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## THE COVENTRY GUILD

IT all started when Mr. Adams came to Warwick; and that was in November, 1899. Of course, there was a band of ringers at St. Mary's before he came, but they did no method ringing. It would not be correct to say that they were just called-change ringers. Actually they were very good ringers with excellent striking and a very full average attendance. The full ten bells were rung for all the chief Sunday services, but it was Mr. Adams who introduced scientific change-ringing.

Mr. E. H. Adams was assistant verger at All Saints' Church, Fulham, until he came to Warwick. He came to Warwick as verger at St. Mary's, the Collegiate Church, when he was 25 years old. It was his intention to stay at Warwick for two years just to gain experience before moving on to a more important post; but somehow he never left the place, and can still be seen going along Northgate Street every morning shortly after ten o'clock; and he was verger for close on 60 years.

It was not only the ringers at St. Mary's who took up change-ringing at Mr. Adams' instigation. The ringers at All Saints', Emscote, and St. Nicholas', at Warwick, also became interested, and by 1902, under his tuition, they were ringing peals. The first attempt for a peal was on Saturday, November 15th, 1902, but it broke down after more than two hours' ringing. There was a Mr. Matthews in the band who was doing some work for Mears' in the locality, and he was going away on the Monday following, so a second attempt was made for Evensong at All Saints' Church the next day, with Mr. Matthews calling Holt's Original. This came round in 3 hours and 2 minutes, just in time to ring the bells down in time for service. Naturally, by virtue of his duties, Mr. Adams was not in the band that scored what should be termed his first peal in Warwickshire. But Mr. Adams did conduct the second peal which was rung on March 9th, 1903.

The first peals rung by Mr. Adams' pupils at Warwick were scored for the Warwick Society, which was a small group of ringers all included in the three towers mentioned above. This Society came into being about 1900, and little is known of its origin. It is possible that the only three surviving members of that Society are Mr. Adams, Mr. W. Collett and John Pinfold. Mr. Collett started to ring when he was eight years old, and holds the honour of ringing for the golden jubilee. He came to Warwick when he was 19 years old, and was in the St. Mary's band when Mr. Adams came. (Mr. Adams started ringing when he was 12 years old.) Collett called his first peal on January 7th, 1905, and that was at All Saints', as were most of the peals for the Society.

About the same time, ringers around Coventry were ringing peals for the Midland Counties Association. But in 1907, probably as a result of a proposition by John Pinfold, a meeting was held in the Temperance Hotel in the Old Market Square in Warwick, when the Coventry and other ringers got together with the Warwick Society members and formed the Warwickshire Guild. At this time the area was in the See of Worcester as the Coventry Diocese was not created until 1918. So far as the writer can gather, no peals on a higher number than eight bells were ever scored for the Warwick Society. But in 1910 a peal of Grandsire Caters was called by Mr. Adams at St. Mary's on Wednesday, May 11th. This was in memory of the late King Edward VII and was rung with the bells fully-muffled, except for the tenor which was open at back-stroke. Those who know the St. Mary's bells can imagine how impressive that would be. There are four founder members of the Warwickshire Guild still alive, for it was from Coventry that Mr. Frank Smallwood came into the picture, and all four were in that peal.

Although the Coventry Diocese was created in 1918, the name of the Guild was not altered until the late 1930's. It was probably due to the agitation of Mr. Burt, the present captain of the All Saints', Leamington, tower, who pointed out that much of Warwickshire was covered by the St. Martin's Guild and the Staffordshire Association, whilst the activities of the Warwickshire Guild were confined to the churches of the newly-created diocese. At first there was considerable opposition to any alteration of the title, but eventually the present name, 'The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers,' came into being.

At the present time the activities of the Guild are greater than they have ever been, and ringing in the diocese is greatly on the increase. There are many alive and ringing who have been faithful Sunday service ringers for over 50 years. There are very many regular service ringers who still have fully 50 years of useful ringing ahead of them, and the seeds which Mr. Adams sowed in Warwick 60 years ago are still producing vigorous plants.

HENRY ALLEN.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,  
AT THE MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,  
A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 23½ cwt.	
ALBERT M. TYLER .. .. Treble	*D. JOHN HUNT.. .. 7
MARY HALL.. .. 2	PAT LEWINGTON .. .. 8
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. .. 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 9
ELISABETH R. G. BOWDEN .. 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS.. .. 10
RICHARD J. BOWDEN.. .. 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. .. 11
ARTHUR G. MASON .. .. 6	†DONALD E. COBB .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.  
\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First of Cinques.

BRISTOL.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.  
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,  
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 lb.	
*ANGELA GRAINGER.. .. Treble	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. .. 7
†JANE K. A. COOK .. .. 2	PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. 8
DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 3	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 9
ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 4	BRIAN J. WYLDE.. .. 10
*†ROYSTON BLACKLER .. .. 5	TUDOR P. EDWARDS.. .. 11
MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. .. 6	FRANK D. MACK.. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.  
\* 25th peal. † First of Grandsire Cinques. ‡ First of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.  
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.  
On Wed., June 8, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,  
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
ANGELA GRAINGER .. .. Treble	JANE K. A. COOK .. .. 6
*ELIZABETH M. JACKSON .. 2	ROYSTON BLACKLER.. .. 7
JOHN C. BALDWIN .. .. 3	ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN .. 8
†MICHAEL J. AUSTIN .. .. 4	PATRICK J. BIRD .. .. 9
†J. ANTHONY BENNETT .. .. 5	‡IAN C. MAYCOCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER (No. 1). Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

\* First peal 'inside'. † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First on ten bells.

Rung in celebration of the Society's affiliation to the Central Council.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,  
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.	
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble	FRANK L. HARRIS .. .. 6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 2	COLIN CONWAY .. .. 7
HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. 3	PHILIP N. TUBBS .. .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4	MICHAEL J. BEST .. .. 9
JAMES E. DANIELS .. .. 5	LEWIS F. COBB .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,  
AT THE BELL TOWER,  
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.	
MARTYN HAWKES .. .. Treble	MAURICE J. BUTLER .. .. 6
R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. 2	JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 7
ANN M. COX .. .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. .. 8
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN .. 4	TOM CHAPMAN .. .. 9
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.  
First peal of New Cambridge Royal by all the band, and on the bells.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 ALDENHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.	
MRS. T. J. LOCK .. .. Treble	FRANK C. PRICE.. .. 6
JOAN BERESFORD.. .. 2	JOHN HILL .. .. 7
MICHAEL HATCHETT .. .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. .. 8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	DENNIS KNOX .. .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	JOHN R. MAYNE.. .. Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.  
First peal of Aldenham Surprise Royal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. K. H. Hart, of this parish, who is to become Vicar of Pontefract, and also to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination. Also rung to mark the beginning of the Christian Stewardship Campaign on June 26th.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. Treble	PETER WATSON .. .. 5
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 6
*E. DOROTHY FRANCE .. .. 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.. .. 7
DEREK TAYLOR .. .. 4	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH.. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

\* First peal in the method. 50th peal on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
EILEEN M. FEARN .. .. Treble	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD .. 6
*CAROL FERNLEY .. .. 3	DEREK TAYLOR .. .. 7
IVOR JENKINS .. .. 4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

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

Rung to mark the laying of the foundation stone of the new Parish Hall.

BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Tues., June 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,  
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.	
DAVID J. PURNELL .. .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. 3	JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 7
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 4	*PETER BORDER .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Thurs., June 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,  
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.	
JOHN ANDERSON .. .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. .. 2	JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 3	JOHN McDONALD .. .. 7
RODERICK W. PIPE .. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
MURIEL REAY .. .. Treble	*JOHN PINFOLD .. .. 5
RUTH M. BORDER .. .. 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON .. .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON.. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

\* 50th peal of London Major.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Norman J. Goodman.

WORCESTER.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.	
Middleton's .. .. Treble	R. GEORGE MORRIS.. .. 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.. Treble	*WILLIAM SIDWELL .. .. 6
GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT.. .. 3	DAVID BEACHAM .. .. Tenor
SUSAN JACKSON .. .. 4	

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Surprise.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE  
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.  
(Reading Branch.)  
On Wed., June 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.	
*FELICITY WEBBER .. .. Treble	MOLLIE TILBURY .. .. 5
PATRICIA HEATHER .. .. 2	PETER M. WILKINSON .. 6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. .. 3	MICHAEL H. JOHNSON .. 7
JANET K. SECKER .. .. 4	JAMES P. BLOND .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES P. BLOND.

\* First peal at first attempt. First of Major for the Reading University Society.



## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 2	COLIN A. TESTER .. 6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE .. 7
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 4	FRANK H. HICKS .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

## WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE SHELLARD .. Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE .. 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 6
WILLIAM A. YATES .. 3	*JAMES LINNELL .. 7
*CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. 4	GEORGE E. GREEN .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major as conductor.  
Rung in memoriam Bella Shakeshaft.

## SHIPLAKE, OXON.

## THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

(Reading Branch.)

On Tues., June 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. Treble	†BRIAN SHINGLER .. 5
PETER M. WILKINSON .. 2	MICHAEL H. JOHNSON .. 6
JANET K. SECKER .. 3	†FREDERICK J. SAGE .. 7
*FELICITY WEBBER .. 4	JAMES P. BLOND .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JAMES P. BLOND.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal at first attempt.

## ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

NORMAN SMITH .. Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 5
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. 6
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. 7
ROGER LEIGH .. 4	H. DAVID HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

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

## CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

## A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER SCHOLFIELD .. Treble	*JEFFREY KERSHAW .. 5
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2	NORMAN SMITH .. 6
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 3	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 7
†MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

\* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal.

## EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

JOHN WALDEN .. Treble	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 5
NORAH M. RANGLES .. 2	*LOUIS WILLIERS .. 6
*DELIA SMITH .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 7
PETER A. SHARP .. 4	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

In memoriam Ven. E. Lisle Marsden, M.A., Archdeacon of Lindsey, 1948-1960. R.I.P.

## HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

FREDA CLAYTON .. Treble	H. GEORGE HART .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. 6
ELSIE K. HART .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Langley Surprise Major by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

Rung in memory of William Wenban.

## ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5120 NELSON BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. Treble	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE .. 5
PETER SCHOLFIELD .. 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 6
ROGER LEIGH .. 3	NORMAN SMITH .. 7
J. BARRY PICKUP .. 4	WALTER E. WILKINSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.

First peal in the method (C.C.C. 132).

## BURFORD, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

ERIC WOOLGROVE .. Treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. 5
*JOHN T. HIBBERT .. 2	BRIAN A. CRACKNELL .. 6
REGINALD W. REX .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 7
BRIAN MILLS .. 4	ARTHUR SAYERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

\* First peal of Bob Major on an 'inside' bell.

Rung to the memory of Stella Davis, a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and past secretary of the Newbury Branch, by ringing associates.

## EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Johnson's variation.	
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. Treble	†GORDON ROTHWELL .. 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	†IVAN KAY .. 6
*ROGER MAHER .. 3	†HAROLD HAMER .. 7
†GEOFFREY CHEETHAM .. 4	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Cambridge Surprise. § First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise Major by conductor. First of Surprise by Rochdale bands.

## GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ALISON M. MANN .. Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 5
MARY ROAST .. 2	PETER J. EVES .. 6
*HARRY R. APPLETON .. 3	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 7
RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

A birthday compliment to Alison Mann and Harry Appleton.

## PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

## A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Heywood's Transposition.	
HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	HARRY GRIFFITHS .. 5
*CHARLES W. EYRE .. 2	DAVID W. FRIEND .. 6
HARRY BOSWELL .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 7
DEREK J. TRANTER .. 4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

Rung as an appreciation to the Vicar (Rev. M. O. Boulton, M.A.) for the interest he takes in the affairs and activities of the above Society.

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STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Bruerton's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
COLIN M. DOBSON .. .. Treble	G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. 5
GLENDA ROWLEY .. .. 2	HARRY HODSON .. .. 6
SHEILA HODSON .. .. 3	ERIC YOUNG .. .. 7
WILLIS BUCKLEY .. .. 4	ALBERT E. PURSLOW .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

Rung for the wedding of Doreen Ann Young and Brian Herbert Bowen.

**FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS**

DEAN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

**A PEAL OF 5040 ST. ALBANS DOUBLES**

Comprising 42 six-scores.	Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 20 lb.
JOHN W. HALL .. .. Treble	PERCY AMOS .. .. 3
VICTOR A. PERRY .. .. 2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. .. 4

GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method for the Guild, and believed the first ever.  
Rung for the Festival of St. Alban.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*MERYL PURSLOW .. .. Treble	†DAVID MIDGELEY .. .. 4
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. .. 2	G. ARNOLD MOORE .. .. 5
*GEOFFREY DAVIES .. .. 3	WILLIAM WATKIN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

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

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. Harrison.

WADDINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.
WALTER J. BLACK .. .. Treble	*ALAN WATKINS .. .. 4
*COLIN D. BRIGGS .. .. 2	*GERARD H. HALLAM .. .. 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. .. 3	G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by G. LEONARD THOMPSON.

\* First peal and first attempt. First as conductor.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being an extent each of (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Single Court and (7) Plain Bob.

*PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD .. Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS .. .. 4
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. .. 2	WALTER TOMLINSON .. .. 5
*JOHN M. BURTON .. .. 3	†PETER A. SHARP .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLIERS.

\* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.
PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. Treble	C. JACK GIBSON .. .. 4
REGINALD C. PEARCE .. .. 2	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. 5
ERNEST G. PEARCE .. .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester. of Needham Market.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., June 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being nine methods in seven extents: (1) College Bob, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt.
JAMES BENNETT .. .. Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. .. 4
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. 5
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP .. .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* Most methods to a peal.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH, GORTON,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb.

BARRIE HENDRY .. .. Treble	JOHN H. SOANES .. .. 4
RONALD J. JOHNSTON .. .. 2	ROBERT J. WARRILLOW .. .. 5
DONALD A. FRASER .. .. 3	TREVOR TAYLOR .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY and TREVOR TAYLOR (alternate extents).  
A 21st birthday compliment to Barrie Hendry and David W. James; also a farewell to Derek Taylor.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Treble	NORMAN ERRINGTON .. .. 4
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. .. 2	GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 5
STEPHEN THOMPSON .. .. 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. Tenor

The first two extents were conducted by G. S. DEAS, the second two by E. N. HARRISON and the last three by J. A. AINSWORTH.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) Thelwall and Childwall, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDA P. GREAVES .. .. Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY .. .. 4
ALAN G. PAYNE .. .. 2	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE .. .. 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN RYDER .. .. Treble	ROGER KING .. .. 4
HENRY PARKER .. .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 5
HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 3	*DENIS MADDOCK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

\* First peal in five methods.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

SIDNEY CARNALL .. .. Treble	KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. .. 4
GRACE BURCHNALL .. .. 2	JOHN COATES .. .. 5
ELEANOR ROSE .. .. 3	HAROLD DENMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. D. Willatt as Rector of Gamston, whose induction took place on June 17th.

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## HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*WILLIAM HEDGER .. .. Treble	DONALD F. MURFET .. .. 4
CHARLES W. COOK .. .. 2	GEORGE E. CRISP .. .. 5
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

\* First peal at first attempt.

A welcome to Hilary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gipson.

## WEST HANNEY, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*HAROLD W. DUNSDEN .. Treble	*ALEX R. WOODLEY .. .. 4
*†KENNETH LEACH .. .. 2	JAMES P. BLOND .. .. 5
FRANK E. GODDEN .. .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

\* First peal of Minor. † First in the method. First peal on the bells, which have been rehung after being silent for 33 years.

## COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one 720 of St Clement's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

P.G. ARTHUR C. WELLS, Loyal 'Marquis of Lothian' Lodge .. Treble	
Bro. JOHN R. SMITH, Loyal 'D'Albini' Lodge .. .. 2	
P.P.G.M. N. J. A. PUMPHREY, Loyal 'Marquis of Lothian' Lodge .. 3	
Bro. TONY OWEN, Loyal 'Rock of Hope' Lodge .. .. 4	
P.P.G.M. GEORGE A. COOKE, Loyal 'Friend in Need' Lodge .. 5	
Bro. DEREK W. PARDON, Loyal 'Marquis of Lothian' Lodge .. Tenor	

Conducted by Bro. JOHN R. SMITH.

Rung by members of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows Friendly Society to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Society.

## BURSTWICK, EAST YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society.)

On Sun., June 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

BARBARA J. FISHER .. .. Treble	THOMAS W. THIRKELL .. .. 4
JANET I. PORTER .. .. 2	CLEMENT R. ROBINSON .. 5
DAVID JOHNSON .. .. 3	RONALD DUCKER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Powell, of Burstwick.

## NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

NORMAN ERRINGTON .. Treble	FREDERICK ROSS .. .. 4
ROBIN G. TURNER .. .. 2	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. 5
GEORGE S. DEAS .. .. 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

## HANDBELL PEALS

## SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 14, 1960, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 1—2	ALAN SHEPPARD .. .. 3—4
JOHN POTTS .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

## CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

## A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS .. .. 1—2	JOHN FREEMAN .. .. 5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. .. 3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS .. .. 7—8

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

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## LOUGHBOROUGH

# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS



# QUARTER PEALS

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On June 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Castledine (cond.) 1, J. I. Dear 2, L. Scoot 3, P. Flack (first in the method) 4, J. Dear 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood 8.

**BATH.**—At the Church of St. Saviour's, Walcot, on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Burt 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, T. J. Milsom 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, H. L. Parfrey 6, A. F. Lee 7, J. J. Jeffries 8.

**BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Reed 1, P. A. Oram 2, W. H. Male (cond.) 3, A. Shorey 4, G. Ingram 5, R. W. Seiby 6, F. C. Lyne 7, F. Kinchin 8.

**BIRCHINGTON, KENT.**—At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on June 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. E. Miles 1, Mary S. Taylor 2, Pauline Fennell 3, H. J. Webb 4, M. Cubitt (cond.) 5.

**BOCKING, ESSEX.**—1,340 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. M. Moore 1, Rev. J. Burslem 2, A. Little 3, H. Moore 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, J. Warner 6, P. Wood 7, A. Syder 8. First in method for 2 and 4.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILT.**—At Holy Trinity, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. V. Edwards 1, F. W. Box 2, P. S. Gaisford 3, G. Parsons 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, R. Drewett 6. For Trinity Sunday. Also at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Veronica Sheet 1, P. Gaisford 2, R. Purnell (cond.) 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Lucas 5, B. Drewett 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. David Knight, on his recent engagement, and as an 8th birthday compliment to Philip Lucas.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—On June 25th, 1,440 Minor (720 each Cambridge and London): Pamela Gough 1, Shelagh Collins 2, Mikaela Erik 3, A. Spreadbury 4, G. Pratt 5, M. Lakin (cond.) 6.

**BURITON, HANTS.**—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: B. Ketcher 1, D. Hughes 2, K. Sansom (first as cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, B. S. Gambrell 5, R. Walker 6. A compliment to Miss Joy Martin on her 21st birthday.

**CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.**—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Cotton 1, J. W. Cotton 2, D. Eames (first touch in method 'inside', age 15) 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, J. K. Smith 5. A birthday compliment to Mrs. V. Eames, mother of David Eames.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Harbott 1, Miss J. Langton 2, Miss S. Jacobs 3, R. Lumley 4, W. Prockson 5, D. Sibson 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, M. Harbott 8. For morning service.

**CORSTON, SOMERSET.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Jewell (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. M. J. De Jong 2, Miss M. Tait (first of Minor) 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, C. J. Brown (first extent as cond.) 5, H. L. Parfrey 6. The conducting was shared by H. Parfrey (540) and C. J. Brown (720). Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, who comes from Bengoe (Herts), who has just completed 2 years at Newton Park Teachers' Training College.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. E. Bibby 1, L. S. Woods (cond.) 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Penfold 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. Fowler 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung for the annual civic service.

**EALING, W.**—At St. Stephen's, on June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Overington 1, D. E. Fowles 2, A. Bagworth 3, D. R. Randall 4, J. Phillips 5, W. T. Cook (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

**EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.**—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. King 1, C. E. Banham 2, L. W. King 3, W. G. Saunders 4, H. Fuller 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. Rung as a tribute to Mr. W. Eagling, a ringer at East Harling for 50 years, who was 82 on June 11th and still enjoys ringing.

**ELSTREE, HERTS.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. M. White 1, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 2, Miss R. Hawks 3, R. D. Bell 4, A. J. Leeming 5, R. A. Hyde 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First in method 2 and 5. Rung for Evensong and to welcome home Princess Margaret and Mr. Armstrong-Jones.

**ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.**—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Ivings 1, M. Rose (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. H. Ivings (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. A. Reeve 4, R. Rose 5, H. Ivings 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8.

**EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.**—On June 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Marion March 1, D. Hill 2, Bridget Sanger 3, Gwilym Sanger 4, H. J. Sanger 5, P. Wright (composer and cond.) 6, D. Lee 7, A. Fry 8, V. Roberts 9, A. White 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Preb. Martin Wilson, director of religious broadcasting, Western Region, interred this day at Winford.

**EVERSHOT, DORSET.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Samways 1, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 2, H. Smith 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. C. R. Vine 5, K. Knight 6. For Evensong, also a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who are leaving the district, on retirement after 30 years' faithful service.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox 1, H. L. Bishop 2, H. K. White 3, W. Gilks 4, G. W. Bishop 5, A. H. Webb (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. R. Bosley 8. Rung as a tribute to the memory of Miss Stella Davis, of Bucklebury.

**HALSALL, LANCS.**—On June 27th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: D. Lawson (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. Sefton 2, Miss J. Moir 3, Mrs. E. Parker 4, S. Walsley 5, J. Holmes 6. Rung to mark the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Charles Claxton, former Rector of Halsall, as Bishop of Blackburn.

**HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. M. Mayne 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, Miss C. White 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. W. Woolley 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Wenban.

**HIGHCLERE, HANTS.**—On June 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Woolgrove 1, Hazel White 2, Cherry White 3, R. W. Rex 4, B. Mills 5, R. C. Christopher 6, R. F. Crook 7, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Specially for the wedding of Terry Tarrant (captain of the Andover tower) and Jane Goodyear, also a ringer at this tower, who were married this day at Andover.

**HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.**—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Moland 1, M. Edney 2, R. Hayden 3, D. Leslie (cond.) 4, N. Leslie 5, A. O'Shaughnessy 6.

**LEYLAND, LANCS.**—On June 4th, at St. James', 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Walsley (cond.) 1, Miss D. Crook 2, H. Hunter 3, J. Humble 4, J. Sumner 5, J. H. Owens 6. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of the parents of the ringer of the fifth.

**LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.**—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 1, A. E. Leggett 2, D. Culham 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5. Rung after the institution by the Bishop of Colchester of the Rev. H. L. Bowen, M.C., as Vicar.

**LONDON.**—On June 20th, at St. Mary, Abbots, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Overington 1, R. Mackrill 2, J. Rock 3, D. Randall 4, W. Cook 5, W. Rawlings 6, J. H. Lott 7, C. W. Otley 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, C. T. Bartlett 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of William S. Langdon, on the day of his funeral. Also at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, P. J. Hutchings 4, C. W. Otley 5, L. W. Bullock 6, C. M. Meyer 7, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 8. Also on May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, P. J. Hutchings 4, C. W. Otley 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, L. W. Batley 8.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.**—At All Saints', on June 26th, 1,270 Stedman Caters: M. Stevens 1, C. Harrison (cond.) 2, E. Weaver 3, Christine Morris 4, Cecelia Cowley 5, J. Saddington 6, L. J. Hall 7, L. W. Stevens 8, G. Harrison 9, H. M. Marcon 10. For Evensong and as a 60th birthday compliment to the 6th ringer.

**MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.**—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosalind Hicks 1, A. K. Fortin 2, W. D. Ward 3, W. Birmingham 4, F. R. Scott 5, J. K. Ward (cond.) 6.

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.**—On June 12th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Diana M. Pipe 1, W. B. Pitcher 2, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 3, Enid Lloyd-Roberts 4, A. H. Fisher 5, C. H. Bagot 6, B. R. Cox 7, J. J. F. Roper 8. First attempt for 2, 6 and 7. Rung by four Adelaide and four Melbourne ringers, for ordination.

**NETTLEBED, OXON.**—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer M. Davies 1, Felicity Webber 2, B. Shingler 3, Mollie Tilbury 4, F. J. Sage (first as cond.) 5, J. W. Blackwood 6. Rung by members of the Reading University Society.

**NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings): Valerie Colegrove 1, T. G. Pickering 2, J. R. Haycock 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Joan Cheney 6. Rung for Evensong for the Patronal Festival (St. Botolph) and Newbold Wakes Sunday.

**NORTH RAUCEBY, Lincs.**—On June 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. C. Asher 1, C. R. Asher (first as cond.) 2, R. Trevitt 3, W. Weston 4, A. R. Pocklington 5.

**OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.**—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Bruce 1, Cherry Withell 2, Margaret Bock first 'inside' 3, H. Badger 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, Gill Masters 6. Rung following the ordination of the Rev. G. D. Staff, at Christ Church Cathedral at 10 a.m.

**OXFORD.**—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Addicott 1, Rachel Corner 2, Hilary Mason 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, N. J. Martin 5, J. G. Pusey (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the O.U.S.C.R., for morning service.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Martin (first of Triples) 1, B. Coatsworth 2, S. Rymer 3, L. Allen 4, A. Clayton 5, G. Goodman 6, C. Mew (first of Triples as cond.) 7, B. Bull 8. For Matins, also a compliment to Ray Daw, on leaving London after completing his studies.

**QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.**—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 420 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. F. E. Fagg 1, W. A. Wood 2, F. E. Fagg 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, G. Kenward 5, Mrs. M. S. Croall 6. Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Holy Trinity, also as a wedding compliment to Bernard J. Fagg and Ann Browning, who were married at Milton Regis, earlier this day.

**REDHILL, SURREY.**—At St. John's Church, on June 18th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. A. West 1, G. Olliver 2, M. Fuller 3, F. C. Roberts 4, A. Streeter 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. J. Bull 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. White 1, Miss P. Gouly 2, Miss A. J. Knight 3, M. D. G. Northway 4, H. J. Page 5, A. W. Fry 6, C. M. White 7, L. Cobb (cond.) 8. For morning service.

**SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.**—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Murray (aged 12, first quarter) 1, D. S. Lockwood (Ossett) 2, J. A. Robertshaw 3, W. Hudson 4, W. Fay 5, W. Carter (Swindon) 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, R. Wyatt 8. A compliment to Peter F. Windley, married the previous Saturday at St. Luke's, Scarborough.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. T. Lister 1, D. K. Walters 2, Pamela M. Jarvis 3, F. R. Scott 4, Linda J. Kew (cond.) 5, J. K. Ward 6, W. Birmingham 7, W. D. Ward 8. Rung as a thanksgiving for, and in grateful remembrance of, the life and service of Stella Davis (Bucklebury, Berks), vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

**SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.**—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Bodycote (first of Minor) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, M. G. Wood (first 'inside') 3, G. H. Bray 4, A. E. Bodycote 5, B. M. Smith 6. For Evensong on Thanksgiving Sunday, to welcome Rev. J. E. Southgate (a former curate), who preached. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Doubles in 3 methods (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Bodycote (first of Doubles) 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, G. H. Bray 4, B. M. Smith 5, D. W. Stenson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

**STAMFORD, Lincs.**—On June 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1, J. R. Nichols 2, C. W. Matthews 3, F. Boyall 4, R. H. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Princess Margaret on her arrival at Stamford, to open the new Church of England school.

**TODMORDEN, YORKS.**—At the Unitarian Church, on June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. R. Milthorpe 1, H. B. Schofield 2, J. C. Ashworth 3, J. H. Fielden 4, P. Whitham 5, G. Chetham 6, F. A. Munday (cond.) 7, P. Schofield 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 5, and 6. For afternoon service.

**WAREHAM, DORSET.**—On June 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. A. Bull (first of Major) 1, M. J. Soper 2, Rev. R. P. Farrow 3, L. J. Lockyer 4, L. H. Pink 5, A. G. Rose 6, C. G. Cherrett (first of Major) 7, C. T. Brown (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Lulworth (ringer of the third) on his retirement.

**WITNEY, OXON.**—On May 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Judith Coggins 1, E. J. Hill 2, Marilyn Bird 3, L. T. Oliffe 4, D. J. Smith 5, B. J. Coggins 6, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 7, A. R. Cornish 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss A. Kitto, a local ringer, and Mr. Peter Finch, on the occasion of their marriage at this church this day.

**WOOTTON, BEDS.**—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. D. Mann 1, Kathleen A. Rivett 2, Eric Sharpe 3, C. D. Mann 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, K. C. Fleming 6. Rung for the birthday of Miss Evelyn Steel, ex-president of Beds Association.



## GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

### Memorial Unveiled To Late General Secretary

THE 81st annual festival of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, held at Exeter on June 18th, was a great success, more than 120 members attending.

During the afternoon a peal-board memorial to the late general secretary, Mr. Ernest G. Taylor, was unveiled, in Heavitree belfry, by his widow and dedicated by the Rev. C. G. Poulton. The peal, which was the 1,000th peal to be rung by the Guild, was rung by officers in 1955. It was his last peal, and his son, Stephen, joined the band for the subsequent touch.

The festival service which took place later, at St. Mark's Church, was also conducted by the Rev. C. G. Poulton (Vicar) and the president (Preb. E. V. Cox) read the lesson. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells before the sermon, which was preached by the Bishop of Exeter, Dr. R. C. Mortimer.

The Bishop took, as his text a verse from the 81st Psalm—'Make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob.' He said we must face it that some people found the sound of bells an ugly noise, but to us, who love the sound, especially across the fields, it was very beautiful. Thus ringing affords an almost perfect example of how one and the same action has different qualities. At practice and meetings ringing is for fun. During his journeys about the diocese he often came across teams of boys and girls who obviously find something in ringing which satisfies. It is a good kind of recreation and it makes you feel that it is good.

But Sunday ringing cuts into our time, and has a different moral action, viz—calling to worship, and helping the sick, lonely and remote people, by reminding them that it is church time and letting them feel that they are part of the congregation. At a wedding, the great day for the bride, we ring to express the bride's happiness and her desire to give herself to God and to her husband, and at a funeral we ring a muffled peal or toll a bell. Ringing on both these occasions is an act of charity. But at Christmas and Easter what a wonderful thing it is to ring early and send out the message of love across the sky.

Thus ringing is sometimes for fun, sometimes for charity, and sometimes for love and worship and may be a mixture of all three. He hoped that young people would always come forward and that there would always be ringers ready to teach them.

The Bishop joined the members at tea in the Church Hall, but left before the business meeting at which the members stood in silence on being reminded of the deaths of Mr. Harry Myers, of Plymouth, a vice-president; Mr. Ted Biffin, of Exeter, a Central Council representative for 9 years and Ringing Master of the Exeter Branch for 34 years, and two honorary life members, Mr. C. F. Austin, of Paignton, and Miss Lomas, of Honiton Clyst.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott gave an account of the Central Council meeting and said that already two other Guilds had followed the Devon Guild's example by instituting a compulsory peal levy for 'The Ringing World.' It was decided to hold the annual festival in 1961 again in Exeter, and a grant of £25 from the Bell Restoration Fund was made to Babbacombe.

The general secretary stated that several of the towers reported in the Sunday Service Survey as being silent were now being heard again on Sundays. He also reported that the general committee had confirmed Miss M. Goodman, of Topsham, and Mr. F. C. Smale, of Okehampton, a vice-president and general secretary, 1940-1950, as honorary life members. The officers elected were as follows: President, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox; general secretary, Mr. E. M. Atkins; general treasurer, Mr. H. W. Milford; librarian, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott; peal secretary, Mr. W. Simmonds.

**TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.**—1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles (6 different callings): C. A. Lewis 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, P. F. T. Smith 3, M. M. Peterson 4, W. G. Smith 5, E. Pugh 6. A birthday compliment to M. M. Peterson.

## RANG FOR PRINCESS MARGARET'S WEDDING



The young ringers of Thurstaston, Leicestershire, who rang on their own for the wedding of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones. Left to right, back row: D. Mauby (14), D. Flint (14), J. James (10); R. Illsley (12), G. Waite (12). Front row: V. Goddard (12), C. Adnett (8), M. Tipping (9), A. Beverley (10), G. Hart (12). Mr. F. Bindley writes: 'I think we have one of the youngest bands in the country. We practise on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.'

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Western District Annual At Almondbury

About 40 members responded to the invitation of the local company to visit Almondbury, on June 18th, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Western District. One might reasonably have expected to find a larger proportion of the total district membership of 320 present, but nevertheless, the meeting was most successful, due to the very efficient arrangements made by the local company under Mr. R. Jobson and their helpers. Due acknowledgment of this was made at the business meeting.

The Vicar, Canon R. G. Clarke, responding to the vote of thanks, welcomed the Association and said what pleasure it gave him and his parishioners to hear their bells being rung. He also invited the visitors not to confine their attention to the tower but spare a few moments to look inside the lovely church.

For many people this was their first visit to Almondbury and the very tuneful ring of eight bells was used to full advantage during the afternoon and evening. The tendency to run dry after three or four hours' ringing was not confined to the bells on this hot, sunny day, and one suspects that several of the visitors who 'had to be going now' were not going very far for the moment!

The main business of the meeting was the election of officers, the vice-president and three committee members being due to retire. Mr. W. Barton was re-elected to the vice-presidency for a further term of three years. Messrs. H. Armitage and W. Dixon were re-elected to the District Committee for a similar period. Miss S. M. Schofield, having left the district, was no longer eligible for re-election, and bearing in mind that for several years now it has been the custom to have one lady committee member to represent the interests of her sex, Miss S. Mudd, of Batley, was elected to the vacant seat. Mr. H. Armitage was also re-elected to the General Committee of the Association. Twelve new members were elected.

## THE LADIES' GUILD North-Eastern District

The seventh annual meeting of the North Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Hilda's, South Shields, on June 18th. The bells were available from 3 p.m., and the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. Edgar. Tea, prepared by local members of the church and other willing helpers, was enjoyed by 34 ringers and friends.

A vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the Rev. J. Edgar for conducting the service, and to Miss Sim, who accompanied on the piano, was proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, and that to the many helpers for preparing the tea was proposed by Mr. W. Tyson.

Officers re-elected were: Vice-president, Miss D. M. Killingley; honorary secretary, Mrs. C. N. Lee; Central Committee, Mrs. K. Arthur, Mrs. K. Lawson; District Committee, Mrs. Bayles, Mrs. Ainsworth and Miss M. Jennings. Miss M. Bertie was elected to the District Committee vice Miss J. Robson, who had left the district. Miss J. Warwick was elected a ringing member and Mrs. E. Lee an honorary member. Ringing followed until 7.45 when tea and sandwiches were provided to help the ringers on the homeward way.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Tonbridge District

On Whit Saturday, the Tonbridge District held a by-meeting at East Peckham. During the afternoon most of the standard methods were rung and two old friends, Mr. Tom Saunders and Mr. Luther Honess, were welcomed. The Vicar (Rev. J. M. Sergeant) conducted the service. Members then made their way to Mr. Bishop's house, where a wonderful spread was provided by Mr. Saunders.

After tea a presentation was made by Mr. B. V. Collison on behalf of the members to Mr. Tom Saunders, who has completed 57 years as a member of the Kent County Association and 60 years as a ringer at East Peckham. Mr. Saunders thanked Mr. Collison and the members for their gift and recalled some of his ringing experiences.



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For the first time a band from Cirencester Grammar School rang the bells of Cirencester Parish Church for the school's Founders' Day service on June 8th. Six extents of Plain Bob Doubles were rung on the middle six bells. The ringers were Bruce, Peter and Roland T. Wakefield, Peter J. Lewis, Bernard Stone, Gordon Land, Sheila Giles and Ann Legg. The standard of ringing was very good, and they were complimented by Mr. F. J. Lewis, sen., the captain of the local band.

A newcomer to the band of St. Paul's, Burwood, N.S.W., is Mr. Frank Battishill, who learned to ring as a boy at Thorverton, Devon, and Exeter Cathedral.

Although the peal of Stedman Caters at Grantham was arranged many months ago, five of the band rang it with thoughts of deep affection for Miss Stella Davis, of Bucklebury.

We are asked to state that the late Mr. A. H. Pulling did not conduct the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major, but the first of four Spliced Surprise Major (see page 418). The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge and Superlative) was rung at Whitley Bay on May 14th, 1924, composed by Mr. J. W. Parker, and conducted by Mr. J. A. Gofton.

The bells of Bigbury, South Devon, cast in the 1780's, have been sent to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, for retuning. Attention is also being given to the frame which has rotted in one corner. The cost is £1,300 and the parish has raised £962. Excellent pictures of the removal of the bells appear in 'The South Devon Journal,' of June 22nd.

As part of Leeds University Rag Week proceedings three members—Keith Williamson, Michael Swift and Russell Reed—successfully kept six handbells ringing continuously for 12 hours. (Manchester students, please refrain from sarcasm.)

## BELFRY GOSSIP

The University of Bristol Society celebrated its affiliation to the Central Council with a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on June 8th. This was closely followed 10 days later by a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe. Many non-resident members returned for this occasion and a very enjoyable evening was spent in 'The Ship,' with many old friends among the City ringers. The handbells were frequently used and many a peal (and lost attempt!) remembered. Both compositions were by Albert Tyler, to whom the Society is most grateful for all the help and encouragement he has given to members in ringing on higher numbers.

Roger Trevitt (12) and Roger Asher (13), both of St. Andrew's, Heckington, Lincs, have called a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles.

Congratulations to Felicity Webber, Fred Sage and Brian Shingler, all members of the Reading University Society, who have recently rung their first peal at first attempt.

Mr. Peter Scholfield reminds us that Todmorden has been in Yorkshire since 1888. He adds, 'It would be interesting to hear George Bolland's views on the latest peal at Tong, Bradford—Plain Bob Doubles in 2 hours 34 minutes.'

St. Mark's, Darley Point, Sydney, is protesting against a proposal to erect a nine-storey building between the church and the rectory. If this comes about Sydney ringers will be particularly disappointed as the bells are hard enough to get now without this building next door.

Miss J. Armstrong, of Morpeth, was surprised when she went to ring the 8 p.m. curfew at the Watch Tower, on June 20th, to hear the bells ringing in peal. She waited, the bells were ringing after 9 p.m. She is now patiently waiting for the 'R.W.' report of the peal as to where the band came from.

The peal rung at Rippingale (page 429), was the 150th together for Ronald Russell and Percy D. Baldock.

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## ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"M"

**METHODS — CLASSIFICATION OF —**  
Methods in change ringing require identification not only as regards name and type but number of bells as well. The following table gives classification acceptable to the Exercise:

Changes on 4 bells	..	Singles or Minimus
" " 5 "	..	Doubles
" " 6 "	..	Minor
" " 7 "	..	Triples
" " 8 "	..	Major
" " 9 "	..	Caters
" " 10 "	..	Royal
" " 11 "	..	Cinques
" " 12 "	..	Maximus
" " 13 "	..	Sextuples
" " 14 "	..	Fourteen In.

**METHODS—EXTENSION OF—**A tricky subject, and if you would like to assist the Editor in filling his correspondence columns write to him your views on method extension—it will be certain somebody will disagree with you!

Everyone with a little inside knowledge would be able to extend Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus, also Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. But on what principle would the extension be done? In the case of Plain Bob all that can happen is that every bell plain hunts until the treble leads, when one bell makes seconds place and the other bells above seconds dodge in pairs. Similarly, in Kent and Oxford every bell treble bob hunts until the treble is on the front dodging before leading, leading and dodging after leading when the bells in seconds, thirds and fourths are making places and the other bells above fourths are dodging in pairs. So far, however, the principle of extending has been inflexible and the essential condition of maintaining the natural coursing order has been compiled with, i.e., the fourth will still be coursing the second, the sixth coursing the fourth, the eighth, the sixth, and so on.

When study is given to the extension of any other than the 'straightforward' methods the trouble often starts. Cambridge Surprise is one method which extends from Minor to Maximus with everyone satisfied, merely because coursing order is maintained and also the various working bells can be made to do similar work in relation to the position of the treble as it hunts to and from lead. Because Norwich Surprise Minor will not extend there is no Norwich Surprise Major, and because Rutland Surprise Major will not extend there is no Rutland Surprise Royal; but perhaps someone would like to know, as there is Yorkshire Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, why there is no Yorkshire Surprise Minor.

**MIDDLE—**Middle is the label given to a call (Bob or Single) when the observation bell is one coursing position or two striking positions away from and in front of the Home position. Again, I would rather clarify by examples. In Major 14263857 with the tenor as observation bell striking in sixth position at the lead end; in Royal 1426385079 with the tenor as observation bell striking in eighth position at the lead end; and in Maximus 142638507T9E with the tenor as observation bell striking in tenth position at the lead end; these are all Middles. Such examples in Grandsire Triples would be 1253746 with the seventh as observation bell striking in fifth position, and Grandsire Caters 125374968 with the ninth as observation bell striking in seventh position, at the lead ends.

One point of interest is that in all the even bells methods it is the same three bells (4, 2, 6, in the coursing order and as shown above) which work around the treble at the call at Middle. Six bell ringers will soon know there is no call at Middle in Minor, the reason being that a bell which is in one coursing position or two striking positions below the Home position would be one of those which would work around the treble, in other words it would run in to lead at a Bob or take thirds place at a Single.

The effect of a call at Middle and the correct time to call it depends, as was also pointed out under 'Home', upon the method being rung.

(Letter 'M' to be continued)

## SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE — No. 28



MR. FRED DUNKERLEY

Secretary, Lancashire Association

Mr. Fred Dunkerley, the popular secretary of the Lancashire Association, is an exceedingly busy man, but nevertheless he finds the time to enjoy the great pleasures our art offers. He is a man of high standing in the cotton industry, as well as other fields, but is modest and unassuming. He is greatly respected by his fellow members of the Lancashire Association, and his services as secretary are much appreciated.

Born in Shaw, in 1905, he first went to an ordinary Council school and afterwards

took a technological course at the Manchester School of Technology. He became a mill manager in 1927, and afterwards moved to The Standard Mill, Rochdale, in 1932, as mill manager. He now holds the position of chairman of this company.

He learned to ring at Moorside, Oldham, and rang his first peal (Kent T.B. Major) in 1922. By the beginning of April, 1960, he had rung 431 peals, conducting 61. These have been rung for 21 different Associations and Guilds. He is proud to have taken part in those two difficult peals—Carter's Odd Bob one part and J. O. Lancashire's Odd Bob and Single. He also rang in the record lengths of 21,600 Major; 9,568 Spliced Surprise Major (10 methods); and 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal. In 1948 he was appointed ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association, and on the death of W. H. Shaker, in 1951, was appointed general secretary, in which office he has served with distinction.

His other hobby is air racing, and he won, in 1949, the first race he entered, an international event. He has won most of the national and international races, but his greatest achievement was to win the King's Cup Air Race, in 1957, in a Sparrowjet, the first time a jet had won the race.

Mr. Dunkerley is senior vice-president of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations Ltd.; and vice president of the Yarn Spinners' Association. He serves on several committees connected with these two associations and the Cotton Trade. He is also a member of the International Federation of Cotton and Allied Textile Industries Management Committee.

Whether it be in the field of ringing, flying or in industry, Fred Dunkerley tackles everything in a whole-hearted fashion, and members of the Central Council will not easily forget the way he arranged and organised for their comfort when they visited Lancashire last year. Nothing was too much trouble for him, and he made it an occasion which will long be remembered.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The June meeting of the South and West District was held on the 18th, at Stanwell and Staines, in brilliant sunshine. A short service was conducted at St. Mary's, Stanwell, by the Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe (Vicar), who also delivered a short but very pertinent observation on our calling.

After tea, ringing continued at St. Peter's, where some of the company were reluctant to exchange the charm, and comparative cool, of the river bank for a rather warm belfry! Nevertheless, ringing during the evening ranged up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

Although it was pleasing to see the continued interest, and note the encouraging progress of some of the younger element, the attendance left much to be desired.

E. R. G.

## ST. WENDREDA'S, MARCH

Accompanied by relatives and friends, St. Wendreda's, March, ringers had an enjoyable outing into Norfolk on June 11th. The first ringing of the day was at Gaywood. From here the coast road was followed to Holkham, where St. Withburga's Church, on a hill, is surrounded by thousands of acres of woodlands and overlooks the lake, marshes and sea. The bells were much enjoyed.

Lunch was taken at Wells-on-Sea, where the tourists delighted many by their handbell ringing. Nearly two hours were spent in Cromer, an hour of which was devoted to ringing at Norfolk's highest church tower (160 feet). Appetites were appeased at Fakenham after which the eight bells were rung at the 600-year-old church. There was ringing later at Castle Acre and Shouldham. Sincere thanks to clergy and those who met the tourists.

## Hints For Beginners—No. 28

*Do not exaggerate your open hand-stroke lead on the higher numbers. The required interval on 12 is much less than on eight.*

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL AT MELBOURNE

Almost 40 ringers took part in the Queen's birthday week-end (June 11th-13th) ringing festival at Melbourne, including nine from Adelaide and six from Bendigo.

Ringing commenced before lunch on Saturday until about 9.30 p.m. with the usual informal breaks for meals. Everybody rang to their fill and many courses 'first in the method' were scored.

Sunday morning saw the fulfilment of a quarter peal of Kent T.B. Major, with four South Australians taking part. Three of these—Messrs. Bagot, Pitcher and Cox—had only rung a plain course in the method previously. During the quarter others 'enjoyed' themselves at St. Patrick's Cathedral. There was more ringing after lunch, and a most convivial evening at Barbara Beeson's flat brought Sunday to a close all too quickly.

An uninterrupted day's ringing was Monday's programme and by the afternoon no less than 13 ringers were able to ring Double Norwich C.B. Major. Enthusiasm was the keynote, and everyone felt if these happy gatherings could be maintained and spread farther afield Australian ringing would reach far greater heights.

Methods rung were: Doubles.—Plain, Stedman, Grandsire and St. Simon's. Minor.—Plain, Little, Kent, and Oxford. Triples.—Plain, Stedman and Grandsire. Major.—Plain, Little, Oxford, Kent, Double Norwich and Spliced. Caters.—Plain, Stedman and Grandsire. Royal.—Plain and Little Bob. Cinques.—Grandsire.

G. W. P.



## THE WEST COUNTRYMEN'S TOUR

FOR the fifth year in succession, a rather smaller but no less able company of nine ringers left their homes in the Bournemouth area and Somerset on May 14th to enjoy a leisurely tour of East Anglia which, for the first time, was 'under new management.'

Following an uneventful journey, the members met at Luton Parish Church. All was in readiness and so, escorted by the tower captain, they ascended the tower and rang a very good 5,007 of Stedman Caters. The bells, which are a modern product of the Loughborough foundry, were delightful, both in tone and 'go,' and much enjoyed by all.

Headquarters for the first night were to be at Whittlesford Bridge, near Cambridge, where fortified by juicy steaks and suitable refreshment the nine attempted to sleep but were not very successful due to British Railways! However, by 9.30 on Sunday all were well awake and looking forward to a ring upon the twelve at St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, for the Family Eucharist. The local ringers extended a very warm welcome and during the short period available, Stedman Cinques, Erin Cinques and Cambridge Royal were rung. Afterwards several went to St. Andrew-the-Great, some to Trumpington, while others attended divine service.

### TOUR OF COLLEGES

It was a great experience later in the day to be given such a comprehensive tour of the colleges by Dermot Roaf. However, those with his party were disappointed that they did not meet the remainder who had hired a punt, for no doubt they would have offered some advice in the art from the safety of the river bank! At last the brief but happy visit to Cambridge drew to its close and the 70 mile journey to Beccles was completed in good time to ring the noble ten at the detached bell tower for Evensong. The King's Head Hotel proved to be an excellent centre for the first part of the week.

On Monday morning the main programme commenced, and the party were beginning to ring as a team. Despite their difficult 'go,' Diss bells went well to Stedman and Yorkshire. Mildenhall was to be the day's peal attempt and here, with the kind help of a Cambridge ringer who cycled 22 miles to complete the band, Cambridge Royal was scored with little trouble. Unfortunately, builders were at work on the church roof and tower and as time progressed, the noise of their work increased until the ringers expected at any moment to see a head appear at the window. Nevertheless, when the peal was finished, it was discovered that the workmen had packed their tools and left in disgust!

The third and final church visited on Monday was Elveden, where eight bells are rung for ringing in a memorial tower connected to the main body of the church by a covered way resembling cloisters.

### CINQUES AT YARMOUTH

Tuesday started in a very leisurely manner with a ring at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft. Bristol and four-spiced sounded very well and the ringers were greeted by the local captain who told them of the very active company which he had. From Lowestoft the party drove to Great Yarmouth, famous both for its ringing clergy and for its newly-hung twelve. Here the Rev. Giles Galley, Mr. Bert Gogle and a local ringer made a band for Stedman Cinques. With a long touch, a good beat was found and the bells heard at their best. The ringers left feeling that all credit should be given to Mears and Stainbank for a wonderful job. The company was afterwards met by the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow and Mr. George

Fletcher, both of whom conveyed their best wishes for the peal attempt to be made in the evening at St. Peter Mancroft. Erin Cinques was started there almost an hour late, due to the unavoidable late arrival of a Norwich friend. However, despite this, the ringing settled almost immediately, and it was a great disappointment that after two hours two bells changed course. Nevertheless, the ringing was greatly enjoyed by all and a good tape recording made. It was suggested by one member of the party that the two defaulters should be made to wear hair vests for the rest of the week as a penance!

After a last look at Beccles on Wednesday, Stonham Aspal was reached at 11 a.m., where an hour's ringing took place. The peal attempt on this day was to be Bristol at Debenham—a mellow eight easily rung. A steady pace was set but two courses from the end a shift was detected and so stand had to be called. Members then drove through flat, but delightful, countryside to Bury St. Edmunds, where in the evening they rang at the Cathedral and later made their headquarters for the remainder of the week at the Angel Hotel.

### MUSICAL 'CLOCKING'

So as to bring out the tone of the bells better than by the carillon keyboard, Chicago has experimented by eight students by pulling ropes moving the clappers of the 16 largest bells. The ringers have to control their 'clocking' to the beat given by the conductor, synchronising their notes with higher bells played on the carillon keyboard.

The programme included 'Jesu, joy of man's desiring' (Bach) and Prelude in C Sharp Minor by Rachmaninov.

After the tower bell ringing it was an unexpected pleasure for them to join the local ringers in their tavern, where a ring of handbells is kept. As the result of a little effort and much to the surprise of all, a course of Grandsire Cinques was accomplished!

The next morning was free but everyone decided they they would like to take the opportunity of seeing the famous bell-cage at East Bergholt, which was some 35 miles distant. Permission to enter for a closer inspection unfortunately could not be obtained. In the afternoon, Yorkshire Major was the order of the day at famous Lavenham and after three and a half hours, the bells came into rounds without incident. It was a pleasure to be met by Mr. Stedman Symonds who offered his congratulations upon the ringing and for some while told many tales of his, and his family's, achievements. Long Melford was the second tower on Thursday. The church has been described as 'one of the finest and the most symmetrical in the whole of East Anglia,' and this is no idle boast.

### TWO PEALS IN A DAY

Thursday morning saw the company following the estuary of the River Deben to Woodbridge where, while the tower key was being located, the modern and well balanced woodwork of the sanctuary was admired. The new Taylor eight were well enjoyed, both five-spiced and Bristol being rung. The ringers must have looked a queer sight this day for as they walked the streets of the town and ate their lunch, everyone was learning Yorkshire Royal and mumbling the blue line! However, not in vain, for at Grundisburgh, joined by Mr. Charles Sedgley, who made the ten, a fine peal was scored in three hours

within the critical earshot of Mr. Cecil Pipe, who afterwards joined the ringers for the remainder of the day. Grundisburgh bells are really outstanding for their weight and surprisingly easy to handle and hear.

The evening was spent ringing upon the twelve at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. Mr. George Symonds was very proud to show the company the two peal books of the St. Mary's Society in which were beautifully written the many peals rung in the 1930's, when Surprise bands were few and far between. Later in the evening, some visitors from Australia were welcomed and had their first view of change ringing.

And so the last full day of the tour arrived all too soon. Miss Hilda Snowden had all in readiness at Halstead and extended a very warm welcome, so typical of the East. An hour was pleasantly spent upon these fine new bells and all agreed that one could find none better for their weight. Saffron Walden was to be the last peal attempt and so, strengthened by two other Hampshire ringers who had driven to Essex specially, Stedman Cinques was started with the kind help of Mr. E. Pye, who rang the tenor. Once more, a shift course prevailed and after an hour and a half, the ringing had to be stopped, but like the other lost peals the ringing had been enjoyable, which was a great compensation.

At the hotel in the evening, members presented their organiser, Mr. Michael Best, with a camera tripod as a small token of appreciation—of all the work he had done and the masterful way in which he had carried through the whole tour. All agreed that it was one of the best ever, and through the medium of this article, they would like to express their very great thanks to all incumbents, tower captains and the ringers who enabled them to participate in ten and twelve bell ringing.

D. H.

### OUTINGS

#### CRAYFORD, KENT

With the help of numerous friends and admirers from various other towers, nine 'under twenties' and three others, who shall be ageless, from St. Paulinus' visited five sixes and two eights in the Seal Chart, Tonbridge and West Malling area on June 11th. The towers were new to most of us and record sheets were much in evidence. Although the weather could have been kinder a very enjoyable day was spent, ending with a convivial evening at 26, Iron Mill Lane, which included some serious and some not-so-serious handbell ringing, with Walter Dobbie as an admirable M.C. Our thanks are due to all who helped and to those who so kindly allowed us to ring at their towers, and our congratulations are offered to the local band at East Farleigh whose ringing for a wedding there was a joy to listen to.

E. A. B.

#### OAKHAM, RUTLAND

On May 21st 16 ringers from Oakham and district toured parts of Northamptonshire, during a delightful if rather tiring tour. Towers visited, all containing rings of eight bells, were: Northampton (St. Edmund), Wellingborough, Irchester, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Finedon and Burton Latimer. These towers provided both light rings (Burton Latimer, 10 0 13) and heavy (Wellingborough, 28 1 19).

Methods rung during the day included Stedman, Grandsire, Erin, and St. Clement's Bob Triples, Plain and Little Bob, Kent, Oxford and Granta Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Thanks are extended to all incumbents and to local ringers for meeting us at each tower.

M. E. S.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WELCOME TO NEXT CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dear Sir.—I am very pleased to learn that the Central Council has decided to visit our Association for the annual meeting next year.

I have not the slightest doubt that our visitors will be very pleasantly surprised at the beauty of North Staffordshire, despite 'the industrial conglomeration of towns at Stoke-on-Trent' referred to on the front page of 'The Ringing World' of June 17th.

Many of the towers which it is proposed to make available are in some of the finest scenery of its kind in the country, and we are within a stone's throw of Dovedale, which is acknowledged to be one of the beauty spots of England, and is, in fact, in North Staffordshire.

I look forward to a record attendance at next year's meeting.—Yours faithfully,

G. W. BIDDULPH,

Chairman,

North Staffordshire Association.

## ALL PREVIOUS PEALS MUFFLED

Dear Sir.—Re the peal of Bob Major rung at All Saints' Church, Maldon, on June 8th, conducted by H. Egglestone.

I have searched diligently through all the Essex Association reports since they were first published. All previous peals on these bells were muffled peals.

Since the bells were augmented from 6 to 8 in 1922, only one previous attempt was made for an 'open' peal and that was way back in the early 1930's.

This peal will, I hope, be the first of many.—Yours truly,

A. HUBBLE.

Maldon, Essex.

## DECODING GAVE HIM A SURPRISE

Dear Sir.—I suppose the number of our readers who take the trouble to decipher the new Surprise methods which are printed in 'The Ringing World' from time to time is comparatively small. I imagine that not many Plain Bob or Grandsire men ever bother to make the effort. There are others possibly who, when they read the mysterious code like -36-14-12 etc., say to themselves, 'Ah, when I get time I will work that lot out,' and of course, procrastination being the thief of time, it never gets done.

Well now, I find that if one wants to keep abreast of the times and even if one's opportunities seldom run to Surprise methods it is always worth while to unravel these codes (I suppose they are quite properly Corrigan Codes) to see what they reveal.

I set to work recently on John R. Mayne's Flamstead Surprise Minor ('R.W.' April 29th) and to my surprise I found it to be a method with a bell in the slow just like Kent or Oxford T.B. Minor. This was quite a revelation to me and a method which was worth adding to my repertoire.

I am rather mystified, however, in the classification. If Kent and Oxford with a bell in the slow are T.B. Minor methods, how is it that Flamstead, also with a bell in the slow, is accorded the status of a Surprise Minor method? Perhaps Mr. Mayne or some reader will elucidate this for me.

Also, Mr. Editor, I wonder if you could prevail on one of our contributors, a man say like Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson, to deal with this abbreviated style of method writing for us. Make it the subject of an explanatory article so that all our readers can follow it. I am not sure that all can at present.

JAMES E. BURLES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

## DISCIPLINE AND PEALS

Dear Sir.—I should like to thank Mr. Wilfred Ring for saying so much more clearly what I attempted to say—in great haste—in my previous letter on the subject of the Kirby-Soken record. It is nice to find one person who will write up and say he agrees with me!

First, let me say that such ideas of discipline and control in the belfry expressed by your correspondents in many letters on this vexed subject are highly repugnant to most of us today, who hate the bluff and hypocrisy which characterised many of the 'great' conductors of the past—and possibly a few are left at the present time. To see the sort of thing I mean, let the reader turn back some years to the excellent articles on Belfrymanship, by Rodney Meadows, which are a grand example of how to speak a true word in jest! To the conductor of today the rest of the band are his friends, not puppets whose feelings are of no account at all.

Most of your correspondents missed the point which was that at Loughborough we were attempting to ring 40,000 changes—the extent on eight. Had such a length of a more notable method (I don't count Double Norwich) been available, then we would have been in a position to consider ringing that instead. Speaking personally, I found much more concentration was needed when calling Plain Bob—the warning of the treble dodging on the lead is my instinctive reminder that it is time for a bob. More to the point—I am still convinced that far more than outmoded ideas on discipline (degrading to conductor and ringers alike) is necessary to enable eight men to ring with each other for such a length of time.

The point of difference between an attempt for 40,000 and one for 20,000 odd is the immense effort of ringing the second 10,000, when at the end of it (in the case of the extent) it is still but half way. Even if we ring no further than we have done on several occasions, into the 20,000's the mental strain and effort is still taking place. I'd happily go for 22,000 as part of the day's work, but 40,000 needs a bit more nerve, believe me.

To the 'Sunday Service Ringer' from Kent (I too can claim that distinction!), may I say that the 'incorrect instruction' he refers to which caused confusion as we neared 29,000 was not given by me. Nor was the confusion bad enough to end the attempt. My reason for being so scrupulous (please note, Mr. Dodd) was the fact that until that point the ringing had been unblemished. We had by then set our hearts on the best and second best was not good enough. Had Mr. Dodd been in it, I doubt if the situation would have arisen. I think possibly he could manage a peal in that class, but not five in a row.

Finally, since I have been accused of bad taste, may I reiterate that the way the reports of Frank Lufkin's effort emphasised the weak points in our ventures, compared with the success of his own, seemed very like the proverbial kicking of a dog when he's down. However unassuming Mr. Lufkin may be, his article was quite unforgivable in its naïve and moral tone. In addition, I had imagined Norman Harding to be a better friend to me than his remarks prove him to be. I am not in the least jealous but an attitude of smug success is guaranteed to make me see red, with the hypocrisy it so often involves. No one minds a failure being advertised, but success shouldn't need any.—Yours etc.,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Bedford.

## 'LISTEN TO THE STRIKING'

Dear Sir.—Your correspondent, Mr. W. Ring ('R.W.' June 24th), seems to be one of those ringers who help to turn the minds of the public against the sound of church bells. I refer to his statement—in Bob Major all the ringers can sit back and have a jolly good sleep. No Mr. Ring! Keep awake, listen to the striking. The passers-by don't know what is being rung, but they can tell whether it's good or bad.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID E. HOUSE.

Southampton.

## DEVON GUILD AND PEAL LEVY

Dear Sir.—A new rule was brought into force by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers last year relating to a voluntary levy, on all peals rung, of a shilling per rope, sixpence of which should be subscribed to 'The Ringing World.'

For one or two peals for which I was responsible I collected a shilling per man and sent half to 'The Ringing World.' In due course the peals were published and the voluntary subscription acknowledged in the columns of the paper.

In future the conductor of any peal rung for our Guild must pay to the Guild Is. a rope; and at the end of the year, in addition to knowing the number of peals rung, the treasurer will know how much must be paid to 'The Ringing World' without having to refer to 'Gratefully Acknowledged' to see who has, or has not, paid.—Yours truly,

T. G. MYERS.

Plymouth.

The new quarter started with the last issue. New postal subscribers will be welcome. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 12 months £1 15s., six months 18s., three months 9s. 6d.

## BELFRY MANNERS

Dear Sir.—Whilst we appreciate the ringing merits of certain members of the Central Council, we feel that their belfry manners are singularly lacking. We are led to this unhappy conclusion by an episode during a ringing outing by young members of the Kent County Association on Whit Monday in the Romney Marsh area.

During an attempt to ring a course of Grandsire Triples at the second of two eight bell towers of the day, we were invaded by six people, who, it later transpired, were ancient members of the ringing fraternity.

We were due to depart from this particular tower within ten minutes of these individuals appearing. Without any introductions whatsoever, the visitors proceeded to take hold of six ropes to lower, leaving two for the touring band.

If it had not been for one gentleman waiting at the churchyard gate to introduce himself and tell me who the others were, we would still be wondering who these strangers were.

If one of the invaders had thought to mention who they were in the first place the Vicar, who was in the church, could have been approached and possibly another ten minutes' ringing obtained in order to give these extra ringers a better ring. After all we weren't to know that they could even handle a bell properly, and it would have been our responsibility had anything gone wrong.

We are glad this is not typical of the example we are to expect from the Central Council.

DAVID C. MANGER.

Chelsfield, Kent.

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## DEATH OF MISS STELLA DAVIS

It was with a sense of personal grief and of loss that the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild learned of the tragic death of its only woman vice-president, Miss Stella Davis, of the Old Post Office, Bucklebury, Berkshire, on June 11th. She was 73 years of age.

Miss Davis joined the Guild during the second decade of the present century, having learned to ring at Bucklebury, her home tower. She continued to serve that tower and church faithfully until her death, first as a member of the band and during the past 16 years as the captain.

A member of the Guild Committee for many years and since 1951 a vice-president, she served the Guild with the same quiet devotion to duty. Always present at Guild meetings and festivals unless ill-health or domestic duties prevented her, she was wise in her counsels and a well beloved figure.

During the immediate post-war years Miss Davis was the secretary of the Newbury Branch and it is due to her unfailing service that the Branch today is as strong as it is.

Never a prolific peal ringer she must have rung a number of peals over the years, some of them in new methods when the East Berks band was breaking new ground in the 1930's. During recent years her energies had been devoted to teaching ringing in her own area and such peals as she had rung had been those for beginners. Her last peal was rung at Thatcham, in February.

Miss Stella Davis will always be remembered by those who knew her for her quiet Christian gaiety, her quiet devotion to duty in whatever form it came to her—as a school teacher, a daughter, a member of the church and her parish, and as a ringer, and her deep humility. It was not for her the headlines and the bright lights, yet her influence has been felt and will continue to spread, as a stone dropped into a deep lake. Always willing to encourage others to go ahead and with a youthful outlook and spirit, her influence over all the young ringers who came within her orbit was much greater than she ever realised, for they recognised in her that greatest of all Christian gifts, 'Charity.' Of her may it be said with truth, 'Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.'

M. R. C.

### THE FUNERAL

The funeral service at Bucklebury Church, on June 16th, was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. D. B. Ashburner. In his address he said, 'She was the most faithful of Christian souls and was well prepared, spiritually, for death, whenever it might come.'

'Here, so many of her energies were devoted to the work of the church. She had been organist since 1941 and foreman of the ringers since 1946, having had the distinction of being the first woman to be allowed to ring in St. Paul's Cathedral. We shall miss her leading of us in praise and in calling us to worship, and there are many ringers in towers near and far who have lost a good friend.'

'Stella Davis was also a faithful associate member of the Mothers' Union and played for the services and meetings, and made our Mothers' Union banner. She cleaned the church brasses, arranged the altar flowers most beautifully and decorated the pulpit for festivals. She washed the Communion linen, and distributed magazines, and only recently she repaired the white superfrontal for the altar and the white cushion cover at the litany desk. All this and more she did in her quiet way, for she hated any fuss, and few people knew just how much she did and how much we relied on her.'

Among the ringers present were Mr. Frederick Sharp (president of the Central Council

Church Bell Ringers, also representing officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. R. R. Woodfield (chairman), Mr. H. P. Reed (Ringing Master) and Mr. H. Lawrenson (secretary, Newbury Branch), Mr. L. G. Haines, Mr. J. Tibbits, Mr. W. Irving and Mr. J. Knapper (representing Goring tower), Mrs. P. Lewington and Mr. W. Hibbert (St. Laurence tower, Reading), Mr. F. Tuffley (Chieveley tower), Mr. A. Webb, Mr. Frank White, Mr. W. White, Mr. Frederick White, Mr. C. G. White, Mr. L. Cox.

Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Lock (also representing Mr. A. C. Lock), Mr. and Mrs. A. Hawkins.

### APPRECIATIONS

#### MISS DAVIS OF BUCKLEBURY

How many times in the last half century has the above phrase been heard. She was christened (quite rightly) Stella, but very, very few outside her family, even some of her most intimate and oldest friends, called her anything but Miss Davis.

She was undoubtedly a personality, especially in the Oxford Guild, and in her heyday was one of 'the' lady ringers of the country, equal to any of her own sex, and better than a lot of males.

Younger ringers, who have heard the name and of her exploits, may have gained the impression she was very austere, but such was not the case. In her own words, she was always circumspect, but she was full of fun, and even on March 4th this year at Appleton, she was as young in heart as anyone present, and to see her standing on the stool in the 'Thatched Tavern,' singing the choruses of the various songs, was a tonic.

Two very charming incidents will stay in the memory of the writer. One: Some years ago we were coming back from an O.D.G. meeting and the driver of the car was expounding at some length that lady ringers were quite good in the tower, but rather apt to be expensive when having refreshment, quoting that the average male was content with his beer, but that lady ringers were rather prone to gin and tonic or whisky mac.

When nearing the journey's end the driver suggested a drink before the parting of the ways. 'What will you have, Miss Davis?' Without a twitch of the facial muscles, but with a wicked twinkle in her eye came the reply, 'Lemon and port, thank you, —' giving the gentleman his full title.

The other was a peal of Stedman Triples she was calling in her own beloved tower of Bucklebury, when she called the half way Single a whole pull too soon. The writer said, 'Not now, dear, Single now.' After the peal Miss Davis came across the tower and without preamble, 'Thank you very much for your help at the half way, which would have been much more appreciated without the term of endearment.'

When ringing was getting into its stride after the 1914-1918 War, Miss Davis took up an appointment at a Maidenhead School, and came under the wing of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and R. T. Hibbert, who fought hard to break down the prejudice of the old Caversham ringers against lady ringers, but it was not long before her ability was recognised and she rang quite a number of peals with the 'old uns.'

Her handling of a bell was very graceful, her striking most accurate and her concentration wonderful, and those who rang with her must be proud of the fact, and have happy memories.

A little Christian lady and a great ringer.

R. I. P.

To meet Stella Davis, more than anyone else, was to sense the real purpose for church bell ringing. She might well have been number one in your series 'Servants of the Exercise.'

We ring for her in grief and in tribute to a life of loyal devotion.

G. W. BISHOP.

E. Hagbourne.

## PREB. MARTIN WILLSON

By the passing, at the early age of 53, of Preb. Martin Willson, ringers throughout the West Country have lost a great friend. He had been director of religious broadcasting in the Western Region of the B.B.C. since 1946 and in that time had taken a lively interest in ringers and ringing. A regular reader of 'The Ringing World,' he often discussed with the writer points raised in the correspondence columns and only last year contributed an excellent leading article on the problems of broadcasting.

Nothing was too much trouble for him in his aim to achieve perfection and coupled with this was his great sincerity and appreciation of the work of others. He had the greatest respect for the more humble country ringers and gave them every encouragement, they were very much in his mind when, some two years ago, he started his series of programmes dealing with the 'Faith' in various areas of the West Country. In fact, the 'Faith in the Mendips' was in process of being prepared during his last days and was to have included some very well known towers. One of his greatest joys was the arrangement for the recordings of Evercreech bells and he was very happy in the result.

Since the formation of the Television and Broadcasting Committee by the Central Council he had been one of our most loyal helpers, not only in the West but by his contacts in other regions. Having been privileged to enjoy a place in his life makes it all the harder to find words adequate to describe all those fine qualities that made up the man that was Martin Willson. All who knew him are the poorer for his passing but remain vastly richer by the experience of his friendship.

H. J. S.

### HIS CAREER

Born at Bemerton, Salisbury, Preb. Willson was educated at Wimborne Grammar School, Sherborne School and Oriel College, Oxford, and following curacies at Warminster, Cowley and Parkstone, he served as a chaplain during the war in South Wales, Palestine, Cyprus, Normandy, Italy and North Africa. On first joining the B.B.C. he was religious broadcasting assistant for the Midlands and West Region jointly. In 1957 he was appointed a Prebendary of Wells Cathedral.

He will be best remembered for his radio series 'The Faith in the West,' a religious magazine programme which was the first of its kind. Deeply sincere in his religion, Martin Willson was at the same time markedly tolerant of other people's beliefs and views. He leaves a widow, a son and two daughters.

## BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS' TOUR

Whit Monday saw ringers from all parts of Bedfordshire join together for an outing into Norfolk and Suffolk.

St. Mary's, Newmarket, was the first stop of the day, at the early hour of 9 a.m. At St. Peter's, Brandon-Ferry, the ladies did justice to a well struck touch of Bob Minor. The round tower of St. Mary's, Watton, was of particular interest to the visitors.

After lunch, ringing at St. Nicholas', East Dereham, was a pleasant experience; indeed the best ringing of the day was on these bells. From East Dereham we went to the abbey church of SS. Mary and Thomas, Wymondham, where the greater part of the ringing time was spent in the spiral staircase waiting for the key to be passed up. The remainder of the party took this opportunity of looking around the very interesting church. St. Mary's, Attleborough, was the last stop of the day. After the conquest of the ascent into the ringing chamber it was good to hear well struck changes.

Ringing during the day was of a generally high standard, methods including rounds, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Court. Thanks are due to the local incumbents, and to those who kindly met us. Also to Keith for his excellent arrangements.

K. A. R.



## TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

By. T. A. BEVIS

(Continued from page 405)

## SS. PETER AND PAUL, WISBECH

The historic borough of Wisbech is attractively situated amidst acres of profitable orchards, reminding one to a large extent of the Vale of Evesham. Wisbech is, in fact, a port, and ships travel 13 miles inland to discharge their cargoes alongside the borough's ancient wharves.

The town radiates considerable influence to the many picturesque villages in the neighbourhood, most of which are graced with magnificent churches. A ringer once said, 'Towers come ten-a-penny here!' It is a true statement and the majority of these stately marshland churches possess rings of bells.

SS. Peter and Paul, Wisbech, is the only church in the Isle of Ely with 10 bells. The tower itself is well worth a visit for it has many points of interest and is attached to a church which is almost as wide as it is long, with three arcades from the 12th, 14th and 15th centuries. The tower—overlooking colourful gardens—is regarded as being one of the finest of its kind in Cambridgeshire—perhaps the finest. It consists of four stages, rising to richly-carved, pierced battlements, terminating in pleasing displays of pinnacles.

The outer walls are adorned with emblems, among which can be seen that of St. Thomas of Canterbury—a 'T' surmounted by a crown; the episcopal arms of Goodrick, Bishop of Ely, 1534-54, is also displayed, and there is a unique carving of a monstrance, a receptacle in which the Host was borne in processions.

Climbing a wide newel stair one enters a commodious ringing chamber and this affords an unimpeded view of a perfect 'circle.' The bells are of good tonal quality, eight of them having been recast and augmented with the addition of two new trebles by William Dobson of Downham Market.

One of the original bells bore the date 1566, and two others were first cast in 1608 and 1640. The present ring (rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1936) were opened on Friday, December 19th, 1823, by a party of ringers who are reputed to have walked 25 miles from Soham, Cambs (another ten of similar weight), for that occasion.

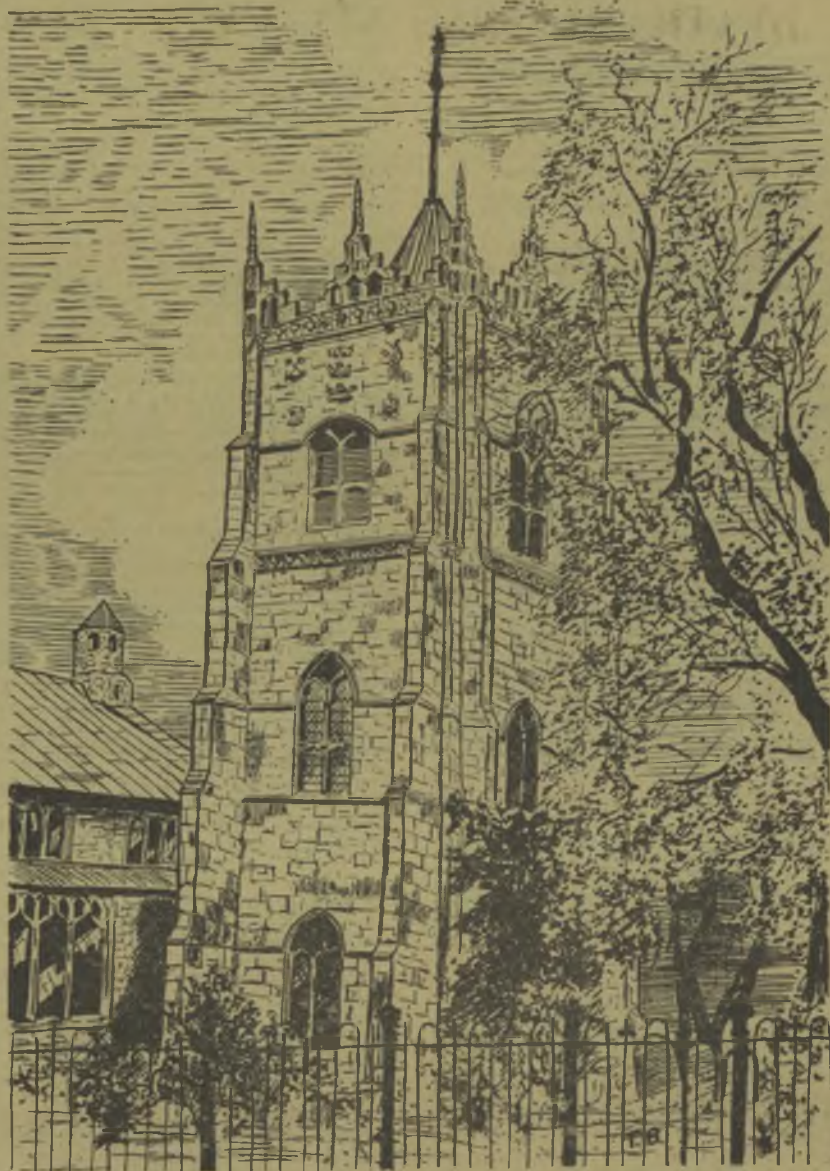
Every bell is inscribed and two testify that they were given by Abraham Jobson, S.T.P., Vicar, 1823. One intones 'Prosperity to the Town of Wisbech St. Peter' and its toast is most appropriate! Another speaks of its many duties: 'I praise the Lord; the people call; convoke the priests; the dead deplore; plagues drive away; and gladden feasts.' One bell has been chosen to convey the bells' good wishes to newly-weds: 'In wedlocks bands all ye who join, with hands your hearts unite; so shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite.' The tenor (21 cwt. 2 qrs. 15 lbs. in E-flat), like a great many other tenor bells, bids folk to church, and also warns them of the grave.

The first peal in the tower was rung on June 24th, 1771, by a team of eight ringers from Norwich. It consisted of 5,040 changes of Plain Bob Major, and those who participated were: John Chamberlain, John Keepus, John Nixon, James Watling, Simon Watling, John Dye, John Trowse and James Vines. John Chamberlain was the conductor.

Since then a number of peals have been rung on the bells, among them compositions of Kent, Stedman and Cambridge, but none has given greater sense of achievement than that of 5,039 changes of Grandsire Caters, on Tuesday, December 9th, 1947, it being the first in the method on the bells by an entirely local Sunday service band of ringers, and was the conductor's (Mr. F. Wigmore) 100th peal.

## TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT

Situated not more than four miles from the Wash the great church of St. Clement, Terrington, is affectionately known as the 'Cathedral of the Marshes,' and worthy it is of this title. Built mostly during the notable period of church architecture this 14th century edifice has an amazing display of pinnacles and spirelets which, together with the beautiful windows (over 80), lend the effect that the



CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, WISBECH

whole of this glorious apparition will float away.

The tower—detached from the church by a mere 12 inches—has served in bygone years as a refuge to those Terrington residents who on numerous occasions were mercilessly ejected from their homes by raging torrents which periodically broke through the sea barrier. In 1607 boats toiled over the flooded area between Terrington and King's Lynn with supplies and comforts for those unfortunate people who had been obliged to seek refuge in this massive place.

There are eight bells (tenor 11 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs. in F sharp) and one, the sixth, dated 1595 is inscribed 'NVNC CLEMENTS EGO CANTO VOBIS ORE JVCVND0' (Now I, Clement, sing to you with a joyful voice). The treble was given by the last surviving member of the Upwood family in 1925, together with the second which was supplied by public subscription. Both are by Mears and Stainbank. Thomas Lester originally cast the third but this bell was taken to the melting pot in 1934 after a neighbouring bell had divorced its headstock and caused considerable damage.

The fourth bell dates from 1711 but was recast in 1925; it and number three share identical weight: 5 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs. Dobson cast the fifth in 1816, and the seventh (recast 1925) was originally created by Thomas Newman, in 1731. The tenor is by Arnold and Dobson, Downham Market, 1778.

An inventory made in the reign of Edward

VI states that in that period St. Clement's Church possessed six bells weighing 2, 11, 13, 16, 18 and 20 cwt. From 1716 to 1746 the tower contained five bells and these were later augmented to six. They were further augmented to eight in 1925, when G. Day, of Eyc, Suffolk, rehung the complete ring in a new teak frame. Another overhaul was carried out in 1956.

The first peal on the octave comprised 5,088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on Saturday, June 30th, 1925. The conductor was F. R. Borrett.

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## MEETINGS

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION**—Freme Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Farmborough, Saturday, July 9th. Usual arrangements—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6197

**DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION**—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield, 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., July 9th. Names for tea to G. N. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield. 6225

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Penn, Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Frost, 9, Buttons Farm Road, Penn. 6233

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD**—Meeting at Mayfield, July 9th. Burgess Hill not available. Names for tea early, to W. Kitchenside, 3, South Street, Mayfield.—C. A. Bassett. 6208

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 6190

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (both towers) from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Service 4.30 at Cobham. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Room. Numbers for tea to Mrs. Thornton, 59, Hogsmill Lane, Cobham. 6162

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, 'The Ringers,' West Malling. 6159

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Next meeting at St. Nicholas', Halewood, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea (price 2s.) to be sent to Mr. J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 6232

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with the HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) at St. Mary's, North Mymms, on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Memorial Hall 4.30, followed by evening ringing. St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, bells also available 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. (Hatfield 2866). 6171

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury (10), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. 6191

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Theale (6), Saturday, July 9th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Englefield (6) after tea. 6236

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6125

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Practice meeting on July 9th, will be at Westbourne and not Easebourne as proposed. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Saltbell Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester. 6219

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Alverstoke, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Brodrick Hall.—A. Sturgess, Portsmouth Dis. Hon. Sec. 6212

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Phoenix Inn 5 p.m. at 2s. 6d. per head. Owslebury (6) available 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. 6227

**ST. MARY, WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE.**—Rededication of bells by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, at 11 o'clock service on July 10th. Ringing after the service, from 12.15 until 1 p.m. All ringers welcome. 6262

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Barrow Gurney (8), July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to me by July 15th, please.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec., 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 5932

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pitminster (6), July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 6234

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 16th, at Monks Kirby. Ringing 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 6239

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual cricket match and ringing day, Tanfield, July 16th, starting at 2.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Names for tea, please, to K. Cheeseman, Church House, Tanfield, Tantobie, Co. Durham. 6245

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6249

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Awre, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 6248

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Eldersfield (6), on Saturday, July 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 14th, to Mr. R. Lodge, Hill-Top Farm, Eldersfield, Gloucester.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 6263

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham and Cirencester Branches.—Joint meeting, Kemble, July 16th. Bells (6) 2-4 p.m. Service, Tetbury, 4.30. Tea, Bells (8) 6-8 p.m. Names essential by July 14th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 6264

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and six bell prize contest, Hoylandswaine, July 16th. Entrance fee 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Manchester, by July 2nd, please. For tea please notify by July 9th, J. Whitehouse, Gyder Bottom Farm, Hoylandswaine.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6163

**HAWKHURST GUILD.**—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th, All Saints', Hastings.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 6256

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke Lacy, 3 p.m. July 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at School 5 p.m. Reservations to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 6230

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—July meeting at Benington, on 16th (not 9th), at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Welch, Holmes Farm, Walkern, Stevenage, Herts. 6173

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Eastchurch (Meopham not available), on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss M. Wash, 106, High Street, Eastchurch, Sheerness. 6206

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover (8), on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea: Parish Hall at 2s. per person. Names together with cash, please, to Mrs. H. George, 11, Farthingloe Road, Maxton, Dover. 6161

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Worsley, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by July 13th, to Mr. M. Lomax, 69, Normanby Road, Walkden.—G. D. Fearnough, Sec. 6246

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Loughborough District.—Breedon-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Holly Cottage. Names by Tuesday, July 12th, to Mrs. Hodgson, Holly Cottage, Breedon-on-the-Hill, Derby.—C. W. Hall. 6224

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leicester District.—Annual striking competition, Ratby, Saturday, July 16th, 3 p.m. General ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 13th, please, to Mr. H. Spencer, 9, Stamford Street, Ratby, Leicester. 6223

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea in Vicarage 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. R. D. Flowers, Queen Street. 6242

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Willoughby, near Alford, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. No tea arranged, please bring own food.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6216



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting Saxilby, July 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. W. Cox, Trinity Cottage, Saxilby. 6216

**MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.**—Meeting at Staplehurst, July 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Names to Mr. R. Mitchell, 42, Church Green, Staplehurst.—Pamela J. Osborne. Sec. 6198

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th. Arrangements: ringing at Sunbury 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea at 5. Business meeting 5.30. Further ringing at Hampton 6.45-8.15 p.m. Names for tea by 12th. to D. Brock, 7, Loudwater Road, Sunbury. 6257

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 16th, at Aldermaston. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 13th. to R. M. Payne, 10, Church Road, Aldermaston, Reading. 6252

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead, on July 16th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Beverley Surprise.—B. C. Castle. 6267

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thorpe Malsor (6), on Saturday, July 16th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. B. Austin, Kettering Road, Thorpe Malsor. 6235

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Kings Cliffe, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring food, tea provided. All ringers welcome. 6237

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Easton Maudit, Saturday, July 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Rev. W. C. Knight, St. Mary's Vicarage, Bozeat, Wellingborough. 6261

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—Calne Branch.—Meeting Lyneham (6), July 16th, usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to F. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham.—W. Hacker. 6258

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Hawkchurch, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Chardstock tower also open. Numbers for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 6231

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting July 16th, Enford. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Netheravon and Fittleton also available in evening. Names before Tuesday, 12th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 6172

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Mansfield District.—Meeting at Mansfield Woodhouse, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 13th. to A. J. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield. Noits.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 6260

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Section.—Practice meeting at Dorking, St. Martin's, July 16th, 3 p.m. Ranmore bells from 7 p.m. Names for tea by July 14th, to Miss Clear, 'Muree', Lonsdale Road, Dorking.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 6202

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting Barcombe (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Tuesday, July 12th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 6259

**WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.**—Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. and in evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage Room. All welcome. Please send names or numbers by July 13th. to H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham. 6241

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Summer festival, July 23rd. Kempston (8). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with address by Rev. P. B. Graham, Vicar of Eaton Bray. Local band arranging tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Please assist by sending names by July 21st. to Mr. P. Inskip, 8, Randalls Close, Bromham, Beds. 6253

**DEVON GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bovey Tracey, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Dr Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 6238

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—N.E. District.—Meeting Harwich, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday July 20th, to Mr. W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich. 6251

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clun District.—Calling all ringers to a quarterly meeting at Leintwardine, on July 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Inform T. Davies, 1, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms, of numbers requiring tea by the 21st. 6268

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Note change of date. Details of venue next week. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6269

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Downe, Saturday, July 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 20th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 6247

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Cheriton, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8, tenor 7 cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. W. C. Chandler, 2, Alma Road, Cheriton, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 6255

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Scunthorpe, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 20th, to Mrs. F. Lord, Campana, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 6250

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Yaxham, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. J. Hornigold, Station Road, Yaxham, Dereham.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6220

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—East Central District.—Quarterly meeting, July 23rd, at Stonham Aspal (10). Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 20th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 6265

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—North-East District.—Quarterly meeting, July 23rd, at Southwold (8). Bells 3-8.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st, to Mr. R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 6226

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 8th, at the Queen Hotel, Chester. Full details later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 6233

## OUTINGS

### EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX

Ringers from East Grinstead Parish Church, with friends from West Hoathly, held their first annual outing in the West Sussex-Hants border district on May 14th. Ringing was enjoyed at Slinfold, where the bells have just been overhauled. Milland, after great difficulty in finding the church. Liss, and what a lovely eight they are. Bosham, Lyminster, Findon, a new six, and Cowfold.

Methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor and Bob Major.

We are very grateful indeed to Miss E. W. Keys for being so helpful, also the incumbents and ringers who met us and helped to make the day so successful.

F. H. H.

### ANDOVER, HANTS

An outing organised by the Misses Hazel and Cherry White, in which ringers from St. Mary's, Reading, also participated, took place on Whit Monday. The area chosen was West Surrey, and ringing took place at Seale, St. Mary's and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Albury and Cranleigh (including three leads of Bristol). A splendid tea was provided by Mrs. White, at Dunsfold. In the evening there was further ringing at Witley and on the new eight at Farnham, where a course of London will be especially remembered.

## OUTINGS—Continued.

### BUCKINGHAM

The 15th annual outing of Buckingham church ringers went as far as Lincolnshire. By 9.30 a.m. the magnificent eight at Rothwell were ringing merrily. Then into Lincolnshire, the party dividing to ring at Market Deeping and West Deeping.

After lunch at the Greyhound, Spalding, the parish church was visited and a warm welcome received from Mr. and Mrs. R. Noon. The band surpassed themselves in the 10 bell tower of SS. Peter and Paul, Wisbech, and it was with regret that they left for tea at Godmanchester. The evening's ringing was at Godmanchester and Higham Ferrers. A good outing and grateful thanks to incumbents and local ringers. T. V.

### ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK

A very pleasant day in North-East Essex was spent by members of St. Mary's, Rougham, and ringing friends from neighbouring towers, on June 11th. Ringing started at 8.30 a.m. at Mistley and towers visited were Harwich, Tendring, Thorpe-le-Soken, Kirby-le-Soken, Great Holland, St. Osyth, Thorington and finishing at Bentley, at 9.15 p.m. A big variety of Doubles and Minor methods were also rung as well as Triples and Major up to Double Norwich C.B. At tea time Mr. G. Miller thanked Mr. L. Wright, the organiser for his excellent arrangements and Mrs. Ivings and the ringers' wives, who supplied and served a delightful tea. To all incumbents and tower keepers, sincere thanks.

### ST. LAURENCE'S, READING

An enjoyable day was spent in Bedfordshire, on Whit Monday, by members of the St. Laurence's, Reading, band accompanied by a few friends. Towers visited were Luton, Dunstable, Kempston, Bromham and St. Peter's and St. Paul's, Bedford.

The best ringing of the day was at St. Paul's, Bedford—two courses of Stedman Caters and three of Grand sire Caters. Thanks are due to Mr. Sid Foskett, who arranged the outing, and also to incumbents and ringers who met the party.

### SHIPLAKE, OXON

The last ounce of enjoyment was obtained by Shiplake ringers on their outing on Whit Monday. Many of the band were learners and the experiences to them were novel and entertaining.

The first tower, Hurstbourne Priors, provided quite a feat in raising the heavy old creaking bells, during which several of the gentlemen were in danger of losing their trousers, and the treble bell was stayless. The oldest ringer of the party—William Wicks, who had been ringing 60 years climbed the spiral staircase to satisfy his honour. Here the inscription on the tenor bell marks a past vicar's sorrow at the loss of his life:

'Born to Die—Died to live.

The love Thou gavest I give to Thee.

With Thee I joy, Lord weep with me.'

The best ring of the day came at Upavon, after a picnic lunch. On the heavy six at Marlborough there was nice ringing, although the low tone-range of the bells seemed rather monotonous. Greatly refreshed by the 'tea-supper' a move was made to Ramsbury and finally the tiny belfry at Kintbury, approached by a ladder with a trapdoor between the tenor and treble bells. Very cosy, but we thought Kintbury ringers of old must have been dwarfs. B. W.

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