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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

THE length of time since the last article in this series means that some of the items mentioned are not quite as 'recent' as usual! But better late than never, I hope. As usual, we first turn to landmarks. Pride of place must go to Debenham, where we can safely say the 300-peal mark has now been passed. Which peal was the 300th will probably never be known, since a few were rung prior to 'Bell News' (I have five such). However, the peal on March 15th last was the 300th since 1881. Lavenham is another tower where there was an odd peal before 1881 (I have recorded three), so that the peal on May 24th, which was the 150th to be published in the ringing press, is possibly the 153rd.

In mentioning that the next peal on the bells at Burnham, Bucks, is the 150th on the bells, one is on safer ground, since the first peal there was not rung until 1897. Several towers have reached or are about to reach the century mark. Measham's 100th peal was on March 8th (the first was rung in 1913); Erdington (R.C. church) had its 100th on April 21st. According to the footnote, the first peal ever in the town was on these bells on January 15th, 1883. There appear to be only two R.C. churches where 100 peals have been rung—this one and Birmingham, St. Chad's Cathedral, which has had 132. Then I can confirm the 100th peals at Milton-next-Gravesend and Portsmouth Cathedral. Congratulations to all these towers.

I believe Dorchester, Oxon, has also become a centenarian. I have recorded 99, but I think there were one or two earlier than 1881. Darley Dale's next peal will be the 100th. As for 50 peals, we have Woburn (1st in 1887), Sutton-on-Trent (1st in 1925), Headingley, St. Michael's (1st in 1892), and Wrotham (1st in 1883) reaching that number, whilst Buxton, Norfolk, Manchester Town Hall, Barwell and Heckington do so with their next peals. Marston celebrated its 25th peal in fine style with 12,600 Doubles!

Amongst 'First peal on the bells' one has noted Upton, Wirral; Lyng, Norfolk; Freckenham; Bottisham; Eriswell; Thruxton; Heswall; Paddington; Bradford (Devon). Some of these were claimed and some were not. Unless the bells had been recast, the peal at Holme Pierrepont, Notts, was not the first on the bells; a peal of Doubles in three methods was rung there in 1921.

Of towers that have had previous peals, the one which appears to have had the longest silence since the last article is Holbeck, R.C. church. It was almost exactly 50 years since there had been a peal there—March 7th, 1908 (the recent one was on March 1st). There were eight peals here from 1896 to 1908. Two other towers appear for the first time since the first world war—Bristol, St. Thomas's, which was last seen in 1913 (I confirm four peals in all here) and Colsterworth, in 1914 (there were nine peals from 1911 to 1914). Pershore, St. Andrew's, had a silence of nearly 40 years—the three previous peals were rung in 1913, 1914 and 1920. Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake had three peals from 1923 to 1925, and there have been none since until this year. Cranleigh's last peal was in 1927. There were nine just before the first war and six from 1917 to 1927. Only three of these peals were of Major, and none of these Surprise Major. I expect that will soon be altered now that the bells are in order again! Hose also had its last peal in 1927. There was one before that in 1911.

It is just 30 years since Winlaton appeared in the peal columns. The four previous peals here were rung in 1893, 1902 and 1928 (2). Four towers were last heard in a peal in 1931. They are Great Milton (eight peals in all—first in 1902); Hardingstone (also eight peals, first in 1911); Kilndown (first peal 1905; then four from 1912-1914 and 13 from 1920 to 1931), and Enmore (three peals now, 1906, 1931 and 1958). Orwell and Irnham had previous peals in 1932. The former had only had this one before, but Irnham also had one in 1930 (the footnote to the recent peal—first peal for over 40 years on the bells—was not quite accurate, therefore). In the case of Walsden, the footnote—first on the bells for 20 years—erred the other way. It is 25 years ago, in 1933, that the last peal was rung here. Before that, peals were rung in 1872, 1890, 1914 and 1926. The only previous peal at Stoke Abbott was in 1935, whilst at Padworth there have been two peals before the recent one, in 1912 and 1936.

Two towers have had a peal silence since 1937. They are Hampton in Arden and Exning. The first now has a total of four peals, there being others in 1908 and 1925, whilst the latter has only these two, 1937 and 1958. In the last six months, there have been four towers which were last in the peal lists 20 years ago. Oadby was the first, and there were six peals here spread out fairly evenly from 1908 to 1938. Then came Great Barford, celebrating its fourth peal with one in 21 methods. The previous ones were all in two methods, in 1923, 1936 and 1938. Thirdly, Storrington, where I can confirm that the only previous peal was in 1938; finally, Uffington, Berks, with exactly the same history. There is another Uffington in Lincolnshire which had its last peal in 1903!

It will probably be of interest to some to mention a few more towers which appear infrequently. Southgate has had its second peal since the war and yet at one time it was a very popular peal-ringing tower. It passed the 100 peal mark in 1901, 150 in 1909, and had reached 170 by the first war. There were only 19 between the wars, so the grand total is still less than 200. Bristol, Christ Church, has a similar record, though with fewer peals. We have just had the second peal since the war. There were 39 here from 1910 to 1914, then one each in 1918 and 1919, then silence until 1953. Mortlake, until the recent peal, had only had one other since 1925 (which was the only one between the wars, by the way). That was in 1948. Two or three peals a year were rung here during the 1890's.

Blaenavon has had only five peals since the first in 1912. All are of Grandsire Triples or Doubles, so a 'Major' peal can be expected here soon! The only previous peal at Harthill, Yorks, was Yorkshire Surprise Major in 1945. One would have expected to find many more than that in this peal-ringing centre around Sheffield. Pitsford (five) has had five previous peals. They were all Grandsire Doubles and rung in 1913, 1924, 1926, 1930 and 1944. Willingham by Stow was last seen in 1946. There had been eight peals commencing in 1931 before the recent one. It is ten years since there was a peal at St. Anne's-on-Sea. There have been 12 in all now, the first in 1891. The recent peal was the first of Surprise on the bells. The first peal on the augmented bells at Thurnby suggested to me that the ringers might be interested to know that there had been three peals there when it was a five-bell tower—in 1921, 1937 and 1951. Whilst talking of five-bell towers, Little Houghton is to be congratulated on reach-

ing double figures since the last article appeared. There are now 25 such towers, so the number is gradually increasing.

Concerning a couple of footnotes, Longparish had a peal in seven Minor methods in 1946, so the recent peal was not the first such on the bells; Lewknor had a peal of Doubles in 1947. It was in 19 methods.

Then a final item of peculiar interest. The peal at Dersingham was the 19th consecutive peal of Plain Bob Minor since 1951! There had been six peals in 20 years before then. The local band must be fond of the method!

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., July 7, 1958, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

KEITH WILLIAMS	Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ..	6
STELLA HUGHES	2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ..	7
M. JILL FISHER	3	ERNEST STITCH	8
HOWARD HOWELL	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES ..	9
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ..	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON ..	Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
Arranged for the 21st birthday of Keith Williams.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 15, 1958, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

WILLIAM LOVE	Treble	JOHN R. SMITH	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	JOHN S. BARNES	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS	8
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	9
GEORGE SAYER	5	BERT GOGLE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 16, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN ..	Treble	MAURICE E. DOWNS	6
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	†COLIN A. TESTER	7
ROBIN A. HODGSON	3	JOHN R. COOPER	8
THOMAS E. SONE	4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
GEOFFREY PEARSON	5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	Tenor

Arranged by GEOFFREY PEARSON. Conducted by THOS. CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal in three methods for all the band and for the Association. First peal of Spliced Royal for the Association on tower bells.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

FRANCIS G. WILTON ..	Treble	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ..	6
WALTER H. TRUEMAN ..	2	ALAN F. LEE	7
VICTOR GRIFFIN	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	8
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ..	9
ERIC SUTTON	5	ROGER O. FRY	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by all except the ringers of the third and tenor, and the first in the county and for the Association. First peal of Yorkshire Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*C. WHYLES	Treble	*DAVID STAINSBY	5
MRS. ATKINSON	2	LEONARD BLANCHARD ..	6
HORACE M. DAY	3	FREDERICK FRENCH ..	7
CECIL WADE	4	ALBERT SCOTT	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal.
Rung in memoriam Arthur Holmes, interred at Edenham on Saturday, May 24th.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	Treble	*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ..	5
*MRS. B. HOLMES	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE ..	6
CYRIL WRIGHT	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
ARTHUR B. COOPER	4	ROGER BALDWIN	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF 5056 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN F. MURFIN	Treble	JOHN ANDERSON	5
VIVIENNE M. HORTON ..	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE ..	Tenor

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS.
Conducted by D. R. CARLISLE.
First peal in the method for all and for the Association.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HACKINGTON,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

*NICHOLAS J. DAVIS ..	Treble	DAVID STAPLES	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
DEREK C. CHATFIELD ..	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal on eight bells.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*PAUL W. WEBB	Treble	ALFRED BALLARD	5
*ANN BARR	2	†FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	*WILLIAM A. LACEY	7
J. EDWARD CAWSE	4	*S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
* First peal in the method. † 400th peal.
A compliment to S. Anthony Jesson and Peta P. Cole on their engagement.

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LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE Treble	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 7
JOHN W. BLYTHE 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*LEWIS F. COBB Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	*MICHAEL J. BEST 6
*JOHN HARTLESS 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JOHN B. LONG Treble	†R. FRANK BAKER 5
*JENNIFER M. DAVIES 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
*ANNE E. AMOR 3	BRYAN PATTISON 7
HAROLD S. PEACOCK 4	KEITH WAKEFIELD .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*DEREK FOWLES Treble	*H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 5
FRANK E. BISHOP 2	DENNIS R. RANDALL .. 6
DAVID N. ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM T. COOK 7
R. JAMES COOK 4	J. DESMOND PAINTER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

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

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 15, 1958, in 3 Hours 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
EDWIN BROMLEY 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 7
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 25th peal and first peal in the method. Mr. E. J. Ladd has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

Rung for St. Swithin's Day and a birthday peal for Mrs. H. Baker, G. Kenward and the conductor.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

WILLIAM ARNOLD MORLEY Treble	IAN M. HOLLAND 5
JAMES H. PAILING 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3	GORDON A. HALLS 7
H. DAVID HOLLAND 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Composed by G. A. HALLS and D. R. CARLISLE. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 6
JACK PILGRIM 3	PETER S. BEDFORD .. 7
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. 4	JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A birthday compliment to Christine Bailey, granddaughter of 2nd ringer.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. Treble	JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 5
*HAROLD F. WHITE 2	*THOMAS PRICE 6
*WILLIAM H. TYLER 3	†EDMUND MALIN 7
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

A farewell to the curate, the Rev. J. J. Hogan.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., July 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt., 18 lb.

FRED PRITCHARD Treble	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH .. 5
JOHN MEADOWCROFT 2	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. 6
*MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON .. 3	HAROLD HAMER 7
STEPHEN LL. PARRY 4	IVAN KAY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Derek Ogden and Joyce Halliday.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN THOMAS Treble	*GUY PICKAVANCE 5
*ANN ELLIS 2	†GEOFFREY PARTING .. 6
JOHN S. DEAN 3	*MICHAEL HART 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. 150th peal as conductor.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 19, 1958, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Treble	*GEORGE A. SPENCER .. 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
*JILL MAYES 3	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD .. 7
†CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	*JACK S. DEAR Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 24, 1958, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Grandsire and 10 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM LAKE Treble	EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 3
JOHN H. WILLIAMS 2	ALBERT COOPER 4

MICHAEL F. AMOS Tenor
Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

* First peal.
Rung by members of the local band for the Festival of Whitsun.

HOBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., June 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), and ten of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES H. BURNHAM .. Treble	J. HARRY COOK .. 3
RICHARD E. MANTON .. 2	HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 4
ROLAND H. COOK .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

Rung as a farewell tribute to Rev. T. Howell Evans and Mrs. Evans, who left the parish the same day for their new home at Brent-Pelham, Herts.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.*

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

FREDA HANKEY .. Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY .. 4
TREVOR A. CROSS .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 twelve-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.

EDMUND J. MORRIS .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS .. 5
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS .. 3	JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

With Grandsire calls at the lead-ends only.

POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

STANLEY H. WALLIS .. Treble	*PETER G. SMITH .. 4
*JOHN P. HULME .. 2	ALAN S. SMITH .. 5
SHEILA I. SMITH .. 3	BRYAN F. SIMS .. Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells and first peal on them since 1933.

PYTCHELY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 15 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Union, Chase, Seighford, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, April Day, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in G.

TERRY M. HAINES .. Treble	*RAYMOND HENMAN .. 3
ROBERT S. ROBERTS .. 2	*ALLAN R. JONES .. 4
ROBIN V. BAKER .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

* First peal in 15 methods. Longest length by all the band.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL .. 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 2	ROY S. WILSON .. 5
*BARRY BROWN .. 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in seven methods.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's wife, and to daughter Beverley, on her third birthday.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY W. MILLS .. Treble	SAMUEL TWITCHETT .. 4
MARIAN H. MILLS .. 2	*MICHAEL A. MILLS .. 5
IVAN COOPER .. 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL A. MILLS.

* First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLERSEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., July 5, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LEONARD MILLS .. Treble	†ANTHONY J. BRAZIER .. 4
†ROBERT C. COLE .. 2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 5
†COLIN B. LONGMORE .. 3	†HAROLD E. RAXTER .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

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

‡ 25th peal. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

Rung as the quarterly peal for the Association; also a birthday compliment to Mr. Anthony J. Brazier.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., July 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 15 methods: (1) Spliced Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, 26 changes of method, (2) London and Wells, 12 changes of method; (3) York and Durham, 12 changes of method; (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, 11 changes of method; (5) Beverley; (6) Netherseale; (7) Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REG. E. J. SHEPPARD .. Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 4
*†JOYCE A. GOOD .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 5
†WALTER AYRE .. 3	KEITH B. GOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in more than seven methods. † 175th peal together.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

MERTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Mon., July 7, 1958, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 11 methods, viz.: Four extents each of All Saints', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and two extents of Stedman. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in B.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. Treble	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. 3
JOHN L. MORRIS .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 4
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., July 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.*

A PEAL OF 5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOHN R. MAYNE .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN .. 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	DENNIS LAUD .. 5
RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., July 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.*

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 20 120's and 11 different 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

RODNEY J. MUSSON .. Treble	JOHN H. SMITH .. 4
WALTER WESTON .. 2	JAMES H. MUSSON .. 5
HENRY P. COLLIN .. 3	JOHN F. WRIGHT .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. George H. Smith, sidesman and member of St. Denis's Parochial Church Council, who was laid to rest in the afternoon.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six extents, each of seven methods, being Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

- *TROOPER BURLEIGH HAYCOCK (16/5th Lancers) Treble
- †TROOPER MICHAEL C. GATHERCOLE (5th Royal Tanks) 2
- 2/LIEUT. BRUCE GRAINGER (Royal Signals) 3
- 2/LIEUT. JAMES R. TAYLOR (Royal Signals) 4
- SIGNALMAN GEOFFREY R. PARKER (Royal Signals) Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.
 * First peal. † First of Doubles.
 Rung by National Servicemen of Catterick Garrison on the front five of this ring of eight.

TREDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 9, 1958, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods (21 variations), being 240 each of Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. John, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Andrew, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

- CHARLES ROUSE Treble
- WENDY BIRD 3
- E. TREVOR NEWBURY 2
- *CYRIL A. WRATTEN 4
- ROBERT DOWDESWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
 * 100th peal on tower bells (conducted 25). First peal in nine methods for all, except the conductor.
 Rung as a welcome to Martin Paul Buckley, grandson of the ringer of the second.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, All Saints, Little Aston, Southrepps and Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb.

- ALLAN R. JONES Treble
- PATRICIA A. NEESHAM 3
- *PATRICIA F. CURTIS 2
- MICHAEL R. BENNETT 4
- ROBIN J. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.
 * First peal in seven methods.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

- *WALTER MEAD Treble
- *J. EDWARD BROWN 4
- F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 2
- *HAROLD STEVENSON 5
- WILLIAM L. EXTON 3
- *MARK W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
 * First in three Doubles methods.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

- *G. COLIN JACKSON Treble
- †FREDERICK G. HOOPER 4
- CLARENCE G. BRIGGS 2
- †F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
- *FREDERICK DERRY 3
- WILLIAM L. EXTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
 * First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together.
 Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. K. Roper, Vicar of Norton-Disney, who leaves on July 14th to take up a living in the South of England.

BENTWORTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

- *ROBIN G. LEALE Treble
- *WILLIAM S. DEASON 3
- ANNE C. GARNETT 2
- GEOFFREY K. DODD 4
- FREDERICK R. SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
 * 25th peal together. The ringer of the tenor has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and St. Clement's College Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

- WILLIAM BUTLER Treble
- FRANK C. PRICE 4
- MONICA BLAGROVE 2
- MICHAEL HATCHET 5
- JAMES BROOKS 3
- FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
 FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

- DENIS A. S. SYMONDS .. Treble
- ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4
- *IAN R. PANTON 2
- ROBIN N. PITTMAN 5
- MARY DOWSETT 3
- HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
 * First peal in seven methods. A 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

OKALEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

- ERNEST WHITING Treble
- ALBERT LAWES 4
- *ALAN FLATT 2
- GEORGE FILBY, JUN 5
- †FREDERICK FLATT 3
- L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
 * First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since rehanging by John Taylor and Co.

STANDON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

- ELIZABETH E. ROBERTS .. Treble
- ALBERT H. LAWTON 3
- HAROLD ROBERTS 2
- WILLIAM TALBOT 4
- G. ARNOLD MOORE Tenor


Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.
 First peal of Bob Doubles by all the band. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.
 Rung as a farewell to Arthur Talbot, on joining H.M. Forces.

UPTON GREY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in A.

- ANNE C. GARNETT Treble
- S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 4
- ROBIN G. LEALE 2
- GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
- WILLIAM S. DEASON 3
- ROOGER BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 12, 1958, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. Treble	JOHN W. SMITH .. 4
MARY STEPHENS .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 3	JOHN E. CANNELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

Rung to welcome Robert Ashton Cannell, son of John and Susan Cannell, born June 25th, 1958. Also rung as a fifth wedding anniversary compliment to Brian and Francis Threlfall. First peal on the bells since rehangng in 1956.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sun., July 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Double Court and Plain Bob and one 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER FORD .. Treble	TONY OWEN .. 4
HERBERT F. LASKEY .. 2	DERICK W. PARDON .. 5
JOHN R. SMITH .. 3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

ELFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., July 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in C.

ERIC EDGINGTON .. Treble	FRANCIS A. SEDGEWICK .. 4
*PAUL J. RIGBY .. 2	*JOHN A. ANDERSON .. 5
CLIVE M. SMITH .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal in the method by all the band, for the Society, and the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung on St. Swithin's Day, and also as a birthday compliment to Derek P. Jones.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HAROLD PREECE .. Treble	D. WALFORD DAVIES .. 4
THOMAS E. HIDDINS .. 2	*EDWIN E. SMITH .. 5
WILLIAM T. PETTY .. 3	DAVID L. HUGHES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the Festival of Wales.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST J. LADD .. Treble	*KEVAN S. HOHL .. 4
JANET FRENCH .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3	STANLEY JENNER .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* 50th peal.

Rung as a welcome to Kevin S. Hohl on his return from National Service in Aden.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Woodbine T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. Treble	WILLIAM T. RIDGMAN .. 4
HENRY W. SHARP .. 2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3	ARTHUR YARROW .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

An 84th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOT'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss B. Harris (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Erik 2, Miss J. Seabrook 3, J. Easley 4, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 5, T. Evans (first quarter) 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. A. Shaw 1, V. F. Gough 2, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 3, Diana M. Gough 4, R. D. Brown 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung to welcome the birth of a son to Beryl and James Sexton. Beryl was a former ringer in this tower.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On July 15th, 1,344 Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major: H. G. Keeley 1, W. H. Poole 2, G. Gaylard 3, C. W. Powell 4, R. Keeley 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, W. H. Yates 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

BASSINGHAM, Lincs.—On July 12th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): G. Davis (first quarter) 1, F. Derby 2, W. L. Exton (cond.) 3, J. E. Brown 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, G. C. Jackson 6. First in three methods 2 and 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. K. Roper, Vicar of Norton Disney.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. R. Crisp (first of Triples) 1, Miss J. M. Clements 2, Miss E. J. Langton 3, D. R. Mitchell 4, B. E. Matthews 5, R. A. Brown (first of Triples away from tenor) 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, B. W. G. Elliott (first of Triples) 8. Also on July 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. J. Langton 1, G. R. Crisp 2, B. E. Matthews 3, R. A. Brown 4, H. Wood 5, P. H. Langton (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Rt. Rev. Festo Olang, Assistant Bishop of Mombasa, to the parish.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. E. Cobb 2, Monica Fry 2, D. J. Hunt 3, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. H. Gilbert 5, L. Derrick 6, J. Brain 7, M. J. Horseman 8.

BRADLEY, STAFFS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Whatmore 1, E. E. Speake 2, Miss E. Wright 3, K. W. Knowles 4, A. Mills 5, F. Barraclough 6, J. D. Holden (cond.) 7, F. Holden 8. First quarter on the recast bells. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. A. Dentith, Vicar, by whose efforts these bells are ringing again after 50 years' silence.

BRAFELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): C. Langland 1, A. R. Jones 2, F. Attewell 3, R. Jones 4, P. Jones 5, G. Care (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Battison, former ringer at this church.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. C. Jackson 1, P. C. Pitchard 2, J. E. Brown 3, F. Derry (cond.) 4, C. T. Rodgers 5, J. J. Marshall 6. To celebrate the birth of Robert John Brown, son of the ringer of the third and captain of local band. Also on May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Marshall 1, F. Derry (cond.) 2, P. C. Pitchard 3, J. E. Brown 4, G. C. Jackson (first 'inside') 5, C. T. Rodgers 6. For Whitsun. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. Chilton 1, F. Derry 2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, J. E. Brown 4, P. C. Pitchard 5, G. C. Jackson 6. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Isaac Wyer, former local ringer and faithful church worker.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maria Kirby (first in method) 1, Helen Thoday 2, Gwen Silor (first 'inside') 3, D. Martin 4, P. Spice 5, M. K. Oakshott (cond.) 6, D. Kirby 7, B. Threlfall 8. Rung by their fellow-members to mark the wedding this day of Patricia Ann Bullen and Malcolm K. J. Powell.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 1, J. R. Haycock 2, Joan Cheney 3, W. C. Budd 4, T. J. Frodsham 5, Wendy Griffiths 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hall 1, Mrs. H. White 2, A. Hall 3, H. White 4, D. Overton 5, L. Hall 6, H. Shuck (cond.) 7, T. Jacob (first quarter) 8. For the Sunday School festival.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans): R. Keeley 1, W. H. Poole 2, G. S. Morris 3, G. Gaylard 4, H. G. Keeley 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, W. H. Yates 7, J. T. Locke 8. Non-conducted.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On June 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 480 Little Bob and 60 Plain Bob): B. Johns 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, Delia Smith 3, Mrs. D. Johns 4, G. L. A. Lunn 5, G. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 6. A. Gilbert 7. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to N. D. Marshall, a great public worker and one of nature's perfect gentlemen.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On July 6th, 1,320 Minor (600 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob): Deborah Hopkins (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Marshall 2, L. E. Duffield 3, J. H. Edwards 4, J. H. L. Blick 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. For the annual Sunday School rose service, and also to mark the 731st anniversary of this church.

GREAT WYMONDELEY, HERTS.—On June 1st, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: Miss J. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 6th, 720 Oxford and 720 Plain Bob Minor: G. Cherry 1, Miss J. Croft 2, L. Runnacles 3, B. W. Lake 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On July 20th, 720 each of Norwich and Ipswich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, H. S. Peacock 2, D. F. Murfet 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For service on Feast Sunday.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hart 1, L. Mutter 2, L. Morrell 3, R. Trickey 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, R. Mutter 6. A farewell to the Rev. H. W. T. Stamp, who is taking up an appointment at Trull, Somerset.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On June 28th, 1,360 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Brand 1, R. G. Bugg 2, W. B. Duncan 3, I. Cooper 4, R. E. Lester 5, G. R. Goodship 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. D. Lister (cond.) 8. For the local church fete.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Bird 1, J. Mabrey 2, H. Colcombe 3, F. Lewis 4, Eunice Hiley 5, J. King (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HEYWOOD, LANCs.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Rothwell (first quarter) 1, J. P. Partington 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills (first as cond.) 3, R. Maher 4, G. S. Mills 5, A. Crabtree 6.

HOLLOWAY, N.—On July 22nd, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Payton 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, R. Newman 3, M. Rowe 4, A. J. W. Buller 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. Turner (cond.) 7, J. Dennis 8. For patronal evening service.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss N. Push 2, N. Carter (cond.) 3, Miss P. Drury 4, J. Martin 5, B. Priestley 6. A farewell tribute to the curate (the Rev. J. Hunt), who is leaving to be Vicar of Crondall.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. M. Barker 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, Miss G. Graney (first as cond.) 3, C. E. Havter 4, D. J. Goodman 5, K. D. Waples 6. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—On July 20th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Minchin 1, Jean Kirkman 2, E. Morris (cond.) 3, W. Tanser 4, T. H. Bent 5, J. Adams 6, G. A. Olliffe 7, W. P. Walker 8. For the patronal festival.

LONDON, S.E.—On July 20th, at St. George's-in-the-Borough, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. Rae 3, M. Hawkes 4, J. A. Hales 5, F. P. Mead 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, R. Newman 8. For Evensong and an 81st birthday compliment to Thos. H. Taffender.

LONGCOT, BERKS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 1, J. Hut 2, M. Edney 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie 5, C. Timms 6. A wedding compliment to Jean Strawford and Frederick Lovegrove.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, Mrs. N. Dart 3, T. Jefferies 4, W. Wayman 5, W. Richings 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, J. W. Jefferies 8. For the patronal festival.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On July 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and Double Oxford Bob Minor: L. Mitchell 1, Hazel V. Dadson 2, Kathleen M. Walsh 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, G. Kenward 5, S. B. Dobbie 6. Rung on the 21st birthday of Hazel V. Dadson, ringer of 2, who is honorary secretary of the local company.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. R. Hartley 1, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 2, G. Strickland 3, B. Taylor 4, W. J. Palmer 5, J. W. Wallace 6, E. J. R. Hartley 7, R. Escott 8. First of Triples for 1, 4 and 7 and as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the procession of witness of the combined churches of Penarth during the festival of Wales.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Loveland 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss H. Hancock 3, J. Martin 4, N. Carter (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—On July 21st, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 540 St. Clement's and Childwall Bob): Rachel Corner 1, Christine Woodward 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker 3, J. Pusey 4, R. A. Jackson 5, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 6. For Solemn Evensong of the patronal feast.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On July 12th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: F. G. Wilton 1, Miss L. Hawes 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, E. Sutton 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, V. Griffin 6. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. V. N. Cooper), who has been appointed assistant secretary to the Church Pastoral Aid Society.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On July 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. B. Nicholson 1, Shirley Guymer 2, Pamela Cox 3, M. L. Mann 4, H. Dove 5, H. W. Cox (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for 2 and 3.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Bains (first quarter) 1, W. Bains 2, G. Thompson 3, F. Lord (cond.) 4, F. Lacey 5, B. Buttery 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's Church, on July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hurst 1, R. Birch 2, J. Brightmore 3, L. Smith 4, B. Holland (cond.) 5, J. Dunn (first quarter) 6, D. Holland 7, L. Leach 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Herbert Hudson, who was for some time curate at St. Marie's and for the last 14 years chaplain to St. Elisabeth's Little Sisters Home for the Aged, Sheffield.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Channon (first quarter) 1, Ann Aldridge 2, Pam Miller 3, M. Stanyon 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, H. Miller 6. Rung for the children's service on the dedication festival.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—In the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Church, on July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. D. Grant 1-2, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 3-4, M. G. Lane (first in hand) 5-6. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the conductor's parents.

STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on July 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Hughes (first on 10) 1, H. Knauss (first 'inside') 2, D. A. Hewitt 3, L. Fox (cond.) 4, H. Weedon 5, M. Cubitt 6, A. Lewry 7, R. Sumner 8, C. Wilmington 9, G. Boomsma 10. For Evensong, attended by the Archbishop of Cape Town, formerly Bishop of Stepney.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On July 20th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: C. Miller 1, C. Snowden 2, L. Sharpe 3, R. E. Lester 4, J. L. Girt 5, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 6, G. R. Goodship 7, W. W. Miller 8. For Evensong to honour the visit of the Bishop of Auckland, N.Z.

WARWICK.—On July 20th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Faulks (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. L. Stain 2, W. Collett 3, H. Huxley 4, F. C. Lyne 5, J. Price (cond.) 6, W. H. Male 7, W. Clement 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Collett.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wright (first quarter) 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Throsby (first 'inside') 3, W. Lee 4, M. Stracey (cond.) 5, A. Hammond 6. Rung for Evensong on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On July 16th, 1,440 Treble Bob (extent each Oxford and Kent): Miss R. Tidey 1, E. Ropley 2, Miss J. Clements 3, D. Mitchell 4, C. Longhurst 5, G. Francis (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rawlings 1, Susan Jacobs 2, Anne Garnett 3, E. Jacobs 4, A. Bishop 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6.

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Mr. J. S. Hawkins (London), a past Master of the College Youths, happened to be staying in Cheltenham when his 79th birthday came round. To mark the occasion a band of College Youths from Gloucester, Cheltenham and Swindon met at St. Mary's Church, Cheltenham, on July 22nd, and rang a quarter peal of Stedman Caters with the veteran himself on the treble. A social hour and supper followed at the Tivoli Inn, when the health of Mr. Hawkins was proposed and honoured in the usual manner. Thanks were expressed to mine host (whose birthday fell on the same day as Mr. Hawkins') for his welcome and for making the necessary arrangements.

The peal at Great Gaddesden on July 19th was rung during a memorial service at Little Gaddesden for Miss Kathleen Talbot, who did much to stimulate rural music in West Herts. The peal was a tribute to her memory.

The stoppage in the publication of 'The Ringing World' between February 14th to March 7th, 1947, was through the Government's fuel emergency order, and not arising from an industrial dispute, as stated in our issue last week.

In connection with the peal at Wilburton, Cambs, the rest of the band would like to congratulate Mr. H. W. Sharp on the way he rang in the peal on his 84th birthday. His perfect ringing, using a minimum of effort, was a model to the younger members of the band.

We have received a chatty letter from Denis J. Woodham from Cooma, New South Wales, who is helping to plan a £60 million hydro-electric project. His last ringing was at Sydney at Christmas, but at times he chimes the bell at the Presbyterian Church. Through 'The Ringing World' he keeps in contact with the happenings of the Exercise.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Seven on the band who took part in the peal of Yorkshire Royal at Swindon had never struck a blow in Yorkshire Royal before. The band are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Sutton for their kind hospitality before and after the peal. The peal was the 50th together by Reginald Hooper and Eric Sutton, and the 25th together by Eric Sutton and Roger Fry.

The peal at Brenchley on May 20th ('Ringing World,' page 410) was 5,056 changes and not 5,088, as printed.

Mr. Ernest Morris has had his manuscript on 'Tintinnabula' (the subject on which he did a recent television broadcast and radio talk) accepted for publication in book form by Robert Hales, Ltd., of London. The work will be profusely illustrated by line drawings and photographs and will be published in the early autumn.

After a break of 50 years, Bradley, Staffs, bells are ringing again. The bells have been recast and were rededicated last November. It is a pleasure to record that with the help of Messrs. A. Mills and F. Barraclough (not forgetting Francis) and Mr. E. E. Speake, these bells have rung out for every service since their installation. Local ringers now being trained will make every endeavour to maintain this record.

On Sunday, July 6th, members from St. Peter's, Dorchester, Wyke Regis, Abbotsbury, Buckland Newton and Yetminster tried out the bells at Piddletrenthide after rehanging. Recordings were made and the ringers and villagers were generally pleased, and expressed their approval. The work had been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The dedication of the bells will take place in October. These bells have been silent for nearly 50 years.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

GUILD BANNER DEDICATED — REPRESENTATIVES' EXPENSES AT DUBLIN — SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

THE annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on July 18th will go down in the long history of the Guild as a year to be commemorated. In the presence of a larger congregation than usual the Guild's banner was dedicated at the service in Christ Church Cathedral by the Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg). Mr. F. G. Edmans, who two years ago proposed that the Guild should have a banner, and later designed it, carried it for the dedication ceremony. He was escorted by Mr. M. Jameson, who wove the banner, and Miss E. Irving, who undertook the embroidery.

In the centre of the banner is embroidered in silver a bell, and superimposed on it is the arms of the Diocese. Worked in gold thread against the blue background are the words 'Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.' The staff, which was turned by Mr. Edmans, is from oak taken from the old bell frame of Great Horwood Church, and dates back to 1660. The banner is of great beauty and it is believed that Oxford Diocesan Guild is the first Guild to have a banner.

The Bishop of Reading preached at the festival service, which was conducted by the Master. The lessons were read by the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) and Mr. Wigg.

RINGERS IN THE CHOIR

The Bishop of Reading, in his sermon, said with the skill and craft of their Guild, what could be finer than making a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob? What could be finer than summoning people to the worship of His Church? Many times he had been driving through the lanes of Berkshire and Oxfordshire and, drawing near to a church long before he could see it, had heard the bells.

And, as so often happened, when he reached the church and went into the vestry and was all ready to start the service, the Vicar would say, 'Do you mind waiting a minute or two while the ringers come down and put on their cocksacks to sing in the choir?' There was sometimes the other side of ringers' conduct, but, thank goodness, not often.

An unfortunate occurrence was to find in an obscure corner of the vestry a gramophone where a needle was scratching out bell music. That was an example of the Church using the things of science in the wrong way. The Church could use the things of science in a good way, and an instance of that came to him when he was in St. Paul's Cathedral for the opening service of the Lambeth Conference. There a television camera recorded all the service so that people looking in at home could see the whole of the service on their screen and hear every word of the preacher and the celebrant at Holy Communion.

'Down through the centuries had come that still quiet voice "Follow Me." You, as ringers, are serving God to the best of your ability in making this very cheerful and supremely beautiful noise to the God of Jacob. You know how many hours of practice you have to put in to bring your ringing up to such a standard of perfection as it is in this country. Looking back over the past years we thank God for the work of your Guild and the devoted lives of its members. Looking to the future, we hope that in God's keeping the bells of the Church will always be ready to summon His people to His worship.'

After the singing of the hymn, 'Thy hand, O God, has guided,' the Bishop pronounced

the Blessing. The new Guild banner was carried in the procession by Mr. Edmans as the choir and clergy left the service.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held in the Chapter House with the Master in the chair, supported by the Deputy Master, the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the hon. secretary (Miss Cross) and the hon. librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper).

Arising from the minutes, Mr. P. Walker said the general committee had revised the rules but he felt that members should have sufficient time to discuss them. He proposed that the revised rules be considered at the autumn meeting. This was seconded by Mr. A. Diserens and agreed to.

Among the apologies was one from Mr. E. F. Gibbard, and the meeting heard with regret that he was ill with pneumonia, particularly as his daughter was being married that day.

The general secretary stated that the printed reports had not yet been received. They were presented in a duplicated form to the committee and approved. She proposed that they be accepted in the duplicated form.

The same applied to the audited accounts, and in reply to a question, Mr. A. D. Barker said there was over £100 left in the Bell Restoration Fund. The accounts were approved on the proposition of Mr. Castle, seconded by Mr. Edmans.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The Deputy Master said only one nomination was received by the appointed time for the office of Master—the Rev. C. E. Wigg. He thanked the Master for all he had done for the Guild in the past year. The election was ratified amidst applause.

The other officers were re-elected with expressions of thanks for their past services. The election of the 12 members of the committee was left till after the adoption of the rules at the autumn meeting, as there was a proposal to reduce the number to six.

REVISION OF SERVICE BOOK

Mr. David Smith reported on the progress in revising the Guild's service book. He had made a collection of ringers' hymns, and various people were selecting the top 10. The meeting suggested that Mr. Smith should consult the Archdeacon of Oxford, who was a ringer, as to the order of service.

The Master said he used some of the prayers collected in the service that morning.

AUTUMN MEETING

The General Committee recommended that the autumn meeting be held at Reading on September 27th. The service would be at St. Lawrence's Church. Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens were arranging the towers and tea.

It was decided that the 1959 festival be held at Oxford on July 18th.

ALL SAINTS', WOKINGHAM

The General Committee recommended a grant of £50 for All Saints', Wokingham. Mr. B. C. Castle said the proposal was for the bells to be rehung on ball-bearings, and other work. The cost was just under £400, and the Sonning Deanery Branch had made a grant of £25. The church had a big reconstruction scheme and was struggling to raise the necessary £5,000.

An amendment to limit the grant to £30 was defeated, and the committee's recommendation adopted.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S DUBLIN MEETING

The General Committee recommended that second-class travelling and board while in Dublin be paid to the Guild's Central Council representatives who attended the recent meeting, and that Branches be asked to make a contribution towards the expense.

Mr. A. D. Barker (a representative) said there was one amount voted towards the account of £5. At one Branch, when the matter was raised, a member was very uncomplimentary. When he heard the matter discussed, the adjectives he used could be associated with glorious technicolour. Others remarked, 'A fine holiday at the Guild's expense,' which showed how little they knew of the Central Council and its work. The motion did not mean expenses for a whole week or longer. He suggested fares and two or three days' bed and breakfast.

Mr. F. Vickers proposed the recommendation and added: 'We should be very proud that our representatives were able to go to Ireland.'

Mr. B. T. Lister said members had asked what did the Exercise get from the Central Council. He suggested that the Council meetings be held once every ten years, like the Lambeth Conference. He complained that their representatives never presented a personal report on the meeting.

Mr. Roaf suggested that the meeting delay passing the resolution until they knew what was involved.

A member said when the matter came before the committee a figure of £10 was mentioned.

Mr. Barker: 'If you want to know my expenses I should advise you to go out and get some brandy, because the Guild could not afford to pay.'

Mr. Roper: 'Our representatives certainly went to Ireland under the impression that this was what the Guild would pay. I think it would be niggling if we failed to ratify it.'

Mr. F. Vickers proposed, and Mr. Roper seconded, 'that the committee's recommendations be adopted.' This was carried.

In regard to Mr. Lister's other point, that representatives give a report, Mr. Sharpe said the Guild proposed on one occasion that these should be deleted because members said they had read it all in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. W. Birmingham suggested that one of the representatives should write his impressions in 'The Ringers' Magazine.' 'I have known people walk out as soon as the Central Council is mentioned.'

The meeting agreed that Mr. Butler should print the impressions of Mr. Barker or Mr. Lock.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. E. G. Foster, past-secretary of Reading Branch, Canon G. Dixon, 30 years chairman of the Central Bucks Branch, and Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins were elected vice-presidents of the Guild. Supporting Mr. Wilkins' election, Mr. George Gilbert said 55 years ago Mr. Wilkins gave him his first lesson in ringing.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

The meeting approved of a grant of £5 to Mollington, and an application on behalf of Cunnor was deferred until the autumn meeting.

265 NEW MEMBERS

The secretary asked for the confirmation of 265 new members elected since last year.

Mr. T. Fowler said they were getting these hundreds of new members, but the Guild did

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not increase in membership very much. He thought many were made members before they were qualified.

The Master: 'I think the principle of tower foremen is that recruits be nominated after 12 months in their tower.'

Mr. W. Birmingham: 'It is only by heavy recruiting that we will keep our numbers up.'

The Secretary: 'I have lost eight girls in the last two years and they have all gone out of the parish and not one is now ringing. Some are married, one has gone to Canada and another to London.'

Mr. Sharpe: 'Is there anything to be done to lock Cupid up?'

The Secretary: 'That is the trouble.'

The election of the new members was ratified.

THE SEARS OF BLETCHLEY

The general secretary reported receiving a letter from the Rector of Bletchley stating that Mr. Harry Sear was celebrating his 80th birthday and golden wedding. The family had been ringing at Bletchley for 100 years, and they proposed to put up a memorial window to Alan and his three sons.

The Master commended the project and it was decided to defer any contribution until the autumn meeting, when the cost would be known.

The vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, the preacher, organist, clergy and ringers of Oxford and district for use of their bells was proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker.

THE LUNCHEON

A company of 142 sat down to luncheon in the hall of Christ Church with the Master in the chair. The principal guest was the Bishop of Reading.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) said probably there were no Societies more loyal to the Church and State than ringers, and they publicly expressed their loyalty.

Among their ringers they had a good many who appreciated the difficulties of the clergy. These were days when parishes had been grouped together in twos and threes and some six and seven. He had been a churchwarden for 27 years and for four of those years there had been no incumbent. Such difficulties provided an opportunity for laymen to come forward and he was very pleased to say that they were coming forward better than in the past.

'I have served on the Towers and Belfries Committee and have visited more than 2,000 churches. That means that I have heard 2,000 stories of parochial life and sometimes the Vicar told a very different story from the clerk about the life of the parish. In my recent travels I have noticed a greater desire on the part of the laity to take part in Church government and Church work and there is a greater interest than 20 or 30 years ago.

'We have had correspondence in "The Ringing World" about ringers holding other offices in the Church. In my own parish of Launton the ringers provided one churchwarden, one lay reader, ten choristers and six members of the Parochial Church Council.'

The Rector of Slough (the Rev. Mr. Perkins) responded.



Many of our readers have not seen a thatched tower but there are a number in Suffolk—Butley, Brampton and Theberton (where the bells were rededicated last December). The picture sent to us by Supt. Claude Rush is of Thornham Parva tower, near Eye, Suffolk. It contains one bell—by Thomas Newman, 1727. Supt. Rush inquires whether anyone has compiled a list of thatched towers.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

Mr. David Smith, in proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' particularly welcomed Mr. Philip Gray, of Bristol, with whom he had had some correspondence regarding Sunday service ringing, which was brought up at the Central Council meeting at Dublin. Mr. Gray had had a trying time in hospital over the past two months with his eyes, and they all hoped he was better.

Visits to other towers, in his opinion, were very important—one learned new things. While they did not suppose they could teach their distinguished visitors anything, they liked to learn from them.

Mr. Philip Gray said he learned to ring in the Oxford Diocese and lived there for many years—in fact he had rung more peals for the Oxford Diocesan Guild than any other Guild. It was a pleasure to be with them because he had so many happy memories of their Guild.

As they knew, this year at Dublin the Central Council passed a resolution to look into the matter of Sunday service ringing. This was done for two reasons. Firstly, all ringing associations had an obligation towards Sunday

service ringing. It was a primary consideration and concerned every one of them. The other was that Sunday service ringing in the county was not quite what it ought to be. They assumed that rather less than half the churches in the country with rings of bells had adequate Sunday service ringing. This was not a situation with which they ought to be pleased about, and they ought to consider what went towards making a Sunday service band.

What, he said now, was his own personal opinion? He believed the crux of the matter was the integration of a band of ringers into the parochial organisation as a whole. Unless they had that there was not much hope of a good Sunday service band. Where the ringers were part of their church organisation there was generally no cause for complaint. But the ringers were often apart from the rest of the church. The belfry was upstairs and out of mind and the ringers were not always regarded as part of the church. Unless the ringers were part, there was not much prospect of getting a good Sunday service band.

GUILD'S RESPONSIBILITY

Where the Guild came in was to help with the technical instruction to make people ringers. They would all agree that ringing was not easy—it took perseverance, skill and hard work. Very few people could become ringers on their own. They had to have the help of an association. If there were no Guilds like theirs the state of Sunday service ringing would be far worse than at present.

He hoped they would organise their efforts to get the best Sunday service ringing possible. They were short of instructors and they could not afford to waste the efforts of those they had. They might think that it was better for ringers to receive instruction in their own tower than come to another on a Saturday. He asked members to talk about it at their Branch meetings. Mr. Gray concluded by proposing the toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild.'

The Master, in reply, thanked Mr. Gray for his suggestions. 'In my own parish, as an example of what should be done, we always insist on one of the ringers being a member of the Parochial Church Council. That was a first step and it should be taken in every parish.'

The Master mentioned that the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund that day amounted to £5 5s. 6d. He thanked the voluntary choir for singing at the festival service, and especially Mr. Coles, who succeeded in getting some boys at short notice. They would all agree that it was a very fine service, and the Bishop said afterwards he thought it was a homely and family service.

Ringling in various towers in Oxford and neighbourhood followed.

A request has been received at Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts, from bellringers in the Peak District for the use of the bells for a peal attempt from 10.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. on a day this month. Permission has been granted provided the peal starts at 10.30 a.m.

The band who rang the quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Blagdon, Somerset, recently, would like to thank the Vicar and his wife for their hospitality at the Rectory after the attempt. At present the bells are not rung regularly but the Rector is hoping a local band may be re-formed this winter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRUE RINGING ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—In view of recent correspondence in your columns from Mr. Chant, I take it that his latest letter on how to teach handbell ringing is also intended to be amusing. In the unlikely event, however, of his being serious, it would (when one remembers their excellent booklet on this subject) be interesting to know the views of the Central Council on the abolition of the back-stroke, since traditional English bellringing surely consists of causing the clapper to strike at each end of the swung arc?

One would also like to know the proportion of Youth Clubs and similar organisations who can afford several octaves of bells (and intervening semitones), as well as the cost of printing their music in three colours—which Mr. Chant regards as 'very necessary.'

One or two other points:—

(1) The 'Morse Code' notation was expressly designed for the simple tunes of which 8 and 12 bell sets are capable, and for young ringers devoid of any knowledge of musical writing: the introduction of bars merely complicates ultra-simplicity, and, as we here have shown, is not required for simple tunes which are well known. All the ringers want to know is when to strike their notes and some handbell equivalent of 'rope-sight.' If Mr. Chant wants anything more advanced, many such modes are already available.

(2) We here have been endeavouring to start youngsters off for ultimate tower-ringing—tunes being a welcome relief from plain hunting: Mr. Chant appears to be mainly concerned with stage-chiming, like the variety stage artiste running feverishly from end to end of a long table loaded with handbells. But, as I suspect, he may be merely joking!—Yours sincerely,

M. B. BELL (Col.).

Asstead, Surrey.

A PEAL AT EGHAM

Dear Sir,—The peal rung at Egham on May 24th was, I think, of the lowest standard I have been called upon to ring in. I do not call 3½ hours' bad ringing a peal, even if it is the first for one member of the band.

The first peal should be an example for the recruit to follow, and the conductor should place his hand to the best advantage for the recruit.

Egham Church is in the middle of the town, and it is hard to get the bells for peals. If the ringing is bad the conductor should set the bells.

Apart from the bad ringing, the 3 and 6 had been crossed for some time before the conductor, Alan Hartley, and his co-pilot, Bill Birmingham, with the peal figures on the wall, put them right.

My name was printed without my consent. I do not think the conductor should have let it go on in his home town. If Alan calls that a peal, I would be ashamed to say I kept a record of my peals.—Yours sincerely,

G. COUSSINS.

Old Windsor, Berks.

TANTNEY

Dear Sir,—Replying to your correspondent, Mr. George F. Knight (page 483), this bell is so called for the following reason. In many places the 'ting tang' (or the treble of the peal where they had no special bell) was known as the 'Priest's bell,' as it was supposed to warn him that it was time to put in an appearance. Many of these bells, cast in the West Country by Rudhall, of Gloucester, bear appropriate inscriptions, such as 'Come away—make no delay.'

Some successors of the 'sanctus' bells are now used as 'priests' bells' or ting-tangs. Their numbers vary very much—Lincolnshire has about seventy; Leicestershire very few; in some counties, especially in the North and South of England, they are rarely found. In Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire it is almost the rule, rather than the exception, to find them, and the adjoining counties have a fair proportion.

Sometimes these little bells are the sanctus or saunce bells of mediæval days, a fair number of which survive, although they are often uninscribed and therefore difficult to date. Most of the 'ting-tangs' now in use are either recasts of old bells or additions of the seventeenth and later centuries. One 'priest's bell' is mentioned as such in Edwardian Returns of Church Goods—at Ware in Hertfordshire: '1552 one lyttle belle to calle for ye priste, clarke, or sexton when they are absent.' This bell is sometimes called the 'Tantoney bell' or Saint Anthony bell, the name being derived from the emblem of that saint—a small bell being attached to his taff-staff, or suspended from the neck of his accompanying pig. The small bell at Lichfield Cathedral is so called, so was one at Lamport, Northants, and another at Weedon Bec in the same county. The writer found one at Wigston Magna, Leicestershire.

Again, in 1552 the sanctus bell at Oldham, Lancs, was called the 'Anthem bell.' In 1528 the churchwardens at Leverton, Lincs, paid 'for a littel sanct antony bell ijd,' and at Lamport (mentioned above) in 1747, 9d. was charged for 'a Tantony bellrope.' The small bells attached to the necks of cattle in Northants were often called 'tanthony bells,' and at Great Oakley the bell is known as 'tintanny,' which may be derived from St. Anthony or ting-tang.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

We thank other contributors who have replied to this query.—Ed.

5,040 DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Re 5,040 Double Grandsire Doubles rung at Neath, Glam., Saturday, July 5th. The band that took part in this peal, together with Mr. A. J. Pitman, being here assembled to-day (July 26th), request, after discussion, that this be published in 'The Ringing World' as a peal rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR M. RODERICK.

Porthcawl.

See adjoining column for compositions of Double Grandsire Doubles by Mr. A. J. Pitman.

NAMES OF ALLIANCE METHODS

Dear Sir,—In connection with the revision of the Minor Methods book which the Methods Committee of the Central Council is undertaking, I should be most grateful for the help of your readers in naming the Alliance methods which we are including in full in this edition. At the moment, we have the following names:—

Harlington, Cromer, Walsingham, Steventon, Lammis, Ellacombe, Buxton, Holbeton, Springfield, Wordsley, Harmondsworth, Clyst, Alperton, Perivale, Stratton, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Hayes, Chalfont, Fulmer, Tibenham, Olney, Finchley, Iver, Northaw, Penuhurst, Leyland, Burstow, Kimberley, Balcombe, Lavington, Albury, Shenfield, Weston, Cotgrave, Mitcham, Ringstead, Norwood, Hampstead, Blaxhall, Stonehouse, Lamberhurst, Bramfield, Amer-sham, Yaxley, Winterton, Attleborough, Clapham, Malmesbury, Cottenham, Rothwell, Merrow, Clandon, Stapleford, Thornham, Merstham, Wakefield, Mendlesham, Darlington, Eccleston, Normanton, Calverleigh, Kelly, Wilburton, Adwick, Allesley, Scawthorpe, Wrentham, Chelford, Sutton, Poynton, Denton, Morland, Bigby, Bassingham, Tattershall, Butterwick, Leake, Wrangle, Alford, Frampton, Whaplode, Candlesby, Freiston, Langton, Benington, Elsham, Dunholme, Gosberton, Gedney, Surfleet, Sibsey, Spilsby, Spalding, Bicker, Pinchbeck, Gunby, Wainfleet, Copt Oak, Charnwood.

If anyone knows of Alliance methods with other names than those given above, I should be most grateful if they would let me know. Please include the figures of the method (in case it is one of the above rung under a different name) and, if possible, the origin of the name (e.g., found as such in an old ringing book called '——').—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton.

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Twelve-scores by Mr. A. J. Pitman, in which each change is rung at hand and back with all calls at the lead-ends as in Grandsire Doubles.

No. 1	No. 2
2345	2345
S. 5423 — 2	5324 — 3
S. 3254 — 2	S. 2354 — 1
2534 — 1	5423 — 2
5324 — 1	S. 3254 — 2
S. 2354 — 1	S. 2435 — 3
3524 — 1	4325 — 1
2435 — 2	
4325 — 1	Repeated
2543 — 2	
S. 4523 — 1	
5243 — 1	
S. 3452 — 2	
4532 — 1	
5342 — 1	
S. 4352 — 1	
3542 — 1	
4235 — 2	
2345 — 1	

Nineteen variations of No. 1 and two of No. 2 were rung at St. Thomas', Neath, Glamorgan, on Saturday, July 6th, 1958.

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LETTERS—Cont.

THE MAN FROM PHILADELPHIA

Dear Sir,—Some notes under this heading appeared in 'The Ringing World' about two years ago, describing the experiences and tremendous pleasure which ringing gave to Morris Alfred Turner after 47 years' absence in the United States.

After this re-awakening of the long dormant love, it is hardly surprising that Mr. Turner is back again for more—a five-month holiday with his brother, Mr. Robert F. Turner, the Ringing Master at Kettering Parish Church. Naturally, when on a visit to Kettering on a recent Sunday, the writer expected to see the Turner brothers side by side at the ropes for service ringing. But Morris Alfred was not there.

After the service I called at his brother's home to hear the full story; and what a terrible disappointment the two have had! After a week or two back in the tower, 'getting his hand in' again, Morris Alfred was told by his doctor that he must not ring at all, because of 'ticker' trouble. Now, all hopes of increasing his peal total, started in 1903, with such great promise, abandoned in 1909 and increased by two in 1956, seem to be past. We had in mind for this year a peal of Cambridge Major—not a popular method in the days when Mr. Turner rang (with the old Kettering band) his peals of Double Norwich and Superlative.

However, he still fully intends to join in a tour in the Canterbury area this summer and a trip to York Minster later on, if only to listen to others ringing and to join in the fun which inevitably goes with ringers and ringing on such occasions.

The writer was very interested to hear at first hand of Mr. Turner's visits to Kent School, in the beautiful Connecticut Hills, since he was last here in 1956. He says he was made a great fuss of and given a very happy time on each occasion, passing on in return several hints and corrections to the speed of ringing, etc., which had slowed down at Kent School over the generations of boys, who are not there long enough to progress very far. Several are able to ring elementary changes, and the ten bells were rung to rounds—and a lovely ten they are, too, according to my informant.

Mr. Turner also visited the tower in Philadelphia again recently, and says that ringing would not now be possible, even if there were ringers, as an organ has been built so as to obstruct ringing.

Though a very jovial type, even after such disheartening news, Mr. Turner feels that young ringers of to-day do not take ringing seriously enough, and that progress would be much quicker if it were a little more disciplined and the social side of ringing kept strictly separate.

We in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild wish Mr. Turner, who has rung peals under the conductorship of people as far apart as the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Stephen Ivin, improved health and a happy stay in this country.—Yours, etc. P. I. C.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Plain Bob Major which I conducted at Aspenden on November 9th, 1957. The composition, which is on the back of the Hertford County Association Annual Report for 1957 (by G. Lewis), has been proved false in the second half of the peal. My sincere apologies to all ringers concerned.—Yours faithfully,

C. A. S. HARWOOD.

Baldock, Herts.

BELLS WELCOME PRINCESS MARGARET TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

H.R.H. Princess Margaret arrived Saturday, July 12th, at Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia, by a direct flight by air from London. On her arrival in Victoria the bells of Christ Church Cathedral rang out a welcome from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. As the Royal car drove up to the Empress Hotel, the temporary residence of the Lieut.-Governor of the Province, the bells were fired 21 times.

The ringing consisted of touches of Grand-sire and Victoria Surprise. Ringing recommenced at 8.30 p.m. and continued until 9.30 p.m., and on this occasion was televised, showing the ringers ringing and views of the bells in action from a position in the belfry looking down on the bells. A touch of 1,260 Grand-sire was rung on this occasion. The striking was very accurate in spite of the disturbing influence of the T.V. operators.

On Sunday morning the Princess attended Matins, and ringing continued until she entered the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Special tickets had been issued to the congregation previously and the front pew of the West Gallery reserved for the ringers and their wives.

After the service, as the Princess came out of the Cathedral, the bells rang out again and continued to 12.30 p.m. with touches of Grand-sire and Bob Major. As the Princess left she was presented with a bouquet of flowers by one of the Cathedral Sunday School children, who were lined up on the steps outside the west doors.

There have been very many favourable comments regarding the ringing and also the T.V. broadcast and sound recording.

The ring of eight bells was supplied by Mears and Stainbank in 1936 and are approximately the same weight as those of Westminster Abbey, and tuned to the same scale of D flat.

The 7th and 8th bells are of special interest, as they were christened Queen Mary and King George V. by special permission of the late Queen Mary, and have the following inscription cast on them:—

7th bell Queen Mary
God bless Queen Mary
I hail the festal day

8th bell King George V.
God save the King

Christ Heaven's King be pleased with this ring
The Cathedral ringers taking part were:
Patricia Horne, Margaret Horne, Margaret Izard, T. Arkell, C. Millard, B. Guthrie, Dr. Longridge, Godfrey White, D. Boniface, V. Donaldson, A. Izard and E. W. Izard.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Newark District

Perhaps the most interesting things about the meeting held at St. Peter's Church, East Bridgford, on July 5th, were the most generous welcome extended to us by the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. D. Mclean, his most interesting sermon, tracing the history of bells, and the variety of the ringing on these most enjoyable bells.

Although the attendance was rather small, only reaching some 30 ringers, the ringing was if anything rather better than usual. Methods rung included London, Cambridge, York and Westminster Surprise, Sandal, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, interspersed with a variety of rounds and plain methods, under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. J. D. Clarke.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold an evening meeting at Coddington on August 9th and the next district meeting, to be jointly with the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, at Eagle and Harby.

A hearty vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by Mr. F. W. Midwinter.

W. L. E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

Ringers visiting Norton St. Philip on July 14th for the Frome Branch quarterly meeting enjoyed an afternoon which the organisers of the fete the previous week must have envied, and among the apologies for absence was one from Hinton Blewett tower, whose members were engaged in haymaking! About 30 members and friends attended and visitors were welcomed from the Bath and Wells Branches and from Kent for ringing from rounds to Surprise.

The chairman, the Rev. N. Mitchell, of Radstock, reported that the Corporate Communion and breakfast at Nunney had been well attended. He congratulated Mr. D. Hoare and his band on ringing the first peal of Spiced Surprise for the Association, and thought that interest might be stimulated and financial stability increased by inviting friends of ringing to become honorary members of the Association—though associate members might be a better name. Three performing members from High Littleton were elected—Mr. M. and the Misses V. and F. Ormond. Mr. K. B. Williams, of Stockbury, Kent, became a life member.

Mr. D. Hoare (the Diocesan secretary), while making no proposition, reminded members that for more than 30 years both Frome and Bath Branch meetings had been held on a second Saturday (this one had to be postponed a week) and up to now neither side were willing to change. He wondered if the Frome Branch would take the lead by considering a change to the first Saturday of the month. A few members thought that the tradition should still be respected, but many were for a compromise as they would enjoy the opportunity of attending both meetings. Mr. Prescott, Ringing Master of the Bath Branch, said that he would like to see both Branches of the Association working together. It was agreed that the matter should be put to the vote at the annual meeting at Chewton Mendip, after time for discussion in the towers. The next meeting will be at Camerton on October 11th, subject to the necessary permission.

The meeting ended with votes of thanks to the ladies who prepared and served the tea, to Mr. A. H. Angell, tower captain, and to the Vicar, the Rev. O. W. Johnson, for conducting the service and the use of the bells, and to his daughter, who was organist. In his sermon, Mr. Johnson said that the ringing of bells was an act of praise such as no other religion had: they shout out aloud to praise God.

E. D. O.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK

The Universities' Association's ringing week starts on Friday, August 8th, with the week-end being spent in Yeovil. Afterwards the headquarters will be the Half Moon, Sherborne.

The party consists of the Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville, R. Roger Savory (Birmingham), A. York-Bramble (Bristol), Geoffrey Dodds, C. M. P. Johnson, Edwin H. Lewis, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie (Cambridge), Joyce Dodds (Durham), A. Rex Agg, Ronald W. M. Clouston, Shelagh R. Collins (London), Wilfred L. Robinson, C. Anne Agg, Ruth M. Border (Manchester), A. R. Pocklington (Nottingham), Peter Border, Harry Miles, Wilfred F. Moreton (Oxford), Marie R. Cross, Audrey Gladwell and M. Jo. Moreton (Reading), Paul L. Taylor (Sheffield), John H. Gilbert, Margaret E. L. Beamish, Jill Swanne (Southampton).

There will be three peal attempts—Ilminster, Drayton and Martock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**Wedding Present For Mr. H. Ford**

When the Dorchester Branch held its summer quarterly meeting at Abbotsbury, a cheque was presented to Mr. H. Ford by the chairman (the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft) on behalf of the Branch members, as a wedding present. In thanking the members for their kindness, Mr. Ford said he would give all the help he could in his capacity as Ringing Master.

Five new members were elected from St. Andrew's, Leigh, and the chairman welcomed members from this tower back into the Guild after a lapse of many years.

The hon. secretary (Mr. R. H. Duke) reported that the bells of Piddletrenthide were now rehung and ready for ringing, and a request had been made for a band of ringers to go there and try them out. This would now mean another five-bell tower in the Branch after a lapse of nearly 50 years.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wyke Regis some time in September. The hon. secretary said he was sorry to learn of the impending removal of the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft from Abbotsbury to Ower Moigne, as his new parish had no bells, but that he would now have closer contact with him as he would be under the Dorchester Deanery. He hoped that, in spite of no bells, he would continue as Branch chairman. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Rowcroft every happiness in their new parish. Mr. Rowcroft thanked Mr. Duke for his remarks and said he would be pleased to continue as chairman for as long as possible.

The Guild service was conducted by the Branch chairman, who is Vicar of Abbotsbury. In his address he pointed out how bell-ringing, if done in the right spirit, helped to spread the Kingdom of God. Tea was served in the Flower Bowl Cafe.

West Dorset Branch

The West Dorset Branch held its quarterly meeting at its Devonshire church, St. Andrew's, Chardstock, on July 19th. Members arrived to find a new set of ropes which had been fitted a little over a week. This, combined with a long draught, made good striking impossible. One well known ringer was heard to remark that his bell would place-make when he wanted to dodge! Two young ringers of the Lyme Regis band gave a good display of bell control, and credit to their tutors for correct handling. They were Miss Charlotte Brown and Sidney Brixton, and both were elected members of the Guild later in the day. There were visitors from Bridgwater, Yeovil and Nottingham. Numbers were sufficient for Cambridge Minor to be rung by two different bands, while later London Minor was rung by a third.

As Chardstock was without a Vicar, Preb. E. V. Cox conducted the Guild service, and Canon C. Carew Cox read the lesson and gave the address on Love the Brotherhood and how we should be Christians first and ringers after. Mrs. Wilson played the organ.

Tea was served in a nearby hall, to which 25 sat down. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Hawkechurch on September 27th and a by-meeting at Thorncombe.

Canon Cox, on behalf of the Guild, thanked Preb. E. V. Cox for taking the service, Mr. Pratt and the ladies for providing the excellent tea and all arrangements, and Mrs. Wilson for playing the organ. Canon Cox was thanked for his very helpful address.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7-8 covering): Grace Burchnell (cond.) 1, Lavina Hulford 2, B. Hough 3, Eleanor Rose 4, M. Gartside 5, Katharine Burchnell 6, R. Mumford 7, W. Rushby 8. For Evensong.

JOINT MEETING AT SHREWSBURY

July 12th was the occasion of the third joint meeting of the Shropshire Association and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The venue for this meeting was Shrewsbury, that interesting town almost surrounded by the River Severn. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was obtainable at St. Chad's and St. Mary's Churches in Shrewsbury and also in the outlying towers of Berrington and Condober, and good use was made of these facilities by the many ringers attending the meeting, and others who were just wandering around tower grabbing.

The service held at St. Chad's was conducted by the Rev. B. M. Harris, senior curate, who also gave the address.

Tea, very kindly provided by the Shrewsbury ringers, was served in St. Chad's Church Hall, and 76 sat down to a bountiful meal. Following tea, Mr. A. Pritchard, Ringing Master of the Shropshire Association, and Mr. F. Bennett, lay secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, thanked Messrs. F. Beddows, E. Willcox and H. Bennett for their efforts in arranging this very enjoyable meeting, the Shrewsbury ringers and their wives for providing tea, the lady helpers who served the meal, the various incumbents for the use of their bells, the Rev. B. M. Harris for taking the service and Mr. Harwood for playing the organ.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable day with good fellowship abounding and the 'Staffords' will look forward to the next of these joint meetings, when it will be their turn to act as hosts to the members of the Shropshire Association. F. C. A. B.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Diocesan Festival was held at St. Stephen-in-Brannel on July 12th. There were present Mr. A. Carveth (the President), Mr. D. Burnett (the Ringing Master), Mr. Southard (vice-president), and about 70 ringers, including a band from another St. Stephen's, Launceston, and several ringers who were on holiday in Cornwall.

It was unusual to hear more method ringing than call changes and rounds, as the Truro Guild is composed mainly of call-change ringers. The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon Gilbert, and the Diocesan Secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, preached. The proposed Guild ringers' service was used and prayers were said for the souls of Mr. Henwood, of St. Columb Minor, and Mr. Rowe, of Stoke Climsland, two members of the Guild who had recently died through accidents. Mr. Rowe had written to say that he would be at the Festival with the Stoke ringers.

The secretary, in his sermon, said that he discovered a few days before that they had come to St. Stephen's a year early; they should have come in July, 1959, when St. Stephen's bells in their present form would be fifty years old.

A sumptuous tea was provided by some of the ladies of the parish, after which many of the ringers went off to neighbouring towers, which were also open for ringing.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CUMBERLANDS JOINT MEETING

The two oldest Societies in the Exercise held a joint meeting at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Beddington, on July 19th, and in honour of the occasion the clerk of the weather supplied one of the few good days of this summer.

Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a splendid tea furnished by the local band at the Social Hall—more than enough for even ringers' appetites.

Mr. Frederick J. Cullum, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, thanked the Master of the College Youths and all those who had helped in bringing the meeting about, and hoped that it might become an annual event. He thought that the two Societies should get together more and see what could be done about churches where little or no Sunday ringing was being done. He felt that there was a lot they could do in this direction.

The Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Philip A. F. Chalk, said he was enjoying this get-together; it was 25 years since the two Societies had last met, and that was at cricket, but although he thought it ought not to be another 25 years before they met again, if it became an annual occasion it might lose its interest. He added that perhaps they could have another social meeting in another sphere—rugby instead of cricket, perhaps!

Ringing continued after tea, ending ten minutes earlier than scheduled, owing to the breaking of a rope in the hands of a member of the weaker (?) sex. So ended a memorable day; a delightful ring of bells in a lovely setting, a fine day, many old friendships renewed and reminiscences exchanged—a very pleasant meeting indeed.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Eight towers were represented at the monthly meeting at Shelley on July 12th. After tea in the school, the Rev. A. Crow presided at the business meeting. Arising from the minutes of the June meeting, which was the Shield contest, Cawthorne offered the prize they should have received for the Hoylandswaine Cup contest at Hoylandswaine on September 13th. Five new members were elected, viz., J. Whitehead (Marsden), Shirley Greenwood and the Rev. A. Crow (Shelley), B. Mills and J. Meredith (Holme Pierrepoint). The next meeting will be a joint one with the Yorkshire Association at Thryburgh on August 9th. Mr. Herman Rusby proposed the vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwarden, the local company and the ladies responsible for tea.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Selly Oak on July 5th. Owing to various other attractions the meeting was poorly attended and was very brief.

The secretary reported that a smaller room at the Imperial Hotel had been reserved for the Johnson Dinner, which will be held on March 7th, 1959.

The Guild practices at St. Martin's on Tuesday evenings were discussed, but no substantial reason could be found for the diminution in the numbers attending and it was decided to continue for the time being.

The next meeting will be held at Aston on October 4th.

EXPERIENCES ON OUTINGS

INTO SOUTH BUCKS

The morning of July 12th saw three cars carrying a party of 12 ringers on an outing, aimed at ringing in various towers in South Bucks with a few from nearby counties.

Ringling commenced at St. Paul's, Langleybury, where Mr. Ken Dunstan met us and joined in a course of Bourne: this light six go well. Our first eight, King's Langley, have only recently returned from the Loughborough foundry and, as usual, Taylors have done an excellent job, the only criticism being a stuffy belfry. We were pleased to have Mr. Walter Ayre stand in a course of London, though our ringing here didn't do justice to the bells.

After these two Hertfordshire towers we entered Bucks, having a short ring at Aston Clinton, followed by the five from the Croydon foundry at Weston Turville, thought by some to be one of the best fives in the country. Prior to lunch London was successfully rung at Stoke Mandeville. After the first touch here the stay of the fifth fell out, having been attached with only a couple of nails.

Replenished by a picnic lunch, we had the interesting experience of a ring on the steel bells of Waddesdon, where we were met by Canon Dixon and Mr. Copcutt. Though these bells are a little out of tune they are by no means as harsh as might be expected, and went well to Cambridge. A little time in hand provided an opportunity for a pull at Quainton: this ring of five is of very fine tone, the tenor weighing 19½ cwt., and the bells hang in the order 13254, anti-clockwise. The ringing circle is surrounded by ornamental statues, which, coupled with the long draught, makes the bells tricky to handle. A pleasant drive through narrow lanes brought us to another anti-clockwise ring of five at Nether Winchendon, where the appropriate Doubles were rung. The ring of eight at Haddenham sounded better outside the tower than in. A course of the special eight-bell method of the day, Glasgow, reached just over three leads before collapsing. Another attempt progressed a further lead at Thame (Oxon), where the bells are a very poor ring for such a fine church.

Before ringing at Tetsworth we enjoyed tea at the local fete. The ring of six by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank has a tenor of 4½ cwt., and everyone enjoyed it very much. Permission had been obtained for a pull at Aston Rowant (5, 13 cwt.) but on arrival at the church a large boiler was found in the ringing chamber directly beneath the tenor rope. However, the tenor was raised with extreme difficulty, and rounds rung on this anti-clockwise peal of good tone, though the 'go' left a lot to be desired. The bells had just been lowered when the Parochial Church Council secretary rushed in to tell us the tower was condemned as unsafe in 1922, since when the bells had not been rung.

Our ringing at Chinnor was curtailed when the second's rope broke, but a short splice remedied matters, and an interesting touch of Spliced Minor was rung. Re-entering Bucks, we visited the heavy ring of five at Bledlow and, later, West Wycombe, where a final onslaught on Glasgow produced six leads.

Grateful thanks are extended to all those who helped to make this outing so successful.
I. H. O.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on July 19th, 1,777 Erin Cinques: D. Heighton 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, F. Hansford 3, D. J. Marshall 4, P. J. Bird 5, Miss P. M. Bourn 6, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 7, I. Goulter 8, R. J. Bowden 9, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 10, T. P. Edwards 11, F. D. Mack 12.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD

The local company had not had an outing for several years so a few impetuous fools this year persuaded everyone that it would be a good thing, and arrangements were duly put in hand. This means that our patient tower captain arranged coach, towers, eating places and a period delicately described on the itinerary as 'social activity.'

Prompt at the appointed time, four people arrived at the rendezvous. About a quarter of an hour later the last 'members of the party turned up still rubbing sleep from their eyes, and just as some were giving up hope, the bus came as well, so we were able to depart only about 20 minutes late, although we soon caught this up en route.

Having got more or less settled in, the handbells were produced for a 'quick' course 'in hand,' but we arrived at Grantham before this came round so we rang a few courses of various things on the noble ring of ten instead, J. E. T. and 'Our Kid' doing great things on the tenor.

Some signed the visitors' book underneath some more illustrious names than ours, of the previous outing, and then we all 'en-bussed' for Surfleet. Here we had a great time where, because of the leaning tower, the ropes appear to descend at 30 degrees to the vertical, and the way some of us performed at 30 degrees to the horizontal. Afterwards it was generally agreed (by at least five gentlemen) that the highlight of this visit was some Doubles on the top five.

During ringing here, one or two of the more thirsty members disappeared, and the feeble excuse of those who went to 'hurry others up' didn't really fool anyone, but eventually we all set off for lunch at a hotel in Spalding.

We finally left Spalding in peace for Sutterton, where we astonished ourselves by ringing a course of Lincolnshire Surprise in Lincolnshire on this delightful eight. One thing of note occurred here and that was the 'turning in' of the tenor to some Stedman Triples by one of our ladies, otherwise we all enjoyed some good ringing.

Next we arrived at Boston Stump, where we rang some Grandsire Caters nearly at cloud base and where one of our many comics remarked that these must be a heavenly peal because of the height we had to climb to ring them. By now perhaps the pace was beginning to tell, as we did not ring these bells as well as we should have done, although we did bring all the touches round.

Magically we all, or nearly all, recovered for another long climb at the organisers' 'piece de resistance,' Lincoln Cathedral, but the bells were well worth it and so was the view from the balcony! Much has been written about Lincoln, but mere words cannot describe the grandeur of this beautiful building from foundation stone to the highest pinnacle. After some of the best ringing of the day we took our leave and began our journey home. We stopped on the way, of course, to sample some of the much vaunted 'social activity,' which proved most acceptable.

Our thanks include the coach driver, who performed miracles, and our tower captain and organiser, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, who should have been a psychologist, and, of course, local captains and clergy for their kind co-operation.
D. H.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS

York was the destination of the annual outing of St. Michael's, West Retford, which took place on July 19th. The outing was blessed with a really good summer's day, and at 8 a.m. 36 ringers and friends from Sutton-on-Trent, Rampton, Gamston, East Retford and Bawtry left the church.

Selby (10, tenor 25 cwt.) was the first tower on the programme and the lovely bells were enjoyed by all. The best ringing here was a touch of Spliced Triples.

At Escrick (8, tenor 13 cwt.) we found that the clappers of the treble and second were tied and unfortunately this wasted a bit of time. After the opening rounds a touch of Plain Bob Major was brought round. Oxford Bob Triples went well, and then a ladies' band, assisted by 'Miss Denman,' rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. Little Bob Major was rung and then the bells were lowered.

The first tower after lunch was Acomb (6, tenor 10 cwt.). Although the bells are very loud in the ringing chamber they are easy to ring and some good ringing was accomplished. The Institute of Architectural Study (6, tenor 8 cwt.) was next on the list, and difficulty was experienced here in striking these very old bells.

After tea we made our way to the Minster (12, tenor 59 cwt.), where, after the bells had been raised, we started with rounds on 12. Unfortunately we broke a stay, which reduced ringing to 10. We then rang rounds on 10, with Mr. Williams making a very good job of the tenor. Oxford Bob Triples and Grandsire Triples were rung on the back eight. Although we enjoyed hearing these majestic bells we did not do justice to them with our ringing.

The last tower of the day was Carlton (6, tenor 6 cwt.). This nice light ring was very much enjoyed by all. Double Oxford went particularly well. An all-ladies' band rang a touch of Bob Minor.

The customary stop was made on the way home and we arrived home just after 10.30.

Methods rung were Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Oxford Triples, Plain and Little Bob Major and Grandsire Caters.

Thanks are extended to all incumbents concerned, to the Dean of York and to local tower captains for meeting us.
R. H.

GLOUCESTER RINGERS' OUTING

Some 41 ringers and friends participated in the North Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association's outing in North Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire.

Good bells had been selected. First came the recently rehung eight at Hanbury, followed by Aston Cantlow (6) and Wootton-Wawen (a very interesting old church). Lunch was taken in picnic fashion at Stratford-on-Avon and, after a brief rest, the coaches left for Wellesbourne Hastings and Kington. Tea followed at Banbury. The last tower was Hook Norton, a good eight.

During the day methods rung included Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, St. Dunstan's and rounds for beginners at each tower.

Grateful thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers for their co-operation and to the Ringing Master, Mr. Wilson, of Redmarley, who planned the route; also Miss J. Smith, Secretary, for organising the tour and tea at Banbury.
E. W. S.

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PAWLEY.—To Margaret (née Starbuck) and Julian, a daughter (Sarah Margaret) on July 13th, at Leicester. 2742

TAYLOR.—On July 6th, 1958, at King Edward VII. Memorial Hospital, Bermuda, to Daphne (née Lloyd) — Chester Cathedral Society — and Derek, the gift of a daughter, Carol Diane. 2740

DEATH

BEDFORD.—On July 24th, at his home at Corfe, Somerset, after a short illness, William Maynard, dear father of Edna Grabham. 2762

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no monthly practice at St Martin-in-the-Fields during August. Sunday ringing as usual.—A. W. J. Butler. 2749

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.—Tuesday practices postponed during holiday season. Recommencing date will be advertised. 2746

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—Owing to an open-air theatre festival being held close to the church, we regret that we can have no ringing practice during August.—John L. Findon, Hon. Sec. 2761

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Claverdon on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 2754

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Histon (6) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 2721

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ottershaw (6) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Otter.—Mrs. H. Hancock, Malshanger, Chobham Road, Ottershaw. 2715

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Abbots Langley (6) on Aug. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 2719

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Kildown on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2699

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Parbold, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 2743

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Anston on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, at 3 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 2727

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Aug. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2723

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 4th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea at nearby cafes, owing to building new Church Hall. Bells available in evening.—A. H. Smith, 9, Dorking Road, Great Bookham. 2725

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Northill (6) on Saturday, Aug. 9th at 3 p.m. A peal board will be dedicated at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wagstaff, Ickwell Green, Northill, Beds.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 2735

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Next meeting of the Branch will be held at St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, Chester, on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in School Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, not later than first post, Wednesday, Aug. 6th, to Miss E.-Price, 6, Paradise Row, Chester.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec. 2728

DEVON GUILD.—North West Branch.—summer meeting at Bideford on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Own arrangements for tea.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 2751

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Balcombe (8), Aug. 9th. Names for tea to J. H. Gardner, 35, Newlands, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett. 2748

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Cherryhinton on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bottisham available after tea.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2757

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Evening meeting, Blunsdon (6), Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells from 5.30.—W. B. Kynaston. 2750

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to F. Moorhouse, Suncrest, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 2758

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at North Mymms, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea, business, 5. Buses 242, 340, 343 and Green Line 717 pass near church. Ringing at Northaw in the evening.—C. E. Slade, Sec. 2747

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Guilsborough, Saturday, Aug. 9th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 2755

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening meeting, Coddington (5), Aug. 9th. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2745

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at South Anston (8), Saturday, Aug. 9th, not Harworth. Names for tea, by 7th, to Mr. H. M. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, Sheffield.—H. Denman. 2756

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Thakeham (6) on Aug. 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. B. W. Farhall, New Cottages, Thakeham, Pulborough, Sx. 2739

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Thrybergh, near Rotherham, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Names, by Aug. 7th, to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, Rotherham. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert and J. W. Buxton. 2753

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 16th, at Kentisbeare. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Aug. 10th, to L. G. Leatt, 1, Silver Street, Kentisbeare. 2741

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Old Coulsdon (5) on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea, by the previous Wednesday, to Miss R. Naylor, 6, Hartley Way, Purley. 2744

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Ringers' celebrations of the City of Carlisle's 800 years of civic independence, Oct. 18th. Full arrangements announced in good time.—J. W. Brownrigg, Sec. 2760

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1959, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 15/6 each, now available from Mr. P. N. Bond, 33, The Drive, Hedge Barton, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Accommodation is limited to approximately 105, so early application is advised. 2759

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