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FAITH, TRADITION AND BELLS

HOW many people value and recognise the *true* purpose of the bell? It might be said with certain misgivings that nowadays bells have a limited purpose in the daily life of the Church.

The Reformed Church adopted the science of change-ringing in its embryological stages, but in her rôle over the years the Church has been inclined to view with indifferent attitudes the development of campanology, and the Exercise has become more of a tradition devoid of a living purpose, rather than an expressful means of communication.

The realisation of change-ringing did much to preserve the bell, transferring it from purposeful ideals to the dreamy realms of tradition, the former unacceptable to some and the latter a lovely yet, to the layman, an unsymbolic pastime enjoyed by men and women in pursuit of the unusual.

Compare the employment of present day bells with their pre-Reformation counterparts. Here we see the parting of the ways at which the 'bellman' had arrived about the mid-16th century, a period of theological unrest initiating as it did that sense of spiritual freedom and which at the same time all but destroyed the intimate and long-established thread of communication between the church and parish through the medium of bells. No longer was any particular attention paid to the 'soul' bell used on the occasion of funerals and, more important, chimed to inform listeners that a body was at the gate of death; those who perceived its meaning were moved to kneel and pray for the repose of the soul in transition.

Gone are those bells which were employed to illustrate in the minds of listeners without that a most reverent part of the service was, at that very instant of sounding, taking place. The labourer in the field, on hearing the resonant exhortation, put aside his work for a while and joined the congregation in quiet, contemplative faith. The bell's message would be welcomed by the aged and infirm who were unable to participate in church rituals, but otherwise on hearing the bell were encouraged to unite in thought with those who witnessed the devotions.

The change of faith to a large extent instigated that bold experiment which resulted in the scientific ringing of changes. If this had not materialised, then the majority of bells in England would have become objects of the past. *Despite the fact that hundreds of bells can be heard in the United Kingdom, they are no longer regarded as a means of communication as in centuries past, when their clamours acted as realistic links between priest and people.*

As with all traditions, the bell may well be in danger of fading away from the English scene. This is seen especially

in the building of new churches, many of which have no towers and consequently no bells; some of our later edifices possess lofty, ultra-modern structures called 'towers,' which are obviously not designed to contain more than one or two bells, but are suitable for the accommodation of loudspeakers! Our present aged steeples cannot be expected to last for ever, and with continued rising costs in maintenance and dutiful obligations at home and abroad bearing heavily on ecclesiastical authorities, it is not inconceivable that in distant years church towers will be regarded as obsolete and will be cast to one side. Furthermore when bishops assert that bells are really a waste of money, the picture undeniably takes on a three-dimensional aspect*.

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Let's not delude ourselves: not in every instance are bells rung to the 'glory of God.' Propulsive motives behind the ringer are gears which determine the difficult ratio of spiritual glory and the easier-found ratio of worldly self-satisfaction and pride.

Over the years the Church has all but expunged the bell from her rituals and embodied it in an unstable foundation called tradition, a quality which however seemingly harmless has become steeped in the waters of secular attraction. 'To the glory of God' is often inscribed upon bells. It would not be inappropriate to add: '... and to the ennoblement of tradition.' Alas, the original theme is heard as a soft echo ... a rare vibration.

A ringer who, Sunday by Sunday, takes a rope in his hands preserves, I would say, the only remaining link with the faithful 'bellman' of old. The upsurge of numerous denominations teach us that bells are not now necessary to remind laymen of their obligations to God. Modern ideologies have changed all that. Even the Church is in the process of change, en route to a unity hopefully desirable to all. Whither goeth the bell ... ?

A newcomer to the Central Council receives the impression that that body, not surprisingly, is chiefly concerned with the preservation of the Exercise as an art for the pleasure of men, rather than in the first instance seeking its preservation in the bell's RE-ESTABLISHMENT in a proper, up-to-date spiritual rôle; not merely a unique way of expressing that peculiar and intoxicating music within our hearts, but seeking to use bells intelligently as ESSENTIAL instruments to the wellbeing of the Church, whatever future shape it may assume ... that they are accepted as purposeful mediums, valued by all who hear and believe.

T. A. B.

* An Anglican bishop stated recently that bells were not really necessary and money expended on them would be better employed in the mission fields.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Canon C. C. Cox's Message

THE annual festival of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers took place at Exeter on June 15th, when ringing was indulged in at the Cathedral and the five churches in the city with ringable bells. An attraction was St. Petrock's, where the bells were available again after being silent for many years.

The Guild service was conducted at St. Mark's Church by the Vicar, the Rev. Leslie Hellens, the lesson being read by the Guild's president, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, rung by members of the Mid-Devon Branch, preceded the sermon, which was preached by Canon C. Carew Cox, the president of the Salisbury Guild. He took as his text 'Turn us again thou God of Hosts: show the light of the countenance and we shall be whole' (Psalm lxxx. 7).

Canon Cox said that during the last war none of them took the clappers out of the bells to train recruits in handling, but there was no rhythmic music until the bells rang again after victory and we were thankful for the preparation. The ditty, 'Turn again, Dick Whittington...' also disclosed that bells did give a new direction to ambitions. Bells did turn the thoughts of men and they liked to think that those who were stirred were more than those who objected. We were encircled by the misuse of Sunday, but so long as bells sounded they were a safeguard to the Christian Sunday.

'Turn us again,' say the bells, 'and keep us going,' but sometimes bells have to go to the tuning shop or to be rehung. Similarly, we ringers, if we rely on ourselves, become self-centred. Our lives need retuning, recasting, resetting, and always we need spiritual oil to make 'man of a cheerful countenance.' We also require wisdom to encourage the slow learner.

In emphasising the importance of Sunday service ringing, the Canon remarked that soulless ringers will not impress the message any more than clapperless bells.

'Turn us again' as we would turn our bells for the upholding of all that is sacred in left and 'show us the light of thy countenance.' The joy of being made whole is the joy of ringing, and being in tune with god.

Upwards of 100 sat down to tea in St. Mark's Church Hall. The president welcomed and thanked Canon Cox, and pointed out that he was president of the Clerical Guild and of the Salisbury Guild. Members stood in memory of Mr. W. A. Wills, of St. Thomas', Exeter, who had done so much in keeping a band going there since the death of Mr. Biffin.

Grants were made from the Bell Restoration Fund to Powderham, where a bell has to be recast, and to Beer, where a ring is being acquired from Braywood, Berks, where the church has been demolished. A grant was also promised to Blackawton, where a major re-hanging is to take place.

MANY BELL RESTORATIONS

The secretary (Mr. E. M. Atkins) reported that membership at 670 showed an increase of 20 over the average for the past three years. The granting of 31 certificates to members who had rung a six-score was encouraging and a sign of the healthy state of the Guild. Bell restorations had taken place at Bampton, Westleigh, St. Petrock's, Exeter, and Paignton, and Babbacombe bells are to be rededicated on July 27th. He welcomed the institution of a branch of the Ladies' Guild in Devon, and referred to a joint meeting with the call change ringers at Dartmouth, expressing the hope that this might be repeated in other parts of the county. A new stock of badges had been acquired and these were available at the old price of 3s. each.

The librarian (the Rev. J. G. M. Scott) reported that the library had not been greatly used during the last year and a report on the recent Central Council meeting was given.

It was reported that the proposal to place a clock in the Cathedral belfry in memory of the late president, Preb. E. V. Cox, was found to be impracticable, and it was decided to place a tablet in the belfry. It was hoped that the wonderful wood carver, Mr. Tom Bowden, would carve it.

It was decided to hold next year's festival again in Exeter on the third Saturday in June. All the officers were re-elected, with the addition of the new Bishop of Plymouth as a vice-president. Five new members were elected, and certificates were presented for Pat Peatfield and Cynthia Edbrooke, of the Lymstone band.

After the president had again thanked Canon Cox and the Vicar of St. Mark's, and Mr. Densham and the ladies who prepared tea, the Dean and chapter of the Cathedral, and the incumbents of the churches where ringing was taking place, Canon Cox replied and said that although, when at Lyme Regis, he was just over the border into Dorset, his cousin, Preb. E. V. Cox, had always kept him interested in the Guild.

The Guild's adviser on bells and belfries, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, reported on the necessary repairs brought to light by the quinquennial inspection and stressed the need for periodical painting of steel frames and the tightening of nuts and bolts on wooden frames during the dry summer months.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Highlights of the year reported at the A.G.M. of Leeds University Society on May 7th were the annual dinner, ringing one peal and three quarters. The president, Mr. W. J. Couperthwaite, thanked the Society for an enjoyable year of office.

Officers elected to the committee for 1963-64: President, W. W. Bradbury; vice-president, C. McCartney; secretary, Frances Fairbank; treasurer, J. W. Martin; J. M. Gow was elected to the committee. At the close, the Society proceeded to the Union Bar to test the generosity of the new president.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Leicester District striking competition was won by St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, with 39 faults, followed by South Wigston 'B', 47 faults.

The competition was held at St. Mary-de-Castro's, Leicester, and was judged by Messrs. F. K. Measures (president), A. Ballard and J. B. Bennett.

Other placings were: 3 Evington, 59.3 faults; 4 Blaby, 63; 5 St. Margaret's, Leicester, 64; 6 Markfield, 75; 7 Aylestone, 89.6; 8 South Wigston 'A', 105; 9 Whetstone, 139.6.

Evington deserve special mention. They are a young, newly-taught band, with only four bells in their own tower. In the competition they rang five bells.

The Guild president presented the trophy—a pewter tankard—to Mr. S. Harrison, captain of the winning team.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The chief matter discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Southern District, at Betchworth on June 15th, with Mr. F. E. Darby in the chair, was the view expressed by the Sussex Association that the two towers, Capel and Ockley, chosen for the joint meeting in October, were unsuitable to them. They suggested Bletchingley and Lingfield as possible alternatives. A proposal that an extra meeting be arranged at Bletchingley was defeated, and the meeting decided that the present arrangements should stand and the Sussex Association be informed accordingly.

The new Rector, in his address at the service, said this was the first time he had seen so many ringers at one time. He extended a warm welcome to all present. Justice was done to the excellent tea provided by local ringers. Methods rung varied from rounds to London Surprise.

Next meeting, Old Coudson (5), July 20th.

K. G. S.

SOME OF THE OUTINGS

BARKBY, LEICS

Barkby ringers journeyed southwards in search of warmer weather on May 18th for their annual outing, and visited six churches in Northamptonshire to see if they had better bells than their own. They found the bells all right, but some of the ropes were a bit dodgy. They broke a rope at Burton Latimer and two ropes at a place called, appropriately, Weekley. Tea was taken at Kettering, with grateful thanks to Mr. Staniforth, who helped with the tea arrangements. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m.

BRAMLEY, HANTS

Bramley, Hants, ringers had a glorious day of sunshine for their annual outing into West Sussex on May 25th, and at the first tower, Rogate (6), were able to join the Vicar at Matins and hear a talk from him on the history of the church and bells. Different methods were rung at Fittleworth (6), and the route to Arundel was via Petworth Park. Full use was made of the bells.

After a picnic lunch there was ringing at Angmering (6) before tea at Hove and paddling for braver souls. The dungeon-like entrance to Steyning (8) tower was a novelty, and the last ring was at Washington (6). Thanks to organisers, incumbents, local ringers and coach driver, W. J. M.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS

Bolsover ringers and friends had an enjoyable outing to Cambridgeshire on May 18th, and a quick run down the A.1 brought the party to Huntingdon in plenty of time for a cup of coffee before meeting Mr. Peacock at St. Mary's Church. Although heavy-going and odd-struck, the bells can be made to go quite well, and it is a pity that there is no local band, despite recent efforts to establish one.

After the initial surprise of finding the tenor at St. Mary's, Godmanchester, 5 cwt. heavier than expected, some reasonable ringing was enjoyed on these deep-toned bells before leaving for Cambridge. The afternoon was completely free, but some enthusiastic members, rather than relax, managed to join in ringing for a wedding at Great St. Mary's!

The party was reunited for tea and ringing at the last tower of the day at All Saints', St. Ives. These pleasant-going 12 cwt. eight were very much to our liking.

Methods rung during the day included Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Superlative, Kent, Double Norwich and Little Bob Major.

Sincere thanks are extended to incumbents and local ringers, and congratulations are due to Alan Keller for the efficient arrangements.

M. P. P.

EAST RIDING RINGERS

Towers in Notts and Derbyshire were visited by 38 ringers and friends from towers in the East Riding and Hull University on Whit Monday. By avoiding much of the holiday traffic, Workop Priory was reached ahead of schedule. The church was of great interest and ringing enjoyed.

A picnic lunch under the shade of some ancient oaks near Edwinstowe preceded a visit to Warsop, with the finest six in Notts, and ringing, under the watchful eye of 'Jafus,' seemed to be much better. Before tea at Chessterfield, the light six at Clowne and the heavier octave at Staveley were tried. Then came the ascent of the famous crooked spire, to sample the best bells of the day—the majestic Mears ten at the Church of St. Mary.

Ringling concluded at Bolsover, surely one of the best rings in Derbyshire! Cambridge, Superlative and London were rung, but there were also rounds and call-changes. Incumbents, local ringers and Mr. Kirk (organiser) are thanked.

I. N. G.

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MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Returning home from their annual outing, Wilton (Wilts) ringers lost their organiser, Raymond Haines. Near Salisbury, someone said: 'Where's Raymond?'. Highly indignant, he was able to pick up the coach on its return from Salisbury to be conveyed to his home at Wishford.

Mr. W. Love, of the Norwich Diocesan Association, having now been discharged from hospital, sends his very sincere thanks for all letters, messages of goodwill and for the many acts of kindness to him and Mrs. Love during the past three months. It has been a great source of strength to both of them to know that so many friends in the Exercise have shown their friendship in so many practical ways.

A loyal member of the Hornchurch band for the past 15 years, Mr. Tom East has retired to live in the Isle of Wight. Fellow ringers, in appreciation of his fellowship, have presented him with an enlarged photograph of St. Andrew's Church, Hornchurch. Over the years, a beautiful sunny Sunday morning was known as a 'Tom East' morning, and Tom was right on form to the end. May he have many more happy years of ringing, with sunshine all the time.

The attempt to ring an in memoriam peal to the Rev. Ewart Lewis and Mr. R. E. Coles on the bells of Llanblethian, Glamorgan, failed after two hours' ringing and the peal nearly three-quarters finished. The 'bogy' bell is the fifth, with its bearings worn out. Gareth Jones, of Cowbridge Grammar School, made a very gallant attempt on this bell but eventually had to give in. Before the attempt a huge pile of bird-borne sticks had to be removed, ropes fitted to the bells and adjustments made to the rickety frame and gear. In this work Gareth was assisted by Ellis Thomas, Paul Evans and 'Jonah' Robinson.

OUTINGS—Continued

ELLAND, YORKS

On Whit Monday Elland ringers and friends set off at 8 a.m. for Settle, Kirkby Stephen and Barnard Castle. It was a glorious route through Ribbles Head and Hawes to Kirkby Stephen for lunch and to ring. We enjoyed ringing the tuneful eight bells, although we were not accustomed to the long draught.

High tea was had at Barnard Castle, where we mixed with the thousands of people enjoying the sun and the fair. After a very good ring on the fine eight bells of the parish church, we returned to Masham. We found the bells here pleasing to listen to but rather awkward to handle. The route home was via Ripon and Harrogate. Our thanks to Mr. Paul Birkett (who made the arrangements), incumbents and local ringers for a very enjoyable trip. D. S.

WILTON, WILTS

A leisurely tour of Somerset was arranged by Wilton Church ringers for their 16th annual outing on June 15th, in which they were joined by many friends. An early morning ring on the delightful bells of Radstock was followed by a visit to the covered market. There was lunch, sightseeing and more shopping at Bridgwater before going to ring on the heavy six at Huntspill in a very noble church.

After a halt for tea at Weston-super-Mare, a move across the marshes to Meare enabled good use to be made of the bells, though expert handling and good ears were necessary. Evening refreshments were taken at Castle Cary. The ringing did not reach high standards—Kent being the limit, but the methods chosen were rung well and enjoyed. Raymond Haines is complimented for organising such a smooth-running outing, and clergy and ringers of towers visited thanked. C. F. H.

EAST GRINSTEAD'S WHITSUN TOUR



Twelve members of the East Grinstead and District Guild were joined by Northampton friends for their Whitsuntide tour of Bedfordshire. The first ring was at St. Peter-de-Merton (8), at Bedford, and after lunch came the deep, resonant eight at Bromham. At St. James, Biddenham (6), we were honoured by the presence of Miss Evelyn Steel, who rang a course of London with us. There was still one more tower before tea—All Saints', Kempston, fortunately an easy eight, as we were all beginning to feel the effects of a very hot day. Revived by tea, we rang at Goldington before joining the Bedford District at their monthly meeting in John Bunyan's tower at Elstow.

For two nights our headquarters was the Laws Hotel, Turvey. All Saints' Church was only a few minutes' walk from the hotel: we attended Holy Communion and later rang for Matins, a most inspiring service. After lunch at Bedford, the afternoon's ringing was at Milton-Ernest (6), Felmersham (8), Odell (6) and Harrold (6). For evening service we rang on the grand ten of St. Paul's, Bedford. Here we were rather dismayed by the lack of local ringers due, we were told, to Surprise ringing being too greatly concentrated on. The last ring of the day was on the sweet-toned bells of Clifton-Reyness.

An early start was made on Monday. After bidding farewell to our hotel, where excellent hospitality had been enjoyed, we proceeded to Stagsden (6), where the bells went well. Before lunch at Luton, ringing took place at Maulden (a light eight, greatly enjoyed), Flitton (a ground floor six) and Silsoe (6). With the majestic ten of St. Mary's, Luton, we were made most welcome by Messrs. Hulatt and Woods, the latter after we had enjoyed these bells acting as our navigator into Hertfordshire to Harpenden. Unfortunately we were unable to obtain the best from this musical eight due to new ropes. At Hatfield (10) the long draught, and the presence of visitors watching from below, called for great concentration in the ringing. The deep resonance of these bells could be heard at its best from the outside. Tea was then taken in the historic Hatfield House. The last tower of the

tour was North Mymms, situated in secluded parkland.

The success of the tour was due to Mr. Brian Jeffrey and his first lieutenant in Northampton, Mr. G. F. Roome. We also thank Brian and John Warner for driving, and all incumbents and local ringers for their co-operation.

R. A. L.

In the picture are, front row (left to right): G. Fry, J. Warner, Jill Lenham, Hilary Swallow, M. Hollyman, B. Jeffrey; back row (left to right): R. Large, T. Barlow, A. Baldock, D. Cox, I. Smith, G. Fitzhugh.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

Invitations to ring at Buckley and the marble church of Bodewyddan decided Leeds Parish Church ringers and friends to go to North Wales on May 18th. Heavy road traffic caused the timetable to go sadly awry, and the time spent on the smooth-running ten at Christ Church, Macclesfield, had to be cut drastically. Still behind time, we did scant justice to the first-class ring at Buckley, where we were met by the Vicar and Dennis Millward.

Our Heywood friends, who preceded us the previous week, had described the marble church at Bodewyddan; and although to ring there was a pleasure in view of the refusal two years ago, these bells suffered somewhat by our just having come from Buckley.

On the homeward journey, the light octave at Flint proved tricky to handle at first; time would not allow an intended call at Woodchurch, Birkenhead. The younger element of the Society are planning an autumn outing—probably in the Peak District. R. H. D.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,280 Belgrave Surprise Major: Kay Exell 1, D. G. Yeo 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, C. E. Lewington 4, J. Brain 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, P. Bridle 7, D. C. Exell 8. First in the method for all except 6 and 8. With best wishes to Mr. J. R. Taylor and Miss J. M. Davies, on their engagement.

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Letters to the Editor

'Ring Out, Wild Bells' Broadcast

Dear Sir.—I think it should have been mentioned, either in the report of the Broadcasting Committee itself or when the report was presented for adoption, that an item which the report states presented one of 'the greatest opportunities since the formation of the committee' was not as a result of a direct approach to the committee from the B.B.C.

The Rector of Daventry was approached by the producer, Mr. Blunden, for permission to record a bell at Daventry, which has a certain interesting inscription, together with a request for other local information. This was passed to me for reply to the latter part, which I was glad to give, together with my advice to contact Mr. Sanger and his committee for further information, as it appeared to me that the producer had got hold of some rather distorted and part-true information.

The purpose of this letter is not to claim any credit for what was, in the event, a first class programme ('Ring Out, Wild Bells'), but to show that it is so very important that we ordinary ringers do our part when these opportunities arise by referring such inquiries to the committee, whose members are, on the whole, better able than most of us to deal with them.—Yours sincerely,

Daventry. PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Exclusion of Peals

Dear Sir.—The question attributed to me in the Central Council's debate on the report of the Peals Analysis Committee ('R.W.' page 416) is rather different from the one which I asked and so, too, is Mr. Ayre's reply.

What I asked was whether the committee intended merely to exclude the two peals for the Worcestershire and Districts Association from its current report or to exclude them permanently. Mr. Ayre replied that the two peals were to be excluded permanently. The honorary secretary quoted the Council's decision.

It is quite clear that these two peals failed to meet the requirement for inclusion in the 1962 analysis and the adoption of the report was in order. I have my doubts on whether my friend, Mr. Ayre, is in order to exclude them permanently. The Council's decision does not debar their inclusion in the following year's analysis and further omission of them would amount to a pretence that they had not been rung.—Yours sincerely,

Chester-le-Street. DENIS A. BAYLES.

Woodhouse Minor

Dear Sir.—The method rung at Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire, on 22-5-1963, and published as Woodhouse Surprise Minor in your issue of 14-6-1963, page 403, was first rung to a full peal at Cranford, Middlesex, on 21-5-1960. This peal, and the figures, appear in the issue of 22-7-1960, page 491, where it will be seen that the correct name is Cranford Surprise Minor.—Yours faithfully,

Harrow. JOHN R. MAYNE.

Correction to Stedman Caters Composition

Dear Sir.—I regret that owing to an inaccuracy in my copying, both course ends of the peal of Stedman Caters in the issue of June 7th. given as 13524, should read 13542. The calling of the peal is unchanged. I hope that this has not misled more than one person.—Yours faithfully,

London, W. HADLEY HUNTER.

Lavenham's Bar One

Dear Sir.—I was most intrigued to read the notice in 'The Ringing World' concerning ringing anniversary at Lavenham, Suffolk. ... 'Everyone welcome, bar one.'

It seems very strange to read this sort of thing. I do hope that the 'one' concerned knows all about it! After all it may possibly be me—the fact that I have not had a haircut for a few months might well be offensive to some people. Again, it may possibly be my friend—he wears tight trousers and pointed shoes, so quite clearly in some puritan's eyes is quite unsuitable to be a church bellringer. I could continue this list for pages.

Is it a joke, perhaps? A poor one, and in bad taste at that. Please Mr. Mortlock, remember that as church bellringers, we have a Christian duty to be one body at unity. I know that there are the occasional disagreements between ringers, but, after all, we all make mistakes at times. This seems such an underhanded way of getting at someone.

Perhaps it is none of my business. Then I suggest that the notice, as it is worded, should never have been sent to the 'R.W.' in the first place. I should very much like to know the real meaning, so that if I or my friend should by chance wish to attend this gathering, we shall know what sort of reception to expect.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. HARDY.

Leicester.

A Ringing Meeting—or Soccer Match?

Dear Sir.—I was not at the Coventry rally, in fact, for reasons very similar to those experienced by Mr. Walters, I do not attend many meetings these days, unless in some quiet out-of-the-way place.

However, I did call at one meeting not so long ago, where conditions identical to those given by Mr. Walters prevailed—a tower overcrowded by tower grabbers, pushing and jostling, and even the firm voice of the one in charge had little effect; and no one seemed to give a thought to ventilation, to the danger or rush for the exit should an accident happen through an overcrowded belfry and standing on the staircase—maybe it would be a thousand to one chance, but that thousandth could be a fatal calamity.

This led to friends I had with me asking: Is this a ringing meeting or a soccer match? everyone seems to be clamouring for the bells, like players clamouring for the ball; reverence seems to be forgotten as if it were a sports ground and not a church. Is this what usually happens at ringing meetings?

From the upstairs belfry they decided to look in at the nave and chancel below, but were further dismayed to see groups of ringers standing around talking loudly, with some of their children playing hide-and-seek in and out the pews; Come along, one remarked, this is no place for us!

All too often it is this sort of thing that puts off clergy (and some laity) from supporting schemes for bells.

The last Rector of my own parish never stood in my way against any improvements, but did once tell a group of ringers, very firmly (and I agree), 'that it is no responsibility of the Church, anywhere, to provide large sums of money every 50 or so years, merely to amuse ringers.' Bells are sacred instruments—not playthings!—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

Spliced Peal at St. Neots

Dear Sir.—Perhaps Mr. Leale's letter in respect of the spliced peal at St. Neots was over scathing, but this should not be allowed to cloud the issue.

To contradict one of your correspondents, it is relevant that all the methods resemble Lincolnshire: virtually the band rang a peal of Lincolnshire. This is not questioning the legality of the peal; it conforms to the rules. However, to the novice this performance appears to be a far greater feat than it actually was and it is unfortunate that a peal of, say, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire would look insignificant beside it, although of greater merit.

Obviously, everyone of your readers should be told that, even in ringing, it is impossible to judge the contents by the cover—although the author's name is usually a guarantee of quality.—Yours faithfully,

Nottingham. R. A. G. BENFIELD.

Lockinge's Bells

Dear Sir.—I read with interest the notes on 'Four Bell Towers in Berkshire' by G. K. Dodd, Woolton Hill ('R.W.' June 7th). In the case of Lockinge bells, he states 'Three bells were removed about seven years ago.' His informant (who was probably the Rector) is wrong. There are still four bells in a five bell frame and a ting-tang in the wall.

Fifty years ago the verges always 'clocked' all four himself, unless he allowed two of us choirboys to take two each. Ten or twelve years ago the ringing chamber was converted into a vestry, and three of the ropes were pulled up through the next floor (which may account for G. K. Dodd's inaccurate information), leaving one which is used for services now. I have never heard the bells ring, except the tenor, which I have tolled as a 'passing bell'.—Yours sincerely,

Lockinge, Berks.

H. WHITE.

Deceived

Dear Sir.—I would like to say how much I agree with Mr. Leale's criticism of the peal of so-called 'Spliced Surprise Major' recently rung at St. Neots.

Having been ringing for only two years, I was very impressed when I read the report of the peal and thought what mental giants the ringers must have been to ring four entirely new methods in a peal of eight-spliced, and with all the work of the methods for every bell. Imagine my surprise when, shortly afterwards, I heard two experienced ringers discussing the peal and learnt that all of the methods were very simple variations of Lincolnshire. I certainly felt that I had been deceived; at any rate it has encouraged me to learn about place notation.—Yours faithfully,

PHILIP N. FROST.

London, S.E.

Carter's Odd Bob

Dear Sir.—I always read with great interest Mr. E. C. Shepherd's articles, and 'A Notable Partnership' was no exception, particularly the last paragraph but one, in which Mr. Shepherd recalls either W. H. Barber's or J. W. Washbrook's desire to ring Carter's Odd Bob on handbells blindfolded.

During the 1914-18 War, Messrs. C. F. Winney, W. T. Cockerill, Herbert Langdon and H. R. Pasmore rang Carter's Odd Bob non-conducted on handbells at Clapham, and some years afterwards when talking to Messrs. Langdon and Pasmore about this peal, they told me that afterwards they attempted to ring it non-conducted sitting back to back!

This seems to be the nearest to a 'blindfold' attempt there has been.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

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LETTERS—Continued

Not Acceptable

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Peals Analysis Committee I regret to state that the 'peal' of Grandsire Doubles rung at Gorseinon, for the Swansea and Brecon Association, and published on page 422 of the issue of June 21st, cannot be accepted as a peal, on account of the conditions under which it was rung.

We do not like to do this, especially in the circumstances and for the sake of the 'first pealers.'—Yours, etc.,

WALTER AYRE
(Convener).

Leverstock Green,
Hemel Hempstead.

New Zealand's Welcome

Dear Sir,—We read with great interest the article on the proposed Great Adventure II. We do hope that the trip will be made, and I can assure you that a warm welcome awaits the tourists when they arrive in Christchurch. A visit of this kind will do much to boost the art of change ringing in Christchurch.

A new set of ropes is due here, from England, in July, so our bells should be in good condition when the English party arrive. At present our Society is strong in numbers, that is with learners; I do not remember ever having so many on the roll. Our membership now stands at 19, with three others just starting.

We are very pleased to welcome to the tower Miss Rita Boumphrey, of St. Mary's Cathedral Church, Glasgow. She is on the staff of Burwood Hospital, and, I think, will be with us for about a year. We hope she stays longer.

At Easter we had Jill Swanne, late of Carbis Bay, Cornwall, ringing with us, and Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung. We are looking forward to her next trip down from Wellington.—Yours sincerely,

G. NELSON SLOAN.

Christchurch, New Zealand.

Duffield—Tricky in Simplicity

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Brooke's letter of May 31st and Mr. Belton's of June 28th. I quite agree with Mr. Belton that Duffield is a 'conductor's method,' but there is another aspect, viz.: the method itself.

Some 53 years ago we set out to ring four 'firsts' of Royal for the Kent County Association at St. Clement Danes', under the conductorship of the late Frank Bennett, Forward, Double Norwich, Duffield and Cambridge.

The peals of Forward and Double Norwich were rung at the first attempt, but we had to make six attempts to ring the peal of Duffield, and none of the failures were due to the conductor.

After one of these, after nearly three hours' ringing, one of the band, the late Mr. R. F. Deal, expressed his opinion of the band in no uncertain terms for losing a peal in such a simple method. He was answered by my father in these words, 'I agree, it is a simple method, but it is tricky in its simplicity.'

That, I think, is the real reason why Duffield has never 'taken on.'—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close,
Crayford, Kent.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 9

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW,
The Surrey Association.

The Surrey Association has during its life produced many fine ringers, who have given devoted service to the Exercise and now look to the younger generation to carry on this great service. In this latter group is Christopher F. Mew who, in spite of the fact that he did not take up ringing until he was 17, now ranks high in the up and coming youngsters of the Surrey Association.

Christopher was born on September 17th, 1941, at Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland, but has lived in Putney, London, since he was 18 months old. He was educated at a local primary school and Sloane Grammar School, leaving the latter in 1958. One of his chief interests in life is railways, and it is, therefore, not surprising that when he left school he joined British Railways, and is at present a member of their Works Study Group.

After some six years as a chorister at his local church he was invited to take up ringing. This he did, and started to learn at St. Mary's, Putney, in 1958, his tutor being Anthony Clayton, then Master of St. Mary's. Progress for Christopher was very slow, and at times both he and his tutor thought he would never make the grade. However, he was determined to succeed, and two years later his perseverance was rewarded when he rang his first peal at the first attempt. This was on May 6th, 1960, when he rang the fourth at his home tower, St. Mary's, to a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was conducted by that very well-known Surrey ringer, Frederick Collins. The peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Princess Margaret. It is interesting to note that it was at St. Mary's, Put-

ney, in 1903, that Christopher's grandfather, the late Frederick Jee, rang his first peal.

Having scored his first peal, Christopher made better progress, and just over a year later rang his first peal as conductor. This was a peal of Nutfield Treble Bob Minor, at Nutfield, Surrey, on June 17th, 1961. His peal total of 36-plus includes 19 as conductor, which is indeed a noteworthy performance and one on which he is to be congratulated.

In addition to the first peal he conducted he is particularly proud of an 'all Chris.' peal in 1960, and of his first of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods at Putney in 1962; also of the first peals of Ockley and Capel Treble Bob Minor, at their respective villages, and of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Putney, all of which he conducted in 1962.

On April 6th this year, Christopher achieved what he considers to be his greatest success to date when he called Holt's Original at Putney. This was his first of Triples as conductor, and the band included first peals for two and first peals of Triples for three. His ambition includes conducting Spliced Surprise at his home tower.

In August, 1961, he succeeded Anthony Clayton as Ringing Master at Putney, the latter having left to join the ministry at Salisbury Theological College.

A most interesting incident was witnessed one day by Christopher when a peal band made a tower-grab on the way to ring a peal. Hearing the bells, one of the local young boys walked in. 'Would you like a ring before we go?' said one of the experts—who shall be nameless—with over 900 peals to his credit, quite expecting the lad to ask for Grandsire or the like. 'What about a course of Bourne Surprise?' the lad replied. The face of the expert dropped—he didn't know it!

NORVING.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**Furness and Lancaster Branches**

The Furness and Lancaster Branches had a combined outing into Yorkshire on Whit Monday, organised by Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, of Flookburgh. The coach started from Ulverston, where it picked up people from Kirkby-in-Furness, who started at 6 a.m. The party was not completed until Kirkby Lonsdale was reached, where the six bells were rung.

At Sedburgh, where the late G. F. Woodhouse used to ring, there is now no regular band, but the boys from the Grammar School ring in term time. We enjoyed ringing on the nice eight. The next call was at Middleham, after a picnic lunch at Leyburn. Arriving late, we could not enjoy these bells as they deserved, being allowed only 20 minutes. The ten bells at Ripon Cathedral were well worth a visit; we had not the band to do justice to the ten, but had some good ringing on the eight and a good lower on the ten.

After tea at Skipton we rang on this good eight with Yorkshire tail ends—something new for most of the party. The long run home was via Ingleton and Kirkby Lonsdale, and the last of the party reached their destination by 11 p.m. It was a glorious day in brilliant sunshine. Our thanks go to clergy and ringers of towers visited, and to Tommy for his wonderful organisation.

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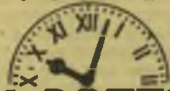
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ST. PETER'S, FELKIRK, AND ITS RINGERS

By H. CHANT

FELKIRK CHURCH, founded in 1120, has, according to tradition, been so named because it is 'the church in the field.' One or two misguided (D.S.'s epithet) historians and/or antiquarians insist that it obtained its title because there existed at one time a wooden church and that 'the name derives from the Norse fel—plank, and kirk—church.' Another theory, favoured by the present Vicar, the Rev. T. Boyard Webster, is that 'the name derives from the lowest type of ecclesiastical foundation.' Dan Smith, whose opinion was worth that of many historians and/or antiquarians, held to the first explanation, flatly refused to accept the second and knew nothing of the third.

There is really no village of Felkirk, an odd farmstead and one or two houses being near the church, but the parish of Felkirk with Brierley comprises the townships of South Hindley, Brierley, Shafton, Havercroft and Monckton, each of which is about one mile away from the church at various points of the compass. Even the vicarage and the nearest 'pub' are this distance away!

The central position of the parent church and its isolation are both its strength and its weakness, but one result is that its congregation and its ringers have been drawn from a large area. At one time, I remember, the belfry was filled with a band of ringers comprising four from Shafton, one from Brierley, four from South Hindley and two from Havercroft. Monckton, so far as I can remember, has never produced a ringer, though it has provided some excellent choristers.

TENOR OF 1613

There are six bells in the key of A flat. The tenor, cast in 1613 at York, carries the inscription 'Jesus be our speed'; the fifth was cast in 1759 at Rotherham by J. Ludlam; the fourth, which bore the inscription 'Sancti Pauli Apoli Huius', cast in 1888 by John Warner and Sons, was found to be cracked, recast in 1889 and rehung by Thomas Malaby and Sons, of Masham. The front three added in 1876 by John Warner and Sons, of London, were presented by John Dymond, of Burntwood Hall, Brierley, in memory of his parents.

There appears to have been no organised attempt at 'scientific' change ringing before about 1920, although, so far as can be ascertained, the belfry never lacked ringers. For instance, one of the bands in the first or second decade of the century consisted of a team of brothers by the name of Doughty who, on one occasion according to J. T. White, 'rang continuously for at least an hour and a half.' What they rang is not clear for, according to another old ringer, 'they followed numbers chalked on the floor and on the belfry walls.'

On April 13th, 1912, a team from Wragby rang a 720 of College Pleasure. It was the last 720 of John Easter, then president of the Barnsley and District Society. He died later the same year.

Mr. J. T. (Tommy) White was, I believe, a member of the old 'stone' team and it was about 1920 that he, along with several others who had gathered round him, began to learn change ringing proper. In their efforts they were assisted by two proficient ringers, Frank Atkinson, who cycled over from Wragby (two or three miles away), and W. A. Wooler from Wortley, who, according to Cyril Normington, occasionally came along with his brother, who was a curate. A presentation of 'two nicely framed pictures' was at a later date made to these two gentlemen in recognition of their services.

Their efforts bore fruit, for Mr. White records:

'The first 720 known to be rung by Felkirk ringers was on December 2nd, 1921. Rung by: Mr. J. T. White treble, Mr. H. Cooper 2nd, Mr. M. Perry 3rd, Mr. F. Priestley 4th, Mr. C. Normington 5th, Mr. T. Hartley tenor. Conducted by T. Hartley.'

Frank Atkinson, who was present, stood behind the conductor 'to make sure.'

Cyril Normington, whose name appears in this 720, was president of the Barnsley and

District Society at the time. A versatile musician, he played the piano, organ and 'cello, and was a member of Felkirk Church choir. He bought a set of handbells and set about teaching several boys, including myself, how to ring them: three of us also entered the choir. We travelled far and wide attending meetings, ringing at concerts and hospitals, workhouses and almshouses, and generally having the time of our lives. He taught us how to handle a tower bell and at least four of us later rang peals, two of us, Arnold Cole and myself, being members of the 1929 company.

SILENT FOR A YEAR

In 1922 the bells were pronounced unsafe and for twelve months remained silent. They were rehung by T. J. Groombridge, jun., of Kent, who employed a local ringer, Roland Grimes, to assist him. I remember Mr. Groombridge principally because of his performances with three handbells in each hand ringing Bob Minor all by himself. Cyril Normington says that he rang Bob Major with four handbells in each hand, but this I don't remember.



During the process of rehanging, the canons were removed from the fifth and tenor, and quite recently I was given a piece of metal from the tenor by Roland Grimes, who had kept it for forty years. Cyril Normington, who collected many donations for the bells, gathered together the scraps of bell metal and gave a chip or a turning to each subscriber. In order to allow the bells to reverberate after being struck, rubber buffers, fastened by locknuts, were fixed halfway down the shank of the clapper. They were always troublesome, sometimes working loose and silencing a bell, and we eventually removed them altogether.

Our ringing must have been pretty grim at the time for T. J. Groombridge promised to supply us with a peal board if we ever rang a peal with a local band. When, in 1927, we accomplished this by ringing a peal of Plain Bob Minor, he was as good as his word and the peal board now hangs in the belfry.

AN INNOVATION

When the bells were reopened on the evening of November 7th, 1923, a novel idea by Cyril Normington was used. At a point in the middle of the service the hymn, A. and M. No. 223, 'Hark, hark my soul,' was sung to H. Smart's tune. After the 2nd verse the choir and congregation were silent whilst a chosen team of visiting ringers rang a short touch on the bells. When the ringing had finished the hymn continued with the 3rd verse, which, as most people probably know, begins, 'Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing.' It was, even to my boyish mind, a moving and effective innovation. After the service the first 720 on the rehung bells, Oxford T.B., was conducted by Herbert Rowley, of Horbury, in a team which included Frank Atkinson.

For several years after the rehanging Plain Bob was the stock method, although Dan Smith, who at this time learnt to ring, and others, including myself, acquired a knowledge of Treble Bob by attending the meetings of the Barnsley and Yorkshire Societies. Following the peal of Plain Bob on February

27th, 1927, rapid strides in method assimilation were made and in 1928 we rang our first peal in seven Treble Bob methods, and later that year were ringing a different method every time we met. A note in the attendance register records that: '74 different methods were rung from April 1st, 1928, to December 31st, 1928.' It was about that time that the idea took root of trying to equal, if not surpass, Wath-on-Dearne's feat of ringing 197 different methods by a local band in one year.

GROUPING METHODS

The business of collecting and classifying the methods was left largely to me. Most of the methods I collected from the Wath-on-Dearne company, mainly from the borrowed notebook of Arthur Gill or by consulting the tables of Albert Nash. Seeing that the system of classification we adopted at Felkirk was different from that used at Wath, I rearranged the groups of methods. At Wath the 'backworks' were taken and grouped with as many 'frontworks' as would contain them. For instance, London Scholars' backwork was paired with various lead-ends to give College Exercise, College Bob IV, Royston, Gladstone, Vale Royal, etc., etc.; other backworks receiving similar treatment, whereas we at Felkirk took a lead-end (frontwork) such as Oxford and changed the middle sections to give us London Scholars', Sandal, College Youths' Pleasure, Evening Star, Chichester, Cawthorne, etc., etc.

Which was the better of these two systems of classification is difficult to say, but ours proved more adaptable to the method splicing we did in later years.

After I had completed my self-imposed task I wrote out all the methods in their various groups on sheets of paper and pinned them to the panelling round the belfry. We ticked off each method as it was rung, and Mr. White kept a note of the date, the method and the ringers in his notebook. Apart from one 720 of Plain Bob, rung for the benefit of C. Normington, all the methods rung in 1929 were on the Treble Bob principle, and, as can be seen from the methods quoted, we never bothered whether or not they were irregular or regular. To 6-5's we gave never a thought!

Mr. White's system of recording the ringers of individual 720's was based on the fact that we had what might be termed a 'standard team,' viz., A. Kelsall treble, A. Cole 2nd, M. Perry 3rd, H. Chant 4th, D. Smith 5th, J. T. White tenor, and that any deviation from this could be noted by writing down the ringer and bell of the odd man out.

By 1929, T. Hartley, R. Grimes, L. Roebuck (who was the treble ringer in the 1927 peal) had disappeared, together with Cyril Normington, who was now the organist (and principal chorister) at Archbishop Holgate's Almshouses, a position he still holds. Herbert Cooper and Freddie Priestley confirmed their attention almost exclusively to the treble. I think it was the competition for the treble that eventually decided Arthur Kelsall to ring 'inside,' where he became what might be described as 'the floating ringer.'

A 'CRACK' RINGER

Arthur, who began ringing about 1926, was projected into method ringing almost before he was aware of it. He never kept any systematic method classification, but would inquire before each one was rung what he had to do and would listen carefully to the instructions given. He seldom went wrong and I never really discovered how he did it. He described himself as a 'crack' ringer because if everyone else kept right he would occupy the empty space! He loved a good 'cease' and was an expert at 'trebling them down,' a proceeding which Mr. White always terminated by stamping a peremptory foot on the floor.

Mr. White was staid, stable and phlegmatic. He always stood at attention when ringing, stiff as a ramrod, like a guardsman on parade with his feet at ten to two. He was seldom ruffled, although I remember he once gave me a severe ticking off when I grew too big for my boots. I only respected him the more,

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FELKIRK RINGERS—Cont.

The reference to feet reminds me that Dan Smith (like Jasper Snowdon) frequently rang peals in his stocking feet. In contrast to Mr. White, who never moved his feet from the moment he took hold of a rope until the moment he put it down, Dan never rang more than a few changes before he shuffled from one foot to the other, shifting his weight across in his slightly drooping stance. There is an extract from 'Troyte,' quoted in Snowdon's 'Ropesight,' which states that: 'A man who moves his feet about is never so safe in a peal as a man who stands quietly all the time.' Dan's comments on this injudicious and somewhat categorical statement were pithy, pertinent and pointed, for he was well aware of his own peculiarity.

Moses (Mo) Perry was a cheerful and witty character, and an excellent method ringer; he never rang any bell other than the third. Arnold Cole, who rang the second and who now rings in the Leeds area, was, like myself, one of Cyril Normington's protégés.

A MEMORABLE YEAR

We began 1929 in fine style and overhauled Wath's total on August 30th during the ringing of a peal, and by the end of the year had rung 252 720's each in a different method. To achieve this total we often rang two, sometimes three or four, 720's on Sundays, meeting an hour before the service was due to start mornings and evenings, and we also generally managed one or two on practice nights. In addition we rang six peals during the year.

The 'achievement' was reported in 'The Ringing World' and earned an Editorial in the same paper. Albert Nash wrote a congratulatory letter, which was published. All the 720's were rung for the Barnsley and District Society.

Seeing that H. Cooper was absent from May onwards the standard of attendance of the

seven remaining ringers speaks for itself. I had the unique distinction of 100 per cent attendance, and A. Cole was absent on one Sunday only.

Of the 252 720's, 119 were rung for Sunday service. Herewith is a list of the ringers who took part, together with the number of 720's in which they rang; also in brackets the number they conducted: J. T. White 246 (246), A. Cole 239, D. Smith 191 (4), H. Chant 240 (2), M. Perry 206, A. Kelsall 190, F. Priestley 148, H. Cooper 23.

At least seven visitors participated at isolated intervals.

The rest of the story need not take us long. After 1929 'splicing' came more into prominence and among the ringers new names began to appear whilst some of the old ones disappeared. A. Cole joined the regular Army and illness removed F. Priestley from the scene. A. Kelsall died tragically young in 1933; Sunday working reduced M. Perry's position in the belfry virtually to that of a visitor. Fortunately these deficiencies were to a large extent made good and we find the names of W. Tibble, J. Copley (two members of C. Normington's original handbell band), C. Cook, T. Cook, R. Hill, G. Hainsworth and P. Woodward.

All these had, of course, to be taught, but good progress was made and plenty of ringing was done although the variety was inevitably lower.

A SILENCE

In 1932 the bells stood for seven months whilst the tower was renovated and repaired. The grey-slate span roof disappeared from the top of the tower and an inverted pyramid, a copy of that at Howden Parish Church, took its place.

With the outbreak of war in 1939 a great upheaval took place in Felkirk belfry. Mr. White died in 1943, most of the others, including myself, being of military age were gobbled up in the war machine, and Dan Smith was left with a brand new team of

lads and lasses struggling to ring Plain Bob; the wheel had indeed gone the full circle.

More recently, during Dan's long illness and my enforced absence from the tower for several years, matters grew even worse, and after a valiant attempt by some young lads led by some brothers called Coxon, to keep them going, the bells were silent for almost two years.

Now I have been able to return and so start a new band. It is worth much to realise that participation in a 720 of Plain Bob with a local band would give me more satisfaction than joining in a peal of 125 spliced with a team of experts.

H. CHANT.

**SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
Bingham District**

Between 50 and 60 ringers enjoyed the sunshine, while four teams competed in the District round of the Crawford Cup. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Pickworth Hutchinson, followed by a first class tea. The judges were Messrs. H. T. and D. T. Rook, who complimented all on the standard of ringing, but said there was still room for improvement. Winners, Shelford (81 faults), followed by Wharton (102), Radcliffe (120), Holme Pierrepont (154).

The District officers and the Shelford tower captain agreed that this tower should not be silent in the future. Other business was the election of Miss Rosemary Preston (Radcliffe) a member, a collection for Orston Church heating (£2 6s.) and the chairman announcing that £20 had been donated towards the cost of rehanging East Bridgford bells. Mr. Bennett proposed the vote of thanks.

R. B.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Moore 1, Diana Belcham 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. Wainwright 4, Monica Moore (first quarter as cond.) 5, D. Belcham 6, For Evensong.

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Warmley, Glos, ringers wish to know if they are the first people to organise an outing with ringing on 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. The towers were Landwick (4), Swindon Village (5), Ashchurch (6), Leckhampton (8), Worcester (All Saints') (10), Tewkesbury Abbey (12). This was their annual Whit Monday outing.

Ringling at Finedon, Northants, has been restricted to Sunday service ringing owing to the state of the bells. Will peal secretaries and organising organisers please note.

Mr. George E. Fearn rang his 1,000th peal of Major at Packwood on June 17th. This exceeds the late Mr. Ernest Morris' total of 772, and is probably the only occasion in which a ringer has reached the 1,000 mark on eight bells.

There was a happy reunion at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on June 23rd, when Mr. Colin Hopper, of Guildford, on holiday, rang for evening service with Mr. Bert Sutton. They had not met for 30 years, although they both learned to ring as boys at Cottingham, East Yorks.

Seven parishes in the Bradford diocese are to be dissolved, the churches demolished and the sites sold, as a result of a Bishops' Commission set up 'To consider the present position of parishes in the Deaneries of Bradford, Bowling, Calverley and Horton in relation to population and buildings.' Of the seven, that of St. John's, Little Horton Lane, Bradford, contains a ring of eight bells with a flat fourth. They were last rung ten years ago, but probably with attention could be made ringable.

On Easter Sunday, the Barmouth (Merioneth) ringers achieved their first rounds and, on Trinity Sunday, a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, with the help of visitors. Then on Trinity II they experienced the sheer delight of hearing Grandsire Triples and a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by D. Bradley, thanks to 'The Ringing World' and to the following welcome visitors: B. Farrell (Cambridge), David Vincent (High Legh, Cheshire), Brian Jeffrey (Edenbridge), Raymond Large (Tonbridge), D. and F. Bradley (Radcliffe-on-Trent) and Ewart and Julia Edge (Wolstanton).

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. R. G. Leale informs us that the attempt for 11,520 Rutland Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on June 22nd failed after 9,600 changes had been rung, when one of the band was overcome through lack of air in the ringing chamber.

Mr. F. S. Sharpe is lecturing to the Guild of Friends of Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday, July 13th, at 2.30 p.m. in the Cathedral.

Unexpected disturbances at the striking competition of the Salisbury District were a slider becoming loose at the beginning of the afternoon and a rope that broke during the first competition touch!

The Canon Precursor of Washington Cathedral, D.C. (the Rev. W. G. Workman), writes (June 19th) that the Cathedral this week received a ring of bells cast by Mears and Stainbank. 'Within the next few months we will begin organising our ringing society.'

At the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford an inscribed silver tankard was presented to Mr. F. Brotherton, of Oxley, Wolverhampton, in recognition of his services to the Society, the last ten years being as treasurer. 'May he enjoy a good pint,' wished the Archdeacon of Stafford (the Ven. Basil Stratton), in making the presentation.

Mr. Malcolm P. Phipps, of Chesterfield, rang his 50th peal at Tibshelf, Derby (York Surprise Minor). These have been rung with 116 different ringers, 19 conductors, 31 towers in seven counties. Analysed, the peals are: Minor 17 (Surprise 5), Triples 2, Major 25 (Surprise 14), Caters 2 and Royal 4 (Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 1, Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1).

In answer to inquiries concerning the Ernest Morris Memorial Window for St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, we are informed that the first design, although liked by all who saw it, was rejected by the Council for the Care of Churches. The P.C.C. is now waiting for further designs—one from the original artist and another from an artist recommended to them. About £400 has been received.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

JOHN CHILCOTT Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE 5
MARGARET CHAPMAN 2	CYRIL F. LOW 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	JOHN HILL 7
TOM CHAPMAN 4	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, N. DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., June 11, 1963, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIERITHA.

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD E. PRICE Treble	CYRIL F. LOW 5
FRANCES E. LOW 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
FRANK C. PRICE 3	TOM CHAPMAN 7
JOHN HILL 4	DAVID J. FORDER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DAVID FORDER.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

PLYMOUTH, S. DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., June 12, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in D flat.

RICHARD E. PRICE Treble	WILLIAM H. COLES 6
JOHN HILL 2	JOHN CHILCOTT 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	BERT GOGLE 8
DAVID J. FORDER 4	FRANK C. PRICE 9
CYRIL F. LOW 5	TOM CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., June 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 67 lb. in E.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	CYRIL F. LOW 5
MARGARET CHAPMAN 2	DAVID J. FORDER 6
FRANCES E. LOW 3	BERT GOGLE 7
FRANK C. PRICE 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 13, 1963, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MAURICE C. HUGHES Treble	JOHN S. MASON 7
MURIEL REAY 2	EDWARD W. COLLEY 8
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES 9
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 10
RODERICK W. PIPE 5	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 11
FRANK E. HAYNES 6	PETER BORDER Tenor

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TEN BELL PEALS

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS 6
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	JOHN S. MASON 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 8
JOHN A. ANDERSON 4	PETER BORDER 9
ALAN F. THIRST 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Pudsey Royal in the county, and by the Association.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*PATRICIA A. MORRIS Treble	†JOHN M. JELLEY 6
*BERYL E. CAWSE 2	*J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
*ALAN E. HARTLEY 3	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE 8
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS 9
W. ERNEST RAWSON 5	E. ALAN JACQUES Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † First of York Royal on tower bells.

‡ First of York Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN WORTH Treble	NEIL BENNETT 6
HAROLD C. LONYON 2	ALAN J. BROWN 7
*DEREK A. ASHTON 3	PETER LAELIN 8
*JOHN F. BARLOW 4	ALAN A. POTTS 9
*GREGORY EARLS 5	†DENIS HENSHAW Tenor

Composed by B. JEALUS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 6
EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH 2	KEITH H. MILDRED 7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON 3	RICHARD C. L. BROWN 8
MALCOLM D. BARSBY 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 9
RAYMOND BENFIELD 5	A. JAMES POYNOR Tenor

Composed by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In 14 methods: 480 each of London No. 3 and Rutland, 360 Albanian, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Marsden, Mirfield, Oakham, Whitby and Yorkshire, 320 Selby, 240 Prittlewell and Pudsey; with 123 changes of method.

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

ROGER J. LUMLEY Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 6
JEANNE E. BOTTOMLEY 2	WILFRID F. MORETON 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3	S. BARRY SCHOFIELD 8
J. HENRY FIELDEN 4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK 9
VERNON BOTTOMLEY 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Most methods rung in a peal of Spliced Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 1, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Parker's Twelve-Part.		
*SUSAN M. WHITE Treble	BRYAN C. BURROUGH 5	
LEONARD J. NORTH 2	*RICHARD E. WATERS 6	
*LORNA E. SIMPSON 3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS 7	
*CLIVE W. SIMPSON 4	*ANDREW KETT Tenor	

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Grandsire. First of Triples as conductor.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Mon., June 3, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

M. KEITH SWINGWOOD Treble	†PHILIP GAY 5
DAVID J. DANBY 2	MICHAEL WILSHAW 6
*RAYMOND J. BALLARD 3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 7
†HAROLD DOWLER 4	ROY WORRALL Tenor

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE (No. 1).

Conducted by MICHAEL WILSHAW.

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

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Steele.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

PHILIP A. CORBY Treble	TREVOR A. CROSS 5
CYRIL S. JARRETT 2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES 6
ANN JENNER 3	IAN H. ORAM 7
ANDREW J. CORBY 4	STANLEY JENNER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the second.

Rung in honour of the ordination this day, in Rochester Cathedral by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, of Peter N. Bond (priest) and Dennis A. Sweetman (deacon); also to mark the 30th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Canon G. T. S. Prentice. Vicar of this parish.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY PAUL Treble	COLIN W. REED 5
JOYCE M. GURNHILL 2	N. WILLIAM BARRATT 6
WALTER TOMLINSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
BERYL N. REED 4	*JOHN N. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey R. Parker on the birth of a son, John Robert.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MICHAEL WILSHAW Treble	E. MARION KEY 5
*DAVID J. DANBY 2	*IAN FRIEND 6
*K. PETER JONES 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
ALAN D. STEEL 4	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam His Holiness Pope John XXIII.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*STEPHEN L. GREEN Treble	RONALD CHAFER 5
JACK BRAY 2	CHARLES H. BAKER 6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	†G. LESLIE A. LUNN 7
DELIA E. SMITH 4	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First 8-bell peal. † First of Double Norwich. Jack Bray has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a welcome home to Canon J. E. Roberts, Vicar, after an operation in hospital.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. Treble	J. NEVILLE PARKIN 5
*LINDA GOTT 2	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK 6
FRANCES FAIRBANK 3	R. GORDON CORBY 7
J. HENRY FIELDEN 4	WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

*SIDNEY HAW Treble	*†DAVID FEEK 5
*PETER H. LANGTON 2	NORMAN HARDING 6
ROLAND REED 3	*TREVOR A. BEVIS 7
ERNEST MASTIN 4	*THOMAS BUSH Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by TREVOR A. BEVIS.

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

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE FRANCIS Treble	ALEXANDER PAGE 5
PATRICIA DISERENS 2	STANLEY G. PONTING 6
E. WINIFRED KEYS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	RONALD F. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5216 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

DAVID A. CORNWALL .. Treble	DEREK FRANCIS 5
JOYCE BARTON 2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY 6
JOHN SIMMONS 3	DAVID P. HILLING 7
IVOR TRUEMAN 4	DENNIS KNOX Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

Rung as a welcome to Diane Francis, born May 13th, 1963, and Andrew and Robert Knox, born May 21st, 1963.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY .. Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
RODERICK W. PIPE 2	PETER BORDER 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	*DAVID J. KING 7
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal in the method.

Rung within the Octave of Corpus Christi.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Mon., June 17, 1963, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

MURIEL REAY Treble	CHARLES A. S. WEBB 5
PETER S. BENNETT 2	*MAURICE C. HUGHES 6
SUSAN FUNNELL 3	RODERICK W. PIPE 7
GEOFFREY DAVIES 4	†GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 1,000th peal of Major.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 18, 1963, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*JEFFREY J. FOX Treble	†JOHN POTTS 5
*PETER J. COPLEY 2	*KENNETH B. SISSONS 6
RONALD R. WARFORD .. 3	C. BARRIE DOVE 7
ANTHONY E. STAMP 4	JOHN WEAVER Tenor

Composed by D. J. MARSHALL.

Conducted by JOHN WEAVER.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal together. First of Major as conductor.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Parker's Six-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*ELIZABETH ROBERTS .. Treble	ROY K. MOWFORTH 5
*HAROLD ROBERTS 2	*WILLIAM G. TALBOT 6
*ALBERT H. LAWTON 3	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
E. MARION KEY 4	*WILLIAM WATKIN Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 19, 1963, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOSEPH THORNLEY Treble	JOHN RYDER 5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON .. 2	SYDNEY OSBORNE 6
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 3	*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL .. 7
HAROLD WOKKALL 4	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

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

Rung as a compliment to the Revs. J. T. Finney and R. F. Hatch on their ordination to the priesthood.

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 20, 1963, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5120 QUEENSWAY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. Treble	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	JOHN HILL .. 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 7
ALICK CUTLER .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method (E. W. Tipler's A 1/8).

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ERIC EDMONDSON .. Treble	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	VERNON GREEN .. 6
ARTHUR G. MASON .. 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. Tenor

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

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' variation.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
*KEITH D. WAPLES .. Treble	†PETER W. HARPER .. 5
ROBERT J. PICTON .. 2	GERALD PENNEY .. 6
WALTER AYRE .. 3	*D. JOSEPH GOODMAN .. 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 4	BRIAN M. BARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal attempt. The conductor's 800th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 4, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, different callings.	Tenor 12 cwt.
GEORGE E. THODAY .. Treble	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 4
MARYL R. CROSTHWAITE .. 2	*ALEXANDRA M. DUKES .. 5
PHILIP G. CROSTHWAITE .. 3	FREDERICK E. DUKES .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal of Minor.

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt.
DAVID BURNETT .. Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 2	GEORGE E. THODAY .. 5
NORMAN V. HARDING .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., June 12, 1963, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*DAVID J. ORLEDGE .. Treble	*ROBERT E. DAY .. 4
†JOHN G. HALLETT .. 2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
*DEBORAH HOPKINS .. 3	RICHARD C. L. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. L. BROWN.

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

QUEENSWAY SURPRISE MAJOR

56 x 58.14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 58.14 x 14.58

2nds place. Lead-end 3527486.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 13, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 27½ lb. in F sharp.
GEORGE L. PICKERING .. Treble	RICHARD J. CLIFTON .. 4
*LESLIE PICKERING .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 5
JENNIFER STRATFORD .. 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to congratulate Miss Jennifer Stratford on obtaining a first degree at Cambridge University.

NORTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, being 42 extents, viz.: St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, April Day, Dedworth, Old Bob.	Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr.
*WILLIAM E. GEARING .. Treble	†A. PETER LAW .. 3
†GILLIAN S. M. WALSH .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4

GORDON W. LAND .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON W. LAND.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ Most methods to a peal.

Rung on the back five when meeting one short due to the indisposition of one of the band.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., June 14, 1963, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven methods, seven extents: College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars', City Delight, Killamarsh, Duke of York and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER A. MOXON .. Treble	HERMAN RUSBY .. 4
ELIZABETH PEACE .. 2	TREVOR TARBATT .. 5
SUSAN PEACE .. 3	NOEL F. MOXON .. Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of the bells, in the same methods as the first peal on the bells for the Association on March 20th, 1897.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 50 methods: (1) St. Osmund, St. Remigius, St. Vedast, (2) St. Martin, Winchendon Place, Huntspill, (3) St. Simon, St. Nicholas, New, (4) Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, All Saints, (5) St. Alban, (6) Cassington, (7) Eynsham, (8) Shropham, (9) Elland, (10) St. Jude, (11) St. Giles, (12) St. Thomas, (13) St. Andrew, (14) Norwich, (15) Shares-hill, (16) St. Mary, (17) St. Paul, (18) St. Peter, (19) St. Leonard, (20) Mileham, (21) Austrey, (22) St. Laurence, (23) St. Miles, (24) St. Luke, (25) St. John, (26) Walsingham, (27) Ryton, (28) St. Crispin, (29) Kennington, (30) Old, (31) April Day, (32) Besthorpe, (33) Seighford, (34) Litchurch, (35) Southrapps Pleasure, (36) St. Columba, (37) Clifford's Pleasure, (38) Costessy, (39) Little Aston, (40) St. David, (41) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (42) Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb.

*RONALD RUSSELL .. Treble	ROGER W. SMITH .. 3
ALAN A. PAUL .. 2	*GEORGE F. ROOME .. 4

GRAHAM C. PAUL .. Tenor

Conducted by GRAHAM C. PAUL.

* 25th peal together. First in 50 methods for all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald Russell.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 6 cwt. in C.

*ANN P. ROBINSON .. Treble	*LEONARD J. NORTH .. 4
*LORNA E. SIMPSON .. 2	BRYAN C. BURROUGH .. 5
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS .. 3	*CLIVE W. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in five methods.

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NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2 and 3) Kent Treble Bob, (4 and 5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

MAUREEN P. STAMMERS .. Treble	JOHN COX 4
DAVID CUBITT 2	ROY DUESBURY 5
BARBARA M. PAYNE 3	PETER ADCOCK Tenor

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

To welcome the Rev. Donald H. Mee, instituted the previous day to the united benefice of St. Clement and St. George, Colegate, and as priest-in-charge of St. Saviour with St. Paul the Hermit.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 15, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MELVYN A. ROSE .. Treble	JOHN F. UNDERWOOD .. 4
JAMES THORLEY 2	KENNETH B. SISSONS .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY 3	JOHN POTTS Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

Rung in connection with the Rural Deanery of the Isle of Axholme's part in the Diocesan Mission to Lincolnshire.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*PAULINE McDONAGH .. Treble	ANTHONY J. HELLIWELL .. 4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON 2	*J. PETER JENKINSON .. 5
ROGER LEIGH 3	ERIC J. F. WALL Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

An 80th birthday compliment to Arthur Tomlinson, of Blackburn.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung to welcome John Robert Parker, son of Geoffrey and Margaret Parker and grandson of William R. Parker.

NORTON BAVANT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 16, 1963, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in ten methods/variations, viz.: (1 to 4) Antelope, (5 to 10) Grandsire, (11 to 14) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (15 to 18) All Saints, (19 to 22) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (23 to 26) Plain Bob, (27 to 30) April Day, (31 to 34) Old Bob, (35 to 38) Seighford, (39 to 42) Clifford's Pleasure.

Tenor 10 cwt., approx.

DAVID NIBBS Treble	KINGSLEY JONES 3
RICHARD HUMPHRIES 2	PHILLIP GAISFORD 4
	ROBERT J. PURNELL Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. PURNELL.

First peal on the bells.

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

On Fri., June 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*ROGER A. STANLEY .. Treble	RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 4
CYNTHIA WARRILOW 2	*FRANK BEECH 5
†IAN FRIEND 3	ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. WARRILOW.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Cambridge Minor. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.'

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

*LINDA M. NICHOLLS .. Treble	†RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 4
†AUBREY G. EVELEIGH .. 2	LESLIE PICKERING 5
MRS. CAROL URRY 3	MICHAEL E. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

* First peal. † First of Surprise.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JOHN SOCIETY.

On Fri., June 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

MICHAEL WILSHAW .. Treble	*PHILIP GAY 4
RAYMOND J. BALLARD 2	M. KEITH SWINGEWOOD .. 5
DAVID J. DANBY 3	GEOFFREY DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.

* Most methods rung to a peal.

Rung in memoriam Mr. Birchall, churchwarden, who died recently.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 21, 1963, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*JOHN F. HOODLESS .. Treble	HARRY BARNES 4
*CHARLES R. MUXLOW 2	†RICHARD A. HUNT 5
WALTER WESTON 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal attempt.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter, Beverley.

BALLYLESSON, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

On Sat., June 22, 1963, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob; every extent a change of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*M. JACK PRYOR .. Treble	*LINDA M. FOOT 4
JOHN T. DUNWOODY 2	HARRY BROWN 5
*JEAN JEFFERY 3	*JOHN K. FOOT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal in five Minor methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The King Edward VI Grammar School Campanological Society.)

On Thurs., June 6, 1963, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE KING EDWARD VI GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven 720's, differently called. Tenor size 15 in B.

*STEPHEN W. BARTON .. 1—2	HARRY POYNER 3—4
P. WILLIAM BRETT 5—6	

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 9, 1963, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT 6, THE GREEN.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

MARY C. POYNER 1—2	RUPERT A. CLARKE 5—6
DAVID F. MOORE 3—4	HARRY POYNER 7—8

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

Rung to mark the ordination this day of John Bidder (priest) and Graham Friend (deacon).

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 18, 1963, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE.

A PEAL OF 5120 GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN 1—2	ROGER BALDWIN 5—6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3—4	ANTHONY R. MANN 7—8

Composed by SAM WOOD. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor. First in the method on handbells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 19, 1963, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT 33, BRIDGE END ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In six methods, being two extents of Netherseale and one extent each of Cambridge, Primrose, Westminster, Allendale and Annable's London.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 25th peal together. Most Surprise methods to a handbell peal by all the band, and for the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hughes 1, N. Istance 2, R. J. Lloyd 3, R. L. Hughes 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, W. J. Clayton 6. For Morning Prayer. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. R. Williams 1, W. J. Clayton 2, R. L. Hughes 3, A. W. Williams 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, R. J. Lloyd 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Edwin Jones (aged 86), a former organist, interred at Almeley on June 5th.

ALTON, HANTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Wood 1, R. Corke (cond.) 2, H. Moody 3, Miss A. Biddlecombe 4, V. Lowten 5, J. Crayden 6, E. Hedger 7, A. Bone 8. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in the evening after the funeral of Mr. C. Smith, formerly of High Wycombe.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At All Saints' Church, on June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Esme J. Weaver 1, H. S. Holbrook 2, D. Murdock 3, H. Balaam (cond.) 4, A. Taylor 5, J. Weaver 6, P. G. Holmes 7, A. R. Carter 8.

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Newman (first quarter) 1, P. M. Giles 2, Mrs. T. Robertson 3, R. G. Baker 4, D. Robertson (cond.) 5, H. Vennell 6. For Patronal Festival.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSELEY.—On June 13th, 1,200 T.B. Minor (six methods): Margaret Moxon 1, C. A. Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, Christine Saville 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Visit of Bishop of Wakefield for Confirmation.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. G. Knee (cond.) 1, L. E. Hawkins 2, E. E. Norris 3, B. R. Morton 4, C. Butcher 5, R. Holly 6. All are employed at 27 Command Workshops, R.E.M.E., Warminster.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss M. Gledhill 2, Miss C. Linfoot 3, Miss A. Flather 4, A. Rogers 5, D. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung during the Whitsuntide Walk of Elland Churches.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Omerod 1, D. H. Harrison 2, K. F. Gardener 3, I. P. Unsworth 4, D. J. Allen (cond.) 5, S. Woodward 6. For Evensong. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): D. H. Harrison 1, D. Lloyd 2, I. P. Unsworth (first as cond.) 3, K. F. Gardener 4, D. J. Allen 5. For Evensong.

FECKENHAM, WORKS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Styler 1, J. W. Perkins 2, I. Lloyd (first quarter attempt) 3, A. A. Jopp 4, A. Berry 5, C. Longmore 6, A. Brazier (cond.) 7, G. Stock (first quarter of Triples) 8. Rung for Patron Saint, St. John the Baptist.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On June 16th, 1,260 Erin Triples: D. G. Massey 1, Frances M. Massey 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, A. Payne 4, D. T. H. Robertson 5, R. J. Baker 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. First in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on May 26th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, Mrs. A. J. Hampton 2, J. E. Reed 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. L. Bell 5, L. W. Bullock 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, J. A. G. Harvey 8. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On April 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Davey 1, P. E. Wells 2, P. Woollven 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on April 28th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: P. Woollven 1, C. L. Bell 2, P. E. Wells 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Morning service. Also on June 2nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. F. Mufet 1, P. E. Wells 2, P. Woollven 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Newton 1, Miss B. Smith 2, Miss J. Barton 3, K. Gould 4, R. Biggs 5, D. Cornwall 6, R. Hazell (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8. Also for Evensong, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Smith 1, R. Biggs 2, K. Gould (first in method 'inside') 3, Miss J. Barton 4, D. Francis 5, B. Forest 6, S. Bailey 7, D. Cornwall (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on April 14th, five Doubles methods: J. A. Howes 1, Miss L. Allen 2, H. S. Peacock 3, P. Woollven 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. For morning service. Also on June 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, D. F. Mufet 2, C. L. Bell 3, P. Woollven 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. G. Mitchell 1, W. Lawrence 2, S. R. Cozens 3, Miss A. Hales 4, F. Coates 5, J. Mitchell 6, R. Turner 7, P. Fleckney (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. F. Newman, who was ordained to the priesthood at Peterborough Cathedral earlier this day.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAM.—On June 4th, 1,260 St. John's Bob Doubles: Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled on the occasion of the death of Pope John XXIII.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On June 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elisabeth Cairns 1, Kate Guy 2, M. Foster 3, Barbara Leigh 4, E. Jones 5, J. Machell 6, J. Dafters (cond.) 7, B. Evans 8. For the dedication festival.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On May 18th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: D. Weeks 1, Miss M. Smith 2, Mrs. A. Stenning 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, R. Allen 6. Also on June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Smith 1, Mrs. A. Stenning 2, A. Stenning 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, R. Allen 6.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Gurnhill 1, G. R. Parker 2, G. Paul 3, J. Walden 4, G. H. Randles 5, P. Sharp 6, H. L. Pask (cond.) 7, J. Edwards 8. Rung for the 10th anniversary of the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 15th, 1,260 Bob, April Day and Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Todd 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, D. Corner (first quarter) 6. Also on same day, by same ringers, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by G. Neilson.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Edbrooke (first quarter) 1, Valerie Mellish 2, Judith Edbrooke 3, R. T. Perry 4, P. Jupp (cond.) 5, E. Bowden 6. For Confirmation service.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Paginton 1, J. Mace 2, H. Blanchard 3, L. Grey 4, H. Blacker (cond.) 5, J. Billings 6. For morning service.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Montgomery 1, Miss F. Webber 2, Miss J. Foster 3, Rev. E. B. Wood 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, J. H. Croxton 6. For Evensong. Also on June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Bartlett (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Foster 2, Miss A. White (cond.) 3, Miss F. Webber 4, P. Wilkinson 5, J. H. Croxton 6. Rung by members of Reading University Society.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): D. D. Strong 1, J. Yates 2, P. Gardner 3, C. Kortright 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Edgson 1, Linda Nicholls (first quarter as cond.) 2, Carol Urry 3, W. E. Burnell 4, R. W. Gibbons 5, A. G. Eveleigh 6. Also on June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): W. W. Clarke 1, Linda Nicholls 2, W. C. Budd 3, W. J. Vann 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, P. M. Edgson 6. Rung half-muffled in memorial Mr. John Robert Haycock, past tower captain, and ringer at this tower for over 40 years.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Patching 1, P. Holden (cond.) 2, G. Holden 3, G. Orme 4, J. List 5, D. Morgan (first quarter) 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean Sanderson 1, P. Mehew 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, E. G. Buck 4, W. Hitch 5, J. R. Castledine 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, A. C. D. Mayes 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ivor T. Werrett, of Norton.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Corson 1, C. B. Dove (first quarter of Grandsire as cond.) 2, D. Sheppard 3, A. Sheppard 4, J. Poits 5, A. E. Stamp 6, J. D. Weaver 7, K. B. Sissons 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cooles 1, C. F. Mew 2, L. W. Allen 3, A. R. Millidge 4, B. J. Bull 5, M. J. Bingham 6, M. J. Uphill (cond., 75th quarter) 7, J. H. Gaze 8. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. King 1, W. Ward 2, Miss R. Carr 3, P. Avey 4, J. Blower 5, G. Sandwell (cond.) 6, R. Tomlin 7, A. House 8. For Confirmation. Also on June 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Ward 1, P. Sloman 2, P. Perkins 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, A. House 6, G. Sandwell 7, M. Hallett (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On May 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. Coomber (first in method) 1, Miss B. Siggers 2, Mrs. F. Streeter 3, F. E. Roberts 4, W. Dunn 5, G. West 6, K. Game 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan E. Smith 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, A. R. Cope 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, C. M. White 5, J. Hartless 6, H. J. Page 7, W. Cope 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Robert Buchanan and Miss Anne Akroyd, married at Eling, Hants, this day.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Mahala Quiney 1, Betty Daysh 2, Jennifer Tyack 3, Susan Smith 4, C. Bassett (cond.) 5, Hilary Joines 6, Pauline Joines 7, M. Challis 8. First quarter 1, 6, 7 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SUTTON-ON-HILL, E. YORKS.—On June 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Patricia A. Wilson 1, Janet 1, Porter 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, H. Rodmell 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, C. R. Robinson 6. Rung to mark the ordination of Rev. C. J. Hawthorn as priest, on Trinity Sunday, at York Minster; also compliments on obtaining their degrees at Hull University to Pamela M. Turner, B.Sc. (Physics), and R. H. Rogers, B.Sc. (Chemistry).

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On June 12th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: K. Bazeley (longest length) 1, Mrs. G. F. Rooome 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, G. F. Rooome (cond.) 4, P. Amos 5. For a service marking the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. G. J. McNamara-Craib, assistant priest.

LONG LENGTH OF PUDSEY ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—Since giving notice of the 10,336 Pudsey S. Major, I have been given a longer composition by Derek Ogden. The longer one will now be attempted at Loughborough Bell Foundry on Saturday, July 6th, starting at 11 a.m.—Yours, etc.,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

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By Derek Ogden

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34562		1		
63542				—
34625		1		
26543	—			—
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ENGAGEMENTS

RILEY—KNIGHT—The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Riley, of Feltham, Middlesex, and Audrey, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Knight, of Remsey, Hampshire. 2787

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DAW—HOLLOWELL—The engagement is announced between Raymond, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Daw, of Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts, and Wendy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hollowell, of Peterborough. 2797

PERSONAL

'Strive for the truth unto death and the Lord shall fight for thee.' (Ecclesiasticus iv, 28.)

MAY I apologise to the peal band at Halewood on June 25th, if I seemed unobliging. Some of the band already know that a situation exists which governed my refusal. As always, there are two sides to the story, and possession of the full facts would show, I think, that I am by no means wholly responsible for this situation, and will be more than glad when it is resolved. Please don't condemn hastily or unjustly. By the way, it was a good peal and I enjoyed hearing it.—T. M. Fitzgerald, Great Crosby, Liverpool. 2783

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Felmersham, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. W. Rivett, Dis. Sec., 117, Stagden Road, Bromham, Bedford. 2732

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 6th. Magdalen (6), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Waffington (6), 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; Shouldham (6), 12 noon-1.30 p.m.; Crimlesham (5), 1-3; Upwell (6), 1.30-3.30; Denver (6), 2.15-3.30; Hilgay (8), owing to Downham Market (8), 3-6. Service 6 p.m. at St. Edmund's Church, Downham Market, followed by tea for those who notify E. H. Mastin, 7, St. Edmund's Avenue, Downham Market, Norfolk.—H. S. Peacock, Hon. Sec. 2709

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Joint meeting, July 6th. Alteration of ringing times: Shouldham not available owing to tower repairs: Crimlesham (5), 12 noon-2.30 p.m.; Denver (6), 2.15-3.30; Hilgay (8), owing to wedding, 3.30-5.30 p.m.—E. H. Mastin. 2790

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Orsett, July 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Blatch, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett. 2698

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—The final of the striking competition will be at Little Waltham, July 6th. Draw 2.50 prompt for 3 p.m. start. Tea in Village Hall, Great Waltham. Tower open from 7 o'clock. All welcome.—H. Turner. 2767

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Knebworth, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to B. Marks, Wayside, Swangleys Lane, Knebworth.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 2718

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Oxhey bells 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Morris, 7, Vega Road, Bushey Heath.—J. M. Bunyan, Dis. Sec. 2734

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter-in-Thanet, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, followed by important business. Those requiring tea (2/-), please notify Mr. A. Bridges, 8, Swinbourne Avenue, Broadstairs, together with cash. 2755

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and the **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**—Joint meeting, July 6th. Bells available: Packington 2.30 to 4. Cole Orton 3 and after tea 4.30 p.m. Service 7 p.m. 2731

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

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Oting, Saturday, July 6th. Eyam, 9.30-10.30; Youlgreave, 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m.; Bradbourne, 1.45-2.45; Brassington, 3-4; Crich, 4.30-5.30; Ashover, 6.45-7.45 p.m. Own transport and meal arrangements.—J. Seager, Sec. 2800

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Newark District.—On Saturday, July 6th, evening meeting at Staunton-in-the-Vale. Bells (5) available from 6 p.m.—B. N. Reed. 2736

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Stapleford. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams. 2750

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 6th, Fairwarp (8). Bells 3.30 p.m. Picnic tea.—E. L. Hairs, Div. Sec. 2721

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Sherborne St. John on Saturday, July 6th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Monk Sherborne bells from 2.45-4.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Men's Club Room, Sherborne St. John. Names for tea to J. Chesterton, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 2738

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 6th. Bells: Sparsholt (5), 2.30 p.m.; Hursley (8), 6. Service 4.30 (Hursley). Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. at King's Head, Hursley. Names for tea to D. Brown, 3, Moss Road, Winnall, Winchester. 2720

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE—Re-opening service after rehanging of bells, Saturday, July 13th. Service 3 p.m., followed by ringing. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in evening. Names by 11th to Mr. Arthur Kershaw, 58, Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise, Bletchley. 2779

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Meeting, Felkirk, near Barnsley, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Teas only to those who notify Mr. Harold Chant, The Rowans, School Lane, Ryhill, Wakefield, not later than July 11th. It is hoped that the plaque to the memory of Daniel Smith will be installed during the afternoon.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 2794

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hawkridge, July 13th. Numbers for tea by the 9th essential.—A. R. Tudball. 2794

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kilmersdon, Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. G. Pomeroy, 2, Cabbell's Mead, Kilmersdon, Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 2781

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting, Blunham, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Oswald Delight and Single Court. Ringing for everybody.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 2793

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Monthly meeting, Hutton Cranswick, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Address by the Bishop of Hull. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 2758

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (Stranton), Saturday, July 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than July 10th to Mr. W. Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, West Hartlepool. 2778

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD—Meeting, Saturday, July 13th, at Fletching. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring picnic tea. Ringing in the evening 6-8.30 p.m. 2782

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Littleton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 2782

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, July 13th, Castle Eaton (6). Names for tea by Thursday previous to E. Sutton, 15, Springfield Road, Swindon. 2765

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley (6) on July 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Village Hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. Raggett, Church Cottage, Church Lane, Bentley, Farnham.—D. P. Elsmore. 2804

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 13th, Tring (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Badrick, 63, Dundale Road, Tring, Herts. 2806

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, July 13th at Leeds. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea supplied only for those who notify Mr. A. Fry, 3, Upper Street, Leeds. Special methods: Original Caters and Pudsey S. Royal.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2744

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 2723

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Milnrow on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Business 6 p.m.—J. P. Partington. 2773

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, July 13th at Halewood. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. J. Robinson, 'Field Cottage', Church Road, Halewood.—J. H. Wilton, Branch Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting in Hinckley District, July 13th. Bells available: Enderby (8), 1-2 p.m.; Desford (6), 1.30-2.30; Peckleton (6), 2-3; Thurlaston (6), 2.30-3.15; Stoney Stanton (8), 2.30-3.15; Barwell (8), 5.30-8; Stoke Golding (6), 6.30-8. Meeting, Church Institute, Barwell, 3.30. Please note time.) Service, St. Mary's, Barwell 4.30. Tea (adults 3s., juniors 2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Hough, 6, Oxford Street, Barwell, Leicester, by Wednesday, July 10th. **Strictly, no name no tea.** Knock-out 'Tug-of-War' competition for ringers, Barwell Recreation Ground, 8 p.m. Any six ringers to form a team. Prizes for the winners. Entrance fee 3s. per team. Captains of teams entering please inform Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lygchate Lane, Burbage, Leicester (Tel.: Burbage 516), beforehand. General Committee meet St. Margaret's belfry, Monday, July 8th, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2727

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Ringing festival, July 13th. Times of ringing: Coningsby (6), 10-11 a.m.; Tattershall (6), 10.30 a.m.-12 noon; Ewerby (10), 12 noon-2 p.m.; Ruskington (6), 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Rauceby (5), 2-3; Silk Willoughby (6), 1.30-5; Sleaford (8), 7.15-9; Heckington (8), 7.15-9; Great Hale (6), 7.15-9. Tea at Sleaford 5.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. W. Weston, The Bungalow, East Road, Sleaford, Lincs.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 2733

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Machen, July 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, by July 8th.—J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 2770

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Harrow-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. tea to follow. To be sure of tea send names to Miss L. E. Simpson, 7, Hawthorn Drive, North Harrow, Middlesex, by previous Wednesday. Other ringing: Pinner, 2.30-4; Harrow Weald, 3-4 p.m.—T. J. Lock and Miss M. E. Powell, Gen. Secs. 2740

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury, Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 9th, to C. Wightman, 14, Cope Road, Banbury, Oxon. 2737

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, Rugby, by previous Tuesday.—F. W. Hancock. 2777

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Martin's, Stamford, July 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' (6) available after tea.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 2798

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Harborne (8), July 13th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2724

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Overton-on-Dee, July 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to D. B. Williams, 4, Edward Street, Oswestry, by previous Wednesday.—E. Morris. 2795

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 13th. SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, local cafes. Business meeting. Ringing to follow at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.—F. J. Matthews. 2747

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Compline 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whetton.—R. Blackshaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2730

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Tuxford (8), Saturday, July 13th. Cafe close to church.—H. Denman. 2785

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Ixworth (6), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. **Please, do help** the tea caterers by sending names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mrs. D. Jarrold, New Road, Ixworth, Bury St. Edmunds. 2743

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewell on July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 10th to Mrs. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. 2748

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Wisborough Green (6) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 2801

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, July 13th. Steep. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. In Village Hall. Bells again until 7.30. Petersfield bells 7.45-9 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 9th to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash. 2719

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and **CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Norton (Malton) (8), Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holmgarth, 2, Park Road, Norton, Malton.—Edward Hudson, Peter Wishart, Hon. Secs. 2799

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—An evening practice meeting will be held at Saham Toney on Wednesday, July 17th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Tovell. 2794

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells. 2791

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Holland on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30-4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Leech, 3, Holland Villas, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 2780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—July 20th, quarterly meeting at Swanscombe. Discussion on sub-committee's report on finance. **Please make a special effort to attend.** Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. E. O. Newbury, 94, Broomfield Road, Swanscombe.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2771

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, July 20th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Please bring picnic tea. Kingskerswell bells (8) available 6 p.m. Gentlemen invited.—Y. C. Porter, Dis. Sec. 2772

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Joint meeting with the Crewe Branch of the **CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** at Barthomley on July 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, before July 17th.—Mrs. H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 2803

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Belton, Isle of Axholme, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. M. Rose, 8, High Street, Belton, Doncaster.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 2808

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hadlow on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) from 3-8 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—Pamela J. Osborne (Mrs.), Sec., M.G.S.C.R.S. 2786

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Irchester, Saturday, July 20th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. C. Wells, 12, Townwell Lane, Irchester. 2776

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Old Coulsdon, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Little, 228, Coulsdon Road, Coulsdon, by July 17th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 2792

OBITUARY

MR. TED ADAMS

Canon C. Carew Cox writes:—

It was with much sorrow I noted the passing of Ted Adams, of Warwick. One had many happy associations with him in Warwickshire from 1909 to 1914, and no one visiting St. Mary's belfry could fail to appreciate his kindly leadership and encouragement. The band, too, he built up at St. Mary's was evidence enough of his teaching ability. I look back upon nine enjoyable peals with him, which entailed not a little hard cycling in those days. He was a grand, safe ringer, and his loss will be deeply felt by the Coventry Guild, but such as he must leave behind a long-lasting influence for good. May he rest in peace.

MR. STANLEY HONOUR AN APPRECIATION

Mr. John Woods writes:—

Mr. Stanley Honour resided in Lancaster for the major part of 1927-8, engaged on professional work for the railway. I well remember him coming to the tower of St. Peter's (R.C.) Cathedral and volunteering to help the very backward band.

With the co-operation of Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal, and Mr. W. Robinson, of Ambleside, we made quite good progress. My own red letter day was February 4th, 1928, when I rang my first peal at Dalton-in-Furness, which incidentally was the first on the bells. Time has taken its toll, and with the death of Stanley only four of us remain.

To fellow ringers at Rainham and to Mr. Honour's family we tender our sincerest sympathy.

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LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Newman 1, Rev. J. Homphrey 2, W. Oakley 3, D. Newcombe 4, W. Woodyatt 5, T. Borcham 6, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 7, H. Harrison 8. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of A. F. Pratt, for many years a ringer at this church. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Sturdy 1, H. Read 2, A. Newman, jun. 3, D. Newcombe 4, T. Stephens 5, B. Read 6, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 7, H. Harrison 8. For Evensong, and to welcome Michael, born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Pendlebury.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on June 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. W. Oatway 1, Miss E. Birmingham 2, C. A. Hughes 3, A. M. Faulkner 4, A. M. Stacey 5, W. Oatway 6, M. Sprackling 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, J. Laken 10. First on ten by 2, 4 and 10. For Matins.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On May 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Tallis, sen. 1, I. C. Maycock 2, J. K. Foot 3, P. S. Bennett 4, R. G. Morris 5, Ann E. Fellows 6, Susan Funnell 7, M. C. Hughes 8. Conducted by 2 and 4. Arranged as a last 'bachelor quarter' for J. K. Foot.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): S. Bull 1, Ruth Carr 2, F. May 3, Joan Peacock 4, R. Tomlin (cond.) 5, A. House 6, P. Sloman 7. Rung after meeting short for a peal attempt.

STUGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield 5, S. Bryant 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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