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POINTS FROM PEALS

By CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

I COMMENCED my last article on this subject by saying that it was over a year since the previous one had appeared. It is not quite as bad this time—only 10 months, in fact!

First, may I express my gratitude to those who followed up the points I raised in that article, thereby clearing up some details in their or my records. I am not surprised that my suggesting to Mr. P. Amos that he substantiate his claim that other peals had been rung in his area really came to nothing. It brought the usual torrent of abuse and his opinion of how a parson ought to be spending his time. Apparently he ought not to have any hobby which is not related directly to church life—the teaching of how to ring or research into the history of bells, etc., is allowed, but not the keeping of records. But he *did* say he would look up his papers of about the time concerned at a charge of 4s. 3d. an hour. Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion on any matters, and I am quite sure that Mr. Amos is not the only one who thinks the keeping of peal records is a waste of time, but it is a great pity when one who has done a great deal himself for ringing for many years allows his disagreement with something to go to such lengths. Perhaps some day I shall meet him—it will be rather interesting!

Now to the mention of particular towers for the usual reasons. Here is the list of towers where the first peals have been rung—nearly all of them claimed as such. Launceston (St. Thomas's), Maidstone (St. Michael's), Church Leigh, Mawgan-in-Meneage, Gretton, Piddletrenthide, Coombe Bissett, Brookland, Childrey, Germansweek, Stockland (Bristol), High Offley, Scaldwell, Bratton Clovelly, Chetwynd, Evenlode, Minster-in-Thanel, Great Rissington, Shottesbrooke, Stoneleigh, Brent Tor, Dorney and Rise. So that is another 23 names to take off the list of unconquered towers. I said last time that there were just over 900 towers without a peal yet. Now it is under that figure. But of these, Dove's latest edition records 277 of them as unringable, so that number of towers where it is possible to ring the first peal must be just over 600 only. But what a pity that (with the towers which have been pealed and are now unringable) some 7 or 8% of the rings of bells in the country are not able to be rung.

Since I last wrote, Birmingham Cathedral has had its 350th peal since 1881 (there were some before then, of course, of which I have come across 24). Bushey reached 300 on December 30th—I think that is its complete total. Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter's, recorded its 200th since 1881 on October 7th. I have also another 22 before that date, all rung in the 1870's. Surfleet recently reached 150 (June 16th). Several towers have reached their century these past few months. Reading, St. Lawrence, Twerton-on-Avon (as claimed), Long Stanton (November 25th), Knebworth (December 30th), West Wycombe (February 3rd), Gillingham and Apsley End (February 17th). The last of these makes yet another 6-bell tower which has reached this goal. St. Albans, St. Peter's, claimed their 100th peal on the bells, but I made it the 101st. Reaching 50 are Long Melford, Whickham, Eardisland, Ewerby, Dunmow, Burford, Goring-on-Thames and Brentford. A 5-bell tower which is doing well is Pychley, where the next peal will be the 25th. Hammerwood is another such which has now reached double figures. I mentioned the 900th at the Loughborough Bell Foundry last time. 950 has now been passed, despite the fact that none were rung during the last two months or so of last year, due to repairs to the tower (I hope it isn't the attempts at the 40,320 there which have had a bad effect on it!). So we can expect the 1,000th in a few months' time.

Then we have rare visitors to the peal columns. The peal at Pilton last December was rung to celebrate the first peal of Minor rung in Cornwall at that tower 50 years before. Actually that 1911 peal was the only previous peal on the bells, so that is the longest silence to note this time. Old Alresford also had not had a peal since before the first world war. The only one there before the recent one was in August, 1913. Shawley likewise. Three previous peals here before this year's—1893, 1900 and 1914. Epping has had a long silence for an 8-bell tower. Its two previous peals were Grandsire Triples in 1914 and London Surprise Major in 1919. The claim that the peal at Towcester was the first since 1912 is not quite right. The first on the bells was rung that year, but there was another (Minor in three methods) on January 22nd, 1921, but it is certainly a long absence from the peal lists. Also last heard in 1921 was Newtown Lindford. There was a previous peal here (the first) in 1912. Thrusington's claim for the first peal for 40 years was correct. The total here is now three—1894, 1921 and 1961. Peasenhall has now had seven peals, five from 1893 to 1913, one in 1923 and the one in May last. Blofield's silence is of 35 years' duration. There had also been a peal in 1903. I confirm the claim that at Mancetter the last peal was in 1928. That was the only peal on the bells before the one last December. The claim for the first of Major on Pilton bells was also true—the only previous peal there was Stedman Triples in 1921.

Last recorded peals in the 1930's come next. Lowick was quite popular up to then. There were seven peals from 1908 to 1914, then one in 1916 (unusual during the first war); finally, nine from 1919 to 1931. Now once again, a peal. Great Gransden has four in all now—1908, 1930, 1932 and 1961. Similarly, Glastonbury, St. John's, had its last peal in 1932. It is interesting to note here that of the 15 peals from 1888, 13 have been of Triples (Stedman 2, Grandsire 11). Brigstock's last peal was in 1934—two before that, in 1924 and 1930. Tirley also has four peals now—1891, 1929, 1935 and 1961. The only previous peal at Thorncombe was in 1936. Several towers last appeared amongst the peals in 1937. Batheaston had its first peal in 1907, then six more from 1922 to 1937. Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5) had five peals in 1928 and 1929, then the one in 1937, then silence for 25 years. New Mill had three peals of Minor in 1899 and 1900, then a gap of 37 years to 1937, and now the 12 methods Minor peal. All the others were in seven methods. Great Torrington's four previous peals in 1888, 1892, 1906 and 1936, were all of Triples. So the 1962 Bristol Major was the first Major on the bells as claimed. Stockton, Shropshire, had its last peal in 1938. There have been seven in all now, beginning in 1925. The last tower visiting the peal lists for the first time since the 1930's is West Meon. Of the 15 peals here, four were rung from 1898 to 1912, two in the 1920's, eight from 1932 to 1939, and now Whitminster Surprise in 1961.

Finally, a few interesting points I've noticed. The peal at Bishop's Lydeard (the first since 1949) was the first of Major on the bells. All the six previous ones (starting in 1902) were of Grandsire Triples. The same is true of Woodbury, except that the first of the six Triples peals (in 1898) was of Stedman. The peal at Ottery St. Mary was not the first of Surprise on the bells—Bristol was rung there in 1912. The only other peal of Major apart from the recent one was Double Norwich in 1895. The remaining 13 peals were of Triples (9 Grandsire, 3 Stedman and 1 Oxford Bob). It was nice to see the name Thornham Magna amongst the peals again after 13 years (only the third peal since the war). Yet Thornham is still the 6-bell tower with most peals—137! So even if peals are still infrequent there, it is likely to hold the lead for several years yet. The footnote to a peal at Beedon—first since 1934—was not accurate unless the peal rung in 1947 (March 17th) was false,

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Canon K. W. H. Felstead Elected Master

OVER 80 members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild attended the annual general meeting held at Winchester on July 7th. The high percentage of younger members present was a very encouraging sign for the future and the continuation of the work of the Guild.

Ringing started at Owslebury at 10.15 a.m. and was continued at Twyford at 11.15 a.m., before moving into the city of Winchester. By kind permission of the headmaster, the bells of Winchester College were made available to the Guild at 12 noon. This unprecedented opportunity was gladly taken by many members, and some very useful ringing was obtained on the College bells before moving on to the Cathedral at 1 p.m. Full use was made of the Cathedral bells until 2.15 and again between 7 and 8.30 p.m.

The meeting, held in St. Maurice's Hall, started at 2.45 p.m. with the Master, Mr. F. W. Rogers, in the chair. Following the chairman's welcoming speech, the minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and confirmed. The accounts and balance sheet were then presented by the general treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Chapman, who pointed out that considerable expense had been incurred since the balance sheet had been drawn up and so the financial position was not as sound as might be concluded from the figures shown.

GREAT VARIETY OF PEALS

The peal recorder, Mr. D. T. Matkin, presented a comprehensive survey of the peals rung for the Guild during the past year. Although the total number rung was not great at 58, a wide variety of methods had been covered, including several new Surprise Royal methods for the Guild, and one new Surprise Major method. A further new Surprise Major method had unfortunately to be withdrawn due to the use of a false composition. The first 5,040 of Kent T.B. Minimus had also been withdrawn from the peal records since it did not conform with Central Council requirements for peals. The peal of Nightingale Treble Place Bob Major rung in 1960 had now, however, been accepted by the Methods Committee.

Mr. John Hartless gave a very full account of the Central Council meeting at Cardiff, held at Whitsun.

In the unexpected absence of Mr. L. Cobb, the proposition to hold the Guild A.G.M. at Southampton every year was presented by Mr. W. T. Godfrey. The proposition appeared to have little support in the body of the meeting, the great majority preferring to retain the present system of rotating in a four-year cycle through each of the areas of the combined Diocese. When put to the vote, the proposition was defeated heavily.

INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

In presenting the proposition for a general increase in Guild membership subscription rates, the general secretary, Mr. R. R. Savory, indicated the low level to which the Central Fund had sunk over the last three years. Previous attempts during that time to obtain an increase in subscriptions had failed, valid objections having been raised on each occasion. The point had now been reached, however, where no sound-thinking member, who had the continued well-being of the Guild at heart, could raise any objection to the proposed increases.

Seconded by Mr. T. Chapman, the motion was put to the vote and was carried unanimously. The chairman, summarising the new subscription rates, stated that these would come into force on January 1st, 1963, as follows: Ringing members 5s., (juniors 2s. 6d.), compounding members 7s. 6d.

The general secretary in introducing the next item, namely that of requests for grants to bell restorations received during the last 12 months, was pleased to be able to put forward the Executive Committee's recommendations of £10 to each Guild tower, which had requested help. Had the proposition to increase subscriptions not been passed, he would have been loath to make such a recom-



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mendation in view of the Guild's financial position. It was unfortunate that more help could not be given to the appeals from Kilifi and Melbourne, but the Executive Committee could, under the circumstances, recommend two guineas to each of these towers. It was agreed by the meeting that the recommended grants be made.

NO REORGANISATION OF DISTRICTS

The report of the sub-committee set up to investigate the advisability of reorganising the Guild area into fewer and larger Districts was presented by the general secretary. The report stated that a great deal of opposition had been found in certain of the existing Districts to the proposed changes. This had led the sub-committee to their recommendation that no wholesale reorganisation of the Guild's Districts be carried out, but that minor alterations should be made where some benefit could be derived from the change and were mutually agreeable to the members of the towers concerned. Provision for such changes had already been incorporated in the Rules and the general secretary hoped that full use of it would be made.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for the next triennial period then followed. Mr. F. W. Rogers expressed his wish not to be proposed for re-election to the office of Master. Two other proposals for the office were then made, namely Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. A. V. Davis. Mr. Davis rose to say that, although sensible of the honour being paid by his nomination to Mastership of the Guild, he could not accept due to physical disability which prevented him from carrying out the duties of a chairman adequately. There being no other nominations, Canon Felstead was duly declared elected as Master.

In thanking the members for their support, Canon Felstead said that he considered it a very great honour to be Master of the Guild and an honour which he greatly appreciated. Mr. C. H. Kippin rose to inform the meeting that only in the previous week or so had Mr. Felstead been appointed an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral; this news was received with acclamation by the whole meeting.

Mr. George Pullinger expressed the thanks of all Guild members to the retiring Master, Mr. Rogers, for all the work and faithful service which he had given to the Guild over the past 40 years, during which time he had held many offices, including 25 years as general secretary.

The re-elections of the general secretary, Mr. R. R. Savory; the general treasurer, Mrs.

M. E. Chapman; the honorary peal recorder, Mr. D. T. Matkin; the honorary auditor, Mr. L. Bailey, and the Central Council representatives, Canon Felstead and Messrs. A. V. Davis, J. Hartless and F. W. Rogers, were carried unanimously. The office of honorary librarian which had been vacated by Canon Felstead was the only remaining office to be filled and to this Mr. D. E. House was unanimously elected.

The 1963 A.G.M. will be held in Southampton. The general secretary proposed that a day other than the first Saturday in July be chosen for future annual general meetings, since the latter always coincided with the festival of the neighbouring Oxford Diocesan Guild. This proposition was carried despite Mr. Pullinger's advice that, as far as he could remember, it never rained on the first Saturday in July! The 1963 A.G.M. will therefore be held on June 29th.

Mr. T. Chapman submitted a resolution that two Guild members, who, had for business reasons, had to leave the Guild area, be made life members of the Guild as a tribute to them for all the service and hard work which they had put into the Guild over the last 15 years. The two people were Charles and Jessie Kippin. Mr. Kippin rose to point out that the proposition was out of order since all proposals for life membership had to go through the Executive Committee! Mr. Chapman then stated that if it was the wish of the members, he would formally propose to the Executive Committee that Mr. and Mrs. Kippin be elected life members; this was greeted with applause.

Finally, the general secretary expressed his thanks to the Dean of Winchester, the headmaster of Winchester College and all incumbents who had kindly granted permission for the use of their bells during the day.

BISHOP'S GOOD WISHES

Following the business meeting, members attended Evensong in the Cathedral and then re-assembled in St. Maurice's Hall for tea. During tea the members were joined by the Lord Bishop of Winchester, the Rt. Rev. S. Falkner Allison, D.D., who spoke individually to the members present. The Bishop then said how pleased he was to see so many young people present and was delighted to be able to meet them all on this happy occasion. He was pleased to become a president of the Guild, as he had been president of the Essex Association during his stay at Chelmsford. The Bishop went on to thank the members who had rung the peal of Stedman Cinques on the Cathedral bells on the day of his enthronement in January, and also those other members who had rung peals at other towers in the Diocese to mark the occasion. Finally, the Bishop expressed his good wishes to all members of the Guild in their valuable work for the Church.

Ringing was resumed at the Cathedral which, with further ringing at Sparsholt and King's Worthy, concluded a very successful and useful annual meeting. R.R.S.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

Owing to local difficulties, a number of years have elapsed since a ringing meeting was held at Northfield, so that when the St. Martin's Guild met there for a quarterly meeting on July 7th, many of the younger ringers rang for the first time on the beautiful octave.

At the short business meeting, it was decided to donate £5 to the fund for the restoration of the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia.

Details of a ringing course to be held at Bristol, under the auspices of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, were placed before the meeting.

The tower elections, as life members, of R. Kingsley Mason, of Leicester, and John J. Stanier, of Worcester, were duly ratified.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Knowle, in October.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Northfield, the Rev. A. B. Morton, for the use of the bells, and the local ringers, for providing tea.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Memorial to Ernest Morris

THE quarterly general meetings of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, are by rule held in turn in each of the six Districts and for this year's summer meeting the Market Harborough District were the hosts. This District is the smallest of the Districts, with a total membership of about 40, but they had organised a very successful meeting at Kibworth on July 14th.

During the afternoon, the bells at Great Glen were available. After a late start, due to a wedding, the six light bells were put to good use for about an hour, although the tenor was said by some to be having one of its 'off' days. The rarely rung six at Fixton were also available, but no-body seemed over anxious to ring the fifth in this tower.

Back at Kibworth the 8 bells were rung prior to the service to a variety of methods. This beautiful ring is now rung from an upstairs floor, but conditions would be better if ventilated could be provided.

After the short service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. D. A. J. Ireland), and at which the new president (Mr. F. K. Measures) read the lesson, the 53 members present sat down to tea which had been organised by Messrs. F. Staniforth and A. Martin of the local band.

The chair for the business meeting which followed was taken by the president who thanked all who had been responsible for arranging the meeting.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

A pleasant start to the meeting was the decision by the General Committee to appoint six ringers from the Market Harborough District to the list of honorary life members in recognition of the work they had done for ringing in the past. They were: Mr. A. Ashton (Lubenham), Mr. W. Walpole (Saddington), Mr. W. Hector (Market Harborough) and Messrs. A. Martin, W. Bolton, F. Staniforth (Kibworth).

The committee had also decided that members reaching the age of 65 and who desired to take advantage of the new rule, whereby they could be excused paying an annual subscription, should let their tower correspondent or District secretary know. This rule was back-dated to January 1st, 1962.

The main item of business was the proposed memorial to the late Ernest Morris. St. Margaret's Church were thinking of installing a stained glass window to his memory, costing about £400-£500. The General Committee had decided to support this appeal and the District secretaries were to collect subscriptions from their towers and forward them to the treasurer of the Guild by October 20th.

LIFE SUBSCRIPTION

The committee also appealed to members to take advantage of the new rule, whereby the payment of a single sum of £5 5s. they could obtain life ringing membership. The advantage would be with members aged between 20 and 40 and the younger the member so the greater benefit they would receive. A member aged 20 (for example) would have to pay 44 annual subscriptions, whereas if he paid £5 5s. he would in effect only pay 21. The advantage to the Guild would be that the Guild would still be receiving interest on the capital and, when such time as the member passed away, not only would the interest still be available, but he would have made a gift to the Guild of the original capital.

The annual dinner will be held at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, on Saturday, October 13th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. (Tickets 16s. 6d.) The committee had appointed a

sub-committee to make the necessary arrangements for the 1963 dinner.

The following members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. A. Cox (Bristol), Derek Francis, David Cornwall, Roland Biggs (High Wycombe), Jonathan Palmer (Thurcaston), George Brunswick (Burbage), Malcolm Hildrew, Martin Turner (Cosby), Michael Brooks, Maureen Brooks, Christine Gerrard, Elaine Carpenter, Sally Buswell (Great Bowden), and Sheila Smith (Lubenham).

Mr. S. Burton announced that courses in bell ringing arranged by the L.E.A. would commence in September at Loughborough and Castle Donington.

Thanks are due to Messrs. A. Martin and F. Staniforth, of Kibworth, for arranging the tea, and to Mr. L. W. Allen (Market Harborough District secretary) and his committee for arranging the whole of the ringing.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on October 20th in the Melton Mowbray District.

OBITUARY

MISS MARGARET SNOWDON

Last week's 'R.W.' announced briefly the passing of Miss Margaret Snowdon. It is probably true to say that among non-ringers no one has done more for the Exercise than Miss Snowdon. The writing or publishing of books has a wide and lasting effect which, like a stone thrown into a pond, long outlasts the initial act; and the name of Snowdon, which has been before the Exercise for some 90 years will live in the minds of ringers for as long as copies of the Jasper Snowdon Series can be found. And thanks to Miss Snowdon their publication has been continued and indeed some of them continue and are among the most valuable text books relating to our art.

Jasper Snowdon died in 1885, at the early age of 41, but he had already published Treble Bob, Ropesight, Standard Methods and Double Norwich. His brother, William, carried on the work and Grandsire and Stedman followed. It was Miss Snowdon, however, who, on the death of her father, William, took the serious decision to undertake the financial responsibility and the hard work involved in continuing publication of the series. When it is realised that apart from her own work at a boarding school, she also looked after her mother for many years, it will be seen what a serious decision that was.

Miss Snowdon was from a Yorkshire family and the Yorkshire Association are rightly proud of this, as is seen each year at the Snowdon dinner. But for many years she made her home in Cartmel, in that part of Lancashire which is almost the Lake District. Here she made herself greatly loved in the village, by her work there for the Priory, her ready help wherever it was needed and her continued cheerfulness and courage, latterly while in poor health. It was this ability to make friends, who became as anxious to help her as she herself was to help them, which made it possible for her to find willing helpers among the experts of the Exercise so that the text books could be reprinted and brought up to date—it is only necessary to mention the Trollope 'Stedman' of 1938 and the 'Grandsire' of ten years later, completed by two of his pupils after Trollope's death. But the decision to print, the expenditure involved, amounting in the few years after the war to many hundreds of pounds, and all the work involved in selling the books fell on Miss Snowdon. She was proud to do it for the good of the Exercise and the carrying on of the name.

It was with all this in mind that in 1952 at the Central Council meeting at Lincoln I was proud to propose that Miss Snowdon be made a life member of the Council; and the Council honoured itself as much as it honoured her by agreeing the motion. This was a recognition which greatly pleased her—to know that the Exercise did really appreciate all her work for ringing.

She was like many of her age a born letter writer—always prompt, always cheerful and full of news of people and places far beyond her own neighbourhood. Always thoughtful of others, she would never ask if she could help—financially or in any other way. She just did it first, so that the recipient had no option but to appreciate her and to thank God for such a friend in need.

Miss Snowdon was 78 and she had spent most of her life in helping others. One's sorrow at her passing is, therefore, tempered by gratitude for that life and for the privilege of having been one of her friends.

W. G. WILSON.

The funeral took place on Monday, July 23rd, the bells being rung half-muffled. The service was attended by the local Branch secretary of the Lancashire Association, and ringers from Cartmel and other towers in the district. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the Cartmel Priory bells in the evening.

N. W. N.

MR. FREDERICK W. TILLET

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frederick W. Tillet, of Ipswich, which took place in hospital on July 15th, at the age of 84 years.

'Billy' as he was affectionately known, to distinguish him from his late cousin Frederick J. Tillet, noted tenor man, was by no means a peal grabber. His total was 73, and of his last 50, 43 were Maximus in several Surplice methods.

In his later years he rang the treble; it was a delight to listen to his precision of striking, and making it sing out when behind.

Among the mourners at the Ipswich Crematorium were his departmental manager of Ransoms Ltd., also Charles J. Sedgley, and G. E. Symonds, representing St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Ipswich ringers.

MR. HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH

With regret we record the death of Mr. Horace E. C. Goodenough, of 31, Oster Street, St. Albans, on July 14th, at the age of 75.

He had been a ringer at St. Albans Abbey for 52 years and conductor 32 years; he resigned from ringing nearly five years ago, but maintained a very keen interest in all matters appertaining to the Exercise.

During his time as a ringer he served under five Deans, and it was the late Dean Henderson who encouraged him to set about the task of getting the Abbey bells augmented from eight to 12. He had the honour of conducting the first peal on the 12 bells. He was not a big peal ringer, his total being about 90.

The funeral took place at the Abbey on July 18th, after his body had rested in the Lady Chapel overnight. The service was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. A. K. Matthews), during which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by G. Penney 1—2, G. Dodds 3—4, W. Ayre 5—6, W. J. Arnold 7—8. After cremation, his ashes were buried the next day in the garden of rest near the tower where he served so long.

On July 18th as a last tribute to him 1,299 Stedman Caters was rung half-muffled by A. Day 1, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 2, G. Dodds 3, H. V. Frost 4, R. F. Ewer 5, T. J. Southam 6, W. Little 7, M. D. Frost 8, G. Penney 9, W. A. Nicholls 10.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE NON-RESIDENT MEMBER

Dear Sir,—I came away from the Central Council meeting at Cardiff feeling that Mr. A. D. Barker and his wife did not get 'A fair crack of the whip at all,' with their proposition about non-resident members.

I was a visitor, I sat at the back, hearing was difficult, one only saw the back of the speakers and often they could not be heard. Time was short; there were only a few minutes left for the Barkers proposal; everyone present was impatient to finish and there was little discussion on the matter. The president made a remark, and also the librarian, but before the significance of what they said could 'sink in,' the motion was put to the Council. Every hand was held up 'against, there was no one 'for.' The proposal was thrown out I wondered if the whole thing was 'rigged.'

Well! that was over a month ago.

Since then I have looked each week for any tidings of what might ensue from the throwing out of the motion.

Nothing as yet—nothing until last week, when there was answer in plenty. The front page article and the report on the Oxford Diocesan Guild festival, 'R.W.' 20-7-62. How wrong I was about the Barkers. I see that they were the unwilling sponsors of a proposal pushed at them from the young ringers. I say young ringers, but I do not really know, I am guided by the front page article. I expect, however, that it is they who have prompted the proposal. The young folks now that the motor-car is so common and so popular, go about all over the place on tours and peal ringing, and I suppose they do find as the front page article says: 'The multiplicity of subscriptions is inksome'...

Well, they have a point, it should be considered.

Likewise the 'Old Pals' have a point, on them rests the responsibility of keeping their associations solvent.

I wonder who we can look to, to sort it all out and to sort it out fairly in the light of the ever changing conditions of our Exercise.

I seem to me that the appropriate body is the Central Council, but since they have already thrown it out, then it is indeed 'difficult to see where these young ringers are to find a spokesman to champion their cause.'

Is it too much to ask the C.C. to again consider the proposal, perhaps next year it could be presented to them for consideration suitably re-framed, because without doubt the C.C. is the parliament of the Exercise, and they are the shapers of our destiny as ringers.

Meantime, there is another avenue which can be explored, viz., the committee best qualified to consider such matters in the list of 'who to write to.' I do not know who that would be, but perhaps the Editor could advise.

I hope next year again to attend the Council (D.V.). It is very enjoyable to be among such enthusiasts.—Yours truly,

JAMES E. BURLIS.

Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs.

'A SHILLING TO SPEND'

Dear Sir,—The Bishop's remarks at the service of rededication of Eye bells, reminds me of a service of thanksgiving for restoration I attended some years ago, with the late F. R. Borrett. For this service we had rung a quarter peal. Sitting at the back of the church, with a large congregation present, we were somehow 'missed out' by the sidesman making the collection. Turning to me, and with money in his hand, F.R.B. said, 'Come on. Howlett, I have a shilling to spend,' which I may add was not spent on sweets.—Yours, etc

GEORGE W. HOWLETT.

Lowestoft, Suffolk.

GOOD RELATIONS!

Dear Sir,—Many members of the Oxford Guild and others must be shocked by the attitude of one of its senior and honoured officials at the Council meeting and at Oxford. Any motion has a right to be judged on its merits and not be killed before it has a chance to be put forward.

First, let us get the facts right. Many ringers who live on the boundaries of their Guild wish to foster closer relations with their neighbours. It does not help when one Guild charges 3s. 6d. and the other 10s. to become a compounding or non-resident life member, and I would remind Mr. Barker that the increase to 10s. was passed by a small majority and when the Guild funds were low, but I for one contend that it has not had the desired result.

There was no suggestion at the committee meeting that the fee in question should be abolished. All that happened was that a member pointed out that in the W.M. and other club rules a member paid an affiliation fee and, provided he kept his local club subs. to date, he was considered to be an affiliated member.

How in heaven's name can we be doing the Guild a dis-service or can we put our Deputy Master in an awkward position by trying to foster good relations with our neighbours?

In your leading article of July 20th, you say the days of five guineas grants are gone, but that sum was at least the equivalent of thirty guineas today, and when there is over £1,400 in the Restoration Fund, £50 to my way of thinking is a paltry sum to offer to help a hard pressed tower.

We are all pleased to know that £25 was given to help the 'R.W.', but would it not be better if the paper paid its way and that all Guild subs were sufficient to cover all that that is wanted; its the only way to share the burden equally.

So please, Mr. Barker, remember that first you are a member of the Oxford Guild and then its honoured general treasurer. All best wishes to you, and also to you, Mr. Editor.

—Yours sincerely,

W. J. H. PARKER.

Sandhurst, Camberley.

THE LENGTH OF A QUARTER

Dear Sir,—You will note that the quarter peal rung at St. Anne's, Highgate, consists of 1,260 changes, which I contend is the minimum length for a quarter of Triples, since a peal must contain the extent of 5,040, and 1,259 is less than a quarter of this.

On the higher numbers a peal must be 'of at least 5,000 changes,' and therefore it is permissible to ring a quarter 'of not less than 1,250 changes.'

Perhaps some member of the Central Council's Peal Committee might care to comment on this—or am I splitting hairs?—Yours faithfully,

A. W. J. BUTLER.

London, N.W.3.

CONCENTRATED TRAINING

Dear Sir, May I, through your columns, request information from readers who have experience of organising the training of ringers by concentrated methods. I would especially ask for information on the training of complete novices; practical and theoretical courses, visual and other aids used. Availability of suitable tape recordings and records, together with names of publishers and serial numbers. Any information relevant to the subject gratefully received and acknowledged.—Yours faithfully,

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OLDEST CONDUCTOR OF ROYAL

At a quarterly meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society on July 15th, with Mr. Percy May Master, as chairman, Mr. Charles G. Sedgley proposed, and Mr. John F. Tillet corroborated, that a vote of congratulations be extended to Mr. George E. Symonds, the secretary, on his achievement of calling a peal of Bob Royal at Great Yarmouth, three days after his 87th birthday. The question arose whether he is the oldest ringer to accomplish this.

The peal was rung by a band of the Norwich Diocesan Association, each with 50 or more years membership.

Commemorated by the peal was the conductor's 55th wedding anniversary, his 60 years' membership of the Norwich Diocesan Association and 75th year as a bell ringer. It was also to celebrate the birth of his great-grandson.

The composition selected was by George H. Cross, who also has 50 years' membership of the Association.

TOWER HUNTING IN CEYLON

Dear Sir,—While scanning the horizon from the harbour of Colombo, Ceylon, during a visit there recently on S.S. Khyber, I noted with interest a very impressive church spire, and came to the conclusion, upon consulting a map, that it must be St. Lucia's Cathedral.

To a person who has done no belling since leaving England, three months ago, the sight of this building was like a magnet, and I had hopes of finding another 'ring' to add to Mr. Dove's list of overseas towers.

Upon arriving by taxi I was shocked to find that the directions led me to a building resembling more of an Hindu temple than that I have seen from the harbour. A notice board outside stated that this was the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Lucia. The layout of the church was in the shape of the cross, with a huge silver painted dome at the crossing, and two western towers, surmounted by smaller domes.

As ascent of these towers was not possible, I cannot be certain of the size of the bells, but in the open base of the N.W. tower hung five rather knotted and worn ropes, in the form of a circle. The length of the rope ends from the ground made it obvious that the tressle bench standing to one side formed the means by which the ringers reached and chimed the bells. The S.W. tower boasted of one lone rope in a condition similar to that of the others. When I walked away from the N.W. tower and looked up at it, one of the bells was in full view through the opening, where they hung; it was obviously only hung for chiming and swinging not above frame height. The interior of this Cathedral contains some beautiful paintings on the walls inside the central dome.

Consulting the map, I came to the conclusion that the impressive spire I was looking for belonged to a church not marked, so directing the taxi driver in the direction, I eventually arrived there. It was a building standing next to the law courts and the Prime Minister's residence. Such a tower as this in England would house a ring of eight, but from all external appearances this one was just a piece of impressive architecture, the base of the tower being open and no visible evidence of bells or ropes.—Yours faithfully,

H. FLEMING.

S.S. Khyber, Singapore.

When at home a ringer at St. Mary's Maulden, Beds.—H. F.

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ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild took place at Llanstephan on July 7th. The eight bells were rung during the afternoon, before service, which was followed by an excellent tea, given by the ladies of the parish.

The Master, Mr. Gwyn Thomas, opened the business meeting by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid tea, and there followed the traditional touch of Triples on handbells. The Central Council representative, Mr. R. Warburton, then presented his report of the meeting at Cardiff.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in changes as not one of the retiring officers was re-elected. The new officers are as follows: Major R. Pateman (Cardigan), Master; Mr. P. Rogers (Pembroke), Ringing Master; Mr. R. Warburton (Goodwick), secretary; Mr. A. Walters (Cardigan), treasurer. The honorary auditor, Mr. B. Rees (Burry Port), and the Central Council representative, Mr. R. Warburton, were re-elected.

Tributes were paid to the retiring officers for their hard work for the Guild, and it was remembered that Mr. Sage (Burry Port) had given faithfully of his services as treasurer since 1948.

The committee were instructed to go ahead with arrangements for a second annual dinner, to follow the very successful venture last year. The place and date are to be decided later.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**Tewkesbury Branch**

Thunderstorms and traffic jams did not provide ideal conditions for ringers travelling to the Tewkesbury Branch meeting at Twynning on July 14th. Those who had to admit defeat included Mr. A. V. Bennett (Master of the Association) and his wife, who were driving from Bristol. We were sorry not to have them with us, and hope that they will have better luck next time.

With only 13 members and a few visitors present the meeting was hardly overfull. After the service, at which the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Sharland) gave a thought-provoking address on 'Being a Christian,' we tried our best to do justice to an excellent and abundant tea. After that the meeting was definitely overfull!

At the business meeting the Ringing Master (Mr. E. W. Penn) announced that he had now made arrangements for the Branch outing on September 15th, when five towers in Somerset and Dorset (including Sherborne Abbey) would be visited. Full details would be sent to tower secretaries later.

An invitation had been received from the North Forest Branch to hold a joint meeting at Newent on October 13th. The members decided to accept this invitation, and the chairman expressed a hope that as many as possible would attend the meeting.

The other item of business concerned a venue for the Branch annual meeting on October 27th. This is usually held at Tewkesbury Abbey, but the bells are at present being recast and may not be back by that date. Kemerton was in consequence selected.

N. N. A. P.

Miss Kathleen Yeo Cuts the Cake

KENT and Sussex ringers will be interested in this picture, although it is somewhat belated, of Miss Kathleen M. Yeo, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yeo, of Tenterden, cutting her wedding cake with the help of her smiling bridegroom, Mr. Maurice E. Downs, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Downs, of East Malling, Maidstone. Her marriage was at Tenterden.

The wedding cake, surmounted by a bell, was made by Kathleen's mother. Canon H. Willis conducted the service, and afterwards a quarter peal was rung on Tenterden bells.

The bride wore a dress of white lace, embellished with silver over white nylon. Her waist-length veil was held by a headdress of orange blossom and peals.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Downs live at 'Green-sleeves', 119, Burrs Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

[Photo: R. P. Crosoer, Tenterden.]

SURREY ASSOCIATION**Northern District**

With eight parsons present the Northern District meeting at Egham on July 14th could not fail to be a success. The standard of striking and ringing throughout the afternoon and evening was much above the average, ringing being under the direction of Mr. F. E. Collins.

The service was followed by tea, provided by senior members of the Society of Roving Ringers, who showed that their skill is not confined to bell ringing. At the routine business meeting which followed two new resident members were elected and several belfry elections ratified. The meeting instructed the secretary to send congratulations and best wishes to the assistant secretary, Mr. Norman Steere, on the occasion of his wedding.

After the business there was more good ringing to end a most successful day. What more could any ringer wish for? Good bells, good ringing, good company and a warm welcome. We are indeed grateful to David and the Egham ringers for such a day. W. P.

COMPETITION DAY AT CARDIGAN

The St. David's Diocesan Guild held their annual competition at the recently restored tower of Cardigan. The president of the Central Council, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, had kindly agreed to judge the ringing. This was particularly fitting, since it was largely by the untiring efforts of Mr. Sharpe that the bells of Cardigan were restored after many years of silence last year. Through the great help and encouragement which he has given to the Guild, Mr. Sharpe has become a well known and popular visitor.

Ten bands had entered for the competition, a Guild record, and great was the excitement as the draw was made.

The first to ring was Pembroke, and these ringers from 'little England beyond Wales' consisted of Mr. Phil Rogers and five ladies. Llandovey were second, and they had entered a band of schoolboys with their teacher; they had travelled over 60 miles to be with us.

Drawn third was the first of two teams from Llanelli, and these young people set a high standard of striking, despite the fact that many had not been ringing long. This, and their obvious enthusiasm, is a great credit to their instructor. They were followed by another band of young people from Burry Port, the only 'five' in the Diocese.

St. David's Cathedral sent the next band, and they were followed by the holders of the shield, Tenby, a strong team, who many thought would retain the trophy.

Next we welcomed Llanbadarn Fawr. (Aberystwyth), a band from the far north of the Diocese, and very remote from our other towers.

The second of the Llanelli bands then had their turn, and then Major Pateman led the home team into the tower to ring.

The competition ended with a band organised on the spot by the Ringing Master, Mr. R. C. Warburton, from among those who had not yet rung.

Well over a hundred people sat down to a splendid tea, organised and given by the local parish, and afterwards a touch of Triples was rung on the handbells.

Mr. Sharpe then began his adjudication, and his constructive criticism was helpful to all. The final result showed that Cardigan were the winners, and great praise must go to Major Pateman, who has achieved such a splendid result in less than one year. Second were Tenby, and third was the 'A' band from Llanelli.

Mr. Sharpe's famous handbell ringers then entertained the company, and delighted them with their music. The evening ended with general ringing in the tower. R. C. W.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The weather was unkind for the Bingham District's meeting at St. Mary's, Orston, on July 14th, nevertheless, 28 members sat down to an excellent tea, and six towers were represented.

At the business meeting Mr. W. L. Exton proposed that the Rev. Pickworth Hutchinson be elected vice-president and chaplain to the District. This was seconded by Mr. Buswell, and carried. A new member, Mr. J. Heaps, of Holme Pierrepont, was elected. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Levette.

September meeting, possibly Willingham-on-the-Wold. R. B.

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THE SMITHS

THE STORY OF A RINGING FAMILY

By I. N. QUICK

(Continued from page 494)

The journey home of the Guild outing, with some of their songs. In one of the two coaches is Joe Smith, head ringer of Hexworth tower, Annie his wife, Phyllis his daughter, and the members of his band.

THE JOURNEY HOME

At 7.30 p.m. they left Boston with a three-hour journey in front of them. It wasn't long before one of the Redbank young ringers produced a mouth organ and began to play a 'pop' tune. This was immediately seized upon by the younger end who added, what Joe presumed were the words, although he could make little sense of them. When he felt inclined to be critical he thought of some of the material that he thought was so wonderful in his younger days. 'I'm forever blowing bubbles,' 'Horsey keep your tail up' and 'Yes! we have no bananas,' which he remembered was castigated by 'Mister' Harvey, the village schoolmaster, organist and choirmaster, because it sacrilegiously employed for its first four or five notes of melody part of his beloved 'Hallelujah' Chorus!

After a time the instrumentalist began to tire and the running was taken up by Brighton 'Glee Club.' This consisted of three ringers. John Chappell, Don Russell and Tom Greenfield, and one non-ringer, a Mr. Worbey, who attended many Guild meetings and was always in attendance at contests, dinners and outings and gave a donation to the Guild funds every year. Joe, who found his relationship with ringers rather puzzling, once asked him why he had never learnt to ring.

'Oh, I don't really know. I have never had the desire to learn, but I enjoy listening to bells at any time and have always derived great pleasure from the companionship of ringers.'

Joe wondered if he was unique!

At any rate he formed the bass of this admirable quartet. They began with 'O, who will o'er the downs so free,' and followed this by a song, whose title Joe couldn't remember, but during the course of which the vocalists managed with great vigour and commendable determination to 'chase the beggars across the sea' with a 'Ha, ha, ha, ha, he, he, he, hee—'. This was followed by Purcell's 'There is a Lady sweet and kind,' which was rendered even more realistic by John Chappell, who went down on one knee and serenaded his wife, whereupon she pretended to be annoyed and indifferent in turns, although she couldn't resist joining in the general amusement.

Hymns and songs both Ancient and Modern during which everyone lent a hand, or rather offered a voice, helped to pass the time in a pleasant manner. It was at this point in the proceedings that Raymond took out of his pocket a small bundle of papers which he distributed, one to each passenger. On examination it was discovered that each sheet contained a duplicated copy of a single verse of poetry.

Raymond held up his hands for silence. 'Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls,' he began. 'That which you have before you is the chorus (or refrain if you like)—

'Refrain from spitting,' somebody asked. '—the words of which,' continued Raymond when the laughter had subsided, 'I myself have written. (Cheers.) I propose, with your kind permission, to sing in my own inimitable manner the verses of this song (groans) and I would be obliged if you would join me in the chorus. The tune, which I am sure you all know, is "Bobbie Shaftoe."'

And he turned to the harmonica player.

'Give me a "G,"' he said, 'and the tune if you know it!'

The musician nodded and quickly ran through the tune on his instrument. He looked up at Raymond.

'O.K.?' he asked.

'O.K.!' replied Raymond.

A RINGING SONG

The song which he had written and which he now sung I have now the pleasure of placing before the Exercise. No doubt it will be attacked as doggerel, criticised as lacking in scansion, censured because of its doubtful rhymes, or scorned as embodying incidents that could not by any stretch of imagination ever have occurred in actual practice, but if the scowling sceptics or carping critics could have heard the heart-rending 'con amore' of verse two, the dejected 'lacrimoso' of verse six (which was emphasised by the choristers with sepulchral groans), the triumphant 'con spirito' of verse eighteen and the magnificent 'fortissimos' of the refrain which was attacked 'con brio' by the assembled company after each verse, and the tumultuous applause that greeted the completion of the whole, little doubt would have remained in their minds that here, indeed, was a magnum opus destined to be inscribed in letters of gold (6d. per tin from any ironmongers'), in the annals of posterity.

(Tune: 'Bobbie Shaftoe.')

- 1 Ringers are the queerest set
Of people that you've ever met,
I've never met a good 'un yet!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers one and all,
To the church good people call.
Drive all others up the wall!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
- 2 Fred and Sarah grew so pally,
Followed her down every alley,
Now at last he's 'caught his Sally'
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 3 Rang a peal to help a pal on,
He got tired and made a ral-en-tando.
Then he drank a gallon.
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 4 Asked young Willum, 'Would he drum
Two-ton tenor?' He's not dumb.
Said, 'I'll go and ask me mum!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 5 Tom went courting one fine day,
Heard the bells not far away,
Left Jane lying in the hay!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 6 Jack, a ringer all his life,
Keener than the shapenest knife,
Till he got himself a wife!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 7 Harry had his two-foot beard
Caught up in the splice; 'tis feared.
All his whiskers disappeared!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 8 Mickey, ringing for a wedding,
Realised as bride was led in,
It was his! now south he's heading.
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 9 Growing fast is Jenny Hayes.
She will have to mend her ways.
For she's always breaking stays!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 10 Mould of sweetheart, Bernadette.
Was plaster cast by Tommy Lett.
Now, no doubt, his belle is set!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.

- 11 Giles, a ringer, just like us,
On the farm caused quite a fuss.
Milked the cows to Minimus!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 12 Bought a new cow, called it 'Bubbles.'
Started off a string of troubles.
Trying now to milk to 'Doubles'!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 13 Ringer keen is 'Doctor Cobb,
Scans the chart 'cos that's his job.
Says, 'Bad case of Double Bob!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 14 Robert Green is in disgrace,
He went and threw away the race.
Because a 'Bob' should be fourths place!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 15 In the 'ring' went Eric Speight,
Made his second dodge too late.
He 'came round' at half-past eight!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 15 Ringers stand not in the 'wings'
But on the 'set'; 'mongst other things
They know just how to pull the strings!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 17 You will find you're in good fettle,
But if you aren't 'on your mettle,'
You can let your troubles 'settle'!
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.
- 18 When you're bitter with frustration,
Surfeited with aggravation,
Join our Tintinnabulation.
Jingle, Jangle, Jingle.
Refrain
We are ringers, etc.

After travelling for about one and three-quarter hours which brought them, by Joe's reckoning, about two-thirds of the way home, the two buses pulled up in a smallish village, outside the local hostelry, which was conveniently situated opposite a fish and chip saloon. Edward Lee said hopefully: 'Be back in the buses, please, by half past nine,' a suggestion which seeing that it was already ten minutes past was received with the contempt it deserved. Someone said: 'Whoever sends a report of this outing to "The Ringing World" had better not mention that we called at a "pub" or we shall be having a spate of letters on the subject!'

Seeing that this was the last opportunity that many members, friends or acquaintances, who were travelling on different buses would have to enjoy each other's company for, in some cases, periods up to six or even twelve months, the best use was made of the time available. Everybody agreed that the day had been a success and someone proposed a vote of thanks to Edward Lee for all the work he had done and this was 'carried with acclamation' by the whole company, despite the fact that this was occupying the three rooms of which the hotel boasted, plus various passages and side-passages and was even overflowing into private cubby-holes.

A pianoforte which proved to be more forte than piano was discovered in one of the rooms and on inspection was found to have several notes in the middle register that refused to function, and a timbre compared with which a barrel organ sounded like a concert grand, but which, nevertheless, provided a background, albeit inharmonious, for Raymond's epic song, which he was persuaded to repeat for the benefit of those who had been, as he put it, 'On the wrong bus.'

Seeing that his audience this time was almost twice as big (perhaps more than that if the few bewildered 'locals' were counted), the volume of the choruses and that of the final reception were proportionately increased, especially if the pounding of table-mats by a varied assortment of liquid containers was also taken into account. It must not be thought

THE SMITHS—Continued

that whilst this activity was taking place inside, the younger ones outside were forgotten. On the contrary, they were regaled by a liberal supply of fizzy lemonade, transported to them by a relay of people so that with the addition of fish and chips they happily demonstrated the amazing resilience of young people's stomachs.

And when the time came to depart, Old George, who we seem rather to have ignored recently, but who is, at all times, quite capable of looking after himself, went quickly round the three rooms and emptied down his throat the remains of the contents of three glasses, for he had been having a drink with three groups of people at the same time, all in different places. Edward Lee had, meanwhile, been shepherding his flock into the buses with great persistence, amid a certain amount of chaffing and good-humoured leg-pulling and finally the buses got under way again at nine fifty-three and a half, which, although nearly a half hour after the stipulated time gave Edward sufficient reason for self-congratulation for he had never expected to be away again before 10.15 p.m. at the very earliest.

The buses deposited their passengers in the reverse order to that in which they had been collected and round about 11 o'clock the Hexworth party alighted and made final 'adieux.'

As the Smith family discussed the day's proceedings before retiring for the night, Mrs. Smith said, 'I've enjoyed today. I think it has been one of the best outings the Guild have had.'

'Yes,' said Phyllis, who was arranging tulips in vases, 'and the ringing has been fairly good throughout the day. I particularly like the course of Cambridge Major at Sleaford.'

'I, on the other hand,' John said, 'thought that the Little Bob Royal went very well at Boston.'

Joe remembered the smiling faces of the twins full of joy and happiness at their achievement in ringing their first 'touch' of Bob Minor on (to them) such difficult bells.

He had no doubt which performance of the day he had found most satisfying—and he hadn't even rung in it!

To be continued.

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HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Robertson 1, P. Woollven 2, Mrs. D. Chamberlain 3, V. Chamberlain 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For morning service.

THAMES-SIDE FESTIVAL

Last year's joint meeting of the Middlesex and London County Association's has, with its return meeting last month become, it is hoped, an annual event. This year with the L.C.A. as hosts, it consisted of ringing in the Thames-side suburbs of Barnes, Mortlake, Twickenham (All Hallows'), Richmond and Isleworth, with tea and talk in the Church Hall at Isleworth.

Following this the party joined in Evensong at All Saints', Isleworth, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Fellowes-Brown, and it is noteworthy that there were even more ringers present at the service than at the tea.

Charge of the ringing at the various towers was shared by the Ringing Masters of the two Associations. The chairman at tea (Deputy Master of the L.C.A.) welcomed the visitors, remarked on the appropriateness of Isleworth as the venue and thanked all for their co-operation. In presenting apologies for absence of his Association's secretary, he read a message expressing Mr Roger's keenness on fostering co-operation between the London Societies by such joint meetings and his hope that the respective officers could get together to obviate overlapping of meeting dates, etc.

Mr. John Mayne, Master of the M.C.A., replied for his Association and expressed the thanks of the gathering to the ladies for serving tea and to the incumbents and ringers of the towers mentioned. W. G. W.

TOURISTS' QUARTER PEAL

DUBLIN, IRELAND.—On July 21st, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Miss F. E. Wyman 1, Miss A. M. Trott 2, F. Oakshott 3, L. Stilwell (cond.) 4, Miss M. Lewis 5, W. M. Wilson 6, A. Bishop 7, G. C. Goodman 8, J. A. Atkinson 9, M. F. Oakshett 10. All the band were on tour with Miss Wyman except Mr. W. M. Wilson, who is president of the St. Patrick's Society of Amateur Charge Ringers, and Mr. Atkinson.

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Congratulations to the new
bands at St. George's
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at Salisbury Cathedral, Southern Rhodesia, on
ringing their first quarter peals. Ringing in
the quarter at Perth was Miss J. Hearnshaw
who is on furlough from Cheshire until
September. She had already learned to ring,
but came to Australia to ring her first quarter
peal.

With a peal of York Surprise Minor at
Kingsbury on July 14th, Mr. John M. Jelley
has rung peals of York Surprise from Minor
to Maximus.

Participating in the ringing at East Meon,
where the Alton and Petersfield District held
a meeting on July 14th, was Mr. 'Bob' Fisher,
who, according to our correspondent, is 96
years of age. He must be the country's oldest
ringer.

Two well known London ringing personali-
ties were honoured by the quarter peal at St.
Anne's, Highgate, on July 22nd. It was a
compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bevan
on their 46th wedding anniversary and to Mr.
Joe Hawkins on his 85th birthday.

The jubilee year president of the Ladies'
Guild is Mrs. Olive Barnett, the assistant
secretary of the Central Council. At the
annual meeting at Darlington, honorary life
membership was conferred on Mrs. A. Richard-
son (Surfleet), Mrs. Knight (Yatton) and Miss
Nora Williams (Bath).

Mr. Fred E. Dukes, editor, has produced
another attractive number of 'The Irish Bell
News.' In an Editorial to Ernest Morris he
concludes: 'A great and yet humble man, who
has meant something to Irish ringers, too, as
well as to those in Great Britain and beyond
the seas.'

We apologise to Mr. C. Goodman for
describing him as the Assistant Ringing Master
of the Norwich Diocesan Association. He is
the Ringing Master. The meeting of the
Ladies' Guild at Dereham should read Septem-
ber 29th, and not September 27th as stated in
our issue of July 20th.

BELFRY GOSSIP

An example of the late Dr.
W. M. Askwith's interest in
the affairs of the Gloucester
and Bristol Association has recently come to
light. The Bishop was sent copies of all
circulars issued by the Association. When
he received one of the instructional course at
Hartbury, he sent a copy to the diocesan youth
chaplain with a note saying: 'This is very
important, please have copies made and sent
to every youth organisation in the diocese.'

With a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at
Grundisburgh, Mr. Roger L. K. Whittell has
rung peals of Yorkshire on 8, 10 and 12 bells.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Reuban
Sanders is suffering from bronchial pneumonia.
He is in Ward 5 of St. James' Hospital,
Balham. The last report received was that
he was progressing.

Mr. Frank Lufkin and his long peal at-
tempt band wish Bob Smith and his band the
best of luck in their attempt at the extent
of Plain Bob Major on August 4th at Lough-
borough.

The organiser of Bristol University's
summer tour in Devon told perspiring cyclists
after an ascent of 400 feet inside a mile, that
she did not know that the 'little brown bits'
on the map were hills. That is the trouble of
over specialisation.

Mr. P. G. Turley, who has completed 50
years as a ringer at St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks,
received a presentation clock from his fellow
ringers. He has other landmarks this year:
Sixty years a member of the Society of Royal
Cumberland Youths and his golden wedding.

After ringing for the annual service for the
Friend's of St. Paul's (London) on May 30th
the whole band was invited to the reception
afterwards at the Stationers' Hall, where they
were privileged to be presented to the Queen
Mother, who is Patron of the Friends of St.
Paul's. The members were introduced by Mr.
C. G. J. Watts. Her Majesty was very in-
terested in the bells.

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5,280 WYCOMBE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 30 cwt, 3 qr. 11 lb. in C. sharp.

DENNIS KNOX Treble	J. KEITH WARD 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	ALAN BAGWORTH 8
JOAN BERESFORD 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	ALFRED HOUSE 10
JOHN HILL 5	FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. 11
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

The first peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS, PIER HEAD,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 41 cwt, 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	JOHN L. GROVE 6
*KENNETH HESKETH 2	*JOHN M. FIELDEN 7
†GEOFFREY M. PULLIN .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 8
†V. DAVID JENNER 4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 9
*CHRISTOPHER G. COOPER .. 5	*PETER S. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First on ten bells.
Rung as a compliment to Peter Bennett and Geoffrey Pullin on obtaining their degrees in engineering at Liverpool University.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE 2	*W. DAVID WARD 7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	*R. KINGSLEY MASON .. 8
†GARRY W. MASON 4	*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY .. 9
†MALCOLM D. BARSBY 5	*A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of Royal. ‡ First in the method.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1962, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt, 60 lb. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	ERNEST WHITING 6
LEONARD E. LAST 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 3	*JAMES F. DUFFIELD .. 8
*CHARLES SEDGLEY 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD .. 9
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Plain Royal.
Rung by members with 50 years and over membership of the above Association, in honour of the conductor's 87th birthday.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt, 2 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

*F. JOHN VALLENDER .. Treble	JOHN LLOYD 6
†YVONNE EDWARDS 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 7
*PETER L. BILL 3	BERNARD C. ASHFORD .. 8
WILLIAM DAVIES 4	†MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. 9
C. FREDERICK JUKES 5	RAYMOND SMITH Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HUDSON. Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters.

Annual peal for the Guild.

WYCOMBE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

3T 4 5T 36 127T 58 149T 70 16 7T 10 7

2nds L.E. 4ths place bob.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 22, 1962, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5000 ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

PETER A. KIRKBY Treble	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD 6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY 2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 7
RITA M. JOWETT 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 5	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First of Royal in the method as conductor.

Rung by the Sunday service band to mark the institution and induction of the Very Rev. William H. A. Cooper, M.A., as Vicar of Bradford and third Provost of the Cathedral, which took place on July 20th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 28, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt, 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
DAVID W. BRUNNING 3	JOHN H. FIELDEN 7
IVOR JENKINS 4	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK W. LEWIS Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 6
JANE FOSTER 3	*ARTHUR SAYERS 7
PETER M. WILKINSON .. 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside'.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt, 27 lb. in G.

*EUNICE M. HILEY Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 5
GEOFFREY K. DODD 2	PETER M. WILKINSON .. 6
*JANE FOSTER 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
*FELICITY WEBBER 4	FRANK W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 23, 1962, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*CHRISTOPHER L. BELL .. Treble	R. FRANK BAKER 5
HERBERT GOAKES 2	BRIAN HARRIS 6
*CLIVE R. CALTON 3	*FRANK T. BOYALL 7
*JOHN M. ROFFE 4	ALBERT J. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by B. HARRIS.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung to celebrate the 23rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Boyall, of Peterborough.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	KENNETH HESKETH 5
*HAZEL A. ARROWSMITH .. 2	CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 6
GEOFFREY M. PULLIN 3	PETER S. BENNETT 7
†V. DAVID JENNER 4	JOHN H. FIELDEN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. FIELDEN.

* First peal 'inside' and first on eight. † First of Major.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 30, 1962, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*S. JOHN HARDING Treble	DAVID S. M. JONES 5
ALEXANDER PAGE 2	†BARRY J. DIXON 6
*SUSAN E. SMITH 3	E. WINIFRED KEYS 7
BETTY J. DAYSH 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

Rung as a 1st birthday compliment to Diana Clare Tribe, granddaughter of the ringer of the treble.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

W. DAVID WARD Treble	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	R. KINGSLEY MASON 6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

A 6th birthday compliment to Audrey Warwick.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., July 3, 1962, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

JOHN J. STANIER Treble	GEOFFREY DAVIES 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	PETER D. WARREN 6
CHARLES A. S. WEBB 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. ANDERSON.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*JUNE M. LAMBERT Treble	JOHN W. COLEMAN 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	CYRIL S. JARRETT 7
†THOMAS E. SONE 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by R. T. LAMBERT. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 500th peal of Major.

Rung as birthday compliments to Mrs. H. Baker, Mr. G. Kenward and Mr. T. E. Sone.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF 5056 HATFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	GEORGE W. MASSEY 7
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. 4	RONALD C. NOON Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method by all.

A farewell to J. M. Thorley and family, who move to Hatfield, Yorks, at end of school term.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK Treble	*VICTOR DRAPER 5
*MARTIN SNAPE 2	*CYRIL LOW 6
*PATRICIA BUSS 3	*FREDERICK PEARSON 7
*FRANCES LOW 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

200th peal together treble and tenor.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

BASIL JONES Treble	GILES B. THOMPSON 5
PETER T. DALE 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
NEIL BENNETT 3	F. JOHN NELSON 7
CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 3	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, containing 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,600 Superlative, with 107 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt.

GORDON W. LAND Treble	BRIAN BLADON 5
LESLEY J. BLADON 2	GEOFFREY R. DREW 6
SHIRLEY M. DREW 3	A. TERENCE COLLINS 7
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE 4	ERIC SUTTON Tenor

Arranged by NORMAN SMITH. Conducted by A. TERENCE COLLINS.

* First peal of three Spliced. First of Spliced as conductor.

First of Supliced Surprise Major by all the band except 4 and 5.

In memoriam Rt. Rev. Dr. W. M. Askwith, Bishop of Gloucester.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 CUCKFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 6
JOHN HILL 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

Rung to honour the birth of a fourth grandson for Mr. A. Cutler, to his daughter, Mrs. Irene M. Catton, born in Cuckfield Hospital on July 9th.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 20, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Treble	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
*ANDREW J. CORBY 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 6
†JANET H. BUSS 3	IAN H. ORAM 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 63).

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

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

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb.

BARRY J. DAVIES Treble	FREDERICK C. WHITE 5
*MARK W. SAYERS 2	FRANCIS A. WHITE 6
MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 3	BRIAN K. WHITE 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH Treble	JAMES E. GODMAN 5
HAROLD W. DUNSDEN .. 2	JAMES P. BLOND 6
*PETER CORDEROY 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
HENRY L. BISHOP 4	CLAUDE CORDEROY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First of Stedman away from the Tenor.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE Treble	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN .. 5
RONALD K. RUSS 2	WILLIAM A. YATES 6
*BARRY J. DAVIES 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 7
JAMES LINNELL 4	EDGAR S. HITCHCOX Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First of Triples in the method.

CUCKFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR.

38—38.6—12—36—14—5.14.36.14.5.

2nds place L.E. 14263857. 4ths place bob.

Lindoff's No. 90 in the Unnamed Collection.

Composition C.C.C. p. 50; No. 9.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

MRS. P. LEWINGTON Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS 5
MRS. R. F. DISERENS 2	RONALD F. DISERENS 6
ALBERT DISERENS 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON 7
JOHN N. DISERENS 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
Rung for the induction of the Rev. Canon H. H. Nash, as chaplain of Jesus Hospital, Bray.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANGEMOUTH BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

E. MARION KEY Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 5
GORDON H. LANE 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	EDMUND MALIN 7
JOHN K. SMITH 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 267).

BRISTOL.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat. July 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

VICTOR SAVAGE Treble	RICHARD J. BOWDEN 5
MICHAEL J. HOBBS 2	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER 6
D. JOHN HUNT 3	DON C. EXELL 7
RONALD G. BECK 4	BRIAN J. WYLDE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
Rung in fond memory of Frank Skidmore, loyal member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who died July 18th, 1960.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JAMES W. JEFFERY Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
*PHILIP H. D. JONES 2	DAVID J. TAYLOR 6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS 4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK R. SCOTT.
* First peal.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5152 HATFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

JOHN B. BENNETT Treble	COLIN W. REED 5
BERYL N. REED 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 3	WILLIAM L. EXTON 7
*RAYMOND BENFIELD 4	J. DAVID CLARKE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Surprise.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
A birthday compliment to Brenda Exton.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

ERNEST G. PEARCE Treble	RODERICK W. PIPE 5
*NEVILLE F. WHITTLE 2	ROGER L. K. WHITTLE 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	*LESLIE N. MELTON 7
CECIL W. PIPE 4	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERIC EDMONDSON Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	JACK S. DEAR 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5152 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*PETER J. HERITAGE Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 5
*DAVID A. CORNWELL 2	*JOHN E. CAMP 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	*FRANK C. PRICE 7
*EDWARD R. VENN 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (B. 62). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble	PETER S. BEDFORD 4
JACK PILGRIM 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5
ERNEST G. PEARCE 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A birthday compliment to Mr. E. Humphries.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, WINSHILL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

ALAN G. FOSTER Treble	DEREK P. JONES 4
BRIAN DAWSON 2	JOHN F. MURFIN 5
DAVID W. BRUNNING 3	JOHN K. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

A farewell gesture to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Foster and family. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Adrian C. Wedgwood.

DEANE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

CHRISTINE HASSELL Treble	MICHAEL S. HOLBROOK 4
PAUL G. HOLMES 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
*GEOFFREY WESTON 3	REGINALD F. CROOK Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal.

Rung on the day of the annual village fete.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1962, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

WILLIAM C. RHODES Treble	DAVID J. ALLEN 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	GORDON H. LANE 5
JOHN M. JELLEY 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal of York Surprise Minor by all the band and for the Guild.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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HEREFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 16, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MARK C. LAUGHTON .. Treble	GEORGE T. COUSINS 4
ROSEMARY JARRETT 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 5
AUDREY M. GLADWELL .. 3	LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. COUSINS.

* First peal.

First peal in 42 different extents for all the band and for the Guild.
An engagement compliment to Miss Rosemary Jarrett.

KESSINGLAND, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*BRIAN J. BULL Treble	†RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. 4
†A. DAVID LEACH 2	*CHRISTOPHER F. MEW .. 5
†EDWARD HUDSON 3	JOHN C. EISEL Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Minor.

First of Surprise on the bells.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 17, 1962, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull, (2) London, (3) Wells, (4) York, (5) Durham, (6) Surfleet, (7) Beverley. Tenor 12 cwt.

IAN FOSTER Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
ANDREW S. HUDSON 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR 5
COLIN M. TIFFIN 3	JAMES L. TOWLER Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW S. HUDSON.

DUNKERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods: being two extents each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, 10 extents each of Plain Bob. Reverse St. Bartholomew. Reverse Canterbury, and one 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

JEAN PALMER Treble	DAVID J. BARNETT 4
PATRICIA A. BURT 2	TERENCE J. MILSON 5
ALAN F. LEE 3	ALBERT F. BUTT Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

Most methods in a peal by all the band and on the bells.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. G. Evans.

SYDMONTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A.

*CHRISTOPHER BUTLER (13) Treble	†PHILIP MURDOCK 4
*JOHN PARES 2	†DAVID G. PAPWORTH .. 5
GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 3	*EDDIE COX (13) Tenor

Conducted by DAVID G. PAPWORTH.

* First peal attempt. † First of Doubles. First attempt as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells.

PERTERTAVEY, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., July 19, 1962, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

D. ROY BOULD Treble	WILLIAM G. LAVERS 4
*MARGARET A. SHEPHERD .. 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 5
YVONNE C. PORTER 3	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal 'inside' and first of Minor.

First peal on the bells.

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of T. G. Myers' first peal and 40 years' membership of the Guild.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*JOHN V. CLARK Treble	COLIN D. EMERY 4
†RODNEY A. YEATES 2	CLIVE SIMPSON 5
IAN HUGHES 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal 'inside' on tower-bells.

The first peal by this Society.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Clive Simpson.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

(Stourbridge Grammar School Society).

On Fri., July 20, 1962, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents with no 6-5's at backstroke.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

CHRIS F. WOOLDRIDGE .. Treble	†JEREMY A. TANDY 4
*F. JOHN VALLENDER .. 2	MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 5
*PETER L. BILL 3	MARTIN D. FELLOWS .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER L. BILL.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' Youngest peal for the Guild, average age 15 years 4 months.

First on six tower-bells and of Minor for the Society.

Rung as birthday compliments to the mother of the treble ringer and Mr. C. W. Cooper, of Stourbridge.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 31 methods: (1) Carlisle, Whitley, Wooler and Northumberland, (2) Canterbury and Morpeth, (3) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden, (4) London, Wells and Cuneastre, (5) Rossendale, Stamford, Annables' London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, Durham and York, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	JOHN L. FENNELL 4
COLIN M. TIFFIN 2	LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 5
ROBERT J. ISGROVE .. 3	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First peal in 31 methods by all the band who are Sunday service ringers at Shenfield Church.

THORNBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1962, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising five six-scores each of Grandsire, and St. Simon's, eight six-scores of April Day, and twelve six-scores each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ALAN A. PAUL Treble	PERCY AMOS 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	ROGER W. SMITH 4

GRAHAM C. PAUL Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

Rung on the eve of the Festival of St. Mary Magdalene.

HANDBELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 3, 1962, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK OSBALDISTON .. 1-2	ROBERT B. SMITH 5-6
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 3-4	*CHRISTINE C. MACNAIR .. 7-8
JOHN WORTH 9-10	

Composed by T. FRANCIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First 10 bell peal 'in hand.'

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Thurs., July 5, 1962, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At 6, HALL GROVE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANCES FAIRBANK .. 1-2	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 5-6
MICHAEL G. SWIFT .. 3-4	*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT.

* 50th peal.

Rung as a farewell to W. R. Read and M. G. Swift, president and vice-president of the Society.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 9, 1962, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5012 SPLICED MAXIMUS

Consisting of 4,464 Plain Bob, 160 Bampton Little Bob, 152 Little Bob, 128 Burford Little Bob and 108 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 88 changes of method. Tenor size 16 in B.

JOHN F. BRANT 1-2	WILFRED F. MORTON .. 7-8
ROBERT E. MOULDS .. 3-4	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 9-10
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 5-6	J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. 11-12

Conducted by WILFRED F. MORETON.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 18, 1962, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

At 9, FIRST AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 in B.

JOHN F. BRYANT 1-2	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 5-6
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 3-4	J. NEVILLE PARKIN .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

HALF PEAL

LEWKINOR, OXON.—On July 20th, 2,520 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Plain Bob): J. E. Godman 1, G. McIlhone (first half peal as cond.) 2, F. E. Godden 3, R. P. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolem 5, W. E. Fulkes 6.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. H. Wood 1, J. H. Hayne 2, W. G. Trevelt 3, N. J. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. Rung for the christening of Sharon Jayne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Ford. First quarter since 5th and tenor bells recast and front four returned, and all rehung on ball bearings.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 16th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, 540 Bob Doubles: Stella Rice 1, Ann Sharpe 2, Margaret Fisher 3, Susan Waterhouse 4, S. W. Brown (first quarter as cond. in combined methods) 5, Frances Gilbert 6. Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. Prince Philip to Hove.

ASKERSWELL, DORSET.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Crabb 1, Rev. O. L. Willmott 2, C. H. Lathey 3, J. T. Barrett 4, J. Davis 5, G. A. Hyde (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the 80th year of the Salisbury Guild.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On July 15th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: O. Castleman 1, J. Kesterton 2, C. Lynch 3, A. G. Skinner (first quarter) 4, M. Pole 5, N. Abell 6, W. A. Skinner 7, R. Barrow 8. For Wake Sunday

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on July 18th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. I. Porter 1, D. S. Johnson 2, A. G. Osborne 3, H. F. Gibson 4, A. Taylor 5, R. Gibson 6, J. A. Singleton 7, C. C. Brown 8, R. Ducker (cond.) 9, C. F. Hobson 10.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On July 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Newing 1, Miss W. Bird 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, I. Goulter 4, A. Paton 5, R. Dowdeswell 6, P. Baker 7, G. Drew (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, H. L. Bishop 3, A. R. T. Greenough 4, P. Corderoy 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. For Matins.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on July 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. F. Lee 1, T. J. Milsom 2, D. J. Barnett 3, M. Press 4, W. H. Hurford 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6, J. W. Owen 7, P. W. Weeks 8. First of Kent Major for 2, 3 and 4.

BRADSTONE, DEVON.—On July 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. F. Myers 1, Miss M. A. Shepherd 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, D. F. Wheeler (first of Minor) 4, T. G. Myers (cond.) 5, D. R. Bould 6. Also 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Shepherd 1, T. G. Myers (cond.) 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, H. F. Myers 5, D. R. Bould 6. Longest length of Kent for 1, 4 and 5.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis 1, C. W. Riddlestone 2, Angela Wright 3, S. Ridge 4, A. W. Bond 5, H. Stalham 6, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 7, N. J. Armstrong 8. Rung for the wedding of Margaret Nancy Lewis, sixth daughter of the treble ringer, and Roland Hall.

BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. H. McWilliams 1, A. L. Bennett 2, Rev. B. Prior 3, Miss Y. C. Porter 4, Rev. D. P. Angold 5, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor by 1 and 3. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. Antony de Guingaud, a member of the Abbey ringers.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On May 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Barbara Rumbold 1, Hannah Penfold 2, Alice Ward 3, R. Tullett (first 'inside') 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and birthday wishes to Alice and Ronald. Also on July 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Barbara Rumbold 1, F. E. Hawthorne 2, Alice Ward 3, Hannah Penfold 4, R. Tullett 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Arranged for Mr. Hawthorne.

CARTMEL, LANCS.—On July 17th, 1,440 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: P. Handley 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, Miss D. Perrins 3, N. M. Newby (cond.) 4, J. Blackburn 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6. Rung for the Lake District Music Festival, part of which took place in Cartmel Priory. Also on July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Dixon 1, N. M. Newby (cond.) 2, J. E. Burles 3, J. E. Dickinson 4, J. Blackburn 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6. In memoriam Margaret Evelyn Snowden.

QUARTER PEALS

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Ockenden 1, H. Wakelam 2, J. Elliott 3, C. Whittington 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, C. Gower 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. R. F. G. Adam, who was inducted the previous day.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Marshall 1, Jennifer Young (first quarter) 2, Violet Relf 3, D. Slater 4, J. Richards 5, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Oldfield 1, P. Watts (15) 2, W. Ransome 3, W. Papworth 4, L. Cowley 5, D. Papworth (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUCKNAIL, NOTTS.—On July 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Burke 1, H. Lewin 2, Mrs. S. P. M. Nix 3, P. Nix (cond.) 4, M. Burke 5, F. Nurcombe (first quarter) 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. H. Symonds 2, F. F. Mortlock 3, F. Hunt 4, A. Knight 5, R. Clouston 6, R. Chambers 7, L. Offord 8. For the wedding in Hong Kong Cathedral on June 23rd of Dr. S. D. Sturten, O.B.E. to Dr. Olive G. Clouston, formerly of Lavenham and mother of the ringer of 6.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On July 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, W. H. Hunter 2, J. A. Humble 3, G. Mee (first quarter) 4, D. Marsden 5, J. E. Summer 6.

LONDON.—On April 25th, at St. Vedast's, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss C. G. Williams 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 3, D. J. R. Martin 4, J. C. Eisel 5, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 6. Rung after the re-hallowing of the church.

LONDON, N.6.—At St. Anne's, Highgate, West Hill, on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Z. Ogilvie 1, J. M. Payton 2, A. W. Butler (cond.) 3, P. G. Foote 4, T. Bevan 5, J. T. O'Dell 6, M. W. Lewis 7, Hilary Griffiths 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, on their 46th wedding anniversary, and to Mr. 'Joe' Hawkins, on his 85th birthday.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. Wilkins (first of Caters) 1, C. A. Hughes 2, Miss M. E. Lewis 3, P. Smith 4, H. Faulkner 5, A. Bishop 6, M. Sprackling 7, W. G. Wilson 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, J. W. Smith 10.

MARKET WEIGHTON, EAST YORKS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean M. Woodbridge (first quarter) 1, F. C. Hobson 2, D. P. B. Miles (first of Minor) 3, A. G. Osborne 4, R. D. Gibson 5, J. I. Booth (first as cond.) 6.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): P. Holt (first quarter, aged 12) 1, R. K. Boulthée (first 'inside', 15) 2, P. Huggart (first in more than one method 'inside', 15) 3, C. J. Boulthée (first in more than one method 'inside', 17) 4, S. Turner (first in more than one method as cond., 15) 5, R. Cannon (15) 6.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Hanning 1, Nancy Kempell 2, K. Game 3, W. Dunn 4, A. T. Shelton 5, M. D. Atfield (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Woodbridge 1, J. A. Tandy 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, F. J. Vallender 4, P. L. Bill 5, M. D. Fellows 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, G. Westwood 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of A. C. Boxley, former ringer at this church, who died on July 7th in Upton Snodsbury belfry.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—On July 15th, at St. George's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Chambers 1, Miss J. Hearnshaw 2, B. J. Lawes (first as cond.) 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, B. Potts 5, E. R. Warren 6. First quarter 2, 5 and 6. For evening service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On July 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Clayton 1, M. J. Uphill 2, B. H. Coatsworth 3, L. W. Allen 4, M. Bingham 5, B. J. Bull 6, A. D. Leach 7, C. P. Mew (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ROGATE, SUSSEX.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Elenor 1, K. Sansom 2, D. Hughes 3, K. Walker 4, B. Walton (first as cond.) 5, M. Hourahine 6.

SALISBURY, SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—On July 18th, at the Cathedral, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Pellatt (first attempt for quarter) 1, F. Wilson 2, Miss J. Winter 3, H. P. Rayner 4, C. Stevenson (cond.) 5, K. S. Cross (first attempt for quarter) 6. Rung on the front six. First quarter on the bells, for the Guild and in Central Africa.

SALTER STREET, WARWICKS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian M. Seig (first quarter) 1, R. H. Hicken 2, G. J. Lightfoot 3, J. K. Lightfoot 4, A. J. Collins (cond.) 5.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Y. L. Woodley (first quarter) 1, G. C. Woodley 2, E. Pinn (first 'inside') 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, A. E. Chown 5, E. J. Summers 6, B. F. Coles 7, A. Clark 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the second.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On July 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Oldfield 1, W. Ransome 2, P. Watts (15, first attempt for Minor 'inside') 3, C. Goodyer 4, L. Cowley 5, D. Papworth (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Watts (15) 1, J. Oldfield 2, D. Peacock 3, W. Ransome 4, C. Goodyer 5, D. Papworth (cond.) 6. For evening service.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church on July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Moore (first of Minor) 1, Diana Belcham 2, M. Stanjon 3, W. Wainwright 4, L. G. Gates 5, D. Belcham (cond.) 6. Rung for a 'Husbands and Wives' service attended by the Bishop of Willesden, and for the 82nd birthday of A. Glascock. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Margaret Moore 1, Diana Belcham 2, Pamela Miller 3, H. Miller 4, S. G. Peck 5, D. Belcham (cond.) 6, M. Stanjon 8. Rung to mark the end of Christ Church Centenary Year.

STAFFORD.—On July 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Stanley 1, Richard J. Warrilow 2, F. R. Wiggins 3, D. W. Friend (cond.) 4, F. Eley 5, F. Beech 6, Robert J. Warrilow 7, A. E. Garbett 8, R. K. Mowforth 9, C. J. Evans 10. For morning service, during which Michael Charles, son of Charles and Joy Hone, both ringers at St. Mary's Church, was christened.

STAINES, MIDDXX.—On June 7th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Skipsey 1, Linda Skipsey 2, N. D. Robinson 3, M. J. Bangham (first in method) 4, M. Bartlett 5, B. Bartlett 6, R. I. Shepherd (cond.) 7, J. Skipsey 8. For Confirmation. Also on July 8th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Linda Skipsey 1, B. Bartlett 2, R. Wiggins 3, M. Loveday 4, E. Skipsey 5, M. Bartlett 6, R. Shepherd (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Skipsey 8. First in method for all except conductor. For morning service. Also on July 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Skipsey 1, E. Skipsey (cond.) 2, M. Bartlett 3, Linda Skipsey 4, R. Wiggins 5, M. Loveday 6, B. Bartlett 7, R. Shepherd 8. First of Kent T.B. Major for all except tenor. For Evensong.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. Tickner 1, Mrs. L. Cullingworth 2, Violet I. Relf 3, G. F. Cantrill 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, F. G. Hogan 6, J. W. Brown 7, T. Cullingworth 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Kathleen M. Yeo and Mr. Maurice E. Downs.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman): Miss D. G. Smith 1, D. Brown 2, Miss B. Daysh 3, Miss S. Smith 4, A. R. Carter (cond.) 5, T. C. Holland 6. First in the three methods by all the hand.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On July 14th, 1,262 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Baitup 1, Miss R. Earl 2, P. D. Pope 3, Miss S. Tonkin 4, G. Beany (cond.) 5, J. Hill 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): M. Welsh 1, B. Butler 2, R. Hoves 3, F. Absolem 4, G. McIlhone (cond.) 5. First in two methods for whole band. Also on July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Grandsire, 420 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob), by members of Wallingford Grammar School for end of term: C. J. Adam 1, S. J. Franklin 2, G. G. Tinson 3, R. A. Partridge 4, G. McIlhone (first in three methods as cond.) 5, R. M. Heyworth 6. First in three methods for all the band.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss K. Bennett 1, A. Perriman 2, C. Osenton 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, A. MacFadyen 5, D. J. Cheesman 6.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On July 13th, 1,440 Wells Surprise Minor: C. Stevens 1, W. Stevens 2, C. Clarke 3, D. Miller 4, M. Stone 5, B. Wyldie (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On July 22nd, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. V. Clark 1, I. Hughes 2, E. Stainrod 3, C. D. Emery 4, C. Simpson (first of Minor as cond. on tower bells) 5, M. P. Moreton 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hartley 1, Judith Geiringer (first 'inside') 2, Susan Rawlings 3, K. Newman 4, A. Bagworth 5, C. Walters 6. For Evensong.

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WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Will all correspondents please note the name and address of the new general secretary, D. Becham, Goodiers Lane, Twynning, near Tewkesbury, Glos. 671

IMPORTANT

CHANGE OF RINGING PRACTICE ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER. Will visitors, please, make special note that, commencing August 14th, the ringing practice will in future be held on Tuesday evenings.—S. Harrison, Ringing Master and Tower Keeper. 643

MEETINGS

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division)

Quarterly meeting at Withyham (8).

Saturday, August 4th.

Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30.

Tea at 5 p.m.

Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. Tel. 438. All county and other ringers welcome to this Sussex beauty spot. 632

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Summer Festival.—August Monday at Dunstable. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing.—S. Ivin, Gen. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead, Monday, August 6th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. 610

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting August 6th (Bank Holiday Monday) at Rotherham. All Saints' Parish Church (10) 2.30 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Eastwood (8), and Thrybergh (6) 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Whiston (8) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Please be sure to send in your name for tea to Norman Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham. All welcome.—J. Seager, Hon. Sec. 603

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting, Tempsford, Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Special methods: London Scholars' and Double Oxford. A welcome awaits everyone.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 654

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting of Northern and Southern Districts at Kenilworth on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers must reach Mr. J. Royal, 33 Waverley Road, Kenilworth, by Tuesday, August 7th. Stoneleigh bells (5) available from 6.30 p.m. 645

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting joint with the Chesterfield District, at Ashover, Saturday, August 11th. 3 p.m. For teas, please, advise Mr. F. Miller, 'Carlton House,' Moor Road, Ashover, near Chesterfield.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Mr. A. B. Cooper, Dis. Secs. 651

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Cuckfield (8) on August 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by August 10th to Secretary (Margaret A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent). Names for annual outing on September 8th should be sent to Mr. S. Jenner, 6, Greybury Lane, Marsh Green, Edenbridge. 644

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Wimbrough (6), August 11th. Names for tea by Wednesday.—R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 642

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redburn, August 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by the 9th to Mr. G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redburn. 650

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting, Cartmel Priory, Saturday, August 11th, 2.30 p.m. Names to H. Dixon, Mere Beck, Cartmel, Grange-o-Sands.—N. M. Newby, P. Handley, Branch Secs. 657

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston and Fylde Branches.—Joint meeting at St. Michael's Parish Church, Kirkham, on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, to arrive not later than Wednesday, August 8th, to Mrs. N. Marshall, 22, Myrtle Drive, Kirkham, Preston, Lancs.—L. Walmsley, J. F. Turner. 641

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 11th, at Harrow-on-the-Hill. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting. Further ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Gage, 70, Bourne View, Greenford, by previous Wednesday.—E. H. Kilby. 637

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—An evening meeting at Preston Capes is arranged for Saturday, August 11th.—F. W. Hancock. 659

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, West Overton, Saturday, August 11th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 649

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Much Wenlock, Saturday, August 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 8th, to Miss V. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Shropshire. 658

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Colston Bassett, August 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to G. Payne, Colston Bassett.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 630

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, August 11th. Names for tea by 9th to Mr. S. Barton, 103, Bawtry Road, Harworth, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 652

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Great Barton (6) on Saturday, August 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 626

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Angmering (6) on Saturday, August 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Bells available during evening. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, by previous Wednesday, please. 647

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, August 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. A. M. Guy, The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 648

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Wragby, August 11th. Bells (6) available 3-9 p.m. Also Helmsworth (8) 2-4.30. Crofton (6) 6.30-9 p.m. Cups of tea only and business meeting at Wragby 5 p.m.—J. J. L. Gilbert, J. W. Buxton, Hon. Secs. 656

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Leiston (8) on Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 15th, to Miss M. Branch, Fern Bank, Bungay Road, Halesworth. 653

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Burstow, August 18th, at 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Padbury, 'Bell Hatch,' Broadbridge Lane, Burstow, before August 15th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 636

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Half-yearly ringing and committee meeting, Scorton, Saturday, September 1st. Meeting 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 3s. 6d. per person. Names to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Preston, by Wednesday, August 29th. Bells available: Lancaster R.C. Cathedral (10) 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Scorton (8) 2.30 p.m. and after tea. 646

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ST. MARGARET'S, KING'S LYNN

A LOCAL policeman appeared quite interested in the motley group of ringers of St. Margaret's, with others from Caston, Portsmouth and Sprowston, congregating outside the porch door just after 7.30 a.m. on a wet Whit Monday, some wonderfully disguised under rain hoods and coats while the hardier ones just braved the elements. After collecting St. Faith's ringers from Gaywood the day's trip began with a good run, via Wisbech and Peterborough, out of the rain, to St. Mary the Virgin, Warmington, where the rather noisy but good six were soon up and going to rounds. Unfortunately Cambridge Surprise Minor did not receive the rendering due to it and the trips were loudly proclaimed from the bells above and from those ringers below in the belfry who apparently knew what both they themselves were doing and everyone else too.

before we left Kettering the company assembled around the coach with Mr. and Mrs. Lilley for the pictorial record of the day, shown above.

'All aboard,' and off to Higham Ferrers, where our best method seemed to be Stedman and a musical well-struck touch pleased us all. Our non-ringers were quite enthralled with this magnificent church—obviously much loved by the parishioners.

From Higham Ferrers a quieter ride, probably induced by the now heavy atmosphere and overcast sky, or by the fact that there had been no time for siestas after lunch. But the moment we stopped at Raunds the athletes were once again bounding up the elongated churchyard steps. Our ringing here pleased us all, especially the course of Double Norwich. It was at Raunds we were pleased to meet Mr. and Mrs. Rawson, of Leicester,



THE COMPANY AT KETTERING.

[Photo by Roger Haverson.]

From Warmington to Tichmarsh. While these lovely bells were swinging gaily to rounds, Stedman, Grandsire and the inevitable Plain Bob, our non-ringing friends were shown round the beautiful Vicarage garden by the Vicar, and some emerged sporting scented button-holes, which during the day either flourished or faded causing amusement for our would-be crystal-gazers discerning the fools from the flirts.

The 30 minutes' journey between Tichmarsh and Burton Latimer, found three ringers trying out the handbells which the thoughtful Gaywood people had brought on board. We found Burton Latimer bells very enjoyable, but all too soon we had to leave this dark belfry and go into the bright daylight. The lowering of the bells in peal had put us a few minutes behind in our already tight schedule, but our coach driver co-operated and we were not too late for the scrumptious lunch awaiting us at the George Hotel, Kettering. The shortening of our lunch hour didn't dismay the more eager ringers of the party, and they were seen to be mounting the steps at the west end of the churchyard, two at a time, at great speed. Their keenness was amply rewarded in this fine ring of ten. Here we were all pleased to meet again the Rev. Ivan Lilley and his wife, Sylvia. Ivan was at one time a member of the St. Margaret's choir before entering the Church. Time seemed to have wings this Monday, but

who were on holiday and we were glad to have Mr. Rawson join us in our ringing.

The 45 minutes allowed for our journey to Houghton for tea was stretched to almost 100 minutes as we became rather involved in the traffic from Huntingdon race course, so the 'Brown Teapot,' Houghton, was an even more welcome sight and tea in the garden was an unexpected treat. Like giants refreshed we were soon back in the bus, having gathered our straying members from the beautiful Houghton Mill, and we were heading for St. Neots, the journey being 'coloured' for us by the ringing curate, whose parents' home is here.

We thought the bells of St. Neots were the loveliest of the day and they went excellently to Cambridge Major, Double Norwich, Stedman and Treble Bob, and, of course, not forgetting the rounds, call changes and Plain Bob. A biased member of the party declared (during the usual mangle of the day's ringing on the homeward journey) that this glorious ring at St. Neots rivalled those of Lavenham, in Suffolk, where we had been in our 1961 outing.

Once again our sincere thanks were given to the organiser and tower secretary, Les Houghton, for a most enjoyable and extremely successful Whit Monday ringing tour. Through 'The Ringing World' we thank those ringers and incumbents who so kindly turned up at their towers on a Bank Holiday to greet us.

F. P. W.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and their friends on the occasion of their quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, on July 14th.

After ringing on this fine 21 cwt. eight in the afternoon and a short service, about 80 people sat down to tea in the Church Hall, which was splendidly catered for by the ladies of the church.

The day was also an occasion for Mr. P. G. Turley, who this year has completed 60 years

as a member of the Society and 50 years a ringer at St. Nicholas'. He also celebrates his golden wedding this year. After tea, the Rev. E. M. T. McLellan, the Rector, presented Mr. Turley with a clock from the ringers, which bore the inscription: '...for the first 50 years.'

During the business meeting which followed the Society 'captured' Mrs. P. A. Corby as a member; another 'split' family.

The Master, Mr. Denis Beresford, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and also to Mr. Philip Corby and Miss Doris Colgate for their arrangements which had made the meeting such a success.

F. J. M.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District

A torrential downpour and the presence of a thunderstorm in mid-afternoon could not damp the enthusiasm of some 25 members and friends who attended the meeting of the North and East District at North Myms on July 14th.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.15 p.m. A service followed, conducted by the Rev. L. F. Hamel-Smith, Vicar of St. Mary's, with Mrs. K. M. Lock accompanying at the organ.

The Memorial Hall at Welham Green was the setting for a splendid tea, prepared and most generously provided by Mesdames Lock, Slade, Grisedale and Spencer.

At the business meeting which followed, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. G. Hart, the ratification of the provisional election of the following, prior to peals for the Association, was made: Colin D. Emery (Putney), Rodney A. Yeates (Newcastle), Geoffrey A. Lucas (Willingham), Harold S. Peacock (Huntingdon), Miss E. J. Langton (Worthing), together with J. Edward Cawser, Beryl E. Cawser and Gordon H. Lane of the Midland Counties Guild as non-resident life members, and Mr. Andrew Stubbs (Kilburn) as a ringing member. Martin F. Lock, of North Myms, was also elected a non-resident life member.

Two members of the Harrow band (Messrs. R. Gage and J. Small) were admitted to Association membership, as also were four members of the band at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, viz., the Misses R. M. K. How, Christine Bradburn, Enid Town and Pamela Wakeling.

Ringing continued after the meeting and ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise.

E. H. K.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

The West Lindsey Branch for their outing on July 14th visited the Oxford area. Two coaches of ringers and friends left the Gainsborough district a little after 8 a.m. and travelled to Oxford with only a brief stop at Rugby. The skies were grey and rain was met with but by the time Oxford was reached the sun shone.

Two o'clock saw the commencement of ringing with All Saints' as the first tower, and this was followed by visits to St. Cross' and St. Giles'. The company was joined in Oxford by Mr. P. Walker, who had kindly made local arrangements. Tea was taken to the accompaniment of a thunder storm which soon cleared and allowed ringers to walk to the last Oxford tower, St. Mary Magdalen.

The final call was at Bicester, where the delightful eight (tenor 15½ cwt.) were very much appreciated. Here it should be noted that the visitors were due at Bicester at 7.30, and the clock hands showed 7.30 exactly, when the church door was reached. No one was more surprised than the Branch secretary who made the arrangement and who has something of a reputation for punctuality (?).

The bells of Bicester were lowed at 8.15 and the coaches filled up for the long return journey, which concluded a successful and happy outing.

H. C. R.

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday evening, August 11th, at Soham. Bells (10) 6 until 9 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 674

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, August 11th, at Powbold. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—F. Pearson, Sec. 670

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 13th, 1962, at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester. Entertainment and dancing afterwards. Tickets (13s. 6d.) and other details later.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 672

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QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Audrey M. Evans 1, Angela M. Wright (first on 10) 2, S. E. Armstrong 3, F. Rowsell 4, C. W. T. Riddleston 5, H. Stalham 6, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7, B. G. North 8, B. J. Stone 9, A. W. Bond 10. Rung to mark the visit to Brighton and Hove of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Law 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, S. R. Huckle 3, R. F. Law 4, R. H. French 5, M. J. Marriott (first as cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and the Feast of St. Swithun.

HARLINGTON, MIDD.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hitchcock 1, Miss W. Smith 2, Miss J. Wooders 3, M. Hawkins 4, D. Pickett 5, C. Fynes (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a welcome home from Exeter to Miss J. Wooders.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On July 8th, 720 Netherseale Surprise, 540 Plain Bob Minor: P. Woolven 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davy 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on July 15th, 1,440 Netherseale Surprise Minor: P. Woolven 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, W. A. Theobald 3, A. J. Davy 4, C. L. Bell 5, M. J. Dyer (cond.) 6. For morning service.

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