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BEHIND THE DUBLIN VISIT

WHEN the Central Council at Chelmsford by a small majority decided to accept the invitation to hold its next meeting at Dublin, Mr. F. E. Dukes, the secretary of the Irish Association, promised members who crossed the water a happy time. The visit coincided with the diamond jubilee of the Irish Association and more than fulfilled the expectations of the Council. Throughout there was a wonderful spirit of friendship and hospitality, which started with the visit to the great brewery of Guinness fame, where the 80-odd guests had a luncheon that out-rivalled the far-famed ringers' teas, and continued throughout the week. Wherever ringers went during that memorable week they were fêted. There are so many recollections that it is difficult to specify, but those who went on the three-day Southern Ireland peal tour will not forget the friendly greeting from Mount St. Alphonsus' Monastery and the supper that was awaiting the party. Another was on the six bells at Doneraile where at the sound of the bells came the lady of Doneraile House hurrying to the belfry with a cordial invitation to visit Doneraile House and have tea.

The week was one of perfect organisation and whole-hearted co-operation from every tower visited to ensure that the opportunities for ringing and fellowship were perfect, both in Eire and Northern Ireland. Members of the Central Council knew beforehand of Mr. Dukes' enthusiasm but there are hundreds of English ringers who have not had the privilege of meeting him, enjoying his Irish wit and receiving his cheery greeting. Probably he has done more than any man to carry on the torch lit 60 years ago by Lord Chief Justice Cherry when the Irish Association was formed.

Dublin born, Mr. Dukes is an electrical engineer in the Great Northern Railway Company. His interest in ringing dates from his 'teenage, when as a lad he answered an appeal for volunteers to man the belfry of St. George's Church, Dublin. That youthful enthusiasm brought with

it proficiency. An opportunity came to carry forward the art when he joined the Great Southern Railway and was appointed to Cork in 1934. Here he reorganised the change-ringing at St. Finnbarr's Cathedral, and Mr. Fred Bogan, who is now in charge, was one of his pupils. Incidentally, the first peal on the bells of St. Finnbarr's was rung during the tour, and it was typical of Irish generosity to permit the attempt rather than reserve the occasion for a local band.

When Mr. Dukes returned to Dublin he again took his place in St. George's belfry. Among his pupils was a young ward sister from Steeven's Hospital, who later became his wife. Mrs. Dukes is the assistant hon. secretary of the Eastern District of the Irish Association, and her interest in ringing is shared by her 13-year-old daughter, Sandra—whose name has already appeared in our peal columns—and her son, Edwin, aged 11. The Dukes are the mainstay of ringing at St. Peter's Protestant Church, Drogheda. Here the Rector and his wife are also ringers, both trained by Mr. Dukes.

Peal ringing opportunities in Ireland are not so plentiful as in this country; in fact, only two members of the Irish Association have exceeded 100 peals—Mr. Dukes, with 135, and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, of Holywood, the hon. secretary of the Northern Division, who is also on the Central Council with a special responsibility for advancing the broadcasting of bells. Mr. Dukes' 135th peal will be one of happy memories to him—it was rung on the concluding Saturday of the Dublin week at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and was his first peal of Maximus.

From now onwards English ringers will look with affection on the advancement and achievements of the Irish Association. Already there have been a number of tours—the Leicester Guild's, headed by the late Mr. Harold J. Poole, and last year's by the Ancient Society of College Youths—but it is safe to forecast that there will be many more. The Council were the guests of the Irish Tourist Board at the reception that followed the business meeting, and the wish expressed that that would not be their last visit to Ireland was heartily endorsed by many present. Even if it might be some years before an official visit is paid, the individual call of Ireland, with its wonderful scenery and friendly people will, we feel certain, be answered.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 10, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes, AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Derby Cathedral. Includes Robin G. Turner (Tenor), Patricia Forster, Burley P. Morris, Ian M. Holland, Roger Baldwin, H. David Holland, Albert E. Thompson, Denis R. Carlisle, Harold Taylor, Gordon A. Halls.

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Walsall. Includes Christopher Wallater (Tenor), Stella Hughes, Samela R. P. Thomas, M. Jill Fisher, Ernest Stitch, Arthur T. Dutton, James S. Eastwood, Frederick G. Handley, George W. Hughes, Howard Howell.

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

Rung in honour of the newly-elected Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall, Councillor and Mrs. Frank Fox Harrison. Mr. Harrison has been parish clerk for 50 years and a churchwarden for 30 years.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Macclesfield. Includes Margaret Boumphrey (Tenor), Bernard Groves, Basil Jones, Robert Smith, Brian Harris, John Worth, Joseph W. Whittaker, Leslie Boumphrey, Peter Laflin, Edward Jenkins.

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Rutland Surprise Royal.

DERBY.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL Tenor 18 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Derby. Includes Clive M. Smith (Tenor), John N. D. Chaddock, Stella Hughes, Susan Chaddock, David W. Friend, Vivienne M. Horton, Ian M. Holland, John A. Anderson, Paul J. Rigby, H. David Holland.

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung on the occasion of the 92nd anniversary of the dedication of this church.

STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Stafford. Includes G. Arnold Moore (Tenor), Joan Beresford, Fredk. E. Wilshaw, Richard J. Warrilow, Robin G. Turner, Ivor R. Nichols, Arthur Pritchard, Peter Beresford, Edmund Malin, Fredk. Wm. Grocott.

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Table listing names and positions for the Ten Bell Peal at Kingston-on-Thames. Includes Alan Frost (Tenor), George Goodman, Margaret M. Lewis, Colin J. Champion, John Armstrong, Frank B. Lufkin, William T. Cook, John D. Rock, Michael P. Moreton, G. William Morris.

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., April 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Trumpington. Includes Johnson's variation, William J. Ridgman (Tenor), Alan L. M. Shepherd, George E. Crisp, Eustace W. Bullman, T. Reginald Dennis, Donald E. R. Knights, Geoffrey A. Lucas, John G. Gipson.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* 100th peal together. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ 100th peal. § 50th peal together.

WATLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Watlington. Includes William Fulker (Tenor), Alfred Greenough, Frank Godden, Kenneth Timbury, James Godman, Reginald Tuckwell, Frank Absolom, Robert Blond.

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 22, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Heydour. Includes Denis A. Frith (Tenor), Patricia Holmes, Fredk. W. Pinchbeck, G. Leonard Thompson, W. Russell Read, Roy Stephenson, H. Leslie Squires, J. Michael Simpson.

Composed by GEORGE PATRICK. Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal of Major. First of Treble Bob Major by all except the conductor, and his first of Treble Bob Major as such.

In memoriam Arthur I. Holmes, of Edenham.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Dore. Includes Alan Carveth (Tenor), Robert A. Southwood, Cyril Rusby, John N. D. Chaddock, John S. Seager, Cyril A. Wratten, Ian M. Holland, H. David Holland.

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal in the method.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at Lavenham. Includes Hugh Neill (Tenor), M. Susan Jackson, F. Brian Cookson, Peter F. Windley, A. Robin Heppenstall, Geoffrey A. Lucas, Chris. M. P. Johnson, William J. Ridgman.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Table listing names and positions for the Eight Bell Peal at St. David's. Includes S. Arthur Read (Tenor), Ernest E. Bray, Anthony J. Sanger, Laurence E. Hitchins, David Hoare, Victor G. Roberts, Gwilym Salmon, Eric Naylor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

**FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 1,536 Yorkshire, 2,208 Cambridge and 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*MURIEL R. PAGE Treble	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON 5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE 2	*CHARLES W. BEECROFT 6
WALTER RUFFLES 3	LLEWELLYN ALLUM 7
WALTER W. MILLER 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First attempt for a peal of spliced.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE 5
*MERYL J. ALDEN 2	PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLLE 6
E. AUSTIN HEAD 3	†ROBERT PLUMMER 7
LEONARD J. MINNS 4	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Plain Bob Major.
Rung as a compliment to the second ringer on the eve of her 16th birthday.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 27, 1958, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PINNER SURPRISE MAJOR

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

B. CLARE WEBSTER Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
MARION J. SKINNER 3	ALICK CUTLER 7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE H. PAULSON Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
PATRICIA A. M. FOSTER 4	RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal in the method.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

LESLIE G. BRETT Treble	FRANK RUFFLES 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
PATRICIA M. CLARKE 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
*PETER KINDRED 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung in memoriam the Very Rev. J. L. White, M.A., Provost of St. Edmundsbury and vice-president of the Suffolk Guild.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Treble	DENNIS C. BOWEN 5
CHARLES COLES 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3	*JAMES ADAMS 7
FRANK A. BARRETT 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5184 NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROSEMARY PARKINSON .. Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
PHILIP DUNDERDALE 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	NORMAN SMITH 7
J. BARRY PICKUP 4	CYRIL CROSSSTHWAITE .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSSTHWAITE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
LESLIE BOUMPHREY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
JOHN WORTH 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER 7
BRIAN HARRIS 4	BASIL JONES Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
In memoriam the Rev. Thomas Lever, M.C., Vicar of this parish 1941-1949, during which time the bells were installed.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 30 methods, being 320 each London and Bristol and 160 each Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Cambridge, Chester, Claybrooke, Coddendam, Cray, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6
JOHN WORTH 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
BASIL JONES 4	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first peal in 30 Spliced Surprise Major methods for the Guild, on the bells, and by all the band. This composition is now rung for the first time.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE H. HART .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
PATRICIA DOORN 3	JOHN E. ROOTES 7
MRS. G. H. HART 4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.
Specially rung to mark the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Grimston, of Gorhambury, St. Albans, to Viscount Pollington, which took place earlier in the day.

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BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,536 Cambridge, 960 Superlative and 768 London, with 101 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt.
*LEWIS F. COBB .. Treble | WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 5
*MICHAEL J. BEST .. 2 | JOHN HARTLESS .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3 | FRANK L. HARRIS .. 7
*DAVID HOARE .. 4 | RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE (C.C.C. 10).

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods.

A compliment to Dorothy T. Gardiner on the birth of a daughter.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.
*GLENYS EVANS .. Treble | *GEOFFREY STICKLAND .. 5
*BRIAN KINGSTON .. 2 | TREVOR LEWIS .. 6
THOMAS YEOMAN .. 3 | †WILLIAM T. PETTY .. 7
*GEOFFREY MARCHANT .. 4 | WILLIAM DARE .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.

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

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*GEOFFREY PARTING .. Treble | *DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
*JOHN S. DEAN .. 2 | *EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 6
*JOHN F. HUGHES .. 3 | JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT .. 4 | PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in the method.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, containing 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*GEOFFREY INGHAM .. Treble | WILLIAM BARTON .. 5
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 2 | *E. MARTIN FIELDEN .. 6
GORDON BENFIELD .. 3 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 4 | VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of five-spliced. First in five methods on this plan by a resident West Riding band. First on the plan as conductor.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*DAPHNE J. PANKHURST .. Treble | GEORGE FRY .. 5
*CELIA F. WHITFIELD .. 2 | ALLEN TWYMAN .. 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3 | HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS .. 7
*COLIN E. VERDON .. 4 | *EDWARD F. P. BRYANT .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.

* First peal of Major.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.
Pritchard's.
DONALD G. CLIFT .. Treble | DONALD G. CLARKE .. 5
DONALD F. MURRET .. 2 | DONALD L. MILLS .. 6
DONALD M. SALISBURY .. 3 | DONALD E. COBB .. 7
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 4 | DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

The first 'Donald' name peal.

NORTON, MALTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

*MICHAEL MASKELL (16) Treble | BERT SUTTON .. 5
*COLIN REEVES (14) .. 2 | †WILLIAM HUDSON .. 6
SEDMAN H. STEEL .. 3 | †JAMES WOOLFORD (16) .. 7
†MARGARET E. WILKINSON .. 4 | HAROLD WALKER .. Tenor

Composed by J. PATRICK.

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

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

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.
ALAN THORNTON .. Treble | MRS. J. R. RENDER .. 5
G. FRED TERRY .. 2 | JOHN POTTS .. 6
HORACE S. MORLEY .. 3 | LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. 7
T. HERBERT FOSTER .. 4 | ALAN SHEPPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.
KENNETH W. GRAHAM .. Treble | GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
ROYSTON WILMORE .. 2 | DEREK M. SAWYER .. 6
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 3 | ERNEST MORRIS .. 7
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 4 | FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 150th peal. 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal as conductor, also Grandsire.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Jane Loweth and Mr. Ian David Oliver.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED GREENOUGH .. Treble | ERNEST GARRARD .. 5
JAMES BLOND .. 2 | REGINALD TUCKWELL .. 6
JAMES GODMAN .. 3 | *FRANK ABSOLOM .. 7
FRANK GODDEN .. 4 | ROBERT BLOND .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

* First peal in the method.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 30 cwt. 5 lb.
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble | ROBERT BRICE .. 5
F. CECIL MOGFORD .. 2 | GWILYM SALMON .. 6
MARJORIE LEGG .. 3 | GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 7
VICTOR ROBERTS .. 4 | SIDNEY SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

GREAT TEW, OXON.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sun., June 1, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. Treble | PATRICK J. CHAPMAN .. 5
JAMES H. PAILING .. 2 | FRANK A. BARRETT .. 6
*VERNON GREEN .. 3 | GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
WILLIAM A. YATES .. 4 | STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Avril Thackray and Stephen Ivin on their engagement.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ANCASTER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., April 25, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*WALTER G. BLACK .. Treble	†JOHN F. PEARSON .. 3
*LEONARD S. THOMPSON .. 2	*LOUIS WILLDERS .. 4

JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in seven Doubles methods. † First of Doubles.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., April 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

LEONARD J. MINNS .. Treble	ANTHONY H. ROBERTS .. 4
MERYL J. ALDEN .. 2	PAUL D. T. CATTERMORE .. 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. 3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

The conductor's 25th peal on six bells.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 2, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 19 methods, being seven 720's: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal T.B.; (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford Delight; (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (5) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise; (6) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

PETER MAYLE .. Treble	THOMAS BIRD .. 4
*ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
*SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 3	†URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 50th peal together. † 150th peal for the Association. First in 19 methods by all except the conductor.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINGOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 3, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

RODNEY J. MUSSON .. Treble	LEONARD P. WILSON .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL .. 2	*WILLIAM R. MARSH .. 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in three methods 'inside.'

WROUGHTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 17, 1958, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising three extents each of (1) Reverse Plain Bob, (2) Canterbury Pleasure, (3) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (4) Plain Bob, (5) New Bob, (6) Huntspill, (7) St. Vedast, (8) St. Nicholas, (9) Winchendon Place, (10) St. Remigius', (11) St. Simon's, (12) St. Martin's, (13) St. Osmund, (14) Grandsire. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*CAROLINE HOWLETT .. Treble	PETER J. SHIPTON .. 4
†ERIC SUTTON .. 2	†ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
RAYMOND C. WESTNEY .. 3	VICTOR GRIEFIN .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC SUTTON.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. First of Doubles as conductor. Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

ADDINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Childwall, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN RHODES .. Treble	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 4
*F. KEITH WILLIAMSON .. 2	MAX P. PAGE .. 5
DAVID ATKINS .. 3	J MARTIN THORLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Martin Thorley, Mrs. James Thorley and John Thorley.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. 4
*†RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. 2	ALBERT W. DYER .. 5
‡MICHAEL E. TURNER .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Minor.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK PATTENDEN .. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4
GEORGE WAGHORN .. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 5
EDWIN BROMLEY .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

First peal on the new ring of bells from the Whitechapel Foundry. Rung for Empire Day.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOAN GARNETT .. Treble	†R. BARNES .. 4
*R. SEELEY .. 2	W. BUTTON .. 5
†MRS. G. REECE .. 3	†F. TEDHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BUTTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band.

PIDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, eight extents each of St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*ERNEST G. JONES .. Treble	†CLIFFORD W. J. EAST .. 3
†JAMES W. EUSTACE .. 2	†LEONARD A. BUSBY .. 4

CYRIL H. KINCH .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL H. KINCH.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung for Empire Day.

RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 18 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 5½ cwt.

ROYSTON WILMORE .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. 3
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 2	†JACK HANDFORD .. 4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung to celebrate Whitsun and the fact that these bells are now ringable again after a long silence.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

TERENCE G. PAGE .. Treble	†PETER M. ADCOCK .. 3
*MARY SOLOMON .. 2	MICHAEL J. STOKES .. 4

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL J. STOKES.

* First peal 'inside.' † First of Doubles. First as conductor. This is the youngest band (average age 17 years 2 months) to ring a peal of Doubles for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 26, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.
*CHRIS. L. POWDRILL .. Treble | †TERENCE I. ROPER .. 4
†A. JAMES POYNOR .. 2 | †RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3 | JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal. † First on six bells.
Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival.

EGERTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
WILFRED W. RING .. Treble | DAVID STAPLES .. 4
E. PATRICIA LEWIS .. 2 | PETER F. T. SMITH .. 5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 3 | ALEXANDER WADDINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON.
Rung to mark the completion of the restoration work on the church.
Ringers of 2, 5 and 6 belong to the local band.

STOKE ABBOTT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 28, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
*JESSE DAVIS .. Treble | H. DENNIS W. BISHOP .. 3
MARTIN D. BISHOP .. 2 | SIDNEY W. WHITE .. 4
JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. DENNIS W. BISHOP.
* First peal in two methods.

BRADFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.
*ERIC FORD .. Treble | ROBERT J. HICKS .. 4
HARRY STACEY .. 2 | CHARLES E. TAYLOR .. 5
HORACE HEARD .. 3 | CHARLES SANGWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. TAYLOR.
* First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. Also a welcome to the Rector (Rev. F. W. Pennington), who was inducted the previous Tuesday.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four different callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
*PAMELA J. DOLMAN .. Treble | *ANDREW J. STRATHDEE .. 4
*MARGARET PRITCHARD .. 2 | CLIVE M. SMITH .. 5
†JOHN B. DINENAGE .. 3 | ANN BARR .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
* First peal. † First of Doubles in the method.
Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
CHARLES J. COPP .. Treble | H. MICHAEL GARTSIDE .. 4
LAVINA HULFORD .. 2 | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
ELEANOR ROSE .. 3 | WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 30, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE .. Treble | G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. 4
†PETER A. SHARP .. 2 | JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3 | LOUIS WILLDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

BRABOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.
PETER JARVIS .. Treble | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4
*VIOLET RELF .. 2 | WILFRED W. RING .. 5
*ELIZABETH A. MARSHALL .. 3 | MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.
* First peal in three methods.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 31, 1958, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
JACK LISHMAN .. Treble | KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN .. 4
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB .. 2 | GEORGE S. DEAS .. 5
KENNETH ARTHUR .. 3 | J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
First peal on the bells since their restoration by J. Taylor and Co. in November, 1957.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 20, 1958, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD .. 3-4 | JOHN A. ACRES .. 7-8
Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANFORTH.
First peal on handbells as conductor.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 20, 1958, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. J. RENDER .. 1-2 | KENNETH B. SIBBONS .. 3-4
ALAN SHEPPARD .. 5-6
Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.


SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 29, 1958, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 13 in E.
*DEREK M. SAWYER .. 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS .. 3-4
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5-6
Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

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QUARTER PEALS

ALFRETON, DERBYS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: B. Porter 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, W. Swain 3, W. Riley 4, B. A. Richards (first of Triples as cond.) 5, A. Wheeler 6, E. J. Sterland 7, R. Stretton 8. First of Triples by 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Elkington (cond.) 1, Judith K. Harris 2, Doreen D. Dutton 3, A. Disney 4, C. E. Turner 5, W. A. Lacey 6, H. B. Bowley 7, J. E. Cook 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of the Rev. C. H. Rowe, Rector of Anstey since 1939, who died suddenly on April 28th.

ASTON TIRROLD, BERKS.—On May 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Grace (first of Plain Bob) 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. Greenough 3, C. Corderoy 4, R. B. Blond 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Blewbury (Berks) band.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On May 25th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: J. W. Allen 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, L. F. Baker (cond.) 5. For Whitsuntide.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On May 31st, at the Norman Tower by the Cathedral company, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, C. Stannard 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, D. Rowlands 6, W. Goodship 7, F. Buckle 8, J. W. Banks 9, G. Jennings 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Provost of St. Edmundsbury (the Very Rev. John Lawrence White, M.A.), who died on May 24th, aged 73 years.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On May 25th, 1,272 Keni Treble Bob Minor: E. G. Swift (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, M. G. Swift 4, P. G. Badcock 5, K. C. Vickers 6. First in method for all except conductor. For Whit Sunday. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. G. Swift (first as cond.) 1, Miss L. Badcock 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, C. J. Sheppard 5, K. C. Vickers 6. For Trinity Sunday.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on May 4th, 1,320 Bob Maximus: L. J. Clark (cond.) 1, Miss M. Panton 2, R. Thrift 3, E. J. Runter 4, I. Panton 5, A. Hume 6, R. Groves 7, W. Glover 8, M. Edwards 9, J. Saunders 10, P. Eves 11, D. A. S. Symonds 12. Longest length of Maximus by all except, 1, 11 and 12. Rung on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Mr. Ernest J. Runter.

CHESTER.—On May 25th, at St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Penelope Gill (first quarter) 1, Rev. J. Kingdon 2, Edna Price 3, H. O. Baker (cond.) 4, R. King 5, B. Kenny 6. For the festival of Whitsuntide.

CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: B. Dawson 1, D. Brunning 2, Miss V. Naylor 3, J. Smith (longest length) 4, E. Edginton 5, B. G. Key (cond.) 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Trinity Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Lewis (sen., cond.) 1, H. L. Cooke 2, E. H. Jefferies 3, B. Wakefield 4, P. J. Lewis 5, P. Morgans 6, F. J. Lewis (jun.) 7, W. H. Hayward 8. First of Major by 3, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

CRANFORD, MIDDLEX.—On May 24th, at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: M. J. Palmer (first in method) 1, C. B. Fynes 2-3, A. Grant (first in method) 4, T. S. Baker (first in method and as cond.) 5, Miss J. Pole (first in method) 6. T. S. Baker has now 'circled' the tower. For Empire Day and as a birthday compliment to Miss R. Holmes, a member of the local band.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire and 600 Plain Bob): I. Waterman 1, W. Parrott 2, Cherie Payne 3, G. A. Cockman 4, F. Oakshott (cond.) 5, G. D. Robinson (first quarter) 6. First in two methods for all except the conductor.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Treble (first quarter) 1, R. H. Mills 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, W. W. Wright (cond.) 4, P. Murgatroyd 5, D. Clothier 6. For Evensong.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): D. J. Harrabin 1, Miss E. M. Yardley 2, M. F. Hall 3, A. R. Crump 4, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. Fleming 6. To mark the admission into priest's orders of the Rev. K. H. Hills.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Godfrey 1, M. Amy Coburn 2, S. Huckle 3, A. Day 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 6, F. W. Ellis 7, L. G. Coburn 8. First in method for 1 and 5. A compliment to the Rector of Harpenden (the Rev. P. Bradshaw) on the anniversary of his induction.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Hawkins (first in method) 1, P. Ruch 2, J. B. Sansom 3, W. A. Lewis 4, A. Grant (first in method) 5, P. Bettridge 6, G. Ruck (first as cond. in method) 7, G. W. Golding 8. Also on May 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Rayner (first in method) 1, Miss E. M. Ricketts 2, J. E. Chilcott 3, G. W. Golding (first in method) 4, W. W. Webb 5, P. A. Ruch 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, G. Ruck 8. Both rung for Evensong.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ivings 1, L. Sharpe 2, M. Sharpe 3, W. Ivings 4, H. Ivings 5, E. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Whit Sunday morning service.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On April 12th, 1,674 Grandsire Caters: T. Lewis 1, T. Yeomans 2, G. Marchant 3, N. A. James 4, B. Taylor 5, G. J. Stickland 6, A. R. Price (cond.) 7, J. Daniels 8, W. Dare 9, J. D. Woodman 10. First of Caters for 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10.

LONG COMPTON, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Burt 1, P. Oram 2, L. Kinchen 3, H. Huxley 4, R. Edden (cond.) 5, F. Ford 6. Br-lieved to be the first quarter on the bells.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Morrell 1, L. Mutter 2, I. Hughes 3, D. Salter 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, G. Walford 6.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Weller (first of Bob Minor) 1, G. Avis 2, Jane Butcher 3, C. A. Catt (first of Bob Minor) 4, R. Bennett 5, A. T. Hart (cond.) 6. For the birthday of Jane Butcher. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Weller 1, Brenda Catt 2, Jane Butcher 3, C. A. Catt 4, R. Bennett 5, A. J. Hart (cond.) 6. For morning service and for the birthday of Brenda Catt.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,284 Grandsire Minor: Mary Powell 1, M. Horseman 2, Monica Fray 3, T. Phillips 4, J. Brain 5, C. Kortright (cond.) 6. First quarter of Grandsire Minor by all the band.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Merrill 1, A. A. Jaques 2, T. S. Astbury 3, J. Thomas 4, F. Barnard 5, J. E. Brough (cond.) 6, F. Ollier 7, E. J. Boffey 8. Rung before Evensong with tenor half-muffled as tribute to, and in memory of, Harry Stubbs, who died recently, local ringer for about 45 years.

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLEX.—On May 22nd, 1,380 Spliced Doubles (New Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. S. Baker (Cranf.c.d.) 1, C. B. Fynes (Stanwell, cond.) 2-3, A. D. Grant (Heston) 4, M. J. Palmer (Hillingdon) 5, R. Reed (Norwood Green, first quarter) 6. First in eight methods for 1, 4 and 5. Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Woodgyer on the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth Mary).

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On May 14th, 600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss E. Loveland 2, Miss P. Drury 3, N. Carter 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. First in two methods by 1, 2 and 6. Also on May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pugh 1, Miss E. Loveland 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, N. Carter (first as cond.) 5, H. Kingston 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to Miss H. Hancock.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. T. Escott 1, A. F. R. Hartley 2, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 3, J. W. Wallace 4, B. Taylor 5, D. Hoare 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to A. F. R. Hartley.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Westwood 1, H. Yardley 2, A. Cox 3, C. Parker 4, W. M. B. Cartwright (cond.) 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman 7, H. J. Turner 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jill Swanne 1, D. J. Forder 2, Margaret E. L. Beamish 3, O. Neville Curtis 4, D. C. Exell 5, J. L. Queen 6, R. E. Finch 7, M. V. White 8, R. A. Reed 9, D. d'A. R. Black-wall 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 5, 6 and 10. Rung by Southampton University Guild (except 4) for Evensong, which was a special pre-final examinations service, attended by members of the Anglican Society of Southampton University.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Piper 1, H. Miller (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Pam Miller 3, S. G. Peck 4, M. Stanyon 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion. Also on Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Piper 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, John Perrett 4, L. G. Peck 5, M. Stanyon 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. For Evensong and as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Jelley 1, Joan K. Brown 2, A. J. Poyner 3, R. K. Stretton 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Norman 8. For Parish Communion on Whit Sunday.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. S. Goddard 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, D. G. Pickett 4, M. G. Lane 5. Believed to be the 80th quarter peal rung in Stanwell. For Evensong. Also on May 11th, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: L. S. Goddard 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, D. G. Pickett 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. Boyd 6. For Matins. Also on May 25th, 1,200 Spliced Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: M. G. Lane 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, A. D. Grant 4, M. J. Palmer 5, L. S. Goddard 6. For afternoon service.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. L. Girt 1, L. Foster 2, C. Snowden 3, R. E. Lester 4, G. R. Goodship 5, W. B. Duncan 6, E. A. Cracknell 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. D. Stutely 1, Heather Stewart 2, Marian Mills 3, I. Cooper 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, P. W. Mills 6. For Matins. Also on May 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 540 St. Clement's): F. Harvey 1, Heather Stewart 2, Marian Mills (cond.) 3, M. Mills 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong.

TUXFORD, NOTTS.—On May 22nd, 1,272 Bob Minimus: W. Brett 1, R. Hobbs 2, H. Denman 3, W. L. Exton 4. A 70th birthday compliment to W. Brett, the local tower captain, after meeting short for a peal of Minor.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. R. Gotham 1, P. Phillips 2, E. R. Gotham 3, G. Swift 4, M. Swift 5, C. J. Shepher 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, F. Bedford 8. For Matins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. D. Chapman (first in method) 1, R. J. Chapman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. W. Sykes (first in method 'inside') 4, E. E. Holman 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, D. Hewitt 7, T. Hawkings 8. For Evensong. Also on May 25th, 1,296 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: F. W. Sykes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, B. R. Downes 4, T. Hawkings 5, W. Dowler 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. Sixty calls and 54 changes of method. For Evensong.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Skinner 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, F. Fairclough 3, D. Holland 4, W. A. Hughes 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Bishop 1, M. Sinden 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, F. Corfield 6, F. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, E. Jacobs 8.

WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKS.—On May 17th, on the Curfew Bells of St. George's Chapel, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn, Monica Blagrove 2, W. Birmingham 3, K. Buckingham 4, J. Brooks 5, A. J. Glass 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, A. J. Painter 8. Rung on the occasion of the double wedding at St. George's Chapel of Miss Mary Morshead and Mr. J. May and of Miss Aurea Battiscombe and Mr. L. Morshead.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Appeal For High Standard And Regularity Of Ringing

THE 79th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday. Proceedings started with the annual service, conducted by the Provost (Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), who also preached an extremely interesting sermon. The lesson was read by the Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel).

The Master was in the chair for the annual meeting which followed in the Chapter House, and he welcomed visitors from Harrow, Harrod, Gravesend and Lavenham.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. R. C. Heazel, who was nominated by all Districts, was re-elected Master, and he thanked the members for their continued support. Mr. H. Turner, of Shenfield, was elected deputy Master, and the name of Mr. F. V. Gant was the only one submitted for the onerous post of hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. D. G. Mayell was elected an auditor. The other auditor nominated—Mr. Maurice Baker, of Hulton—declined to stand again owing to ill-health, and it was decided to allow the committee to fill the vacancy. The trustees—Messrs. J. Crawley, P. Eves and G. Smith—were unanimously re-elected.

One of the most pleasing duties at the annual meeting is the rewarding of long and faithful service by the conferring of life membership. This was conferred upon Messrs. O. Broyd, F. C. Maynard, H. Oliver, H. Rumens and G. Sewell.

After the Master had closed the meeting the company adjourned to the Cathedral Hall for lunch, where the Provost was the chief guest.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The year was one of consolidation of progress with the highlight being the visit of the Central Council to Chelmsford. This entailed a lot of work, and none worked harder than Mr. A. H. Everett, who was mainly in charge of accommodation, and Miss H. G. Snowden, who arranged all the ringing.

Through the vigilance of members a ring of bells from Colchester had been hung for ringing at Little Horkesley and not hung dead. The committee were able to advise and help financially in a situation which might have gone unnoticed.

Membership stood at 220 (217) honorary members and 915 (914) ringing members. There were 111 (112) towers in union. Newport and Wenden had dropped out and Little Baddow was welcomed. A deep loss had been sustained by the death of Horace Mansfield, a life president and the Association's representative on the Central Council, who was one of the Association's most popular members.

PEAL RINGING INCREASE

Peal ringing showed a satisfactory increase—a grand total of 122 against 72 in 1956. The conducting was shared by 40 members (25 in 1956), the leaders being J. E. G. Rost 17, F. B. Lufkin 16, T. Earle 12, D. L. Mills and U. W. Wildney seven each. One peal was non-conducted and one in which the conducting was shared. Congratulations were extended to F. B. Lufkin on his 400th peal, his 250th for the Association and his 250th as conductor; Miss M. Dowsett on her 50th peal, and T. Earle on his 100th peal for the Association. Also congratulated were the band who rang the record length of 18,000 Minor in 25 methods at Stisted.

Quarter peal ringing had been well sustained—161 being recorded against 160 in 1956. The leading towers were Walthamstow 18, Hornchurch 13, Burnham-in-Crouch 11, North Weald and Rayleigh ten each.

The report concluded with the following message from the Master and secretary:—

'In many instances there is no tangible return for our labours, but by our constancy and determination we may inspire those within the Church to act with greater zeal, and by our regularity and high standard of ringing reach the hearts of the careless or bewildered who come within the sound of the bells.'

'Living in a scientific age, we must remember still that the highest duty to which any one person can be called is that of rendering honour, praise and glory to the one God who indeed knows all.'

'Let us then resolve that by our lives and actions we will point to the way of life which alone can give peace and happiness.'

200th Anniversary Of Wells Cathedral Bells

'The Western Gazette,' from their files of 1758, records:—

'We hear that on Friday and Saturday (April 28th and 29th) a company of ringers from Bristol opened the new Set of Bells (a peal of eight) at the Cathedral Church of Wells, cast by the famous Mr. Ruddle, of Gloucester.'

'Very good judges are of opinion there is not a better ring (of eight) in the Kingdom. They say the Wells Ringers rung them best when at SET, but that the Bristol Ringers shewed their skill most by ringing them best at Rising and Falling.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern Branch was held on May 17th at Ditchingham in the Waveney Valley, home of the late Sir Rider Haggard, at whose former house the members sat down to tea.

The pleasant ring of six was soon set going to suit all tastes and capabilities. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. K. Lewis), the organist being Mr. Bond, of Loddon.

After tea the meeting, presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), soon dealt with the agenda. Members stood in silence in memory of Mr. A. R. Warnes, of Raveningham, who died on May 7th.

Subject to satisfactory arrangements being made, the next business meeting will be held at Pakefield on September 27th, and a by-meeting at Gorleston on July 5th.

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Presentation To The President

THE 79th annual meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Holsworthy on Whit Monday in glorious Devon weather. At the Guild's form of service, which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. Warne), a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells preceded the sermon which was preached by the president, who took for his subject Leadership, leadership and being led. He pointed out how important leadership is in every walk of life and how much depends on a good leader, eyes and ears being essential. The world is crying out for Christian leadership, but are we willing to follow where Christ leads? We must each always be asking the Holy Spirit to 'lead me to a rock that is higher than I' (Psalm lxi, 2).

60 GAINED CERTIFICATES

A luncheon followed, and at the subsequent business meeting it was reported that membership at the end of 1957 was 555, a drop of 27 on last year, and that only ten members rang their first peal, though 60 qualified for certificates by ringing 120 changes. The greatest encouragement must be given to beginners. The Guild library is now in being at Clawton Vicarage, and the gift of books belonging to the late Mr. James E. Lilley was acknowledged. One of the rules was altered so that the incumbent of a parish in union with the Guild could be elected an honorary member without payment of a subscription. It was decided to hold next year's annual meeting in Exeter on a Saturday in June with a tea and not lunch, and subsequently the Lord Bishop of Exeter has agreed to address the Guild on June 6th, 1959. Grants of £25 each were made from the bell restoration fund to Honiton Clyst and Kentisbeare.

25TH YEAR PRESIDENT

The next business was the election of officers, and Mr. F. Smale, who was general secretary from 1940 to 1950, had a very pleasant task to perform in proposing Preb. E. V. Cox again for his 25th year as president. The Guild had been very lucky in its presidents: Col. Troyte (1874), Rev. Maitland Kelly (1896), Rev. E. S. Powell (1924) and the present president. One of his first acts was to have the rule deleted which barred members from taking part in competitions. Mr. Smale had great pleasure in handing the president a gift contributed to by the majority of members in the hope that he would continue as president for many years, and at any rate break the record of 28 years of the presidency of the Rev. Maitland Kelly. The present general secretary (Mr. E. M. Atkins) gave him a book containing signatures of members.

The other officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Norman Mallet, who did not wish to seek re-election as peal secretary. Mr. Geo. Skinner was elected in his place. To fill the vacancy in the Central Council representatives caused by the death of Mr. G. E. Lilley, Mr. G. L. S. Glanvill was elected.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Visits to Walton-on-Thames are always enjoyable and the recent quarterly N.W. District meeting held there was no exception. Ringing in a variety of methods from 3 to 4.30 was followed by shortened Evensong, led by the Vicar. Forty-five ringers then adjourned to the Church Hall, where the local ringers, led by the indefatigable Mrs. Lathbury, provided an excellent tea. At the short business meeting three new members were elected and the sum of £1 10s. 2d. collected for the bell fund. After the usual votes of thanks, ringing continued until 8.30 at Oatlands Park. W. P.

**IN MONMOUTHSHIRE AND
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

On Whit Monday, a small party of ringers, representing five counties, had a very pleasant outing in East Monmouthshire and West Gloucestershire in beautiful weather. The first tower was Shirenewton (6), where the vicar welcomed the band; a few hours' work with a spanner would be beneficial here. Penhow's six are a delightful ring, as also are Caldicot's eight. At the latter church the Vicar conducted the band to the ringing chamber.

A break for lunch preceded the visit to Mathern (6), a most charming spot situated in beautiful quiet surroundings. After negotiating the traffic going to Chepstow races, the party eventually left Monmouthshire and reached Tidenham (6) with its spacious ground floor ringing chamber.

A hilly and intricate run brought the band to Hewelsfield, a very nice five rung from the centre of the church. A member of the local band met the visitors at St. Briavels (8) and the Vicar was waiting at Newland (6); the latter has a glorious heavy ring in an exceptionally fine church, aptly called the 'Cathedral of the Forest.' A short run brought the band to Staunton (6), where again the ringing takes place in the centre of the church. So officially ended a very happy day, but a few of the band later 'bagged' Westbury-on-Severn before taking part in the now famous traffic queue into Gloucester.

E. T. P. F.

PENARTH

With two ringers from Sully and one from Llandaff, Penarth ringers had an enjoyable outing on May 31st. The heavy-going eight at Monmouth were first visited before travelling to Leominster for a ring on the ten and lunch.

The anti-clockwise bells at Bromyard did not prove too difficult and Plain Bob, Grandsire

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and Stedman Doubles were rung. After tea at Worcester came Ledbury, where Grandsire Triples was managed despite the long draught of rope. The best tower of the day was Ross-on-Wye, where touches of Grandsire Triples and rounds and call-changes for learners were rung. Penarth was reached at 12.15 a.m., everyone having enjoyed the outing.

**KIRK ELLA AND SUTTON-IN-
HOLDERNESS**

The ringers from these towers and their friends joined forces on Whit Monday for an outing in the North Riding. The weather was perfect, and the coach driver avoided main roads to take us through the countryside, which is at its best at this time of the year.

The first tower visited was Nunburnholme (6), and good ringing on the lovely six gave the day a good start. Hovingham (6) proved to have an interesting Saxon tower, and an all-ladies' band rang a course here. After a picnic lunch, we were met at Helmsley (8) by the local ringers, and also met the Elland ringers on their outing. A combined band rang a touch of Stedman Triples before we left for Kirby Moorside (6). Here we were met by the Vicar, but unfortunately the ringing was not of a very high standard, the bells being difficult to strike well.

A provided tea at Thornton-le-Dale was followed by a touch of Plain Bob Minor on handbells, and we then left for Pickering (8) before proceeding to Hutton Cranswick (6). Touches of Stedman, St. Martin's Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. and rounds for learners ended a very successful day for both ringers and non-ringers. S.

CIRENCESTER

Cirencester ringers, accompanied by their wives, had their annual outing on Whit Monday. The first tower to be visited was Nuneaton, where standard methods were rung on the fine-going ring of eight. The next ringing took place at Loughborough Parish Church, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung on this fine ring of ten; then a visit to the bell foundry and the noted ring of ten. After the preliminary antics we managed to ring Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples, and this was much enjoyed, especially by the younger members. Our best thanks are due to Messrs. Taylor and to Mrs. Beamish, who fixed up Nuneaton at short notice.

F. J. K.

ST. GEORGE'S, DONCASTER

Chester was the objective for the annual outing of St. George's Doncaster, ringers on Whit Monday. Fairfield was reached by 10.30 a.m. and an hour's ringing included Grandsire Doubles, Stedman, Double Norwich and a course of Yorkshire. A delightful 6-bell tower, Chelford, was next visited, and after a picnic luncheon Chester was reached. At St. Mary-within-the-Walls the experienced ringers did justice to the tower they represented and the younger members went boating on the River Dee. After tea, a call was made at Daresbury. Singing, led by ex-members of the choir, enlivened the journey home. For the enjoyable outing thanks are accorded the organiser who wishes to remain anonymous, and incumbents and local captains.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On May 25th, 1.287 Stedman Caters: Doreen Deverell (first of Stedman Caters) 1. A. R. Ling (cond.) 2. Mabel Prockson 3. B. Baker 4. W. Prockson 5. P. J. Eves 6. C. Hughes 7. T. H. Francis 8. J. Leeming 9. R. Brooker 10.

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To the list of name peals must now be added the Donalds, which was rung for the first time at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill. Organiser was Mr. Donald G. Clift and the peal was conducted by Dr. D. H. Niblett, of Oxford. The other Donalds came from Newport, Mon., Weston-super-Mare, Hornchurch, Ely (2) and Bures, Suffolk. 'It took nine months to find all these Donalds and get them together,' said Mr. Clift to an 'Evening News' correspondent.

The band who rang in the peal at Itchingfield desire to thank the local ringers for their welcome and also Mrs. Francis for the wonderful spread after the peal.

The Southwell Diocesan Guild committee have decided not to hold a dinner this year.

Is it etiquette to eat a large onion on a ringers' outing? St. George's, Doncaster, have strong views on the subject.

The many friends of Mr. W. Rose, formerly of Peterborough, will wish him a happy journey to New Zealand. He sailed on June 6th on a visit to his daughter.

A claim to be the fastest peal on the bells is submitted by the band who rang a peal of Little Bob Major at Dore, Derbyshire, on May 24th in 2 hours 37 minutes.

A new era is started at Kildown, Kent, with the first peal on the new bells from the Whitechapel Foundry on May 24th. In the first peal on the old bells in 1905 stood Frank Patten. He is the only survivor, and now 74 struck his bell well in this latest peal. The 1905 peal was conducted by the late Mr. F. J. Lambert, of Horsmonden, and three of his sons, one of whom was the conductor, were in the peal recorded this week. At the local afterwards the band warmly praised the bells; they also complimented Mr. H. Parkes, the bell-hanger, for a good job well done.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In connection with the peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Drighlington on May 31st, the conductor would like to place on record his thanks and appreciation of the kind help and ready co-operation given by Mr. Vernon Bottomley and his band who, under his able and enthusiastic leadership, regularly ring Spliced Surprise Major for Sunday services at All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, Halifax.

Mr. Albert J. Pitman's composition of 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major in 30 methods has been rung for the first time by the Chester Diocesan Guild at Norbury (Hazel Grove).

The peal at Pontefract on May 31st started immediately after a local wedding. Upon the completion of the second part of Parker's Twelve-part peal the verger turned off the electric light at the main and plunged the belfry in subdued light. However, although the peal was rather slow for these bells, it was nevertheless well struck.

A car-load of 'tower-grabbers' from Warmley, Westerleigh and Yate spent Whit Monday in Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire. Towers visited were Cricklade, Castle Eaton, Kempsford, Meysey Hampton, Lechlade, Langford, Brize-Norton, Aston, Great Coswell, Stanford-in-the-Vale and Broad Blunsden. Incumbents and those who met the party are thanked.

St. Mary Redcliffe Guild had a pleasant surprise on June 5th when they rang before and after the Confirmation service. After the service the Bishop of Malmesbury came up to the tower and without taking off his jacket took part in some of the ringing on the 12, and expressed his admiration of St. Mary Redcliffe, its bells and ringers. The Bishop spent so much time with the ringers that the Vicar had to send for him, reminding him it was time he went.

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BELLS AND RINGING POPULAR NEWS

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd and Mr. F. E. Dukes, stated:—

If, as the controllers of our national Press assert, newspapers and journals are giving the public what it asks for, then ringers have no cause to complain that their art is not appreciated. Each year sees a multiplicity of news items relating to bells and bell-ringing and the appearance of serious articles presumably of interest to newspaper readers. The year 1957 was no exception.

In this report we have not found it possible to include notice of all news items great and small. We have therefore endeavoured to select from the material that has come our way such essays as will indicate the scope and variety of the publicity given to ringing during the 12 months, and in doing so we venture to believe that we have omitted nothing of major importance.

The number and variety of journals printing notes and articles are worthy of note. 'The Dalesman' published a series on Yorkshire bells and bell-ringing; 'British Railways Magazine' printed an account of ringing in the North East Region; David Fitzpatrick in the 'Blackburn Evening Telegraph' described Blackburn's bells; and in the 'Solihull News' Ruth Harman extolled the delights of ringing as a hobby. Unfortunately, she missed the significance of bell-ringing as an act of worship. In the sphere of youthful activity we note E. F. Rigby's instructional articles in 'The Guide,' and Anthony Upton's neat essay, 'Campanology,' in the November number of 'The Scout.' In passing, it is worth noting that 'The Belfry' reminds young people of the Girl Guide ringer's badge and the conditions attaching to it.

Another local publication, 'Surrey W.I. News,' devoted a considerable portion of its December number to the appeal of the bells, and gave prominence to the work of Mr. Harold Pitstow at Westminster. Two pieces of work stand out this year by reason of their excellence. One is 'Bells,' an unsigned article in the 'P.D. Review,' enlivened with 12 small illustrations selected and arranged by Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., and beautifully reproduced; the text was supplied largely by the same indefatigable historian. The other outstanding work

is a monumental essay running through several numbers of 'Hi-Fi News.' The superficial flippancy of the title of this highly technical journal tends to obscure the seriousness and authenticity of its articles, but in 'The Story of Bells and Bell Music,' H. Michael Howard has produced a notable thesis written with authority and skill, and covering bell casting, tuning and hanging, with extensive notes on acoustical effects and carillon playing. The illustrations and diagrams are striking and convincing.

The year has brought a good sprinkling of photographs of ringers and ringing bands. Among them the 'Drogheda Independent' portrayed the ringers of St. Peter's, Drogheda, and the 'South Yorkshire Times' showed the band of ladies who rang the peal of Bob Major at Handsworth, Sheffield, on May 14th. The 'Birmingham Post and Gazette' depicted Sir Theodore Pritchett with his ringers at Tanworth-in-Arden, and two veterans appeared the 'Birmingham Mail'—Mr. W. Hauley, of Leamington, on his 92nd birthday, and Mr. William Collett, who recently completed 50 years as a ringer at Warwick. The Railwaymen's Guild were photographed again, this time by the 'Crewe Chronicle.'

We regret having to include reference to the distressing tragedy at Okeford Fitzpaine, the painful details of which aroused much attention during the summer. It is perhaps only in such tragic circumstances that the technicalities of bell mechanics are forced, as it were, on the public notice, and we can only hope that the publicity afforded to this melancholy catastrophe will lead to further steps to prevent unauthorised or inexperienced persons from entering bell chambers when bells are up.

Once again we note important contributions in the Press overseas. From British Columbia come two articles: a short one dealing with ringing at the Anglican Cathedral at Victoria, and the other a lengthy essay in the 'Province B.C. Magazine' on the bells and ringers at The Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. 'Overtones,' the organ of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, still provides astonishing evidence of the vitality of the Society, and American literature has been enriched by the publication of 'The Story of Handbells,' an important and comprehensive book by Scott B. Parry. The American paper 'Saturday Evening Post' of December 22nd, 1956, published a

IN SESSION AT DUBLIN.—A section of the members in the Synod Hall, Dublin. Front row (right to left): F. W. Perrens, L. Stilwell, R. G. Blackman, C. K. Lewis, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, C. H. Kippin, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Marshall, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes and E. H. Lewis.

[Photo: Irish Press, Ltd.]

lengthy and discursive article by N. M. Clark under the title 'The Loudest Music I Ever Heard.' The subject matter ranged from carillon playing to the Liberty Bell, and included references to handbell ringing and to the White-chapel Foundry.

From Ireland we have noticed 'The Bells of Belfast' appearing in the 'Belfast News Letter,' and an interesting note on bell lubrication in the technical journal 'Scientific Lubrication.' Both articles are from the pen of Colin J. Robb. The 'Lurgan Mail,' under the title 'Where Change is Lightsome,' provided an illustrated article on Lurgan bells and ringers, with special reference to Mr. Thomas Livingstone and Mr. John Irwin. 'Ring out the Old—Ring in the New' is the title of a well-written article in the Irish Press. It details the history of the bells of the Augustinian Church, Dublin, and of Irish bell-founders.

The Australian journal, 'Woman's Day,' dated August 5th, contains an account by Sally Baker of the competitive ringing for the Joyner Cup. The illustrations are in colour and most of the names are familiar to us through the medium of 'The Ringing Towers.'

Among the publications of the year we have to report 'Church Bells of the Fens,' T. Bevis; 'Cheshire Bells, Part V,' C. W. Clarke; a re-issue of 'Elementary Change Ringing,' the excellent treatise by E. F. Rigby; and 'The Manual of the College of Campanology' which appeared in August and was made available to all ringers at the modest price of 2s. 9d. That comprehensive book of reference, 'The Central Council Handbook,' has now been published. It is indispensable for Council members and will be found a treasure trove of information for every ringer.

Subsidiary ringing journals have come to hand as usual. They include 'The Irish Bell News,' beginning its third volume neatly clad in a new cover; 'The Belfry,' from the Maidstone District, and 'The Ringing Towers,' from

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the Antipodes. To the list this year has been added 'The Ringers' Magazine,' edited by Mr. William Butler, of Windsor. This is an extremely bright and enterprising quarterly, produced by an unusual process, and presenting in its type and its illustrations a most fascinating face. Its range is wide and it has already numbered among its contributors some of the leading experts of today.

Messrs. Viggers and Hodgson have maintained their high standard with 'The Ringers' Notebook and Diary,' and it is a gratifying tribute to the authors to find this little book already sold out.

Moving the adoption of the report Mr. Dukes said the national Press had given greater space to their interests, and the same applied to various magazines. In Ireland he had many telephone calls from national papers and freelance journalists. They were very grateful to the people who sent articles to the Committee.

Miss J. Stewart seconded and the report was adopted.

RECORDS OF 770 WHO HAVE SERVED THE COUNCIL

THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

The report of the Committee, signed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, stated:—

The total number of past and present members in our records is now 770 and of this total 357 are at the time of preparing this report known to be deceased. The records of very many of these deceased past members are complete and already in the Album. A few without photographs, which so far we have failed to secure. Others are held up for important particulars which we hope to get by further research. A few are still on the sad list of those of whom we know nothing, or very little. Some of this category should perhaps be presumed deceased.

Notwithstanding the possibly gloomy sentence ending the previous paragraph, the work of the Committee is not all failure and frustration, and some progress is made. In recent years the rate of completion of biographies has been around 30 per year, which means that we have caught up with many of the arrears. It also means that our Album is very rapidly filling and must soon be followed by No. 2.

Some members may recall that our first Album was provided by a bequest of the late Mr. James Shepherd, and will remain a very fine memorial to an illustrious ringer who, although never a member of it, always wished the Council well.

It may be expected that this second Album will last much longer than its predecessor, because the entries must eventually be reduced to the six or eight deaths which have annually to be reported.

The report then recorded deaths of members, and apart from those remembered at the opening of the Council there were E. W. Marsh (Devonshire Guild), died January 23rd, 1946, and J. Holden (United Counties Association), died August 30th, 1899.

The 1957-58 Council was joined by 25 new members, 21 of whom, present at the Chelmsford meeting, were handed a copy of our Biography Form. At the time of preparing this report eight have been returned. The Com-

SATURN T.B. DOUBLES NOT RECOGNISED

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The report, which was signed by Mr. Walter Ayre (convener) stated:—

Once again the committee are pleased to report an increase in the peals rung during the year 1957. There was a grand total of 2,488, with 2,336 on tower bells and 152 on handbells; an increase of 145 on tower bells but a decrease of 23 on handbells. (The Winchester and Portsmouth band did not function.)

The analysis shows as follows:—

	Tower		Handbells		Totals	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
Maximus	18	30	—	—	18	30
Cinquies	37	21	3	3	40	24
Royal	116	99	8	14	124	113
Caters	70	83	9	8	79	91
Major	857	884	59	59	916	943
Triples	217	251	9	9	226	260
Minor	640	732	69	38	709	770
Doubles	236	236	18	21	254	257
	2191	2336	175	152	2366	2488

mittee, while grateful to those who promptly filled and returned the forms, would also point out to those who have not responded that the few details for which we ask have been found by experience to be the basic facts upon which the Council's record must in due course be built.

With great pleasure and thanks we acknowledge the assistance of a host of willing correspondents. Typical of all are the efforts of Mr. C. K. Lewis who secured details of the ringing career of the late William Gordon, which began with ringing for the victory of the battle of Alma, and ended in 1915 when World War I was in progress; of Mr. Jeffs who informs us of the deaths of the Rev. L. S. Clark and H. Chambers; Mr. Pipe, of the Suffolk Guild, who has helped us to get a photograph of the late Canon Raven, an original honorary member of the Council, who though never a ringer and never present at a meeting, was an illustrious scholar and author of books on bells and ringing.

The Biographies Committee would like to contact relatives or friends of the following past members for the purpose of completing the Council's records: (1) The late Mr. Albert Coppock, of Nottingham, who died March 28th, 1937—loan of photograph required; (2) The late Mr. S. J. Hughes, of Dudley and District Guild—date of death required; (3) The late Mr. R. T. Woodley, of Ancient Society of College Youth, died at Lowestoft on November 15th, 1943—loan of photograph required.

Please write to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

Mr. L. Stilwell moved and Mr. R. G. Blackman seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. T. G. Myers expressed surprise that the death of Mr. E. W. Marsh, of the Devonshire Guild, who died in 1946, had only just reached the Committee.

The hon. secretary said difficulties arose when people dropped out of ringing.

Mr. Myers: That did not apply in the case of Mr. Marsh, who died within three days of attending a meeting of his own Branch.

The President: We might do our best to get Associations to co-operate.

What would the Leicester Guild do without the Bell Foundry? They are once again at the head of the list, with Kent County moving into 2nd place, the Norwich Association following in 3rd place, with the Suffolk Guild rising out of the depths to 4th place.

The first six places are as follows: Leicester Diocesan 192, Kent County 154, Norwich Association 142, Suffolk Guild 135, Oxford Diocesan 131, Lincoln Diocesan 129.

No peals were recorded by the New South Wales Association, the National Police Guild or the Sheffield and District Society.

Outstanding performances.—On tower bells: 14,560 Yorkshire Surprise Major by the Bedfordshire Association; 16, 18, 22 and 25 Surprise Major methods (spliced) by the Chester Diocesan Guild; 25 extents of Minor (18,000 changes) by the Essex Association; and 42 Doubles methods by the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

Handbells: 57 Spliced Minor methods by the Yorkshire Association.

A 'peal' of Saturn Treble Bob Doubles by the Surrey Association is not included in the analysis.

The convener wishes to express his thanks to Mr. H. L. Roper (Adderbury) for his valuable assistance in this work.

The report was moved by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who said there were one or two slight alterations to the total number of peals, which was reduced to 2,486. That was because it was not noticed until after the report was written that three peals were duplicated in 'The Ringing World' and only one was spotted by the convener.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove: Can the committee tell us why they excluded Saturn T.B. Doubles?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: We have not discussed it. The first I knew was when I saw the report. The reason is that it is not in accordance with the rules.

Mr. Blagrove: As a method?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: Yes, not as a composition.

Mr. Blagrove said in the Decisions there were no requirements of an irregular method. An irregular method which had a repeated change could be included. There was also the question of jumping changes.

Mr. E. K. Lewis commented that it was not a question of making rules and regulations. The Exercise had not been built up by rules and regulations but by good taste.

Mr. Blagrove: I agree that is should be excluded, but if such peals were rung they must be included as they were not bound by any Decision of the Council.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott maintained that as there was no reason in the Decisions of the Council why the peal should not be included, if it was a peal it must be included to the discredit of the composer.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he was afraid if they included it they would cause a lot of trouble. The Analysis Committee had taken the right line.

Mr. J. H. Crampion: There are certain people who like to have a kick at the Central Council. I feel it was rung with that purpose.

Mr. Blagrove agreed that the method was false in the plain course. He thought they should divide such peals into 'acceptable' and 'non-acceptable.'

The report was adopted.

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BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

The report, which was signed by Messrs. H. J. Sanger (convener), J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, A. A. Hughes and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, stated:—

Following up two suggestions for Interlude items, we have had some correspondence with the B.B.C., who have finally informed us that Interlude items are being curtailed to a minimum and in their place trailers of forthcoming programmes put on. No new Interlude items are, therefore, being made. This is rather a disappointment but there is nothing we can do about it in the circumstances.

Broadcasting has in the main been confined to Sunday service ringing, and has on the whole been of a fair standard and covered most of the country. From Ireland we have news of several good broadcasts, including one from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Christmas Eve.

Again there has been criticism of the time allowed and of introductory remarks and the like taking place whilst ringing is in progress. We, for our part, agree that two or three minutes of uninterrupted ringing is the ideal, but we feel that whilst we are doing what we can in this direction, in the main the remedy lies with ringers at the time of broadcasting. If all bands took the initiative and approached their incumbent and the B.B.C. or I.T.V. engineers, prior to the broadcast, and voiced their desires, this problem would rapidly be solved. This business of ringing for broadcasting is no new thing, and all ringers should by now be aware of the standard generally desirable in every direction.

In other spheres the bells of St. Clement Danes' were recorded by I.T.V. when being tried out, and the attempts on the Major record at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile received much publicity. The first attempt in particular even had an interview with the arranger, Mr. Philip Mehew.

The Christmas broadcast was an excellent effort, and we are happy to say that whilst we had no part in the actual selection of towers, with the exception of our Northern Ireland representative, we were specially asked by the B.B.C. to let them have our comments on the broadcast. This we did and were duly thanked. Last year there were many letters of criticism of the broadcast and much controversy over the poor standard of ringing. We think it regrettable that the excellent effort this year received extremely little acknowledgment from ringers in our paper. Much good could also have been done had listeners expressed their appreciation to the B.B.C.

We have been asked by the B.B.C. to provide them with a list of first-class bells that are manned by good bands of ringers, capable of putting up a good performance should the occasion arise. The members of the Committee in England have co-operated and produced a fairly comprehensive list. This has been submitted to the B.B.C. who have thanked us very warmly for it. From time to time we propose adding to it as deemed desirable. Our colleague in Northern Ireland was of the opinion that the idea cut across an agreement held with the B.B.C. in that area, and which has been in existence since 1946, and therefore did not contribute to the list as he felt that the present very satisfactory position might be jeopardised.

In concluding, we would impress on all bands approached with a view to broadcasting how important it is that they set a good example and provide something worth listening to.

Mr. H. Sanger, in moving the adoption of the report, said since writing the report there had been a letter in 'The Ringing World' criticising the Hillingdon broadcast. It had come to his

notice that had there been a little better co-operation between the ringers, parson and B.B.C., the result would have been better. The onus was on the ringers to co-operate in good time before the broadcast took place.

In regard to paragraph 6, a fairly comprehensive list had been submitted. They had been asked by the B.B.C. to submit a list of 25 towers in the British Isles which would give a good standard of ringing. Each member of the Committee submitted two or three towers from his area. At the same time, the Committee pointed out that there were many other towers that fulfilled the qualifications, and that from time to time the Committee would submit further towers.

A lot of questions had been asked about the ringing at three minutes to 9 of the bells of St. Peter's, Evercreech. They felt if the standard of all Sunday ringing was the same there would be nothing to complain of.

Mr. J. Dunwoody seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, captain of Hillingdon, said they had a rehearsal on the Saturday previous to the broadcast. Unfortunately, most of the leading ringers were unable to attend. Their broadcast was only for 45 seconds. They had previously discussed the matter with the Vicar and they expressed the view that they wanted uninterrupted ringing and not the bells as a background. The Vicar was only able to give them 45 seconds' uninterrupted ringing.

Mr. C. W. Pipe thought there was a great deal in co-operation between ringers and the parson.

Mr. Sanger asked that the name of Mr. Norman Chaddock be added to the Committee. This was agreed to and the report was adopted.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

The report of Mr. J. W. Clarke (convener) stated:—No further records have been received during the year. From recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' however, accurate details of a very interesting stone tablet in the tower of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, have come to light. The tablet records three peals of Grandsire Triples in 1733 and one of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and the contributor is to be congratulated on his perseverance in the task of deciphering the writing in very difficult conditions. There is some doubt, however, about the date of the Treble Bob peal, although the change made in the calendar in 1752, with its consequent confusion, suggests that the date should read 1757/8 rather than 1737/8.

It is interesting to note that the tablet is shortly to be restored at the expense of the local ringers.

The restoration of ancient peal boards, especially those which are made of wood with painted lettering, is sometimes a delicate operation calling for both knowledge and skill. The committee is prepared to advise in difficult cases, both in the matter of cleaning and, where it is absolutely necessary through continued neglect, of repainting. Tower-keepers especially are asked to keep an eye on these valuable and interesting possessions and to remember that the 'stitch in time' may well save something which is virtually a page in the history of ringing.

The hon. secretary moved and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded the adoption of the report.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow asked members to keep a watchful eye on the preservation of peal boards in redundant churches.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow said in regard to the Hillingdon tablets that a signwriter had taken a copy of the original letters so that when the duplicate was written it would be an exact replica of what was there before.

The report was adopted.

GOOD NEWS FOR LEARNERS

THE 'BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK' COMMITTEE

The report, signed by Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. F. B. Speed and W. G. Wilson, stated:—

At its meeting at Chelmsford last year the Council agreed to our proposal that a book for beginners, on the lines of a draft submitted, be printed and placed on sale at as low a price as possible.

The draft has since been thoroughly revised, though we have retained the same layout, viz.: (a) a description of a bell and how to ring it; (b) elementary change-ringing; and (c) the duties of a ringer. We are grateful for the help and advice given by various members of the Council and have especially availed ourselves of the assistance of the Council's officers. Mr. F. Sharpe has provided photographs which, by their own merit, have taken the place of the sketches we first proposed to use, and Mr. E. A. Barnett helped by attending our meetings.

The revised draft is in the hands of the secretary, and we reiterate our plea that a sufficient number shall be printed to make it possible to sell very cheaply so that all beginners may have access to it.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, in moving the adoption of the report, said he was very much encouraged by the President's remarks about the tremendous demand for the beginners' book that corresponded with his own personal experience. There was one advantage of the delay—the book would contain some photographs taken by the President.

The report had one or two omissions. It did not mention the fact that they did not circulate copies of the draft to members of the Standing Committee. The officers decided for a very good reason—it would have cost a lot of money. The report also did not deal with the question of printing.

His opinion was that the Council could afford to order stock for ten years. At a rough estimate he felt that they ought to sell as near to 6d. a copy as possible with an initial order of 5,000 copies.

Mr. Speed seconded the adoption.

The President: There is a tremendous demand for such a book. I agree that we should print at least 5,000 copies. They should get estimates and empower the librarian to place the order.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin advocated the book being sold as cheaply as possible, even at a loss.

Mr. Peter Crook questioned too cheap a price. The strides being made in ringing might find the book out of date in ten years. He thought it should be revised after five years.

The report was adopted with thanks to the Committee for their work.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The report, which was signed by Messrs. W. E. Critchley (convener), C. W. Roberts, G. E. Fein and A. J. Pitman, stated:—The work involved in collecting suitable material for the Stedman Caters and Cinques Collection is still continuing, still hampered to some extent by the lack of examples of the work of certain able composers. The committee feel it should be pointed out that a collection of this kind cannot be rushed into print, if it is to contain peals other than a few well-known peals on worn-out and hackneyed plans. By allowing sufficient time, the committee is sure that a book can be produced which will be really worth while buying, which will give conductors something interesting to call and ring, and encourage students of composition to investigate plans of composition which as yet have received little attention.

Mr. Critchley moved and Mr. G. E. Fein seconded the adoption of the report, and this was agreed to.

ADVICE SOUGHT ON RESTORATIONS

TOWER AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

The report was signed by Messrs. F. Sharpe (convener), J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis, J. Osborn and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, and stated:—The work of this committee has again increased considerably. During the year 67 inquiries were received—an increase of 12 above the previous year. The inquiries came from 23 different counties. Several were dealt with by correspondence—the majority by personal inspections and reports. A summary of the work of each member is appended.

Mr. J. W. Clarke has been consulted by one architect regarding the building of a new tower, and all his recommendations were accepted. This tower, to be built in Cheshire, will one day house a ring of six. He advised on rehanging in one other tower and in collecting material for his 'Cheshire Bells' has examined many rings and made verbal reports on them. He is also a member of the Central Council for the Care of Churches.

Mrs. F. E. Collins has made inspections and reports on the bells in four towers in Kent, Essex; and Hertfordshire, in all of which he has advised on restoration.

Mr. J. Freeman has dealt with four inquiries in Lincolnshire. In two of these he advised on rehanging; in the third on the provision of a new bell. In the fourth tower he advised rehanging two old bells in a new frame for six; on account of cost the P.C.C. wished to install an amplifier, but fortunately the faculty for this was refused.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott has been consulted in three instances in Devon and Somerset. In one tower he advised new gear and the rehanging of the bells in the existing frame; in another he advised a new frame and gear; the third concerned the restoration of two turret bells, one of them probably of late 12th century date.

Mr. W. Osborn has given advice on restoration work in 16 towers in Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire. One related to the augmentation of a ring, another to augmentation and rehanging in a new frame, three concerned rehanging bells in new frames, and another the rehanging of bells in an existing frame; in seven towers repairs were advised, and in three others work advised has been satisfactorily completed.

Mr. E. H. Lewis has been consulted on the restoration of bells in two towers, one in Northamptonshire and the other in Warwickshire.

Mr. F. Sharpe dealt with 36 inquiries, some by correspondence, the majority by inspections and reports. In three towers he advised recasting, in 19 rehanging, in 13 repairs, and the remaining case was one in which advice was sought on sound control. The inquiries came from 16 English counties and from two Welsh ones. He has given many lectures to architects and diocesan authorities during the year.

In November last the convener received a letter from the secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, in which, *inter alia*, she stated that the Standing Committee of her Council felt concern at the extent to which the 'Simpson' tuning of bells was being pressed on parishes, and she felt that to some degree this was being done by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. She was referring in particular to a case in Hertfordshire, and she asked for the official views of our Council. In reply the convener explained the position regarding the bells at Kings Langley, and asked for a list of those towers in which the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was alleged to have pressed for the unnecessary recasting of bells, stating that the contents of our Council's

files gave no evidence of it. Copies of the Central Council for the Care of Churches' letter were circulated to all members of the Towers and Belfries Committee, to the bell-founders and to our secretary. Their comments, while not entirely unanimous, showed an overwhelming majority in agreement with our Council's policy, the broad outlines of which were communicated to the secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches. That Council eventually withdrew its opposition to the granting of a faculty for the recasting of the Kings Langley bells.

Moving the report, Mr. E. H. Lewis said that the Committee felt very strongly that good relations with the Central Council for the Care of Churches was essential. Talks should be at summit level between their president and the president of the Council for the Care of Churches, and that harm would be done by approaching at other levels.

Mr. F. E. Collins seconded.

Mr. Crampson said he had been asked by several incumbents in Essex to express thanks for the work done.

The report was adopted.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The report, which was signed by Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Marshall, stated that:—The committee beg to report the following new methods and progressive lengths rung during the year:—

Jan.	16,	5,040	St. Stephen's B.T.	Norwich.
"	25,	5,180	Huncoat Alliance B. Maj.	Lancashire.
Feb.	14,	5,152	Arundel S. Maj.	Middlesex.
"	28,	5,024	Exeter S. Maj.	Middlesex.
Apr.	20,	5,024	Leominster S. Maj.	Bedford.
"	24,	5,024	Immingham S. Maj.	Lincoln.
May	2,	5,152	Whitchurch S. Maj.	Middlesex.
"	26,	5,056	Hobart S. Maj.	Oxford.
"	29,	5,040	Fauston Bob Triples.	Norwich.
June	6,	5,152	Punslip S. Maj.	Middlesex.
"	15,	5,152	Tythern Del.	Leicester.
July	4,	5,120	Richmond S. Maj.	Middlesex.
"	24,	5,008	Hedingham Bob Maj.	Essex.
Sept.	12,	5,024	Edgware S. Maj.	Middlesex.
"	19,	5,024	Harrow S. Maj.	Middlesex.
"	28,	5,088	Wellington S. Maj.	Guildford.
Oct.	26,	5,016	Roxbourne Little S. Maj.	Middlesex.
Nov.	9,	5,024	Coggeshall S. Maj.	Essex.
Dec.	12,	5,088	Cricklewood S. Maj.	Middlesex.
"	27,	5,056	Haselbeech S. Maj.	Peterborough.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS

Sept.	21,	14,560	Yorkshire S. Maj.	Bedfordshire.
Nov.	16,	18,000	Minor (25 methods).	Essex.

HANDBELLS

New Method

July 22. 5,152 Belgrave S. Maj. Lancashire. Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mrs. Marshall seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. Orland said there was some doubt about the spelling of Haselbeech.

The report was adopted.

BOOK ON MINOR METHODS PROMISED AT EARLY DATE

METHODS COMMITTEE

The report was signed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (convener), Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis, and stated:—The committee has continued its work of producing completely new books on Minor methods and Triples methods and much of the necessary material for these is now to hand. In the autumn the members of the committee were able to meet for two days at Southampton. At this meeting we were able to plan the scope and contents of the books and to divide out the work. This has been going on during the winter months—the composition sections, of course, being the most difficult, since peals are having to be produced for methods never yet rung.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, in moving the report, said they hoped that the Minor book which was given first priority, would be published before August. They had all the material except for one section on splicing, which was being written, and then there were minor details to do. In republishing the contents they were including the new Double Surprise methods and the Alliance methods, and they had to find names for most of them. There were a certain number unknown and shortly he would be sending a letter to 'The Ringing World' asking for further names and if there was a method under any other name. As a compliment to the six-bell towers of the country the unnamed would be selected from those six-bell towers. The composition section was being revised and they were also going to deal with the question of duplicated names. Members would know that many were known by unusual names.

In the Triples methods they would include all those that would produce a peal. A lot of those methods had not been rung. The Triples book would take a little longer to produce. They hoped that by this time next year the Triples book would be in print.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded.

The President: As librarian, I know there is a crying need for these books.

The report was adopted.

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Visitors from Dronfield and Chesterfield and friends from Handsworth were present at the meeting at Thryburgh on May 31st. Methods rung were Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford, and rounds for beginners. The local band served tea in the Church Hall and an attraction was Children's Hour television.

Mr. F. Brunt presided at the business meeting and asked the District to accept 10s. as Thryburgh's subscription as he had some young ringers whom he thought were too young to be made members of any of the three Societies in the District. The Ringing Master (Mr. Staveley) asked him to leave it for the time being as the committee would discuss the matter. Thanks were conveyed to Mr. Brunt and the local band for the excellent tea and to the Vicar for the use of the bells. The next meeting is at Campsall on June 28th.

Mr. Richard Churchward, of Dean Village, Buckfastleigh, Devon, desires to thank sincerely those members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild who recently rang a quarter peal 90th birthday.

Re page 338, May 23rd, 1958.—Who are these 'Raving Ringers'? They must be 'Odd Fellows.' They have their 'Bases Under Canvas' and no one knows whether they are 'In' or 'Out' of course.

Errata.—In the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee (see page 368) the hon. secretary proposed the election of Mr. W. N. Park and not his *co-option* to 'The Ringing World' Committee. He was *elected* to the Committee.

CENTRAL COUNCIL TO PROBE SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

POSITION TO BE ANALYSED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The first motion before the Council was in the name of Mr. N. Chaddock and read:—

'That a committee be appointed to investigate the state of Sunday service ringing to find out the factors making for success and to report back their findings and recommendations so that together with the ringing Associations and Church authorities the Central Council may help to increase and improve Sunday service ringing.'

Mr. Chaddock said the idea of such a committee had been in his mind for a number of years, and recent correspondence had led him to realise that others held the same view and to the proposition to set up a committee of the Central Council.

Was there a problem regarding Sunday service ringing? Was the quantity and quality throughout the land what it could and should be? Was it capable of improvement?

In my view there is a problem and improvement is possible, and I know many responsible ringers who hold similar views. Unless the Council is satisfied with things as they are it is its duty to take some action.

DEMAND IN YORKSHIRE

In order that I might put concrete information, rather than just my own personal impressions, before the meeting, I recently sent out a letter and questionnaire on this subject to over 150 towers in my own county (Yorkshire) where I did not know what the position was in regard to Sunday service ringing.

An analysis of the results proved beyond doubt that there is urgent need for action to be initiated by the Council through Associations, to bring about an improvement. One question I put was whether they thought the Central Council could help, and 75 per cent. said that the Central Council could, and 60 per cent. asked for the provision of instructors.

He thought this condition was pretty general throughout the country. He sent the result to Archdeacon Ellison, president of the Yorkshire Association, and he wrote that he hoped the resolution would produce help. Since the motion had appeared a number of people had written to him welcoming it. It would seem, therefore, that the setting up of the committee would receive wholehearted agreement, particularly from towers and ringers in need of help.

PANELS OF TUTORS

What sort of thing could such a committee do working through the Societies and Associations? They could ascertain the extent of the problem, collect and circulate information regarding causes, suggest remedies, factors for success and generally act as a clearing house of information between Guilds and Societies. They could investigate the means of finding more leaders and instructors; persuade existing leaders to take on the instruction of an additional tower, possibly remunerated by the local educational authority. They could help to create a panel of tutors or instructors, of assistants, and a waiting list of requests for tutors and guidance.

Representatives should endeavour to convince educational authorities of the social and cultural value of ringing. Some form of course might be run for instructors. Links with schools and other educational bodies might be formed. The committee might advise to secure the co-operation of the rural dean in each area and to stimulate clergy to greater interest, e.g., through theological colleges and Church Assembly representation.

The results might provide useful statistics to show where the black spots were. Endeavours

should also be made to get some news about ringing in every Church publication.

The Central Council had a committee on most things except the very reason for their existence. If established, the committee needed to be a vigorous one and its members people who were prepared to do a lot of hard work and who were likely to inspire others in the tremendous task to be undertaken.

ELLACOMBE'S NOTES

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, who seconded the motion in the absence of Mr. Philip Gray, who had to have an eye operation and rest for two months, said he had discussed the problem with Mr. Gray. It occurred to him that they had to be careful to point out what the problem was. It was the usual complaint that service ringing was not what it was. This was not true. Old ringers would say that they remembered when St. John's and St. Mark's bells were rung regularly and now they were silent on Sundays. He would point out that in many parts of England service ringing had been a comparatively recent development. If they looked at the notes on Ellacombe's chimes it was stated that it was to avoid unruly and disorderly men ringing on Sundays that he devised his chiming apparatus.

In certain parts of England service ringing had increased over the 70 years. He felt, however, that the Council did not concern itself with the very reason for its existence. One might ask how far were peals fulfilling the purpose for their ringing. A self-examination might reveal that the Council was failing to encourage service ringing and might by its policy be militating against such conditions. It might be that these findings would be helpful even if they were against themselves.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: All we have to do is to pass it over to the College of Campanology!

ASSOCIATIONS DOING THEIR DUTY

Mr. Fred Dunkerley thought the Associations were doing their duty regarding service ringing. Wherever they went in Ireland and the British Isles they would find that the topic of conversation was this question of Sunday ringing. It could not be said that this central body was not doing anything. That was what they were doing and doing well.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott: I should hate to imply that the Associations were not doing their job, but we feel if the committee could pool the experiences of the Associations and individual members we might be able to help the Associations.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston said he was in full agreement with Mr. Scott when he mentioned the individual. It all came back to the individual. They heard of Evercrech and how its ringing was heard by thousands. It was a small place, remote from a big centre of population and dependent entirely on its own efforts. How was it done? Hard work by those who ring there. He thought every good ringer should make a resolution to give one or two hours a week towards the instruction and improvement of beginners. If that was done the subject would be solved.

EXAMPLE FROM ISLEWORTH

Mrs. Rogers, who expressed herself as being entirely in agreement with the last speaker, said at Isleworth from 1949 to 1953 they had an excellent Surprise ten band. Two couples were married and went away until they were left with five or six people. They felt that something must be done about it. She had previously been asked to talk to various organisa-

tions in the Church, and as the result of two talks she gave to the Young Wives they had nine beginners, some boys 11 to 15 and two men. They had now a band of 14; most were beginners and they were now at the stage of Grandsire Triples and plain hunting. On practice nights they rang Grandsire and on one evening a week they came to their house and were given instruction on handbells single-handed. 'While I think it would be nice to have a committee I think the personal touch would do very much more,' she concluded.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin said the Essex Association had a lot of sympathy with the motion because they had been thinking on the same lines. They had sent out a letter to all incumbents with bells asking if they wanted help. He felt that Essex was in sympathy with the motion if a body of select people from the Council could look at the problem and report back. It would be useful to correlate the experience of Associations and would let everybody see they were trying to face up to the problem.

Mr. D. Burnett, speaking for the Truro Guild, said a lot was due to the incumbents. One of their rules said the incumbent appointed the ringers. If an incumbent liked bells he would get ringers.

Mr. R. G. Blackman commented that they had already been told by three speakers that the greatest responsibility rested on the local ringers. Surely the idea was to collate the information and issue a report next year to help all those who had not been so fortunate as Isleworth and other places.

IRELAND'S PROBLEM

Mr. F. E. Dukes said Ireland was a very big problem as most of the churches had very few parishioners and in some cases the number of ringers were about 10 per cent. of the Church population. About ten years ago, when the Irish Association was reorganised, there were five towers without teams of ringers. Now there was not one tower without a team of ringers and that was due to the District officers. He was in sympathy with the motion.

Mr. A. A. Hughes quoted the case of St. Lawrence Jewry. When the bells were put in in 1927 they got a band from the choir and they had hung together.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow emphasised that in a live parish the various activities of the church should not consist of a number of individual groups but one big family of the congregation, where each was interested in the activities of the other. That was his conception of church life, and they had to have it in each parish if it was to survive. With such a family spirit, if the bells were silent everybody would want to know why.

Mr. F. E. Perrens also supported the motion. The motion was then submitted and carried by a very substantial majority, about ten votes being cast against.

Appointed to the committee were Messrs. N. Chaddock, P. Gray, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, F. B. Lufkin and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, with power to co-opt.

(To be continued)

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On June 1st, 1,356 Plain Bob Minor: K. S. Hawthorn 1. C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3. A. D. Grant (first in method) 4, M. G. Lane 5, M. J. Palmer 6. Conductor's 25th double-handed quarter peal. Rung for the dedication service of Stanwell Branch British Legion (Women's Section).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RATCLIFFE-ON-WREAKE BELLS RING AGAIN

Dear Sir,—For at least ten years Ratcliffe bells have been silent. In Coronation year the secretary of the Syston District, Leicester Guild, visited the Rector to see if it were possible to get the bells ringing for the Coronation. The Rector refused to allow anyone to even inspect the bells.

Just before Christmas of last year we heard that there was a new priest in charge. Two members of the committee went to see him and were given permission to inspect and if possible get the bells ringing.

We found that apart from rotten ropes and nearly two feet of debris of the usual kind where windows are not covered with netting, there was not very much wrong. A strong-arm gang with shovels was recruited and one bright Saturday afternoon it all went out of the window. An odd experience to be excavating 60 feet up! We dug down to the mouths then found the sliders and rollers, all well preserved. All the repair necessary was one stay and one new slider. All bolts were tightened and bearings greased.

Meanwhile, all over the District efforts were being made to raise money to buy five new ropes.

Eventually all was finished and the bells rang out again—appropriately on Easter Sunday, when five District members rang a quarter peal. Since then we have rung for the induction of the Rector, and then a peal at Whitsun. After the peal the Rector led the band in prayer, and then they were royally entertained by the Vicar's warden.

Now for the real task—the teaching of a local band so that Ratcliffe bells will ring every week.—Yours faithfully,

B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics.

Mr. Ernest Morris writes: The bells were rung by W. Sturmer and Son, of Syston, in 1923, at a cost of £122 4s. 8d., and the first peal rung on them on August 25th of that year, conducted by W. H. Clarke. Only two other peals have been rung—Grandsire, conducted by Arthur Mansfield (Syston), and Stedman by E. Morris.

PIDDINGTON BELLS

Dear Sir.—The first peal on the ring of five at Piddington, Oxon, was rung on May 24th. Prior to 1887 there were three bells hung on a mediæval frame for four. In 1887 Messrs. F. White and Sons, of Appleton, made additions to the frame and hung two new trebles and recast the original treble. These three bells were cast by Llewellyn and James, of Bristol.

The fourth was cast in 1738 and the tenor in 1729 by Edward Hemins, of Bicester. The tone of the tenor is unique in that its harmonic is a minor sixth above the strike note.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL H. KINCH.

Bicester.

PEALS AT CRANLEIGH

Dear Sir,—With reference to your note in Belfry Gossip regarding the recent performance of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Cranleigh, which it is believed is the first to be rung there in 35 years:

I find that I took part on September 17th, 1927, in a peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major, of course, well within the period mentioned.

There are now but three survivors of the band who on that day, I think, rang the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Messrs. A. J. Bartlett, F. Bennett, R. Dawe, S. Radford and O. Sippets have all passed to their rest.—Yours, etc.,

A. C. HAZELDEN.

Guildford.

FALSE COURSE ENDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. Chant, in his article on the Extraction of False Course Ends (sorry, Heads), introduces one or two time-saving devices. To save even more time a knowledge of complementary F.C.H.'s is useful, these being the F.C.H.'s which occur when the tenors are reversed in position (II in Mr. Chant's procedure). For reference I have tabulated the complementary F.C.H.'s opposite each other, and also divided the course ends into groups, such that if one of a group occurs so will all the others. This should be a useful check to anyone extracting the F.C.H.'s of a method.

As a matter of interest, I think it will be obvious from this table that the complement of the reciprocal F.C.H. is the same as the reciprocal of the complementary F.C.H.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS.

Orpington, Kent.

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3.	53624—65432		{ 45623—35642
4.	32465—43265	15.	{ 64235—52364
5.	45236—32654		{ 45362—34625
6.	63542—56423	16.	{ 23645—25463
7.	{ 26543		{ 23564—26435
	{ 36245—42563		{ 53246—62453
8.	25634	17.	{ 43526—36452
9.	{ 34562—46325		{ 24653—25346
	{ 62345—54263		{ 26354—24536
10.	{ 65243—52643		{ 42356—34256
	{ 46532—36524	18.	{ 52436—63254
11.	{ 54326—64352		{ 35426—43652
	{ 56342—64523		{ 35264—42635
12.	54632—65324		
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SIGNATURES

Dear Sir,—On Whit Monday this year the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers held their annual meeting and festival in Hereford. With other rings in the district our bells at Burghill were available for ringing at intervals during the day. Our visitors book shows that 54 unsolicited signatures were entered during the day. This figure is not claimed to be even approaching a record, but it would be interesting to hear whether any other country parish church belfry possessing a visitors book can claim to substantially beat this figure on any one day in any year.—Yours truly,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Hereford.

The Ringing Master

SOLEMN THOUGHTS ON BEING RE-ELECTED

With deference to ringers and respect for the Clergy.

He Doubles up steps with his restless energy. In Minimus time the bells peal in the steeple. To start with the 'lesser lights'—those Minor people.

He ignores not the learners, round ringers and such.

Like the Spliced Surprise ringers they all have their 'touch.'

The Major problems which cause others a Just Triples his enormous enthusiasm. [spasm. In real Royal manner (this point do not miss), He Cinques all his personal prejudices.

In Maximus ringing time (brief 'rise' and 'fall')

With touching devotion he Caters for all.

H. CHANT.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On May 17th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor. S. H. Hardy 1. F. G. Wheller 2. R. Beard 3. F. Gorringe 4. B. Aldridge 5. P. G. Braund (cond.) 6. For Ascensiontide and in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss S. Marlow.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Mansfield District Formed

A general meeting of the Guild was held at Mansfield on May 31st, which was regarded as the first of the quarterly meetings resolved upon at the last general meeting. The fine bells of St. Peter's Church were available for ringing from 2.30 p.m.

At the business meeting, Mr. F. W. Midwinter took the chair, and altogether 39 members were present. The proposal to form a separate Mansfield District was the main item on the agenda and the chairman skilfully put forward the case for the Guild. He called upon Mr. B. A. Sollis for his views and he declared himself in favour of the idea and promised the goodwill of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association. Mr. Fossey, of Mansfield, Mr. Brown, of Mansfield Woodhouse, Mr. H. T. Rooke, of Warsop, Mrs. Woodhead, of Edwinstowe, and Mr. J. W. Raithby and Mr. W. L. Exton, of Newark, all spoke in favour of the idea.

Mr. F. A. Salter, of Nottingham, supported the proposition but deplored the proposed loss of Greasley and Eastwood to the new District.

Mr. B. N. Buswell, of Daybrook, did not feel the same sentiment as Mr. Salter for these towers and thought that the Nottingham District already had more than enough towers.

On a formal proposition being put to the meeting by Mr. B. N. Buswell, seconded by Mr. George Challans, and carried unanimously, it was resolved to proceed with the formation of a separate Mansfield District.

The following towers within the Diocese were tentatively agreed as being within the area covered by the Mansfield District, namely, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Cuckney, Warsop, Edwinstowe, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Selston, Hu-knall, Eastwood, Greasley, Farnsfield and Teversall.

The following officers were elected for the new District: Chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey; hon. secretary, Mr. Douglas Rooke; committee, Mr. A. J. Brown and Mrs. Woodhead. The first meeting was fixed for July 26th at Edwinstowe, when it is hoped that Guild members generally will attend and encourage the new District.

The next Guild quarterly meeting was fixed for September 6th next at Attenborough.

J. W. R.

JOINT SECRETARIES OF ROVING RINGERS MARRIED

Many ringing friends were present at St. Mary's, Beddington, on May 17th to witness the wedding of Mr. Michael Chilcott and Miss Kathleen Weller, the joint secretaries of the Society of Roving Ringers.

The bride, wearing a dress of off-white heavy brocade, was escorted by her father, Mr. H. Weller, and the Misses Sylvia Napier and Mary Kidney acted as bridesmaids.

The reception was at The Grange, Wallington, where telegrams of congratulation were read by the best man, Mr. David E. Parsons, including greetings from members of the Roving Ringers and the Ancient Society of College Youths. Wedding gifts were received from the Beddington band, the Surrey Association and the Society of Roving Ringers.

Beddington bells were rung before and after the service by the local band and other Surrey Association friends, and as the couple left for their honeymoon the bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, were sounding a peal of Stedman Cinques, rung by College Youths to honour jointly this event and the wedding of the Society's Master which took place the same day.

A quarter peal of Cambridge Minor was rung by West Country R.R.'s at Nailsea, and on the following Saturday a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Beddington to mark the happy occasion.

NOTICES

New Scale of Charges

Meetings: 3/6 (minimum) for 30 words, afterwards 1½d. a word. Each additional insertion half charge.

Other Notices: 4/- (minimum) for 36 words, afterwards 1½d. a word.

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BIRTH

PIPE.—On May 26th, 1958, at Brighton Hospital, Victoria, Australia, to Diana (née Matthew) and George Pipe, the precious gift of a daughter, Sarah Margaret, grand-daughter for Cecil and Sylvia R. E. Pipe. 2525

ENGAGEMENTS

DOWNS—GRAINGER.—The engagement is announced between Maurice Edward, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Downs, of East Malling, near Maidstone, Kent, and Angela, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Grainger, of Woburn, Beds. 2483

POYNER—PAYNE.—The engagement is announced between Harry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Poyner, of Leicester, and Mary Catherine, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Payne, of Syston, Leics. 2506

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

JONES—GRAY.—The marriage of Reginald Jones and Joan Gray will take place on June 28th at 2.30 o'clock at St. George's Church, Damerham. All friends welcome at the church. 2489

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston (secretary of Saxmundham District, Suffolk Guild), is now 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston, Suffolk. Telephone: Leiston 284. 2504

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chilcott is now 4, Princethorpe Road, Sydenham, S.E.26. 2520

The address of Mr. and Mrs. G. Francis is now Flat 5, Mayes Park, Warnham, Horsham, Sussex. 2484

SITUATIONS VACANT

SECRETARY.—The Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance has a vacancy for a secretary. Good shorthand and typing speeds essential together with a thorough knowledge of office routine for work of considerable variety. A commencing salary of £450 per annum will be paid to a girl with the right qualifications. Oxford being a good centre for ringing, this post might prove attractive to a lady ringer. Please apply in writing to Mr. A. R. Pink, Secretary to the Board, 88, St. Aldate's, Oxford. 2479

PERSONAL

MARRIAGE THRO' SOCIAL INTRODUCTIONS.—The only social service of its kind enjoying the warm approval of both Clergy and Press. It is completely confidential and operates throughout Great Britain. Interesting free brochure under plain sealed cover from The Bournemouth Bureau, 176, Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth. 1886

MISCELLANEOUS

CIRENCESTER.—Will visitors please note: Parish Church—First Sunday, ringing 8.45 a.m.; other Sundays, 5.30 p.m. Watermoor—First Sunday, 5.15 p.m.; other Sundays, 9.15 a.m. 2486

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.—Members taking part please note. Coach will pick up at Staverton 7.5, Byfield 7.20, Charwelton 7.25, Badby (main road) 7.30, Newnham 7.35, Bugbrooke 7.50, Lower Heyford 7.55, Weedon (main road) 8.5, Daventry 8.15.—F. W. Hancock. 2512

CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY.—Will borrowers please return their books forthwith or, if they still require them, notify Mr. F. W. Perrens, hon. librarian, 68, Warwick Avenue, Coventry.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne, June 14th, 3 p.m. 2466

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lindfield, June 14th. Names for tea to A. Drew, Church House, Lindfield, Haywards Heath.—C. A. Bassett. 2463

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Trumpington (8) on Saturday, June 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2464

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stisted, Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. 2414

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer festival.—Saturday, June 14th, Service at Hershham. 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Bishop of Guildford. Tea (nearby) 5.15 p.m. Towers open: Horsell (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; Chobham (8), 10.15 to 11.15; Ottershaw (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Chertsey (8), 11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.; Weybridge (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Oatlands Park (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Hershham (8), 3.30 to 4.30; Walton (8), 6.15 to 8; Esher (8), 7 to 9; Thames Ditton (6), 7 to 8.15; East Molesey (8), 7.45 to 8.45 p.m. 2416

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, June 14th. Refreshments provided. Buses from Preston 2 p.m. and 2.50 p.m., also from Liverpool, Southport and Oswaldtwistle.—L. Walmsley 2497

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W.1, Saturday, June 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, business to follow.—C. E. Slade, 15, Kenton Road, Harrow. 2446

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Aston Abbots on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business.—E. F. Gibbard. 2518

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening meeting, Farnsfield, June 14th. Bells (5) 6 p.m. Garden party at Vicarage in afternoon. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2472

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, June 14th, at Harting (6) 3 p.m. Tea at Rogate 4.45. Bells (6) available after. 2477

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Chew Magna (8) on Saturday, June 21st, at 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2497

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Aspley Guise, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. No service. Tea at garden party. The vicar requests some handbell ringing.—K. G. Spavins. 2487

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by June 18th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2522

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2527

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North-eastern District.—Meeting at Bedworth, Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Names, please.—D. A. Carpenter, 78, Earlsdon Avenue South, Coventry. 2524

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 21st, Hexham Abbey, 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 2496

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 21st, at Shirland. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. Mason, 1, Birkinstyle Lane, Shirland, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 2510

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingsay (6) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2519

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2523

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Saturday, June 21st, Olveston (8), quarterly meeting. Usual arrangements. All visitors and members welcomed. Numbers for tea before June 15th to F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 2501

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Lechlade, Saturday, June 21st, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by June 18th essential.—R. Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. 2488

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting to be held at Duffield (10) on June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea by Wednesday, June 18th, to Mr. Foulk, 1, King Street, Duffield. Everyone welcome. 2499

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Whitefield, Saturday, June 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—J. Porter. 2491

LAVENHAM.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. All welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 2514

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Ulceby (6) on June 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by June 17th, to Mr. Walker, Front Street, Ulceby, Lincs. 2452

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL Open Day, June 21st. Ringing 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. St. Nicholas' 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.—J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 2481

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Sunbury, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Short business meeting. Further ringing in evening. See next week's 'Ringing World' for further details.—W. T. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2511

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Notify for tea by June 17th Mr. Wisewell, Beech-Hurst, Victoria Road, Wargrave, Berks.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 2485

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Weldon (6) on Saturday, June 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please, to Mr. F. Ginns, Woodbine Cottage, Corby Road, Weldon.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Sec. 2490

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 21st, Great Bedwyn and Savernake, afternoon and evening respectively. For tea, names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 2515

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lytchett Minster, Saturday, June 21st. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by June 18th J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 2521

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2494

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 21st. Service at St. Michael's 3.45. Tea 4.30 in St. Michael's Church Room. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 2458

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh (8) on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food—tea provided.—B. Crossman. 2507

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at North Wheatley (6) on Saturday, June 21st. Names for tea by 17th to Mr. J. Wright, Eastfield, North Wheatley, Retford.—H. Denman. 2508

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly district meeting will be held on June 21st. Thames Ditton bells 3 to 4. Service at Kingston 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Miss M. Lewis, 28, Ewell Road, Surbiton, by Wednesday previous, please. Kingston bells after meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 2474

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, June 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 18th, to Miss C. M. Jupp, 14, Martyns Close, Henfield.—Geo. North, Sec. 2447

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Eling, June 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea in Church Hall 4.45. Names for tea, by June 18th, to J. Hartless, 17, Testwood Crescent, Salisbury Road, Totton. 2459

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Baughurst on Saturday, June 21st. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by June 17th to L. West, Church Green, Baughurst, near Basingstoke.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 2509

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 21st, at Lindley. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Thursday, June 19th, to Mr. A. W. Bond, 49/51, Lidget Street, Lindley, Huddersfield. No. 71 trolleybus from Huddersfield.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2454

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Sunday, June 22nd, will be observed as Ringers' Sunday. There will be a Corporate Communion at 8 a.m. At Evensong special prayers will be said and the lessons will be read by members of the local Society. Visitors are cordially invited. Ringing times: 7.40 a.m., 10 to 10.50 a.m., 5.15 to 6.20 p.m. and after Evensong. 2493

DEVON GUILD.—Mid and South West Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 28th, at Dean Prior, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Buckfastleigh bells available 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 2503

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Prize contest and annual meeting, Thornhill, Saturday, June 28th. Entrance fee (10s.) by June 14th to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Manchester. For teas notify by June 21st D. Scargill, Shir-Lea, Chapel Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury.—A. Farrand. 2406

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brabourne, Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. G. K. Finn, Holly Cottage, Brabourne. Bells at Stowting (6) available after tea.—C. T. H. 2516

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ruskington (6), Saturday, June 28th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 2526

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Burford on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of address and reply to J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Rosemary, Freeland, Oxford. 2421

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Summer meeting and social, Saturday, June 28th. Bells available: Wootton, 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Roade, 2.30 to 4; Courteenhall, 3.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 7.30; Collingtree, 6.30 to 7.30. Service, Courteenhall, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names essential for tea by Saturday, June 21st, please, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. Social evening at Collingtree 7.30 to 11.30 p.m. Tickets available (2s.) from A. C. Cozens, 6, Grafton Road, Roade, Northampton, or from secretary. Refreshments available. 2482

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (established 1623).—The 335th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 4 p.m. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea arranged for those notifying me by Thursday, June 26th. This being carnival day, catering may be difficult, so a postcard is essential to L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 2513

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Brecon, Saturday, June 28th. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per person) in Parish Hall 5.15. General meeting to follow. The chair will be taken by the Lord Bishop. Ringing arrangements: Usk (8), 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Ebbw Vale (8) 2 to 2.45 p.m.; Brecon St. Mary's (8) 2.30 to 3.30 and 6.30 to 8.15 p.m., also St. David's, Brecon (6), 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 2408

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Upper Arley (Arley-on-Severn), near Bewdley, Saturday, June 28th. Bus from Bell Hotel, Stourbridge, 2.30 p.m. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Please give this meeting fullest support—a good time is assured.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Old Farm, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2517

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Selby, Saturday, June 28th. Abbey bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Hawdon Institute 5 p.m. Names, please, by June 26th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Dr'ie, Selby. Subscriptions due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2500

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch (6) on Saturday, July 5th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Special method, Cambridge S.M. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 2492

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, July 5th. Bells available: St. Stephen's (8), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's (6), 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 2 to 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 3.15 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. All three towers will be open after the meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 1st, please to Mr. B. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. No name, no tea. 2505

QUARTER PEALS

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean M. Jones 1, Margaret Ward (first 'inside') 2, Brenda M. Foster 3, Susan P. Nicholson 4, Mary R. Andrews (cond.) 5, J. L. Morris 6. For Evensong. Also on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Judith R. Cox 1, Mary R. Andrews 2, Brenda M. Foster 3, Jean M. Jones (first 'inside') 4, Beverley A. Thompson 5, Susan P. Nicholson 6, J. L. Morris 7, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mark's Church, on May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Wylde 1, Pauline Sprackling 2, M. E. Downs 3, P. J. Bird 4, M. T. Sprackling (first in method as cond.) 5, A. J. Smith 6. Rung for the University Founders' Day celebration.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,309 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Monica Blagrove 1, K. Buckingham 2, A. Bird 3, J. Brooks 4, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 5, A. J. Painter 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. G. Welsh, wife of Mr. G. Welsh, Rector's warden.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, L. S. Woods 2, S. Penfold 3, A. Gargrave (first in method) 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances Johnson (first of Minor) 1, Maud Clarke 2, Hilary Johnson 3, S. Webb 4, H. Johnson 5, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6, B. Lewis tenor. Rung to mark the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson, parents of the ringers of 1, 3 and 5.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles (Morris's 240 and 10 different 120s): Mary Meynell 1, Violet I. Relf 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, W. P. Tickner 4, W. Prior 5, J. F. Burden (first quarter) 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): Miss H. Pugh 1, G. Oliver 2, N. Carter 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6. First in three methods for 1, 2 and 4.

LANCASTER.—On May 18th, at St. Peter's R. C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): R. Crook 1, J. Woods 2, R. Warden 3, R. Rainford 4, H. Rainford (cond.) 5, J. Pyc 6. Rung to celebrate the opening of the new Church of St. Bernardette, Lancaster, this day.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On June 1st, at St. Alfege's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Rooke 1, M. Hawkes 2, V. Sheppard (first in method) 3, T. Culver 4, R. Sheppard (first as cond.) 5, R. Johnson 6. Te Deum Laudamus.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On June 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Roberts 1, R. H. Tyler 2, B. Madeley 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, F. Price 8. Rung for the christening of Paul Hazeldine, son of the 4th ringer; also the conductor's wife's birthday.

READING, BERKS.—On April 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Cottrell 1, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 2, G. Holloway (first 'inside') 3, A. Diserens 4, Mrs. P. Lewington 5, W. Newton 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, B. C. Stirland 8. Also on May 18th, at St. Laurence's Church, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, Mrs. W. Allaway 3, R. W. Rex 4, J. N. Diserens 5, B. C. Stirland 6, C. E. Lewington 7, F. W. Lewis 8, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 9, N. J. Diserens 10. Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael V. Chilcott and Kathleen Weller.

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 2528

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 21st, at Tewin. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Rose and Crown, 2s. 6d. per head.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 2529

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from page 253)

Oxford T.B. Major.—5,120 at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on December 27th, 1718, by the Union Scholars.

Oxford T.B. Royal.—5,200 at St. Sepulchre's, London, on April 7th, 1741, by the Eastern Scholars.

Oxford T.B. Maximus.—5,040 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 12th, 1758, by the College Youths. Oxford T.B. was often rung under the title Union Bob or Union Treble Bob.

Kent Treble Bob.—This method was regarded as a variation of Oxford Treble Bob, and no doubt many early peals of Kent were recorded as Oxford. In the 'R.W.', August 27th, 1943, J. A. Trollope gives a good argument that the peals of Cumberland Treble Bob were actually of Kent Treble Bob.

Kent Treble Bob Major.—5,088 at Leeds, Kent, on June 5th, 1774, by the Leeds Youths.

Kent Treble Bob Royal.—5,760 at Leeds, Kent, on May 15th, 1784, by the Leeds Youths.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus.—7,200 at Birmingham on April 17th, 1820, by the St. Martin's Youths.

Cumberland T.B. Major.—5,504 at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on May 4th, 1795, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland T.B. Royal.—5,200 at Shoreditch on December 13th, 1794, by the Cumberland Youths.

Cumberland T.B. Maximus.—5,232 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 9th, 1795, by the Cumberland Youths.

Stedman Triples.—Peals were rung at St. Peter Mancroft on October 25th, 1731, and at St. Michael Coslany on December 6th, 1731, by local bands of the Norwich Scholars.

Stedman Caters.—5,076 at St. John's, Horsleydown, Southwark, on May 28th, 1787, by the College Youths.

Stedman Cinques.—6,204 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on October 6th, 1788, by the College Youths.

Double London Court Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, on May 17th, 1735, by the College Youths. It is probable that the early peals of Court Bob in London and Kent were actually Double London Court.

Double London Court Bob Royal.—6,720 at Leeds, Kent, on January 25th, 1765, by the Leeds Youths.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major.—5,040 at St. Michael's Coslany, on March 9th, 1741, by the Norwich Scholars. Presumably the peals of Court Bob at Norwich were all actually of Double Norwich Court.

Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.—5,040 at St. Peter Mancroft on April 7th, 1769, by the Norwich Scholars.

Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus.—5,016 at St. Peter Mancroft on January 20th, 1817, by the Norwich Scholars.

Having covered the standard methods—Plain, Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman and Court—we can now deal with the other methods rung to peals in the 18th century.

College Single Triples.—5,040 at St. Olave's, Southwark, on March 23rd, 1728, by the College Youths.

Fulham Triples.—5,040 at Fulham in 1748 by the Fulham Youths.

Middlesex Triples.—5,040 at Twickenham on January 21st, 1733, by the Twickenham Scholars.

New Bob Triples.—5,040 at Shoreditch on March 28th, 1750, by the Cumberland Youths.

Richmond Triples.—5,040 at Richmond, Surrey, on March 10th, 1742, by the Richmond Society.

Royal Triples.—5,040 at Dover on November 11th, 1750, and at Twickenham in 1751.

St. Dunstan's Triples.—5,040 at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, on January 27th, 1728, by the College Youths.

St. Simon's College Bob Triples.—5,040 at St. Bride's on April 12th, 1732, by the College Youths.

Union Triples.—5,040 at St. Lawrence Jewry on February 17th, 1728, by the College Youths.

Hick Triples.—Rung at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on September 9th, 1718; is the same as Grandsire Triples.

Hank Triples.—Rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on February 26th, 1738; is the same as Grandsire Triples.

London Union Triples.—Rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on December 28th, 1782; is presumably the same as Union Triples.

The following Triples methods, rung by the All Saints' Youths of Wakefield, are not known, the figures presumably being lost. They may, however, be only variations of Plain Bob or Grandsire Triples.

Wakefield Pleasure Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on February 15th, 1756.

Vauxhall Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on September 23rd, 1761.

Merry Wakefield Delight Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on December 25th, 1762.

Wakefield Royal Bob Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 14th, 1763.

Wakefield Evening Delight Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 14th, 1764.

Barnsley Evening Pleasure Triples.—5,040 at Barnsley on February 23rd, 1773.

Wakefield Delight Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 21st, 1788.

Wakefield Surprise Triples.—5,040 at Wakefield on May 21st, 1788.

New Bob Caters.—5,040 at Shoreditch on January 21st, 1770, by the Cumberland Youths. Morris gives this as Grandsire New Double Caters.

Union Caters.—6,410 at Shoreditch on December 26th, 1786, by the Cumberland Youths. Morris does not give this.

Cumberland Real Double Caters.—5,165 at St. Magnus', London, on December 10th, 1720, by the Cumberland Youths, and is Real Double Grandsire Caters.

Real Double Bob Cinques.—5,236 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on February 26th, 1776, by the Cumberland Youths, and is Real Double Grandsire Cinques.

(To be continued)

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

The meeting of the Kent Branch on May 24th was attended by some 21 members and friends. On this sunny Whit Saturday afternoon the really beautiful old Church of St. Leonard provided a delightful setting for the very enjoyable service conducted by the Vicar.

The eight bells were rung all the afternoon, but as several of those present had to begin long journeys home shortly after the business meeting, the ringing during the evening consisted of Grandsire on handbells in the churchyard and Stedman Doubles, Kent Minor and Grandsire Triples in the tower.

As the next meeting in Kent will be the annual general at Canterbury on July 5th, the next Branch meeting was arranged for September 27th, and Frindsbury was suggested.

S. M. D.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: D. H. Rooke 1, H. Prout 2, G. Challans 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, J. T. Rooke 6. For Ascension Day Evensong. Also on May 18th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob: Miss N. Wilcox 1, H. Prout 2, R. Lucas 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Successful Festival Held At Fowey

On May 17th the spring festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch was held at Fowey Parish Church, and was attended by about 90 ringers and friends from St. Mewan, St. Gorran, St. Stephen, St. Dennis, St. Ewe, Tywardreath, Newlyn East, Kea, and Truro Cathedral.

Guild officers present were vice-presidents Mr. W. H. Southard, Canon F. F. Gilbert and Mr. H. J. Clark, also Mr. W. Moss, secretary of the Launceston Branch.

In the afternoon all the ringers rang at intervals before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Fowey (Rev. G. W. I. Coe). The Vicar preached a very appropriate sermon and welcomed the ringers to Fowey. Attending the service were the Mayor and Mayoress of Fowey. Tea was provided by the Mothers' Union and wives of the Fowey bell-ringers.

The B.B.C. recording car from Plymouth took some recordings of the bells and also interviewed the Vicar, the secretary, also Mr. H. Lander, of St. Stephen, and 15-year-old Michael Joslin, of St. Mewan.

Later in the evening all the bands of ringers took part in the test ringing, and several certificates were awarded. The judges were Mr. A. Locke, of St. Kea, and Mr. J. Keatte, of St. Merryn.

The festival concluded with a gathering in the hall, where refreshments were served, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, and the ladies for putting on such a splendid tea. The organiser was the Branch secretary (Mr. D. Burnett), assisted by Mr. H. Lander, of St. Stephen-in-Brannel.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District Meeting

A most enjoyable meeting of the Newark District was held at All Saints' Church, Winthorpe, on Saturday, May 17th. Although the attendance was rather small during the afternoon, it approached 40 after tea, and ringing ranged from rounds to a variety of Surprise Minor methods.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. F. Houghton, who also kindly took the chair at the business meeting. One new member, Mr. J. Hadley, of Sutton-on-Trent, was elected, and East Bridgford was confirmed as the place for the July meeting.

It was agreed to hold an experimental evening meeting at Farnsfield on June 14th, ringing to commence at 6 p.m. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 9s. 4d.

Many thanks are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers and their wives, who so kindly arranged and served an excellent tea.

W. L. E.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The annual meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Kelsale. The attendance was low, but the bells were kept ringing until almost 9 p.m. Methods rung included Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, and various rounds.

At the business meeting the hon. secretary and Ringing Master were re-elected. Mr. Leonard Minns, of Pulham Market, Norfolk, was elected a non-resident life member.

Next meeting: Peasenhall and Yoxford on July 12th.

5,120 Highgate Surprise Major

By MAURICE HODGSON

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Rung at Willesden, February 13th, 1958, conducted by J. R. Mayne.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Terry 1, Miss K. M. Walsh 2, C. Eades 3, B. E. Jemmett 4, B. J. Luck 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, N. Tumber 8. In memoriam Tom Easton Eades, for 48 years a faithful ringer at this church.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On May 19th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): M. Gartside 1, Lavina Hulford 2, N. Moxon 3, Eleanor Rose 4, Grace Burchnell (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6, Katharine Burchnell 7, W. Rushby 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. A. Midwinter, whose funeral took place this day. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Katharine Burchnell 1, Lavina Hulford 2, D. Hough (first 'inside') 3, Eleanor Rose 4, B. Hough 5, M. Gartside (first as cond.) 6, R. Mumford 7, W. Rushby 8.

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