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RIGHT-PLACE SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS INCIDENCE OF FALSENESS

Reviewed by Maurice Hodgson

IN a sense, the collection of Right-Place Surprise Major Methods, published by A. S. Hudson and J. W. McClenahan in October, 1963, and quickly sold out, was complete in itself. However, it left to the user all the labour of working out the falseness of the methods.

This task is not unduly onerous for a single method, but a decision to ring a new method usually involves selecting the best from several differing so slightly that when one has been chosen the rest will be discarded. One factor governing the suitability of a method is the quality of peal compositions that can be produced for it which, in turn, depends on its false course heads and their incidence. Foreknowledge of the amount of falseness would enable unsatisfactory methods to be rejected early in the search. Moreover, when falseness has been derived by one person or by one procedure, an independent verification is a comfort, especially when performed by an untiring computer.

There is a school of thought which deprecates publication of the false course heads of methods on the grounds that false peals may be rung if the information is misused. This objection hardly applies when complete data is quoted, but to do this for more than 5,000 methods in a book of practicable size and price presents a formidable problem since some of the methods have more than 40 items of falseness. It is greatly to the credit of Hudson and McClenahan, joined in this project by H. E. Bishop, that they have condensed the essential data on each method into one line of typing which can be readily expanded into the full list of falseness by means of simple tables.

If this were all they had done, they would still have produced a worthwhile companion to the Collection. But the work goes further than was necessary to fulfil its main purpose and includes, in effect, a ready reckoner for obtaining the falseness of any Major method on the treble-bob principle. Another section, contributed by Mr. Hadley Hunter, extends the system to spliced methods, and is presumably the first published exposition of inter-method falseness in the Surprise Major field.

The authors have used throughout the algebraic treatment introduced by the present writer. Of the various extant half-lead systems of proof, this treatment is best suited to computation and to a concise notation. When performed without external aids, the procedure entails three manipulations of rows—two transpositions and a

substitution-type permutation. The Table of Ratios eliminates the second transposition and the permutation, thereby reducing the manipulations and the risk of errors by two-thirds.

Two obstacles are encountered when attempting to abbreviate the data on falseness by quoting only one course head. The difficulties arise in those groups of false course heads which contain more than one set, where it is consequently necessary to indicate the relationship between the incidence parameters of the different sets. This can be done by providing tables of modifiers, but since any course head in a group may be the first to be derived, as many as eight lists of modifiers would be necessary in some groups to enable the full list of falseness to be correctly transcribed. In addition, the values of the modifiers depend on whether the falseness is due to like or unlike rows, which doubles the number required.

The authors have overcome the first difficulty by arranging that the typical false course heads quoted in the Main Table of method falseness and in the Table of Ratios are always members of the same set in a group; modifiers based on the remaining sets are then unnecessary.

They have overcome the second difficulty by a subtle adjustment of the basic falseness formulae. Thus, they use parameters x and y which are related to m and n in that $y=m$ for like rows, but $y=-m$ for unlike rows, with $x=n$ in both cases. By this alteration, masterly in its simplicity, the values of the modifiers are not affected by the nature of the rows, and a second version is not required.

There is little to complain about in the volume, although it seems incongruous that a mathematically-based treatment should perpetuate the archaic term 'in-course' instead of using the natural and descriptive term 'even.' Also, a little more explanation of 'modulo 7' would have helped potential users who are unaware that adding a positive number to negative one involves subtraction. The main defect is that the printing leaves something to be desired: incidence parameters are occasionally indecipherable, though they can be restored if needed by using the Table of Ratios. In view of these misprints, an explicit indication of clean proof scale would have been psychologically better than a blank opposite a method number, which raises an uneasy suspicion that the computer or the duplicator might have forgotten to deal with that method.

The trivial shortcomings do not detract from the value of the book, which is a welcome contribution to the technical literature of the art. (Price 12s. 6d. post free, from A. S. Hudson, Clare College, Cambridge.)

A.N.Z.A.B. COUNCIL MEETING IN HOBART

THE third, and best yet, Council Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association was held in Hobart, Tasmania, on the Queen's birthday weekend, June 13th-15th. It was preceded by some peal ringing the previous week when a band of four Sydney ringers, three Adelaide ringers and one from Melbourne, met in Hobart on Sunday, June 7th. On that afternoon a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the delightful Taylor eight at St. David's Cathedral, came to a halt after 4,820 changes because of a miscalculation in timing resulting in over-running an Evensong in the church below. The consequent disappointment was largely banished the next afternoon by the success of a 5,200 of Plain Bob Major, conducted by Tom Goodyer, on the 118-year-old eight at Holy Trinity and the promise of another chance to go for the Double Norwich again the following Monday. On that occasion there were no interruptions and Tom called his second peal of the week.

On the holiday weekend, June 13th-15th, a large gathering of inter-State visitors descended on Hobart from the skies till by the middle of Saturday afternoon the Tasmanians had on their hands 28 visiting ringers, together with wives and families. Eighteen came from Melbourne, representing St. Paul's Cathedral and City Hall and St. Peter's, Ballarat; six from Sydney representing St. Mary's Basilica and St. Jude's, Randwick; and four from Adelaide, representing St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Andrew's, Walkerville. The influx ought to have reached its peak five hours earlier but fog at the Melbourne airport and engine trouble delayed the arrival of the contingent from Victoria.

A NEW PRESIDENT

Fifty-five persons sat down to an enjoyable dinner on the Saturday evening at 'Carolside', an old house in the suburbs, and these festivities preceded the actual Council meeting. Tom Goodyer did not stand for re-election to the presidency and Enid Roberts was elected the third president of A.N.Z.A.B. with acclamation. The other officers were re-elected for another year—Graeme Heyes as secretary, with Anne Cowling as his assistant; Ken Minchinton as treasurer; Bill Pitcher as peal secretary and editor of 'Ringing Towers'. The treasurer's report revealed a considerable accumulation of funds and with no foreseeable heavy ex-

penditure it was decided to reduce subscriptions by half. Bill Pitcher reported that 'Ringing Towers' had made a slight profit and the circulation had risen to 186 copies per issue. He paid a tribute to the help he had received from David Bleby and other co-opted assistants.

Other matters raised included consideration of designs submitted for a badge, deciding on Melbourne for the 1965 Council meeting and discussing the possibility of New Zealand for the 1966 meeting. A discussion about Great Adventure II took place and Bill Pitcher reported on a revised proposed itinerary which is to be passed on immediately to Tom Lock for comment.

EXTENDING REPERTOIRES

The whole weekend showed again what a beneficial 'shot in the arm' these gatherings are to Australian ringing. Apart from forming new friendships and renewing old ones and talking as only bellringers can, everyone made progress, ringing new methods and generally extending their repertoire. The learners received advice and encouragement from the more experienced ringers who in their turn stood to the ropes to try something new. For them one of the satisfactions of the meeting was that apart from ringing in bob courses of London Minor and Cambridge Major, at least ten ringers took part in the six or seven courses of Superlative Surprise Major that were rung, five of them ringing the method for the first time.

We were reminded that the Exercise is not without its dangers when at St. David's Cathedral a stay was broken and Ethel Lloyd, a Ballarat ringer, was carried into the air and sustained a chipped elbow bone as well as being badly shaken when she fell to the floor. Apart from this unfortunate accident it was a highly enjoyable weekend and wound up on the Monday with the success of the peal of Double Norwich at St. David's and the adjournment to the Waterworks Reserve for what seems to be becoming the traditional barbecue, where in an attractive woodland setting with the sound of handbells coming from the scrub the Hobart ringers reminded us once again, as had been evident throughout, that they were the best possible hosts, untiring in their attention to their guests and providing almost unlimited time on the bells as well as very good weather. To them the Association owes a great debt of thanks. W. B. P.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

Over 30 ringers met at Farnborough on Sunday, June 7th, for the annual Corporate Communion service of the Frome Branch. Ringing started at 7.15 a.m. and continued until the service, at 8 a.m., the Rector of Farnborough, the Rev. D. E. F. Marshall, being the celebrant. After the service an excellent breakfast in the Vicarage was enjoyed by all, their appreciation to the hostess and her helpers being expressed in the normal way, after Mr. G. W. Massey had proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned, for making it such a successful morning. Ringing then continued until approximately 10 a.m.

D. T. H. R.

New Rate for Postal Subscribers

In accordance with the announcement made at the Central Council meeting at Truro a new rate will operate for postal subscribers renewing their subscriptions or enrolling as new members as from July 3rd. The increase is equivalent to 2s. per annum, and the new rates will be: 3 months 10s.; 6 months 19s.; 12 months £1 17s. Substantial reductions are allowed for subsequent copies.

HILLINGDON CELEBRATIONS

The culmination of 4½ years' work in the raising of £11,000 in the parish of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, Middlesex, was celebrated, approximately enough, on St. John the Baptist Day, June 24th. This sum covered the cost of refacing the stonework on the tower, and the building of new vestries on the north side of the chancel. The dedication and hallowing of the work was performed by the Bishop of Kensington, the Right Rev. R. C. O. Goodchild, at a service of thanksgiving in the evening, attended by a large congregation including the Mayor and Uxbridge Borough Council.

During his address, the Bishop referred to the sorrow they all felt at the absence of the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Tyler, who had sponsored this great parochial achievement but was unable to be present to witness the dedication. Mr. Tyler has been in hospital for some weeks following an eye operation for a detached retina. He returned home, hoping to be present at the service, but was forced to re-enter hospital two days beforehand.

The bells, of course, played their part in this momentous day for the parish. Preceding the service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung in good style by T. G. Bannister 1, Mrs. A. R. Turley 2, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, A. M. Stacey 5, M. Hatchett 6, M. W. Seymour 7, M. J. Palmer 8, F. C. Price 9, W. H. Coles 10.

The new St. George's flag, given to celebrate the reaching of an aggregate total between them of 80 years' service as ringers in St. John's tower by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, was flown for the first time on this day.

A Great Handbell Achievement

Last week we announced that a new record in Spliced Surprise handbell ringing was established at the residence of the conductor, Mr. John R. Mayne, at Headstone Lane, Harrow. The peal consisted of 18 methods, and in it there were 134 changes of method.

This great achievement beats the previous record of 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods, conducted by Mr. Harold Cashmore, which has stood since October 25th, 1952. Mr. Christopher W. Woolley was in both peals, the latter was his 100th peal of Surprise on handbells.

50 YEARS' SERVICE IN ONE TOWER

To the list of those who have given a half-century's service in one tower must be added the name of Mr. Raymond Addison, of 21, Russell Street, Stockton, Yorks, who this year celebrates 50 years as a ringer at St. Paul's Church, Thornaby.

In honour of the event, Mr. Addison took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's Church on June 13th. The band included two of his pupils—David Dawson, who rang his first peal, and Margaret Wilkinson, who was ringing her first in the method. They both rang faultlessly. There had been two previous attempts to score it.

A strong family connection exists with St. Paul's Church. His father was associated with the Sunday School for 50 years as pupil, teacher and superintendent. His brothers, older than Raymond, were bell-ringers and it was as a boy of 13 he desired to emulate them and became fascinated in ringing.

He still rings regularly on Sunday mornings at Stockton Parish Church, and in the afternoons at Thornaby. Much of his time is occupied in training youngsters. For more than 10 years he was vice-president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. He is also a member of the Yorkshire Association.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Although the attendance was below average the bells of All Saints', Edmonton, were put to good use in standard and Surprise methods at the North and East District meeting on June 13th.

Preb. S. G. W. Knight conducted the Association's form of service and extended a warm welcome to his church. Mr. Ernest Grove accompanied at the organ and Miss Sheila Moore, an up and coming member of the local band, read the lesson. Tea followed in the Charles Lamb Institute and Miss Newcombe and her helpers, as usual, provided an excellent repast.

At the subsequent business meeting reference was made to the passing of the Bishop of Willesden. The Rt. Rev. George Ernest Ingle, a vice-president of the Association, whose funeral had taken place that day, the members standing in silence for a few moments.

Confirmation of the provisional election of the following as non-resident life members, prior to participating in peals, was made:—Philip J. Rothera (Chelmsford), Dennis Ellisdon (Ilford), Gillian Syms (Letchworth), Robert Harris (Bognor Regis), Jean Lavender (Thorn-ton Heath) and Ann P. Robinson (Elstree). Mr. T. G. Fox, formerly of Stepney and now living at Horsham, was also elected a life member, whilst Miss Louise Gallini, of the St. Augustine's, Kilburn band, was elected as a ringing member.

Under the guidance of Mr. Charles Ward a new band has been formed at Barnet, and it is gratifying to learn that the bells are now ringing regularly for Sunday services. Eight members of the band were now up to change ringing standard and were elected as ringing members, viz. Mrs. M. L. Paternoster, and Messrs. R. Derry, R. Adcock, K. Record, S. Taylor, M. Bullett, E. J. Paternoster and J. R. Paternoster.

Before closing the proceedings the chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar and all who had contributed to the success of the gathering. E. H. K.

IN YORKSHIRE WITH FRANK C. PRICE

ON Saturday, June 6th, at Doncaster, I joined Tom and Kath Lock (North Mimms), David Forder (North Stoneham), Cyril and Frances Low (Hampton), Bert Gogle (Norwich), Tom and Margaret Chapman and baby Chris (Bishopstoke), Dick Price (Sheffield), Ruth Foreman (Hendon), Dennis Knox (High Wycombe), Frank and Sheila Price and baby Fiona (Crowthorne) for the start of Frank's annual week — this year to be in Yorkshire. Our transport included the 32-year-old Chapman Rolls, which was a constant source of interest, though on one occasion stopping its 2½ tons gave some of us an anxious moment.

Eric Critchley met us at St. George's and when we had climbed the many steps of the huge tower we found that the method for the first peal attempt of the tour had been changed to Bristol. That didn't worry Dennis, who, after those not pealing had sampled the 30 cwt. ring of eight called his own composition to a good peal. On to Wakefield in the evening to H.Q. at the Strafford Arms Hotel in time for dinner and a handbell evening.

On Sunday we were privileged to ring Treble 12 and Stedman Cinques for morning service at St. Peter's, Leeds (42 cwt.) and to ring at Sheffield Cathedral (12—40 cwt.) for Evensong. This latter tower is for ever associated with Charles Hattersley and that well-known figure at Central Council meetings, the late Sid Palmer. Between this service ringing, Dick Price took us on a tour of the beauty spots in the Pennines on the borders of the West Riding with Cheshire and Derbyshire, with lunch at the 13th century inn at Strynes. A few spare minutes allowed us to ring on the pleasant light eight at Dore, where Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey was once churchwarden. Handbells in the evening ranged from 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with singles only, to attempts at Cambridge Royal and we were glad to be joined by Wilf Moreton.

A MISCHANCE

A good start was made on Monday, in lovely weather, and excellent ringing for two hours of Yorkshire Major on the fine eight (22 cwt.) at Howden. By one of those mischances which take the certainty out of peal ringing the conductor had then to call Stand, so what might well have been the first struck peal of the week was not. While the remainder of the party had gone on to Selby, Kath had prepared a picnic lunch for the peal band. We all met at Selby in the afternoon for a pull on the ten (25½ cwt.) at this glorious Norman and early English Abbey. A fair course of London Royal No. 3 was followed, with apparently more difficulty, by Stedman Caters. Ossett (10—27 cwt.) was reached in time for the evening practice, which the local band had kindly given up to us. This time an almost perfect course of London Royal made a local ringer wish he had his tape recorder. Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal concluded this very pleasant hour, after which at H.Q. Dick showed his coloured films of last year's Devon tour and of his own boating holiday on the Broad.

At Tadcaster (8—20 cwt.) on Tuesday morning, four-spliced went well after the conductor had been persuaded to start again and not to call changes of method when the treble was at the back. It may have been just as easy for him, but it caught most of us unawares. The programme then said afternoon free in York, which was true for some. But five of us returned to H.Q. to ring Bob Royal in hand. After an hour a clapper fell out, so now some of us have suffered this both on tower- and handbells. Later on, however, we

felt better, when Wilf Moreton called a good peal of Stedman Cinques at Wakefield Cathedral (35 cwt.), after which we were all ready for a drink and a meal.

ROPE TROUBLE

Wednesday brought mixed fortune. Two towers in the morning—some good five-spliced at Birstall (8—22 cwt.), in spite of the Yorkshire tail ends; and among other methods at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax (8—25 cwt.) was Oswald Major, its parentage being Kent and Cambridge. In the afternoon it was my turn to call Grandsire Cinques on the 28 cwt. 12 at St. John's, Halifax. After splicing one rope, we rang as far as the third lead when another broke. That spliced we reached the fourth lead and still another rope came down.

Having no faith in the remainder we reluctantly abandoned the attempt for what had promised to be a good peal. The early finish allowed time for a tower grab at East Ardsley (8), but in the second touch here yet another rope broke. Five of us evened up the score a little at H.Q. in the evening with a peal of Plain Bob Royal on the handbells, on which the late J. A. Trollope had rung many of his peals.

If you ever get a chance to ring at Sprotborough on the new eight (8 cwt.) don't miss it. For their weight and note they are perfect and at this, our first tower on Thursday, Frank made double-handed tower bell ringing look easy by ringing 7—8 to a course of London. Look out for a peal of Major there one day by four fingers only! A pull at Conisbrough (8) preceded lunch in Rotherham and an extra tower (Whiston—8). We spent a pleasant hour drinking tea at Dick's home at Thryburgh where the sight of the week was Bert Gogle and Tom Lock industriously weeding the garden.

In the evening we were joined at Rotherham by Norman and John Chaddock for a peal of London Royal. When the tenor would not clapper up, we thought that Wednesday's jinx had followed us, but Norman removed the clapper counter-balance and all was well. The peal, conducted by Tom Chapman on this fine ten (34 cwt.) was a little like the curate's egg—some if it was excellent. Those not in the peal tried the six at Thryburgh before returning to Wakefield and enjoying Mrs. Moreton's hospitality.

HOMAGE TO SNOWDONS

Dennis had to leave on Friday to get back in time to ring a few more changes on the High Wycombe outing, but the rest of us enjoyed the finest weather of the week. In the morning we rang at Ilkley (8—18 cwt.), which was the tower of the Snowdon family, where the father of Jasper and William and the grandfather of Miss Margaret, was Vicar. The stained glass window, with bell motif, subscribed for by the ringers of England to the memory of Jasper, was much admired. Although he died at the age of 41, he yet had had time to establish the Snowdon series of text books. Until the evening peal we were free and spent pleasant hours at Bolton Abbey in the heart of lovely country. Fred Mundav met us at Bradford Cathedral (10—25 cwt.) and Cambridge Royal, called by David, brought our peal total for the week to five.

That evening our thanks were expressed tangibly to Frank for arranging the tour and to Dick for his help with local knowledge and influence, and to all the incumbents and local ringers for their help and, by me on, believe it or not, my first ringing tour, to all the 'old stagers' for their company, including especially baby Chris and baby Fiona.

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ladies With 500 Peals

This week we record the fact that Miss Joan Beresford, of Dartford, the honorary treasurer of the Ladies' Guild, has rung her 500th peal. This took place at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, and was a peal of four Spliced Surprise Major methods. The peal was rung for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and was conducted by Miss Beresford's brother, Dennis, who is Master of the Society.

Miss Beresford is the sixth lady to hold this honour. The others are:

Mrs. Amy Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, the widow of Mr. Jack Thomas;

The late Mrs. Phyllis Poole, the widow of Inspector Harold Poole, of Leicester;

Mrs. Marcia Marshallsay, of Bourne-mouth;

Miss Muriel Reay, of Birmingham;

Mrs. Claudia Critchley, wife of Mr. G. W. Critchley, of Knebworth, Herts.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. L. A. TIDY

LIMPSFIELD Chart, Surrey, had something really to celebrate on June 20th. Relatives and friends came from all parts, with greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Len Tidy on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

The day began with Holy Communion, celebrated by the Rev. Philip Haynes. The first changes of a quarter peal began as the couple left the church to be photographed at the same rose-hung porch as 50 years ago. In the band was one representative of the ringers of St. Peter's, Limpsfield, and another from nearby Westerham—only two of the dozens who have learnt their ringing from Mr. Len Tidy over the years.

Late afternoon was the time for everyone to gather in St. Andrew's Hall. There tables were spread for an appropriate feast, and in the midst of all were Mr. and Mrs. Tidy senior, and the anniversary cake. A toast was drunk to their continued health, proposed by Mr. Wilfred Tidy on behalf of the immediate family and numerous nephews and nieces. Mr. Jack Weller expressed thanks and good wishes on behalf of the guests. Mr. Len Tidy could find words for only part of what he had to say. In the ringing which followed, six of the Tidy family took a rope: three generations of ringers, an age range of 16 to 82. The day was rounded off with another quarter peal.

Fifty years ago St. Andrew's Church was a comparatively young church. Already Len Tidy was amongst the very keen ringers, and has been tower captain since 1913. The couple, who were married at St. Andrew's in 1914, are still very much with us, in the hearts of the generations that have come to ring at The Chart since then.

R. W. S.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, YORK

Members of the College Society visited Stillington, a three bell tower, with a 5½ cwt. tenor, on June 3rd and spent a half-hour ringing rounds and call changes. Mr. J. Hutchinson took the members to his home to inspect his scale model of a ring of six bells. These and handbells were rung. Later an hour was spent on the light eight at Easingwold, ringing rounds, Doubles and call changes. Refreshments with the president of the Society and handbell ringing concluded the outing.

M. K.

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Letters to the Editor

The Everest Band

Ringling in South Africa

Dear Sir,—In these days, when we move so rapidly from one excitement to another, it is good to be reminded of great events, whether of long past or of recent date. All of us, therefore, will surely welcome the photograph of the band that rang the 40,320 at Loughborough. There cannot be anything but sincere admiration for this band of young men, who tackled this stupendous task in a spirit that was both cavalier and determined, enduring a physical and mental ordeal that demanded great courage and steadfastness.

I may not be alone in wishing that a more worthy reproduction of the portrait of the band had been made available to commemorate this historic feat. The paper on which our journal is printed is obviously capable of better reproduction, and much, therefore, must depend on the quality of the original photograph. Whatever the difficulties, however, I feel that it would be well worth while to take trouble to perpetuate in first-class style something that will be treasured both by the members of this gallant band of adventurers and by future generations of change ringers.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster, Wilts.

Note.—The original print and negative was very indistinct and was exceedingly poor material for the block makers to work on. We hope if the band ever reassemble a photograph worthy of the occasion will be taken. A photograph of this band should go down to posterity—be republished and retained in the archives of the Central Council.—Ed.

Making Visitors welcome

Dear Sir.—In regard to the annual outing of the Bolsover ringers to the Peterborough district on June 6th. I should like to express my own appreciation of the very warm welcome at each of the towers visited during the day.

One often reads of difficulties about finding keys to towers and although the party arrived early at Tichmarsh, it was refreshing to find the elderly incumbent already on the look-out, and he and his wife were obviously pleased to hear the bells. It was a most pleasant surprise for the whole party to be invited into the small Rectory cottage for cups of tea and biscuits.

At Warmington two of the local ringers were present and at Woodston the Curate-in-charge (formerly of Howden) and two young ringers showed very great interest in the visitors.

At the last tower, Castor, the visit coincided with the local practice (unusual to see so many people prepared to meet on a Saturday evening) and I was most impressed by the new wooden floor (the work of the local ringers) and the excellent condition of the bells and ringing room. Here again the incumbent visited the tower and several of the local ringers joined in some excellent ringing. As the coach left Castor it was most gratifying to be told by an old gentleman that it was the best change ringing he had heard in his life!

In conclusion, I would like to thank my friends from Bolsover and district for a very enjoyable day amongst excellent bells and pleasant company.—Yours faithfully,

A B COOPER.

Kirkella, Hull.

Peal withdrawn

Dear Sir.—I have to perform the very regrettable duty of withdrawing, on the conductor's behalf, a peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Biggleswade on August 17th, 1963, owing to falseness in the composition which I overlooked when checking it before it was rung.

May I also express heartfelt regrets to the rest of the band.—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Bedford.

Dear Sir.—'You want the bells—I got 'em' is one of my husband's pet clichés, but for once I am 'one up' on him. I am at present enjoying the delights of three months' holiday in sunny South Africa and after experiencing the thrills of a visit to the Kruger Game Reserve, a trip of nearly 3,000 miles to the Eastern Cape Province with its wonderful mountain, lake and coastal scenery (between times staying with a friend between Pretoria and Johannesburg). I am now spending a fortnight in Durban.

As there are two churches with bells here, Pat wrote urging me to try and have a pull, so although I haven't rung in England for several years I felt I shouldn't miss this unique opportunity. I contacted Mr. Cyril Chambers (who came out here from Worcestershire in 1939) and found that Colin Stevenson, from Harlington, who is now studying at Salisbury University, S. Rhodesia, was also in Durban on holiday and had been making enquiries about ringing. Unfortunately there is no regular ringing now at either church, on account of the usual shortage of enthusiasts, but Mr. Chambers rustled together four other 'locals' and we were able to ring some Plain courses of Bob Minor on the back seven of St. Mary's, Greyville (a fine ring of 10 by J. Taylor, tenor 18 cwt. 25 lb.), before service on Sunday evening, June 7th. Then the same band (with one addition) met together the next evening and enjoyed some Grand sire Triples and Bob Minor. This was the first time any Triples had been possible for five or six years, but Mr. Chambers is now hoping to arrange a practice for us one evening at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (8), which unfortunately cannot muster enough ringers for Sunday service ringing. I believe the last time these bells were rung was on New Year's Eve.

I should like to express my appreciation to Mr. Chambers and his co-ringers for making it possible for me to ring in Durban. In addition he and his wife also kindly called for my friend and I and took us with Colin Stevenson for a scenic drive outside the city and entertained us to tea. It is wonderful that this camaraderie among ringers is apparent all over the globe. Our visit even gained a short notice in the Durban Daily News!!

On June 21st I am hoping to start on an eight-day tour to the Kariba Dam and Victoria Falls and as I shall have two days in Salisbury S. Rhodesia, Colin is kindly arranging for me to sample the bells of the Cathedral (10) there. So if I'm lucky, before I return to England in July, I shall be 'three un' on Pat.

Best wishes to all ringing friends at home.

SYLVIA C. CANNON (Mrs.).

Irene, Transvaal.

An East Anglian Broadcast

Dear Sir.—I must apologise to David Baker and members of Manchester University Guild who did not receive mention for their ringing at Kessingland, in the Central Council's Broadcasting Committee's report. Of course their broadcast was of great interest and it well deserved mention. I am the contact for this area for C.C.B.C., and unfortunately did not see the broadcast, nor did anybody happen to mention it to me.

As usual, I inquired of both B.B.C. and I.T.V., about any broadcasts of ringing, etc., but I do not think they could be blamed for not mentioning it, as it would be very difficult for them to keep tapes on every news item. Perhaps anybody who shares in, or sees or hears, anything of this kind in this area in future would kindly advise me—and the same might well apply in the other areas. I always have a special interest in Kessingland ringing, as it was partly because of a very long meeting of their Parochial Church Council with me, that they spent their money on rehanging and augmenting their fine bells, instead of a ghastly electronic imitation!—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Norwich.

'Spike' Stays

Dear Sir.—Your Winchester correspondent asks (June 19th) about stays in the form of metal 'spurs' or 'spikes' such as were fitted at St. Laurence's Church. I cannot say who originated this type of stay, but it does seem to have been quite common a hundred or more years ago.

At Mappowder, in Dorset, the tenor (13 cwt. in G) of the 'unringable' ring of five has such a stay, while the other four bells have never been fitted with stays at all! The bells are all 18th century and were rehung in their present frame when the church was restored in the 19th century. (They are wildly out of tune but otherwise appear to be serviceable.)

Two out of the ring of three bells at Wroxall, in Warwickshire, are fitted with these stays. The frame here is 17th century but the stays are probably 19th century replacements. A single bell (by one of the Rudhalls) hung for ringing on the roof of Berrington Hall, Herefordshire, also has a 'spike' stay.

If someone could devise some way in which this type of stay could 'give' when necessary, without being pulled out of the headstock by its screws, I feel that it would be a far simpler and neater alternative both to the cumbersome traditional system of stays and sliders and to the Hastings-type stay—on light bells, at any rate.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Surrey.

Dear Sir.—In connection with Mr. W. O. Haythorne's letter (page 416), there is a complete ring of bells fitted with this type of stay at All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey. The bells are a Mears 'six', tenor 12 cwt. in G, cast in 1704, with two trebles added in 1840, since when the bells and frame have had no major attention.

The bells were condemned as practically unsafe and unringable about 50 years ago, but have been rung off and on ever since, and last year the Beddington band rang several quarters of Surprise Major on them. The bells were still ringable up to a month ago, when one of the tenor's gudgeons snapped. It is hoped an appeal for a new frame and fittings may be launched in the near future.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. TALBOT.

Beddington, Surrey.

The Cornish Pasty

Dear Sir.—The Rev. John Scott's odd ode of the Cornish Pasty is most apt as I, too, after having made its acquaintance at Truro, had cause to meditate on the characteristics of this creation. Surely it is the Cornishman's secret weapon, a subtle invention to overcome an unsuspecting enemy! What English (foreign) invader could stomach a fight after partaking of such local produce?

Of course, many of the 'occupied' regions of the British Isles have produced similar devilish devices. The Scots have that fierce-some beastie the haggis, which can strike instant terror into any Sassenach's heart, while the Welsh have the 'rarebit' which is no less potent. And apart from 'blarney' the Irish have their 'poteen' and their stew, which have revelled many a foreign onslaught.

I now retire to a safe distance into my slit trench to withstand the bombardment!

Joking (and pasty!) aside, however, I would like to add my congratulations to the Truro Diocesan Guild on their arrangements for the recent C.C. meeting and to thank them for the warm welcome to the delegates.—Yours sincerely,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

All Ladies' Peal

Dear Sir.—I send my apologies. The footnote to the peal rung at Dinder, Somerset (page 368), is incorrect. There was one peal rung before for the Bath and Wells Association by an all ladies' band, this was in January, 1915, at Portishead.—Yours, etc.,

MARJORIE LEGG.

Extraction of False Course Heads and Their Application

BY JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

On a number of occasions I have been asked to explain how a composition is proved and this article is the result. The draft has been submitted to a number of people so that the article should be intelligible to all classes of ringer; it may, therefore seem very elementary to some people. I should like to acknowledge the many suggestions made.

We have first to find the False Lead Heads against the first lead of the Plain Course. Write out the first lead of the method (in this case Yorkshire) marking in the position of the treble and if in course (positive) or out of course (negative). Signs are changed when a set of places is made but not if a double set is made as in Cambridge.

Now take the two rows with treble in same place and having same sign and transpose the first row (a) in same way as the relationship of the 2nd row (b) is to rounds. The false lead head is in heavy type.

1 +	12345678 (a)	15783624 (b)
	17582634	12345678
2 +	21436587	51876342
	17582634	12345678
1 -	12463857	15372846
	13452768	12345678
2 -	21648375	51738264
	13452768	12345678
3 +	26143857	58176432
	17582346	12345678
4 +	62418375	85714623
	17582346	12345678
3 -	26148735	58173624
	13852746	12345678
4 -	62417853	85716342
	13852746	12345678

etc

etc.

Having now found the False Lead Heads against the first lead of the Plain Course, the False Lead Heads for the remaining six leads must be produced and then next to transpose False Lead Heads to False Course Heads. I have set out the complete

5738264.2	8674523.3	4263857.4	3527486.5
6845273.6	2438567.2	5374826.4	8763452.3
8647253.3	4236587.5	3572846.4	7865432.6
7385624.7	6748253.2	2634587.5	5273846.4
8573624.3	4867253.6	3426587.5	7352846.4
6845732.6	2438675.2	5374268.1	8763524.3
8267453.3	4526387.5	3852746.6	7485632.7
7485632.7	6348275.2	2734568.1	5673824.4
8563427.3	4827356.6	3456782.5	7382645.7
8765423.3	4628357.2	3254786.5	7583642.7
8745632.3	4638275.2	3274568.1	7563824.4
8745263.3	4638527.2	3274856.4	7563482.5
8735624.3	4678253.2	3264587.5	7523846.4

3274568.6	5372648.2	3452768.4	5234768.3
5372648.3	3452768.5	5234768.4	2436578.6
5234768.7	2436578.2	3256748.5	2354768.4
2436578.3	3256748.6	2354768.5	3274568.4
2734568.6	6352748.2	5374268.1	2435768.3
5374268.3	2435768.5	6745238.6	5342768.7
5342768.7	2456738.2	2734568.1	6352748.4
2734568.3	6352748.6	5374268.5	2435768.7
2354768.3	3274568.2	5372648.5	3452768.7
3256748.3	2354768.2	3274568.1	5372648.4
6352748.3	5374268.2	2435768.4	6745238.5
2456738.3	2734568.2	6352748.5	5374268.4

If the composition to be proved has the tenors together we need only bother with the F.C.H. in heavy type, i.e., 24365 2 v 3; 3 v 2; 5 v 6; 6 v 5; 7 v 1; 1 v 7. This means that

table for Yorkshire below. Start by producing seven columns headed with the lead heads and numbered. Each F.L.H. is numbered according to the position of the tenor and the lead number retained when transposed to F.C.H., thus giving the location of falseness.

7856342.6	6482735.7	2345678.1
4627385.5	3256748.1	7582634.7
6428375.2	2354768.1	5783624.7
8567432.3	4826375.6	3452768.1
6785432.7	2648375.2	5234768.1
4627853.4	3256487.5	7582346.7
6348275.2	2734568.1	5673824.4
8267453.3	4526387.5	3852746.6
6745238.1	2638574.2	5274863.4
6847235.6	2436578.1	5372864.4
6827453.6	2456387.5	5382746.7
6827345.6	2456738.1	5382674.7
6857432.6	2486375.7	5342768.1

2436578.5	3256748.1	2354768.7
3256748.2	2354768.1	3274568.7
3274568.3	3256748.6	3452768.1
5372648.7	3452768.2	5234768.1
6745238.4	5342768.5	2456738.7
2456738.2	2734568.1	6352748.4
5374268.3	2435768.5	6745238.6
6745238.1	5342768.2	2456738.4
5234768.6	2436578.1	3256748.4
3452768.6	5234768.5	2436578.7
5342768.6	2456738.1	2734568.7
2435768.6	6745238.7	5342768.1

the 2nd lead of course 23456 is false against the 3rd lead of course 24365, the third lead is false against the 2nd, the 6th against the 5th, and so on. (To be continued)

CAMBRIDGE AT CRICKET

On June 11th a cricket match was played between the Cambridge University Guild and the Trumpington Elders (a team of local ringers) at the Selwyn ground. Brown and Smith opened confidently for the Elders against Cooke and the guile of Threlfall who, carefully calculating the trajectory, bowled Smith with a high full toss. Hayes then got rid of Brown (caught to the surprise of all, by Rogers), Gpison, whose bucolic swipe missed completely, and Pearson. Thoday, captaining the side, came out, immaculate in his white flannels, surveyed the field and was bowled first ball. The position was restored by Murfet and Lucas who attacked the unorthodox bowling with shots all round the field. A collapse occurred in the final overs and the innings closed at 90 for 8 wickets.

For the Guild, the Master and Miss Slow, in her first game of cricket, opened cautiously against Brown's slow lobs and Thoday's fast bowling, but the Master was soon out, blaming his eyesight. By the fifth over, Miss Slow had scored two and had lost four partners, all for ducks, the secretary losing the ball in the clouds, and Hudson forgetting to move his bat. Cooke looked dangerous until Lucas bowled him with a professional looking break-back.

Miss Dillamore then joined Miss Slow and so appealed to the gentlemanly instincts of Murfet and Thoday that they bowled as tamely as possible. The ladies stayed in as Thoday bowled faster and faster. The stalemate was halted in the 17th over by Miss Slow's retirement to a party, but, after a bright knock by Hayes, it took Bishop's bodyline full tosses to cause Miss Dillamore's retirement, a most ungentelemanly piece of play according to the spectators. Nutton and Rogers had a vociferous partnership until Rogers, exhausted after running three, was bowled by Lucas. Threlfall came in past his wife fielding at mid-on, and left at once without damaging his newly oiled bat by contact with the ball. The Guild were all out for 49 and lost by 41, although even this is uncertain because of the non-appearance of the scorer. Both sides were grateful to the impartial umpiring of Messrs. Dennis and Ridgman and hope to hold a return fixture next year.

Scores: Trumpington Elders 90 for 8 (G. Lucas 41, D. F. Murfet 20, G. Pearson 10, H. F. Brown 9).

Cambridge University Guild 49 (R. W. H. Hayes 12, J. B. Cooke 10, Miss C. Dillamore 9 ret., Miss H. F. Slow 7 ret.).

V. N.

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A NORTH COUNTRY PAGE

Harold Walker writes on Whitwell-on-the-Hill, North Yorks

THE efforts of the St. John's College Bell Ringers' Society in attempting to get the bells rung in silent towers are no doubt commendable but one wonders whether or not its work at Whitwell has been worth while. It is reported (page 378) that the bells were rung for the induction of the new Vicar but they are not safe for quarter or peal attempts but are all right it rung in short touches by touring teams.

If the bells are not safe for a quarter peal how can they be safe for short touches? My question is, are they safe for regular Sunday service ringing? So far as I am concerned, the answer is a definite 'no,' and touring teams would be advised to keep away.

The bell founders submitted reports and estimates in 1939 and 1949, and in 1956 my assistance was solicited in getting the bells rung on the occasion of a further bell founders' inspection.

In 1962 I was asked by the York Diocesan Advisory Committee to report on the condition of the bells as the Vicar was seeking advice following the receipt of expensive estimates from two firms of bell founders.

The belfry contains a ring of six bells, tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. by Warner, installed in 1859 when the church was built.

REDUCING FLOOR SPACE

Above the belfry is another floor which serves no useful purpose and one wonders why it was ever put there. Access to this floor is gained by a circular wooden stairway which takes up about a quarter of the belfry floor space. In consequence of this obstruction the bells have been sited in rather an unusual manner. The stairway takes up the north west corner, the treble and second bell take up the north east corner, and the fourth, fifth and tenor bells take up all the floor space on the south side, whilst the third bell hangs in a frame superimposed above the fourth and fifth. The third bell swings east and west and all the others swing north and south.

Although the bell frame is carried on stout pine beams, it is only built of light section timbers and is of poor design. Much of the ironwork is corroded and in 1962 several wheels were broken. When the bells were rung in 1956 considerable movement in the frame took place due to loose joints, lack of bracing and weak timbers.

The whole economy of the belfry leads one to the opinion that when the tower was built the architect gave no thought as to the method of hanging the bells or whether or not there was sufficient space available to house the bells properly. This matter seems to have been left entirely to the bell hanger.

A CALLOUS DISREGARD

Originally there was no tower clock and the bell ropes came down to the ringing floor in a fair circle. Although the ringing chamber is only 11 feet square, the ringers would have been able to ring in reasonable comfort.

In 1891 a clock was installed to strike the hours on the tenor bell and to show the

time on a skeleton face on the south side of the tower, visible from the Malton road which runs close by. The works and case were placed in the ringing chamber taking up about a third of the floor space. The clock case and weight shaft screens effectively block out daylight from the ringing floor.

The installation necessitated an alteration to the roping of the fourth and fifth bells. The fourth rope is now on the opposite side of the wheel and falls far too close to the second and third ropes. The fifth rope was brought down at an acute angle through a wooden chute a few inches away from the clock case and, in consequence, this bell can only be rung with difficulty by an experienced ringer. It is obvious the clock was installed with a callous disregard of the difficulties created for the ringers, and in my 43 years of ringing I have not seen anything of a similar nature.

NEWCASTLE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL YOUTHS

This Ringing Society was started in November, 1963, by three keen members of the Jesmond band—Andrew Craddock (first Ringing Master), Paul Shears (secretary) and James Sturrock (chairman). In school emphasis is on handbell ringing and already a few recruits are up to quarter peal standard.

The Society rang its first quarter on November 1st. Bob Doubles on tower bells, conducted by the Master, with Miss Esther Henderson, Central Newcastle High School, hunting the treble. Four quarters have since been rung, with Miss Joan Walker, Central High School, on the treble on two occasions. The first all R.G.S. quarter was on June 14th, when 12-year-old John Pardoe rang the treble for his first quarter.

Mr. George S. Deas, Ringing Master of Newcastle Cathedral, gave an interesting talk to the Society on June 19th, his subject being 'The Art of English Change Ringing.'

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Barnsley, with 83 faults, won the shield contest at Penistone, near Sheffield, on June 13th from four other teams. Second was Friezland with 106 faults and other competitors were Shelley and Cawthorne. The judge was Mr. Harold Chant, and Miss Chinnery, of Royston, was the marker.

Mr. Noel F. Moxon presided at the business meeting. East Ardsley was selected for the next meeting on July 11th, and the meeting on August 8th to be joint with the Southern District, Yorkshire Association, at Royston, with Felkirk and Barnsley as extra towers.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. George, Jesmond, on June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. P. L. Pardoe (12, first quarter) 1, P. C. E. Shears 2, S. J. Pardoe 3, J. G. White 4, J. A. Sturrock (first as cond.) 5, A. G. Craddock (has now 'circled the tower' 10 quarters) 6. First quarter for the Royal Grammar School Society. Rung for Evensong.

EAST RIDING RINGERS

This year the East Riding ringers held an additional outing (on June 20th) to enable a visit to the Loughborough foundry.

Unlike some outings, which work on the most towers in the least time principle, this society wisely pursues the policy of visiting a few towers in the longest time, so enabling a leisurely day to be enjoyed by all. The only setback was the early departure hour. (It is believed that some of the ringers had never before been quite so close to seeing the summer sun rise!)

Loughborough was reached by 11.45 a.m. and a fascinating tour was made of the foundry under the guidance of Mr. Paul Taylor. It had been hoped to 'borrow' some handbells for the day to make up for the forgetfulness of a Kirk Ella ringer, but they were obviously closely guarded! However, some Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells found hanging in the Campanile ringing chamber. We also tried tapping out a course of Doubles on an upturned ring of six in for tuning, but this was unsuccessful.

The 6 cwt. ring of ten was a great experience—although only the basic methods were ventured upon. A ladies' band also set to work on the back eight.

Lunch was taken at Copt Oak and followed (after the traditional game of hunt-the-tower-key), by ringing the pleasant six to a variety of methods. Then on to Whitwick where the eight ran very nicely to Yorkshire and Double Norwich. Tea was provided by the local company at Shephed and was followed by an hour's ringing on the very fine eight.

The monotony of the handbell-less trip home was relieved by an enjurement with new motorway roadworks and by the singing of Messrs. Ducker and Johnson—a marathon non-stop two-hour performance.

So a 16-hour trip, organised extremely well by Mr. K. Kirk, drew to its close. Thanks are due to Mr. Taylor and to the incumbents and Ringing Masters of the other towers visited.

D. P. B. M.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Although the Chesterfield District's meeting at Creswell on June 13th was blessed by fine weather, the attendance, surprisingly enough, was only half that of last year when it was raining 'cats and dogs!' However, some 25 ringers, representing some seven towers in the district, together with welcome visitors from Darley Dale and Warsop, had a very enjoyable afternoon's ringing, before adjourning to the nearby Church Hall for tea.

After an excellent meal the business meeting began with a report of the District's striking contest which included the good news that two of our teams, Dronfield and Old Whittington, had come first and second in the final at Horsley. Ann Fletcher (Staveley) and Catherine Bradley (Dronfield) were elected new members, and an invitation to Chesterfield for a meeting was discussed and agreed upon, subject to the final details.

The District Ringing Master, Mr. A. Keller, proposed the vote of thanks—to Vicar, local ringers and ladies for the tea. Further ringing was enjoyed until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: July 11th—Barlborough (6).
M. P. P.

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HORNCHURCH

A rather ambitious programme was attempted by Hornchurch this year in a visit to the Isle of Wight. The visit had a dual purpose—to see Tom East and, of course, to ring on the island. Tom is now a resident there—a district of ringing scarcity but oddly enough some good bells.

We left Waterloo on the 7.50 a.m. train and those who decry the Southern and Dr. Beeching please note that we were ringing in Ryde by 10.30 a.m. Brading, Newport, Catisbrooke and Godshill followed in succession.

Good meals, near perfect timekeeping, giving us ample time for refreshment, and a cheap coach, together with a fine day and some good scenery, gave us a wonderful time. The island makes a good day's outing, preferably early in the year; Tom will be overjoyed to fit you in.

Thanks Tom, good luck, we wished you well traditionally at both ends of the pier, on the train and finally at Waterloo. F. V. G.

TONBRIDGE, KENT

On June 6th Tonbridge ringers, together with friends from Edenbridge, visited towers in the lovely byways of Sussex. Unfortunately, due to a dull rainy day the countryside could not be seen at its best.

Mayfield was the first tower where the difficult six called for all our resources to ring them reasonably well. After visiting Heathfield we came into Kipling country to the very interesting church of St. Bartholomew, Burwash, where an hour was spent ringing various methods which made us appreciate the enjoyable salad tea which followed.

We then made our way to Salehurst for some good ringing on the fine eight and also on the lovely eight at Wadhurst, which was our last tower.

A vote of thanks must be recorded to the incumbents, the local ringers who met us, and to Mr. L. T. Pope for his excellent organisation. A. A. L.

OUTINGS**ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON**

Choosing June 13th for the outing may well have caused the rain to fall, but the organiser could not be blamed for that. Apart from the weather, everything went well. This year we were pleased to have a fair sprinkling of Sussex University ringers among our 41 passengers, two of whom were seen to deposit a coffin-shaped box into the coach boot. Refreshments? Most unlikely.

So off to a prompt start, reaching Dartford where we rang Cambridge and other methods. Prior to entering the tunnel into Essex, a coach pulled abreast of ours, containing fellow ringers from Balcombe, also on an outing to Essex. Shouted greetings were exchanged at this coincidence. We made for Brentwood to ring the eight there, prior to an excellent lunch at 'Les Cuisiniers.' At Chelmsford Cathedral, two of our party were seen to deposit the aforementioned box, still heavily loaded, into the churchyard, where a passer-by respectfully raised his hat.

Ringling the 12 bells was a new experience for many as we have no 12 in Sussex. Commencing with rounds, we progressed to Grand-sire and Stedman Cinques, three leads of K. T. B. Maximus, finishing with a well-struck course of Stedman on the back eight! On descending to the churchyard, rumour had it that a car was seen to have been driven away with the embarrassing box. In any case, it was the last we saw of it and certainly was not on board from then on. A hasty check revealed no missing members of our party.

At Waltham Abbey, another 12 (tenor 38.3.21) the pattern of ringing was similar to Chelmsford, but it was here that one of our lightweight lady ringers gracefully lowered the tenor, albeit we were ringing rounds at the time. Refreshed by tea at Warren Patisseries, our homeward journey was broken at Stepney for a ring on the ten at St. Dunstan's. The final ring was at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Being

H.M. the Queen's official birthday, it was appropriate that many flags were flying from the towers we visited. To the Honours List we would like to add the names of those who kindly gave permission for us to ring, those who gave up their time to greet us, and to our organiser who so ably did the arranging.

A. W. B.

PORTISHEAD AND WRAXALL

Fine, warm Saturdays have been scarce this summer, but we were favoured with one in mid-June and a full coach-load of ringers and friends made the very best use of it. Ringing commenced at Chewton Mendip, generally accepted as having one of the finest 8's in Britain. It would be sacrilege to ring these bells badly, but we left the church without any feeling of guilt. Our visit to Mere was not our first, a fact which speaks for itself. The visitors' book reminded us that we had last called there during our outing of 1956: once again, we greatly enjoyed the experience.

We ate our sandwiches at Shaftesbury before proceeding through some typically lovely Dorset country to Wimborne St. Giles. The bells are a very good-going eight, but a little noisy from the ringing chamber. Well, it was soon after lunch on a very warm afternoon and, frankly, the ringing here was not as good as it should have been. We arrived at Dorchester 'bang on time' for high tea at the 'Wessex,' then followed some very enjoyable ringing at St. Peter's Church, in the company of Mr. R. H. Duke. The evening ringing at Crewkerne went like clockwork, the final touch of Stedman being a fitting 'top of the bill' to the day's proceedings.

Handbells, refreshments at Glastonbury and some lusty singing kept us all alive on the way home. We were privileged to have the company of the Rev. R. O. Fry, now a Portishead ringer, and, because of him, the ringing was of a higher standard than hitherto.

A. J. G.

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The 81st birthday of Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, of Blackburn Cathedral, who is a life vice-president of the Lancashire Association, was honoured by a peal at Farnworth-with-Kearsley on June 21st. The peal had one of those unpronounceable names, Vyrnwy Surprise Major, criticised so strongly at Truro. It is really a variation of Superlative. By the way, I am told that Arthur Tomlinson has rung more peals for the Lancashire Association than any other member, the last report giving his total as 670. He has had three spells on the Central Council, the first starting in 1930.

The peal rung at Norton, Yorks, on June 6th was also for the Beverley and District Society.

Miss Susan Chaddock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, of Rotherham, has obtained an Honours (Upper 2) Degree in Zoology at Nottingham University.

Holiday-makers are reminded that Ottery St. Mary practice night is on Mondays. A holiday welcome awaits them, and also at the Sunday ringing.

As a peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major rung at Sutterton, Lincs, for the Vicar's birthday unfortunately proved to be false, it is hoped that the peal of Yorkshire at Pinchbeck will prove an acceptable substitute.

The Peterborough Guild is grateful to Mr. Peter Newstead and the Yarmouth ringers and to the Norwich Diocesan Guild for permitting the Peterborough Guild to achieve its first peal of Stedman Cinques; also to Messrs. J. L. Millhouse and G. B. Parker, from Lincoln, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ivin, from Bedford, for taking part.

It is many years since a peal was rung at Llangollen, and that rung on June 20th was a compliment to Chancellor Dr. Alun Thomas, Vicar of Llangollen and president of the North Wales Association, on completing 40 years in the ministry. Thanks are due to Mr. Bailey and members of the local band for providing an excellent tea, which Dr. Alun Thomas attended. Great credit is due to Miss Carter, who although feeling unwell after an hour's ringing carried on until the end.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In connection with the Rev. A. S. Roberts' entertaining front page article (issue June 19th), a correspondent points out that the coronation of George V was in 1911 and not 1910. The year 1911 was marked by four important things (he adds): The coming of 'The Ringing World,' a brilliant summer, the coronation and the winning of the cricket championship by Warwickshire!

The Suffolk Guild have new officers. Mr. G. W. Pipe is now Ringing Master and Mr. Andrew T. Beckwith, 76, Digby Road, Ipswich, general secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Norman Chaddock has already been booked for five talks on his Washington visit. He gave the first, which included tape recordings of Dean Sayres' farewell remarks and prayer prior to the peal, to Rotherham Rotary Club on June 17th.

Mr. Crawford T. Hillis, honorary secretary of Ashford District, Kent County Association, visited Mr. Ted Ruck, the sole surviving founder member of the Association in hospital on his 97th birthday. Mr. Ruck still enjoys good health for his age.

Mr. R. A. Welton writes that the outing of St. Paul's, Burton, in Yorkshire on June 6th was the most enjoyable one day outing he had participated in. He congratulates Mr. George Rowbotham on the splendid organisation, which included the choice of towers and restaurants.

Mrs. A. P. Cannon, who writes about her experiences in South Africa in this week's issue, has had the pleasure of ringing at both St. Paul's and St. Mary's, Durban, and at Salisbury Cathedral, Southern Rhodesia, where she met Mr. Colin Stevenson, late of Harlington, Middlesex. She is due home on July 17th.

In view of his distinguished services to the Guild, Mr. R. L. Roper, of Adderbury, was elected an honorary life vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild last Saturday. Mr. Roper has resigned the office of honorary librarian as he is leaving the Oxford Diocese to live in Yorkshire near his daughter and son-in-law in Wakefield. A true librarian, Mr. Roper claims to have read every copy of 'The Bell News' and 'The Ringing World.'

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ALL FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb. in C sharp.

WILFRID G. WILSON Treble	BERT GOGLE 5
RICHARD E. PRICE 2	DAVID J. FORDER 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
CYRIL F. LOW 4	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Tues., June 9, 1964, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in C sharp.

RICHARD E. PRICE Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
WILFRID F. MORETON 2	WILFRID G. WILSON 8
MARGARET CHAPMAN 3	DAVID J. FORDER 9
*RUTH M. FOREMAN 4	TOM CHAPMAN 10
DENNIS KNOX 5	FRANK C. PRICE 11
†CYRIL F. LOW 6	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C. No. 9).

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. † First on 12 bells.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Strafford Arms Hotel.

On Wed., June 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 13 in E.

THOMAS J. LOCK 1—2	DAVID J. FORDER 5—6
TOM CHAPMAN 3—4	WILFRID G. WILSON 7—8
FRANK C. PRICE 9—10	

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 11, 1964, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in C sharp.

WILFRID G. WILSON Treble	†DENNIS KNOX 6
*TOM CHAPMAN 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
†RUTH M. FOREMAN 3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK 8
*‡DAVID J. FORDER 4	RICHARD E. PRICE 9
THOMAS J. LOCK 5	§FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

* 50th peal together. † First in the method. ‡ First of London S. Royal. § 250th peal.

A 50th birthday compliment to Norman Chaddock.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., June 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

RUTH M. FOREMAN Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE 6
DAVID J. FORDER 2	WILFRID G. WILSON 7
MARGARET CHAPMAN 3	BERT GOGLE 8
CYRIL F. LOW 4	THOMAS J. LOCK 9
WILFRID F. MORETON 5	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by DAVID J. FORDER.

TWELVE AND TEN BELL PEALS

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt. 60 lb. in D.

AVRIL IVIN Treble	MURRAY A. COLEMAN 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 2	ALAN J. FROST 8
DIANA M. FROST 3	ARTHUR GIBBS 9
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 4	BARRIE HENDRY 10
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 5	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN 11
GEOFFREY E. WATSON 6	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal of Stedman Cinques rung for the Guild.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 13, 1964, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 88 lb. in D flat.

JOHN E. ANDERSON Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 6
ERIC N. HARRISON 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON 7
*M. ELAINE MURCOIT 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
KENNETH LAWSON 4	FREDERICK ROSS 9
MICHAEL MAUGHAN 5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal of Royal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

*WILFRED NEWMAN Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 6
VALERIE WILLARD 2	†GEORGE T. COUSINS 7
IVOR GOULTER 3	†LEONARD EDWARDS 8
†CHARLES T. BURRIDGE 4	VICTOR GRIFFIN 9
PETER BAKER 5	WILLIAM A. FARMER Tenor

Composed by ANDREW S. HUDSON. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.' † First of Stedman Caters. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LAURENCE-IN-TANET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRAC SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 6 lb. in E.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS Treble	IAN H. ORAM 6
ANN JENNER 2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 7
RALPH BIRD 3	STANLEY JENNER 8
DORIS E. COLGATE 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 9
ANDREW J. CORBY 5	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Arranged by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

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

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

PATRICIA ROGERS Treble	*C. MARTIN PRESS 6
*JUDITH M. GEIRINGER 2	PETER N. FELTON 7
HADLEY HUNTER 3	WILFRID G. WILSON 8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS 9
CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS 5	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING Tenor

Composed by HADLEY HUNTER. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER H. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells.

Dedicated to the memory of Frederick W. Rogers, of Portsmouth.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., June 13, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt.

*G. ARNOLD MOORE Treble	DAVID J. MIDGLY 6
ERIC YOUNG 2	RAYMOND BALLARD 7
LESLIE WALLEY 3	PHILIP GAY 8
BARNABAS J. KEY 4	IVOR R. NICHOLS 9
MARIAN KEY 5	*GEOFFREY C. BEECH Tenor

Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

A 25th birthday compliment to L. K. Moore.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT W. HINDE Treble	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 6
JOAN BERESFORD 2	*WILLIAM T. COOK 7
*HILARY F. MARTIN 3	DAVID T. DARBY 8
*RAYMOND E. FINCH 4	JOHN SCHOFIELD 9
DAVID E. PARSONS 5	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal. Robert W. Hinde has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., June 13, 1964, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL Treble	WILLIAM F. J. COPE 6
ANTHONY R. COPE 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7
HAROLD A. NOBES 3	*PHILIP STEVENS 8
WILLIAM T. BRISON 4	STANLEY G. PONTING 9
E. WINIFRED KEYS 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick W. Rogers, Immediate Past Master of the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

HOBART, Tasmania.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., June 8, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5200 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*RONALD K. RUSS Treble	WILLIAM D. WATSON 5
†LAWRENCE R. A. CURRAN .. 2	GRAEME W. HEYES 6
WILLIAM B. PITCHER 3	BRIAN R. COX 7
ENID L. ROBERTS 4	THOMAS W. GOODYER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

* 50th peal. † First of Major. First on the bells for 30 years.

HOBART, Tasmania.—At the Cathedral Church of St. David.

On Mon., June 15, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

*LAWRENCE R. A. CURRAN .. Treble	*WILLIAM B. PITCHER .. 5
ENID L. ROBERTS 2	BRIAN R. COX 6
RONALD K. RUSS 3	*THOMAS W. GOODYER .. 7
*GRAEME W. HEYES 4	WILLIAM D. WATSON .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First of Double Norwich as conductor. First 8-bell peal on the bells. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., June 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

JAMES H. EDWARDS Treble	FRANK W. RIVETT 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 2	ROBERT L. PIRON 6
ANTHONY H. SMITH 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

KEMPSTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 13, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

JAMES G. NEWMAN Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 5
JENNIFER M. TAYLOR 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR 6
KATHLEEN A. RIVETT 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 7
SHEILA I. SMITH 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*HAROLD DOWLER Treble	*WALTER SHERRATT 5
*NORMAN SHERRATT 2	BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	*ROY WORRALL 7
*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON 4	*IVOR R. NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSEY. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Cynthia and Roy Worrall on the birth of a daughter.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., June 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Parker's Twelve-Part.	
*DAVID DAWSON Treble	*THOMAS M. COX 5
MARGARET WILKINSON .. 2	JACK ROACH 6
†F. RAYMOND ADDISON .. 3	*THOMAS COOKE 7
LAURA WARRIOR 4	E. PETER ROCK Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. Rung to commemorate 50 years as a ringer at this church by the ringer of the third.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT .. Treble	GEORGE S. DEAS 5
M. ELAINE MURCOTT .. 2	ALAN R. PATTERSON .. 6
FREDERICK ROSS 3	ERIC N. HARRISON .. 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	DENIS A. BAYLES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., June 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	TREVOR A. CROSS 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	MARTIN L. HOWE 7
*THOMAS E. SONE 4	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

* 550th peal of Major.

ELHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DAVID S. OSENTON Treble	CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. 5
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 6
MARTIN L. HOWE 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 7
FRANK OSBALDISTON 4	TREVOR A. CROSS Tenor

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN.

Conducted by MARTIN L. HOWE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

CHERITON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

CHRISTOPHER T. OSENTON .. Treble	DAVID S. OSENTON 5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 6
*ALEC W. FRY 3	MARTIN L. HOWE 7
†EDWIN G. JENNER 4	FRANK OSBALDISTON Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John

On Sun., June 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 VYRNWY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER A. LOMAX .. Treble	JOHN P. PARTINGTON 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	BERNARD MOSS 6
MARGARET E. FORT 3	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 7
BRIAN TOMLINSON 4	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

First peal in the method.

A compliment to Arthur Tomlinson on his 81st birthday.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

PINCHEBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., June 22, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

RAYMOND H. DAW Treble	DENIS WOODS 5
ROGER D. BAILEY 2	RONALD C. NOON 6
GEORGE W. MASSEY 3	BRIAN HARRIS 7
FRANK TAYLOR 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by ROGER D. BAILEY.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

A compliment to Anne Warnes and Barry Brown on their engagement; also a birthday compliment to Canon Goodworth, Vicar of Sutterton, Lincs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOTTENHAM, N.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Fri., June 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 QUEDELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	ANTHONY H. SMITH 5
LORNA E. SIMPSON 2	WILFRID G. WILSON 6
CLIVE W. SIMPSON 3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 7
LAURENCE SMITH 4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Thurs., June 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

REV. MALCOLM MELVILLE .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON 2	DEREK P. JONES 6
DAN S. PONT 3	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 4	JOHN K. SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE.

The ringer of the sixth has now 'circled the tower.'

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

LLANGOLLEN, Denbighshire.—At the Church of St. Collen.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

BESSIE A. CARTER Treble	JOHN S. DEAN 5
DAVID E. COLLINS 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
FREDERICK R. EVANS 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
WILLIAM CATHRALL 4	GEOFFREY PARTING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

A compliment to Chancellor Dr. Alun Thomas, Vicar of Llangollen and president of the North Wales Association, on completing 40 years in the ministry.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.
On Fri., June 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Likston variation. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.
DAVID HEIGHTON ... Treble CLIFFORD BIRD ... 5
PETER ADCOCK ... 2 H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
JANET H. BUSS ... 3 F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 7
KENNETH L. BROWN ... 4 BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN (Three-Part, No. 2).

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

Rung at the invitation of the local band by St. Peter Mancroft Guild to mark 60 years as an octave and 25 years of the recast ring.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

GRAHAM C. PAUL ... Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES ... 5
JANET I. PORTER ... 2	JAMES LINNELL ... 6
ALAN A. PAUL ... 3	CHARLES E. TRUMAN ... 7
ROGER W. SMITH ... 4	ROBIN H. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

A compliment to Robin H. Rogers and Janet I. Porter on their engagement.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., June 15, 1964, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

E. JANE SIBSON ... Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING ... 5
JOAN BIERESFORD ... 2	FRANK J. MATTHEWS ... 6
DEREK E. SIBSON ... 3	RONALD F. DISERENS ... 7
†DOUGLAS A. R. MAY ... 4	DENNIS BIERESFORD ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BIERESFORD.
* 500th peal. † First of 4-Spliced Surprise Major.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
LLANFIFAN, Brecknockshire.—At the Church of St. Maughan.
On Sat., June 13, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	*RUBEN S. CLENCH ... 5
JACK ALSOP ... 2	*SPENCER G. A. KEAR ... 6
THOMAS STEPHENS ... 3	*DAVID J. HUGHES ... 7
ROBERT STEPHENS ... 4	*LIONEL JONES ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Major.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

*GILLIAN PRITCHETT ... Treble	BERYL N. REED ... 5
FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 2	†JOHN R. PRITCHETT ... 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3	†CYRIL H. PRITCHETT ... 7
DAVID D. PARSONS ... 4	COLIN W. REED ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal. † First of Major.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... Treble	PETER G. SHERWOOD ... 5
HILARY N. KIPPIN ... 2	C. KENNETH WILLIAMSON ... 6
PATRICIA E. BUSS ... 3	PETER J. JOYCE ... 7
ALAN D. EIESMORE ... 4	TOM PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TERLING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., June 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Beverley, (5) York, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

PHILIP J. ROTHERA ... Treble	JAMES L. TOWLER ... 4
MICHAEL I. COWLING ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
PETER G. BROWN ... 3	GEORGE E. C. THODAY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEALE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

ERNEST GARDNER ... Treble	DENNIS G. BLOWS ... 5
*CHRISTOPHER K. HILL ... 2	†ROY COLLINS ... 5
*†PETER J. PRIVETT ... 3	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY ... Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First 'inside.' ‡ 75th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HELMESHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

NORMAN SHERRATT ... Treble	PHILIP A. MASON ... 4
*CHRISTINE BIRKS ... 2	†DENNIS LATHAM ... 5
HAROLD DOWLER ... 3	WALTER SHERRATT ... Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS LATHAM.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † 25th peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

COUNTSTHORPE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., May 4, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5760 JARROM SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

SANDRA E. CHESTERTON ... Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN ... 4
J. BARRY PICKUP ... 2	JOHN M. JELLEY ... 5
RUSSELL S. MORRIS ... 3	ALAN E. HARTLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method.

JARROM SURPRISE MINOR

—34—14—12—1236—16 L.H. 16 1426

BARKBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., June 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

MAURICE R. A. KIRK ... Treble	J. BARRY PICKUP ... 4
GARRY W. MASON ... 2	ROBERT E. HARDY ... 5
JOHN M. JELLEY ... 3	R. KINGSLEY MASON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

First peal in the method by all.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., June 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*CYNTHIA M. WELLS ... Tenor	†CHRISTOPHER M. STURGENS ... 4
*VALERIE WATTS ... 2	DAVID MANSHIP ... 5
K. PAUL GILLIVER ... 3	JOHN WATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WATKINS.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob. First as conductor.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD MINOR

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEOFFREY C. BEECH ... Treble	RAYMOND BALLARD ... 4
LESLEY WALLY ... 2	DAVID J. MIDGELEY ... 5
ERIC YOUNG ... 3	G. ARNOLD MOORE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Mogan for their hospitality.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CULHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in C.
 WILLIAM J. BEDDOW .. Treble † JANE A. CARRUTHERS .. 4
 ANTHONY D. SANSOM .. 2 PETER A. SHARP .. 5
 * BRIAN HENSON .. 3 ROBERT G. OAKLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER A. SHARP.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

BECKLEY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary-of-the-Assumption.

On Sun., July 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 51 methods: (1) Stedman Slow Course, (2) Coxwell Place, (3) St. Botolph, (4) St. Bartholomew, (5) Rev. All Saints, (6) St. Sebastian, (7) Spliced Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C. and Boxford, (8) Spliced Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Ravensingham S.C. and Dorton, (9) Spliced Shipway's Place, Colnbrook S.C. and Beckingham, (10) Spliced New and Itchingfield S.C., (11) Spliced New and Forncett, (12) Spliced Huntspill and Oakley S.C., (13) Spliced Huntspill and Ellingham, (14) Spliced St. Vedast and Chipstead S.C., (15) Spliced St. Vedast and Bedingham, (16) St. Simon, (17) Spliced St. Simon and Rugby S.C., (18) Spliced St. Simon and Braywood, (19) St. Martin, (20) Spliced St. Martin and Slapton S.C., (21) Spliced St. Martin and Welford, (22) St. Osmund, (23) Spliced St. Osmund and Merton S.C., (24) Westminster 11, (25) Spliced Westminster 11 and Chisham S.C., (26) Spliced Westminster 11 and Knapton, (27) Blackburn Place, (28) Spliced Blackburn Place and Broughton S.C., (29) Spliced Blackburn Place and Lyng, (30) St. Hilary, (31) Spliced St. Hilary and Oakham S.C., (32) Spliced St. Hilary and Intwood, (33) St. Nicholas, (34) Spliced St. Nicholas and Longford S.C., (35) Spliced St. Nicholas and Fundenhall, (36) Winchendon Place, (37) Spliced Winchendon Place and Thornborough S.C., (38) Spliced Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe, (39) St. Remigius, (40) Spliced St. Remigius and Hascombe S.C., (41) Spliced St. Remigius and Harpley, (42) Grandsire: 189 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp minor.

* HILARY F. PARDOE .. Treble | PAUL CATERMOLE .. 3
 * JOHN R. THORP .. 2 | BRUCE WAKEFIELD .. 4

Conducted by JOHN S. RANK .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATERMOLE.

* Most methods rung to a peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT DODDINGTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Tues., June 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 40 extents and one 240 (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.
 ALAN A. PAUL .. Treble | GRAHAM C. PAUL .. 3
 RONALD RUSSELL .. 2 | GEORGE F. ROOME .. 4

Conducted by ROGER W. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

Rung on the Festival of St. Columba.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LEIGH, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.
 * JOHN C. EVANS .. Treble | IAN FRIEND .. 4
 * EDWARD R. FAIRBROTHER .. 2 | ROGER STANLEY .. 5
 RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 3 | FRANK BEECH, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BEECH.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

To welcome the birth of a daughter to Cynthia Warrilow.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.

On Sat., June 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, London and Wells.

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

MURIEL REAY .. Treble | EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4
 SUSAN FUNNELL .. 2 | RODERICK W. PIPE .. 5
 * PAUL W. WEBB .. 3 | * CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. Tenor

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

PATSHULL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., June 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.
 * DAVID J. BATES .. Treble | REMI M. HODISER .. 4
 E. MARION KEY .. 2 | PHILIP G. K. DAVIS .. 5
 BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3 | HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ELDERSFIELD, Wores.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.
 RAYMOND J. ADAMS .. Treble | ARTHUR C. BERRY .. 4
 JAMES ATTWOOD, JUN. .. 2 | PAUL CATERMOLE .. 5
 JOHN E. WHITTALL .. 3 | JOHN S. RANK .. Tenor

Conducted by PAUL CATERMOLE.

First peal on the bells since 1932.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WENTWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.
 DAVID J. FORDER .. Treble | JOHN E. CHAPMAN .. 4
 SANDRA CROSSLEY .. 2 | RICHARD E. PRICE .. 5
 JOHN S. SEAGER .. 3 | MICHAEL R. MEADOWS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., June 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Plain Bob and three each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.
 FRED BENNETT .. Treble | † ERIC ROBINSON .. 4
 * PATRICIA LOCKWOOD .. 2 | † DAVID S. LOCKWOOD .. 5
 * IAN NORTH .. 3 | † MALCOLM L. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID S. LOCKWOOD.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal. ‡ First as conductor.

§ First of Minor.

Rung as a protest to the peal booking fee introduced by the Yorkshire Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wayside Cottage.

On Fri., June 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

(* The Cannon Peal.) Tenor size 15 in C.
 SHEILA BROWN .. 1—2 | * MARTYN L. J. JORDAN .. 5—6
 GERALD PENNEY .. 3—4 | ROGER D. R. BROWN .. 7—8
 Composed by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
 * 75th peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Tues., June 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, Eastcote, London and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge, Ealing, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK .. 1—2 | JOHN R. MAYNE .. 5—6
 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY .. 3—4 | FRANK C. PRICE .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw. Tycloch.

On Sun., May 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5132 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 1,500 Gainsborough Little Bob and 3,632 Plain Bob; with 130 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor size 18 in G.

HAZEL WAY .. 1—2 | J. ARTHUR HOARE .. 5—6
 BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4 | EDMUND J. MORRIS .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw. Tycloch.

On Fri., June 5, 1964, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
 HAZEL WAY .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
 J. ARTHUR HOARE .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

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

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw. Tycloch.

On Sun., June 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.
 HAZEL WAY .. 1—2 | J. ARTHUR HOARE .. 5—6
 BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4 | * RICHARD T. SMITH .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal on handbells.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw. Tycloch.

On Mon., June 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 FULBECK BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
 HAZEL WAY .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
 J. ARTHUR HOARE .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

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

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw. Tycloch.

On Sat., June 13, 1964, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
 HAZEL WAY .. 1—2 | BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 3—4
 J. ARTHUR HOARE .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

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

QUARTER PEALS

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Pamela Dolman 1, E. J. Dolman 2, P. Corfield 3, J. Middleton 4, G. Holden 5, E. Dolman 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. D. H. N. Wells.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On June 14th, 1,250 Grand-sire Triples: Delia F. Leslie 1, F. G. Barton 2, Mary Bougourd (first of Triples) 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, C. Philpott 5, R. C. Beal 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, C. Mugford (first of Triples) 8. Runz ha (muffed in memory of Mr. Frederick W. Rogers, Immediate Past Master of the Guild.

ASHBUCKING, SUFFOLK.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. P. Brain (first quarter) 1, A. T. Beckwith 2, Mrs. M. E. Egglestone 3, A. R. Bridges 4, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 5, R. Groom (first 'inside') 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 24th, 1,280 Bristol 5. Major: S. Hutton 1, L. Scoot 2, J. I. Dear 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, C. Harwood (cond.) 5, R. Trebilcock 6, E. Buck 7, J. S. Dear 8.

BARSTON, WARWICKS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): P. S. Bennett 1, W. B. R. Ellender 2, Miss Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3, J. K. Foot 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5, M. C. Hughes 6. To mark the wedding of Miss Hilary M. Burrill and Mr. Cedric J. A. Goy, both ringers at Hampton-in-Arden.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: B. M. G. Elsworth 1, L. L. Andrews 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (first 'inside') 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Mantel 1, P. Tomkins 2, J. Thomas (cond.) 3, J. Bedford 4, R. Bethell 5, G. Corbett 6. Rung half-muffed in memoriam Miss Wall, a regular member of this church, interred this day.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. T. Blinge 1, Joyce Grainger 2, K. R. Davenport 3, G. R. Gardner 4, A. Sharples 5, J. Robinson (cond.) 6.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Edna Frith 1, Anne Edwards 2, P. M. Wilkinson 3, A. R. Groves 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, P. J. Eves 6, I. R. Pantan (cond.) 7, J. L. Towler 8. For Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage. Also on June 2nd, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: T. Bassett 1, Janet Groves 2, Anne Edwards 3, L. Ainger 4, M. J. Cowling 5, P. G. Brown 6, J. Crawley 7, I. R. Pantan 8, P. J. Eves (cond.) 9, P. J. Rethera 10.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Whitsunday at St. Peter's, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, A. T. Beckwith 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. For Evensong.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTANTS.—On June 13th, 1,440 Spiced Surprise Minor (eight methods): J. Linnell 1, W. J. Chester 2, R. W. Smith 3, A. A. Paul 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, G. C. Paul 6.

CRANFORD, MDX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grand-sire): C. Parker 1, Josephine Poie 2, P. Woodgyer 3, J. Brichford 4, T. Baker (cond.) 5, Mary Sadler 6. A 21st birthday compliment to T. Baker.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Rice 1, Miss A. Wright 2, Miss F. Gilbert 3, J. R. Norris 4, D. Snowsell 5, I. Pett 6, R. I. Vaughan 7, B. G. North (cond.) 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On June 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Beryl Platt (first of Stedman) 1, Sheila Moore 2, T. G. Hawkins 3, Teresa Langdon 4, M. W. Coleman 5, E. Beushamp (cond.) 6, J. Towers 7, Pat Rix 8. For Evensong.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On June 7th, 1,261 Mixed Minor (Little Bob, Plain Bob): D. J. K. Paul 1, Rosemary Blyth 2, Sally Parrott 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, W. Parrott 5, D. J. Hershell (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as 21st birthday compliments to Caroline Cockman and Sylvia Marsh, local ringers.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marie E. Bebb 1, Jessie M. Kippen 2, Margaret M. Lewis 3, D. A. Cox 4, P. J. Joyce 5, M. V. Cox 6. Rung as a farewell to Rev. C. Gane, curate.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Anne Barber 1, A. Binfield 2, Rachel Sinden 3, Vivienne Dye 4, J. R. Hough (cond.) 5, A. P. S. Berry 6. Rung for the marriage of Angela Wellard to Antony Fisher.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. E. M. Key 1, Pamela Key 2, Barbara Wiggins 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, I. Friend 5, J. W. Dyke 6. Rung half-muffed in memoriam J. H. Findlay, for many years tower captain and secretary P.C.C.

GROTON, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: David C. Noyes, III 1, Viray P. Blair, III 2, Frank C. Price (cond.) 3, Warren Moiley, II 4, Hugh Auchincloss, III 5, Richard S. Minturn 6. First quarter peal by all except the conductor. Also on May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: John C. Baker 1, Gardiner H. Fiske 2, Eric Q. Breidenbach 3, Thomas L. Dibble 4, Richard A. Carrier 5, Christian von E. Doering 6. Conducted by Russell S. Young. First quarter for all.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on middle six): D. Williams 1, R. W. Playford 2, Judy Bowen 3, P. D. Harrison (first 'inside') 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, A. H. Kemp 6, S. G. Waters (cond.) 7, W. Gorringer 8.

HICKLING, NOTTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Horspool (first quarter) 1, Margaret C. Woodward 2, Carol P. L. Cooke 3, J. C. Hudson 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5.

HOLT, WILTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: N. Carpenter (first quarter) 1, J. Nibbs 2, S. Boswell (first 'inside') 3, D. Stillman 4, J. Stillman (cond.) 5, D. Nibbs 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. R. Norris 1, Angela Grainger 2, Frances P. Gilbert 3, B. G. North 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. Gilbert 6. Rung on the Patronal Festival for the ordination to the priesthood, at Chichester Cathedral, of Peter Heartfield, assistant curate.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss M. Lander 1, Mrs. H. Y. Price 2, D. L. Cull 3, F. J. Lee 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Mrs. P. Martin 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: K. D. Waples 1, Miss D. Cox (first of Major) 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, D. J. Goodman 4, D. A. Bedford 5, P. W. Harper 6, R. J. Picton 7, B. M. Barker (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Bedford 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, K. D. Waples 3, P. W. Harper 4, B. M. Barker 5, D. J. Goodman 6. Rung non-conducted and silent for Parish Communion on Ascension Day.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Peachey 1, W. Dodds 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, G. Miller 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to the new Rector (Rev. W. A. C. Ullathorne).

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Tidy (first quarter) 1, D. Sumner 2, R. Stephens 3, E. Jarrett 4, W. Tidy 5, J. Weller (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Paternoster 1, Mary Stephens 2, G. Cook 3, M. Tidy (first 'inside') 4, R. Stephens 5, J. Weller (cond.) 6. Both for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Tidy.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Lamard 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott 5, A. Skinner 6. First in 11 methods by 1, 3, 4 and 6. For Matins.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Catherine M. Powell 1, Angela M. Wright 2, R. J. Store 3, P. J. Came 4, Angela Grainger 5, J. R. Norris 6, M. J. Bew (first of Major) 7, B. G. North (cond.) 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Myrtle Cook 3, H. P. Yates (cond.) 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, R. Gemmel (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.—On June 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 720 St. Clement's): C. C. Clarke 1, Diana French 2, C. H. Kinch 3, L. A. Busby 4, E. G. Jones 5, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 6.

NEMPETH THURBELL, SOMERSET.—On June 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grand-sire and Plain Bob): M. Hebden 1, G. Hebden 2, M. Dodson 3, R. Rice 4, W. Rice (cond.) 5, C. Horne 6. For morning service.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie J. Hall 1, Ruth M. Parslow 2, Susan H. Jackson 3, Rita K. Dudley 4, A. W. Jeffs (cond.) 5, K. E. Jackson 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. Rung by Leighton Buzzard ringers.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, on June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grand-sire, Plain Bob): Miss A. M. Baldwin 1, M. R. Ashmore 2, Miss M. A. Muir 3, P. H. P. Harris 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, J. M. Preston 6. Also on June 14th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B., Cambridge S.): G. R. Mordaunt 1, B. Wakefield 2, Miss M. A. Muir 3, Miss H. F. Pardoe 4, P. Cattermole 5, J. W. Thorp (cond.) 6.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, W. A. Yates 2, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 3, F. Vickers 4, C. Gough 5, A. Thatcher 6. For Evensong.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Cansdale 1, Mrs. J. Brown 2, Miss P. Halliwell 3, J. Belcham 4, B. C. Sadler 5, P. Sadler 6, J. Brown 7, F. B. Luffin (cond.) 8. Rung for the baptism of Matthew Stuart, son of 2nd and 7th ringers, grandson of the conductor.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At St. Margaret's on May 23rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Rev. P. N. Bond 1, D. S. Osonen 2, M. C. Layton 3, C. T. Osonen 4, G. Philpot 5, L. Crouch 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, G. Partington 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Gareth Evans and Miss Gillian Parkes, ringer and choir member at this church.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral on May 24th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: C. E. J. Norris 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, Miss J. Corby 3, A. J. Corby 4, C. T. Osonen 5, D. S. Osonen 6, P. A. Corby 7, M. C. Layton 8, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 9, L. Crouch 10. A wedding compliment to Mr. G. Evans and Miss G. Parkes, members of the local band.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. Weall (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Rowland (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. M. Poolman 3, F. Markham 4, D. Heath 5, E. Williams (cond.) 6, W. Poolman 7, H. Perry 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Anderson.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): 1. Cox (first away from cover, age 13) 1, J. E. Newman 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, D. A. Burt 4, A. F. Lee 5, J. Thompson (first quarter, age 12) 6, M. Hawkins (age 14) 7, R. Coles (age 13) 8.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Heather J. Newman (first quarter) 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, Hilary A. Swallow 3, Margaret A. Ladd 4, R. A. Large 5, G. Fry 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, W. Rogers 8. For Evening Prayer.

WANDSWORTH.—On June 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Bernice Nichol 1, Wendy Griffin 2, Patricia Robinson 3, Alison Mann 4, Margaret Fort (cond.) 5, Angela Barnes 6. Rung by members of Whitelands College, Putney. Also on June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Bernice Nichol 1, Wendy Griffin 2, Pat Robinson 3, Jean Egerton 4, J. E. Reed 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6, R. G. Twyman (covering) 8. First of Minor 1, 2, 5, and by Society. For Evensong on Trinity IV.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth A. Elmes 1, P. R. Keough (first 'inside') 2, G. W. Elmes 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, M. J. Young (cond.) 5, C. T. Brown 6. For Evensong. Also on June 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Ruth A. Elmes (first of Triples) 1, Mikaela Erik 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, C. T. Brown 4, M. J. Young 5, R. W. Young 6, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 7, V. J. Baker 8. For Evensong.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Bristol Surprise Major: E. E. Norris 1, F. C. Shepherd 2, D. J. Orledge 3, D. A. Burt 4, N. G. N. Knee 5, B. C. Strand 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, D. T. H. Robertson 8. First in method 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Rung by the Warminster and Frome area Surprise practice band.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Alice E. J. Lester (cond.) 2, E. J. Lockwood 3, H. A. Mitson 4, F. Borley 5, E. A. Cracknell 6. To mark the arrival in Wetherden of the Jubilee Cross and Arrows.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Judith Gefring 1, Elizabeth Zass 2, Rosamund Rawlins 3, Vanessa Roderiques 4, A. Bishop 5, Deborah Hopkins 6, A. Bagworth 7, R. Reynolds (first as cond.) 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On June 21st, at St. Mary's College Chapel, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Humphrey 1, M. D. Roal 2, R. H. Youdale 3, R. Dyckhoff 4, C. W. Daws (cond.) 5, J. E. Spice 6. First of Surprise 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss W. Mellin 1, J. Warner 2, R. Dorking 3, B. H. Crook 4, T. Monk 5, W. Butler 6, H. Dorking 7, A. Pigott (cond.) 8. For morning service and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LATE NEWS

Mr. R. A. Strong, for 60 years a member of the Saffron Walden Society, died on June 26th, aged 79.

NOTICES

Scale Of Charges

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BIRTH

WINDSOR.—On June 25th, 1964, to Joyce and Harry, God's gift of a daughter (Ann Elizabeth), a sister for Christopher. 4954

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COLLINS.—The address of Miss Monica E. Collins is now 75, Swayne Avenue, Rose Park, South Australia. 4931

PERSONAL

Will C. K. Cooper, Y.M.C.A., Mount Pleasant, Liverpool 3, and Mr. K. R. Ward, 5, Westgate, Chichester, please send their addresses to the Editor. Their copies of the 'R.W.' have been returned marked 'Gone away.'

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ILFRACOMBE DISTRICT.—August 18th-21st inclusive. If sufficient ringers (including visitors) are interested, I will arrange a half-day ringing trip. Write, stating day preferred, before August 1st.—Paul Field, 17, Stonehill, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset. 4929

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—There will be no practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields during July or August.—T. J. Lock. 4930

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Royal practice at St. Nicolas', Guildford on Tuesday, July 7th, from 7.30 prompt until 9 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, London No. 3 and Yorkshire. All welcome. 4923

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—Practice is now on Thursdays from 8.30 to 9 p.m. 4924

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Honorary General Secretary and Treasurer: Andrew T. Beckwith, 76 Digby Road, Ipswich. 4917

TEIGNMOUTH S. DEVON.—Sunday ringing at St. Michael's (on the sea front) at 8.15 p.m. for the 9 p.m. holidaymakers service during the summer, in addition to the usual ringing at 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. 4932

BACK NUMBERS

'The Ringing World' has received a very generous gift of back numbers dating from 1919 to 1959. While some are brown with the passing of years, the majority are clean and serviceable. We propose to offer these to readers who want to complete their files. The charge will be 8d. per copy post free.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—The usual Wednesday practice for July 22nd will instead be on Tuesday, July 21st. All applications for bells (including peals) to Dennis B. Brown, Lower Captain, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester, and not Dean and Chapter. 4922

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.—Owing to the number now on the waiting list for peal attempts, it is requested that no more applications be made before 1970.—D. Beacham, Hon. Sec. 4925

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Business meeting, Saturday, July 4th, Stagsden, Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after tea. Special methods: Double Court and Primrose. Bring your own food, cups of tea provided (picnic on Vicarage lawn). 4937

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Nuneaton on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. 4891

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting of the Western Branch will be held at Aspatria, on July 4th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 2nd, to Mr. G. T. Hodgson, 10, North View, Aspatria.—M. K. Dent, Branch Sec. 4928

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Fordham, Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Oxford and York Surprise. 4945

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Churchdown, July 4th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. Crawley, Hon. Sec. 4945

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6) on July 4th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Sec. 4919

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Knebworth, July 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 4938

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree on July 4th. Caution, this meeting might be changed.—A. Fensome, Dis. Sec. 4938

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—

Ringers' Rally on Saturday, July 4th, 1964, centred on Maidstone. Service, tea and no business. Ringing in 16 towers. Please send 3s. 6d. and s.a.c. for tea tickets and programme to Mr. T. A. Cross, 46, Anglesey Avenue, Maidstone.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4853

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Silverdale on Sat., July 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancs.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 4958

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Rippingale, Saturday, July 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Marsh, 163, Station Street, Rippingale, Bourne, Lincs, by Monday, July 6th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 4916

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on July 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. 4873

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Coleshill, July 4th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—G. F. Fearn, 93, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 4824

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham and Nottingham Districts.—Joint meeting at Cotgrave, July 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Blackshaw. 4896

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—

Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Fletching (not Ardingly), Saturday, July 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Picnic tea.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 4892

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting to be held at East Ardley, nr. Wakefield, on Sat., July 11th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided, please bring food.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 4933

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Compton Dando, Sat., July 11th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Frith, Vicarage, Compton Dando, nr. Bristol.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 4933

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hutton Cranswick (6), Sat., July 11th, from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by July 9th, to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 4939

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth on Sat., July 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. John Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, nr. Northwich. 4939

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bourn (8), Sat., July 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 4948

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Bentley Common, July 11th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Shenfield (6) available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood. 4899

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, July 11th, Evening ringing only from 6 p.m. South Marston (6). 4944

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kentisbeare (6) on Saturday, July 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Wednesday previous, please. 4910

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—An evening meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale (10), Sat., July 11th, 6–8 p.m.—V. Edge, Dis. Sec. 4957

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., July 11th, at Northaw (6). Ringing from 3. Tea and business meeting 4.15, at 'The Sun.' Special business: election of new District Secretary and discussion of the future of the district. All district members are asked to make a special effort to attend. 4938

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hoo on July 11th (please note change of date). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, Rochester, by previous Saturday.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4907

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Macclesfield, July 11th. Committee meeting 1 p.m. (Parish Rooms). Service 3.30, St. Michael's. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea, please, with cash (4s. 6d. each) to Mrs. H. L. Horn, 13, Cherington Crescent, Macclesfield, by Monday, July 6th. No name no tea. Towers available: 10–11 a.m., Bollington. Congleton: 10.30–11.30, Gawsorth; 11 a.m.–noon, Prestbury; 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m., Nether Alderley, Sutton, Chelford; 1.30–3.15, St. Peter's, Christ Church; 6. St. Michael's, Christ Church, St. Peter's; 7 p.m., Bollington, Prestbury, Gawsorth, Congleton, Chelford, Sutton. 4869

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting on Sat., July 11th, at Langdale. Bells (6) 2.30. Name for tea by Wed., July 8th, please, to Mr. F. Birkett, Bracgarth, Elterwater, nr. Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe. 4956

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Sat., July 11th at Halewood Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Names to J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood. 4952

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Todmorden, on Sat., July 11th. Bells (23 cwt., 8) 3. Cups of tea 5. No business. Everybody welcome.—J. P. Partington. 4936

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting. Market Harborough District. July 11th. Ringing: Foxton (6), Lubenham (5), Oxendon (5), Great Bowden (6), 3-4 p.m.: Market Harborough (8), 3-4.10 and evening. Service. Market Harborough, 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in Old Grammar School. Names to Mr. R. Binley, 32a, Coventry Road, Market Harborough. Leics, by July 8th.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Bassaleg. July 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please.—King. The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 4908

LONDON COUNTY AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting. July 11th. St. Nicolas, Chiswick, 3 to 3.30; St. Mary, Mortlake, 2.30 to 4; St. Mary, Barnes, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea and handbells, Church Hall, South Street, Isleworth at 5. All Saints', Isleworth, 6.30 to 8. Names for tea to H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth (ISL 3921), by Wed., July 8th, please. 4951

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Deddington (D.V.), on Sat., July 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea, followed by business, 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 7th, to Mr. C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington, Oxford. 4950

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting Great Addington (6), July 11th. Ringing 3.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss C. Sharman, Ringstead Road, Great Addington, Kettering. No names, no tea.—F. Coales, Sec. 4949

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 11th. Swanage, Bells 3 and 7. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Wed., 8th, to Mr. R. Dawer, 2, Oxford Terrace, Lowlease, Swanage, Dorset. 4927

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at High Ercall on Sat., July 11th. Bells (8) available 3. Service 4.30. Names for teas, please, by Tues., July 7th, to Mr. T. Breeze, 8, Walton, High Ercall, Wellington, Salop. Ringing after tea until 8 o'clock.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 4935

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, July 11th. Ringing: St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 3—4.30; St. Luke's, Chelsea, 7—8. Tea, South Kensington Restaurant, 5. Names for tea to F. J. Matthews, 6, Foxwood Road, Bean, nr. Dartford, Kent. 4940

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Gamston. Sat., July 11th, evening at 6.30.—H. Denman. 4943

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Wimbledon, Saturday, July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting and tea. Evening ringing at West Hill (Wandsworth). Names for tea by previous Wednesday to A. Bagworth, 37, Cliveden Road, S.W.19.—B. Bull, Asst. Sec.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at East Tytherley on Saturday, July 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names for tea by July 8th to Mr. J. Sparkes, Queenwood Avenue, Broughton, Stockbridge.—M. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 4905

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Combined practice at Chobham on Monday, July 13th. Bells (8) available from 7 p.m. All welcome. 4942

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Fakenham, Wed., July 15th. Bells (8) 6.30—9. Every ringer welcomed.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 4953

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wraxall (8), Sat., July 18th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business. Names for tea, please, to D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea. 4835

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OUR AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT

The Editor thanks those who have sent appreciative letters in connection with Mr. G. W. Pipe's graphic story and photographs of the Washington visit.

Copies of the issue of June 12th are still available at the usual price.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Cheriton, Sat., July 18th (note change from previously agreed venue). Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Chandler, 2, Alma Road, Cheriton, by previous Thursday. Newington bells available after tea.—C. T. H. 4934

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Birchington, Saturday, July 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. 6d. per person. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Luck, 57, Kent Gardens, Birchington (together with cash), not later than July 15th.—T. C. P.

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dartmouth, July 18th. Ringing: St. Petrox, 2—3.30; St. Clement's, 3.30—6.30; St. Saviour's, 7—8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Thursday, July 16th, to Miss V. Goss, 30, Raleigh Close, Dartmouth. 4920

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Half annual meeting at St. Michael's, Ashton, on Sat., July 18th. Bells (13) at 2.30. Service 4. Free tea in Church House, 5, for those notifying Derek Marshall, 113, Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, phone ASH 1696, before previous Thursday. Business meeting after tea. Everyone welcome.—Neil Bennett, Sec. 4946

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 18th, at Honingham. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Ringing at Mattishall in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. B. W. Willgress, 24 Mill Lane, Honingham, Norwich, NOR 55X.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 4955

LATE NOTICES

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), July 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Smith, 'Rose Cottage', Flamstead. 4960

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting and striking competition. Penwortham, Saturday, July 11th. Refreshments provided. Names, please, to Mr. Arthur Richard Price, 14, Walton Avenue, Penwortham, Preston.—L. Walmsley. 4961

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Albany (6), July 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Wilbarston (5) available after tea. Names for tea, please, to M. Coleman, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell. All welcome. 4959

MR. A. JAMES POYNER'S 300 PEALS

Mr. A. James Poyner, of Aylestone, Leicestershire, completed his 300 peals on Good Friday at Aylestone. His list is appended. Except where stated, there is one peal in each method.

Maximus.—Yorkshire S., New Durham S., Lindsey S. Total 3.

Cinques.—Stedman, Total 1.

Surprise Royal.—Anstey, Asfordby, Blaby, Cambridge 5, Diseworth, Elmesthorpe, Foston, Glenfield, Hemmington, Horninghold, Ibstock, Jacobstowe, Knaptoft, Lincolnshire, Lubbesthorpe, Leicester, Morriston, Noseley, Osgathorpe, Primethorpe, Quedgeley, Queeniborough, Ravenstone, Shackerstone, Thrusington, Ulverscroft, Verdon, Wellsborough, Woodstock, Wye, Xanthi, Xaymaca, Yelvertoft, Yorkshire 5. Zouche, Total 43.

Other Royal.—Kent T.B. 2 (conducted 1). Oxford T.B., Plain Bob 8, Little Bob 3, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, 3 methods spliced. Total 17 (1).

Caters.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 2. Total 7. Surprise Major.—Aldenhams, Aylestone (1), Belgrave, Bottesford, Braunstone, Bristol 2, Cambridge 19 (4), Derby, Derwent, Dorchester, Feering, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire 4, London 4 (1), Llanfair P.G., Moira, Nailstone, Osgathorpe, Quenby, Quedgeley, Rugby, Rutland, Rothley, Southwell, Stratford, Superlative 6, Turramurra, Ullesthorpe, Ventnor, Wye, Wembley, Xenia, Yorkshire 22 (2), Zelah, 2-spliced, 3-spliced. Total 89 (8).

Other Major.—Kent T.B. 2, Double Norwich 2, St. Clement's, Plain Bob 19 (2), Loughborough 1, Spliced Plain and Little Bob 2. Total 27 (2).

Triples.—Stedman 14 (1), Grandsire 9, Plain Bob, Total 24 (1).

Minor.—Cambridge S. 4 (3), London S. 2 (1), York S. 1 (1), Sedlescombe S. 1 (1), Durham S. 1 (1), Xingu S., Crayford College, Grandsire 1 (1), Kent T.B. 1 (1), Oxford T.B. 2 (1), Plain Bob 12 (6), Warwick Delight, 2 methods 7 (6), 3 methods 6 (3), 4 methods 2 (1), 5 methods 4 (3), 6 methods 6 (3), 7 methods 1, 9 methods 2 (1), 10 methods 1, 12 methods 1, 13 methods 1, 14 Surprise methods 1. Total 60 (33).

Doubles.—Stedman 1 (1), Grandsire 2 (2), April Day 2 (1), Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, 3 methods 2 (1), 4 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 2 (1), 7 methods 2, 15 methods 1, 20 methods 1, 21 methods 1, 27 methods 2, 33 methods 2 (1), 35 methods 1, 37 methods 1, 39 methods 1 (1), 40 methods 2 (2), 42 methods, 1. Total 28 (11).

Minimus.—Plain Bob (handbells) 1. Grand total 300, conducted 56.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

A very warm welcome awaited the Western District at Banwell for their quarterly meeting on June 13th. Local ringers were present to introduce them to these fine bells. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Bromwich, conducted the service and gave a most stimulating address. The organist was there to accompany the singing, the ladies of the parish had prepared a really sumptuous tea, but the attendance was rather disappointing.

At the short business meeting the secretary pointed out an alteration in the circulated programme—the next quarterly meeting will be at Compton Martin on September 12th, while the December meeting will be at Beckington. The secretary also drew attention to the evening practices to be held at Portbury on July 17th and Kewstoke on August 17th.

It was agreed that Mrs. Parfrey, Mrs. de Jong, Mrs. Bennet and Miss Johnson should represent the Western District at the annual meeting at Macclesfield.

As it would appear that a very warm welcome awaits the Ladies' Guild at Compton Martin, it is to be hoped that all members will make a real effort to be present.

M. de J.

COMPOSITIONS

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CYPC	—	X	—	—	34625
PNAR	—	—	—	—	63425
LYSSN	—	—	—	—	46325
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