have been rung since then—Superlative Major on November 4th, 1925, and London Major on September 25th, 1931. But very best of luck for another peal in the future.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

HONEYMOON IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—On behalf of my wife and myself I would like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the Irish ringers for the hospitality extended to us during our recent holiday in Eire. We were enabled to 'grab' half a dozen new towers and given valuable advice for our sightseeing tour.

I would like to thank Eire for naming one of its principal pot still products after my wife.—Yours sincerely,

J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Leeds, Yorks.

POINTS ABOUT PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to comment briefly on various points which have arisen in the past few weeks—peal footnotes, belfry gossip and letters?

(a) I have recorded one previous peal of Stedman Cinques at Oldham on April 12th, 1913.

(b) There are slight errors in the note about Double Norwich Major at Liverpool Parish Church. Two peals had previously been rung of this method on the front eight, both conducted by Mr. G. Newton, on October 17th, 1922, and on September 22nd, 1924 (not July). Mr. T. Hammond was also in both peals, whilst Messrs. Larkey and Lintott were in the second. If the first peal was false, of course, the note would have been correct except for the date. I would be interested to learn if this was the case.

(c) The peal at Canford Magna was the first on the bells.

(d) The peal at Leiston on August 14th was the 299th there, the first on the bells being on December 26th, 1884.

(e) The peals at both Betley and Glemsford were the first in the towers since 1932.

(f) I have only one recorded peal at Lundy Island—August 23rd, 1905.

(g) I was very pleased to read Mr. Birmingham's interesting letter filling in the background of the bare figures which I give (having no knowledge of local conditions usually). For his information, Buckingham has only 15 peals to its credit. That is why it was not mentioned as compared with the other towers.

(h) I regret that my flippant reference about 'hostile' land in Cornwall has caused hurt, and apologise to my Clerical Guild friend, Mr. Trehwella, and all Cornwall ringers for this inadvertence. My articles are, of course, solely on peal ringing, not on ordinary ringing, and I think there is a big difference. In the latter case the vast majority of towers in Cornwall and elsewhere welcome the visitor, but in the case of a visit of a peal ringing band, which would require the tower for three hours, it is not quite the same, and my experience is that quite often call change ringers at such a tower are not very keen for a peal to be attempted. It is one thing joining with them for a few minutes in their ringing, it is quite another doing something they cannot do in their own tower for three hours. Hence I think I have some little excuse for the statement in my article. But it certainly did not refer to individual visiting ringers who, as Mr. Trehwella says, are assured of a warm welcome in his county.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

FIRST LADY TO 'CIRCLE' A TOWER

Dear Sir,—In answer to your query whether Mrs. Poole is the first lady to 'circle' a tower, in the 1930's Miss M. Redpath 'circled' Crayford tower, but there is little doubt that Mrs. Fletcher accomplished this at Edmonton nearly 20 years earlier. I remember in her very early days she rang the tenor there and conducted a peal of Stedman Triples.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your inquiry, 'Have any of our ladies "circled" a tower?' I 'circled' the tower at St. Laurence's, Surfleet, before the war, having rung a peal on each of the twelve bells.—Yours truly,

(MRS.) A. RICHARDSON.

Surfleet.

PEAL RINGING IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—We should be grateful to Mr. Felstead for the interesting articles he is giving us. In such a stupendous task there are bound to be occasional errors, but those with a fuller county knowledge can correct them. Truro Cathedral has been credited with 17 peals. The correct number should be 16. Three rung since the war, and not four. Kenwyn Parish Church, Truro, should read 16, and not 15. One of Kenwyn's peals seems to have been credited to the Cathedral. As I write, two more peals have been rung in Cornwall, making the total 315. One was at Kea. It is interesting to note that Truro Cathedral, Kenwyn and Kea (the two eight-bell towers on either side of the city) now all stand equal with 16 peals each. Carbis Bay has gone ahead from 18 to 19, this last being, apparently, the 275th peal for the Truro Guild. Let the competition continue!

Reference to the six-bell tower of Perran-ar-Worthal and the eight bells there between 1927 and 1937 made me delve into records, and I found I rang in all these, but there were six different conductors:—W. H. Southeard and C. E. Lanxon (two each), W. H. Sleeman, A. R. Pink, F. N. Golden and myself (one each).

Of the 315 peals rung in Cornwall, 272 have been rung for the Truro Guild, 41 for the Devon Guild and two for the College Youths. The Truro Guild total of 275 is made up by an additional three peals rung outside the county. One each at Emmanuel, Plymouth, Yeovil and Plymstock. Although the Truro Guild was founded in 1897, the first peal was not rung for it until 1907, and then at Emmanuel. The Plymouth life members had word that the late Rev. F. E. Robinson was arranging a tour in Cornwall that year, and they wanted to ring the first peal for the Guild and did so. The late William Pye, when on a tour in Cornwall in 1913, rang his peals for the Devon Guild, but he made amends for this in 1934 when on his way down by ringing the first peal of Surprise Royal for the Truro Guild at Yeovil. He followed it up by ringing the tenor at Truro Cathedral and conducting his last peal of Royal, which was also the first of Surprise Royal in the county.

It has been stated that the majority of peals rung in Cornwall have been by touring bands. This may be true to a point, but the tables are now being turned by the Truro Guild. Of the 275 peals I find I have rung in a fraction over half (138), 55 in twelve years before the war, and 83 in nine years since. The pace is quickening. Younger and freer enthusiasts should soon weigh down a good balance against the past. The totals of a few are rising pleasingly quickly compared with the past. There was a strange omission in 1947 when the jubilee of the Guild passed by unnoticed. It is almost certain that when the diamond jubilee is observed in 1957 resident Cornish peal ringers will have the satisfaction of rejoicing in the fact that they have at last done more for their own land than the visitors who, by the way, are always welcome.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS,

St. Ives, Cornwall.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL BAND

Dear Sir,—As a past secretary of the Rochester District, and of the Kent Association, I was distressed to read Mr. Norris' letter. As he asks for advice, I should advise him and all concerned to turn up the K.C.A. Handbook for 1939 and read paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report I submitted to the members at Erith when I was hon. secretary of the Association; and try and follow out that homily.—Sincerely yours,

F. M. MITCHELL.

Gravesend.

LETTERS—Continued

SOME CHESHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir,—The publication of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Rostherne, Cheshire, in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated August 20th, focuses attention on a book which I happen to be reading entitled 'Old Cheshire Churches' by Raymond Richards. The author, in the section devoted to the Church of Lower Peover, gives some facts about the bells, and he quotes this rhyming couplet:—

Higher Peover kettles, Lower Peover pans,
Knutsford sweet roses, Rostherne great
drones.

In another section of the book, dealing with the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Middlewich, and with particular reference to its bells, he quotes another rhyming couplet:—

Barthomley kettles, Alsager pons (pans),
Sandbach big Britons, Middlewich dons.

Not being familiar with the bells of this part of Cheshire, I am vastly intrigued to know what a 'Big Briton' is. One might hazard a guess at heavy bells, but Dove's Guide tells us that the tenor at Sandbach is only 13 cwt. I can understand the 22 cwt. tenor at Rostherne being referred to as a 'great drone.' As a don is high up in the world of education I should imagine the bells of Middlewich are receiving some praise, and Knutsford's 'sweet roses' has a pleasant ring. But what about the kettles and pans which remain; do these bells deserve such disparagement?

Perhaps one of our Cheshire friends could give us a considered opinion, and perhaps at the same time we might hear of more of these interesting couplets.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. PINK.

Kennington, Oxford.

PEAL RINGING IN DEVONSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The article by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead on 'Peal Ringing in Devonshire' is not entirely correct.

According to Guild records the first peal on the bells of Appledore was rung on March 24th, 1913, by 'The St. Sidwell's Society.' It was Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples, rung in three hours, and conducted by Mr. Arthur W. Searle, Exeter's veteran ringer, and was peal 309 for our Guild.

Further in his article Mr. Felstead states:—'Most peals have been rung by visiting bands, of course.' I have checked through the first 500 peals (rung for the Guild between 1875 and 1928), and I find that only in 74 did visitors predominate.

Another error I would like corrected, please, concerns Plymouth St. Andrew's, where, it is stated, 25 peals have been rung. Guild records can prove that 26 peals have been scored on these famous bells.

As I read Mr. Felstead's remarks it seemed probable to me that he has lost the peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 3 hours and 14 minutes on February 2nd, 1920, conducted by Mr. G. H. Myers, my father, who has taken part in 18 of the 26 peals.—Yours truly,

T. G. MYERS.

Plymouth.

FIRST PEAL OF HEReward BOB

Dear Sir,—I was much interested to see the extract of 'Forty Years Ago' in the issue of August 27th. The method mentioned was given to the Rev. A. T. Beeston by our present president of the Central Council, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, and the peal was rung for the 80th anniversary of Sir William Houldsworth, who built the church (Reddish, Stockport) and gave the bells.

I am sure it will cheer the heart of Mr. Lewis. If it is not too late to mention that fact.—Yours sincerely,

WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Stoke Poges.

R.A.F. HAVE CHURCH WITH
RING OF BELLS

Dedication at St. Eval, Cornwall

It is very doubtful whether there are many Royal Air Force stations throughout the United Kingdom that can boast of a church in their midst, complete with a ring of bells. This, however, is the case at the R.A.F. coastal command station at St. Eval, on the north coast of Cornwall.

This quaint, little church, with its sturdy pinnacled tower built of Cornish granite, was once the centre of a typical country village. It now stands alone, on the edge of a vast airfield, its tower being a notable landmark, visible over an area of several miles.

Twelve months ago the church was in a sad state of decay, and the few remaining parishioners decided that it was about time to carry out extensive restoration work in order to save the building from ruin. The tower was renovated from top to bottom, electric lighting installed and new altar cloths were given.

Many months of hard work went into the restoration, helped by large sums of money donated by the Royal Air Force, and the climax to all this work came, when, on Saturday, August 21st, the Assistant Bishop of Truro, the Rt. Rev. John Wellington, came to St. Eval to rededicate the restored ring of six bells.

Long before the dedication service was due to begin the church was packed to capacity, and among the congregation were numbered many officers, airmen and airwomen of the station on which the church stands.

The bells were rung up in the dedication rounds by a band of ringers from the neighbouring parish of St. Merryn. After the service the bells were kept going throughout the remainder of the day by visiting teams from far and wide, including one team from Plympton St. Maurice in Devon.

The bells, which were rehung and tuned by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, were heartily acclaimed by all present, both for music and 'go.' The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble. Mears and Stainbank, London. A.D. 1906.

Second. Mears and Stainbank. Whitechapel, London. 1892. W. Aggett, Bellhanger, Chagford, Devon.

Third. Samuel Trewbody. Vicar. 1733.

Fourth. Francis Llewellyn Gent. Samuel Eplett. Wardes. 1733.

Fifth. Mears and Stainbank. Whitechapel Foundry, London. 1892. W. Aggett, Bellhanger, Chagford, Devon.

Tenor. Simon Leach de Trethewell Armiger Erogator. Maxime Libera.

=LIS. 1733.

Weight of tenor 9 cwt. approx.

An effort is being made to start a team of ringers among the service personnel on the station. It is hoped, some day, to be able to send proudly to 'The Ringing World' the first peal on St. Eval bells by an R.A.F. team of ringers.

R. A. S.

Beverley and District Ringing Society

On August 14th the Society held the monthly meeting at Bridlington, at the invitation of Canon Lamb and the local ringers. Twenty-four members attended, and the bells were rung to standard methods.

The service in the Priory Church was conducted by the Rector, Canon Lamb, assisted by the Rev. G. Storer.

The tea and business meeting took place in the Church Hall, and the President, Mr. A. E. Sellers, welcomed the visitors from London, Ambleside and Edinburgh.

Further ringing took place until 6 p.m.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society at Otley on August 28th was fairly well attended, members being present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Bradford Cathedral, Collingham, Elland, Guiseley, Headingley, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Sowerby with the local company and visitors from Eastrington, Howden and West Tanfield. Tanfield.

The bells were raised in peal shortly after 3 o'clock, and ringing, ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Major, enjoyed till shortly after 8.30, with the usual breaks for tea and the business meeting.

In the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. C. W. Strangeway), who sent his apologies, the duties of chairman were very ably carried out by Mr. W. Dixon, one of the vice-presidents.

Four new members were made, viz., Mr. and Mrs. M. Thorley, Mr. D. E. Barker and Mr. J. Cartwright.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was ably proposed by Mr. J. Gibson in his usual forthright, breezy and humorous manner. Jack has a way of stepping into the silence that usually falls when this stage of the meeting arrives, and in a light-hearted but nevertheless very sincere way conveyed the thanks of the members to all those who help to provide the facilities necessary for members' enjoyment at these meetings. This proposition was seconded by Mr. F. Gibbard.

Mr. P. Whitaker apologised for the Archdeacon not being present and promised to pass on thanks to all concerned, and gave the members a hearty welcome to Otley.

It was proposed, owing to the congestion of meetings in September, that the Society's meeting for this month should be cancelled, and that members accept the invitation of the Sowerby company to join the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association at their meeting on the 25th.

As the Snowden Dinner was to be held on the last Saturday in October, it was agreed that the October meeting should be brought forward to the 23rd and held at Liversedge, subject to the usual arrangements with the local company.

Under any other business, announcements were made about a whist drive at Collingham and the open day at Marsden in connection with the augmented ring of ten there.

SWANSEA AND BRECON
GUILD

Lovely summer weather kept many members away from the Southern Section quarterly meeting held at Gorseinon on September 4th. However, it was quite understandable after such a bad summer. Most of the younger members took advantage of being out in the sunshine, but in spite of this, 30 members attended a very enjoyable afternoon's ringing.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Sidney H. Morris, who also took the chair at the business meeting. The good wishes from Mr. Ernie Stith were read, also an apology for non-attendance from Mr. C. Rowles, the Master, who was indisposed. The place of the next meeting will be decided at a joint meeting with the Llandaff Diocese.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, churchwardens and to the ladies, who with their support made the meeting such a success.

It is hoped that very shortly the bells of St. Catherine's will once again ring regularly as Mr. Dobbins, the tower captain, is having full support from the Vicar.

J. A. H.

'PIPE'S PILGRIMS' IN CORNWALL

THE coach with that veteran of past tours, Leslie Woods, at the wheel, left Grundsburg at 6.5 a.m. on Sunday, August 1st en route for Cornwall, picking up at Ipswich, Bures, Colchester, St. Paul's, London and Staines.

Winchester was reached on time, despite traffic blocks. After an excellent lunch beneath the oak rafters of a very ancient building, now a restaurant, we were privileged to ring for service on the musical twelve at the Cathedral. An attempt for Cambridge Maximus came unstuck early on, but Treble Twelve, Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Major went well.

Outside Ringwood Church we were met by the Rev. and Mrs. Verity, who expressed their wishes for a successful tour. A hurried tea at Wimborne preceded ringing for service at the Minster. This consisted of Cambridge Ten, Treble Ten and Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

Through rain and fog to Exeter, arriving at the Bystock Hotel at 9.27 p.m. Sylvia, businesslike as ever, was soon busy allocating bedrooms for the night, as per list. Hot drinks and sandwiches, followed by a chat on ringing and things relating thereto, and so to bed!

BANK HOLIDAY

Our first tower on Monday was St. Mary's, Lifton. This ring must be unique, as all were cast at the Oxford foundry of William Taylor in 1827, and restored by his Loughborough successors in 1930. At Launceston we arrived in time to ring a newly-married pair out of church. The bells were a pleasure to listen to in spite of the long draught of rope. The only call-changes of the tour were rung here to enable a few local ringers to have a pull with our party.

On to Bodmin for lunch. (No ringing here as permission had not been forthcoming.) Fowey was the objective for the afternoon. Here we met Arthur and Mrs. Beamish, and picked up their daughter, Margaret, for the remainder of the tour. A course of Superlative at this tower was the first blow in the method for Janet Spurgin (15), and her performance was one of which a much older and more experienced ringer could have been justifiably proud! Five Spliced Surprise, Plain Bob and a half course of Superlative. A good lower-in peal, then on to St. Austell, where a cafe was kept open just for our benefit. A visit to the tower after tea revealed that the fourth would not go to the upright position. Apparently the toggle on the end of the Hastings stay was sticking and, though several locals were there to watch us perform, none had the key of the staircase to enable one to go up and put matters right! A fast course of Stedman Triples with the bells only three-quarters up was the only ringing worthy of note here.

The fine tower of Probus followed. Ringers who have heard both these and Debenham bells outside vote the former a close runner-up to the well-known Suffolk ring. Alphabetical choice of methods was introduced here—Barker, Stedman Triples; Beamish, Double Norwich; Bennett, Yorkshire; Crapnell, Plain Bob. A nice fall-in peal and on to Truro. We found sleeping arrangements somewhat disorganised, owing to other guests at the hotel staying beyond their allotted time. This meant that some of us had to be boarded out for sleeping, but everyone was settled in the end.

A VETERAN OF 99

Tuesday's first tower was St. Columb Major, with a musical octave. Methods rung were Superlative, London, Stedman, with two leads of laminated Oxford and Kent. We met Mr. Samuel Quintrill (99) in the churchyard. St.

Enoder, the next tower, has a ground floor ringing chamber. The sallies were rather high, and some of the visitors had to stand on pieces of sawn tree trunk to reach them! An excellent lunch at Newquay and, for those who wished it, 1½ hours by the sea. In response to a phone call to Crantock Rectory, Mrs. Trehwella consented, in the absence of her husband, the general secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild, to a small party visiting the tower. Cambridge Minor, Kent and Spliced Treble Bob and Plain were rung on this pleasant six. By the time we finished ringing, we had an interested audience of two dozen visitors watching from the aisle! After tea at Perranporth, Kenwyn, situated amid lovely surroundings, was visited. A course of Cambridge was rung here with several Cornish ringers standing in!

At Truro Cathedral Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Edwards joined us. Ralph had just travelled 300 miles for the sole purpose of listening to these bells from outside! And who can find fault with his argument that they are disappointing to ring on, but grand to listen to outside? These bells are not over tenored as some one suggested! Several of us walked up the rise of the Cathedral and every bell could be heard perfectly. The final treat for the listeners was a course of Bristol on the majestic back eight, rung at 21 changes to the minute!

THE OLD BELLS OF ST. KEVERNE

An early start was necessary on Wednesday, St. Anthony-in-Meneage being the first ring. These are a back six from Croydon, augmented by a pair of trebles from Loughborough. The Rev. A. S. Roberts, accompanied by 10-year-old Evangeline, met us here. Methods rung were London, Superlative, Bristol, Stedman, and, lastly, Grandsire Triples, to which Evangeline rang the treble.

St. Keverne has a pleasing ring which it would be sacrilege to tune on the five-tone principle. They were much in demand for more than an hour before we moved on to the boulder-strewn beach at Coverack for our picnic lunch. The most southerly ring in the British Isles, Landewednack, was the next objective. We found a pleasant six that ran well. Six ladies rang a course of Cambridge. On to the Lizard Hotel for tea, where the proprietor informed us that we were in the only part of the British Isles that came below the 49th parallel! An hour on Helston bells concluded the day's ringing programme.

TO LAND'S END

On Thursday, Ralph Edwards and Jim Pipe made a dash in the former's car to St. Mary's, Penzance, to get a rope spliced in time for the arrival of our coach. Several buoys that had been towed ashore were noted, and on the top of one was a 2 cwt. bell cast by J. Warner and Sons, London. So this is what happens to some bells on their removal from redundant towers! Penzance has the heaviest octave in Cornwall—a grand ring. We were down in time for a service at 10.30, and a short ride brought us to Gulval. The ringing gallery here is a credit to Mr. Woods, whose loving care keeps it on a par with many drawing rooms in private houses. Whilst a band boarded the two cars and went on for an advance ring at St. Sennen, the coach took the rest of us round St. Michael's Mount, and the powerful field glasses, carried by Harry Millet, enabled us to view it as a close-up from Marazion. In the bay we saw the wreck of "H.M.S. Warspite." In due course we arrived at Land's End and, after lunch, spent an hour admiring the rugged coastline and buying souvenirs! St. Sennen has a delightful ring of six (tenor 5

cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.), reputed to be the lightest in Cornwall and the most westerly ring in England. We enjoyed various touches here for an hour, six ladies ringing a short touch of Plain Bob!

The Rev. A. S. Roberts met us at Carbis Bay and gave us a real Cornish welcome by presenting each 'Pilgrim' with a postcard giving a close-up view of the church tower! A half-course of Superlative by eight ladies was the highlight of the ringing here. Camborne bells are hung in a low pinnacled tower, and sound better at a distance! The concluding touch here was Spliced Surprise in six methods, in which Roderick Pipe (14) and Pat Clarke (17) took part.

Friday was a beautiful sunny morning. Egloshayle Parish Church (8, tenor 12 cwt.) has a ground floor ring. We arrived on time for lunch at Stratton. These bells are reputed to be the finest octave in Cornwall. The ringing was limited to 45 minutes. Whilst the majority intended going to Bude for two hours by the sea, one, who shall be nameless, put through telephone calls to several incumbents and hired two taxis from the local garage for the afternoon! The six at Marhamchurch, the 1950 restored bells of Week St. Mary and the six at Poughill were rung.

Back to Stratton in time to join the 'seaside' at tea, and then aboard the coach for the 50-mile journey to Exeter. We arrived at the Bystock Hotel on time. The party split up to visit the excellent octave at Heavitree and the heavy twelve at the Cathedral. The clapper came out of the tenth while rounds were being rung, but was soon fixed firmly into position by the Exeter ringers, who had obviously had to cope with the same situation before. George Pipe and John Mayne showed us what they are made of by turning in the 72½ cwt. tenor, between them, to three leads of Treble Ten!

Back to the Bystock for a social hour with handbells, etc. The nameless one had again been busy and fixed up a short ring at St. David's on Saturday morning for those who wished.

At 9.15 came the parting of the ways. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beamish, together with Margaret and John Stallard, whom they were giving a lift as far as Bristol, all stood on the Bystock steps to wave us good-bye! First halt on the homeward journey was Blandford Forum for lunch. After boarding the coach again Mrs. Barker made small presentations to Sylvia, Jim and the driver, thanking them for the hard work they had put in. A small presentation was made by Janet to Mrs. Barrett on behalf of those for whom she had so persistently hunted for postcards during the week! Grundsburg was reached at 10.10 p.m.

W. A. S.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The Monmouth Branch quarterly meeting was held at Usk on September 4th. The afternoon was fine and sunny and some 50 ringers attended, including visitors from Bristol, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Herefordshire.

The Master, Mr. David King, arranged suitable ringing for all. The service was conducted by the Rev. Glyn Davies, Rector of Gwernesney, and Canon E. T. Davies, Llan-gibby, read the lesson.

An excellent tea was provided by the Usk ringers and their wives in a nearby hall. These ladies were most sincerely thanked by Mr. Jack Worrall. Four new members were elected from Chepstow, one from Bedwellty and one life member. Mr. David King reported progress from the monthly Surprise practice held at All Saints', Newport.

Llanfrechfa was chosen as the place of the next meeting. J. S. E.

NORTH WALES BORDER COUNTRY VISITED

Ringers representing St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Little Aston, Yoxall and Allesley, Coventry, and the writer, assembled at Norton-in-Hales Church, North Shropshire, on August 14th, for a day's trip in the Border Country.

The bells at Norton (8, 14 cwt.) were found to 'go' well, but care was needed in striking them as no two are the same. At Market Drayton (8, 17½ cwt.) we were informed that Mr. Pat Cannon and his band had scored a good peal there the previous week. We certainly envied them and were only too sorry that we could not stay longer.

A brass plaque on the ringing room wall at Prees (6, 12 cwt.) stating that the bells had been 'retuned and rehung by Mrs. Sandford, of Sandford Hall' caused amusement. We feel certain she had a little help from the bell-founders but they don't appear to be worthy of mention.

Two good sixes followed at Calverhall (13½ cwt.) and Ightfield (11½ cwt.). An eight that 'go' all their weight (19½ cwt.) were found at Whitchurch, but nevertheless our stay was enjoyed.

Having disposed of our packed lunches, we were ready to cross the Welsh border into Flintshire to try the 17 cwt. six at Hanmer. These are of good tone but one can feel their weight. A contrast was provided at the next tower, Chirk, Denbighshire (8½ cwt.). The head ringer met us and congratulated us on the striking of the odd- and even-bell methods, both of which, in his opinion, had charms of their own.

Back into Shropshire again to sample the 5½ cwt. five at Selattyn. Sample is the right word; the Vicar told us the tenor only had been rehung on ball bearings just before the war. He was right, for the front four, especially the treble, are 'grim,' and a plain course of Grandshire Doubles sufficed. The band were somewhat disappointed at not being able to ring at Alderbury as it is a very peculiar looking place, but we were informed by the Rector that the bells had not been rung for 30 years, owing to the bad condition of the tower.

After a hot meal in Oswestry the band called in at the Shropshire Association meeting at Westbury, where on arrival they were intrigued to see Mr. Tony Price ringing 3-4 to London Minor. Thanks are expressed to the Ringing Master for allowing us to 'barge in.' At Worthen we found the bells up ready and we enjoyed this good six (7½ cwt.). Chirbury was our last tower and owing to the clapper of the third being broken, we had to be content with Doubles.

Methods rung were Plain Bob Major, Grandshire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob Minor and Grandshire and Stedman Doubles. During the tour Miss Ann Barr, of Little Aston, achieved her first two courses of Cambridge Minor. A. R.

A 64th Anniversary

Mr. Isaac Emery celebrated the 64th anniversary of his first peal by ringing his first quarter of Doubles at Old Headington, Oxford, on September 4th. With his host, Mr. W. M. Wilkins, he attended the dinner of the Headington ringers. A special welcome was also extended to Gordon Collett, R.A.F., on leave from Germany, who was celebrating his 21st birthday, and received a gift from his colleagues. Gordon is the fifth Headington ringer to come of age in about 16 months. Three of these are in the R.A.F. and a fourth will shortly commence training for the Ministry.

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BIRTH

TURLEY.—At 34, Granville Road, Hillingdon, September 2nd, 1954, to Evelyn (née Hyman), wife of Anthony Roy, God's gift of a daughter, Moyra Evelyn. 5036

MARRIAGE

COX—POPE.—On September 9th, 1954, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Withycombe Raleigh, the Rev. Ernest Vivian Cox, Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral, to Alison Hilda Pope, of The Maldens, Marley, Exmouth. 5023

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from September 18th the address of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Beauchamp will be 32, Park Avenue, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, Middlesex. 5022

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Small Country Cottage available for good churchman and ringer at 6s. a week. — Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 5019

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Two octaves diatonic scale, tenor size 18 G, by John Taylor and Co., in new condition. £40.—J. O. Weller, Moor Cottage, Trots Lane, Westerham, Kent. 5056

MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Correction. No ringing at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, Sept. 21st.—A. B. Peck. 5053

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will ringers coming to the University this October please contact Anne Muirhead, secretary, Westoe, Allport Road, Bromborough, Cheshire. Practice, Oct. 5th, 7.30 p.m., at Sacred Trinity, Salford. 5048

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Please support this, our first meeting at Great Hallingbury. It is a lovely church set in beautiful countryside, near main road and railway at Bishop's Stortford. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea in Church Hall. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 4953

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Ticehurst (6), Sept. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Look up Double Court and St. Clement's.—G. Billenness. 3. Grasmere, Hawkhurst. 4978

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4995

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Hatfield (10), Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service and tea. Ringing up to 7.30 only.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5013

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip on Saturday, Sept. 18th. 4938

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Bagshot, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All friends welcome.—W. Oliver, Dis. Sec. 4963

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Sunbury-on-Thames (8) from 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Own tea arrangements. Hampton (8) in evening. 5043

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Chailey, Sept. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 4969

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Clent, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4992

ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER.

Centenary Festival Service and Licensing of the Rev. F. W. Pratt, B.A., L.Th., as Priest-in-Charge by the Right Rev. Dr. R. R. Williams, Lord Bishop of Leicester.

Sunday, September 19th.
6.30 p.m.

Ring after service for visitors, in which ALL RINGERS are invited to take part. 5028

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 25th, The Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4993

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Bleadon, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 5027

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Runcorn, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Hughes, 18, Cynthia Road, Runcorn. 5045

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Poynton, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. I. Jenkins, 2, Bardell Crescent, Dickens Lane, Poynton, by Sept. 21st.—C. K. Lewis. 5046

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bebington, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, free for those notifying by 22nd.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5049

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Wirksworth (8) on Sept. 25th, at 3.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, to Miss M. Hobbs, 7, Langley Road, Spondon, Derby. 5050

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Campsall (8), Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential by previous Wednesday to D. E. Smythe, 19, Kirby Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.—D. E. Smythe, Sec. 5032

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Holywell (6), Sept. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please look up Kelso Surprise.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5037

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea.—J. Fox, Walpole St. Andrew. 5031

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland (6), Sept. 25th, 3 p.m.—P. Baker, 40, St. Michael's Avenue, Bishop's Cleeve. 5041

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bitton, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 21st, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 5040

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, Sept. 25th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 5057

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Sept. 25th, Rushden, 2.30-4, Sandon, 3-7. Tea 5. Wallington after tea. Special method, Dunedin Delight. — E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5014

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual meeting at Ashford, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in Parish Room. It is hoped all towers in District will send representatives. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, by Sept. 21st. 4987

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Bottesford (8) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Bull Hotel, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. W. Ward, High Street, Bottesford, Nottingham, not later than Saturday, Sept. 18th. All ringers and friends welcome. 5008

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Whickham, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing commencing at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Sept. 23rd, to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. All ringers welcome.—N. I. Lea, Hon. Sec. 4980

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells 2.30. Business 6. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. Thornley, Sec. 5051

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Ashton-under-Lyme, Sept. 25th. St. Peter's 3-5.30 p.m. St. Michael's, 6-9 p.m. Nearby cafes. — R. Benson. 5018

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Cosby, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at Blacksmiths Arms 5 p.m. Please notify by Wednesday Previous, Mrs. Coe, Blacksmiths Arms, Cosby, Leicester. 5033

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Diseworth, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in Vicarage. Names by 22nd to Mr. J. W. Fletcher, 28, Hall-Gate, Diseworth, Derby.—C. W. Hall. 4975

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gedney (6), Sept. 25th. Bells 2.30, service 4, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Shepherd, Stonegate, Gedney, Holbeach, by Sept. 20th. 4979

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Hough-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15, at the Brownlow Arms, followed by business. Names for tea by Sept. 20th to J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec., 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 4983

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Radley, Sept. 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 21st, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4970

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, West Wycombe, Sept. 25th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th. — Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5039

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading and Newbury Branches.—Combined practice at Thatcham, Sept. 25th, 6 p.m.—Mrs. E. Colley and Mrs. A. D. Cooper, Branch Secs. 5016

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Beaminster, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 21st.—Barrett, Prout Bridge, Beaminster. 4984

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Lyneham (6), Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea essential.—Mr. F. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham. 5042

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements. Names to Miss P. House, 19, Garfield Avenue, Dorchester, by Sept. 21st, please.—J. H. Hayne, Hon. Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5015

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Stradbroke (10, 22 cwt.), Sept. 25th. Tea 5 p.m., if notice given by 22nd.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 5024

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Benhilton, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting after. Names to me by Sept. 23rd, please. Carshalton bells (8) available in evening as well. — W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 30, Hamilton Avenue, N. Cheam. 4981

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting Hellingly (6), Sept. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, 5 p.m., must be received by Sept. 22nd.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 5025

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 4-5.30, 6.45-8.30. Tea available.—G. Francis. 5054

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Sept. 25th. Five bells. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Woodman Inn, Crawley, after tea. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 4989

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at St. Peter's, Sowerby. The recently recast octave will be available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. It is essential that those requiring tea notify Mr. G. A. Briggs, Farcroft, Sowerby New Road, Sowerby Bridge, by Sept. 23rd.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5004

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh-on-Sea, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Coigrove, 32, Dawlish Drive, Leigh. 5030

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Oct. 2nd. Service, St. Stephen's, 4.15. St. Dunstan's and Cathedral bells available after tea only. St. Stephen's from 2.30. Tea, 2s. per head. Numbers for tea, with cash, please, together with any nominations for district officers, must reach me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5026

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Spalding, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 27th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 5038

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Anstey on Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, near Leicester, by Wednesday, Sept. 29th. General

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lois-Weedon on Oct. 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 5034

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Edgbaston on Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by Sept. 28th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Spr. 1025. 5029

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting Oct. 2nd. Durnford (5) from 2.30. Woodford (6) from 6.15. Tea, Durnford, at 5 for those who notify me by Sept. 28th.—Miss Eloie, 7, Victoria Road, Salisbury. 5044

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Trowell (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall at 5. Names by previous Wednesday to Rev. K. W. Jones, Trowell Rectory, Nottingham. 5052

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cefn Coed, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, please.—W. Smith, Penbont Road, Talgarth, Brecon. 5029

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (10) available from 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. A. T. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley, E. Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 5020

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Oct. 9th, at King George Hotel, Barnesley, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, obtainable from me. Please apply not later than Oct. 2nd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnesley. 5047

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