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A NOTABLE PARTNERSHIP

ON JUNE 5TH, 1909, the first peal of Erin Triples was rung at Gateshead by the Durham and Newcastle Association. In these days of enterprise in the ringing of new methods little particular notice seems to be taken of a new venture, and 50 and 60 years ago, too, many methods now well known and well rung received an unobtrusive baptism. Erin Triples, so easy to learn, so exacting for the conductor and so challenging to the composer, was no new thing. It had been known, discussed, argued about and named quite a long time before 1909; but it was the mathematical genius of Joseph Parker that solved the difficult problem of producing a 5,040 and it was the uncanny ability of William Barber that inspired the ringing of it.

Joseph W. Parker was a North Country man. He began to ring rather late in life, for he was round about the age of 30 when he came under the tuition of Mr. Thomas Hudson at Bishopwearmouth. His progress was manifestly rapid, for in a very short time he was becoming notable both as a practical ringer and as an officer of the Durham and Newcastle Association. But what is more remarkable is that one beginning to associate with the art in the approach to middle life should reveal such an aptitude for theoretical investigation and develop such a masterly control of the principles and difficulties attached to the more abstruse aspects of composition.

No investigator worked more unobtrusively, none with a more sure touch. His writings reveal him as an earnest searcher after truth and the solving of problems; his approach was objective and never for self-appraisal or self-gratification, and it would appear that he was more concerned that the truth should appear or the problem be resolved than to be troubled as to who should light upon the essential facts. In Volume I of 'The Ringing World' one may find a long and not uninteresting controversial correspondence between Parker and Law James on the relationship between Stedman and Erin, and it will be seen that in his determined defence of what he considered truth Parker relentlessly hounded the brilliant Law James into a corner from which the reverend gentleman could not finally escape. In the same volume will be found Parker's very

sympathetic reference to George Astbury's investigations into the possibility of securing the extent of Erin Triples with only two singles.

Pioneer of Spliced Surprise Major composition, exponent of Spliced Minor, brilliant investigator into the mysteries of Stedman Triples, J. W. Parker was placed by that great student Trollope among the leading composers of all time. And none can deny him his place.

William H. Barber was a Clent man and, together with his very able brother John, learned to ring at an early age. His work caused him to travel a great deal, and after some residence in Dublin, Bangor and Edinburgh, he settled in Newcastle upon Tyne to add one more famous North Country name to those of Routledge, Storey and the Gofton brothers.

His brilliance as a conductor was speedily apparent, and his fame as the exponent of the calling of difficult compositions was soon established. There was no limit to his mastery in all methods, but his favourite intellectual exercise was (as with Maurice Swinfield) Stedman Triples, and in the directing of some of the intricate compositions in this principle Barber's touch was as sure and unerring as was the touch of Parker in the production of the figures. Among the notable feats of this extraordinary man are the calling of Law James' Seven-Part, John Carter's Odd-Bob for the first time on tower- and handbells, and that amazing performance at Gateshead when Barber conducted the Odd-Bob blindfolded.

It was either Barber or Washbrook (recollection is here unsure) who expressed the following desire: To be one of four people to walk into a room, take any pair of handbells, sit down blindfolded and ring Carter's Odd-Bob. The above two gentlemen were doubtless capable. And the other two? Challis Winney probably. And the fourth? Might we say John O. Lancashire?

Great ringers and distinguished composers invariably have a fame that rests on their own achievements, but it is not unusual to find the name of a notable conductor associated with the works of a particular composer. There will come to mind John Austin and Bankes James, John Carter and Albert Walker, the Holifields senior and junior, and perhaps William Pye and Gabriel Lindoff. These were happy and portentous associations, and with them we do well to recall that formidable combination of the North. J. W. Parker and William H. Barber. E. C. S.

POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

By Canon K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AS usual these days, there has been quite a length of time since the last article on this subject, which means a correspondingly large number of towers to mention in the various categories. The number of towers which have still to have their first peal has been reduced by 23 in this period—quite a good number. Most of these were claimed as such, viz.: Tilton, Peter Tavy, Napton-on-the-Hill, West Overton, Colyton, Dunblane, Ryton, Wroxton, Meanwood, Warnford, Broadchalke, Hickling, Chitterne, Modbury, Exeter (St. Petrock's), London (St. Vedast's), Barford St. Martin, Hampstead (Essex) and Newton Valence. Four first pealers were not claimed—Brighstone, Dolton, Ossington and Cherry Hinton. Since I have quite often had requests of late for lists of towers in different counties which have not had a peal, I expect a lot more will 'fall' before long.

It isn't often we have a tower in the peal columns which has had a peal but before the ringing press came into existence in 1881! In fact, Dunham Massey is the only such case I can think of offhand previously. This time we welcome Inverness in this category, where the only previous peal was rung in 1877. So an 85 years' silence here. There have been five towers which have not been heard in a peal since before the first war. Uffington had two peals 60 years ago and none until the recent one. They were both of Bob Minor in 1902 and 1903. Unless the bells at Nuthall have been recast, the peal a month or two ago was not the first on the bells. Grandsire Doubles was rung in 1906 and Doubles in two methods in 1908, but none since. At Swanwick the only previous peal was Grandsire Doubles in 1910, whilst the claim at Builth Wells for the first peal for more than 30 years was very modest! It should have been 50 years, for the last was in 1912—there were five peals from 1907 to 1912. Then Netherbury had its only previous peal (Grandsire Doubles) in 1912 also.

Eight towers last had peals in the 1920's. Cropwell Bishop's last was in 1920, and there had also been one in 1905. Upton Snodsbury's one and only former peal was in 1923. Chelmarsh had its last in 1925, with a previous one in 1908. Littledean and Keynsham both appeared last amongst the peals in 1926. The former had had peals in 1921 and 1924, whilst the latter had peals in 1910, 1912, 1913 (two) and 1924 also. The last peals at Thurstaston and St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, were both in 1927. The former had also had its first peal in 1923 but there had been no other at St. Paul's. Hale's last was in 1928, with the first on the bells in 1925.

As usual, quite a few towers last appeared in the peal lists in the 1930's. Feckenham seems to go in for peals every 30 or 40 years. The one before the recent one was in 1930 and before that, 1889. For an eight-bell tower, this is very infrequent. Burrowden's only previous peal was in 1931, in which year appeared also Ilmington for the last time before the recent peal. But here there had been peals in 1922, 1924 and 1925 also. Before the first war, South Hackney's name was seen quite frequently amongst the peals. But it ceased in 1932. From 1909 to 1913, 13 peals were rung, then four from 1919 to 1922 and three in 1931 and 1932, and no more until now. The peal at Wick St. Lawrence was claimed as the first on the bells, but I fear it wasn't unless the bells had been recast. I have one in 1932. St. Osyth likewise has had a single peal before (Bob Minor in 1933). The last time Sheriff Hales appeared was in 1935—it had also done so in 1925. Lingfield's last peal was in 1936. This is another eight-bell tower with very few peals. As a six-bell tower, Grandsire Double was rung in 1907. Then there was silence until 1935 (I suspect the bells were augmented in 1934). Then, in 1935, Cambridge and London Major were rung and in 1936 London Major again. Now, in 1963, we get Nailstone Major. I'm not sure that any other tower can say that nothing but Surprise Major peals have ever been rung on our eight bells! Of course, it was the last war which has kept the name of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, out of the peal columns, and it

is a pleasure to read it there again. Before the first war, there had been 26 peals, from 1882, then nine peals between 1922 and 1937 (the last).

25 YEARS WITHOUT A PEAL

West Kirby is still another eight-bell tower which hasn't had a peal for 25 years. The first peal here was in 1890 (Double Norwich) and 10 had been rung by 1914. There was one in 1920 and one each in 1935 and 1937 (the latter the only Surprise on the bells) and silence until now. St. Paul's, Chippenham, has a similar history. First peal 1886, seven peals up to 1914 and eight from 1921-38 (the last until recently). All but two of these, by the way, were Triples. The two were Double Norwich. Strangely enough the next tower, Neston, makes a 'hat trick' of eight-bell towers with a similar history again. Fourteen peals from 1885 to 1910, then eight from 1921 to 1938 and now activity again after 25 years. Finally, in 1939, we have three towers last seen in the peal columns—Church Oakley, Moreton-on-Lugg and Colmworth. The first had had peals in 1914 and 1932 also; the second peals in 1922 and 1930 (I confirm the recent peal as the first of Minor on the bells) and the last one previous peal in 1937.

Now we come on to 'milestones.' A special article appeared when, a few months ago, the first tower to produce 1,000 peals hit the headlines—Loughborough Bell Foundry. Already there have been another 20 or so peals there, so I expect the 1,100 will be up next year! I am very pleased to confirm the 600th peal at Erith since I last wrote. A wonderful record here, and going great guns still. The tower now is about 80 peals ahead of Crayford, which was the first church tower to reach 500 peals. In fact the latter may soon have to take 3rd place, for Willesden is creeping up and has passed the 450 mark a few months ago (actually, I made the claim for the 450th the 451st on the bells). We have 20 to 25 peals a year here, so maybe the 500 will be up at the end of next year. No tower passed the 400, 300 or 200 in the period under review. Accrington has scored 150—58 were on the six before augmentation and of the 92 since 32 have been on six bells. In fact, only one of the last 10 has been on the eight bells.

Eight towers have passed the century mark—some claimed and some not. They are Handsworth (Staffs), Claybrooke, Halewood, Salehurst, Southport (Christ Church), Conisbrough, Gateshead (here I made it 98 when the 100 was claimed, although two more have been rung since) and Great Yarmouth (in the tower, of course). North Stoneham also acclaimed the 100th peal since augmentation to 10. I made it the 102nd. Then for the half-century, we have Cranford (Middlesex), London (St. Olave), Coleman's Hatch, Kirtlington, Over (Cambs), Farnham Royal, North Bradley, Branston, Heydour and Sawley, Derby All Saints where the 50th peal was claimed, has actually had more than that. I have 52 when older than 1881 peals are included.

Now a few false claims! The peal at Micheldever was not the first on the bells. Bob Minor was rung there in 1938. A peal at Theale was not the first for 25 years. There was one in 1957. Rutland Major at Soberton was not the first in the method there. It was rung in 1956. Unless I missed the withdrawal of the peal, Cambridge Maximus was rung at Worcester Cathedral in 1962 and so the one last month was not the first on the bells.

I confirm the first of Major at Glasbury-on-Wye. This is a quite extraordinary tower. Before the peal of Major, there had been 30 peals commencing in 1907. First peal was of Grandsire Doubles, the second Grandsire Triples. Of the 30 peals, six are of Grandsire Triples, 14 of Grandsire Doubles, nine are of Doubles from two to five methods and one (in 1960) was of Bob Minor. So it had to wait a long time for an even bell method. I confirm the first of Minor at Prestbury. There are only two previous peals here—Grandsire Doubles in 1911 and 1949. Fairfield, too, has had its first peal of Major. Here,

there was a peal of Stedman Triples in 1898; Doubles (two methods) and Bob Minor in 1921 and 1923 respectively, and then six peals of Grandsire Triples from 1923 to 1931 and in 1954.

CORNHILL'S NARROW CHOICE

Cornhill, London, had its first peal of Maximus since 1923. There is an interesting record here. Sixty-seven peals have been rung since 1882. Of these, 54 have been Stedman Cinques (all since 1923 have been until the Cambridge Maximus six months ago); nine have been Kent Treble Bob Maximus; three have been Cambridge Maximus, and, in 1900, there was a peal of Superlative Major. Not much variety so far!

The claim for the first peal of Stedman Triples at Stratton, Cornwall, is quite true for the present bells, which were recast in 1911. However, the very first peal in the tower, in 1901, was Stedman Triples, so the method has been rung there before. In that peal, four parsons took part. We don't often find as many in peals these days!

I presume the claim for the 100th peal in Australia includes handbell peals. As far as I can see, tower bell peals have not yet reached that total.

Finally, three more five-bell towers which have reached double figures. They are Norton Canon, Bentley Common and Blaby. Congratulations to them.

BISHOP OF SALISBURY ENTHRONED

Summer came suddenly for the enthronement of the 74th Bishop of Salisbury (the Rt. Rev. Joseph Edward Fison, D.D.) in Salisbury Cathedral on May 24th, before a congregation of over 3,000. Many more were able to watch the colourful procession from Mitre House, through the High Street Gate and across the green to the open west doors, where the arrival of the Bishop was heralded by a fanfare of trumpets of the Royal Artillery Mounted Band.

The enthronement taking place the day after Ascension Day, the Bishop preached from the text, 'That He ascended, what is it but that He first descended...' and showed that our way must, to some small extent, resemble our Lord's—we must look to the descent and God would look after the ascent. Our Lord descended to the lowest place on earth in His Baptism, and if we went down to the lowest place—which is where we belong—then we could not but look up to everyone; and what a difference it would make if we looked up to and not down on others, each esteeming other better than himself. Supposing Conservatives looked up to Socialists, and vice versa, the Forces and the Nuclear Disarmers, in the Church family High Churchmen and Low Churchmen, Vicar and churchwardens, organist and bellringers.... If we are at the feet of God we shall know that we are right down in the lowest place and must look up.

It is not known, of course, how many ringers were in the congregation, certainly the president and Master of the Guild; and one of the clergy and a licensed woman worker of the diocese rang in the quarter peal later that day in St. Thomas', Salisbury, in honour of the new Bishop. He came from being Vicar of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, and though we did not rise to Cambridge Surprise Major, at least we rang the method composed by a famous Cambridge printer.

The Bishop and his family listened from their garden, and he afterwards sent a message of thanks to the ringers for their welcome.

Y. L. E.

E. DERBYSHIRE & N. NOTTS ASSOCIATION

Under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Bleby) a wide variety of methods, together with rounds and call changes, were rung at the monthly meeting of the East Derbyshire and North Notts Association at South Normanton (6) on May 18th.

Ringers present were from Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Selston, Blackwell, Morton, Clay Cross, Mansfield, Duffield, South Normanton, Todmorden and Heptonstall, M. J. K.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD AT ROCHESTER

THE seventh A.G.M. of the British Railways Staff Association Guild of Church Bell Ringers was held at Rochester at the weekend May 10th-12th. Those who arrived on Friday visited St. Mary Magdalene's Church at Gillingham, and had an enjoyable evening.

Saturday opened very promisingly, and at the Cathedral Mr. Norris conducted the party to the ringing chamber. The Dean, the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stannard, also climbed the steps to welcomed the Guild to Rochester, and hoped all would enjoy themselves during their short stay. Entering and leaving the belfry is no place for tall people, as one of the members found out.

During lunch it was found that a wedding was booked at the next church to be visited, so arrangements were made to ring at both All Saints, Frindsbury, and St. Margaret's, Rainham. After this exercise all were ready for tea at Pat's Cafe, where the business meeting was also held.

With the Master in the chair, the business opened with a special welcome to the visitors, amongst whom were Mr. S. Robinson (secretary, Joint Committee, British Railways Staff Association), Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary, Central Council) and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. L. Mitchell (honorary secretary, Rochester District), Mr. A. Dunk and Mr. F. Cheal (District representatives), Mr. C. Norris (captain, Cathedral ringers) and Mr. J. Willis (vice-president, K.C.A.). Mr. Barnett replied with a story of his very amusing travels on the railway.

Members heard with deep regret of the death of the wife of Mr. R. E. H. Goodman, the general secretary, Southern Region, B.R.S.A., and the honorary secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy. A letter of good wishes was also to be sent to Mr. A. J. Pitman, who was unable to make the journey.

BENEVOLENT FUND

Following the adoption of the minutes, the accounts were presented by Mr. Brough, senior auditor, who commented that it was a good statement, but there were many subscription arrears. Following the honorary secretary explaining that there were retired railwaymen who were unable to meet the subscription, Mr. F. Hodgson proposed, and the meeting agreed, that a fund called 'The Retired Railwaymen's Benevolent Fund' be created to meet such cases. A collection for this realised £2 18s.

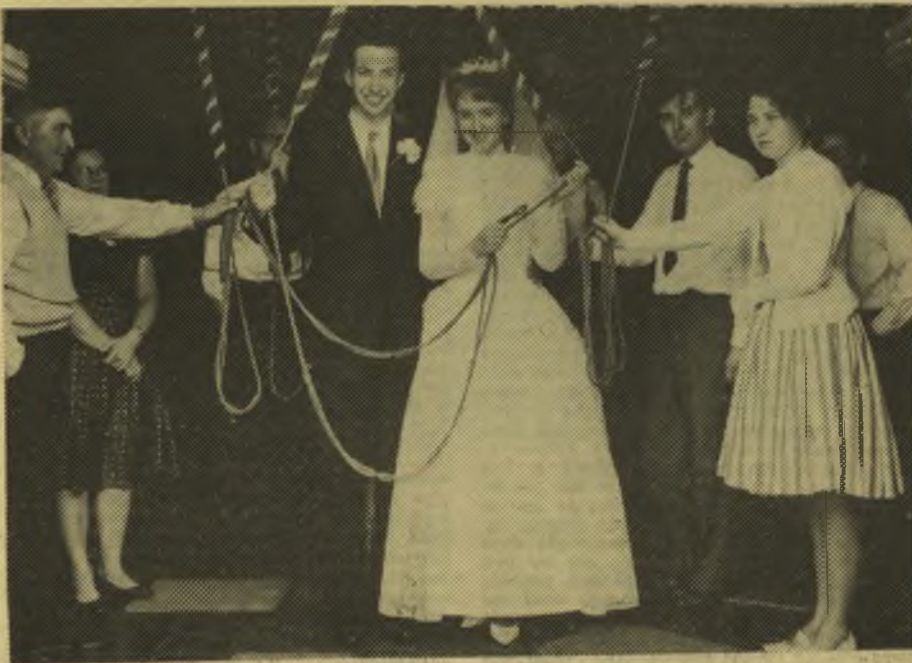
The honorary secretary reported a very satisfactory year, with membership steadily increasing, and also a very happy relationship with the British Railways Staff Association. Although the ringing competition was thrown out last year, he suggested that an annual dinner should be considered in any future programme.

The new Master elected is Mr. C. Bassett, who was proposed by Mr. Foskett, and seconded by Mr. F. Hodgson. The honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. A. Hoare, was re-elected, also both the auditors. All Regional Masters remain the same.

Mr. F. Hodgson moved that the Guild visit Crewe for the 1964 A.G.M. This was agreed to: arrangements being left in the hands of Mr. Frank Stenson, Mr. B. Kynaston's proposal that the autumn meeting be held at Cambridge was carried.

Mr. S. Robinson, secretary, Joint Committee, B.R.S.A., explaining the new rules, said that honorary membership would not meet with the committee's approval. Membership would therefore come under the following four headings: (a) Active, (b) Retired, (c) Family, wives, etc., (d) Associate. The four ringers who rang in the 1962 peal were consequently elected as association members at a subscription of 1s. each.

TWO HERSHAM RINGERS MARRIED



When two members of the St. Peter's, Hersham, Surrey, band were married there on May 18th, ropes were let down through the belfry floor to enable this picture to be taken.

The bride, Miss Gwendolyn Peggy May, wore a full length lace dress, with high neckline and nylon bustle. Her shoulder length

veil was held in place by a white fur-trimmed coronet.

The bridegroom was Mr. Colin Norman Chinnery, and the bride's two sisters were attendants.

After a reception at Church House, Hersham, the honeymoon was spent at Ilfracombe.

[Photo: Frank B. Rice ('Surrey Herald').]

Mr. H. Walker promised to help with the arrangements for the autumn meeting at Lincoln on September 28th.

Mr. Stenson moved a vote of thanks to all those who helped to make the meeting such a great success, especially to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hollands. Mr. B. Kynaston read a letter, received from the manager and friends of the Black Horse, Taunton, thanking the ringers for the very interesting handbell ringing last year.

The programme for the day ended with a visit to St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Chatham.

J. A. H.

CHELSEA (ST. LUKE'S) 1963 TOUR

The Chelsea ringers, accompanied by a few friends who have in the past been associated with St. Luke's, went on tour in Derbyshire, Staffs, Notts and Cheshire. They made their headquarters at Darley Dale, where they were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bullen, G. H. Poulson and 'Jafus'. Among the churches they visited were Alton, Stone, Tunstall, Norton-on-the-Moors, Wirksworth, West Hallam, Ilkeston, Bolsover, Crich, Ripley, Mansfield, Cresswell, Fairfield, Glossop, Norbury (Hazel Grove), N. Wingfield, Staveley, Barlborough, Bakewell, Matlock, Tideswell, Hope, Castleton, Eckington and, of course, Darley Dale.

The tour was arranged and planned by Veronica Dupré and John Lott. Those taking part were Kate Branson (Edinburgh), A. W. Lloyd (Oxford), Mr. and Mrs. F. Howson, Molly Powell, A. F. Udall, Squire Croft, W. H. Pickett (Staffs), J. H. Lott, V. Dupré, D. Kingman (Matlock) and J. F. Smallwood (Darley Dale).

The party thoroughly enjoyed the tour, and, although the weather in the first part of the week was cold and sometimes wet, they had some good ringing in many methods, including Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major. A few quarter peals were rung, and in the evenings handbells were put to good use. Everywhere a warm welcome was awaiting the visitors, and local ringers were invited to take part in the ringing. Thanks to all incumbents for giving permission to ring, and to those local ringers who met the party.

J. F. S.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The picturesque village of Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, was the venue for the Barnsley and District Society's meeting on May 11th. Fourteen towers were represented, and an excellent tea was served by local ladies. The Vicar (Rev. E. V. Wright), who is retiring this year, presided at the business meeting. Mr. H. Chant reported that permission had been given for a tablet to the memory of Mr. Dan Smith to be placed in Felkirk Church. Joan Weaver, of Pontefract, was elected a member.

The shield contest will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on June 8th. Darton was suggested for the July meeting, and Bradfield, near Sheffield, for August 10th. Replying to a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. C. Moxon, the Vicar hoped the Society would visit Armitage Bridge again.

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Letters to the Editor

Coventry National Rally

Dear Sir.—I was very disturbed to learn that Mr. Walters and his party were so disappointed in the arrangements for ringing at our ringing rally ('R.W.' May 17th). We in the Coventry Diocesan Guild very much regret that the Cardigan ringers had so much misfortune.

I feel I must offer some explanation.

At St. Nicholas', Warwick, I gather that the tower was very crowded: it was necessary to ask those who had just rung to go downstairs so that there would be room for others to take their place. It was realised that this was going to occur, so there was another tower opened, within several hundred yards of St. Nicholas', at the same time. The party could have had a ring if they had transferred themselves to the ten at St. Mary's. The only way to cater for a large number of ringers is to open many towers and depend on the ringers to go to another one if they find their selected tower is full.

At Stratford-on-Avon we received a last minute message that the tower would not be available in the evening. (This was so also at Allesley.) It is just not possible to arrange for ringing at some 40 towers some eight days in advance, without there being one or two last minute alterations. It was not possible to make these cancellations known until tea time, when all of the ringers were not present. At Stratford the party, no doubt, saw the verger locking up the church, after which one of the Stratford ringers kindly managed to return in time to see that any people who did not know about the change could ring.

In conclusion, I must say that the success of an event of this magnitude depends not only on the organisers, but also on the co-operation of those taking part, together with the realisation that things can go wrong at the eleventh hour.

Whilst we do offer our sincere regret that Mr. Walter's party was disappointed, we do feel that the remedy was largely in their own hands.—Yours faithfully,

H. M. WINDSOR (Ringing Master).

Bromham Outing

Dear Sir.—After reading A.E.R.'s report of the above outing, we feel a few comments are necessary. We never realised the president of the Bedfordshire Association could be so rude!

For 'young ringer' the report should read, 'the oldest and most loved past president of the Association.' Also the so called nuclear explosion was the other 36 or so members of the party waiting for 'A.E.R.' and his friends to consume their drinks. Surely the president realises a time schedule should be kept on such an outing.

We hasten to add we all enjoyed the outing, but regret such remarks were ever sent to 'The Ringing World'.—Yours faithfully,

OTHER HUNGRY PASSENGERS.

Changes of Title

Dear Sir.—In your issue of May 17th we find that the Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers wish to be known in future as the Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers, and in your issue of May 24th the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers wish to revert to their old title, the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.

Although this is purely a 'domestic' issue of the Associations concerned, one wonders just what advantage is to be gained by the change of titles.—Yours sincerely,

HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale, Derbys.

Easy Handbell Peals

Dear Sir.—I enclose two of my compositions in answer to Mr. Dodds' article. The Stedman contains equal amounts of Tittums, Handstroke and Backstroke, with 1—2, 3—4 and 5—6 in the 7—8 position virtually all the time and 7—8 in the 7—8 position for two-thirds of the peal. This is the easiest position for Stedman Caters because it is maintained throughout the course, the bells always go in to the front work in the same way and are coursing with one bell in between. Apart from 9—10 it is easiest to call off 5—6, which remain in the same position throughout, but cross over each course.

The Bob Royal is easier than Mr. Dodds' because 3—4 remain in course from the end of the second course to the end of the peal and 5—6 from the end of the fourth course to the last course, and 5—6 are home otherwise. There is much to recommend the Tittums position for Royal; both to help the ringer of 7—8 and on musical grounds in half and half peals. I will gladly send anyone who writes peals of Royal or Maximus, with 3—4 and 5—6 coursing throughout and the back bells in Tittums or Home or any combination of the two.—Yours faithfully,

HADLEY HUNTER.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

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5.040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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56324	S	Y	—	—	
65423	—	Y	—	—	
34526	S	Y	—	S	
43625	—	Y	—	—	
43526	S	Y	—	—	
34625	—	Y	—	—	
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Mr. Dodds comments:

(1) Stedman Caters.—This certainly looks an interesting structure, with the most elementary of turning courses, just what is wanted. The basic part is neatly repeated six times, without any awkward extras or omits. Providing 50 singles doesn't put one off and that the peal is true (I presume it has been thoroughly checked), I should think this is well worth calling.

(2) Plain Bob Royal.—Ideal for an 'unsafe' band, in fact remarkable how three 'tenors' ringers' can be accommodated on 3—4, 5—6 and 9—10. For most of the peal the 2nd merely 'makes the bob twice, makes the single twice.' I would agree that it is an

easier peal than mine. The choice between them lies in the mental approach of the conductor—he may find mine easier to remember, with calls at one position only for several courses—and if one worries about large numbers of singles. There are 22 out of 39 calls in Mr. Hunter's and 10 out of 36 calls in my one part, both numbers of singles being excessive in many ringers' view.

Congratulations to Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir.—I would like to send best wishes and congratulations, via 'The Ringing World,' to Alan Dunfee and Mr. and Mrs. Dickenson, on account of Boston bells sounding again. We at Trumpington had the pleasure of ringing with them last year, and were thrilled to read of the achievement.—Yours sincerely,

URSULA STUBBINGS.
25, Hills Avenue.
Cambridge.

Four Bell Towers of Berkshire and Hampshire

Dear Sir.—Of the eleven known four bell towers in Berkshire I have rung on the eight ringable ones. Details are as follows:

Barkham.—Bells are ringable, but cannot be rung at the present time because of broken ropes and stays on all the bells.

Brimpton.—Are ringable, but very rough.

Chaddlesworth.—Go extremely well, but very light, tenor about 5 cwt.

Denchworth.—Church is seldom used, the bells have not been rung for some considerable time.

Lockinge.—Three of the bells were removed about seven years ago.

Lower Basildon.—A good four that go well, tenor about 9 cwt.

Hatford.—Very musical four that go well.

Upton Nervett.—Very noisy, are seldom rung.

Stanford Dingley.—Go extremely well, ropes fall in a straight line.

Sparsholt.—Go well, but heavy, tenor 10 cwt.

Shellingford.—Very light, are rung regularly, having a Sunday service band of eight ringers.

Of the Hampshire four bell towers only three appear to be ringable. Details as follows:

Weyhill.—Hung dead.

Droxford.—Death watch beetle in the frame.

Newton.—Rung regularly by local team.

King's Worthy.—Heavy going.

Ovington.—Have been rung, but reputedly now safe for ringing.

Lower Clatford.—Bells removed in preparation for reaugmenting to six.

Breamore.—A good four, rung regularly.

I hope that this information will be of assistance to outing organisers. On our visits to these towers we have been made most welcome, the Vicar and all the local band turning out to meet us.—Yours sincerely,

G. K. DODD.

Woolton Hill.

Flight?

Dear Sir.—I simply must tell you this story over again. When I left an address, five years ago, I cancelled my 'Ringing World' and was told that they thought it was a racing pigeon book. On arrival at my new address I promptly ordered 'The Ringing World' from my nearest newsagent, and for five years have always had delivery. On cancelling it to move to this new address, the last delivery of it again was none other than 'The Racing Pigeon.' Needless to say I was quite amused. Fortunately my new agent ordered for me as well so I managed to get one 'Ringing World' for the pigeon to fly round with.—Yours faithfully,

A. HENSON (Miss).

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WIMBLEDON'S WEEK-END IN EAST ANGLIA

On April 19th a group of twenty ringers set out for Harleston, Norfolk. We travelled in a mini-bus and two cars, those in the mini-bus heralding their presence by innumerable fragments of Bob Minor on handbells. The hotel had prepared sandwiches for us, and after eating as many of these as we could we spent an evening of relative peace—handbells only until eleven, when we retired to bed.

The next morning we gathered for breakfast from 8.30 onwards. The last member of the party came in at 8.55 a.m., having been dragged from bed only a few minutes before. However, we arrived on time at the first church—Redenhall. We were grateful that the first bells of the day were so easy to handle. This seemed a good omen, especially to those who were not used to ringing strange bells. The inscription, 'Use no bad words,' seemed a delightful but unnecessary motto. At Bungay, however, we fully appreciated their importance. We left with nerves more frayed than the ropes and wondering whether the business of the town had been more disturbed by the occasional firing of bells or the creaking of pulleys, wheels and frame.

There were only two six-bell towers on the outing, and we were pleased to find that Ditchingham, despite its long draught, had another easy six. After some good ringing there we drove on to Beccles, where we had a very good lunch. Those who had not rung at Beccles before were interested to find that the bells were hung in a detached tower. Among other methods we rang a course of Stedman Caters.

The long drive to Great Yarmouth gave those in the mini-bus a good chance for ringing handbells. We had been ringing even in the short drives in the morning, so the art of wedging ourselves and continuing to ring whilst the mini-bus shot over hump-backed bridges or turned hair-pin bends had been mastered.

A visit to the fair at Yarmouth before ringing was planned, but the more prudent, or cowardly, of us preferred to keep out of the rain by looking round the church. We admired the beautiful decorations inside. The church has been restored since the war, when only the outer walls were left standing. The beauty of the stained glass and the coloured ceilings was emphasised by the plain glass in the nave windows. However, the others returned from the fair to ring at the correct time, and we competed with the cacophony of sounds coming from the fair. We were impressed by the appearance of the ringing chamber and the neat circle of sallies, but far more by the bells themselves. We improved upon our performance at Beccles by ringing a good touch of Stedman Caters on the back ten, although we used the light eight later. Apart from rounds we only used the twelve for a course of Grandire Cinques. After ringing for an hour we walked back through the churchyard, golden with daffodils, and drove to Lowestoft. We were all glad to return to the hotel for a very enjoyable dinner.

During the evening most of us played cards. However there were various suspicious exits and entries during the evening, and the youngest members of the party were most unfairly suspected of preparing apple-pie beds



WIMBLEDON RINGERS AT EAST BERGHOLT.

for everyone else. Warily we felt in our beds before attempting to get in and several of us found such misplaced objects as dried peas spread under the bottom sheet, hairbrushes, and even a pair of sandals.

Next morning at breakfast we not only talked about bells, but were forced to eat to the accompaniment of the Sunday morning broadcast, just before the news. There was, in fact, no escape. After breakfast we gathered our scattered belongings into the cars, and after ringing handbells in the hotel car park, we left Harleston to its more customary sound of the town clock.

Ringling for morning service at Halesworth included a good course of Bristol. This was the only church we actually rang at in the morning, for we then visited East Bergholt, arriving just as Matins was finishing. A member of the local band came and opened the bell cage for us, and after talking to us about bells he rang the tenor. Many of us were surprised to notice that he rang by holding the headstock and not by catching the edge of the bell. However, we realised that in this way he had more control over the bell. We were then shown round the church and told its history by a very friendly sidesman. After an excellent lunch at Dedham we went on to ring at Langham. The treble was very difficult to handle, but just before leaving we rang a good touch of eight Spliced Minor. We rang at Feering for three-quarters of an hour, and then had tea at Witham before ringing there for evening service. The outing finished with a service touch of Stedman Triples.

V. R. & E. Z.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 19th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise. Major: S. C. Walters 1, Miss A. M. Mann (first of Cambridge) 2, Miss C. Dillamore 3, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 4, I. M. Smith 5, J. M. H. Hunter 6, V. Nutton 7, C. H. Rogers 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION Northern District

The venue for the quarterly meeting of the Northern District on May 25th was the beautiful village of Hempstead. Some 50 members and friends wended their way through the winding roads of rural Essex to the village famous as being the birthplace of Dr. William Harvey, discoverer of the circulation of the blood, and also the birthplace of its notorious son, whose name is recorded in the baptismal register as Richard Turpin, i.e., Dick Turpin, highwayman. The tower, which was rebuilt in honour of Dr. Harvey, is an outstanding achievement, and the Rector and churchwardens have been awarded an architectural prize.

The bells are a grand six despite the fact that after the fall of the tower, 70 years ago, they lay in the churchyard, where they had fallen, for many years. The old five have been rehung in the new tower and a treble added. The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. R. Rycart, who gave an inspiring address on the subject 'As sound as a bell'.

At the meeting, following tea, provided by the Rector's wife, the Master welcomed visitors from other Districts, the Master of the Association and one of our elder members, Mr. Claydon. Mr. P. Wood was elected assistant secretary.

Next meeting: Felstead, August 31st.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: H. D. Harrison 1, D. J. Allen (cond.) 2, J. Woodward 3, I. P. Unsworth 4, K. F. Gardner 5, S. Woodward 6.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On May 9th, 1,260 St. Columb Bob Doubles: Joan Gainey 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, B. Spiers 3, C. Haylings 4, W. Williams 5, R. Clarke 6. First in the variation by all.

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A RINGER does not very often pick out his 513th peal with a star in its report, 500 yes, but the significance of 513 to Basil Jones would be lost on most ringers. To Basil and those who have had the great pleasure of ringing with him it means a great deal. Basil Jones (or Don Basilio, as Rodney Meadows christened him) had rung only 13 peals when he was handicapped by the loss of his left arm, and 500 peals rung literally single handed call for more than ordinary congratulations.

On returning to the bellry, encouraged by the late James Fernley and John Worth, Basil made up his mind that there was not such a word as defeat and every practice meant increasing confidence.

John Worth watched the progress carefully and Basil took part in a slow but steady flow of peals. Blisters on that all too precious right hand were a source of worry in the early stages, but the problem was solved by Joe Whittaker, who suggested the use of a wash leather cot encircling, and tied firmly to the tail end of the rope. This enabled Basil to take his place among the great hierarchy of the justly famous Cheshire band, and relish the good ringing which the band had to offer. Intricate methods were mastered with ease, and now and again the spirit of adventure would take over and Basil would try his hand on the heavy end. The ringing of a two-ton tenor behind to a touch with consummate ease, and of that rather awkward bell, the 11th, at Manchester Town Hall to a course of Surprise Maximus, caused admiration, amazement and wonder. How was it done?

Basil Jones has been known to give ringers a fright, and on one occasion he had the opportunity to go up to St. Paul's, where he was offered a rope. It was not till rounds were being rung that the 'high priests' of the Exercise noticed his handicap; the fright almost took their breath away. To their eternal credit, when the touch was finished, they appreciated that here was one worthy of their own high standard.

Whenever the occasion arises Basil is ready to ring tenors to peals, and has rung that 'rock and roll' affair at Christ Church, Macclesfield, and Surfleet to Surprise Maximus. At Quex Park he was cheated by a broken rope five leads from home!

Among the noteworthy performances in which Basil has taken part are: The first peal when the band travelled by air to Ireland to ring the first peal of Spliced Surprise in that country, first peals of Spliced Surprise in Scotland and Wales, 9,568 and 13,440 records of Spliced Surprise Major, four Surprise peals in one day and the twelve bell peal week.

On Sundays Basil rings at Norbury (Hazel Grove), where, on the death of James Fernley, he took charge and has been a most successful Ringing Master.

His friends wish him many more years of enjoyable ringing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION Blackburn Branch Competition

With the exception of the three guest judges everyone present at the Blackburn Branch's striking competition on May 18th was a regular Sunday service ringer from a tower within the Branch. Good use was made of the hour of pre-competition ringing, during which time no complete band was allowed to practise together. A warming-up touch of three minutes preceded the competition.

After tea, in the schoolroom, the judges, the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (president of the Association), Messrs. A. Dimmock (Preston) and E. Humphriss (Liverpool), gave helpful comments and criticisms with the result. The placings were: 1 Burnley St. Peter's, 25½ faults; 2 Accrington, 30½; 3 Blackburn Cathedral I, 41½; 4 Clitheroe, 51½; 5 Blackburn Cathedral II, 60.

Before further ringing, to bring the day to a satisfactory conclusion, the best thanks of the members were expressed to those who had helped in the arrangements; in particular to the judges, the organising committee, the Vicar and wardens and the ringers of Accrington for acting as hosts, when efforts to arrange the event at a 'neutral' tower had failed, at short notice.

J. P.

COMPOSITIONS

13,440 SPLICED CAMBRIDGE & PRIMROSE SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by R. F. B. SPEED
(from E. Hims' 12,896 of Cambridge)

234567	1	2	3	4	5	6
672534	—	—	—	—	—	—
246537	—	—	—	—	—	—
736542	—	—	—	—	—	—
627543	—	—	—	—	—	—
276543	—	—	—	—	—	—
632547	—	—	—	—	—	—
326547	—	—	—	—	—	—
263547	—	—	—	—	—	—
372546	—	—	—	—	—	—
723546	—	—	—	—	—	—
367542	—	—	—	—	—	—
673542	—	—	—	—	—	—

Repeat five times.

Primrose is rung at the second lead of the 1st and 3rd courses of each part and is rung with a 6th place bob.

5,088 VERMONT SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456	B	M	W
35264	X	—	—
63254	—	—	—
35426	—	2	—
52643	—	2	—
43625	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—

Repeated.

Rung at Harrow Weald on May 15th, 1963, conducted by David J. Taylor.

5,504 DOVER SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. I. ROWSON

2345678	B	W	M	H
52436	—	—	3	—
35426	—	—	3	—
42356	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—	—
36452	—	—	—	—
43652	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
2435678	—	S	—	—

Repeated.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Stow-in-the-Wold Branch

An increase of 50 per cent in membership during 1962 was reported at the A.G.M. of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch at Stow on May 18th. Mr. L. G. Dowdeswell (honorary secretary) also reported that a record number of meetings had been held. New bands had been established at Adlestrop and Bledington, and a new band was being taught by the secretary at Bourton-on-the-Hill. The five bells at Broadwell had been returned and rehung on ball bearings and would be dedicated after Whitsun. To stimulate interest there, it was decided to hold an evening Branch meeting.

The Rev. L. W. Potter, who presided, was re-elected chairman, and Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell reappointed secretary and treasurer. Mr. A. W. Wright, of Bourton-on-the-Water, was elected Branch Ringing Master in succession to Mr. F. Ewins. Mr. L. Joyne, of Loughborough, was elected Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. F. Newton, of Bishop's Cleeve, was appointed to the Association Management Committee.

During the afternoon 'touches' of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. A short service was conducted by the chairman. After tea further ringing took place.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On May 18th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss M. E. Kirby 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, Mrs. S. M. Drew 3, G. W. Land (first in the method) 4, P. T. Hurcombe 5, V. Griffin 6, G. R. Drew 7, B. Bladon 8.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD LONGDEN

Mr. Richard Longden, the head ringer at Manchester Cathedral, died suddenly on May 7th after a short illness, at the age of 67. He learned to ring before the First World War, at St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, but stopped ringing when he undertook military service during the war. He returned to ringing in about 1922, and became a member of the Manchester Cathedral band in 1930. He had been head ringer at the Cathedral for the last eight years.

He was always a most loyal and regular attender at service ringing, and he will be much missed by other members of the band. He rang about 30 peals during his ringing career, including several peals of Grandsire which he conducted, and for many years this had been the method that gave him the greatest pleasure.

The funeral was attended by representatives of the Cathedral band and the Lancashire Association, and a memorial quarter peal was rung at Manchester Cathedral with the bells half-muffled. A memorial peal was also rung at Bilsborrow.

Mr. Longden leaves a widow and daughter, and our sincere sympathy is extended to them.

D. O.

MR. WILLIAM WICKS

With the passing of 'our Billy,' Shiplake has lost its oldest ringer. Born in 1884, Mr. Wicks had been a ringer at this Oxfordshire village for over 60 years. He was a member of the old St. Peter's Society, Caversham, until joining the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he was made a life member in 1961.

A reliable and keen service ringer, he rang but few peals; his name, however, is recorded in the tower as a member of the band to ring the first peal of Triples by a service band, on April 29th, 1905.

A keen churchman he had also been verger, sidesman and a member of the P.C.C. Failing health of recent years had prevented him from actual ringing, but he always accompanied the band on outings, and his pleasant smile and ready wit will long be remembered.

The funeral took place at Shiplake on May 25th, and a half-muffled quarter peal was rung in the evening by a mixed band representing the tower and the Reading Branch.

E. H. S.

MR. J. E. LYDDIARD

A founder member of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, when the bells were installed in 1910, Mr. John Edwin (Jack) Lyddiard died on May 20th, aged 73. From 1910 until eight years ago, when failing health caused him to retire, he was a faithful Sunday service ringer. For many years he was tower captain, and also a sidesman. He took a keen interest in his church.

Following the funeral on May 24th, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted the next day as a tribute of respect, but unfortunately was not successful.

50 YEARS AGO

*R.W. June 6th, 1913.—

There was some justification, we feel, for the comment made by the president of the Central Council, in connection with the debate on the subject of bells and the public, when he said that members sometimes went to the meetings, but did not go back and give their associations the benefit of the knowledge they had acquired. Unquestionably the association who send representatives to the Council meeting are entitled to receive from them some report from the proceedings. It need not necessarily be lengthy, so long as the important points of discussion are brought out, in order that the rank and file of the Exercise may at any rate grasp the view of their delegates in regard to the various matters of general interest.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The second striking competition for Sunday service bands of the Manchester Branch was held at Stretford on May 18th. In all 13 teams from nine towers took part, three teams competing in the eight bell section and 10 in the six bell section. Towers represented were Ashton St. Michael, Birch-in-Rusholme, Flixton, Manchester Cathedral, Mossley (Rough-town), Northenden, Pendlebury, Prestwich and Stretford. This meant that over 80 Branch members and a dozen visitors were present.

At the A.G.M. of the Association, a few weeks previously, some doubts had been expressed about the desirability of competitions in that the ill-feeling which had sometimes surrounded them in the past might return. However, it was obvious both at West Didsbury (where the previous competition was held) and at Stretford that no one intended to let it do so.

The standard of ringing was quite good and that of the winners of the six bell section, Ashton St. Michael, excellent. As the same tower's team also had fewest faults in the other section, they now go forward to an Association final (hoped to be in September) as an eight bell band, with the runners-up, Birch-in-Rusholme and Prestwich, representing the best six bell bands of the Branch. An important feature was that a large proportion of the younger generation was included in the teams, some comparative newcomers to the Exercise, which reflects the enthusiasm of the Branch Committee.

A short Branch meeting followed, at which eight new members were elected. It was also suggested that the committee and judges (Messrs. John Partington, John Robinson and John Baldwin) meet to devise a system of awarding faults with respect to an absolute standard, which might take the form of a tape recording.

A sincere word of thanks is due to the ladies, who provided tea under the awkward conditions that were prevailing at the time.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Barnes tower is losing its Ringing Master, Mr. J. Harrold, who is moving to Leicester.

Mr. Trevor Taylor, an accomplished ringer from the Manchester area, is now living at Ambergate and helping the Ripley, Derbyshire, band.

Another bright issue of 'The Belfry News,' the Derbyshire bellringers' monthly, has been received. The lead story, by D. G. Astridge, tells of the birth of the Roving Ringers in 1947 and 'still going strong.'

Congratulations to Miss Sandra E. Chesterton, on ringing her first peal of Stedman Cinques in the 'in memoriam' peal at Leicester Cathedral on May 17th. Sandra rang her bell perfectly throughout the peal, which was as near perfect as possible.

Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, Devon, has been recently appointed local correspondent to the Buckfastleigh 'Western Guardian,' a newspaper which is published each Wednesday. The publishers, in the past, have always given a great deal of prominence to ringing events in South Devon, and it is to be hoped that this state of affairs will long continue.

The Rev. F. F. Rigby, the new Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, attended the meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch on May 11th at Beckford. He was voted to the chair, which he accepted with much pleasure. The meeting was the first he had attended outside his own Branch since being elected Master of the Association.

The successful conclusion of the peal attempt at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on May 21st, the nearest convenient date to suit Messrs. S. F. O'Shaughnessy and D. F. Wheeler, to celebrate their respective silver weddings, provided the opportunity for Messrs. H. F. and T. G. Myers to complete 'the circle.' It took Fred 32 years and Tom 37 to achieve this end. Over liquid refreshments afterwards, Walter H. Marks, the tenor man, said only that morning he learned from his wife that they had been married 30 years to the day!

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**Chesterfield District's Striking Competition**

In spite of one or two misgivings, the Chesterfield District striking competition, held at Barlborough on May 11th, proved to be an outstanding success. The competition was designed to cater for all types of ringing from rounds and call changes upwards; the only condition of entry being that the majority of any team's members must be from the same tower.

Seven teams entered and the attendance of over 50 was almost double that of a normal meeting! Apart from a slight delay, the competition proceeded smoothly with each team having a few minutes' practice in rounds before the test piece of either 240 changes or 10 minutes of rounds and call changes, etc.

When all the teams had rung, the company adjourned to the Church Hall for tea, where they were joined by the Rector, the Rev. R. W. Barnsall, who also took the chair at the subsequent business meeting. After congratulating the District on holding such a competition, the judges, Messrs. D. R. Carlisle and A. Mould, gave some helpful advice and criticism.

The result of the competition was: 1 Dronfield (Cambridge, 48 faults); 2 Bolsover (Bob Minor, 22); 3 Old Whittington 'A' (Little Bob, 33); 4 Old Whittington 'B' (Little Bob, 67); 5 Old Brampton (Plain Hunt, 83); 6 Clowne (Plain Hunt, 113); 7 Staveley (call changes, 117).

Graham Ball, of Clowne, was elected a new member, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, judges and local ringers, together with the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

Next meetings: Old Brampton (6) on June 8th; Glossop (Association meeting), July 6th; District outing to the Foundry, September 14th.
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The 'Old Church' at Marple, Cheshire, is to be pulled down to within four feet of the ground. The tower is to be buttressed and the bells fitted in a new frame lower in the tower. The cost of the project will be £5,000, apart from £620 the ringers would have to raise for the addition of two new trebles. We hope to publish an article at an early date on this old church.

To the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (see page 360) should be added 'repeat nine times.'

Mr. P. G. Harris wishes to express his regret to those members of the Guild of Medical Ringers who turned up at West Wycombe and found no one there to meet them, and were thus unable to ring. This was because Mr. Harris had received a letter earlier in the week stating that the meeting had been cancelled.

The Guild of Ringers of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth Cathedral, have adopted St. Dunstan as the ringers' patron saint, following correspondence with the late Ernest Morris, and also some research by the Guild chairman, Commander C. F. Jackson, R.N. On St. Dunstan's Day (May 19th) the Guild held a Ringers' Sunday, when the belfry was open to visitors in the afternoon, and the Provost dedicated the Burnett Memorial in the belfry in the evening. There was also a ringers' tea in the Cathedral House.

The Chelsea (St. Luke's) band toured Derbyshire, Staffs, Nottingham and Cheshire districts during the week May 18th-25th. They made their headquarters at Darley Dale, and amongst those who joined them were W. H. Pickett, who was at one time a member of William Pye's famous band, Aubrey Lloyd, late head postmaster of Edinburgh, and Dr. Kate Branson, who holds an important medical position in Edinburgh. All have been at one time or another connected with St. Luke's Chelsea. Jafus kept a watchful eye on the party—but did not succeed in selling them the famous yew tree which is in Darley Dale churchyard!

BELFRY GOSSIP

His many ringing friends will no doubt share Mr. A. York-Bramble's disappointment and regret in that as medically advised he is to give up, for the present, participation in practical ringing.

'The Kentish Gazette' had an attractive picture of the Railway Guild in all Saints' Church belfry, Frindsbury, where they rang for a wedding.

Rogert Gosling is the 50th person for whom Mr. David Walklate, of Derby, has called his first peal. This was at Spondon on May 4th.

Participating in the quarter peal in honour of his 87th birthday at Littleham, Devon, was Mr. J. West. It is gratifying to see ringers of this age still active members of the Exercise.

We are asked to state that the number of changes rung in the peal of Llanfair P.G. Surprise Major at Chew Magna, Somerset, was 5,120 (page 354).

At Cuddesdon Theological College, Oxford, there are 22 men who are capable of ringing at least rounds and this augurs well for a continued sympathetic attitude of the clergy towards bell ringing. Three of their change ringers will be ordained on Trinity Sunday, but there is a prospect of about a dozen potential ringers in the new intake next term. It is Cuddesdon that has a College Society of Ringers, and not Culham, which was erroneously stated on page 352.

A Cheshire correspondent complains that from his observation at Branch meetings, Sunday ringing and practice nights few ringers have much dress sense, particularly females, who appear in most extraordinary clothes, usually totally unsuitable for the purpose in hand. He suggests that one of our women readers should take the matter in hand and make appropriate suggestions. The smartest ringing photograph we have seen came from New South Wales, some years back, where the mixed company all wore blazers with an appropriate badge.

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JACK P. KESTERTON 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT 11
ERNEST W. RAWSON 6	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

Rung half-muffled to the honoured memory of the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston, C.B.E., M.A., greatly beloved Provost and President of the Leicester Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,**At the COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.***A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

JOYCE M. GURNHILL .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY 8
NORAH M. RANGLES 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 9
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 4	JAMES W. RAITHEY 10
*EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5	EDMUND MALIN 11
DAVID W. FRIEND 6	GEOFFREY PAUL Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Stedman, and of Cinques.

A compliment to Mr. Alan Jackson and Miss Eileen J. Gurnhill on their engagement; also to Mr. Bernard Townsend and Miss Marlene Jones on their marriage.

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

TEN BELL PEALS**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., May 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,**At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL**

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

*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble	ANTHONY LOCKE 6
MRS. H. POYNOR 2	KEITH H. MILDRED 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON .. 8
MALCOLM D. BARSBY 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 9
†RUPERT A. CLARKE 5	*A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 150th peal together. † First on ten bells. 200th peal on the bells as conductor, and 550th as conductor.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**

(St. Andrew's Society.)

*On Tues., May 21, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.***A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

*ROSEMARY JOYCE MARKS .. Treble	SIDNEY F. O'SHAUGHNESSY .. 6
†MRS. D. ROY BOULD 2	FREDERICK E. DAY 7
D. ROY BOULD 3	A. WILLIAM MYERS 8
†DENIS F. WHEELER 4	H. FREDERICK MYERS 9
THOMAS G. MYERS 5	WALTER H. MARKS Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal on ten. † First of Caters on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First of Caters.

Rung as a compliment to Messrs. S. F. O'Shaughnessy and D. F. Wheeler, who recently celebrated their respective silver weddings; also to W. H. Marks, married 30 years ago this day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS**CAMBRIDGE.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Easter Monday, April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT.***A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 104 cwt.

COLIN JOHNSON Treble	JOHN W. WARD 5
GEOFFREY PEARSON 2	DONALD F. MURFET 6
ALAN M. BARBER 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 7
IAN M. SMITH 4	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., May 7, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.***A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

DENIS WOODS Treble	*ROGER BAILEY 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	RAY H. DAW 6
*A. ROY WITHYMAN 3	*CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome the Rev. R. Wilson as Vicar of the parish.

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.***A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN ROBINSON Treble	JOHN C. BALDWIN 5
NEIL BENNETT 2	NORMAN SMITH 6
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 7
RICHARD J. PARKER 4	DEREK OGDEN Tenor

Composed by NORMAN SMITH.

Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.

Rung in memoriam Richard Longden.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.***A PEAL OF 5152 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JOHN C. BALDWIN .. Treble	*RICHARD J. PARKER 5
DEREK OGDEN 2	*ERIC J. F. WALL 6
*MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	*NEIL BENNETT 7
*PHILIP J. CROSTHWAITE .. 4	*JOHN ROBINSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

‡ First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.***A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. WARNER .. Treble	GEORGE FRY 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
*CHRISTOPHER T. OSENIEN .. 3	JOHN W. SMITH 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* First peal in the method.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt.

Middleton's.	
ANNE E. REYNOLDS .. Treble	S. BARRY SCHOFFIELD 5
J. NEVILLE PARKIN 2	DAVID SMITH 6
*ARLENE FLATHER 3	JOHN F. BRYANT 7
PETER A. KIRKBY 4	J. HENRY FIELDEN Tenor

Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.

* First peal of Surprise.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,**At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.***A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in D.

THOMAS W. HESKETH .. Treble	PETER S. BENNETT 5
KENNETH J. HESKETH 2	JOHN H. FIELDEN 6
V. DAVID JENNER 3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS 7
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

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ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BEGA.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 10 lb. in F.
STANLEY RICHARDSON .. Treble ALEX FORSYTH 5
GEOFFREY TEMBEY 2 HAROLD WILSON 6
JOHN A. HAILE 3 ALAN CAPSTICK 7
GRAHAM MCKAY 4 GRAHAM EILBECK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CAPSTICK.

Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung on these bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Eleanor Doloughan and John A. Haile.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 each Pudsey and Superlative, and 928 Bristol; with 99 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

JOHN R. COOPER Treble RALPH BIRD 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2 IAN H. ORAM 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 7
STANLEY JENNER 4 PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal of Major on the bells since rehanging.

THAXTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.
ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. Treble *DENNIS A. HEWITT 5
*DENNIS ELLISDON 2 JOHN H. CRAMPION 6
*JANE K. A. COOK 3 JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK 4 LIONEL S. WOODS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Treble *BERNARD J. STONE 5
*ANGELA M. WRIGHT 2 *BERNARD G. NORTH 6
LEONARD STILWELL 3 *HENRY C. WEAVER 7
ERNEST TREAGUS 4 HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON.

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

* First peal in the method, and first of Major. † First in the method, and first of Major 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal. Tenor 10 cwt.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)

On Sun., May 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

HARRY SEAR Treble DONALD J. MEAGER 5
FREDERICK VICKERS 2 JOSEPH MARKS 6
ALBERT E. DANIELLS 3 WILLIAM A. YATES 7
ROGER CADAMY 4 GEORGE W. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
Rung in gratitude for his 16 years as chairman of the North Bucks Branch, and as a farewell peal, to the Rev. A. Campbell, who is leaving Bletchley for Amersham. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 19, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. Treble KENNETH J. HESKETH 5
PETER S. BENNETT 2 CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER 6
WILLIAM H. DEACON 3 THOMAS W. HESKETH 7
V. DAVID JENNER 4 JOHN H. FIELDEN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

Rung for the golden jubilee of the ordination of Rev. A. Powell-Miller.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 19, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, CASTLE HALL.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.
DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. Treble NEIL BENNETT 5
JOHN F. BARLOW 2 DEREK A. ASHTON 6
DEREK J. MARSHALL 3 *RONALD M. EDWARDS 7
*C. JOHN CLEGG 4 FREDERICK SHALLCROSS .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 8).

Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sun., May 19, 1963, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.
STANLEY G. PONTING .. Treble *WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
FRANK I. HAIRS 2 LEONARD STILWELL 6
*E. JANE SIBSON 3 *DEREK E. SIBSON 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4 RAYMOND P. WOOD Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal in the method. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

RONALD C. NOON .. Treble KEITH R. DAVEY 5
*DENIS WOODS 2 FRANK TAYLOR 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY 3 CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
ROGER BAILEY 4 BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.
*JEFFREY SAWYER .. Treble PETER CROOK, SEN. 5
DAVID VINCENT 2 JOHN ASHCROFT 6
ALBERT GREENHALGH 3 GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL 7
NORMAN TOMPKINS 4 JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL.

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

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.
E. DENNIS POOLE .. Treble RICHARD E. DEAN 5
ROYSTON BLACKLER 2 JAMES RUMBLE 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3 WILFRID G. WILSON 7
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 4 A. CHARLES TOVEY Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

First peal in the method by all the band, and to mark 25 years as a ring of eight.
A welcome to Nigel David Tate, one day old, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Tate. Mr. Tate is the 'R.W.' auditor, and Mrs. Tate is the daughter of the ringer of the seventh.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 23, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.
WALTER F. JUDGE .. Treble EDWARD R. VENN 5
EDGAR J. SMITH 2 CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON .. 6
J. HOWARD FREEBORN 3 CYRIL H. KINCH 7
CHARLES COLES 4 ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung to mark Ascension Day.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 24, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.
WILLIAM C. WEST .. Treble ARCHIBALD T. KNIGHT 5
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 2 LAURENCE E. HITCHINS 6
*ROBERT W. MITCHELL 3 NORMAN G. N. KNEE 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4 CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. N. KNEE.

* First peal of Triples. 50th peal on the bells.
Rung on the day of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Joseph Fison, D.D., as the 74th Bishop of Salisbury.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 25, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.
JACQUELINE S. KING .. Treble BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. 5
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN 2 REGINALD G. HOOPER 6
DONALD G. CLIFT 3 ROGER HAVARD 7
THOMAS YEOMAN 4 DAVID J. KING Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., March 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Beverley, (3) Surfleet, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Kent and Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

LEN BRIGHTON Treble	*RAY H. DAW 4
CHARLES E. BLACK 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL 3	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal in nine methods.

A birthday peal for Charles Black.

HORNINGSEA, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., April 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being ten extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury and 11 each of St. Martin's and Plain Bob.

A. KEITH PHILLIPS Treble	DONALD F. MURFET 3
COLIN JOHNSON 2	ALAN M. BARBER 4
GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN M. BARBER.

Rung half-muffled for Good Friday.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 58 methods/variations: (1) St. Simon and Braywood, (2) St. Martin and Welford, (3) St. Martin and Slapton Slow Course, (4) St. Nicholas and Fundenhall, (5) Winchendon Place and Thornborough Slow Course, (6) Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe, (7) Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas and St. Remigius, (8) St. Simon, St. Martin and St. Osmund, (9) St. David, (10) Litchurch Bob, (11) St. Lawrence, St. Jude and St. Osmund, (12) St. Crispin, St. Mary and St. Remigius, (13) Cassington and Elford, (14) St. Leonard and Austrey, (15) St. Thomas and Sharesill, (16) St. Luke and Ryton, (17) April Day and Seighford, (18) Clifford's Pleasure and St. Columb, (19) St. Albans, (20) Eynsham, (21) Shropham, (22) St. Paul, (23) St. Peter, (24) Mileham, (25) St. Giles, (26) St. Andrew, (27) Norwich, (28) St. Miles, (29) St. John, (30) Walsingham, (31) Plain Bob, (32) Kennington, (33) Old Single, (34) Besthorpe, (35) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (36) Southrepps Pleasure, (37) Little Aston, (38) Costessy, (39) Reverse St. Bartholomew, Morning Star and All Saints, (40) All Saints, Rushall and Reverse St. Bartholomew, (41) Marchington and Fortune, (42) Grandsire and Newborough. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

RICHARD A. COBLEY Treble	MICHAEL W. BROWN 3
RUPERT A. CLARKE 2	BRIAN C. LAW 4

MAURICE R. A. KIRK Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL W. BROWN.

Most methods by all the band, and on the bells, and most Doubles methods yet rung for the Guild, and in the county.

A 19th birthday compliment to the conductor.

DERBY.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.

On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*WILLIAM ALLSOPP Treble	†BARRY WAYNE 4
*KEVIN A. BETESTA 2	*GEOFFREY BRIDGES 5
†ALAN H. BRIDGES 3	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

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

Rung in memory of Canon R. F. Wilkinson, one time curate of the above church.

EMNETH, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 13 cwt.

*G. KNIGHT Treble	M. R. REED 3
E. H. MASTIN 2	G. MANN 4

†A. K. PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by E. H. MASTIN.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung to convey to Mr. H. G. Ayers the thanks of the church for 49 years' faithful service as People's Warden; also in recognition of 60 years' loyal service to the church by Mr. T. Hurst, now 77 years, and a local ringier at the church for 60 years.

SHELLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., April 27, 1963, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, with different back work: Morning Star, College Exercise, Braintree, Wagby, Snowdrop, Sandal and Oxford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED BROOK Treble	ELIZABETH PEACE 4
*CHRISTINE M. SAVILE 2	TREVOR TARBET 5
SUSAN PEACE 3	NOEL F. MOXON Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. Crow, who is leaving Shelley.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., April 28, 1963, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Cambridge, (4) Single Oxford and Single Court, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Kent and Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

SHIRLEY HARRIS Treble	*RAY H. DAW 4
KEITH R. DAVEY 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
*WENDY HOLLOWELL 3	*BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

‡ First peal in ten methods.

Rung in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.

On Sat., May 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being three extents St. Clement's and one each Kent T.B., Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Childwall.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*ROGER GOSLING Treble	GEOFFREY BRIDGES 4
KEVIN A. BETESTA 2	ALAN H. BRIDGES 5
†WILLIAM ALLSOPP 3	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

BENEFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES Treble	BERNARD BRANSTON 4
GEOFFREY DAVIS 2	ROY W. SPENCER 5
*ALFRED WALLER 3	GILBERT F. COWLIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROY W. SPENCER.

* First peal.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3 and 4) Oxford T.B., (5 and 6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GILLIAN M. FANSHAW .. Treble	RONALD DAWSON 4
GLADYS RICHARDSON 2	ALAN G. KIRK 5
ALEX. RICHARDSON 3	HENRY KIRK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Cyril St. Martin Bloomfield MacFarlane, recently inducted as Vicar of this parish.

PENN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (4) Single Oxford, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. Treble	*HOWARD OGLESBY 4
*HERBERT A. BRADBURY .. 2	MICHAEL HATCHETT 5
*JENNIFER SCEENY 3	*GILES B. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GILES B. THOMPSON.

* First peal in eight methods. First as conductor.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

PETER M. FLECKNEY Treble	ALAN M. BARBER 4
COLIN JOHNSON 2	CHRIS. L. BELL 5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being 720 each of (1) London Surprise, (2) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. (approx.).

WENDY HOLLOWELL Treble	*ALLEN TWYMAN 4
JOHN M. ROFFE 2	BRIAN HARRIS 5
RAYMOND DAW 3	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal in eight methods.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY Treble	*†ALAN SHEPPARD 4
JOHN POTTS 2	*KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5
JAMES THORLEY 3	†LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. H. Beedon, ringer and benefactor of this church, who died on May 8th, 1963.

ULCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN V. CRAYFORD Treble	†EDWIN G. JENNER 4
DAVID K. PUTNAM 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 5
†NORMAN R. MATTINGLEY .. 3	MARTIN L. HOWE Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

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

WADENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ALAN M. BARBER Treble	CHRIS. L. BELL 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 2	PETER M. FLECKNEY 5
*COLIN JOHNSON 3	GEORGE E. THODAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.

* 25th peal together.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 11, 1963, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods: (1 to 6) St. Simon's, (7 to 12) All Saints, (13 to 18) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (19 to 24) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (25 to 34) Grandsire and (35 to 42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*JOHN LEPPARD Treble	M. PETER HOWARD 4
*C. JANE SMART 2	FRANK H. HICKS 5
*DEREK SLATER 3	*BENJAMIN W. PARKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in six methods. First of Doubles on the bells. First on the bells since rehanging by J. Taylor and Co.

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise; (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (3) Kent T.B.; (4) Oxford T.B.; (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*LEONARD CROUCH Treble	†CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 4
†JOHN W. GANDER 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
†DAVID S. OSENTON 3	JOHN W. COLEMAN Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Minor. † First in ten methods.

LEWTRENCHARD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., May 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. Treble	D. ROY BOULD 4
MRS. D. ROY BOULD 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS 5
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY 3	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

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

BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 30 methods: (1) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (3) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV and Willesden Delight; (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (5) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford and Thelwall; (6) College, Wavertree, St. Clement's and Childwall; (7) Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob; 181 changes of method.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*STEVEN L. GREEN Treble	JOHN M. BLAIKIE 4
DELIA E. SMITH 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal. First in 30 methods by all except the conductor.

BISHOPSTORPE, YORKSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., April 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

In ten methods, being 21 extents each of Single Court, Reverse Court, Double Court, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Bob and Double Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 20 lb.

DAVID PEARSON Treble	COLIN REEVES 3
CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER .. 2	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER K. COOPER.

First peal of Minimus by all the band, and on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 15, 1963, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

AT 20, EDWARD AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

FRANK C. PRICE 1—2	MARGARET CHAPMAN 5—6
DAVID J. FORDER 3—4	TOM CHAPMAN 7—8

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 5, 1963, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
 AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY 5—6
PETER J. STANFORTH 3—4	ALFRED BALLARD 7—8
ROBERT B. SMITH 9—10	

Composed by JOHN M. JELLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal in the method to be rung on handbells.

NORTHWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 7, 1963, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
 AT 45, WESTERCROFT LANE.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*JEANNE BOTTOMLEY 1—2	WILLIAM BARTON 5—6
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY 3—4	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY 7—8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal on handbells.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
 AT 5, MOAT CLOSE.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN .. 1—2	ROGER BALDWIN 5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE 3—4	GILES B. THOMPSON 7—8

Composed by A. WILSON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 8, 1963, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of ten methods, in the following seven extents: (1) Wath Delight, (2) Pontefract Delight, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury T.B., (5) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Oxford T.B.

Tenor size 15 in C.

GORDON W. LAND 1—2	BRIAN BLADON 3—4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5—6	

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Most Treble Bob methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye Lynas 2, D. J. Bleby 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, Enid Roberts (cond.) 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, W. L. Robinson 7, B. R. Cox 8. First of Grandsire Triples 'inside' for 2 and 3. For Anzac Day. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kaye Lynas 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, F. N. Smeaton 3, R. K. Russ 4, D. J. Bleby 5, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 6, W. L. Robinson 7, Enid Roberts 8. Rung as a farewell to Enid Roberts on her departure for Sydney, and as a welcome to Ronald R. Russ, of Reading.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Taylor 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, Mrs. E. J. Weaver 3, J. Weaver 4, Mrs. M. G. Taylor 5, H. E. Balaam 6, J. Chesterman (cond.) 7, J. J. Hill 8. Rung following the marriage of Miss Patricia Woodhall, daughter of Rev. N. J. Woodhall (Vicar), and Mr. G. W. Webb.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. W. D. Bishop 1, E. J. Goringe (first 'inside') 2, H. J. Goringe (first quarter) 3, H. C. R. Vine 4, J. G. Goringe (first as cond.) 5, G. Franklin (first quarter) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth and Mrs. Brinkworth.

CUTLEIGH, DEVON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hodge 1, K. Clarke 2, D. Salter 3, B. Coles 4, W. Sparkes (first 'inside') 5, W. Webb (cond.) 6.

CRANFORD, MIDD.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jean Hardy 1, Josephine Pole 2, P. Woodgry 3, J. Britchford 4, T. Baker (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Marchant (first quarter) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): Miss J. Smith 1, M. Black (first 'inside') 2, T. R. Smith 3, B. W. Smith 4, W. S. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Coddington 6. Rung for Evensong on Ascension Day.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marian Cotton (cond.) 1, G. Morrall 2, Margaret Roden 3, E. Morrall 4, J. Morrey 5, F. Beech 6. First in the method by the Sunday band. Rung as a get well message to Mr. H. Toogood. Also as above on May 19th. Rung for Evensong on Rogation Sunday.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Molly E. Powell 1, Kate Branson 2, Veronica Dupre 3, S. Croft 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, A. F. Udall 6, J. H. Lott 7, W. H. Pickett (cond.) 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 19th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Hilary N. Kippin 1, R. H. Mills 2, Jessie M. Kippin 3, P. J. Joyce 4, V. M. Cox 5, D. P. Treble (cond.) 6. 25th quarter together for conductor and P. J. Joyce.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Ainger 1, B. Howard 2, Miss R. Millham 3, R. Woodcock 4, D. Hodgson 5, H. Parter 6, D. Symonds 7, J. Brandon (first as cond.) 8. Rung for Civic Sunday, and also as a 94th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Green.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Pickering 1, B. E. Woodall 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, M. J. Fellows 4, A. B. Ellsmore 5, L. W. Clissett 6, M. D. Fellows 7, T. Greenhall (cond.) 8. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone for St. Peter's Church, Lapal, by Admiral Sir William Tennant. Also as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Bolton (nee Cole), married this day at Halesowen Parish Church.

HALE, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Sealy 1, T. Hancock 2, H. Taylor 3, A. Knight 4, W. A. J. Knight 5, A. Smith 6. Rung prior to the opening recital on the new organ, donated to this church.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On May 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Barnard 1, W. J. Ridaman 2, G. Clare 3, B. Horrell (cond.) 4, A. E. Ling 5. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Barnard.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Dawn Coombe 1, Genebeth Mooring 2, Pamela Bird 3, C. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Martin (225th quarter) 6, J. King (cond.) 7, Pauline Drury 8. A wedding compliment by local ringers to Gwendolyn Peggy May and Colin N. Chinnery, married on May 18th.

HONITON, DEVON.—On April 21st, at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Broom 1, C. Manley 2, W. Baker 3, R. Watts 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Michael's Church, on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Sparkes 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6.

HURSELL, SURREY.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Crouch (first quarter) 1, Joyce Drury 2, J. Blis 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, Pauline Drury 6. For Evensong, and the christening of Andrew, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Priestley.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, R. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On May 21st, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): F. Mack 1, J. West 2, C. Deem (cond.) 3, J. Gatter 4, J. Cockerton 5, F. Williams 6, H. West 7, T. Sparks 8. An 87th birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

LUTON, BEDS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. R. C. Mann 1, A. J. Smith 2, A. Day 3, M. Amy Coburn 4, R. Newson 5, D. Sanderson 6, J. G. Newman 7, H. Wood 8, G. Hawkins 9, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 10. Rung in honour of the wedding this day of the Rev. A. M. A. Turnbull and Miss B. Merchant.

MANCHESTER.—On May 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Frost 1, D. M. Barraclough 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 4, F. Barraclough 5, B. Walkhaw 6, G. Pyc 7, D. Gillespie 8, D. Ogden (cond.) 9, I. Frost 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Richard Longden.

MEMBURY, DEVON.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, W. Webb 2, J. Knight 3, P. Doble 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, C. Joyce 6.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Smallwood 1, J. H. Lott 2, Molly E. Powell 3, Veronica Dupre 4, Kate Branson (cond.) 5, A. F. Udall 6, A. W. Lloyd 7, W. H. Pickett 8. Rung during St. Luke's, Chelsea, tour of Derbyshire, Staffs, Notts and Cheshire.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Tallis, sen. 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Ann E. Fellows 3, R. G. Morris 4, M. C. Hughes (cond.) 5, J. K. Foot 6. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation): G. S. Bush 1, H. Goakes 2, J. Roffe 3, W. Barker 4, V. Chamberlain 5, F. T. Boyall 6, J. H. Bluff 7, B. Harris 8. First for all except 7. For morning service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Rushforth 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Dawn Handley 3, H. DeCombe 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Kercher 6. For Ascension Day.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 19th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. E. Day 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, D. Linnington 3, H. F. Myers 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, T. G. Myers 7, W. H. Marks 8. For 6.30 Evensong. Also on May 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, D. Linnington 3, T. G. Myers 4, F. E. Day 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, W. J. Harvey 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Carr 1, Mrs. J. Brown 2, P. Sloman 3, Miss J. Rowe 4, P. A. Sadler 5, B. C. Sadler 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, J. Belcham 8, G. A. Bacon 9, L. Beal 10. A 21st birthday compliment to P. Sloman.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Euston 1, A. Bull 2, Judith Geiringer (first in method) 3, A. Streeter 4, W. Dunn 5, D. Martin 6, K. Game (first in method as cond.) 7, W. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10. Rung for a service of Thanksgiving for the Arts. Part of the centenary celebrations of the Borough of Reigate.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Chiswell 1, Jean Chiswell 2, D. Coley 3, K. Chatwin 4, R. Tandy (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. First quarter 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled before evening service in memoriam Mrs. G. Brown, wife of a ringer at this church.

RUISLIP, MIDD.—On May 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Ive 1, Mrs. E. Savory 2, D. G. Rowlands 3, C. Poultier 4, J. Bunce 5, W. Bunce 6, E. R. Gotham 7, W. Pitchall (cond.) 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Collins. Tom is captain of St. Martin's ringers, Ruislip. A. Hunter wishes to be associated with the congratulations.

SCALBY, YORKS.—On May 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Beach 1, D. A. Murdoch (first of Minor) 2, Mrs. M. P. Beach 3, W. Fay 4, D. J. Beach 5, B. Sutton (cond.) 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret R. Page 1, J. E. Daniels 2, Yvonne L. Eloie 3, R. Haines 4, L. A. Page 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6, R. N. Marlow 7, E. C. Read 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. J. E. Fison, D.D., who was enthroned Bishop of Salisbury this day.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Wilkinson 1, C. Tigwell 2, Patricia E. Buss 3, Jane Foster 4, A. K. Street 5, F. G. Henbest 6, N. J. Diserens 7, J. Smith 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. William Wicks, over 60 years a ringer at this church.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Trudy Newcombe 1, Monica Moore 2, Christine Bowen 3, Diana Belcham 4, H. J. Hazell 5, L. G. Gates 6, S. G. Peck 7, D. Bowen 8, T. Hawkins 9, D. Belcham (cond.) 10. For Festal Evensong on the Eve of the Ascension.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Hawke (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Elphick 2, G. P. Elphick 3, B. J. Stone 4, J. Smith (first quarter) 5, R. C. Hide 6, H. S. James (first quarter as cond.) 7, F. Fuller 8. Rung as a compliment to Councillor Miss B. Temple (a member of the local band) on becoming Mayor of Lewes.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. H. Mildred 1, A. R. Mildred 2, D. W. Stenson 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, M. G. Wood 5, B. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 12th, 1,512 Plain Bob Triples: B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, N. W. Grassby (first of Triples 'inside') 2, A. R. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, M. G. Wood 5, K. H. Mildred 6, B. M. Smith 7, N. W. May 8. For Evensong. Also on May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (4 Plain Bob, 6 Grandsire): A. B. Stevens 1, A. R. Mildred 2, K. H. Mildred 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, B. M. Smith (cond.) 5, June E. Wood 6. For Evensong.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Wood (first quarter) 1, M. D. Staniforth 2, Verna Rix 3, Audrey Alexander 4, P. Mehew 5, D. R. Sanderson (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment for the ringer of fourth.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on May 16th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: G. Wheeler 1, W. W. T. Daniell 2, M. Penney 3, B. Bladon 4, Miss S. Little 5, Dr. C. C. Roworth 6, R. E. G. Lutton 7, V. Griffin 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. First of Caters in the method for 1, 3, 5, 7. Rung prior to Evensong, terminating the Christian Family Year in Swindon. Also on May 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Merriitt (first of Caters) 1, W. W. T. Daniell 2, M. Penney 3, B. Bladon 4, Miss S. Little 5, Dr. C. C. Roworth 6, M. Stanley 7, A. G. Wells 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. Rung prior to Evening Communion for Ascension Day.

TUNBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Jenner 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, Angela W. Burgess (first in method, first 'inside') 3, Hilary A. Swallow 4, R. A. Large 5, S. Jenner 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, L. T. Pope 8. A compliment to Mr. B. P. Bezzant, who has retired from the office of Vicar's warden after ten years' service.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On May 26th, 1,253 Grandsire Cinques: T. B. Holloway 1, Mrs. B. Newton 2, Mrs. F. A. Penn 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, G. H. Harding (cond.) 5, F. S. Slatford 6, P. W. J. Harding 7, N. G. Kneec 8, F. A. Penn 9, L. E. Hitchens 10, E. J. Hitchens 11, J. Lucas 12. First of Cinques for 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. Rung for the enthronement of Dr. J. E. Fison as Bishop of Salisbury.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 19th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Mary E. Elmes (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, M. J. Young 3, G. W. Elmes (first in method) 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, R. W. Young 6. For Evensong on Rogation Sunday. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary E. Elmes (first of Triples) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, R. G. W. Robertson 3, C. M. Heawood 4, G. W. Elmes 5, M. J. Young 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, R. W. Young 8. To celebrate the enthronement on May 24th of the new Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt. Rev. Joseph Edward Fison.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. R. Strange (first Bob Minor) 1, Mrs. R. L. Harbut 2, Veronica G. Rees 3, D. A. Smith 4, A. M. Horn 5, M. Fromm (cond.) 6. First 'inside' Bob Minor 2, 3 and 5. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Anthony M. Horn.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,344 Mixed Kent and Oxford: G. Reynolds 1, Miss R. Rawlings 2, Miss V. Rodrigues 3, Miss J. Geiringer 4, R. Mayes 5, Miss S. Rawlings 6, K. Newman 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. The first for all the band in the two methods. For Evensong.

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ENGAGEMENT

MORLEY—GREAVES.—The engagement is announced between James, only son of the late Mr. L. J. Morley and Mrs. E. E. Morley, of Ipswich, and Anthea, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Paul Greaves and Mrs. R. E. Greaves, of Pakenham, Suffolk. 2598

TAYLOR—DAVIES.—The engagement is announced between James R. Taylor, of Bosham, Sussex, and Jennifer M. Davies, of Bedford. 2631

WHITE—SANGER.—The engagement is announced between Michael Vivian, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. White, of 'Foxfield,' Birch Avenue, near Bleadon, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, and Bridget Ann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sanger, of 'Rockyville,' Evercreech, near Shepton Mallet, Somerset. 2614

DEATH

COLES.—On June 1st, 1963, at 41, Lavercock Road, Penarth, formerly of Cowbridge, Robert E. (Ted), beloved husband of Catherine and devoted father of David and Eve. After illness patiently borne. 2608

PERSONAL

'Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.' (1 Cor. iii, 16-17.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. EDITHA'S CHURCH, TAMWORTH.—The ringing of these bells for service and practice has been suspended until the tower buttresses have been repaired and made safe.—H. J. Dakin, Tower Sec. 2595

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—The usual Wednesday practices for the following dates, June 19th and July 10th, have been altered to Thursdays, June 20th and July 11th.—H. Stocks, Hon. Sec., Cathedral band. 2593

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Porlock, June 8th, 7-8 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 2607

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconsy.—Ringing meeting, evening only, Bidford-on-Avon (8), Saturday, June 8th, from 6 p.m. 2602

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Old Brampton (6) on Saturday, June 8th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m.—M. Phipps, Sec. 2602

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Cowfold (6), Saturday, June 8th, from 3 p.m. and during the evening. Tea by own arrangement. Lower Beeding (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m. 2563

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston on Saturday, June 8th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 2575

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Great Hallingbury (5) on Saturday, June 8th, Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 2530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Downham, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 2537

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 2576

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Stockbury (5) on June 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Lacey, 14, Northdown, Stockbury, Sittingbourne.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2536

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, June 8th, Bearsted. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. C. Ollett, 19, Mount Drive, Church Lane, Bearsted, Maidstone.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2582

LADIES' GUILD (Beds and Northants) and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District).—Joint meeting, Tempsford, June 8th. Bells (6) 3 to 4.40 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Tea and meetings 4.45 p.m. Further ringing in evening. Special methods: Double Court and Cambridge.—Miss S. Law and Mr. A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 2567

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 8th, at Somerton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Crocker, 29, St. Cleers Way, Somerton, Somerset. 2552

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N & E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 8th, Kilburn. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing 6.45 to 8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2584

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Stanton St. John, June 8th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. H. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. 2562

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brixworth, Saturday, June 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northants. Brixworth bells till 7 p.m. only. Pilsford open from 6.30-8.30 p.m. 2519

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 8th, 6.30-9 p.m. at Stonham Aspal (10). 2554

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, June 8th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 2554

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Easebourne (8) on Saturday, June 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2572

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mickleton (8) on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to C. B. Longmore, 65A, Port Street, Evesham, Worcs. 2578

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Ubley (6), Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2623

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Bunbury, June 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 2604

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 15th. Service St. Mark's 4 p.m. Preacher Canon C. C. Cox. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8; Heavitree, 2-3.30; St. Mark's, 3-4; St. Petrock's, 6-7; St. Thomas', 7-8 p.m. 2558

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2616

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Saturday, June 15th, meeting at Bromesbarrow. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Minchin, Bromesbarrow Heath, near Ledbury. 2600

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—June 15th. Tewin (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (Burnham Green) 5.15 p.m. S.M.—Killamarsh T.B. Welwyn (8) 7-8 p.m. Names for tea to 3, Lea Road, Harpenden, Herts.—M. A. Coburn. 2590

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Ashford District, please note. By-meeting, Elham, Saturday, June 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Fellowship Hall, cost 2s. per person. Those requiring tea, please notify by Tuesday, June 11th, together with cash, Mr. F. Verney, High Street, Elham, Canterbury. 2590

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Church, Singleton, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 2603

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting June 15th at Bitteswell. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Church Room at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 12th to Mrs. Sharpe, The Courts, Ashby Lane, Bitteswell. Outing to Ipswich, July 6th, names, please.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 2609

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Leire, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea in School Rooms at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mr. Frank Dove, Main Street, Leire, near Rugby.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2592

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Joint meeting with NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE & SOUTH DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION at Diseworth on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in school at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 12th, to Mr. C. G. Fletcher, 18, Clement's Gate, Diseworth, Derby. 2599

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 15th, at Mapledurham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 12th, please, to the Rev. E. Wood, The Vicarage, Mapledurham, Reading. 2630

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Arborfield on June 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea in Village Hall 5.45 p.m. Notify for tea by June 10th to Mr. L. Hall, Langley Common, Barkham, Wokingham. 2617

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Evening meeting, Broad Hinton, June 15th. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30.—W. Hacker. 2617

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chisledon, Saturday, June 15th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2617

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Aldington (6) (not Wivelsfield), Saturday, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: St. Clement's. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 12th, please, to J. R. Norris, 117 Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2612

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Betchworth, June 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Lucas, 18, Orchard Way, South Park, Reigate, before June 12th. Buckland bells after meeting.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2573

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Brecon Cathedral (8), Saturday, June 15th. St. Mary's bells available 2 to 3.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Bishop Meadows Cafe. St. Mary's bells also available after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. Stokes, 1, King Street, Brecon, by June 8th.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 2548

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Bewdley, Saturday, June 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Central Cafe 5 p.m. Meeting at Town Hall 5.45 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2594

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Ilkley, June 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be available for a limited number of persons who notify me by June 10th; this will be followed by the business meeting. The District Committee will meet at 4.15 p.m.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec., Oakfield, Shell Lane, Calverley, Pudsey. 2587

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Corporate Communion at Banwell on Sunday, June 16th, 8 a.m. Bells (8) 7 a.m. Names for breakfast to Mr. W. Day, The Square, Banwell, by June 12th. 2628

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival this year will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. Service at Godalming 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells: Shere, 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Albury, 11 a.m.-12 noon, Ewhurst, 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Shalford 1.45-3; Bramley, 2.30-3.30; Womersley 3-4; Godalming 3.30-4.30; Hascombe, 6.30-7.30; Dunsfold, 6.30-7.30; Witley, 7-8; Chiddingfold, 7.30-8.30; Haslemere, 8-9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Stevinson, Ashstead Close, Shackstead Lane, Godalming.—S. T. A. Russell, Gen. Hon. Sec. 2619

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Chepstow, June 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by June 17th, please, to J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 2605

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Beaumaris, Anglesey, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, June 22nd. Compton Chamberlayne. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Striking competition after tea. Names for tea, please, not later than Tuesday, 18th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 2626

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 22nd. Service in Cathedral choir stalls, 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in W.I. Hall (Lombard Street), 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Yoxall (6), 10.15-11 a.m. King's Bromley (6), 11.15 a.m.-12 noon; Longdon (5), 12.15-1 p.m. also 7.30-8.30; Lichfield St. Mary's (8), 2.30-3.30 and 8-9; Lichfield St. Michael's (6), 3.15-4 and 6.15-7.30; Cathedral (10), 3.45 (not before)-4.25 and 6.45-8; St. Chad's (4) 7.30-8.30 p.m. Numbers requiring tea, please, before June 19th to C. M. Smith, 'Roiselle', Walsall Road, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel.: Lichfield 2124. 2610

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Westham and Pevensey, June 22nd. Ringing: Westham (6), 3 till 4.30; Pevensey (6), 6 till 8 p.m. Service (Westham) 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to D. R. Fuller, 'Droslyn', High Street, Westham, Pevensey.—I. Smith, Sec. 2622

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Hemingbrough, June 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in schoolroom. Names, please, to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, near Selby, Yorkshire, by Thursday, June 20th. This will be followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Annual reports available.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 2597

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 6th. Holy Communion (St. Aldate's) 9.45 a.m. Festival Service (Christ Church) 11 a.m. Business meeting (Chapter House) 12 noon. Lunch (Christ College) 1.30 p.m. Applications with remittance for luncheon ticket (7s. each) to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, before Wednesday, June 26th.—M. R. Cross, Gen. Sec. 2620

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KILBURN, LONDON.—On May 19th, at St. Augustine's Church, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 1, Christine Bradburn 2, Ruth How 3, Enid Town 4, D. T. Darby 5, D. A. H. Bennett 6.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. F. Payne 1, C. G. Johnstone 2, I. H. Payton 3, I. Weatherley 4, J. E. Clark (cond.) 5, M. D. Fuller 6.

SOME OF THE OUTINGS

ST. THOMAS', STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE

Five towers in Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire were visited by ringers and friends on May 4th.

Arriving at St. Alphege's Church, Solihull, at 9.15 a.m., we soon had the glorious bells tapping Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal; not forgetting rounds for the learners.

On then to Stratford-upon-Avon and the good Taylor ten at Holy Trinity Church. Here we rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters before journeying to Stow-on-the-Wold for lunch.

New ropes and weighty bells at Stow Church rather narrowed our choice of methods, and we did not really do justice to these bells. St. Lawrence's, Bourton-on-the-Water (a light Taylor eight), were put to good use and some quite decent Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London were brought round.

After tea in Bourton we made our way across country to Evesham Bell Tower, where we were met by Geoff and Gerald Hemming. On the majestic bells we rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major on the 'back eight'; also rounds on the twelve.

Thanks are due to all incumbents and tower captains for permission to ring; also D. H. Watson for arranging such an enjoyable day. M. D. F.

CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON

Ringling Master Eric Sutton and his able 'secretary', Shirley, provided another good day's ringing for the annual outing of Christ Church, Swindon, on May 18th.

By 8.15 a.m. the party was well on the road bound for Bidford-on-Avon, two hours' hence. The ring of eight provided scope for several spirited touches in standard methods, and the back six gave young ringers from Rodbourne Cheney an opportunity to exercise Plain Bob and Grandsire. Standard methods were also rung at St. Stephen's, Redditch, before adjourning to 'The Talbot' for an excellent chicken luncheon.

The heavy eight at Chaddesley Corbett followed, and in the final touch of Stedman two local ringers participated. Their compliments were greatly appreciated. Perhaps we weren't too bad after all! Ringing at Bewley was enjoyed, and 'The Central', where we went for tea, was adjacent to the church, and everyone left Load Street well loaded!

Later there was ringing at Hartlebury and Hallow (a beautiful church with an immaculate ringing chamber). The presence of three guests from Denmark, who were studying nursing, added to the delights of the outing and who knows if they might not be enrolled as new members in one tower?

To incumbents, local representatives and our driver sincere thanks. A. M. E.

SILSOE, BEDS

On a glorious day and in excellent spirits St. James' Guild of Change Ringers, Silsoe, left on May 25th for Rutland. Many interesting towers were visited, including Empingham, Cottesmore, Whissendine and Uppingham, and while the ringers enjoyed the bells and rang many different methods the non-ringers were able to enjoy the villages set in a beautiful countryside. At Empingham we were pleased to help the local W.I. in their efforts for the 'Freedom from Hunger Campaign' by attending a coffee morning and bring and buy.

Many methods were rung from rounds to Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Bob. On Uppingham's eight a touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major were achieved.

The weather, excellent meals and a most hospitable county helped to make this a truly memorable outing, and we are grateful to both the organisers and all incumbents for their co-operation. A. J. T.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): S. D. Nicoll 1, P. J. Bird 2, A. Howard 3, A. Tubb (first as cond.) 4, P. E. Parry 5, M. J. Harris 6. For the Bristol Cathedral School Society.

HORBURY AND OSSETT

Ringers and non-ringers from Ossett and Horbury were joined by friends from Batley, Thornhill, Rothwell and Calverley for an outing to North Yorkshire on May 18th. An early start was made from Horbury, collecting the rest of the party at Ossett and Leeds. The first tower, Norton, was reached a little behind schedule, but no time was wasted putting the popular North Yorkshire eight to good use.

A journey of some 30 miles, during which the famous Sutton Bank was negotiated, brought us to Thirsk, where we had a pleasant lunch at the 'Three Tuns Hotel.' The new octave at Northallerton (tenor 17½ cwt.), although rather noisy in the ringing chamber, was much appreciated by all the band, and some very good ringing ensued.

In pouring rain the journey was made across the North Yorkshire moors to Whitby. Here where the sun made one of its all too infrequent appearances, we had tea. A short ride of about 20 minutes brought us to St. Stephen's, Fylingdales. The rather slender tower houses a comparatively light eight (tenor 11½ cwt.), which were found to be tricky to handle by the more inexperienced members.

Our last recollections of North Yorkshire were a short thunderstorm, hailstones and snow on the moors. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Irvin Slack, who arranged the outing, local incumbents and to those who welcomed us at their respective towers.

IAN NORTH &
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ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM

Despite rain for most part of the day, St. Mary's, Lewisham, ringers and friends enjoyed their outing into Surrey on April 20th.

An hour of a good standard of ringing took place at St. Giles', Ashted, to be followed by the 10 bells at Leatherhead, where it must be confessed justice was not done to the bells. A most satisfactory lunch at the Watermill, Dorking, preceded ringing at St. Martin's Church, where a nice touch of Kent came round.

The beautiful and historic church of St. James, Shere, was admired before ringing. Next came the unusual bells at St. Michael's, Betchworth, and lastly the swaying tower of St. John's, Redhill.

To incumbents and local ringers, without whose co-operation the day would not have been so enjoyable, we extend our thanks. M. F.

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CAMBRIDGE.—On May 23rd, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs (R.C.), 1,347 Erin Triples: H. J. F. Muncy 1, J. R. Hough 2, J. M. H. Hunter (comp. and cond.) 3, S. C. Walters 4, J. W. R. Quinney 5, V. Nutton 6, P. J. Bergdahl 7, C. R. F. Muncy 8. First in the principle for all the band. For Ascension Day.

QUARTER PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): R. 1. Kendrick 1, M. D. Barsby 2, M. G. Godwin 3, J. R. Perkins 4, F. K. Thompson 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On May 13th, 1,280 Wembley Surprise Major: S. F. Kimber (cond.) 1, Olive D. Tester 2, Jean L. Lavender 3, R. J. Talbot 4, J. Schofield 5, R. J. Lee 6, F. E. Roberts 7, R. E. Finch 8.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Lockwood (first on eight) 1, C. Earp 2, Elizabeth Holmes 3, V. A. Wilson (first on eight) 4, D. Derbyshire (first 'inside') 5, J. A. Dodd 6, J. F. Murfin (cond.) 7, D. J. Murfin 8.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCS.—On May 2nd, 1,279 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Joan Gaine '1, C. Haylings 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, A. Hallings 5, R. Clarke 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Robin Clarke.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire): G. C. Paul 1, A. A. Paul 2, R. W. Smith 3, D. Towers 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, D. Rees 6. Rung after a Confirmation service.

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HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On May 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Reeve 1, J. Y. Parker 2, F. Cooper 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, A. Ballham 5, J. Paul 6, R. Hart 7, H. Fuller (cond.) 8. For morning service, and for the visit of the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. Newman 1, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, Miss M. E. Kirby 3, W. A. Farmer 4, Miss V. Willard 5, C. Burridge 6, J. Goulter 7, C. A. Wratten 8, T. Borcham 9, P. T. Hurcombe (first on ten as cond.) 10. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. D. Belcham (first of T.B. Major) 1, P. Sadler 2, D. Belcham 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, M. Sinden 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. First of Major in method by 2 and 3. For Evensong.

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