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INTO CORNWALL WITH MISS WYMAN'S PARTY

FOR many years the tours arranged by Miss Wyman have been a regular annual feature in these columns. This year Cornwall was visited during the last week of July, with headquarters at the White Hart Hotel, Launceston.

The programme on Monday opened at St. Petroc's, Bodmin, the largest parish church in the county. Mr. A. Harman, the Ringing Master for the morning, welcomed the company and expressed wishes for a happy tour. Grandsire, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Double Norwich were rung, and Miss Kathleen Powell, a promising young ringer from Leatherhead who was holidaying in the area, was able to participate. The second tower on this glorious day was Egloshayle, a suburb of Wadebridge, where Superlative and Stedman were added to the list.

Two very nice eights—St. Columb Major and St. Enoder—were visited during the afternoon, with Mr. Young as Ringing Master. An unusual mishap occurred at St. Enoder, when the toggle of the Hastings stay on the second got fast behind the block, leaving the bell set and immovable, thus reducing ringing to the back six. After tea, Bristol was added to the list on the light eight at St. Columb Minor.

An unexpected pleasure was to receive that evening during dinner a visit from the lady Mayor of Launceston, who wished us a happy holiday. Unfortunately, owing to the full programme, we were not able to take advantage of her offer to see the town mace, charter and other historic documents. At the Bell Inn later in the evening we found a set of 12 handbells hanging behind the bar. Permission to ring was readily given, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major followed. Mr. Fred Collins loaned us his set of eight, and on these handbell touches were enjoyed during the week.

Tuesday was another five-tower day, under the mastership of Mr. L. Stilwell and Mr. Cheesman. A traffic jam, the only one experienced during the week, delayed arrival at Phillack. Ringing at Penzance was limited, but included three leads of 'Yorkshire Glory' (Kent T.B. to the uninitiated). The afternoon was spent at Gulval and Carbis Bay, and at the latter tower the Rev. A. S. Roberts made everyone feel very welcome; he joined in the ringing and later entertained us with tea. The light eight at Tuckingmill brought the ringing of the day to an end.

The leafy lanes of the West Country on a rainy day, when travelling in an 8 foot coach, can play havoc with a ringing tour programme, and this was our experience on Wednesday, when Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins joined

us for the day. Mr. Daniels was Ringing Master. Our first tower was Lifton, just over the Devon border, where Stedman and London went very well indeed. Back in Cornwall, the narrow lanes caused a change of programme, the six at Lanreath coming before lunch and the eight at Lansallos after. Fowey had to be missed. At Lanivet we met the Vicar, who afterwards acted as our guide to Lanhydrock, where the church is in lovely parkland. By ringing here, Mr. Collins has rung on the bells of every ringable ring in the county.

Seven tower were scheduled for Thursday, with your scribe in charge. The first two were in Devon—Appledore, a light eight, and Hartland, the tallest tower in Devon and Cornwall, which was well worth a visit. Kilkhampton, Stratton and Marhamchurch filled the afternoon pleasantly, and before dinner at Launceston the six at St. Thomas', and after dinner the eight at St. Mary Magdalene's. To the delight of the local ringers, there was a half-hour of handbell ringing in the vestry.

There was a long journey on Friday to Redruth, with Mr. Clark in charge. The light six at Sennen were a pleasant untrlude on a fine afternoon. Tea was at Land's End, and then back to the heavy eight at Probus, where we had some of the best ringing of the week and were congratulated by the locals on our lower in peal.

Four towers in Devonshire were listed for Saturday. Ringing on the grand ten at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, with Mr. Rapley in charge, had to be curtailed owing to a wedding. The 195 steps to the churchyard at Buckfastleigh were quite an effort after lunch, but we all made it and enjoyed our stay. Mr. A. Cutler was in charge here and also at Buckland, which was Mr. Len Stilwell's 1,000th tower. Bovey Tracey was our last tower of the day, with Mr. Oakshott in charge. Travelling over the moors to our headquarters, there was a short stop at Becky Falls and a passing glimpse of the prison.

Homeward bound on Sunday, we had a short ring at Crediton for morning service, a picnic lunch outside Taunton and tea at Hurstbourne Priors. After the meal, Mr. E. Rapley expressed the party's indebtedness to Miss Wyman, and presented her with a handbag as a slight token of appreciation. There was also a presentation to the driver, who had done so much to make the tour a success, and this was made by Mr. Daniels.

In giving thanks for this week to be remembered, I should like to mention not only the Rev. A. S. Roberts for tea at Carbis Bay, incumbents and local ringers, but also my fellow travellers. I have learnt a lot, both about ringing and my fellow men. I don't want to list it all; but in saying 'Thank you' I hope I shall meet you all again and enjoy once more the pleasure of your delightful company.

IRVINE SLACK.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. Treble	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 5
M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall) 2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton) .. 3	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 7
M. M. PETERSON (Trinity) 4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. NEILL.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.	
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. Treble	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity) 6
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 7
J. PILKINGTON (Fitz. Ho.) 3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 8
R. LEIGH (St. Cath.'s) .. 4	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) 9
S. E. DARMON (St. John's) 5	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) Tenor

Composed by HENRY TUCKER. Conducted by A. R. HEPPENSTALL.

STANSTED MOUNT FICHET, ESSEX.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.	
M. M. PETERSON (Trinity) Treble	REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.'s) 5
G. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.'s) 2	R. LEIGH (St. Cath.'s) .. 6
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.) 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW (Selwyn) 7
J. PILKINGTON (Fitz. Ho.) 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) Tenor

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY'S
SUMMER TOUR

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE,
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Tues., Aug. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Hexham, Primrose and Berwick; (2) Bourne; (3) London and Wells; (4) Norwich; (5) Ipswich; (6) York and Durham; (7) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet; with 66 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

E. JANE LANGTON .. Treble	MARTYN HAWKES .. 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. 5
MICHAEL R. ROSE .. 3	DEREK E. SIBSON .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

The most Surprise Minor methods rung to a peal by all the band, and for the Society.

Rung to mark the engagement of Jane Langton to Derek E. Sibson.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE,
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ELIZABETH FARROW .. Treble	†MARCUS P. BARTON .. 4
†JUDITH K. ESSEN .. 2	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY .. 5
†ALAN G. SPREADBURY .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal. † First in more than one method.

FOUR PEALS IN ONE DAY

ALL RUNG AT LOUGHBOROUGH BELL FOUNDRY FOR THE
LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD on Monday, August 1st, 1960.

In 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S BOB
DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.	
JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 3
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 4
A. JAMES POYNOR .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

In 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.	
A. JAMES POYNOR .. Treble	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 3
MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 2	SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 4
JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

In 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CRAYFORD COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.	
JOHN M. JELLEY .. Treble	ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 4
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
A. JAMES POYNOR .. 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

In 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.	
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 4
ALAN E. HARTLEY .. 2	A. JAMES POYNOR .. 5
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD GRANT .. Treble	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 8
*BARNABAS G. KEY .. 3	JOHN A. ACRES .. 9
*HAROLD J. HAZELL .. 4	PAT I. CHAPMAN .. 10
*JACK P. KESTERTON .. 5	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6	GEORGE S. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Doreen D. Dutton and John Hunting, and to Avril Thackray and Stephen Ivin, upon their marriage. Both brides are members of the Cathedral band.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALAN E. HARTLEY .. Treble	†A. JAMES POYNOR .. 6
*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON .. 2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
†PETER J. CHILTON .. 3	MARTIN C. FAULKES .. 8
BARBARA MANSHIP .. 4	ARTHUR GIBBS .. 9
†KEITH B. TOWNSEND .. 5	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* First peal of Royal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Royal in the method. First as conductor on ten.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clarke on their diamond wedding anniversary.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

ALAN CARVETH .. Treble	*MARY CARVETH .. 6
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. 2	DAVID J. KING .. 7
JACQUELINE S. KING .. 3	*DOUGLAS BURNETT .. 8
V. MARY MATTHEWS .. 4	REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 9
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON .. 5	*MICHAEL G. SELBY .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal on ten bells. First on the bells since being augmented to ten.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

On the Dixon eight. Tenor 17 cwt.
 JOHN E. ANDERSON Treble DENIS A. BAYLES 5
 MARION S. AINSWORTH .. 2 EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 6
 KENNETH ARTHUR 3 GEORGE S. DEAS 7
 J. ALAN AINSWORTH 4 ERIC N. HARRISON Tenor
 Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE S. DEAS.
 First peal in the method as conductor.
 Rung for the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen Mother.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
 JOHN R. PERRETT (Sheff.) Treble DERMOT J. ROAF (Oxford) 5
 REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE RICHARD F. B. SPEED (Camb.) 6
 (Birmingham) 2 FRANK D. MACK (Bristol) 7
 *EILEEN HUDSON (London) 3 JOHN H. GILBERT (So'ton) Tenor
 *RAYMOND E. FINCH (So'ton) 4 Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
 Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
 * First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5024 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.
 GEOFFREY S. MILLS Treble MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 5
 ROGER LEIGH 2 *J. BARRY PICKUP 6
 LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 3 NORMAN SMITH 7
 JOHN P. PARTINGTON 4 WALTER E. WILKINSON .. Tenor
 Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
 * 50th peal. First in the method for the Association, and by all the band.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.
 TREVOR TAYLOR Treble SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 5
 *MRS. H. D. HOLLAND .. 2 JOHN NELSON 6
 EILEEN FEARN 3 DEREK TAYLOR 7
 CAROL FEARNLEY 4 H. DAVID HOLLAND Tenor
 Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C. No. 2).
 Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.
 * First peal in the method
 Rung to welcome the birth of David Graham, second son to Mr. and Mrs. Derek Ogden.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.
 *PETER J. PERKINS Treble FRANK C. MAY 5
 MARK F. HATCH 2 ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
 PHILIP H. AVEY 3 MICHAEL J. HALLETT .. 7
 CECIL J. BELCHAM 4 †DAVID E. BELCHAM Tenor
 Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by DAVID E. BELCHAM.
 * First peal on eight bells. † First of Major, and as conductor, at first attempt.

To mark the occasion of the marriage of Barry Cook and Shirley Stead this day at Rayleigh; also for the wedding anniversary of Malcolm and Myra Mawbey, ringers at Thorpe Bay, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.
 *ALISON M. MANN Treble BERNARD C. MANN 5
 ROY DUESBURY 2 URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 6
 †FRANK B. LUFKIN 3 †ARTHUR HUBBLE 7
 *HARRY R. APPLETON .. 4 WALTER ARNOLD Tenor
 Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
 * First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.
 BRIAN G. WARWICK .. Treble JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
 RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 2 JOHN A. ACRES 6
 ERNEST MORRIS 3 RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. 7
 *BRIAN M. SMITH 4 G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor
 Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.67).
 Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
 * First peal in the method 'inside.'

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.
 HUGH M. BISHOP Treble T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 5
 JOHN G. GIPSON 2 HAROLD J. HAZELL 6
 EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 3 *WILLIAM T. COOK 7
 ERNEST G. HIBBINS 4 ROGER LEIGH Tenor
 Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
 * 200th peal.
 Rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. E. G. Hibbins' first peal; also a welcome to his great-grand-daughter, Kim Diane Carter, one week old.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.
 OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble FRED JACKSON 5
 JOHN E. BIBBY 2 CYRIL VALENTINE 6
 DENIS MADDOCK 3 WALTER ALLMAN 7
 *CYNTHIA BIBBY 4 FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor
 Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.
 * First peal in the method.
 Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Sheena Jane, to Jean and Denis Maddock; also the wedding of the daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.
 JOHN F. MURFIN Treble BURLEY P. MORRIS 5
 RONALD H. BULLEN 2 *MICHAEL BLORE 6
 HAROLD TAYLOR 3 *CLIVE WALKLATE 7
 J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4 IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor
 Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
 * First peal in the method.
 A belated birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18½ cwt.
 RITA M. JOWETT Treble *PETER SCHOLFIELD 5
 MILTON C. FOWLER 2 W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
 B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3 IAN M. HOLLAND 7
 HOWARD SCOTT 4 RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor
 Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
 * First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced on the bells.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.
 *VICTOR DRAPER Treble RONALD KERRICK 5
 MARGARET FORREST .. 2 PETER COXALL 6
 WILLIAM E. COURT 3 EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
 CYRIL LOW 4 JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor
 Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
 * First peal.
 Rung as wedding compliments to David Head (son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Head, of Southport) and Miss Audrey Wilson (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilson, of Bowness), and John Hunting, of Leicester, and Miss Doreen Dutton, of Southport.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. WITE AND CANDIDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

NORMAN MALETT Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD 5
MRS. C. W. POWELL 2	*FRANK KNIGHT 6
CUTHBERT W. POWELL 3	HARRY J. GAYLARD 7
GORDON GAYLARD 4	HENRY G. KEELEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung to the glory of God, and in honour of the ordination of Roger Keeley at Harnham on August 14th; also for the marriage of his twin sister, Rachel, to Mr. John Blow, of Horley, on Monday, August 22nd.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Treble	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.
ERIC YOUNG 2	WILLIAM TALBOT 4
*CHRISTINE GLOVER 2	G. ARNOLD MOORE 5
MERYL PURSLOW 3	WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the wedding of Dr. Alan Henry Batten (son of the rector) and Miss Lois Eleanor Dewis.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1960, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Treble	Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	SANDRA E. CHESTERTON 3
MARTIN C. FAULKES 2	A. JAMES POYNOR 4
JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 WAVERTREE COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Treble	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 4
BRIAN M. SMITH 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
MARTIN C. FAULKES 3	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1960, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Treble	Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
ALAN E. HARTLEY 2	MARTIN C. FAULKES 3
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	PETER J. CHILTON 4
A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor	

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 APRIL DAY BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Treble	Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
JOHN M. JELLEY 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY 3
A. JAMES POYNOR 2	PETER J. CHILTON 4
MARTIN C. FAULKES Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Wotton Branch)
On Tues., Aug. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Treble	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
RICHARD McLUNG 2	CLIVE LEGG 4
OLIVER MILLS 2	RONALD COX 5
AUDREY EVANS 3	*JOHN WOODWARD Tenor

Conducted by RONALD COX.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the life and work of the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, through whose inspiration these bells were provided.

BRADSTONE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NOB,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Treble	Tenor 7 cwt.
WILFRED C. BOUCHER 2	CHARLES E. TAYLOR 4
*D. ROY BOULD 2	M. JACK PRYOR 5
*ANN GEORGE 3	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

In memory of George Fitze, captain of Kelly ringers.

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 113 regular individual plain course methods, viz.:
Cousdon, Langley, Bisham Alliance, Greenford and Laleham Little Bob; Perivale, Lockinge Alliance, Littleton and Twyford Little Bob; Barkham, Bisham, Dorney Alliance and Laleham Little Bob; Staines Alliance and Kempton Little Bob; Shepperton, Taplow Alliance, Stanwell and Hanworth Little Bob; Quainton Alliance and Spital Little Bob; Chalvey, Thorpe, Moreton Alliance, Clewer, Spital and Dedworth Little Bob; Lavendon Alliance and Ickenham Little Bob; Herton, Hinkley, Bledlow Alliance, Hampton, Ickenham and Northolt Little Bob; Amersham Alliance and Twyford Little Bob; Astleham, Lockinge, Marsworth Alliance, Ashford, Twyford and Greenford Little Bob; Union, Uffington, Reverse St. Simon's and Reverse St. Nicholas'; Reverse New Bob, St. Alphage, Reverse St. Simon's and Reverse St. Nicholas'; St. Julian, Datchet, Reverse St. Osmund's and Reverse St. Remigius'; Reverse St. Vedast's, St. Gregory's, Reverse St. Osmund's and Reverse St. Remigius'; Stowe, St. Faith's, Reverse St. Martin's and Reverse Winchendon; St. Andrew's, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Martin's and Reverse Winchendon; Coxwell, Stedman Slow Course, St. Botolph's, Reverse Bob and Canterbury; Reverse All Saints', St. Sebastian's, St. Bartholomew, Reverse Shipway, Reverse Bob and Canterbury; New Bob, Itchingfield and Forncett; St. Vedast's, Bedingham and Chipstead; Bethnal Bob and St. Vedast's; Huntspill, Oakley and Ellingham; Reverse Heathrow, Reverse St. Edmund's and Huntspill; Shipway, Colnbrook and Tandridge; Westminster II, Knapton and Chesham; Cranford and Westminster II; St. Hilary's, Intwood and Ockham; Blackburn, Broughton and Lyng; Reverse Canterbury, Ravensingham and Dorton; St. Nicholas', Fundenhall and Longford; Heathrow and St. Nicholas'; St. Remigius', Harpley and Hascombe; Winchendon and Thornborough; Haddiscoe and Winchendon; Plain Bob and Boxford; St. Simon's and Braywood; St. Edmund's and St. Simon's; St. Osmund's, Longworth and Merton; St. Martin's, Welford and Slapton; St. Simon's and Rugby, and Plain Bob and Candlesby; with 350 changes of method and plain leads only used throughout.

MONICA M. BLAGROVE .. Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER 3
MALCOLM S. CLOKE 2	MICHAEL HATCHETT 4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

The greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal, and the greatest number of regular methods rung in a peal of 5,040 changes (126 Minor methods have been rung in a peal of 6,480 changes).

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**WHITTLESFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR*

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Norwich, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Surfleet, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

E. JANE LANGTON . . . Treble	DERMOT J. ROAF . . . 4
DEREK E. LATCHFORD . . . 2	DEREK E. SIBSON . . . 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS . . . 3	GEORGE E. THODAY . . . Tenor

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
A birthday compliment to T. Reginald Dennis.

**ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

PETER J. CHILTON . . . Treble	MARTIN C. FAULKES . . . 4
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON . . . 2	ALAN E. HARTLEY . . . 5
JOHN M. JELLEY . . . 3	A. JAMES POYNOR . . . Tenor

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-ON-THE-WALL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of College Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID HEIGHTON . . . Treble	REGINALD G. HOOPER . . . 4
*CLIFF RICHARDS . . . 2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON . . . 5
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 3	D. JOHN HUNT . . . Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal in seven methods.
A compliment to Graham and Ruby Eyles on the birth of a daughter.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CRANFORD SURPRISE MINOR**

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

CHRISTINE M. RIMMER . . . Treble	RAYMOND G. SMITH . . . 4
FRANK C. PRICE . . . 2	JOHN R. MAYNE . . . 5
MICHAEL HATCHETT . . . 3	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN . . . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 150th peal of Surprise. First in the method in the county, for the Association, and by all the band except the ringer of the second.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Comprising seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Double and Single Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) London Surprise, (5) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER . . . Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN . . . 4
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE . . . 2	LOUIS WILLIERS . . . 5
DELIA SMITH . . . 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE . . . Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 25th peal.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) and (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK . . . Treble	ERNEST MORRIS . . . 4
*MARK G. WOOD . . . 2	BRIAN M. SMITH . . . 5
DIANA J. PERRINS . . . 3	JOHN A. ACRES . . . Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Minor.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY . . . Treble	†ROYSTON WILMORE . . . 4
ERNEST F. PAYNE . . . 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE . . . 5
*JAMES MITCHELL . . . 3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY . . . Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal 'inside.' † First of Grandsire Doubles on tower bells.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

*On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

In 11 methods, being ten extents of Grandsire and four each of Spliced St. Martin's and St. Osmund's, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, Winchendon Place and St. Remigius', Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas', Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDK. A. H. CATTELL . . . Treble	REGINALD H. NEWTON . . . 4
HARRY POYNER . . . 2	PHILIP J. EVANS . . . 5
MARY C. POYNER . . . 3	JAMES JONES . . . Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

The greatest number of Doubles methods rung in a peal by the Association.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR . . . Treble	ROBIN S. M. STUBBS . . . 4
*TERENCE J. MILSON . . . 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS . . . 5
S. ARTHUR READ . . . 3	ALAN F. LEE . . . Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung in memory of William J. Prescott.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 1,440 Plain Bob (four callings) and 3,600 Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DIANA R. SOUTHAM . . . Treble	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT . . . 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL . . . 2	CHARLES E. I. NORRIS . . . 5
†JAMES W. SELLEN . . . 3	LESLIE B. DOBBIE . . . Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First on six bells, also on 'inside' bell.
A birthday peal for the tenor ringer's grand-daughter; also for John Hale, late of Rainham, Kent.

WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
(dedication unknown)
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

WALTER H. MARKS . . . Treble	WILLIAM G. LAVERS . . . 4
THOMAS G. MYERS . . . 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS . . . 5
*FREDERICK E. DAY . . . 3	D. ROY BOULD . . . Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First peal of Minor. First on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Roy Bould.

HANDBELL PEALS

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes.

**AT 169, STOCKTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*MARJORIE HUGHES . . . 1-2	MRS. K. LAWSON . . . 3-4
KENNETH LAWSON . . . 5-6	

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

* First peal.
A tenth wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. K. Lawson.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours.

**AT WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Single Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Double Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN HARRIS . . . 1-2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES . . . 3-4
ROBERT B. SMITH . . . 5-6	

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
First peal in seven Minor methods 'in hand' by all.
Rung as a farewell to Bernard Groves, who is leaving Marple to live at Maidstone, Kent.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

**AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANFORTH . . . 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD . . . 5-6
GEORGE S. MORRIS . . . 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS . . . 7-8
JOHN A. ACRES . . . 9-10	

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS

Stratton St. Margaret ringers could hardly have selected a worse day for their outing than August 27th, and their objective to towers in the Wotton-under-Edge district took them to Dursley, which had earlier had the experience of a whirlwind. The start was delayed for half-an-hour to enable some ringers to change their clothes after being caught in a thunder-storm. A further delay occurred when only a short distance from the first tower, Stonehouse: a swan, apparently mistaking the wet road for the river, landed in front of the coach! Mr. Price was waiting to greet us, and we soon had the bells swinging.

The 'go' of Slimbridge bells was much appreciated, and Canon Thomas gave us a warm welcome. After ringing at Upper Cam, a gale and torrential rain were experienced en route for Dursley, where we had tea before ringing on the eight at St James' Church. The last tower was Wotton-under-Edge, where the recently-rehung eight were a joy to ring. During the trip, methods rung included Cambridge and London Minor, and Cambridge and Double Norwich C.B. Major. With a strange sense of humour, the coach driver called at The Trouble House on the way home.

The trip was organised by Mr. Oram, with Mr. V. Griffin as Ringing Master. Our thanks are sent to incumbents and tower secretaries.
R. L.

IN THE FYLDE AREA

Ten towers in the Fylde area were visited by a party of ringers from the Furness and Lancaster Branches on August 27th, and despite the interference of an enthusiastic 'speed cop,' an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Methods rung included Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B., Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and Double Norwich.

Thanks are due to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, tower secretaries in the Fylde area and, last but by no means least, the coach driver. R. W. D.

OUTINGS**BAWTRY AND TICKHILL**

Saturday, August 20th, saw the first combined outing of Bawtry and Tickhill ringers. The first objective was the Bell Foundry at Loughborough, where a very interesting hour was spent looking around the Foundry, under the guidance of Mr. P. Taylor and Mr. J. P. Fidler. Although eagerly looked forward to, our attempts at ringing on the Foundry bells were far from being praiseworthy.

After partaking of a packed lunch we proceeded to Hathern, where we found a very pleasant ring of six, the bells being half-muffled as a token of respect to the Vicar and his wife, who lost their lives whilst attempting to save their dog from drowning in the sea. A pleasant hour was spent at Bunney and at Cotgrave, where we had a warm welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Wakefield, who for 19 years was the Vicar of Bawtry. Tea was provided by Mrs. Wakefield and other kind helpers, and this was thoroughly enjoyed. A pleasant hour was spent on the bells, which we found very easy going. During this time our non-ringing friends visited the Rectory gardens.

After Cotgrave we did not settle down as well at Whatton-in-the-Vale, but there was a marked improvement at Bottesford, and everyone agreed that this was 'the tower of the day.' Our final call was at Balderton, a light, very good-going six. Methods rung during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

Thanks are extended to all the incumbents and ringers who welcomed us to their towers, to Messrs. Taylor, to Mrs. Wakefield and her helpers for providing tea, and to all those who in any way assisted towards making the outing a success.
A. W. and A. H.

HENLOW, BEDS

Organised with quiet efficiency, as usual, by Mr. L. H. Bywaters, this year's outing of the Henlow ringers took place on August 27th, when they visited the Berkshire area.

The first tower, Dorchester, Oxon, was reached in good time, which meant that a cup of coffee could be enjoyed before ascending the tower, where good use was made of the easy-going ring of eight.

Next came Abingdon, whose splendid parish church has a ring of ten, and where we were pleased to meet Mrs. Lock, who welcomed us in her gracious manner. A very good lunch was enjoyed here before going on to Harwell. This lovely ring of eight was much enjoyed by all, after which we went on to Wantage, birth-place of Alfred the Great, on the fringe of the famous Vale of the White Horse. An excellent tea was taken here before journeying on to Blewbury, another good ring of eight.

Perhaps the best ringing of the day took place at our last tower, East Hagbourne, and well it might be, for these bells are a delight to ring—an excellent example of what a ring of eight should be!

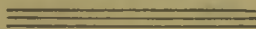
The thanks of all are tendered to the incumbents where we rang, to the local ringers who made us so welcome, and to Mr. Bywaters for his splendid arrangements.
A. E. R.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE

Packwood ringers and friends choose Worcester-shire for their day's outing. There was some fine ringing on the beautiful bells of Stoke Prior and Hanbury. The young ringers had difficulty in controlling the bells of Upton Snodsbury, due to the great length of rope, but short touches of Bob Minor were brought round. Other towers visited were Witton, Broadwas, Inkberrow, Grimley, Wychbold and the day finished with some fine ringing on the delightful bells at Ombersley. Thanks are due to incumbents, to Paul Cattermole and members of his band and to all tower captains for allowing us to ring their bells.
R. E. T.

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We are sorry to learn that Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, Bucks, was admitted to Cliveden Hospital on August 5th. He is in Ward 9, and his many friends will join us in hoping that this sojourn will be the means of his recovery and ultimate return to the belfry.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A loss to ringing in Marple, Cheshire, is the departure of Mr. Bernard Groves to live in Maidstone, Kent.

Eight peals from eight attempts were scored by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon's party during their Lake District tour.

Mr. Ernest G. Hibbins had a 'golden' peal at Trumpington, Cambs, on August 21st. It was rung on the 50th anniversary of his first peal. Congratulations!

Mr. F. E. Collins has rung in every ringable tower in Cornwall. He completed his record by ringing at Lanhydrock when he joined Miss Wyman's tourists for a day.

'Gillian Schofield, of Bradford, deserves congratulations,' writes Mr. W. Eric Critchley. 'for although she is still a schoolgirl, she rang Pitman's 4-Spliced Surprise like a seasoned veteran at Harthill on August 27th.' Well done!

Bidford-on-Avon ringers express their thanks to the London University Guild for their kind gesture in leaving a donation in the belfry after their visit on August 25th. Such thoughtful actions leave behind happy memories.

The quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Stratton was rung following a thanksgiving Sunday for a successful record church fete, visitors from Cardiff, Colchester, Rye and Yeovil taking part in the ringing.

Mr. W. Butler has produced an excellent number of 'The Ringers' Magazine' for the August quarter. 'Bells in Law Reports,' by Norman Phillips, and 'Church Architecture,' by John F. Williams, are two good articles. The Editor also makes a valued contribution with 'Bell Founders' Marks.' It is all very readable.

There will be no more ringing at Exeter Cathedral until further notice. It is expected that work on the bells will take at least until Christmas.

The Universities' Association have only one peal to record from this year's Week—Yorkshire Surprise Major, at Bolsover.

Cheshire ringers' tour of Worcestershire, organised by Mr. Basil Jones, resulted in 11 peals. There were two failures. Story next week.

The Warborough and Dorchester (Oxon) bands would like to thank Mr. Frank Absalom, for the help he has given them in the past and also calling the quarter peals.

With the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Leicester Cathedral on August 29th, Mr. Harold J. Hazell, of Enfield, completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. It was his 75th peal.

A colour film unit was in action at St. Mary's, Watford, practice night on August 30th. Members of the local cine society took action shots of ringers and bells for inclusion in a film of Watford to be shown to the public in the Town Hall on October 11th.

While the product of the University of London Society's summer tour in Warwickshire was only two peals and three quarters, it was most enjoyable. For one couple in particular the occasion was memorable—the announcement of the engagement of Mr. D. E. Sibson and Miss Jane Langton. Every happiness!

The Central Bucks Branch has lost a sincere friend by the death of its chairman, since 1958, Canon C. E. Last, Rector of Great Horwood. Canon Last died at sea. A memorial service was held at Great Horwood last Sunday. An appreciation of his services will appear in our next issue.

The convener of the Editorial Committee (Mr. J. Frank Smallwood) rang in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise, at Darley Dale, on September 1st, in honour of his 76th birthday. The peal also honoured Mr. Herbert Langdon's 79th birthday on the following day.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD IN CAMBRIDGE

THE year being divisible by five, the Guild assembled in Cambridge once more, on August 20th, for its annual ringing week, this time at Wilfete House, a new Clare hostel on Castle Hill.

Some of us arrived on Saturday night, including the peal committee, who were soon in full session deciding our fate (so they thought) for the next week. The hostel, we found, was very modern and very comfortable, but had a number of obvious faults: the plumbing and the midnight handbell ringing were both universally audible, the latter especially so, as we were ejected from the dining-cum-common room at 11, and had to adjourn to a bedroom.

The ringing got off to a fine start on Sunday morning with Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's, despite the sex discrimination at breakfast—two eggs and three rashers for the men, one egg and two rashers for the women. At Trumpington, where we were met by Miss Willers, the bells were rung well, before we dispersed to meet again after lunch at St. Andrew's. A pleasant afternoon was spent ringing at Caxton and Bourn, before dinner.

The week's first peal band set off early on Monday for Elveden, where a peal of Rutland was successful, although there was some disappointment afterwards when it was found that the attractive house with a swinging sign and a car park was only the estate office. Stretham and Soham were visited by the rest of the party, a number of whom were due for a peal at Mildenhall in the afternoon. With this in view, lunch was sought in Ely, but the wrong café was picked, where the service was lamentably slow. Moreover, the peal committee had excelled itself, and when ten ringers finally assembled at Mildenhall half-an-hour late, to ring a peal of Cambridge Royal, there was no conductor. However, yet another peal of Bob Royal was quite competently brought round. Meantime, there had been ringing at Fordham, Burwell and Swaffham Prior before we all re-assembled for dinner! The evening was very pleasantly spent.

FIRST FAILURE

Tuesday brought the first of a succession of failures: after two-and-a-half hours of Pitman's 4-Spliced at St. Neots, the tenor man gave up because it was not going too well—a great disappointment for all concerned. This was partly assuaged by an excellent grill at a small hotel before joining the remainder of the party. They had been to Long Stanton, Over and St. Ives before lunch, and the whole assembly visited the Hemingfords (Grey and Abbots), Huntingdon (All Saints) and Godmanchester before returning to Cambridge for dinner. Three of us had been requisitioned for an Ely peal at Trumpington in the evening, and a peal of Bob Major was duly scored there. After dinner some visited the local practice at Old Chesterton, while others attempted a handbell peal of Double Norwich. The latter failed after half-an-hour or so, but a good practice was had, including methods up to London and Rutland.

The Corporate Communion was the first appointment on Wednesday, when a number attended Mass at the neighbouring Church of St. Giles, celebrated by the Vicar, with the president assisting. After breakfast a peal band set off for Stansted Mountfitchet and rang a peal of Yorkshire, despite some misgivings about the coursing order being back to front from time to time. Others were regaled with ringing at Sawston and Ickleton before lunch at Great Dunmow. The party were reunited at Great Dunmow Church after lunch, going on to Great Bardfield and Thaxted—a day of ground floor rings, which gladdened the hearts of the older members and produced some of the week's better ringing.

1961, WEST SUSSEX

After dinner, the meeting held in the hostel common room considered two or three important matters. First, it was announced that the reprinted Guild History was ready and could be purchased from the officers. Second, it was

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 37



MR. WALTER AYRE
Hertfordshire Association.

Mr. Walter Ayre is yet another member of the teaching profession who has given long and useful service to the Exercise. His work on the Peals Analysis and the Peal Boards Committees is well known to the Central Council, and it is hard to conceive how such work could be better done. The peals analysis requires continuous and very alert attention, and there is little that escapes Walter's eagle eye.

He was born at Barton-on-Humber in 1891, went to school there, and progressed to Hull Grammar School and the Municipal College, Grimsby. After a period as pupil teacher, he took up a post as teacher at Gainsborough in 1911. He joined the Army at the commence-

ment of the Great War, serving in the artillery in France and Belgium. After completing further training at St. Mark's College he was appointed headmaster at Caythorpe in 1921, and then went as headmaster to Leverstock Green in 1922, in which post he remained until retirement in 1957.

He learned to ring at Barton, and rang his first peal, Minor in three methods, in 1911. This was quickly followed by a peal of Kent T.B. Major at Hull, and by 1918 he had commenced conducting. His first 12-bell peal was at Southwark, to which he rang the tenor. He had joined the Cumberlands, and was contemporary with John D. Matthews, who conducted his first peal on handbells (Bob Royal). He took part in that Society's first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and also a peal of Stedman Caters at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington. In 1948 he was elected Master of the Cumberland Youths.

Mr. Ayre also served as District secretary (Western), Herts Association, from 1923 to 1947, and was made president in 1935. Under his guidance and leadership the Apsley band, which he joined in 1932, has rung peals in up to 32 Surprise Minor methods. His peal total is 763, of which he has conducted 417.

His other love is music, and he possesses a resonant bass voice. He ran a successful choral society up to 1939, which won cups and certificates at various festivals. He has been a member of one choir or another since he was 9 years old, and since 1944 has been a member at St. Peter's, St. Albans. His Sundays must be very busy, for before going to sing at St. Albans he rings at Apsley for service. He is often called on to read the lessons, and sometimes intones the service. He has taken an active part in local affairs, and joined the Special Constabulary in 1926, now being Superintendent in that Force.

Walter was a frequent visitor to Surfleet when Rupert Richardson was alive, and one of the exploits they got up to was to ring a handbell peal in bed, one on a boat and another on a coach whilst touring! They even contemplated ringing a peal whilst sitting in a large tree, but 'Mother' put her foot down, and the idea was dropped. It can be readily understood by anyone who knew Rupert (20 stones or more) that he would have required a pretty strong branch to support his weight. Yes, Walter has enjoyed his ringing and his music, and we have enjoyed his humour. He is still in the prime of life, and going strong. JAFUS.

decided to hold the 1961 Guild week in West Sussex, under the guidance of Brians Price and Threlfall, subject to the usual accommodation problems. Thirdly, and most importantly, it was decided, on the suggestion of the president and on the strict understanding that he himself had no intention of retiring as yet, to elect a vice-president, and the office was at once well filled by Bill Ridgman.

Subsequently more handbells were indulged in and a touch of Spliced Surprise (albeit probably false, but nevertheless ably called round at backstroke by the conductor) was rung.

A suggested peal attempt at Trumpington on Thursday morning was called off due to lack of support and to the local party there two days previously, and so the full party were able to do justice to St. Neots. Eaton Socon and Biggleswade in the morning. Lunch in Biggleswade preceded ringing at Baldock, Barkway and Royston, although a peal band for Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's was detached after Baldock. The peal, regrettably, was not a success, and after an hour-and-three-quarters' average ringing came to grief at a single. Bene't's were visited in the evening, and some confusion was caused here by the man who asked one of the ladies to join him in the Bath!

UNFORTUNATE MISHAP

Lavenham for a peal of Bristol—a pleasant thought; but the peal band here on Friday

could not make it go, and contented themselves with a quarter of Yorkshire before joining the rest of the party at All Saints', Sudbury. One driver had a most unfortunate mishap involving an old lady getting off a bus, which prevented him and his passenger from ringing at the first tower, Cavendish; but they reached Long Melford in reasonable time to join in the ringing there before continuing to Sudbury. There was time to look round the shops after lunch before we moved on to Bures. Here the clapper of the tenor broke—though we gathered it was a new one, only a few months old—after only one lead of our first touch. We were therefore reduced to the briefest of rings on the front seven; but after a little telephoning, we were lucky enough to get permission to ring at Stoke-by-Nayland, a most acceptable substitute. The last but by no means least tower of the week was Clare, reached through a cloudburst, before making our way back to Cambridge for the final dinner. The evening was happily spent in the Lion, in charge of the (self-transposed) 'President of Vice.'

As is the way with peals on the last Saturday morning, we could not ring Spliced at St. Andrew's, and so we adjourned once more, looking forward to Guild week next year and to Cambridge again in 1965.

The Guild's first woman secretary, Frances Secker, and her co-organiser, Hilary Muirhead, earn our very warm thanks for another memorable Guild week. B. D. T.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY IN KENT

FOLLOWING successful 'ringing holidays' in Cornwall (1958) and the Isle of Wight (1959), this year's cycling tour was arranged in Kent. The party, all members of the U.B.S.C.R., included Michael and Brenda Sprackling, Jane Cook, Angela Grainger, Beryl Abbott, John Baldwin, Roy Blackler, Terry Jones, Mike Austin and Pat Bird. Although only two of us remained from the original Cornish tour, Alan and Pauline Smith were able to join us for the day when we assembled at Canterbury on August 14th, and we commenced ringing at the Cathedral for Evensong. We enjoyed these bells, ringing various methods on eight and ten and a bob course of Grandsire Cinques. After attending the service and having a quick tea, we joined the local company at St. Dunstan's, and again attended service before making our way to Canterbury Y.H.

On Monday we really got down to business. Nine towers were visited in all, starting—through John's kind efforts—at St. Stephen's (Hackington) and St. Alphege's, where a slider fell out. After Sturry (6) we took lunch, and the now-traditional darts match—'East v. West'—was commenced. The six at Littlebourne were not quite as bad as we had been led to believe, and here we were shown around the war-damaged church. Wickhambreaux (6) has a fine ring, and both Wingham (8) and Goodnestone (6) were enjoyed. At Bekesbourne (6) we opened the church to find it full of gas. This meant one quick ring at a time, then dashing out for a breath of fresh air! Our engineer diagnosed a leak and turned the supply off at the mains! In the evening John took us to his home tower at Whitstable, where we were made most welcome at the local practice.

MOTORISTS TO RAISE BELLS

On Tuesday we were joined by Peter Newing and party, travelling by van and motor scooter. They were most helpful in getting bells up before the flagging cycle party arrived! The minor five at Thanington had such ill effects on Michael that he left the day's towers behind. However, Chartham (6) and Chilham (8) were both found successfully, although Selling (8) produced a rare chase for the key, and first evidence that Kentish folk can't tell their right from their left! Boughton-under-Blean went well to Major, but by the time we had found the elusive Faversham Church (8) (having carried our bikes over a railway footbridge!) we were tiring, and the ringing was not what it might have been. However, a rest and tea put things right, and we improved at Ospringe (8), with its quaint saddleback tower.

Hollingbourne (6) was our first call on Wednesday, followed by Leeds (10), aptly described as 'a bit lumpy.' However, we managed Grandsire Caters and Yorkshire on the back

eight. At Chart Sutton (6) we were pleased to ring with Mr. F. S. Macey, of the Kent Veterans, before going to Boughton Monchelsea (6), where ringing takes place in the chancel and the choir stalls have to be removed. At least one member of the party, elated by the thought of the long hill down into Linton, shot to the bottom before realising he had passed the church half way down. He was glad he climbed back—this eight was too good to be missed. At Marden (8) 2-Spliced came round. This is believed to be the first touch of Spliced Surprise rung by the U.B.S.C.R.

Whoever thought of putting a 25 cwt. tenor in a tower right at the top of a hill at Goudhurst had no thought for weary cyclists! We didn't stay long, and the traditional 'blood and thunder' was enjoyed all the more in the nearby inn! The warden at Goudhurst Y.H.



THEIR WEDDING DAY SMILES.—A happy picture of Stephen Ivin and Avril Thrackray after their wedding at Houghton Conquest on August 13th. In harmony, we look forward to them adding lustre to the Exercise in the years to come. For report see page 593. [Photo by permission of 'The Bedfordshire Times.'

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must have wondered why the sound of distant bells across the valley had such a startling effect on his hostellers that evening! We eventually traced the ringing to Kildown, where the local ringers made us most welcome on a wonderful six.

DOOR IN ORGAN CASE!

Had we known on Thursday that Horsmonden Church was not in Horsmonden, we could have saved ourselves five miles of hard riding. Still, this eight was worth finding. At Brenchley a touch of 3-Spliced Surprise came round. Tonbridge (8), Shipbourne (6) and Ightham (6) were visited during our first hard rain. At the latter tower great concern was caused by the fact that no entrance could be found to the ringing chamber, but after making contact with the Rector we found a cunningly-concealed door in the organ case! Disappointment fol-

lowed at Seal Chart, where the church was locked and no one met us. However, we were made very welcome at Seal (6), and after ringing we enjoyed a fine dinner (with wine!) in a nearby hotel. It was voted to make this a regular feature in future years.

Friday was a day of disasters for the writer, occasioned, he feels, by the needless slaughter of spiders by others in the men's dormitory at Kensing Y.H.! A torn tyre meant that he only just reached Sundridge (6) after a mile's walk, that he missed Brasted (6) altogether, and that for the rest of the day he limped along on a bicycle that sounded as though it would fall apart at any minute! However, Westerham (8), Limpsfield Chart (6), with its exterior iron ladder, Limpsfield (6) and Oxted (6) were all enjoyed to a variety of methods during the afternoon. Lingfield (8) was paid a quick visit after tea. Did the seventh have a stay or not? The day's ringing came to a close at Edenbridge (a delightful eight rung from a gallery). Crockham Hill Y.H. was the scene of our 'last night' sing-song, and two of the ladies were most annoyed when their night attire mysteriously disappeared!

On Saturday morning we rang on the pleasant eight at Sevenoaks before making our final farewells. Our chief memories are of the large number of good rings visited; of the morning coffee breaks—most acceptable; of how, traditionally, 'West' won the 'arrows' match; and of how we always seemed to be on the heels of the Raving Ringers! (But we did find some towers they hadn't visited.) We must all thank Michael for his first-class organisation and also all local ringers and incumbents for their welcome. Next year we may visit Essex—any other ex-U.B.S.C.R. member was a 'ringing holiday'? P. J. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District

About 30 visitors attended the first meeting to be held by the Association at Wittersham, on August 27th. The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon H. A. Hodge, who welcomed the visitors to his beautiful old church. Afterwards tea was enjoyed in the Village Hall.

The business part of the meeting was very short. Six new members were elected to the Association. Mr. T. Cullingworth expressed the thanks of the gathering to the Rector, to Mr. Marshlain (the organist), the ladies who prepared and served the tea, and to Mr. K. Hamilton, captain of the Wittersham band, for making all the arrangements.

Even in the Ashford District Wittersham is but a little known tower, and most of the visitors were enjoying their first visit. This is rather surprising as the late Mr. P. Hodgkin described the tenor (16 cwt.) as one of the finest for a six bell tower in Kent. The 'go' of the bells has much improved lately, probably due to the care and attention they have received in the last year from Mr. Hamilton and his band.

A small but select gathering finally dispersed about 9 o'clock.

C. T. H.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Croydon on August 13th was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Norman Steere, and in honour of his engagement to Heather Talbot, both members of the local band. The tower captain is now looking forward to arranging the wedding peal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIGHTEST BELLS

Dear Sir.—When reading 'The Ringing World' of August 26th, I noticed the peal rung on Mr. C. Jarvis' light six, which I see is claimed as the lightest six hung for ringing.

I wish to publish a quarter peal of Plain Bob, rung on May 27th on our ring of six bells, the tenor of which weighs 107 lbs., as against Balscote's 1 cwt. 22 lbs.

These bells have been collected over a period of 14 years from various sources and were tuned in April, 1959, by the kindness of the directors of John Taylor, Loughborough, and now form a very pleasant little ring from which we have had much pleasure with our friends and many visitors.

We hope to attempt a peal on them before so long.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR A. JOPP.

Stoulton, Worcs.

NOTE.— The quarter peal appears on our quarter peal page.—Ed.

HANDBELL RINGING

Dear Sir.—Mr. Woolley's letter on the above subject causes me to confess that until recently I had not heard about 'blue line,' neither had I seen the book 'Change Ringing on Handbells,' published by the Central Council. Perhaps this is because I am a Victorian and tune ringing was more popular in those days, but when I came to Surrey in 1902 a few keen young men, including myself, commenced change ringing double-handed, and we soon realised the vast difference between tower- and handbell ringing.

Whatever way you look at it peals or touches in hand are a greater mental task and are more easily lost; so much more skill and concentration is needed when a pair is handled. Like my old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hairs, who rang many peals 'in hand' with me, I would like to know who the experts are? We have had men who thought they knew everything about everything, but they were always in a hurry when testing time came along. You strike the right note, Mr. Woolley, when you say there is always more to learn.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

MARKET BOSWORTH BELLS AN APOLOGY

Dear Sir.—I must apologise for a very grave error which crept into the account of 'A Leicestershire Tour' on page 562 of the 'R.W.' of August 19th.

It concerns the quality of the bells of St. Peter's, Market Bosworth, which I said were 'very similar to South Wigston, and just as good in tone.' What I really meant to convey was that Market Bosworth's are similar in weight to South Wigston's but are vastly superior in tone. When Messrs. John Taylor and Co. added three trebles to the old five a few years ago a first class job was done and they rank as one of the finest rings of eight in the Diocese. It will be noted that we regarded them as the main 'titbit' of the week.

I am most sorry for this misconception and I hope that the local ringers (and others in the Diocese) will be able to forgive me.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Ringling Master, St. Thomas' Church,
South Wigston, Leics.

AGAINST FIRING BELLS

Dear Sir.—I read in 'The Ringing World' of August 19th that at Winchester Cathedral the bells were rung to Queens and rounds and instalments of firing. What a pity the latter was included, even for recording our Queen Mother's age!

While I, as a ringer, appreciate the effectiveness and skill required to fire a ring of 12 bells well, its appeal to the majority of the general public is nil. I remember a few years ago listening to the ringing for a wedding at Petersfield, when following a short touch of Triples the bells were fired and, although done reasonably well, a lady standing near by exclaimed, 'Oh! what a shame the ringers have all gone wrong.'

I for one think firing should be discouraged. After all no good music is produced by bells being fired.—Yours sincerely,

H. GAUNTLETT.

Liphook, Hants.

MORPETH'S CURFEW

Dear Sir.—In view of the interest in the curfew at Morpeth Watch Tower, I append a copy of my father's notes concerning the curfew:—

'The seventh is the curfew bell. William the Conqueror is credited with the institution of the curfew, though it was in existence in Saxon times, but he caused it to be vigorously enforced in order to prevent the risings that were hatched around the village fires at night.

'It was rung at 8 o'clock, and then both fire and candle must be quenched. The law of curfew was abolished by Henry I in 1100, but the custom was still kept up in many places. It is claimed that in Morpeth it has been rung without a break all through the centuries.'

Yours faithfully,

JENNIE ARMSTRONG.

Morpeth.

COMPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Sir.—The composition on page 584, and referred to by Mr. A. T. W. Cleaver, on page 593, is by Gabriel Lindoff and it is capable of many variations. Whilst on the subject of composition, is it not up to the budding composer to find out for himself the things mentioned in Mr. D. R. Carlisle's letter on page 563? If he did it would at least give him a good knowledge of the method he was working on.—Yours truly,

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

IN FAVOUR OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir.—I am quite sure that the members of the Central Council were right to vote in favour of the Methods Committee's report and the Standing Committee's recommendations that recognition be given to peals of Minimus. The committee members concerned had given this matter very considerable thought and attention; any attempt to reverse this decision, by general motion or otherwise, will, I think, be defeated.—Yours faithfully,

P. NEWING.

Littlebourne, Kent.

PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Peter Border (whose letter appears on page 579 of the 'R.W.' of August 26th), I am quite sure that the peal of Minimus on handbells credited to the Leicester Diocesan Guild cannot be regarded as a great achievement by the Guild and the members of the Guild who rang it deserve no congratulations.

I think it is true to say that the Leicester Diocesan Guild has been the leading Guild for peal ringing each year since 1948 and I should hate to think that we (or any other Guild for that matter) should achieve this by virtue of having such peals in our total.

Presumably the peal of Minimus, rung during 1959 was accepted by the Central Council at Folkestone because there is nothing about Minimus in the Central Council Handbook. I should like to propose at the 1961 meeting of the Council that peals of Minimus should not be recognised but I should be glad to hear the views of other readers first.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK

Honorary General Secretary,
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Dear Sir.—Whilst many ringers will share Mr. Border's views on the ringing of peals of Minimus 'in hand,' it seems a pity that he should air his views on this trivial matter in such a sarcastic manner. Especially so is his reference to the achievements of the Leicester Diocesan Guild some of which, for instance peals of Cambridge Maximus 'in hand' and Spliced Surprise Maximus, have yet to be equalled by him or anybody else.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

Rothley, Leics.

Dear Sir.—I would like to thank Mr. Border for his congratulations, relating to the establishment of the new record length of Bob Minimus. To be congratulated by a ringer of his standing is indeed a rare honour. I would also like to thank Mr. Border for pointing out my limitations in the mathematical field. For the error of four changes I hereby offer apologies in profusion. And for that error alone.

On the subject of this, and similar performances, being a waste of time I'm afraid I must beg to differ from Mr. Border. Perhaps Mr. Border could suggest a better way in which two men could occupy themselves for 1 hour 25 minutes.) The mere fact that these performances are beyond him does not necessarily mean that they are beyond those whose outlook is somewhat broader than his own. I certainly consider it to be no more a waste of time than composing peals of Yorkshire Maximus with singles. The C.C. Handbook says, in its section, 'The Council's Decisions, (e) Methods, etc., Calls,' 'Singles in Treble Bob methods may be used only when a desired result cannot be obtained by Bobs.' I fail to see what result Mr. Border desired to obtain, but if it was merely to obtain a peal of Yorkshire Maximus of normal (approximately 5,000 changes) length, then I know, as well as I am sure Mr. Border must know, that this can be obtained by bob alone. I, for one, would, therefore, consider that the handbell peal of Bob Minimus in question, for all its error of four changes, was far less a waste of time than Mr. Border's peal of Yorkshire Maximus. Probably far more legal, too.

I think by far the best policy Mr. Border can adopt on this subject is one of 'live and let live.'—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. JELLEY

Wigston, Leics.

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DOUBLE NORWICH FOR THE BEGINNER

By WILFRID G. WILSON

(Continued from page 596)

VII BOBS AND SINGLES

Many bands, who can ring plain courses of Double Norwich quite well, are unsuccessful with touches—as soon as bobs are called they get lost—and with singles that's the end. Equally many conductors, quite at home with Surprise methods, know little about conducting Double Norwich. Which is a pity, because calling and making calls in the method are really quite simple.

With almost all the methods rung today, the calls are made on the front three working bells, and if the back bells are affected at all (as in Kent or Bristol) they dodge and then repeat the previous lead. In Major methods Double Norwich is the chief exception. The bob is made on the three bells which are at the back at the lead end. But if you realise that the bob is made almost exactly as in Stedman, you will probably find it much easier.

In Stedman Triples the bell dodging 4-5 up makes fifth place and then dodges 4-5 down. The pair of bells in 6-7 dodge three extra times. In Caters or Cinques the pair of bells at the back (8-9 or 10-11 respectively) dodge three extra times, while the bell in 6-7 up or 8-9 up, respectively, makes the place in front of the dodging pair and then dodges down.

Now apply this to eight bells as in Double Norwich. The bell which is treble bob bell up has dodged in 3-4 up and is dodging in 16847253 5-6 up when the bob is called, 18674235. It makes sixths place and becomes the bell which is treble bob bell down. After the place it dodges in 5-6 and then 3-4 down. Meanwhile the two bells which were dodging in 7-8 when the bob was called do three more dodges there—one at the lead end, behind the bell making sixth place, and then two more—the normal two dodges at the back at the start of a new lead.

This table shows the effect on the three bells.

	Plain Lead	Bob Lead	Next work
(a) Bell doing treble bob work up	Double dodge in 7-8 up	Make 6th place	Treble bob bell down
(b) Bell double dodging in 7-8 up at start of full work	Whole pull before double dodge 7-8 down	3 extra dodges in 7-8 up	Near places from back
(c) Bell double dodging in 7-8 down	Treble bob bell down	3 extra dodges in 7-8 down	Far places from back

If you ring the method by watching for the treble, then if you are one of the back two bells you continue dodging until the treble comes up. You will know by whether you have to go down first or second of the two, whether you will go to far places or near places.

At a single sixth place is made as at a bob and the two bells dodging at the back stay behind. But at the lead end, instead of 16847253 a dodge, they lie still behind 18674253—making sevenths and eighths places (just as in Stedman) and then have the normal two dodges at the start of the new lead. They will have changed coursing order with each other and will therefore either proceed to near instead of far places or vice versa. In fact the bell which made sevenths (called making the single) will be the one to come away last and therefore makes near places from the back.

VIII FOR THE BOB CALLER

A short note which will perhaps help one of your band to be able to call touches, so that you can get out of the plain course. For details of how to 'conduct' Double Norwich see 'On Conducting,' now being reprinted by the Central Council.

In Plain Bob Major calls are usually made so as not to affect the tenors (7 and 8) or at least to keep them coursing. They come at four leads of the course—the first, sixth and seventh leads, called respectively Wrong (W), Middle (M) and Home (H), or at the lead when 7 runs out and 8 runs in, giving you an extra lead in the course. This last is called Before (B).

The lead ends in Double Norwich at which (1) 8 6 7 4 5 2 3 bobs can be called without affecting the tenors (2) 3 5 2 7 4 8 6 are the first, fourth and (4) 5 7 3 8 2 6 4 sixth. You will see from (5) 4 2 6 3 8 5 7 this table of lead ends (6) 7 8 5 6 3 4 2 that at those three leads 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 the 7 and 8 are among the front bells which are unaffected by calls. These three lead ends correspond respectively to the W, M and H of Plain Bob Major. The bells affected by the bobs are actually also the same ones.

If you call a bob at the fifth lead end the back two bells will be 7 and 8 and they will dodge together at the back. So a bob then will bring up the course end in five leads. This corresponds to the Before in Plain Bob, but instead of adding one lead to the course its effect is to shorten the course by two leads.

Now if you apply your favourite touch of Plain Bob to Double Norwich, changing bobs W to bobs at 1; bobs M to bobs at 4; bobs H to bob at 6 and bobs Before to bobs at 5, you will have a corresponding touch of Double Norwich. The only difference will be that if you have bobs at 5 instead of Bofores the touch will not be so long—three leads, 48 changes, less for each.

Some examples: Two course touches 224 changes—W and H twice becomes 1 and 6 twice; M and H twice becomes 4 and 6 twice; Three course touches (336 changes)—3 W becomes 3 at 1; 3 M becomes 3 at 4; 3 H becomes 3 at 6.

The popular 240 changes of Bob Major called B, W and M or W and M, B becomes a touch of 192 changes called either 1 and 5, 4 or 4, 1 and 5.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major is very musical, it has sufficient work in it to be interesting and it is a gateway to many more Plain Major methods. It deserves to be rung much more than it is and will well repay the bands which make the effort to learn it.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Five teams entered for the draw at the annual meeting and six bell contest at Hoylandswaine, near Barnsley, on July 16th, but unfortunately Thornhill were incomplete when their turn came to ring and were disqualified. Mr. T. W. Hilton, of Darfield, was the judge. Order of ringing: Shelley 30 faults rang out; Cawthorne 21 faults; Friezeand 50 faults rang out; Meltham 51 faults. Cawthorne were declared the winners.

In his comments, Mr. Hilton said the whole of the afternoon's ringing had been marred by trips and, worse still, two of the teams had broken down with the test piece. Thus it was not a satisfactory afternoon's work.

Votes of thanks were accorded the churchwardens, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehouse, for providing an excellent tea, Mr. Trevor Tarbutt, for the arrangements, and the judge.

At the business meeting the audited balance sheet showed a loss on the year of £1 12s. 3½d., due to a drop of £3 in subscriptions. Mr. J. Burgess appealed to members to meet their arrears and recruit new members, when possible. The officers were re-elected and Mr. Hilton was appointed official judge. An appeal for donations to the Alfred Pulling memorial bell at Guildford Cathedral was left to individual members. Further ringing concluded the meeting.

YAXHAM RINGERS

There was five ringers in Yaxham did dwell. They went into the steeple to ring the five bells; And for twenty peals they did all pull down. Saying the first man that lost it should pay a crown.

The first peal they pulled for was Steadman's Slow Course.

The bells they went well, but the third she was hoarse.

The alteration of hunts was rung off very plain. There's not five more ringers can ring them again.

There was little Charles Meachen, the treble did ring

She was a small bell, but so well she did sing. He stroke her so well he ne'er made a clamour. He stroke her as if she stroked with a hammer.

There was young Chamberlain Bulwer rung the second you know.

She was a small bell, but how well she did crow;

When they pulled down, if the bells made a clap.

With his right foot, he began for to scrap.

There was Stradling John Hudson, the third he did ring

She was a split bell, but he swung her well in; There he stood stradling steered like a pig.

And his hair stood as upright as if he got on a wig.

There was Jerry Smith, the fourth bell did ring. She was a large bell and he swung her well in; There he stood champing, and ne'er made a smile.

The bacco juice running from his mouth all the while.

There Major Boulter, the tenor did ring.

She was a large bell, and he well pulled her in; He stood underneath her, just like an old block, And he made them all start, when he called a bob.

There was William Stringer, the candles did snuff

He kept a snuffing, till he thought 'twas enough;

There he kept snuffing, and began for to steer, For he was so dry, for the want of his beer.

On the first of December, the year '23.

These peals were rung off, you plainly may see; Go into the steeple look upon the board.

You see all the names they can afford.

These ringers went on with their hearts full of glee.

They said if they got it, they'd have a good spree;

They stroke them so well they never made a clamour,

They stroke them as if they were stroke with hammers.

'ANON.' 19th Cent.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL, RINGERS' OUTING

The dull, wet weather did nothing to daunt the spirits of Constantine ringers on their annual outing on August 13th. Twelve ringers and four learners, accompanied by the Vicar and other friends, made an early start by coach for the Penzance area.

The morning's ringing was at St. Hilary's, Gulval (a very pleasant eight) and Sennen. After lunch, the twisty road was taken to Zennor, where we were met by the Vicar (Rev. G. L. Clowes), who escorted us to Towedack, where we found a tuneful eight, Carbis Bay, Lelant and Phillack.

Carbis Bay was the highlight of the day, and it was the first time the band had rung on ten bells. Fun was had in trying to master the four light bells of this ring. On the homeward journey the sun broke through and marked the end of a very enjoyable day. Grateful thanks are accorded incumbents and local ringers, who turned out in the rain to greet us.

F. M. T.

THE TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

By T. A. BEVIS

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ST. MARY'S, WEST WALTON

It would not be in order to conclude this series of articles appertaining to the bells and towers of Fenland without briefly mentioning the splendid Church of St. Mary, West Walton.

The campanile is architecturally superb, and is understandably one of the very finest 13th century towers in Great Britain. It has arches opened on all sides, and consists of two lofty storeys with shafted lancet arcading continued round angular turrets, each of which is crowned with a substantial, crocketed pinnacle. The belfry windows are exquisite and occupy practically the whole of the second stage. An exterior triforium is an unusual feature: a passage pierces the thickness of the walls and on each side three arches divided by shafts are open outwards.

There are five bells, but these are, unfortunately, unringable. The oldest bells was cast by John Draper in 1620. Thomas Norris, of Stamford, made the fourth in 1629, and inscribed it: 'Let all things be done to the glory of God.' The second bell dates from 1693 and also came from the Stamford foundry, being cast by Tobias Norris, who probably supplied the treble (1699). The tenor (11 cwt.) was created at Peterborough by Henry Penn in 1708.

Well established in North Cambs, the versatile Norris family provided bells for Tydd St. Giles (1625), Walpole St. Andrew (1622), Upwell (1661) and Elm (1673).

Matthew Norris, of Leicester, was the fore-runner of the famous Lincolnshire foundry, and his son (Tobias) was honoured with the Freedom of Stamford in 1607, becoming one of the 'Capital Wardens' of that town. Thomas Norris succeeded his father, Tobias, and was 'Conduit Master' for many years. He also served in 1656-57 as Chief Magistrate and as Alderman, the style of Mayor not then being adopted.

St. John-the-Baptist Church, Parson Drove, has the only unringable bells in the Isle of Ely. They are five (tenor 12 cwt.) and were cast by Osborn in 1787. The fourth bell implores 'Percute Dulce Cano' (Strike (me) I sing sweetly).

ALL SAINTS', WALSOKE

Walsoken has one of the finest 12th century churches in East Anglia, with Late Norman arcades profusely decorated with typical chevron ornament. Tall trees hide the tower, built during the transitional Norman-Early English period.

Standing beneath this venerable pile, in a space allocated to the ringers, one commands an impressive vista of nave and chancel, altogether quite outstanding.

The six bells (tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F) are a complete ring by Thomas Osborn, and are dated 1795. They were restored with the spire in the late 19th century by the children of the late Mr. R. Young, an M.P. for North Cambridgeshire. The bells were then suspended from an oak frame positioned high in the tower, which was more recently found to be detrimental to the ancient structure.

It became necessary for the bells to be rehung, and this was carried out in 1956 by Mears and Stainbank. In addition to swinging in a steel frame (with accommodation provided for two new trebles at a future date), the bells are also located in the former ringing chamber, 20 feet below the louvres, thus restoring balance to the steeple. The result of lowering the instruments tends, from the exterior, to stifle them, yet this has, nevertheless, a pleasing effect on the ear.

They were rededicated on November 4th, 1956, by the Archdeacon of Wisbech, Ven. J. P. Pelloe, who is no stranger to the ringing fraternity.

The bells bear common inscriptions peculiar to the age in which they were created, but the fifth, like its sister at March, bears false testimony in that it utters 'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round.'

All Saints' Church possessed three bells in the reign of Edward VI, and these are recorded



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as having turned the scales at 6, 9 and 11 cwt. In his will (November 27th, 1556) Robert Martyn, of Walsoken, gave 'to the Shotyng of ye gret bell. iij. iijid.'

Thus we near the end of this 'tour' of Fenland, and reaching into the hat draw out the last of those great churches, many of which must at present remain unmentioned.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN, WIGGENHALL

This sturdy mediæval church has a ring of six bells, originally cast in 1767 by Lester and Pack, of London. Number three of the old ring was put into the melting pot in 1841. During 1952 all six bells were recast and rehung in a steel H-frame by John Taylor and Co., two spare bays being provided for future augmentation.

The inventory of Edward VI mentions three bells, of 8, 10 and 11 cwt.

Rung from the ground floor, the present bells (tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G) retain their ancient inscriptions, No. 4 stating: 'At proper times our voices we shall raise, in sounding to our Benefactor's praise.' The fifth bell has a reply for some who easily complain: 'Tho'

much against us may be said: To speak for ourselves we are not afraid!'

One cannot help wondering if it were these bells—and their musical qualities are good—that helped to inspire that 18th century gentleman who, we might imagine, could tolerate the sound of bells no longer and, snatching his quill and parchment, wrote in a testily manner:—

'Ye rascally ringers, unmusical foes.
Disturbers of those who seek to repose:
How I wish for the peace of these lands
That ye had round your necks what ye hold
in your hands.'

Other churches difficult to omit are Tilney All Saints' (a fine quality six), Long Sutton (a delightful eight), and a host of others.

They share with those already introduced to these pages the distinction of belonging to the Fenlands, the glorious sunset of which silhouettes the noble fanes against an awe-inspiring background—a vast, colourful plain—by which the master builders of old devoted their skills to an obvious advantage provided by the nature on the land [Concluded]

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WINDSOR—ELLIMAN.—The engagement is announced between Harry Mellows, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Windsor, of Sketchley, Hinckley, Leics., and Joyce Mildred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliman, of The Gables, Shrewley, Warks. 6579

DEATH

LAST.—At sea, Canon C. E. Last, Rector of Great Horwood, Bucks. and chairman of the Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild since 1958. A memorial service was held last Sunday at Great Horwood. 6588

PERSONAL

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. (Rom. viii. 16.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

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ST. MARY'S, WATFORD.—No practice possible September 13th, but visit to St. Andrew's, (5, hemispherical) and All Saints', Leavesden (8, hung dead), being arranged.—R. G. Smith. 6578

YATTON.—Communications concerning St. Mary-the-Virgin ringers and bells should be addressed to Mr. D. Marshall, The Vicarage Flat, Yatton, Bristol. 6584

ALDERSHOT.—There will be no ringing practices at St. Michael's, Aldershot, on Friday, September 9th, and Friday, September 23rd.—E. Bragg. 6590

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bramford Speke, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 6543

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting Saturday, September 10th, at Caxton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 6506

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 10th, Witham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 6470

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Grayshott (8), on Saturday, September 10th, from 6-9 p.m. 6544

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, at Snodland, September 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 6469

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business 4.45 p.m. St. Mary's, Twickenham. Evening ringing 6-7 p.m. All Hallows', Twickenham.—M. Powell. 6552

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Headington (6), Saturday, September 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 6534

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Shipley (6), on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea as no facilities available nearby.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 6538

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, September 17th, 6 p.m.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 6558

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Butcombe and Nempnett, on September 17th. Bells available: Butcombe (6) 4-6 p.m., Nempnett (6) 6-8 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6416

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mcriott, Saturday, September 17th. Usual arrangements, notify for tea.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6586

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Norton-Fitzwarren (6), September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimos, George Street, Taunton. 6561

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 17th. Barton-le-Cley. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Short service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Mann, 67, Hexton Road, Barton-le-Cley, Beds. No name no tea.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 6574

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Third quarterly meeting, Prestbury (8), on Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the School. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 14th, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Buses and trains from Macclesfield. 6498

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by September 14th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6567

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Meeting at Ashover, September 17th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, Dis. Sec. 6589

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stockland, September 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business after. Names for tea by September 14th, to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 6494

EMMANUEL CHURCH, SHELLEY.—Annual cup contest, Saturday, September 17th. Names for tea by September 13th, to F. R. Brook, 173, Huddersfield Road, Shelley, Huddersfield. 6570

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6577

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Hunts and Biggleswade Districts)—Joint meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meetings.—M. J. Dyer, A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 6575

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, Woodford, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Waugh, 30, Fuller Road, Woodford, E.18 (BUC 7353). 6530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Langham, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 14th, please, to Mr. F. Smith, Holly Cottage, Langham, Colchester. 6554

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Cirencester Branch.—Preston (5) 2.30 to 4 p.m., September 17th; Siddington (6) 4.30. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names by September 15th, to Mr. J. Hope, 18, Ashton Road, Siddington, Cirencester.—R. Wenban, Sec. 6562

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, September 13th, to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Glos. 6585

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bagshot (8), on Saturday, September 17th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. M. Welton, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot, Surrey. 6545

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, September 17th. Battle. Members, please support.—E. A. Fellows. 6572

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Rededication of Little Hadham bells, on Saturday, September 17th, at 3 p.m. Ringing from 2. Tea at 5 p.m., at the Angel Inn. If you intend staying for tea please co-operate in assessing numbers by sending your name to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clappage, Albury, near Much Hadham, Herts.—R. Durrant, Dis. Sec. 6484

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting to be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave (8) (No. 40 Corporation bus from Leicester), on September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent by September 14th, to Mr. Kesterton, c/o 5, Clovelly Road, Glenfield Frith Drive, Glenfield, Leicester. Everyone welcome. 6522

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Luton, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 14th, to Mr. R. G. R. Butler, Victoria Cottage, Luton, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Messingham, Saturday, September 17th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify, by previous Tuesday, Rev. P. M. Freeman, The Vicarage, Messingham, Scunthorpe. Tel.: Bottesford 268. 6531

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Cranford, on Saturday, September 17th. Full details will be published next week.—E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 6580

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, September 17th. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please note tea can only be provided for those who send their names by Wednesday, September 14th certain, to The Sister-in-Charge, Harleston House, Park Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 6481

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hook Norton, on Saturday, September 17th. Service. Names for tea by Saturday September 10th, please, J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Freeland, Oxford. The rededication of Shipton-under-Wychbold bells, on Friday, September 23rd. Service 7 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 6528

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—New Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 17th. Ringing at Aston Clinton (6) 3 to 4 p.m. only, followed by service and tea. Weston Turville (5) after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 6556

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sandhurst, on September 17th, at 6.30 p.m. Special method for practice: London Surprise Minor.—B. C. Castle. 6573

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The half yearly meeting will be held at Brightwell, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.15. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 14th, to Mr. F. C. Castell, Brightwell, Wallingford, Berks.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6564

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Bremhill (6), September 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to W. Frayling, 9, Lodowicks, Bremhill, Calne.—W. Hacker. 6568

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 17th, at Litton Cheney. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 14th, to Rev. A. Lynch, The Rectory, Litton Cheney, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 6569

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Broadwindsor, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 6582

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet, Kent, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells of St. Botolph's available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, September 15th, to Mr. G. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet, Kent. Evening ringing to be announced later.—A. W. J. Butler, Hon. Sec. 6568

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, September 17th, Bingham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. Regret, no name no tea rule will apply.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 6568

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Glemsford (6), Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Bloomfield, 10, Tye Green, Glemsford, Sudbury. 6521

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 17th, at Marlesford (bells 2.30 p.m.), and Wickham Market (bells 6.30). Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, September 12th, to Mr. G. Finch, The Lodge, Marlesford Hall, Woodbridge, please.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6576

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone (8), September 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by September 15th, to Mr. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Hurst Green.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 6583

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Please notify Miss B. Catl, 55, Lamppool Corner, Fairwarp, Uckfield, numbers for tea by Wednesday, September 14th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 6583

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, September 17th. Bitterne Park. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., at North Stoneham, followed by tea and meeting. Names by September 12th to J. Hartless, 17, Testwood Crescent, Salisbury Road, Totton. 6581

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Hartlebury, Saturday, September 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. This meeting is by special invitation. Please turn up and make it a success. Names for tea by Thursday, September 15th.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 6551

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Hull, on September 17th. Bells available: Holy Trinity (12) 3 till 5 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m., Hedon (8) 2.30 till 4. Kirk Ella (6) 6.30 till 9. Tea 5 p.m. in Manor Cafe, Market Place. Names by 15th to Mr. F. C. Reed, 127, Holmgarth Drive, Bellfield Avenue, Hull. Committee meet 3.15 p.m. in their Choir School (South Church Side). General meeting same premises following tea.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 6546

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CREWKERNE.—Tower, Sunday, September 18th. Bells (8) 5 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Preacher the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall. Bells after. All ringers welcome. 6533

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—274th anniversary. Saturday, September 24th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. per head). Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, September 20th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 25th. Ringing at 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. 6587

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting with the LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Hinckley Branch), at Claybrooke, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall, Ullesthorpe, at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by September 21st, to Mr. C. Clarke, 23, Goodacre Road, Ullesthorpe, Rugby. Please do your best to attend and make the meeting a success.—J. L. G. H. 6555

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Fr. Oswald Mowan, Buckfast Abbey. 6500

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Butterwick, near Boston, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Mills, 8, Upsall Road, Butterwick, near Boston. 6463

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 24th, at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30-5. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. approximately. Notifications for tea, not later than Wednesday, September 21st, to Miss M. Funnell, 7, Lanchester Road, King's Norton, Birmingham 30. 6592

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Barming on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Osborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 6537

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, September 24th. Business meeting, City Police Headquarters, Charles Street, at 3 p.m. The dinner, followed by a social evening, will be at the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Humberstone Road, Leicester, at 6.45 p.m. Tickets, price 11s. 6d., obtainable from E. C. Turner, 173, Dominion Road, Glenfield, Leics. Latest date for tickets September 20th (Tuesday). Everyone welcome. Ringing arrangements: St. John's (10) 12 noon to 1 p.m., Cathedral 1.30 to 2.30, St. Margaret's (12) 3 to 4, All Saints' (8) 4 to 5, Cathedral 5 to 6.15 p.m. 6560

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Cosgrove, on Saturday, September 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to E. R. Lambert, 8, Manor Close, Cosgrove, Wolverton, Bucks. 6566

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—The autumn meeting, Bristol, Saturday, September 24th. Bells available St. James' (10) 11 a.m.-12 noon. Lunch—make own arrangements. Christ Church (10) 1.30-2.30, St. Stephen's (10) 2.45-3.45, St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 4.15-5.20, St. Philip's, (8) 7-8 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (4s.) Staff Association Institute, Temple Meads Station.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Pforestfach, Swansea. 6493

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, on October 1st, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 15s. Early applications with stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6508

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Newbury on Saturday, October 1st. 2.30 p.m., business meeting in the Corn Exchange, Newbury; 4.30, service in the Parish Church; 5.30, tea in the Corn Exchange. Applications for tea tickets, together with remittance of 2s. 6d., should be made to Mr. H. Lawrenson, 52, Kings Road, Newbury, Berks, before Wednesday, September 28th. Tickets can be collected at the business meeting. It is essential that names should be sent to Mr. Lawrenson in order to facilitate catering arrangements. Towers available and

ringing times (subject to confirmation and alteration): 10-11 a.m.: Lambourne (8), Peasmore (6), Stanford Dingley (4), Beenham (6); 11-12 noon: East Garston (6), Chieveley (6), Midgham (6); 12-1 p.m.: Great Shefford (6), Shaw (6), Bucklebury (8); 1-2 p.m.: Speen (6), Newbury (10); 6.15-7.30 p.m.: Newbury (10); 6.30-7.30 p.m.: Kintbury (6), Thatcham (8); 6.45-7.45 p.m.: Hungerford (8), Hampstead Norris (6), Aldermaston (8); 7-8 p.m.: Compton (6), Yattendon (6), Mortimer (8); 7.30-8.30 p.m.: East Ilsley (8), Brightwalton (6), Burghfield (6).—M. R. Cross. 6563

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 323rd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 6557

OUTING

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE

For their annual outing on June 18th, Burghill bellringers visited towers in four counties. A pleasant, early morning run towards the Black Mountains took them to Clodock (Herefordshire)—an ancient church founded (circa 520) and dedicated to a British King, St. Clydawg. Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob went smoothly on the six bells (Taylor, 1953).

An hour's coach ride through Monmouthshire to Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, followed. Here a very fine ring of eight (25 cwt.) gave the tourists much pleasure. 'Not unlike the back eight of Hereford Cathedral,' observed a member of the band, Grandsire Triples went like clockwork but—through no fault of the three members of the local band who rang with us—touches of Stedman Triples failed to come into rounds.

Three churches in Breconshire—St. Mary's, Brecon, St. Mary's, Bronllys, and St. Gwendoline's, Talgarth, provided some good ringing. The tower of St. Mary's, Brecon, was surrounded with scaffolding and men were at work repairing the fabric when we arrived but the Dean had previously very kindly given us permission to ring there for 45 minutes.

The detached tower at Bronllys stands about six feet away from the N.E. of the church and houses a ring of six. At Talgarth (6) we had tea before ringing. Kent, Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and rounds were rung during our 40 minutes' visit.

Next a longish run to Old Radnor, where, at the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr (6) we found nice-toned, easy-going bells.

Our last tower was at St. Andrew's, Presteigne. Here the ringers were the guests of the Rector, the Rev. E. G. Benson, a former Vicar of Burghill, who had met and joined the band in Hereford that morning. The excellent octave provided some good ringing. Courses of Stedman and touches of Grandsire went well. Some of the young members of the Rector's band rang with us here.

Thanks are expressed to the incumbents, tower secretaries and captains for permission to ring, for help in arranging the tour and for the friendly welcome awaiting us at each tower.

F. M.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

At the quarterly meeting of the Southern District held at Gorseinon on September 3rd, a presentation of a watch from the parishioners was made to Mr. William Dobbins, in recognition of his long service, 46 years, to this tower. Tributes to Mr. Dobbins' faithful service were paid by Canon Morris, the churchwardens and Mr. D. Lewis, of Cadoxton. The company of 40 ringers included Miss Margaret Lewis, of Kingston-upon-Thames, and Mr. Lionel Hughes, of Hertford. Canon Morris, assisted by the Rev. Gereant Hughes, conducted a short Evensong. Tea was kindly provided by Canon Hughes and churchpeople of Gorseinon, who were thanked by Mr. T. Roderick. Ringing ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major.

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