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## OLD CHARLIE

WHEN his parish church had a ring of eight bells installed in the tower, Charlie said he would like to be one of the band to learn change-ringing, and soon he was busy trying to master his bell on lashed practice nights with varying degrees of success.

Although the circle was a good one and well spaced, Charlie found difficulty in getting his rope to land conveniently, which caused the ringers on either side of him to set their bells hastily and get out of the danger zone. His frantic grip of the sally was very firm, too firm in fact, for his continual grasping soon shewed marks where his strong but nervous hands had worn the tufts away in one particular place.

Progress was slow because the band, plus half-a-dozen or so late entrants, were all learners; but the instructor happened to be one of the highly skilled kind with many years of experience in the finer arts of teaching ringers correctly, and I leave the ringer to imagine the trials and difficulties of the first twelve months.

Charlie took method ringing very seriously, and his two weak spots in Grandsire Triples were thirds and 4-5 down, for in the former position he would miss the hunt bell and sometimes call out 'Who's in the hunt?', while in 4-5 down he would complain that 'nobody would dodge with him.' Once he held up over the tenor and said: 'I'm lost.' In spite of the many pitfalls, Charlie went by stages to 504, then 1,008 and a quarter peal, but for some unknown reason he would not start for a peal and when the time came to tackle Stedman he said it was 'too complicated,' and 'he didn't like the look of it.'

It took Charlie a long time before he resolved to try his hand at something different, and he had quite a string of questions to ask the instructor regarding the various terms used, such as 'whole pull wrong,' 'thirds before going slow,' 'the whole and half turns,' etc.; but Charlie could not seem to grasp the slow work at all.

Having the treble to guide him for making thirds in Grandsire, he could not understand why Stedman wanted ringers to make thirds on the way down to lead and without the treble for a guide! He also failed to see why the first lead in the slow should be a wrong one before having to do a right one. Another puzzle was the making of thirds place five times so soon after leading in four different ways. When Charlie began to see some of the rea-

sons for the terms used in Stedman he was shown how to divide the slow work into four portions, and he soon began to master the front work with more confidence even though he would worry at what he called his four different turns.

'I do five whole turns and one half turn at work each week,' he would say with a smile, for Charlie, who was a skilled wood-carver by trade, finished at mid-day on Saturdays. On Sundays he would confine himself to Grandsire but at practice he would have just one try at Stedman, which usually resulted in being lost 'somewhere in the slow.' In order that Charlie should have a change from Grandsire, after banishing Stedman from his mind he was invited to try Plain Bob; but here again he found snags, the chief one being he had no tenor to lead from!

I lost sight of Charlie for two or three years, but one day when in his neighbourhood I happened to look through the doorway of his workshop, and he hurried forward to greet me with his usual call, 'Whole pull wrong,' his eyes twinkling with merriment. 'Some day,' he said, 'you and I ought to ring a peal together'; and when I asked him which method was his favourite, he replied sadly: 'I have only one method, my good old Grandsire.'

That same evening I went to conduct a peal of Grandsire Triples at Charlie's home tower, and on entering the ringing chamber I beheld Charlie adjusting his rope to the correct length and a happy smile on his face. We rang a well-struck peal and afterwards spent a happy half-hour having a friendly drink and chat together, during which time I ascertained from Charlie that had he started ringing earlier in life he might have successfully tackled Stedman.

Taking his pipe from his mouth he told me that what little he could do in the way of service to the church he preferred to do sincerely and well in his own humble way, for it is not the method that matters most but the striking that listeners find most pleasing to the ear.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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**TWELVE BELL PEAL**

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

**A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	LESLIE T. HANSELL .. 7
HAROLD V. FROST .. 2	*GERALD PENNEY .. 8
PATRICIA M. BOURN .. 3	*ERIC EDMONDSON .. 9
*PATRICIA DOORN .. 4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 10
ARTHUR DAY .. 5	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD .. 11
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6	*MICHAEL D. FROST .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGELEY. Conducted by WILLIAM J. ARNOLD.

\* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells as conductor. W. J. Arnold now joins those who have conducted Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**TEN BELL PEALS**

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

R. ROGER SAVORY .. Treble	† MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 2	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 7
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 3	* ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 8
NELIA M. LEAHY .. 4	* DON C. EXELL .. 9
* MICHAEL V. WHITE .. 5	JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First of Stedman Caters on tower bells. Miss Leahy's 100th peal.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 17, 1958, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF 6101 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

STEPHEN IVIN .. Treble	FREDERICK SHARPE .. 6
BRIAN R. WHITE .. 2	FRANK A. BARRETT .. 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. 3	FREDERICK C. WHITE .. 8
FRANK WHITE .. 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE .. 9
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 5	EDWIN DREWITT .. Tenor

Composed by the late FREDERICK WHITE. Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

A 76th birthday compliment to Fred White.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE CHAMBERS .. Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS .. 5
* MARY BARLOW .. 2	DENNIS SMEDLEY .. 6
† JAMES T. ROOKE .. 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 7
* LESLIE BARLOW .. 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Major. ‡ First of Kent.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JACK P. KESTERTON .. Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 5
* MICHAEL VERNON .. 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 6
JOHN A. ACRES .. 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
DOREEN D. DUTTON .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

\* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Mary Groom and Mr. John A. Smith. Also to Mr. Harry Poyner and Miss Mary Payne on their engagement.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb.

MICHAEL J. BEST .. Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	* COLIN CONWAY .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
* PHILIP N. TUBBS .. 4	† LEWIS F. COBB .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First in the method 'inside.'

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN PINFOLD .. Treble	DAVID BEACHAM .. 5
SUSAN JACKSON .. 2	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY .. Treble	JAMES THORLEY .. 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD .. 2	LEONARD DRAKE .. 6
VALERIE M. MASSAM .. 3	DOUGLAS THORP .. 7
GEORGE WARD .. 4	IRVIN SLACK .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.

Rung for the jubilee of the ordination of Canon F. E. Mercer, M.A., B.D., in Ripon Cathedral on June 14th, 1908.

EXETER, DEVON.

On Wed., June 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Parker's Twelve-part .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WILLS .. 5
FREDERICK WREFORD .. 2	MICHAEL HOOD .. 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN .. 7
CHARLES T. WILLIAMS .. 4	GEORGE SKINNER .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Biffin, of Exeter.

LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part .. Treble	* STEPHEN J. BOULDEN .. 5
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 6
MAISIE VANTOM .. 3	JOHN R. COOPER .. 7
MRS. R. WRATTON .. 4	A. LEWIS TERRY .. Tenor

Conducted by MAISIE VANTOM.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells, and first peal on the bells conducted by a local ringer. First as conductor.

Rung for David John Boulden, Mr. S. J. Boulden's first grandchild.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Thurs., June 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

Heywood's Transposition .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH .. 5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 2	FRANCES A. WHITE .. 6
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 3	STEPHEN IVIN .. 7
ROBIN N. PITTMAN .. 4	GRAHAM H. WEBB .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Ian Beecham.

## MAULDEN, BEDFORD.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JUNE SINFIELD .. .. Treble	GILES C. GALLEY .. .. 5
JOHN W. SINFIELD .. .. 2	RONALD J. SHARP .. .. 6
RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. .. 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the seventh.

## HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 20, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*ANGELA GRAINGER .. .. Treble	KEITH C. FLEMING .. .. 5
ROBERT R. CHURCHILL .. .. 2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. .. 6
HENRY B. WHITNEY .. .. 3	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. .. 7
*BRUCE GRAINGER .. .. 4	IVOR N. PETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. C. W. KNIGHT. Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

\* First peal of Major.

Rung as a compliment to Angela Grainger and Maurice Downs upon their engagement.

## DERBY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.

IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. .. 5
*FRANCIS R. LOWE .. .. 2	†JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. 6
†PAUL J. RIGBY .. .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW .. .. 7
VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* 275th peal. † 25th peal together. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

## DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. Treble	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMSON .. .. 5
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. .. 2	*LEWIS F. COBB .. .. 6
*ANN BACON .. .. 3	*†MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 7
*MICHAEL J. BEST .. .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First in the method on the bells.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING .. .. Treble	GEORGE GOWER .. .. 5
WILFRID G. SAUNDERS .. .. 2	ROBERT PLUMMER .. .. 6
E. AUSTIN HEAD .. .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. .. 7
LEONARD J. MINNS .. .. 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

## WILBY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

WALTER W. MILLER .. .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. .. 5
FRANK RUFFLES .. .. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT .. .. 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. 7
CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. .. 4	WALTER RUFFLES .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

## STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*SHEILA HODSON .. .. Treble	G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. 5
*GLENDA ROWLEY .. .. 2	WILLIAM TALBOT .. .. 6
ALBERT LAWTON .. .. 3	†ERIC YOUNG .. .. 7
HARRY HODSON .. .. 4	WILLIAM WATKIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

\* First peal. † First of Triples.  
Rung for the bicentenary of the above church.

## RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JACK P. KESTERTON .. .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 5
*AVRIL THACKRAY .. .. 2	ERNEST RAWSON .. .. 6
†DOREEN D. DUTTON .. .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

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

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sun., June 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. .. Treble	COLIN A. TESTER .. .. 5
EDWARD J. JENNER .. .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. .. 6
GEORGE FRY .. .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. .. 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to H. Vaughan, the tower captain.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being ten methods in seven extents: Cambridge Surprise, College, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

AMOS INGALL .. .. Treble	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. .. 4
JOHN F. PEARSON .. .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 5
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

## WALGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, All Saints, Kennington, Norfolk, Old, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

GEORGE F. FAWCETT .. .. Tenor	TERRY M. HAINES .. .. 3
ROBERT S. ROBERTS .. .. 2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. .. 4

ROBIN V. BAKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

First peal in 14 methods by all the band.

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## KISLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Ryton, St. Columb, Clifford's Place, Little Aston, All Saints, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Norfolk, Old, Kennington, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Seighford, Fortune, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE F. FAWCETT .. Treble | TERRY M. HAINES .. 3  
ROBERT S. ROBERTS .. 2 | MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 4

ROBIN V. BAKER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss P. F. Curtis.

## OCKLEY, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six different callings). Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

TREVOR A. CROSS .. Treble | FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 4  
ANNE C. GARNETT .. 2 | BRIAN J. LUFF .. 5  
WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3 | ROBIN G. LEALE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.

## CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

\*FRANCES NEWMAN .. Treble | \*GORDON BROWN .. 4  
\*JOHN SMITH .. 2 | WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 5  
\*LEONARD MILLS .. 3 | †HAROLD E. RAXTER .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

\* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor.

## GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's, each of Single Court and Single Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

\*JEAN ROBERTSON .. Treble | GEORGE CHALLANS .. 4  
\*VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 2 | RICHARD HOBBS .. 5  
HAROLD DENMAN .. 3 | DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal in three methods.

Rung in memoriam John T. Bartram, of East Retford, who died June 9th, 1958, aged 74 years.

## WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

ALEC T. DENSON .. Treble | WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 4  
\*GRAHAM A. TURNER .. 2 | GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5  
MICHAEL D. S. HOOD .. 3 | DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

## ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., June 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) London Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. Treble | JACK PILGRIM .. 4  
RAYMOND PECK .. 2 | JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 5  
PETER S. BEDFORD .. 3 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung as part of the programme of the 11th Aldeburgh festival of music and arts.

## CAPEL, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 4 qr. 7 lb. in A.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Treble | A. PATRICK CANNON .. 4  
BRIAN J. LUFF .. 2 | WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 5  
ROBIN G. LEALE .. 3 | TREVOR A. CROSS .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 650th peal (conducted 339).

## RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Court, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. Treble | \*RICHARD HOBBS .. 4  
HAROLD DENMAN .. 2 | GEORGE CHALLANS .. 5  
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3 | DOUGLAS H. ROOKS .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

\* First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild.

## STOCKBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 1,200 April Day, 1,680 Plain Bob, 1,680 Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. F. J. CHEAL .. Treble | ALBERT DUNK .. 3  
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 2 | CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 4

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

First peal of Doubles in five methods by all the band.

## STOWTING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

WILFRED W. RING .. Treble | G. KEITH FINN .. 4  
DAVID STAPLES .. 2 | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5  
E. PATRICIA LEWIS .. 3 | MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

First peal as conductor.

Rung in memory of W. Cheeseman, for many years a ringer at this church and recently laid to rest within its precincts.

## WORMHILL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

\*DEREK P. JONES .. Treble | PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 4  
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2 | ALEX. RICHARDSON .. 5  
GORDON A. HALLS .. 3 | NEIL D. LOMAS .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

\* 325th peal, conducted 150, and 50th this year.

## WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G sharp.

\*SHEILA A. SHACKELL .. Treble | DAVID J. BARBER .. 4  
EDGAR R. RIPLEY .. 2 | CECIL L. LONGHURST .. 5  
\*F. RICHARD VERRELL .. 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal.

## YAXHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents: four variations of calling.

Tenor 12 cwt. 42 lb. in F sharp.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 4
GEORGE SAYER .. .. 2	*BERT GOGLE .. .. 5
*GEORGE P. ADAMS .. .. 3	FRANK C. PRICE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

## LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CANTERBURY SURPRISE MINOR

Being composed of seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD .. .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN .. .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
RAYMOND G. SMITH .. .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE

First peal in the method.

## LLANGATTOCK-VIBON-AVEL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

PATRICIA H. JONES .. Treble	*GEORGE WARD .. .. 4
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 5
JOHN E. MORGAN .. .. 3	DAVID J. KING .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a welcome to the overseas bishops who were visiting the diocese during this week. Also as a compliment to the ringers of the second and tenor on their first wedding anniversary.

## DARLINGTON.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham. Wells and London, with seven varied callings.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

THOMAS COOKE .. Treble	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK .. .. 5
*ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 3	ROLAND PARK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor.

## BRISTOL.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Stedman and Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble	DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 4
*MARY H. HALL .. .. 2	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 5
ALAN F. LEE .. .. 3	FRANK D. MACK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

\* First peal on less than ten bells. The first peal of Doubles on the bells.

## REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*KEITH D. WAPLES .. Treble	WALTER AYRE .. .. 4
JOE HOBBS .. .. 2	RODERICK V. WALLIS .. 5
*MIKAELA F. C. ERIK .. 3	BRIAN M. BARKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## FRYERNING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (4) London and Wells, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Treble	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 4
*MARY DOWSETT .. .. 2	*PETER J. EVES .. .. 5
*†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

\* 50th peal together. † 150th peal. ‡ 100th peal and first in 14 Surpise.

## MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

MICHAEL SELBY .. Treble	LEONARD MILLS .. .. 4
*SHEILA KEYTE .. .. 2	COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 5
*WILLIAM B. POMEROY .. 3	HAROLD E. RAXTER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

\* First peal of Minor.

Rung to welcome the visiting bishops attending the Lambeth Conference to the Evesham deanery.

## CHIEVELEY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being three extents of Ready Money Bob, Norfolk and Old Doubles, six extents of Kennington, 11 extents of April Day and 16 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*LEONARD T. W. PHILLIPS Treble	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND .. 4
C. JOHN CASTELL .. .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
S. FRANK TUFFLEY .. .. 3	*RICHARD H. C. CANN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal. First of Doubles on the bells. Believed to be the first time that all the variations of Bob Doubles have been rung in one peal.

## SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents in 62 methods, each having its own plain course, being one extent each of Uffington, Stowe Place, Datchet, St. Alphage, St. Andrew, St. Gregory, Union, St. Faith's S.C., St. Julian Reverse New, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Vedast, Reverse St. Nicholas, Reverse Winchendon Place, Reverse St. Remigius, Reverse St. Simon's, Reverse St. Martin's, Reverse St. Osmund, St. Bartholomew, Reverse All Saints, St. Sebastian, St. Botolph, Coxwell Place, Stedman S.C., Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Plain Bob, Grandsire, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, Stedman, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, and the following spliced extents: (1) Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C.; (2) St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund; (3) Raveningham S.C., Reverse Canterbury, (4) Candlesby S.C., Plain Bob; (5) Westminster II, Ockham S.C., Broughton S.C., Chesham S.C.; (6) New Bob, Chipstead S.C., Oakley S.C., Ichingfield S.C.; (7) Huntspill and St. Vedast; (8) Winchendon Place and St. Remigius; (9) St. Nicholas, Hascombe S.C., Thornborough S.C., Longford S.C. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. V. GRIFFIN .. Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. .. 4
ERIC SUTTON .. .. 2	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. 5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 3	J. RODERICK LEES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

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# QUARTER PEALS

**ASHTHEAD, SURREY.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Geraldine Piper (first quarter), 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, J. T. Symonds 3, Diana Prynne (first 'inside') 4, E. A. Lewis 5, Cherie Payne 6, J. Beams (cond.) 7, D. Oakshott 8. Rung following the wedding of Mr. P. Villiers and Miss Jill Preston, and in honour of the wedding the previous Saturday of Miss Rosemary Symonds (former ringier at the church and daughter of Mr. J. T. Symonds) and Mr. A. C. Mace.

**ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.**—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Armlitt 1, Roy Worrall 2, Ivor Jenkins 3, Barry Corbishley 4, Neil D. Lomas 5, Sidney Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Fred Cartledge, verger and bellringer of this church for many years.

**BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): D. Ellison 1, F. C. Limb 2, J. Bagnall 3, W. T. Turner 4, H. Barnes 5, R. A. Wilton 6, N. M. Newby (cond.) 7, P. Tyson 8. Rung for the Sunday School anniversary during the procession of witness round the parish.

**BATHHEALTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Dorothy G. Taylor (first quarter) 1, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 2, B. Jean Stevens 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4.

**BRADFORD, YORKS.**—On June 18th, at the Cathedral, 1,320 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob): A. Ashton 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, H. B. Schofield 3, Miss S. G. Schofield 4, F. Rayment 5, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 6. For the visit of the overseas Bishops to Bradford.

**BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. E. Jones (first or Minor) 1, J. Jones 2, R. Jones 3, A. J. Henman 4, R. Henman 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. A. Briggs (first quarter) 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, G. C. Jackson 3, P. C. Pitchford 4, J. E. Brown 5, C. T. Rodgers 6. For children's festival.

**BRISTOL.**—At St. Mary, Redcliffe, on June 12th, 1,319 Grand-sire Cinques: E. F. Hancock (cond.) 1, Ed. F. Hancock 2, J. M. Stallard 3, F. C. Mogford 4, D. Heighon 5, M. Downs 6, F. Hansford 7, T. Edwards 8, J. Waugh 9, F. Mack 10, R. Hooper 11, S. Gillett 12. First of Grand-sire Cinques for 2, 9 and 12. A farewell to Mr. Downs.

**CHERITON, KENT.**—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss A. M. Wellard (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Godderidge 2, M. J. Martin 3, A. Jackson 4, A. Berry 5, J. F. Wellard 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss B. Jewell 1, Miss J. Battin (first 'inside') 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, Miss J. Parsons 4, C. J. Brown (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, F. Battin (first quarter) 6. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss M. L. Hannam 1, C. J. Brown 2, Miss J. Battin (first of Triples) 3, Miss J. Parsons (first of Triples 'inside') 4, S. G. King 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. A. Jewell (first of Triples) 8.

**CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, T. S. Baker 2, P. J. Woodgyer 3, A. D. Grant 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, Josephine Pole 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rose Ann Sadler.

**EPPING, ESSEX.**—On June 14th, 1,288 Grand-sire Triples: J. Statham (cond.) 1, Miss B. McClelland 2, C. Moore 3, R. Moore 4, E. Freeman 5, M. Osborne 6, C. Morris 7, D. Freeman 8. First of Grand-sire Triples for all except 7. First quarter of Triples by a local band for over 40 years and possibly first ever by a local band. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Susan Foskett and Mr. J. Sloan.

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**—On May 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Blake 1, R. Hayden 2, R. C. Heazel 3, B. Burton 4, K. Wood 5, C. Sams 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. First in method for 1, 5 and 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the Master of the Essex Association. Mr. R. C. Heazel.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, H. S. Peacock 2, A. J. Davey 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. R. Nichols 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on June 22nd, 1,440 Spliced Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. R. Nichols 2, D. F. Murfet 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For morning service.

**HONITON CLYST, DEVON.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss S. Cope 1, W. D. Ashdown 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, J. White 4, D. Callard 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8.

**KELSTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. Hall 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, B. Davis 3, T. J. Milsom 4, C. J. A. Brown 5, S. Carter 6.

**LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Finch 1, A. Thorogood 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, A. Hurst (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. E. C. Dewick, killed in a road accident and cremated this day.

**LOUGHTON, ESSEX.**—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Crampin 1, R. Smith 2, J. Crampin (cond.) 3, L. S. Woods 4, E. Smith 5, C. Willmington 6, J. Waugh 7, D. Riley 8. Rung for a High Mass attended by the Rt. Rev. J. Hughes, Archbishop of Central Africa, for the Loughton Union of Churches.

**MARGATE, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on June 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mary Taylor (first in method) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Page 3, R. Dadds 4, T. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 6, F. Gadsden 7, G. Whybrow 8. For Evensong.

**NAZEING, ESSEX.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grand-sire): J. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, A. A. Livings 3, B. G. Burton (cond.) 4, K. Wood 5, G. Blake 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringier of the treble.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On June 9th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss E. M. Desponds 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, Mrs. G. F. Roope 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roope (cond.) 7, B. J. Linnell 8. A compliment to the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson on his 25th anniversary as Vicar of this parish.

**OTTERSHAW, SURREY.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss S. Buchanan 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. A 29th wedding anniversary compliment to the mother and father of the ringier of the 5th. Also on June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grand-sire): Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, N. Carter 3, Miss H. Hancock 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Stirland 6. First in four methods for 2, 3 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

**OXFORD.**—On June 15th, at New College, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Christine Woodward 1, J. H. Pailing 2, J. A. M. Salter 3, R. A. Jackson 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, P. R. Sanders 6, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 7, R. N. Pittman 8. For Evensong. Also at St. Aldate's Church, on June 8th, 660 Grand-sire and 600 Bob Doubles: E. Venn (first quarter) 1, Margaret Pearce (first quarter) 2, N. Chamberlain 3, R. Alsworth 4, F. Barrett (cond.) 5, A. Ivings 6. Also on June 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Venn 1, Margaret Pearce 2, J. Pearce (first quarter) 3, R. Alsworth 4, J. Venn 5, F. Barrett (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the engagement of Margaret Hankinson and John Pearce. Also on June 22nd, 660 Grand-sire and 600 Bob Doubles: E. Venn 1, N. Chamberlain 2, F. Barrett (cond.) 3, R. Alsworth 4, J. Venn 5, S. Benstead 6. Rung to celebrate the christening of Mark Andrew Benstead, son of Irene and Sid Benstead. Also at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grand-sire): Miss A. M. Gould 1, Miss C. M. Woodward (cond.) 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker 3, C. J. B. Taylor 4, G. Jenkins 5, R. James 6.

**PRESTEIGNE, RADs.**—On St. John-the-Baptist Day, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: T. H. Wood 1, Mrs. Chandler 2, Miss J. Green 3, A. B. Ellsmore 4, A. T. Wingate 5, A. W. Davis 6, Rev. E. G. Benson (cond.) 7, C. A. Brown 8.

**SOWTON, DEVON.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. Seldon 1, A. Gooding 2, A. Tapley 3, Miss S. Cope 4, J. White 5, F. Willmington 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8. For morning service.

**STANMORE, MIDDLEX.**—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Jabber 1, J. M. Wilcockson 2, T. Carless (first 'inside') 3, B. Matthews 4, K. Goddard (first of Minor) 5, G. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6. A farewell to K. Goddard. Also on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Howells (first quarter) 1, J. Jabber (first 'inside') 2, T. Carless 3, J. M. Wilcockson 4, B. Matthews 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6.

**READING, BERKS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on June 8th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (448 London, 288 Rutland, 160 Bristol, 96 each of Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 64 each of Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative): Mrs. A. Diserens 1, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 2, A. Diserens 3, J. N. Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, R. F. Diserens 6, C. E. Lewington 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First of eight Spliced by all except 8. Rung by the local Sunday service band.

**SHARESHILL, STAFFS.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: M. H. Butler 1, Miss D. M. Hesbrook (first 'inside') 2, Miss L. Butler 3, J. Allen (cond.) 4, A. H. Butler 5, H. Butler (sen.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Holmes.

**SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.**—On June 18th, 1,568 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative, with 42 changes of method): E. Wadman 1, G. Salmon 2, A. J. Sanzer 3, M. Rose 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, D. E. Lee 7, E. J. Chivers 8. Also on June 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (7-6-8 behind): J. Newman 1, H. Smith (cond.) 2, C. Scull 3, D. Lee 4, M. Rose 5, P. Newman 6, F. Nicholls 7, J. Mitchell 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. F. W. H. Bentley as assistant Curate.

**SHOREDITCH, E.**—At St. Leonard's Church, on June 22nd, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, J. E. G. Roast 3, P. J. Eves 4, W. Prockson 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, G. McKay 7, R. F. Deal 8, A. R. Ling 9, B. F. Baker 10, T. H. Francis (cond.) 11, C. A. Hughes 12. For Evensong.

**WARKTON, NORTHANTS.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: O. Dalziel 1, Pamela Lumbers 2, Mary Arkinstall 3, R. G. Black 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. M. Morris, mother of the conductor.

**WESTMINSTER ABBEY, LONDON.**—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. B. Peck 1, W. S. Langdon 2, H. Belcher 3, H. N. Piustow (cond.) 4, G. W. Cecil 5, C. G. Watts 6, J. Phillips 7, J. H. Crampin 8. For the silver jubilee service of the R.A.M.C., at which H.M. the Queen Mother was present.

**WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel, on June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hobbs (cond.) 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, M. King 3, D. McNeil 4, D. Jackson 5, T. Randall 6. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower to quarter peals. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. John Baitman, of East Retford, a regular visitor to this tower.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On May 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson (cond.) 2, D. Murfet 3, D. E. R. Knights 4, G. A. Lucas 5.

**WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKs.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. Avery 1, R. Hazel (first of Triples) 2, A. Newton 3, A. Foxall 4, N. Cornwall 5, S. Bailey 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, P. Harris 8. For Confirmation service.

**WIMBLEDON, SURREY.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): E. Jacobs 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bishop 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On June 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Hull 1, B. Crook 2, R. Dorking 3, J. Warner 4, B. Rice 5, E. W. Bright 6, W. S. Butler (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. A first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Hull.

**WHITSUN IN EAST ANGLIA**

A party of 15 ringers from Kent and Lancashire joined forces for a ringing holiday in East Anglia during Whit week.

The tour started on Saturday at Swaffham before the arrival of the organiser of towers. Mr. Peter Bond, Ringing here came to an abrupt close when the clapper fell out of the seventh during a course of Cambridge. Other towers visited that day were Necton (famed for its angel roof), Holme Hale, Ashill, Saham Toney (where John Barnes met the party), Walton, Grinston, Caston, Rockland All Saints, Great Ellingham, Hingham and Barnham Broom (where two of the stays of the five bells were missing). The night was spent at Norwich, where Mr. Peter Schofield had arranged accommodation.

On Sunday we were made very welcome at St. Peter Mancroft, and the band was able to ring together a course of Grandsire Cinques. For Matins, ringing was at St. Giles'. Later in the day came Sall, Heydon, Saxthorpe, Gressenhall, Gaywood, and St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, for evening service. Some of the band also rung at Terrington St. John and Wigenhall.

Despite Monday being a very wet day, the tour was continued with visits to the following towers: Clenchwarton, Tilney All Saints (the best six of the weekend), Terrington St. Clement's, Walpole St. Peter, Walpole St. Andrew. After a picnic lunch, Lincolnshire was visited with calls at the following churches: Lutton, Long Sutton, Gedney, Fleet (a detached tower), Holbeach, Whaplode and Moulton. Here the party split up, one half going home and the other to ring at Surfleet.

We thank everyone for making us so welcome and also the organisers.

**AN APPRECIATION OF KENWYN RINGERS**

On Thursday o'er the evening air  
There falls upon the listening ear  
Fair chimes from Kenwyn's strident peal,  
Which makes some listeners wince, and feel  
The urge to flit to towns afar,  
Some on foot but most by car!

They hasten from their homes and haunts,  
Flinching from the bitter taunts  
Of those who are more fully blest  
By living north, south, east or west  
Of Kenwyn tower by leagues enough  
To dull the blast of this 'ere stuff.

And so the evening weareth on,  
With bells a-peal and natives gone  
To pastures new in other climes,  
Waiting for those better times,  
When ringers, having done their best,  
Hurry home to food and rest.

Then homeward come the motley throng,  
To raise their voice in praise and song  
To vicar, verger, choir and organ,  
Congregation and churchwarden;  
They drink their health and wish them well,  
As long as they don't ring a bell.

We regret to learn that Mr. L. H. Bywaters, secretary of the Biggleswade District, is in hospital.

To compensate a band, which included well-known ringers, after losing a peal at Darley Dale, Derbyshire, on Sunday, June 22nd, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood kindly entertained them to tea at a local hotel. His kind hospitality was much appreciated by everyone.

**MR. G. E. FEIRN'S 400 PEALS**

An interesting list containing a wide variety 'in hand' has Mr. George E. Feirn, of Kirtton Lindsey, Gainsborough, in his first 400 peals.

**TOWER BELLS**

Doubles.—2 (2).  
Minor.—1-7 methods 85 (53), 8-49 15 (12), 50-99 3 (3), 100-125 4 (4).  
Triples.—Grandsire 12 (3), Stedman 11 (1).  
Major.—Plain Bob 8 (3), Little Bob 2 (1), St. Clement's 2 (1), Original 1 (1), Double Norwich 17 (4), Winchester Bob 1, Wymondham 1 (1), Spliced Plain 2-12 methods 2 (2), Kent Treble Bob 8 (3), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and Oxford 4 (2), Cambridge Surprise 16 (3), New Cambridge 1, Superlative 4, Yorkshire 6 (3), Bristol 3 (1), London 10 (2), Rutland 2 (1), Lincolnshire 2 (2), Lincoln 1, Spliced 4 4 (1).  
Caters.—Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 3.  
Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 2, Yorkshire Surprise 3, London Surprise 1.  
Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 17 (1).  
Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 3, Yorkshire Surprise 2. Total: 265 (111).

**HANDBELLS**

Minor.—1-7 methods 6 (6), 8-49 5 (4), 50-99 4 (4), 100-106 2 (2).  
Triples.—Grandsire 7 (4), Stedman 2, St. Clement's 1.  
Major.—Plain Bob 11 (7), Little Bob 7 (4), Gainsborough Little Bob 4 (3), Double Bob 4 (2), St. Clement's 2, Double Norwich 8 (6), Double Oxford 1 (1), Hereward Bob 1 (1), Spliced Plain 2-9 methods 12 (12), 10-25 methods 13 (13), 26-50 methods (9), Kent Treble Bob 7 (4), Kent and Oxford 2 (2), Cambridge Surprise 2.  
Caters.—Grandsire 8 (3), Stedman 2.  
Royal.—Plain Bob 8 (4), Little Bob 1, Spliced 2 methods 2 (2), Spliced 3 methods 3 (2).  
Cinques.—Stedman 1. Total: 135 (95).

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We feel Yorkshire ringers will give a warm welcome to Mr. F. A. Munday, conductor at Holy Trinity, Guildford, since 1951, who is making his future home in Bradford with the Post Office telephones. His keenness for a good peal is only excelled by his faithfulness as a Sunday service ringer.

Mr. C. H. Kippin informs us that he called the first seven-method peal at Longparish (see page 326). This was one of a series of five peals in a day.

The Rector and ringers of St. Michael's, Stone, thank Mr. Arnold Moore for conducting the peal in honour of the bicentenary of the church, and also congratulate Miss Sheila Hodson and Mrs. Glenda Bowley on being the first local ladies to ring in a peal.

The Very Rev. W. de Pauley, Dean of St. Patrick's, who celebrated Holy Communion on the Central Council meeting day, has been appointed Lord Bishop of Cashel, Waterford and Emly Diocese. He was mainly responsible for the restoration of St. Patrick's Cathedral bells.

A ringing member of the Irish Association, Canon Alan Buchanan, of St. Coomgall's, Bangor, Co. Down, has been appointed Lord Bishop of Clogher Diocese. Of the 14 Bishops of the Church of Ireland, two are ringers. The Lord Bishop of Cork (Rt. Rev. Gordon Perdue) is learning the art at St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork.

The ringers of St. Michael's, West Retford, wish to express their appreciation of the valuable help given to the tower by the late Mr. John Bartram, of East Retford. He had been a regular visitor since ringing recommenced five years ago, and he helped to train most of the present band, including those who rang the half-muffled quarter peal to his memory on June 20th. His presence will be sadly missed.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples at Sowton on June 8th was rung as a farewell to Mr. J. White and Miss S. Cope, both members of the local band, who are marrying shortly and emigrating to New Zealand where Mr. White has obtained a position with the Ministry of Agriculture. Before morning service the couple were presented with a salad bowl and servers, a gift from their fellow ringers. On the same evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was also rung at the neighbouring village of Honiton Clyst, where the couple regularly attended to ring for evening service on Sundays.

Of those taking part in the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Middle Littleton, Worcestershire, on June 21st, the ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are present pupils and those of 4, 5 and 6 past pupils of Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham. This is believed to be the first 'Henricians' peal.

The Goscote Society of Change Ringers have lost their president by the departure of the Rev. T. Howell Evans from Hoby to his new living at Brent Pelham, Herts. He was a great friend to the ringers, and all who have enjoyed the hospitality of the Rev. and Mrs. Evans at the annual ringers' dinner will wish him God speed in his new living.

The jubilee in Holy Orders of Canon F. E. Mercer was commemorated by a peal rung at Rothwell, Yorks, on June 14th. He was appointed Vicar of Rothwell in 1949, and in 1950 he made an appeal for the restoration of the bells, and these were recast in 1951 with new frame and fittings. Canon Mercer retired in 1955 to make way for a younger man but still lives in the parish. His 50 years' ministry includes nine years in Canada, five in Tokyo, and Vicar of Armley, Leeds, from 1933 to 1949.

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## BELLS IN CHELMSFORD'S FESTIVAL OF ARTS

It has now become an annual event to hold the festival of art, music and drama at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd, Chelmsford, commencing in Whitsun week. This is one of the Cathedrals where the ringing of church bells is accepted as one of the noble arts and sciences, and is always given a place of honour in the actual festival programme.

The fifth annual festival commenced on Thursday, May 29th, with an attempt for a peal on the Cathedral bells. Owing to certain of the Association's leading peal ringers being across the sea on other ringing business, the method selected was Cambridge Royal. All appeared to be going well until the end of the eleventh course, when the conductor noted that there had been a shift and called 'Stand' at the course end.

On Friday the festival opened with a service in the Cathedral, followed by a lecture in the Shire Hall on 'Music in the Life of the Community,' by Dr. Thomas Armstrong, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music.

On Saturday the ringing of a quarter peal of 1,260 Stedman Triples in 58 minutes on the heavy bells preceded the summer festival service of the Friends of the Cathedral: the ringers were drawn from the North Western Area. Frederick Whitby treble, Benjamin Burton, Reginald Hayden, Henry Bird, William Wheeler, Robert Heazel, Stanley Clark (conductor), Edward Rochester tenor. Following the annual meeting of the Cathedral Friends, a recorder and harpsichord recital was given by Carl Dolmetsch and Joseph Saxby.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, June 3rd and 4th, the Colchester Repertory Company presented 'A Sleep of Prisoners,' by Christopher Fry, in the nave of the Cathedral. These productions were preceded on Tuesday by a quarter peal of 1,344 London Surprise Major on the heavy eight by members from the Northern Area: Harry G. Felton treble, Lewis W. Wiffen, Frank Clayden, John A. Warner, Alan R. Syder, Hilda G. Snowden, Terry Earle (conductor), Walter Arnold tenor.

Members of the South Western Area rang a quarter peal of 1,166 Grandsire Cinques on the Wednesday. Thomas G. Fox treble, Adrian J. N. Boyack, Brian J. Howard, Harry Turner, Ernest W. Furbank, Edward D. Smith, Frank V. Gant (conductor), Donald M. Salisbury, John H. Crampion, Charles E. Willmington, Peter Eaves, Andrew J. Salisbury tenor.

On the Saturday, preceding an organ recital by Dr. Ivor Keys, Professor of Music, University of Nottingham, members from the North Eastern Area rang a quarter peal of 1,296 Little Bob Royal. William J. Brunt treble, Mrs. Leslie Mills, Evelyn R. Cansdale, Janet M. Spurgin, Allen W. Cansdale, Bernard W. Fairhead, Donald L. Mills, Leslie D. Mills, Edward E. Davey, Harry J. Millatt (conductor) tenor.

The ringing on the two Sundays covered by the festival was in the hands of the Cathedral ringers, who rang methods and touches to suit all their members and visitors, including a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, before the pianoforte recital given in the Cathedral on Thursday evening by Colin Horsley.

Those taking part in the festival ringing came from all over the diocese: the effort and the final results are worthy of their great calling. It is no mean achievement to travel long distances after daily work to arrive in good time and then ring to call others to worship or to join with others to appreciate 'Craftsman's Art and Music's Measure' as it can only be portrayed by gifted stars.

The ringers of Essex are honoured to be included with all those who worked to make the effort a great success. R. C. H.

## ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

THE annual festival of the Guild was held at the Parish Church, Llanelly, on June 14th, when the bells were available at 2 p.m. Members came from Pembroke, Tenby, Carmarthen, Llanstephan, Burry Port, Llandilo, supported by the Llanelly ringers. It was good to see many of the honorary members present, and also the members of the Southern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. The Vicar (Rev. Howard Williams) officiated at the service, and the Archdeacon of Carmarthen (Ven. J. Richard Pugh) gave the address, deputising for the Bishop who had to attend to another important meeting.

At a really wonderful tea at the Parish Hall, 80 members thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After the tea, the usual business meeting was held, at which the Archdeacon presided. Before the meeting started a testimonial was presented to Mr. Chris. Hawkins by the Archdeacon, on behalf of the members of the Guild, for his services as secretary to the Guild. Mr. Chris. Hawkins very briefly replied, thanking the members of the Guild, and said it would inspire him to carry on the good work the Guild was doing.

The Archdeacon then declared the meeting open, and the usual touch on the handbells was given by Messrs. Gwyn Thomas, A. Hoare, Gwyn Lewis and R. Scudamore. Mr. Gwyn Thomas, of Tenby, was elected Master of the Guild, and Mr. Harry Jenkins, of Tenby, Ringing Master. The secretary, treasurer and auditor were re-elected. The Archdeacon then placed the badges of office on the new officers, and the outgoing officers were thanked for their services by Mr. J. Webb.

A statement of accounts was given by Mr. W. P. E. Sage, the treasurer, and Tenby was selected for the competition in 1959. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £2 2s. The Vicar (Rev. Howard Williams) accepted the invitation to become a vice-president of the Guild; there were also eight honorary members and three life ringing members made.

Before the meeting was closed by a prayer, appropriate votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed to the festival, especially the ladies ('the big five') who were responsible for the tea. Further ringing in the tower concluded a very successful meeting. C. H.

## MR. F. A. MUNDAY LEAVES GUILDFORD

Mr. Frederick A. Munday, who has been captain of Holy Trinity, Guildford, since 1951, left the town last weekend for Bradford, Yorks, on promotion in the Post Office telephone service. Twenty of his fellow ringers entertained Mr. and Mrs. Munday to supper on June 25th, and they were the recipients of presentations from the company.

Mr. T. W. White, who presided and made the presentations, referred to Mr. Munday's faithful service to the tower, which he joined in 1946. He was appointed sub-conductor in 1949 and succeeded Mr. A. H. Pulling as conductor in 1951. Mr. White also referred to other impending losses to Holy Trinity—Mr. and Mrs. J. Tate, who were going to Manchester, and Mr. W. J. Robinson to Olney.

Mr. Munday, in thanking the company, said he had been ringing for 26 years and remembered coming on a visit to Holy Trinity, Guildford, as a boy in 1932. He had rung in 46 peals at Holy Trinity; he had 'circled the tower' twice to peals and had called a peal from each bell in the tower twice. He hoped that Trinity bells would never be silent in the future.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bentley for arranging the supper. Handbells were rung during the evening, including touches of Grandsire Caters.

## THE BACK-ENDER'S DOOM A Ballad Respectfully Dedicated To A. P. C.

(Tune: 'Vilkins and his Dinah')

Of a young man named Patrick this sad story tells,

Who made his life's work ringing dirty great bells.

The biggest and roughest to him were ideal,  
He would grab them and turn the things in to a peal.

Singing toorali-oorali-oorali-ay.

Three ringers one day who were evil inclined  
Decided together some method to find  
Of bringing our Patrick's career to a smash,  
And they'd stop at no villainy to settle his hash.  
Singing &c.

Next Sunday, their wicked intentions to gain,  
They went to the market in Petticoat Lane,  
And bought an old five from a barrow-boy's stall [Great Paul].

With a tenor five-hundredweight more than  
Singing &c.

They built them a tower designed for to sway  
No less than two feet and six inches each way;  
The frame was of rubber, the gudgeons were square,

And the headstocks slacked off with a half-inch to spare.  
Singing &c.

They made an announcement when once they were hung:

'A peal in this tower has yet to be rung';  
And laughed when our Patrick sent word for to seek

For permission to go for a peal the next week.  
Singing &c.

They went into changes with Pat fresh as paint,  
With a bag full of raisins in case he felt faint;  
While the villains stood sniggering outside the tower,

For the six-scores each lasted a good quarter-hour.  
Singing &c.

When just ten hours later the fortieth was o'er,  
Pat shouted: 'Let's strike it, there's only two more';

But see how his spirits they suddenly flag,  
When he finds he's got no raisins left in his bag.  
Singing &c.

He struggled and sweated, he puffed and he blew,

Until the last two-forty changes were through;  
Then managed expiring to gasp: 'This is all,'  
Then down on the floor like a doornail did fall  
Singing &c.

Below on his tombstone you'll find written:  
'Stranger,

Of being unready observe here the danger;  
For here on the grave of Pat Cannon you're gazin',

Who came to his death all for want of a raisin.'

Singing &c. J. G. M. S.  
First performed by the author before members of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers, Dublin, 1958.

## ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH

For some time there has been anxiety about the condition of the stonework of the central tower of Rotherham Parish Church. Parts of the surface inside and out are badly eroded due to weather and atmospheric pollution. Work has now started on cutting out and replacing badly-affected parts and on repainting. This work will proceed for a year or so, within limits of the funds available. It is not expected that ringing will be affected at all since the repairs concern the surfaces of the stonework only. Some of the pinnacles will be renewed.



## FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 391)

The following corrections should be made to the Triples methods on page 391.

**Wakefield Delight Triples.**—Rung on May 14th, 1788, and is some form of Treble Bob Triples.

**Wakefield Surprise Triples.**—Rung on May 14th, 1788, and is actually Oxford Single Triples. Presumably the first peal of Single Oxford Bob Triples.

The following additions should be made to the 18th century Triples methods on page 391.

**Bob Major Triples.**—5,040 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on May 20th, 1738, by the Union Scholars. This method is a variation of Original Triples. Other peals so titled are presumably all Plain Bob Triples.

**Crown Bob Triples.**—5,040 at Halifax, St. John-the-Baptist's, on October 10th, 1787, by the Bradford Society.

**Double Union or Crown Bob Royal Triples.**—5,040 at Leeds, Yorks, on March 1st, 1771, by the Leeds Society. Presumably the first peal of Double Union Triples.

**Morning Pleasure Triples.**—5,040 at Wakefield on January 1st, 1789, by the Wakefield Society.

**New Grandsire Triples.**—5,040 at Horsham, on November 16th, 1777, by a local band of Cumberland Youths. Morris gives 5,040 at West Bromwich on April 21st, 1877. See Reverse Grandsire on page 253.

**Royal Union or Crown Bob Triples.**—5,040 at Leeds, Yorks, on September 22nd, 1769, by the Leeds Society. 'Consisting of three peals, viz.: College, London and Oxford Triples.' Presumably Spliced College Single, Fulham and Single Oxford Bob Triples.

**Sheffield Triples.**—5,040 at Rotherham in April, 1782, by the Sheffield Society.

**Wakefield Royal Double Bob Triples.**—5,040 at Wakefield on January 29th, 1771.

The following Major and Royal were rung in the 18th century, in addition to the standard methods on pages 253 and 391.

**Cambridge Surprise Major.**—5,088 (false) at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 30th, 1780, by the London Youths. 5,152 (false) at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on February 23rd, 1783, by the College Youths. 6,048 at Sheffield on May 11th, 1787, by the Sheffield Society.

**Cumberland Bob Major.**—5,040 at Shoreditch on May 12th, 1753, by the Cumberland Youths.

**Cumberland Fancy Major.**—5,760 at Shoreditch on January 26th, 1761, by the Cumberland Youths.

**Cumberland Pleasure Major.**—5,040 at White-chapel on April 1st, 1755, by the Cumberland Youths.

**College Exercise Major.**—5,056 at Hackney on December 26th, 1760, by the College Youths.

**College Single Major.**—5,040 at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 24th, 1737, by the College Youths.

**Eastern Bob Major.**—5,040 at Shoreditch on December 27th, 1747, by the Eastern Scholars. This method is incorrectly known as Yorkshire Court, and Morris gives 5,040 at Cargrave on September 20th, 1882.

**Double Eastern Bob Major.**—5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 12th, 1752, by the Eastern Scholars. Morris gives 5,088 Double Yorkshire Court at Selly Oak on January 6th, 1913.

**Eastern Bob Royal.**—5,040 at St. Sepulchre's, London, on February 19th, 1750, by the Eastern Scholars.

**Imperial III Major.**—Rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on November 17th, 1760, by the Norwich Scholars, who also rang 6,048 at St. Michael Coslany on May 24th, 1772.

**Maidstone New Bob Major Royal.**—5,000 at Maidstone on April 21st, 1794, by the Maidstone Society.

**Morning Pleasure Major.**—6,720 at Leeds, Kent, on February 10th, 1757, by the Leeds Youths.

**Morning Pleasure Royal.**—5,400 at Leeds, Kent, on February 2nd, 1756, by the Leeds Youths.

**Morning Exercise Major.**—5,120 at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on December 28th, 1737, by the College Youths.

**Oswald Delight Major.**—5,184 at Leeds, Kent, on December 23rd, 1775, by the Leeds Youths, under the title New Morning Exercise. C.C. give 5,056 at Frodsham on January 17th, 1947.

**Treble Place Bob Major.**—5,376 at Leeds, Kent, on November 26th, 1770, by the Leeds Youths.

**Leeds Double Treble Place Bob Major.**—5,376 at Leeds, Kent, on April 28th, 1771, by the Leeds Youths.

**New Treble Place Bob Major.**—5,184 at Leeds, Kent, on February 10th, 1778, by the Leeds Youths.

This concludes the standard methods and those methods rung to peals in the 18th century. (To be continued)

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

There was a fairly good attendance at the half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch at Bishopstone on June 14th, and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major. No service was held owing to the absence of the Vicar, and Dr. Craig presided at the business meeting. One new member was elected and it was proposed that meetings be held at Hannington, Castle Eaton and Blunsdon, and Purton during the quarter ensuing. The Branch secretary gave a report of the Central Council meeting held in Dublin. Towers in the Branch were well represented and there was one visitor from Bedford.

## BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Eight teams competed for the 29th annual shield contest, held at Silkstone on June 14th. Results and order of ringing were: Wakefield 10 penalties, 123 faults, total 134; Handsworth 25, 77, total 104; Sandal 5, 65, total 70; Shelley 64, Cawthorne 44, Thornhill rung out, Meltham rung out, Friezland 29. Friezland won the shield, and it is hoped to give a prize to the runners-up, Cawthorne.

The business meeting, which followed an excellent tea, was presided over by the Rev. G. H. Firth. Twelve new members were elected, and Shelley, near Huddersfield, was selected for the next meeting.

Mr. Noel F. Moxon proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, to Mr. Harry Mann and the local ringers for making the local arrangements, and to the ladies for the tea. The shield was received by Mr. Joseph Burgess on behalf of Friezland ringers, and each member received a gent's hair brush and comb.

## GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. & MRS. E. W. BIFFIN

Their fellow members of the Devon Guild and the St. Thomas', Exeter, band were pleased to extend their good wishes in the form of a peal to Mr. Edward W. Biffin and Mrs. Biffin, of 17, Sydney Road, St. Thomas', Exeter, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. The thanks of the band are herewith recorded for the entertainment which followed the first attempt (a failure).

The service which 'Ted' has rendered ringing in general in the Exeter District, St. Thomas', Exeter, and the Devon Guild in particular, 'will take some beating.' He came to St. Thomas', in 1923, was elected Ringing Master in 1926, and from 1946 has also held the post of steeple captain and Ringing Master combined. The reason why St. Thomas' has survived the rest in Exeter with a performing 'method band' is entirely owing to his ceaseless efforts to teach.

His other offices include Branch Ringing Master and past Central Council representative.

Good wishes from all for health and happiness in the future—on to the diamond!

## RINGERS' SUNDAY AT BURTON-ON-TRENT

June 22nd was observed as Ringers' Sunday at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. The first ringing of the day started at 7.30 a.m., when members attended the service of Holy Communion. An hour's ringing before the 11 a.m. service brought friends from South Derbyshire, and Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Caters were rung. When ringing commenced at 5.20 p.m. for Evensong, more than 20 ringers were in attendance.

At the service lessons were read by Brian Deakin and June Key, and in place of an anthem a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by the following: A. G. Foster 1-2, G. Harrison 3-4, B. G. Key 5-6, Mrs. B. G. Key 7-8.

In his address the Rev. W. Willis Price made mention of bells and ringers. He stressed how all members of a team are equally important and should be united in offering all their ringing to the glory of God.

After the service more ringing took place, and further visiting ringers were welcomed from Derbyshire, Lichfield and Birmingham.

The Vicar and members of the congregation also climbed the 92 steps to the ringing chamber to watch the proceedings. At one time over 60 people were assembled in this fine belfry.

## 5,056 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

By D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ST. ALKMUND'S, SHREWSBURY

Dear Sir,—St. Alkmund's bells were rehung in 1909 and rung regularly until 1913, when the first peal of Stedman Triples in Shrewsbury was rung on them. The band unfortunately split up and most immigrated to St. Chad's, where they got the bells recast and hung in less than 12 months. While we are given to understand there was a considerable sway on the steeple, no one seems to be able to say that it was condemned by any responsible architect as being in danger for ringing to take place. However, this seems to have been the reason put forward by the band for ceasing to ring there.

The bells were silent until 1921 when the late W. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, took a band there during a Guild meeting. It was doubtful if official permission was either sought or granted for this.

On Easter Sunday morning, 1926, the late C. Lilley persuaded some of the younger members of St. Chad's to go with him to St. Alkmund's and ring for early service. Again, it is doubtful if permission was obtained. One of the company still rings at St. Chad's.

Around this time the top part of the steeple was reconstructed and three strong copper bands put around the top. However, there was still no ringing.

After the last war Mr. W. A. Farmer, who was then living in Shrewsbury, made repeated efforts to have a go on them, but the different vicars always backed out after promising to think about it.

St. Alkmund's now has a vicar who is keen enough to find out if his bells are ringable or not. After considerable work in cleaning out pigeons, etc., ropes were borrowed from St. Chad's and St. Mary's, and on Tuesday evening, June 10th, the bells were rung for a few minutes.

The Vicar had arranged for Mr. Bertram Miller (an architect from Liverpool who is also in charge of other work for the parish) to be there. There was certainly a sway on the top part of the spire, but no one could say if it was greater or less than before. The Ringing Master of the Shropshire Association (Mr. A. Pritchard) was present, and other ringers came from as far as Birmingham.

Mr. Miller thought that another opinion should be sought, and I understand that the Vicar is going to ask Mr. F. Sharpe if he can help us.

The bells went well considering they had not been rung for 32 years, and they are a very pleasant eight by Bryant (tenor 13 cwt.). We are all looking forward to ringing them again for further inspection.

F. G. BEDDOW.

## CARTER'S ODD BOB

Dear Sir,—It might be of interest to your readers to mention that Mr. G. N. Trice called the above composition from each pair of handbells. The dates were as follow: July 4th, 1905; March 3rd, 1906; July 18th, 1906, and August 28th, 1906.

Mr. Henry Hodgetts, of Oxhey, took part in all the four peals, William Hodgetts and Hubert Eden three peals, Mr. F. W. Brinklow two peals, and the late Charles F. Winney one peal.

Mr. Trice always had umpires for handbell peals, and for the first peal the umpire was Hubert Eden, the second peal Arthur W. Dix, the third the late Harry R. Pasmore and the late J. W. Golding (this peal was rung at the Coffee Pot), and for the fourth the umpire was the late Alfred D. Bates.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN JENNINGS.

Braintree.

## CAPE TOWN RINGER'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—When I look back at the calendar, I am surprised that my stay in England was so short, for I seem to have done so much.

I came, having rung in three towers: I left with 20 times that number; and in remembering each of them and the happy hours in your company, in and out of the tower, I find a realisation of the brotherhood of ringers uppermost in my mind.

The phrase 'ringers' hospitality' is a byword: to experience it, a heartwarming revelation. That I was deeply sorry to have to leave England is a sure measure of the good time I've had, and my sincere thanks go out to everyone, ringer or no, who made us so very welcome.

For the immediate future, I can only hope that in Cape Town we shall be afforded opportunities to uphold this spirit of hospitality and friendship, not only as a traditional part of the South African way of life, but as an outpost of 'we happy few, we band of brothers'.—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Cape Town.

## Another Tower Functioning

*June 22nd was a great day at St. Margaret's Church, Whitwash, Leamington Spa, when the first quarter peal was rung by members of the tower and church. This has never before been achieved since the bells were hung in 1892.*

*The story of their training goes back two years. Mr. P. A. Oram, the captain, has now a band of 16 beginners, each of whom, he writes, could easily be of peal standard by the end of the year.*

*He expresses his sincere thanks to ringers of neighbouring towers for their help in teaching the band.*

*The quarter peal, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, was rung by Ann Trindall (first quarter) 1, Christine Sanders (first quarter) 2, Jean Addicott 3, P. A. Oram 4, Ian Maycock (conductor, first quarter) 5, Derek Bedford (first quarter) 6.*

## FALSE COURSE ENDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. John L. Morris's reference to false course ends will be appreciated by all who are used to this type of nomenclature. His table of complementary and reciprocal False Course Ends (sorry, Heads) is excellent.

In connection with the article on this subject may I point out that if 64235 is substituted for 12345 on Scale B the final step (3) may be eliminated in both procedure I and II, as the rows, say, 65324 and 64352, etc., may be obtained direct.

I apologise for not spotting before that which, like Dr. Tarrasch's trap in the Ruy Lopez, is so obvious afterwards.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### Central Bucks Chairman Retires

A record gathering of the members of the Central Bucks Branch honoured their revered chairman, Canon G. Dixon, by electing him as their first president at their annual meeting at Aston Abbots on June 14th.

Canon Dixon had been chairman of the Branch since its inauguration at Granborough in 1928, and after 30 years in the chair he decided to 'step down' to make way for a younger man. Saying what a wonderful chairman Canon Dixon had been, Mr. J. W. Hall made the proposition that he now become their president, and Mr. G. Edmans seconded.

Miss Marie Cross, the hon. general secretary of the Guild, also spoke very highly of the valuable work of Canon Dixon to the Branch and the Guild, and how the continuity of service of the officers of the Central Bucks Branch (the hon. secretary, Mr. F. Gibbard, having also done nearly 30 years' sterling service) had ensured the success of the Branch. She warmly thanked Canon Dixon on behalf of the Guild executive, and suggested that his name go forward to the annual meeting of the Guild for election as vice-president of the Guild. A resolution to this effect was later passed with acclamation.

To mark the occasion and to make the day complete, the Rev. F. J. Amies, who inaugurated the Branch in 1928, came to preach at the service.

Many old members whom Mr. Amies taught to ring in the Winslow area were present, and were seen reminiscing with him before and after the meeting. As Miss Cross aptly put it, Mr. Amies must have been justly satisfied to see in such a gathering the fruition of his work begun 30 years ago.

The treasurer and hon. secretary, Mr. F. Gibbard, reported a satisfactory balance of £21 7s. 10d., 135 members having paid up last year.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. C. E. Last; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Gibbard; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Hall; Ringing Masters, Mr. F. Gregory and Mr. G. Edmans; Branch representatives in Guild committee: Mr. G. Edmans, Mr. L. J. Gregory, Mr. J. W. Hall.

The meeting concluded with Canon Dixon thanking the meeting for the honours they had bestowed on him, and also the Vicar of Aston Abbots for allowing the Branch to hold the meeting there, and the Rev. F. J. Amies, the local foreman Mr. F. Hines, and the caterers for such an excellent spread.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A meeting of the Halesworth District was held at Southwold on June 14th, attended by about 30 members and visitors, and supported by Mr. L. G. Brett (Ringing Master of the Guild) and Mr. J. W. Blythe (general secretary). Ringing ranged from Bob Minor to Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, everyone being provided for.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Macfarlane) with Mr. F. W. Drew as organist. The lesson was read by the general secretary.

The Vicar extended a warm welcome to the members and gave a most interesting address, which was much appreciated.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and organist and Mr. R. S. Payne (District secretary) for the arrangements. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Yoxford either the last Saturday in September or the first Saturday in October.



# STORIES FROM SOME OF THE JUNE OUTINGS

## ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON

If the ingredients for a perfect outing include good company, good bells, weather, time-keeping, coach comfort, meals and, above all, perhaps, the welcome extended by the local incumbents and ringers, then we had all these and more on June 14th, when over 40 ringers and friends spent a happy day.

Arriving at St. Nicholas', Arundel, at 9 a.m., the pleasant eight with tenor of 13½ cwt. were soon ringing out, whilst the non-ringers were busy with cameras focused upon the splendid edifice of the Castle. By some misfortune, we had omitted to bring our handbells, but Mr. Daughtrey and the local ringers most kindly loaned us theirs for the day. Later on, good use was made of them to touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major.

On to Portsmouth Cathedral, where the recently-restored ten were rung to various methods, including, as at all towers we visited, rounds for the 'new hands.' Here we had hoped to see Fred Burnett, a frequent visitor to St. Peter's, but business prevented him from welcoming us in person. Lunch at 'Kimbells' followed, and a well-contented party later boarded the coach for Curdridge. This melodious eight, with tenor of 26 cwt. in D, seemed to go best to Cambridge, although other methods were rung with varying success.

Thus to St. Mary's, Southampton, where the ringers alighted for an hour's enjoyable ringing whilst the non-ringers continued to the Docks for a sight-seeing boat trip of dockland. The party reunited for tea, after which, refreshed and replete, our return journey was via Shedfield, where we were met at the church by Miss Daysh. Here, with its cosily-circled ring of eight and its 12½ cwt. tenor, we were compelled to ring in relays through lack of elbow room. We were indeed sorry to leave this friendly little belfry, but time was pressing. Calling at Arundel to return the handbells, we later made the usual halt for refreshment, arriving at Brighton at a very respectable hour.

A. W. B.

## SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

The longest day, June 21st, was the date chosen for the Cathedral company's outing. The weather was not too kind. An 8 a.m. start was made by coach, from the Cathedral, by ringers and friends. Mr. Harry Parkes, who had just completed some work on the Cathedral bells, also came.

The first tower visited was St. Edward's, Leek, Staffs, where an hour's ringing on the light ten was much enjoyed. The venue for lunch was Stafford, followed by an hour's ringing at St. Mary's, also a nice light ten. A short run took the party to Uttoxeter, where an excellent high tea was followed by an hour's ringing at the Parish Church. These bells are a very fine and tuneful octave; the back six, we were told, were cast by Rudhalls.

The run to Ashmole was by way of country lanes, and the party were met by the Vicar. After raising the bells, and at his request some rounds, shots and queens rung on the octave for the benefit of a wedding party in the village, the usual method ringing followed.

Most of the ringing during the day was quite good, and included up to Cambridge Major and Stedman Caters, also a touch of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal. A pleasing feature was the raising and lowering in peal.

Some of the Staffs and Derbyshire choicest scenery was seen, and the party arrived back home at 10.15, tired but happy. We extend our thanks to the tower-keepers and local people for their co-operation in making our outing a success.

H. O. C.

## PORTISHEAD AND WRAXHALL

With their friends from Wraxhall, over the hill, The Portishead ringers a coach did fill;  
To the lovely Wye Valley they were bound,  
Where glorious scenery and bells are found.

The first stop was Thornbury, a very good ring,  
But the ropes still retain considerable 'spring';  
Tho' ten years (we're told) already they've

[served—

Perhaps bells aren't rung so oft as deserved?

Ross-on-Wye, what a magnificent peal!  
Here, Mr. Webb met us and made us feel  
Quite at home; to him, 'Thanks very much'  
For joining in Stedman and calling the touch.

Our outings wouldn't be quite the same  
Unless we had a drop of rain;  
So at Symonds Yat we didn't encroach  
On the River Wye—but remained in the coach!

At Monmouth, we had some time to spare,  
To wander round and stand and stare;  
Then to the church, and soon found employment  
In ringing the bells to the shoppers' enjoyment.

Then Tintern, on very banks of Wye,  
Appetites we sought to satisfy;  
And we must find room in this little ballad  
To mention the ham, the tongue, and the salad!

Some round the Abbey then did wander,  
On glory of towering walls did ponder  
But one, who anonymous remains,  
Made a tour of inspection of all the drains!

Then on to Lydney: we took our stand,  
When emerged from aloft, with grease-gun in  
[hand

A figure—who need not here be named—  
But in Police Force as well as in belfry he's  
famed.

Perhaps he had heard that our strength was fast  
burning,  
Or maybe he was greasing the tenor he'd 'turn  
in.'

Whatever it was, we know that without him  
We shouldn't have had such a wonderful outing.

A. J. G.

## SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS

The annual outing of the Sutton-on-Trent ringers with friends from Gamston, North Muskham, Newark, Retford, Southwell and Winthorpe took place on June 7th. The venue this year was Lincolnshire.

Leaving Newark at 8 a.m., the first tower to be visited was Stow. After climbing the 64 steps (the largest number of the day) ringers enjoyed these bells for an hour before leaving for Ouston, followed by ground floor ringing at Epworth and Broughton.

High tea was enjoyed at the Lord Nelson. After tea Caister was visited and then the village of Walesby. After climbing the hill for about one mile the tower was reached, but needless to say, some of the ringers were in need of bath chairs and not bells. Nevertheless, there was some good ringing after members had regained their breath. The final tower of the day was Nettleham, where ringing was completed at 9 p.m., and the party then left for home.

During the day Grandsire. Plain Bob, Stedman, Single Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's were rung.

Thanks are expressed to incumbents, tower captains, Mr. F. W. Midwinter (who kindly acted as Ringing Master), and anyone who helped to make the day so enjoyable. B. H.

## BROMHAM RINGERS IN RURAL SUFFOLK

The Bromham, Beds, ringers had their annual coach outing on June 7th to Suffolk, and they were joined by ringers from St. Paul's, Bedford, and other neighbouring towers. The driver's weakness in map-reading resulted in a late arrival at Bures. Our apologies for keeping Mr. Mills waiting! Consequently our time here was restricted to half-an-hour, in which we rang a course of Cambridge Major on this recently-augmented anti-clockwise eight. The beautifully-kept belfry was well noted!

The coach travelled by narrow country lanes to the church in the park at Assington, near the burned-out Manor House. Here the usual standard Minor methods were rung. We popped our noses into Essex to ring at Great Horkeley, where the mellow but rather rough-going bells are rung from a dark cell-like belfry illuminated by candlelight. Those who started their lunch here were soon interrupted and had to finish on the coach, and finally at Stoke-by-Nayland! Here one member strained the hospitality of mine hostess at the local hostelry by spreading his four-course meal out in the lounge, and then not ordering even a ginger beer! A prompt start was made on the recently retuned and restored bells (1956, by Taylors) and ringing included Double Norwich, Stedman and Duffield.

The really handy, musical light six at Polstead resulted in some very good brisk ringing with an all-ladies' band effort. A very welcome salad tea had been prepared at Hadleigh, and it was quickly disposed of by a hungry party! The handsome church with spire contained quite the roughest-going ring of the day, although the mellow grandeur of the bells couldn't be faulted, the tenor of 28 cwt., by Miles Graye in 1686, was the heaviest of the day. The tricky 'go' here didn't permit any very inspiring ringing. The bells at Monks Eleigh were reputed to be rather a humpy ring, but this did not prove to be so. Here an impromptu course of Double Stedman Slow Course Minor was successfully brought round.

And so finally to the highlight of the day—the famous tower at Lavenham. How superb the church looked against the setting sun! These bells are so well known for their magnificent and impressive tone that little need be said here; the tenor is, of course, another Miles Graye bell of 1625. The anti-clockwise ring did not hinder us in ringing some Double Norwich Kent T.B. and Cambridge Major and Stedman. We were very pleased to be able to extend our visit here, thanks to Mr. Stedman Symonds. Home was reached at 11.45.

All our thanks for a most enjoyable and well-organised day to Miss Mary Tysoe; many thanks, too, to the incumbents and everyone who met us.

'CAMPANAMANUAL.'

## SUTTON-ON-THE-ISLE

A day's tour in Northamptonshire was enjoyed on the first Thursday in June by Sutton ringers and friends. Before lunch at Thrapston, ringing took place at Wilby, Isham and Finedon. In the afternoon Cranford St. John, Woodford and Great Addington were visited before reaching Irthlingborough for tea and a ring on the eight bells. The last tower of the day was Stanwick. Then came a call at the local for supper, and home was reached shortly after 11 p.m.

The thanks of the company are due to Mr. Donald Knights for making the arrangements and finding eight pleasant rings of bells. Incumbents and local ringers are also thanked.

MILNROW, LANCs.—On June 22nd, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Foster 1, A. Smith (jun.) 2, B. J. Wild 3, H. Hamer 4, M. Fishwick 5, D. Butterworth (cond.) 6. For the school's anniversary.



**OUTINGS—Continued****BARKING, SUFFOLK**

Some 30 Barking ringers and friends spent May 17th in Bedfordshire. Arlesey was reached in good time for the Rector to point out some of the interesting features of the church before the ringers made good use of the bells. Henlow proved to be a grand six. Afterwards at Biggleswade a good touch of Stedman was the highlight.

The first tower after lunch was Northill where, after ringing on the heavy six, Mr. Wagstaff kindly conducted us to the church museum where a course was rung on his set of saucer bells. The other two towers of the afternoon were Old Warden, where beautiful church carvings were admired, and Southill. After tea there was ringing at Elston, where there was much competition to ring the fifth—Bunyan's bell; Willington, and Blunham, a glorious ring, where the day's ringing was brought to an end with a good course of London and a lower in peal.

After one stop on the way, home was reached at approximately 12.30 a.m.

Methods rung during the day ranged from Plain Bob to London and Cambridge Minor, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

The thanks of the party are extended to R. E. Lester for his organisation of the tour, to J. B. Morley for his services as Ringing Master, to Ron Sharp, of Maulden, for his assistance, and to all clergy and local ringers L. N. M.

**ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW**

On the longest day of the year, with the weather trying hard to mar our enjoyment, 30 members, including wives and friends, met at 8 a.m. to board a coach which was to take them to various Essex villages en route for Clacton-on-Sea.

The first stop was at Tarling, where the church has a ring of five bells, recently rehung, so were in excellent going order. A pleasant surprise was a reception after ringing, the party adjourning to a very fine 'old world' house for drinks and biscuits at the invitation of Mrs. Whitehead and Mrs. Roalt.

Reluctantly the party took the road to Great Tey, where various methods were rung until 11.30 a.m. By this time appetites were beginning to develop, so the long run to Clacton was taken, where lunch had been reserved. All having been satisfied, the majority of the ladies and the non-ringers spent the time before tea on the sea front dodging showers of rain, whilst the ringing enthusiasts paid visits to Kirby-le-Soken and Great Bentley. Both these rings have tenors of about 10 cwt. and are in very good condition.

On the journey home stops were made at Coggeshall and Felsted. The former tower has been rebuilt, replacing the original which was destroyed by enemy action. It is a very solid-looking structure, well worthy of the magnificent bells it contains. The tenor weighs 19 cwt., and the Double Norwich which was rung was probably the best touch of the day, these bells emphasising the musical qualities of this method. Felsted bells are shortly to be rehung, and although the going is rather bad, several touches were brought round. After half-an-hour's conviviality, the return was made, everybody being quite satisfied that another St. Mary's outing had been well and truly enjoyed.

Thanks are due to incumbents and Ringing Masters, with a special mention to the ladies who so hospitably entertained us at our first stopping place. H. R.

**LLANDAFF, GLAM.**—On June 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Armitage 1, A. Smith (first quarter) 2, R. Hughes 3, Jill Birch 4, Penelope Welch (cond.) 5, G. Marchant 6, J. Woodham 7, M. Bennett 8. For the inaugural service of the Llandaff Cathedral Festival Week of Music and Drama.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS**

For the past three years the Warminster ringers have combined their annual outing with a reunion with the former secretary of their tower, Mr. Norman Pearson, now headmaster of Haslemere C.E.P. School. Once again Mr. Pearson arranged their outing, and June 14th, the chosen date, was a beautiful day for the occasion. The ringers came up in three cars, meeting the Pearson family at Basingstoke. That is to say two cars arrived, the third having broken down on the way, suspiciously enough, with the only lady in the Warminster party!

The party rang on the famous nine at All Saints' and the fine eight at St. Michael's, the delays somewhat curtailing the time allowed. Lunch was taken at Aldershot, and then ringing was enjoyed at the Parish Church, where the party was welcomed by Major E. J. Bragg, Mr. W. Viggers and Mrs. Stewart.

A lovely run through the Surrey and Hampshire countryside was followed by ringing at two beautiful village churches—Frensham, where Mr. Heath, the captain, met the party, and Blackmoor, one of the most delightful settings one could wish to see, where the Vicar (Canon Somerset-Ward) was waiting. After ringing at Aldershot, Mrs. Pearson had dashed back to Haslemere, and when the party arrived there punctually at 5 it was to find tea waiting on the lawn of the School House. After tea another beautiful village and church were visited—Steep, Hants, where Miss Roberts gave the ringers a warm welcome.

As there was a preponderance of beginners, Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung mainly, though some Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round. The Warminster captain's 'pièce-de-résistance'—a touch of Plain Bob Minor—however, failed to come round!

**SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE**

On June 14th the clans began to gather for the eighth annual outing organised by the St. Peter's ringers.

The first call was at Banbury, where the pleasant ten were put to good use. On to Bicester, where after mastering the peculiarities of the tenor rope, some very enjoyable ringing was produced. By this time we all had a large appetite—which was perhaps as well, as we were faced with an extremely large lunch.

The slightly uncomfortable 'full' feeling was worked off on the beautiful eight at Ambrosden (tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.). Here again the ringing was good—as it deserved to be. The large, airy belfry at Buckingham tended to put off some of our more timid members, especially when they saw the height of the tenor box. Perhaps the organisers knew what they were doing when they put the heaviest ring of the day just before tea.

The last tower was Stoney Stratford, where we lost half of the company to the fairground next to the church.

Thanks are due to all who made the day such a memorable one.

**KINGSBURY, LONDON**

On June 14th ringers and friends of St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, went by motor coach for a tour through the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire countryside. Stops for ringing were made at Twyford, Witney, Wantage, Piddington and Wendover, where everybody enjoyed ringing bells new to them.

Thanks are due to incumbents, ringers and tower masters who made everyone welcome.

**MARPLE, CHESHIRE.**—On June 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Stafford 1, M. Mackay (first of Treble Bob) 2, F. Osbaldiston 3, B. Groves 4, W. H. Dowse 5, A. McFall and R. Smith (conducted) 6. For evening service, and for the ordination of the new curate the same day at Chester.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY****Record Attendance At Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Society was held as usual at Lichfield on June 21st. The showery weather did not affect the attendance, 124 sitting down to tea, the largest number at an annual meeting for some years. Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at the Cathedral and St. Mary's and St. Michael's churches. A break with tradition was the holding of the service at St. Michael's, the beautiful little church on Greenhill. This service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. Allen) who also gave a most interesting address. Tea was served in St. Michael's Church Hall, and a bountiful meal was provided by the Lichfield ringers.

At the meeting which followed, an apology was received from Mr. F. Colclough, of Bilston. Mr. F. Brotherton (hon. treasurer) presented the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £68 15s. 7d., this being an increase of £4 6s. 4d. on the previous year.

Giving the committee's report, Mr. F. Bennett (lay secretary) mentioned that the attendances at the Society's meetings during the year under review had averaged 78 per meeting, a figure which compared favourably with those of any other Association in the country. It had been very encouraging to see the large number of young ringers attending the Society's meetings. In October a joint meeting had been held with the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, and this had been a most enjoyable occasion.

Mr. G. Hughes (Ringing Master) reported that the number of peals rung was 43 compared with 47 the previous year. Sunday service ringing had been well maintained.

Mr. B. G. Kay (Central Council representative) reported on his recent visit to the Central Council meeting in Dublin.

The chairman (Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford) said it was obvious from the reports he had heard that the affairs of the Society were moving along smoothly. He was particularly pleased to hear of the interest being shown in ringing by the members of the younger generation.

The officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. Clive Smith; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton; clerical secretary, Rev. C. H. Barker; lay secretary, Mr. F. Bennett; peal secretary and auditor, Mr. E. E. Speake. A new appointment was that of Mr. D. Tranter to be assistant secretary.

Meetings for the next 12 months were provisionally arranged as follows: August, Barton-under-Needwood; October, Brewood; January, Bradly or Coseley; March, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; May, Hoar Cross; June, Lichfield (annual).

Mr. E. E. Speake then presented the proposed alterations to the Society's rules which he and his sub-committee had drafted. The formal proposition to accept these was duly carried. After an interesting discussion a proposal that the annual subscription be increased from 2s. to 3s. was carried by a large majority.

Thanks to the Archdeacon of Stafford for taking the chair, the Rev. H. Allen for taking the service and the use of his church hall and bells, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sedgwick, Miss Jill Morgan and the Lichfield ringers for providing such an excellent tea, the Cathedral authorities and Preb. Cresswell for the use of their bells, brought the meeting to a close. F. C. A. B.



## OBITUARY

## MR. H. PRICE

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Harry Price, of Beeston, at the early age of 49 years.

Son of the late Percy Price, of Beeston, he joined the Midland Counties Association in 1925, and at that time Beeston had one of the best change-ringing bands in the Midlands.

He was Ringing Master at Beeston Parish Church until the bells went out of action; since then he had been a regular ringer at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

Mr. Price was building and maintenance manager for Boots Pure Drug Co., and his work took him to various parts of the country. He also took a lively interest in Freemasonry, and was Worshipful Master of the Old Priory Lodge No. 2594 in 1956.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. F. M. Price, and one daughter, Miss G. F. Price. Cremation at Wilford Hill was preceded by a service at Beeston Parish Church, attended by members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and conducted by the Rev. A. H. Wyatt. S. A.

## MR. WILLIAM PAGE

With regret we announce the death of a pioneer of change-ringing in South Wales by the death of Mr. William Page, at the age of 80, in the little village of Pentric, Rhondda Valley.

For approximately 40 years Mr. Page had rung at St. Peter's Church, Pentric, and the sound of the muffled bells announced his passing to the village, where he was greatly beloved.

Mr. Page had rung about 70 peals, including the longest peal in Wales (6,120 changes at Llantrisant). The funeral service was on June 14th, and in brilliant sunshine handbells were rung at the graveside to his memory.

## QUARTER PEALS

**HONITON, DEVON.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Ingle (first quarter) 1. C. Manley 2. A. Hodge 3. W. Baker 4. W. Webb (cond.) 5. Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 6. Rung on the visit to Honiton for Evensong of the Bishop of Nyassaland.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Davies 1. C. Hill 2. B. Shedel (cond.) 3. W. Hill 4. R. Jones (first on working bell) 5.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Smee 1. A. H. Winch (cond.) 2. G. Marriner 3. A. S. Harris 4. G. Peters 5. B. Hawkins 6. A. H. Smith 7. H. V. Young 8. Rung to mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. C. Marshall. Also on June 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. H. Winch 1. Patricia Smee 2. G. Marriner 3. J. Ledsham 4. A. S. Harris 5. B. Hawkins 6. A. H. Smith (cond.) 7. H. V. Young 8. The ringer of the 4th at present at Headley Court and stationed near Folkestone.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Culham (first quarter) 1. E. Leggett 2. Miss E. Cansdale 3. A. Cansdale (cond.) 4. B. Gibbons 5. J. C. Macbeth 6. The treble ringer belongs to the newly-formed company at Little Horkesley.

## LATE NOTICES

## MISCELLANEOUS

**SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.**—There will be a few vacant seats on the coach for the annual outing to be held on Saturday, July 26th, in Norfolk. Anyone wishing to join the party please communicate with Mr. J. Quinney, 164 Hills Road, Cambridge. Cost 15s. 2642

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Langdale, July 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Birkett, Braegarth, Ellerwater, near Ambleside. —N. M. Newby. 2641

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—No practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 15th, and all ringing there is suspended until further notice.—John Chilcott. 2637

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—On and after June 28th, John F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Bolton, will be temporary treasurer, and the address of Peter Crook will be 29, Pleasant View, Brampton, Ontario, Canada, until November 12th next. 2629

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## MEETINGS

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting at Burwell (8) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2575

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, North Weald, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. King, 158, High Road, North Weald. 2552

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6) on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Paragon Cafe. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2564

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Wallington, Saturday, July 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2598

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Annual general meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, July 5th. Bells available: St. Stephen's (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's (6), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 2 to 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. All three towers will be open after the meeting. 2505

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District) and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (Notts District).—Joint meeting, Breedon-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Robinson, Cloud View, Breedon. 2597

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Swynnerton on Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 2621

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Scarning on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Short ringers' service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. 2572

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Warborough, Oxon, on Saturday, July 5th. Dorchester bells not available. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m.—H. Badger, 23, Stanway Road, Headington, Oxford. 2583

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting Saturday, July 5th, at Selly Oak. Bells (8) available 3.30 until 7 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. No tea arranged—cafés nearby.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. Phone: SPR 1025. 2544

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Dore, 3 p.m., Saturday, July 5th. Cups of tea available—bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 2585

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting, East Bridgford, Saturday, July 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark. 2622

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fairwarp (8), Saturday, July 5th.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Annual general meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, July 5th. Business meeting in the Chantry Hall (opposite St. Mary's Church) at 2.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's Church, 4.30. Tea in the Chantry Hall 5.15. Bells available: St. Mary's (Southampton), 11 to 12 and 6 to 8.30; St. Michael's (Southampton), 7 to 9; Bitterne Park, Southampton, 7 to 9; North Stoneham, 7 to 9 p.m.

**OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.**—Rededication service following the retuning and rehanging of the six bells in the tower of St. Nicholas' Church, Oakley, near Diss, on Sunday, July 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Dunwich. 2617

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—Tower-grab, Monday, July 7th. Church Lawton, 6.50 p.m.; Alsager, 7.30, and Barthomley, 8 p.m. (all approximately). All welcome.—F. Stenson.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 7th, at 7 p.m. 2608

**BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Shelley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 12th. Teas—please notify not later than July 9th Mr. Frederick Brook, Back Lane, Shelley, near Huddersfield.—J. W. Buxton. 2633

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bathford (6), on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Rev. Flenley, The Vicarage, Bathford. 2609

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Meare, on Saturday, July 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea before Tuesday July 8th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 2614

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION** (Taunton Branch) and **DEVON GUILD** (North East Branch).—Joint meeting, St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 2612

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Old Warden (6) on Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 2634

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m.



**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—South Shields, Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 9th to Miss M. A. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields. 2620

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—Hartfield (6), Saturday, July 12th. Tea at Dorset Arms. Names to me. Look up Beverley Surprise.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 2618

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Kingston St. Michael, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and Tea. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 2630

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 8th, to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. No name, no tea. 2607

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 12th, at Harrietsham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. L. Cook, Southlands, East Street, Harrietsham. 2595

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Meeting at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to P. Barton, 33, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne. 2628

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North-Western District.—Joint meeting with Wigan Branch, Lancashire Association, at Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea by July 9th to Mr. J. Lunham, 30, Liverpool Road, Aughton.—Stella P. Wain, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2619

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Milnrow, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to D. Butterworth, 21, Moorland Avenue, Milnrow.—Hudson, Sec. 2611

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Branch meeting at St. Nicholas', Halewood, Saturday, July 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 2nd, to Mr. J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Hallwood.—T. E. Radcliffe, Hon. Sec. 2636

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, July 12th. Bring own food. A6 road. Frequent P2 buses from Preston town centre to Lightfoot Lane.—L. Walmsley. 2632

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Joint meeting with Ladies' Guild, Christ Church, Aughton, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by July 10th Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk.—M. E. Ridyard. 2612

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—General quarterly meeting at Kibworth (8) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 9th to Mr. Albert Martin, 54, Fleckney Road, Kibworth. Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2570

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District) and HERTFORD ASSOCIATION (Watford District).**—Joint meeting at St. John's, Stanmore, Saturday, July 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea following. Ringing at All Saints', Harrow Weald, 3 to 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by July 10th to Miss J. Wilcockson, 23, Wemborough Road, Stanmore.—C. E. Slade and K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Secs. 2616

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Aylsham (10) on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norfolk.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 2565

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mapledurham (6), Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided—bring own food.—R. F. Diserens. 2623

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Benefield (6), Saturday, July 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 2626

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 12th, at Deeping St. James. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, July 15th, to Mr. J. W. Haw, 31, Eastgate, Deeping St. James. 2639

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Joint festival at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's (10), 1 to 2 p.m. and 6.45 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Chad's (12), 3.15 to 4.25 p.m. and 6.45 to 9 p.m.; Candover (8) and Berrington (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service 4.30 at St. Chad's. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Chad's Parish Hall. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, July 8th, to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 28, Montague Place, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury. Very definitely—no name, no tea. 2596

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Peasenhall (ringing 2.30 p.m.) and Yoxford (ringing evening) on Saturday, July 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Peasenhall.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 2573

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 12th, at Bosham (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 8th, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2635

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at Scarborough, Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, July 10th, to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2624

**TRURO DIOCESAN FESTIVAL.**—Saturday, July 12th, at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (2s.). Bells: St. Stephen (8), St. Mewan (6), St. Dennis (8), Roche (8), Ladock (8), St. Austell (8), from 5.45 p.m. Replies by Tuesday, July 8th, Rev. H. Trehwella, Crantock, Newquay. 2534

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A joint meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, July 19th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those notifying by July 16th Mr. F. D. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington.—John Chilcott, A. W. J. Butler, Hon. Secs. 2638

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Tillingham, Saturday, July 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bus (Kemps Coaches) outside Maldon Bus Station at 2.45 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2610

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting at Little Horkesley on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Great Horkesley (6) also available from 6.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 16th, to Mrs. F. Culham, Rose Cottage, Little Horkesley, Colchester. 2627

**GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District).**—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 19th, Newdigate. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea, King's Head, Capel, 5. Capel bells available from 6 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 17th Mrs. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking. 2631

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—Meeting, Epworth, Saturday, July 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 2625

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on July 19th. Service in the Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting in the Chapter House, 12 noon. Lunch in Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 6s. each, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, before Tuesday, July 15th.—M. R. Cross. 2600

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chilmark, on Saturday, July 19th. Meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.40 p.m. to suit bus to Barford for evening ringing. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by July 15th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2601

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting at East Sutton on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. All members welcome—non-members cordially invited.—Mrs. Pamela J. Osborne, Sec. 2594

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