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WE ENGLISH

THE art of seeing ourselves is not easy. Recently there appeared in 'The Times Literary Supplement' an article entitled 'What Kind of People are the English?' This article attracted wide attention and has been extensively quoted not only in this country but in America as an endeavour to portray the characteristics of our race.

One of these characteristics is of pattern and of order. 'It is responsible for their delight in ships, the supreme example of a patterned life, for their fame abroad as troupe dancers ("les Girls"), for the spectacle of Trooping the Colours.' Then proceeds the unknown author:—

'The most extreme example is that of bellringing. Give a continental campanologist a spire full of great bells, and he will begin to play a tune on them. Only the English will undertake an endless series of ringing-the-changes; pulling sally after sally, for hour after hour, with no other purpose than to pursue some intricate rhythm in company, through peal after peal, clanging over a countryside to the grave consideration and admiration of the whole parish.

'This absorption in pattern is one aspect of the general power of absorption, of concentration, which the Englishman so specially enjoys. . . .'

Was the author of this article a bellringer? In those few words he reveals one of the secrets of the peal ringer's art—the joy that comes from absorption and concentration. Rarely, even, in ringing circles, is this particular quality extolled. Many have spoken of the delight of listening to the music of the bells and have assumed that this is the particular fascination for the ringer that enables him to continue for three or four hours in a state of blissful enchantment. Others have spoken of the inspiration, begat of determination and achievement. The writer is indeed near the truth in regard to our art.

Ringers too frequently earn for themselves an invidious distinction of being peculiar people. At times even their sanity is questioned and they are regarded by their friends as being 'Nuts' on ringing. The words of this unknown author come as a great refreshment in this somewhat uncharitable world. That our enthusiasm for bellringing embodies certain of the characteristics that have made our race famous is heartening. We can now sincerely say 'We are true to type.'

Lest pride overtakes us and we ringers regard ourselves as the salt of the race, we will give other characteristics:—

'The English are in fact a violent, savage race; passionately artistic, enormously addicted to pattern, with a faculty beyond all other people of ignoring their neighbours, their surroundings, or, in the last resort, themselves. They have a power of poetry which is the despair of all the rest of the world.

'They produce from time to time personalities transcending ordinary human limitations. Then they drive other nations to a frenzy by patronising these archangels who have come among them, and by indicating that any ordinary Englishman could do better if he liked to take the trouble.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
JOHN ANDERSON ... 3	THOMAS WM. SHEPPARD ... 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... 10
H. JAMES TURNER ... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 11
ALBERT WALKER ... 6	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

TEN BELL PEALS

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY F. HOLDING ... Treble	*GEORGE A. PACKER ... 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	*HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	ALAN F. THIRST ... 8
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 9
*BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 9
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5	*JOHN E. LLOYD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method by all the band, for the Guild and on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,760 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge 320 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	*HERBERT BADDER ... 5
ALAN R. PINK ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods. All the band are Sunday service ringers at this church.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH Treble	*W. GEORGE CHESHIRE ... 5
†FREDK. A. H. CATTELL ... 2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 6
MISS ELSIE K. FULTON ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
H. GEORGE HART ... 4	JOHN E. ROOTES ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

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

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*GERALD G. BRIDGER ... Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5
†DENIS D. WRIGHT ... 2	HERBERT GOAKES ... 6
FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 3	GEORGE S. BUSH ... 7
JAMES K. MOUNTFIELD ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Spridgeon.

Tenor 18 cwt.

MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST G. OLIVER ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
*SYLVIA COCKER ... 2	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 6
KATHLEEN FLETCHER ... 3	ROWLAND BIGGS ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge. First of Cambridge on the bells.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD WALKER ... Treble	ALAN J. BROWN ... 5
FRANK REYNOLDS ... 2	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 6
*FRANK J. MAUDE ... 3	RICHARD BENSON ... 7
*GEORGE A. BELL ... 4	†LEONARD REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Joan, wife of the ringer of the second.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*FREDERICK SHERATON ... Treble	*SAMUEL C. WALKER ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	THOMAS W. CROWE ... 6
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in the method. To celebrate the first anniversary of the conductor's wedding at this church.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*PETER R. JEMMETT (14) Treble	*WILFRED S. PALIN ... 5
*MISS EILEEN S. WYLES ... 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
*FRANK PACK ... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 7
†PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... Treble	JOHN W. STEPHENSON ... 5
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 2	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 6
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3	HORACE BELCHER ... 7
PERCY E. CLARK ... 4	HUGH M. PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.



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SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES J. JACKSON Treble	RONALD KENRICK 5
NORMAN HEAPS 2	THOMAS HESKETH 6
THOMAS H. HORRIDGE ... 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 7
FRANK VARTY 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (74). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by all except 4th and 6th ringers. First peal in the method on the bells. In memoriam Dr. Henry McGowan, Bishop of Wakefield, late Vicar of Emmanuel, Southport.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

CHARLES H. BAKER ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
STANLEY BENNETT ... 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 6
JACK BRAY 3	PHILIP BARNES 7
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	GEORGE DOBBS Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 19½ cwt.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George, Wilton,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED ... Treble	*HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL 2	THOS. CULLINGWORTH... 6
THOS. W. TAFFENDER ... 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 7
RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. CECIL ... Treble	*ALBERT E. LAKER ... 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 9½ cwt.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... Treble	STANLEY M. EVANS ... 5
*BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
*BERT W. MAY 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.
* First peal of Stedman. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Boar, also a birthday peal for George Wood and Mr. Alfred H. Pulling.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON... 5
*WALTER J. HOUGHTON... 2	*BERT GOGLE 6
GEORGE P. ADAMS 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 7
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JOHN D. ROCK ... Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON... 5
†ERIC O. DAVIES 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 6
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 3	*LESLIE EVANS 7
WALTER TAYLOR 4	WILFRID F. MORETON... Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Major.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 5
C. HENRY WEBB 2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 3	GEORGE GARDNER ... 7
PERCY STONE 4	*JOHN W. TAYLOR... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. H. W. WHITE.
* 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Michael at Coslany,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

CLIFFORD BIRD ... Treble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 5
WALTER C. MEDLER ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM 3	F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... 7
WALTER J. HOUGHTON ... 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
In memoriam George Pestell Burton, an association member since 1892, Central Council member and auditor. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF EDINBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN WALDEN ... Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
MISS BETTY BROWN ... 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN... .. 7
FREDK. W. STOKES ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the Guild. Tenor 7½ cwt.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 960 London, 960 Rutland, 320 Bristol, 320 New Gloucester, 320 Eastote, 320 Norfolk, 320 Wembley, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Pudsey, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 4½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT ... Treble	*BETTY SPICE 5
*MARIE R. CROSS 2	*WILFRID F. MORETON... 6
JAMES HIGGINS 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
ALAN R. PINK 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major in twelve methods.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*FRANK MORETON ... Treble	†J. W. FRANK TROTMAN 5
†MARGARET BEAMISH ... 2	JOHN E. S. MORETON... 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 7
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. † 50th peal. First peal of Major as conductor. A Variation of Pitstow's. Tenor 16 cwt.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MISS NANCY M. EVANS Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
ERIC HORNBY 2	DAVID SMITH 6
MISS ELIZABETH MORTON 3	ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 7
HARRY PARKER 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.
* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

H. PETER RAYNOR ... Treble	NEIL I. ALLNATT 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	*WILFRID F. MORETON... 6
BETTY SPICE 3	*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
ALBERT DISERENS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 18 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

MULLION, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sat., July 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MELAINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirty-six 120's and three 240's (10 callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.
MARION LIDGEYTreble *SIDNEY WADE 4
PERCY WILLIAMS 2 VIVYAN WILLIAMS 5
*HARRY MILES 3 JAMES VINCENT Tenor

Conducted by VIVYAN WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Doubles.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.
THOMAS HILLTreble CHARLES HAYTINGS 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2 CYRIL HALLING 5
ARTHUR BENNETT 3 PETER BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES HAYTINGS.

To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Butler.

UPLYME, DEVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising three extents Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
HENRY G. KEELEY ...Treble GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS... 4
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL 2 BRIAN PIDGEON 5
THOS. W. TAFFENDER ... 3 THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
*GEORGE PALMER ...Treble ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD 4
GEORGE W. MOSS ... 2 NOEL K. FOAKES 5
CHARLES A. ANDREWS... 3 ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.
*MONICA M. DUTTON (21) Treble ALFRED W. CUSICK (16) 4
†THOS. SMITH (15) ... 2 CHAS. B. PEMBERTON (18) 5
JOAN M. WEBSTER (19) 3 A. K. HUMPHREYS (17)... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WESTBURY-SUB-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.
ROBERT GREEN ...Treble PERCIVAL H. HULL 4
CLIFFORD SCULL 2 WILLIAM DUNKERTON 5
HAROLD SCULL 3 VICTOR ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL H. HULL.

First peal by all except the conductor.

PRESHUTE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
JACK MUSSELL ...Treble WILLIAM E. COURT 4
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 2 †RONALD N. MARLOW 5
*BRIAN BLADON 3 PETER ANGER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in three methods. J. Mussell's 25th peal.

HOO, ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WEBBURGH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.
SYDNEY T. JARRETT ...Treble THOMAS BEAUMONT ... 4
FREDK. RICHARDSON ... 2 CHARLES E. J. NORRIS... 5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 3 WM. A. J. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

For the wedding of Mr. Allan A. Vidgeon and Miss Jessie E. Wright.

WESTON-UNDERWOOD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, C.C.O. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 35, 37, 48, 50. Tenor 9½ cwt.
EDITH SHARPE ...Treble ALBERT L. CADWELL ... 4
ARTHUR R. ARMSTRONG... 2 VICTOR S. ADAMS 5
REGINALD H. HOWSON 3 MAURICE COOK Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE COOK.

First peal as conductor. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. C. G. Hester.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.
C. G. FORD ...Treble W. H. TOMS 4
J. H. HAYNE 2 H. J. FORD 5
W. G. TREVELL 3 A. W. ELLERY Tenor

Conducted by H. J. FORD.

In commemoration of the Battle of Britain.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.
*TREVOR J. BOWKETT ...Treble MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4
LESLIE EVANS 2 JOHN D. ROCK 5
E. PETER ROCK 3 WILFRID F. MORETON... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.
HERBERT MOORE ...Treble *EDWARD GREGORY ... 4
FREDERICK LEECH ... 2 EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
WALTER LYCETT 3 JOSEPH CAPPER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

* First peal.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, C.C.O. Nos. 50, 48, 49, 55, 37, 29, 28. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.
ALBERT W. GIBBONS ...Treble *DENNIS J. PITSTOW ... 4
*ARTHUR E. BARLOW ... 2 *RONALD W. GIBBONS ... 5
*WILLIAM J. VANN ... 3 ERIC NOBLES Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Minor. 25th peal as conductor.

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

C.C.O. 167. Tenor 18½ cwt.
PERCY A. SMITH ...Treble WILFRED YOUNG 4
STANLEY SHIPP 2 WILLIAM FAY 5
*ERIC SMITH 3 WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. To celebrate the 79th birthday of Mr. A. J. Abrams.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*SIDNEY A. ANSELL ... Treble	HENRY C. WEAVER ... 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
CECIL R. LONGHURST... 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Groves.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*DONALD PEARSON (16)...Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 4
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	*ERNEST PIMLOTT ... 5
ALAN A. POTTS (16) ... 3	*JOHN P. JACKSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2	DANIEL L. T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRE. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	*ERNEST PIMLOTT ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently.

*MISS MARION PIPER ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4
MISS BRENDA FELS ... 5-6	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

RICHARD CROSWELL... 1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5-6
MISS JILL BRITAIN ... 3-4	H. WILLIAM BARRATT ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

A birthday compliment to Miss Jill Britain. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS JILL BRITAIN ... 1-2	*HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 3-4	DENIS N. LAYTON ... 7-8

†FRANK E. DARBY ... 9-10

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

Witness: MISS JOSEPHINE MILBORROW.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal on ten handbells. A birthday compliment to Miss Jill Britain. Tenor size 19 in F.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent each of College, St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
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*FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* 50th peal. First peal in four Minor methods for all the band.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 extents St. Simon's Doubles (4 different callings), 12 extents Plain Bob (4 different callings) and 20 extents Grandsire (10 different callings). Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
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*WILLIAM A. PATTERSON... 5-6

Conducted by A. ERNEST MCGRATH.

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

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Members of the craft will send their good wishes to Mr. E. Barnett, of 10, Kings Close, Crayford, Kent, who is being installed Master of Gavelkind Lodge No. 4266 on October 16th.

Mr. H. Parker has 'circled' St. Mary's, Sandbach, Cheshire.

To reach his century of peals—Mr. John W. Taylor.

Mr. Frederick E. Dukes, the popular secretary of the Irish Association, has rung his 50th peal and his 25th this year. Of these he has called 30. Associations or guilds he has rung for are Irish (40), Kent (3), Middlesex (2), Devon, Lancashire, Leicester, St. Martin's and Chester.

Mr. C. Crossthwaite, of Preston, is taking a twelve months' teaching course at Stone in Staffordshire. He will be very much missed in the Preston Branch, but his colleagues hope that he will secure an appointment in Preston at the conclusion of his training.

Fifty years a regular Sunday service ringer at the same church is the proud record just completed by Mr. Ernest Nidd, of St. Wulfram's Society, Grantham. To mark the occasion his brother ringers rang on Sept. 26th 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Thorpe 1, S. Proctor (cond.) 2, R. Parker 3, E. Nidd 4, J. Watson 5, F. Parsons 6, P. C. Reg Woods 7, H. Huxley 8, T. Hall 9, R. Pick 10. First quarter 'inside' of Grandsire Caters by 3 and 5.

Child Okeford, Blandford, features an annual ringers' service. This year's celebration on September 12th included handbells accompanying the hymns and the ringing of 120 Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' during the service. The Rev. Canning, of Hanford School, gave an address on bells, their message, structure and the art of bellhanging. Standard methods were rung on the tower bells, visitors as far distant as Shepton Mallet attending.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Coincidence! Miss Betty Spice rang her 250th peal and Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton his 150th at Witney, Oxon. It was their 75th together.

The eight bells of Luton Parish Church are to be recast and augmented to a ring of ten. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have removed the bells.

'Happy birthday' was said to Miss Jill Brittain with two handbell peals—at Kingston and Ewell. The same conductor, Mr. Edwin J. Lindley, officiated on each occasion.

Margaret Beamish has now completed 25 peals at the age of 13 years and 3 months. Included are 13 peals of Surprise and three handbell peals, all of Stedman (Triples, Caters and Cinques). The peal was rung at Edenham, Lincs, and afterwards the band were entertained by Mr. W. A. Holmes.

First member of the Llandaff Association resident in Glamorganshire to ring 300 peals is Mr. E. Stitch. He rang his first peal on July 5th, 1919. Mr. Stitch has called a peal of Doubles from each bell at Cadoxton, near Neath, and has twice 'circled' the tower.

Over £20 was raised by a bellringers' social for the bell fund at St. Peter's Church, Ash, Surrey, on September 25th. Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham District Ringing Master) and Mr. Harold Cole were M.C.s. Messrs. G. S. Joyce and P. Eldridge (Farnborough) entertained with illuminated handbell ringing.

An addition of a 'C' to the name of David Vincent in our peal columns has brought forth an assurance that he is neither a Claud, Clarence nor Cuthbert. The muse struck him this way:—

The policeman laughed with fiendish glee,
As to the initials simple he
Made addition of the letter C.
That Law is right will accepted be,
So without a charge or any fee
Our friend once known as just plain D.V.
Rejoices now in his D.C.V.

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DURING last year's North Yorkshire tour, organised by Mr. J. E. Cawser, it was suggested to make a tour of Somerset, mainly, of course, in search of weight of metal. This suggestion quickly gained favour and 14 ringers accepted invitations to take part. Mr. Cawser again shouldered the responsibility of organising the tour and planned most capably.

The party met at the Grosvenor Hotel, Bristol, on Friday evening, August 27th, four peals having been arranged for the following day. Three of the party served as a committee to select the various bands throughout the week and in most cases each individual had his orders for the morrow overnight. With the kind help of two local ringers, who stood in to make up two complete eight-bell bands, successful attempts were made at both Wraxhall and Congresbury in the morning.

The tour received a most promising beginning by the warmth of welcome given at Wraxhall by Miss Waterman, the local secretary, and by the Vicar, who met the band and congratulated them after the peal. An invitation to look round the Vicarage gardens could not be accepted owing to lack of time. Wraxhall itself proved a most delightful spot.

Congresbury tenor had been on Mr. J. C. E. Simpson's 'waiting list' for a number of years with the belief that to turn it in to London would be a bit of an ordeal. However, this did not prove to be the case, for a good peal of London was successfully brought round in three hours and 45 minutes without any really undue stress.

After lunch both bands, with the exception of three, met at Wrington for an attempt for Yorkshire Royal. It soon became evident that a peal of Royal on these bells was not an easy proposition for a strange band in this tower, and the call 'Stand' was made by the conductor after about an hour's very indifferent ringing. Several theories were put forward in excuse for our failure, such as ringing above or even below the oscillation of the tower. To get the best out of Wrington's majestic ten still remains a mystery to the tourists, but a few words of wisdom from someone experienced in ringing on these bells will be very welcome. Three of the party who did not stand in at Wrington made up a band at Redcliffe for Stedman Cinques, but without success. At least we shall remember Wrington for the excellent dinner served at one of the local inns during the evening.

Despite this early failure, the party soon proved that weight was no object by putting in some good ringing at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, for morning service on Sunday, and an excellent course of Cambridge Royal after service on the back ten very quickly renewed the confidence of those who were to ring at Wells later in the week.

Again in the afternoon the tourists divided into two parties, one going out of town to Long Ashton and the other to Olveston, Gloucestershire. At Long Ashton they were made very welcome by the local band, who had the bells up in readiness. It was a special pleasure to meet Mr. G. Yeo, who has been a ringer at Long Ashton for 60 years. A good peal of Bristol was brought round, but did

Down Somerset Way

A Paradise for Tenor Men

not finish until several minutes after the evening service had begun. When Mr. Simpson apologised, the Vicar assured him that he did not mind and was glad that they had got the peal. This assurance was naturally a great relief to the band, who, incidentally, had to walk back to Bristol as all buses were full.

At Olveston the 'second team' were welcomed to the tower by the leader of the local ringers. This handy Taylor eight were soon going at a rather brisk pace to Superlative, and a good peal was brought in 3 hours and 2 minutes. This was by far the quickest peal of the tour and not exactly in keeping with times taken by the other performances. After the peal the band were entertained by the

made, for two or three ropes had to be spliced and a Frodsham rope put on the 6th, not forgetting a spot of oil, just in case! This delay caused rather a late start and hence a very late finish, and for this infringement the band offer their apologies to the local authorities. However, a really excellent peal was scored on this grand eight, very capably handled by Mr. C. K. Lewis, who called his first peal of Bristol. At this juncture the party made for Shepton Mallet, which was to be their headquarters for the following three days.

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL AT WELLS.

Tuesday morning found all the party in readiness for the most strenuous effort of the week. At this stage it was not known whether the band were capable of ringing Royal at Wells, and as the Cathedral authorities lay stress on their decision that only one attempt can be made, it seemed rather a risk to attempt to turn the tenor in. However, as the tourists had expressed their wish for all tenors that week to be turned in to Surprise, Mr. J. C. E.

Simpson took his stand on the box with sufficient confidence to know that his 'strapper,' Mr. John Worth, would give him every assistance possible. A third man was selected as 'reserve strapper' should the two tenor men wish to change over, but his services were not required despite his climbing the belfry steps three times during the course of the peal. After three or four minutes' rounds the bells went off into changes at six minutes past eleven. To those who were listening outside there were some rather anxious moments during the first three or four leads, but after that the band settled down and the peal was never

at any point in doubt. Starting at a really slow beat of 17 changes to the minute, the speed gradually increased to about 21 changes per minute towards the end of the peal. The only previous peal of Royal rung on these bells was in April, 1895, when the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook turned the tenor in to Treble Bob Royal. The band wish to express their most sincere thanks to the Cathedral authorities and also to the verger.

The ring of eight at Cheddar was at the tourists' disposal in the afternoon, but apparently one peal at Wells was quite ample for one day, so after a spot of sightseeing through the Cheddar Gorge a brief visit to the tower of Cheddar was made and a few short touches rung before returning to headquarters.

At Wells the following day some excellent London could be heard for about 3 hours, but unfortunately several trips occurred during the last four or five courses which made one rather apprehensive, and, had the conductor, Mr. C. K. Lewis, not been alert, the peal could have been easily lost. However, the visitors did have ample opportunity to hear this really grand eight rung well, and to those who prefer old bells rather than the modern ones, Wells can be highly recommended.

After lunch and a 25-mile drive, Sherborne was reached about 4.30 p.m., but by the time most of the enthusiasts had satisfied themselves as to how well the tenor went, it was 5.10 p.m. before the bells were off into changes. After



Left to Right (Back Row) R. G. Edwards, J. C. E. Simpson, W. N. Park, E. J. Gilbert, J. Worth, G. Ledsham, J. E. Bibby.

Left to Right (Front Row) A. Potts, L. W. G. Morris, C. K. Lewis, W. Allman, A. Firth, J. E. Cawser, L. Trevor.

Vicar to a really grand tea at the Vicarage. During tea the Vicar expressed his wish for the tourists to ring another peal after evening service, but, of course, this offer was not accepted. Before returning to the hotel a call was made at St. Stephen's, Bristol, where touches of Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were tapped out in good style, much to the amusement of all the visitors, as the two trebles, commonly known as the 'cuckoo bells,' cause a somewhat weird effect.

Monday morning saw two parties off in different directions. One went to Thornbury for a peal of Yorkshire Major and the other to Chew Magna for Bristol. At Thornbury a good peal was scored without incident except that the ringers of the 5th and 6th had had enough for one morning as neither of these two bells went too well. At Chew Magna a very different tale may be told, for here the Whitechapel foundry has produced a grand eight with a tenor 28½ cwt. in the key of C. With the help of the veteran Mr. Alfred Reeves, who gave a polished demonstration of treble ringing, an excellent peal of Bristol simply rolled home, and it can be said that the lunch provided at the local inn after the peal certainly made it a day never to be forgotten.

In the afternoon both bands met at Chewton Mendip, where eight very fortunate ones were selected to ring Bristol on one of Taylor's finest rings of eight. A good deal of work was put in on the bells before the attempt could be

DOWN SOMERSET WAY--cont.

commencing very slowly indeed the natural beat for these bells was not obtained until after half-way, although the striking was of the best quality throughout. After strapping Wells tenor for four hours the day before, Mr. John Worth showed no signs of fatigue whatever in the way he simply toyed with the 46 cwt. tenor. Those who have rung at Sherborne will appreciate the amount of excessive noise ringers have to put up with in this tower, and the rasping sound of the tenor fairly vibrates in one's ears. Although perhaps a little overclattered—presumably caused by the balanced clapper—Sherborne tenor is a beautiful bell, and from reports of those who heard the peal some distance away the whole octave sounds grand. It was a tired party that motored back to Shepton Mallet late that night and no one even jokingly suggested calling at Queen Camel on the way.

Another of Somerset's coveted rings, namely, Ditcheat, was at the visitors' disposal on Thursday morning, and it can be safely said that those who took part in a well-struck peal of London there were all delighted by the tone and go of these bells. A neater job of bell-hanging one could not wish to see. Surely a word of praise is due to the towerkeeper at Ditcheat for the cleanliness of his bell chamber. Before lunch various parties posed before the photographer, who, it is believed, made mention of this Northern invasion of bellringers to the West Country in one of the local papers. After a good lunch the whole party made for Martock, where they were welcomed by Mr. Farrant, who had also arranged for a good meal after ringing. It was here where the tourists lost their second peal of the week owing to a change course after about 1½ hours' good ringing. Before leaving for Yeovil that evening the party bade farewell to Mr. John Worth and the youthful Allan Potts, who were returning to Macclesfield that night.

Friday saw the visiting party further reduced in numbers by the departures of Mr. W. N. Park and Leonard Trevor, but the remaining body managed yet another peal of London that day at Curry Rivel, but lost a peal of Bristol at Drayton in the afternoon owing to a change course after an hour and a half's good ringing. A change of method was advocated at this stage, so it was decided to try Rochester at Crewkerne on Saturday morning. This was accomplished in good style and handed confidently by the conductor.

At Yeovil the party was reduced to seven ringers as the Wirral contingent had to leave, but with the assistance of Messrs. Reed, Cliff and Wilfred Williams, a good peal of Cambridge Royal was brought round in semi-darkness—the light not having been switched on before commencement. This brought a total of 14 successful peals out of 17 attempts during the eight days' tour, and as a matter of interest to those who note times and weights, the average time taken of the 14 peals rung was 3 hours 41 minutes, and the average weight of tenors was 30 cwt. The warm welcome given to the tourists by the people of the West Country will be remembered when many other details of the tour are forgotten.

The pleasure of our tour was much enhanced by the willing and enthusiastic efforts of Mr. J. T. Locke, of Drayton, and Mr. D. Cliff, of Bristol. R.G.E.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.**

A meeting was held at Norton Subcourse on September 4th, attended by 31 members. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Morris) and was followed by tea and a business meeting. The next meeting will be held at Aldeby on November 20th. Various Minor methods were rung and rounds for beginners.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Newcombe 1, L. May 2, P. Mayne 3, J. Taylor 4, L. Parfitt (cond.) 5, E. Richards 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerlake 8.

National Police Guild**APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION TO
CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

The National Police Guild does not display any great activity between its annual meetings, but the success of these outweighs any shortcomings. The meeting at Manchester on September 18th would be difficult to excel and gave the utmost pleasure to all attending. Members were present from London, Birmingham, Leicester (City and County), Northants, Kent, Cardiff and, of course, a strong Lancashire contingent.

The party met at the Town Hall, but unfortunately no ringing was possible there before lunch. The bells of the Cathedral were kindly placed at the disposal of those who wished to develop an appetite for lunch. This was taken at the Engineers Club and just over 100 sat down.

The President, Inspector H. Poole, extended a hearty welcome to the distinguished guests and visitors, notable amongst these being Mr. J. Bell, Chief Constable, Manchester; Mr. C. G. Martin, Chief Constable, Liverpool; Mr. E. Nicholls, G.M., First Assistant Chief Constable, Liverpool; Mr. J. Norris, Town Hall Supt.; and the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. Mr. B. Thorpe, Mr. P. Derbyshire and Mr. Barnes were representative of the old school of Lancashire ringers. Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, evergreen and ever-present, and Mr. F. H. Dexter, of Leicester, were other notable visitors.

Mr. Bell welcomed the Guild to Manchester, the unique home of police bellringers, with a ringing peal at the Town Hall. The business meeting followed an excellent lunch. Inspector H. Poole presided. Letters of apology for absence were referred to, including Vice-President C. P. Hilton, and ex-Sgt. A. Lawrence, who is ill in Barnet Hospital. It was decided that a letter be sent to him wishing him a speedy recovery. A letter was also sent to ex-Sgt. Clayden condoling with him on the recent death of his wife. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of ex-Sgt. A. G. Crane, who had died since the last meeting.

The secretary reported a balance of £13 14s. 7d. at the end of 1947, and reported only one peal for the Guild that year. The printing of a report was considered, but was vetoed on the ground of high cost. Officials and committee were re-elected en bloc, and it was decided to apply for affiliation to the Central Council.

During the day there was ringing at the Town Hall, the Cathedral, Christ Church, Didsbury, and St. Mark's, Worsley, all tastes being met. One hundred and fifty sat down to a fine tea, which was followed by a high-class social evening. Classical selections were rendered on handbells by Mr. J. and Miss Booth. Miss R. Turner sang several soprano solos and the identity of a very fine tenor singer, who sang many old favourites, proved to be D. I. Reynolds, of New Brighton C.I.D. The lighter element was very cleverly provided by Mr. A. James.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to ex-Supt. F. R. Williams and his helpers at Manchester for the splendid arrangements they had made in every respect.

Ten o'clock saw various contingents leaving for home. The next meeting is fixed for Derby in September, 1949. H. G. J.

OUTING**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**

On September 25th, the Wormingford, Essex, and district company did some exploring in their own county. With a few ringers from Sudbury they visited Inworth, a good peal of five, but rather noisy. Great Totham came next, which was much admired. A hearty welcome was given to the company at Goldhanger. The experts had to be brought into use at Tolleshunt D'Arcy before any good striking could be heard. The last call was Tolleshunt, where tea was provided. The company wish to thank all the incumbents and towerkeepers.

OBITUARY**MR. JOHN FLETCHER BALLINGER.**

With regret members of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association heard of the illness of their chairman at the meeting at Dumbleton on September 25th and then on September 27th of his death in Cheltenham General Hospital.

Mr. John Fletcher Ballinger was 68 and had been a member of Leckhampton band for many years, usually ringing the seventh. He was the first chairman in 1922 when the branch was formed. A member of the College Youths and one of the older members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, he was never missing if there was any ringing, cycling, if wet with umbrella, up the hills between Cheltenham and Painswick. Among his many peals was the record length of 13,001 of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick in 1920 when he rang the eleventh.

Floral tributes were sent by the branch, Leckhampton band and Charlton Kings band, and touches of Stedman Triples half-muffled were rung before and after the service by the twelve members present at the funeral on October 1st at Leckhampton. Mrs. Ballinger and family have the sympathy of all who rang with him. C.R.

MR. GEORGE PARKER.

The passing of Mr. George Parker at Northampton General Hospital on September 19th will be regretted by a wide circle of friends, particularly those in the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

He was 75 years of age and had been a faithful ringer at Kingsthorpe Church for 45 years. During that time he always carefully tended the bells and was a devoted churchman and most regular Sunday service ringer.

He rang altogether 37 peals and conducted one. Always very keen on helping and training learners, he would go out of his way to do it. He rang his last peal in 1945.

He will be particularly missed at the Guild meetings, where his quiet, unassuming manner and the perfect way in which he handled his bell were qualities which were admired by the many that knew him.

His death has unfortunately occurred when he and his colleagues had just decided to open a fund to have the bells at Kingsthorpe placed on ball bearings and the tenor recast, the realisation of which would have been such a joy to him, for he truly loved the bells. E.N.

**CAMBRIDGE ROYAL AT WELLS
CATHEDRAL**

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to deprecate the merit of this performance, I think that the claim of the 'heaviest' peal of Surprise Royal yet rung is rather questionable. I assume that the term 'heaviest' is meant to include the total weight of the whole peal. There seems to be a tendency in the West Country for many of our peals to be over tenored, and at Wells there is a difference of 26½ cwt. in the weights of the 9th and tenor. The peal is, therefore, not so heavy as might appear.

Some years ago Cambridge Royal was rung on the back ten at Southwark Cathedral and was claimed as the 'heaviest.' This was contested by the late W. S. Cave, who had called Cambridge Royal from the tenor at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on the grounds that Redcliffe tenor was the heavier. When, however, the aggregate weights of the two peals were compared it was found that Southwark were considerably the heavier. The total weight of the Wells ten is 181 cwt. 2 qr., and St. Mary Redcliffe ten 176 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb., a difference of just under 5 cwt. Since this difference is not great I think it would be wise to compare the weights of the Wells and Southwark tens before this claim is accepted.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Stapleton, Bristol.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learning to Ring

Dear Sir,—Here's a tip in regard to Mr. Gray's letter in commencing the above.

Start with handbells and learn the elements of change ringing by practising rounds and dodging, tolerating no bad striking and wrong leading. Then commence by ringing changes on four bells, explaining how the treble passes step by step till it reaches 4th place. This should be done one change at a time, repeating that change if the pupil has not 'spied' the bell that struck after him. Then explain how to run down to lead by passing the three bells in the same order.

When rope-sight stage is reached, practise running the half lead and then ask the correct order.

From four bells go to five (with tenor behind) and increase the number progressively up to 12 bells showing how to use the course and after bells, always striving to make the pupil do a little more each time. It can be done. It has been done even to ringing 1-2 through the plain course.

Before teaching inside work the pupil should have some good runs of touches.

Opinions vary as to which methods should be taught first, and how. I still adhere to my own ideas.

It has been stated in 'The Ringing World' that it takes three years to become a ringer. I've heard it said it takes anything up to ten years! This depends on circumstances and our methods of instruction.

In learning to play the piano the pupil is expected to practise for two hours every day and you (might) become proficient in three years.

Why not apply this rule to learning change ringing and so become efficient in two months or less?—Yours truly,

H. DEW.

Bishop's Stortford.

THE STRANGER AND HIS WELCOME

Dear Sir,—'Duffield' in his letter in a recent issue was evidently referring to Birmingham. At St. Martin's Church the bells are rung regularly each Sunday 10 to 11 a.m. throughout the year and also the first Sunday evening in the month. This limitation is due to organ recitals preceding the evening service on the remaining Sunday evenings.

A postcard sent to any of the well-known ringers in Birmingham would have prevented disappointment as there are other churches in the city where ringing takes place both morning and evening throughout the year and where any visiting ringer would be sure of a very hearty welcome. It is also possible to telephone to several Birmingham ringers from the many public telephone kiosks adjacent to St. Martin's Church or elsewhere.

Perhaps some day when paper facilities allow it may be possible to publish a list of churches and times when service and practice ringing takes place.

A. WALKER.

Birmingham 28.

HELPING HAND WANTED

Dear Sir,—Might I take advantage of your columns to make an appeal for assistance?

At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill, we have a keen young band of would-be excellent ringers if the proper instruction was forthcoming. The ringing room is one of the best kept in London, the bells are a delight to ring, and there are eight members in the local band whose interest I cannot guarantee to maintain unless they make progress.

Week after week, however, the same old story: we always lack someone to stand behind a beginner. I would like to ask the Exercise at large if there is anyone who will volunteer to give us assistance; if so, will they please let me know at the appended address?—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

8, Edingham Road, Hornsey, N.8.

Doubles Methods

A CHANGE FROM GRANDSIRE.

Dear Sir,—I think that Mr. Barnett is mistaken in supposing that ringers generally are not interested in Doubles ringing. Judging by the number of peals rung recently in more than one Doubles method, I should have thought the opposite to be the case, and from my own limited experience I have found that even those who tend to despise Grandsire or Plain Bob Doubles are quite delighted with such a simple method as April Day.

And why shouldn't they be?

If Mr. Barnett had his way all such fascinating methods as April Day, Norfolk, Kennington and Old Doubles would become Plain Bob with different calls. Would Mr. Barnett permit them to be rung as Plain Bob Mark I., II., III. or IV.? If so, why not under more euphonious names? Or would Mr. Barnett ban them all as illegitimate? In which case Doubles methods would revert to some three or four methods only, instead of the scores now available. This would clearly be a step back in the wrong direction, since more variety and freedom in Doubles ringing is the only possible line of advance.

Further, in Doubles ringing it is the extent that is generally considered as the unit (how often is a touch of Doubles less than 120?), and this being so there is more difference between two such extents as Plain Bob and April Day than there is between many different methods on higher numbers of bells.

That it would be a good thing for the Central Council to consider Doubles ringing I quite agree, if only to make available to five and six-bell ringers generally these many methods now usually handed on by personal contact. With Doubles ringing playing such a large part in six and even eight-bell towers as it does at present, I cannot but feel that there must be very many ringers who would welcome the chance to ring these simple extensions of well-known methods, if only to provide a change from the everlasting Grandsire.

West Malling, Kent. PETER C. WRIGHT.

RINGER'S DIARY

Dear Sir,—I think that readers of 'The Ringing World' would like to have preliminary notice of an entirely new production which should fill a long-felt want.

In conjunction with Mr. Maurice Hodgson, I am publishing a Ringers' Notebook and Diary for 1949. It will include, in addition to a week to a page diary, a selection of standard method diagrams showing starting and calling positions (each accompanied by touches and peals), ample space for other methods, and many other interesting facts and figures making it of interest to recruit and expert.

The diary section will show various ringing anniversaries. In this connection may I ask readers to let me know any dates for social events, dinners, annual meetings, etc., for inclusion where space permits? These should be sent at once, please.

It is hoped to have the diaries ready in good time for Christmas. WILL H. VIGGERS.
37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

RINGING TOURS NEXT SUMMER

Dear Sir,—After reading the interesting history of the Truro Guild by the Rev. A. S. Roberts in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' one's attention is drawn repeatedly to the fact that visiting ringers have done much to help the cause of change ringing in the county. Here, then, is plenty of scope for bands of touring ringers who want 'fresh fields and pastures new.'

I am told by a ringer resident of Bude, North Cornwall, that there are 20 churches with rings of eight bells within a radius of 25 miles of the town. With Bude being a health resort, all requirements regarding board and lodgings can easily be met.

Marhamchurch, Bude. C. SHARPLES.

Gloucester and Bristol

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. F. SKIDMORE.

Some 50 members and friends were present at the meeting of Bristol Rural Branch at Thornbury on September 25th, when to mark the silver wedding anniversary of the Ringing Master and Mrs. F. Skidmore presentations were made.

The branch chairman (Mr. C. Harding), who presided, spoke of the loyalty to the branch of Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore and of Mr. Skidmore's willing help to learners. He asked Mr. G. J. Jefferies, a vice-president of the association and one of the oldest members, to make presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore on behalf of the officers and members of the branch in appreciation of their loyalty and devotion to the branch over a number of years. These consisted of a silver cake basket, table knife and a silver butter dish.

Miss Hilliar, the branch secretary, presented Mrs. Skidmore with a bouquet of flowers.

In thanking the officers and members for their kind thoughts and generosity, Mr. Skidmore said it had always been his aim to get good striking. Mrs. Skidmore also thanked the members.

The Chairman stated that at Mangotsfield there were now three generations of Jefferies ringing and that they had the oldest and youngest ringers there. The usual votes of thanks were passed, especially to Mr. F. Skidmore, who entertained the company to tea. Next meeting places selected were Henbury, October, and St. Werburgh's, November.

Ringing took place before the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Rawstorne), and after the meeting. The chairman, secretary and one member from each of the six towers rang rounds and Queens and fired the bells as a silver wedding compliment to the Ringing Master.

A WILLENHALL GOLDEN WEDDING

In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Evans, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted at St. Giles', Willenhall, Staffs, on September 18th. The attempt failed after 1½ hours' ringing by G. E. Oliver 1, H. Knight (cond.) 2, E. Speake 3, K. W. Knowles 4, C. Wallator 5, W. T. Powell 6, J. D. Holden 7, H. Griffiths 8, H. Boswell 9, J. Luck 10. The ringers with other members of the local band were afterwards entertained to tea at the Round House Cafe.

Mr. C. Wallator expressed the good wishes and congratulations of all present to Mr. and Mrs. Evans, also thanking them for their hospitality. Mr. Evans, in reply, thanked the ringers for attempting the peal and said that he would convey the good wishes to Mrs. Evans, who was prevented by illness from being present. Mr. Evans also spoke of the great pleasure he had derived from bellringing and hoped to be able to continue to ring.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

In fine weather the Crawford Cup contest took place at All Saints' Church, Rampton, on September 11th. Only four teams entered, being Shireoaks, Warsop, Ordsall and Gamston. Shireoaks again were the winners, making it the third year in succession, Warsop being second, Ordsall third and Gamston fourth.

Messrs. J. A. Freeman and J. Freeman, of Lincoln, carried out the duties of judging the contest with satisfaction to all. Although this was the first time they had done the job, they appeared to enjoy it. Afterwards fifty sat down to tea, including the Rev. F. W. H. Jessup and Mrs. Jessup and also Mr. A. B. Crawford, donor of the cup. Mrs. Jessup presented Mr. H. Hall, captain of Shireoaks team, with the cup, and he suitably replied.

The judges gave their report on the ringing and of where the mistakes were made. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and all who had helped to make the event a success were accorded.

QUARTER PEALS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Devonshire (14) 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, V. Swift 4, G. Swift 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, R. Winsor (16) 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Lindley 1, Joyce England 2, D. N. Layton (cond.) 3, F. E. Darby 4, J. Galyel 5, A. Hughes 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, G. H. Humphries 8.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Sept. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Palmer (first away from tenor) 1, W. B. Judd 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, T. Arrow 4, Rev. K. G. Hoare 5, J. A. Pidgeon 6.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Leonard's on Sept. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Oliver (first quarter) 1, E. J. Butler 2, J. Sadler (first quarter) 3, C. Rouse (Cheltenham) 4, G. Barnes (first quarter) 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6.

CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY.—On Sept. 15th, at All Saints', 1,948 Treble Bob (508 Kent, 720 Kent and Oxford Spliced, 720 Oxford): K. H. Wood 1, G. K. Crompton 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

CHESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rev. D. P. Roberts 1, G. F. Carter 2, D. Martin 3, Miss D. T. Richardson 4, J. D. Rock 5, G. Dodds 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, E. Dodds 8. First quarter-peal in the method 2 and 3.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 19th, at the Church St. Luke, 1,263 Stedman Cateters: J. H. Lott (first of Stedman) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, C. W. Oitley 5, C. A. Hughes 6, W. D. Grainger 7, A. F. Udall 8, J. Bullock 9, C. T. Bartlett 10.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Flint 1, H. Kent 2, D. Chadwick 3, F. Flint 4, R. Reeve 5, H. T. Rook (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by all the hand except the 2nd.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. F. W. Betts 1, Miss Margaret Jarvis 2, W. Clarke 3, J. T. Corder 4, G. Bull 5, F. Bloomfield (first as cond.) 6, F. W. Betts 7, E. Hynard 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Whiting 1, W. E. Maulden 2, G. Pryke 3, L. C. Wightman 4, P. Laffin 5, W. J. Button 6, L. G. Brett (cond.) 7, R. Parker (first quarter) 8.

HEMPSTED, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Joyce Webster 2, Patricia Boulton 3, Susan Boulton (first 'inside') 4, E. J. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, A. E. Taylor 6. For silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Taylor and first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Taylor.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At All Saints' on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples on the minor eight: Miss Mavis Botham (first on eight) 1, F. Hayes 2, S. T. Goodchild 3, Miss Sylvia Coker 4, W. Parkinson 5, Miss Doreen Colver (first as cond.) 6, E. Markham 7, A. L. James (first quarter) 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,638 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. D. Ashdown 8. A compliment to Mr. A. Holway on his marriage to Miss D. Mulby.

ISLEWORTH, LONDON.—On Sept. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. W. Rogers (cond.) 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Eileen D. Farrell (first 'inside' of Kent T.B. Major) 4, S. Croft 5, H. J. Eldred 6, D. J. Charnley 7, F. Hoppod 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Sept. 13th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Beresford 1, Joan Beresford 2, P. Beresford 3, J. B. Webb 4, A. F. Sedgwick 5, A. A. Rackham 6, G. E. Oliver (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, M. N. Culling 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Boyack 1, A. W. Beard 2, W. D. Beard 3, R. W. Stannard 4, C. E. Wilmington 5, E. D. Smith 6, F. W. Housden (cond.) 7, G. Dawson 8. **MALDON, ESSEX.**—In All Saints' vestry on Sept. 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. C. Easter 1-2, A. Hubble 3-4, H. J. Mansfield 5-6, S. R. Linnett (cond.) 7-8. First 'in hand' by all except ringer of 5-6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Valentine (first of Triples) 1, W. Austin 2, W. Gammage 3, G. S. Valentine 4, W. R. Parker 5, F. Warrington 6, E. Nobles (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. Monk 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Cooper 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, R. Elliott 3, B. C. Castle 4, J. A. Parker 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob by 1, 2 and 5.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Beale (first quarter) 1, R. Welch 2, T. J. Locke 3, F. Welch (first as cond.) 4, A. H. Drayton 5, D. R. Best 6, J. Drew 7, H. Cornelius 8.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Godden (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Branson 2, K. Branson 3, E. A. Smith 4, D. Fraser (cond.) 5, J. Chesterman 6.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Cave (first quarter) 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, G. J. Boomsma 3, T. G. Fox 4, A. T. Boomsma 5.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 12th, at St. Margaret's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Hill 1, A. Hammond 2, A. Reeve 3, C. E. Wright 4, Miss C. Chinnery 5, H. Chinnery 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1 and 2.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Ann on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. D. Prockson 1, R. H. Begrie 2, E. J. Rowe 3, A. E. Hoare 4, F. W. Warren 5, F. A. Barker (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' on Sept. 18th, 1,280 Bob Major: C. Richards 1, R. Smith 2, E. A. Turner 3, A. Whatmore 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, A. L. Dunn 6, P. Richards 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 180 St. Clement's): Miss Doris M. Wiskin 1, S. Harpley 2, J. E. Fox 3, Miss Doris J. Peeling 4, R. Wiskin 5, H. H. Poller (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Norman Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, B. D. Price 3, F. G. Cooper 4, W. G. Challen 5, R. G. Blackman 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, H. F. Dunford 8.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Barbara Cleveland 1, Mrs. F. Penn 2, T. B. Holloway 3, P. Harding 4, F. Slafford 5, F. Penn 6, G. Harding 7, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

WEST DIDSBOURY, MANCHESTER.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Frost 1, Mary Walshaw 2, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead 3, Hugh Reynolds 4, A. Cairns 5, B. Walshaw 6, R. Benson 7, J. Clegg (cond.) 8.

WIMBLEDON.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): Miss I. Dearing 1, E. Cassell 2, J. Tomsitt 3, H. Cox 4, A. W. Taylor 5, F. Wicks 6, E. V. Blake (cond.) 7, T. N. Brownhill (first quarter) 8. In memoriam George H. Neale, a friend of the tower.

WINGHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Gambrill 1, J. Walter 2, A. Gambrill 3, S. G. White (cond.) 4, S. Walter 5, W. C. E. Goldup 6, E. J. Wells 7, H. W. Ralph 8. First quarter by 1 and 8. First in method by 2, 4 and 5. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. J. Drake Brockman).

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RINGWOOD, HANTS.—Until further notice the ringing practice will be Wednesday evenings 7 to 9. Sunday ringing 10.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. E. Cheater, 43, Addison Square, Ringwood, Hants. 4207

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 9th. All Saints' bells 2.30. Tea, Herbert's Cafe, Bank Street, 4.15, followed by business meeting. Evensong 6 p.m. Names, punctually, please, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4114

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Meeting at Great Bromley (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Rev. J. Ransome, The Rectory, Great Bromley.—H. J. Millatt, District Sec., Colchester. 4090

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Steeple Aston (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting, Shiplake (8), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Followed by tea (2s. 6d.). 4147

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Bucklebury (8), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names to Miss Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 4157

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Cavendish (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Pentlow (5) available in afternoon. Tea 5 p.m. at Tudor Guest House if sufficient names are received. Notify A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 4158

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn meeting, Carbis Bay (8), Oct. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea. Lelant (6) also.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 4164

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst (8), Oct. 9th 3. Tea 5.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells. 4167

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Mount Pleasant Lane, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Church near Clapton (ex-L.N.F.R.) Station.—T. J. Lock, N. and E. District Sec. 4166

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Mildenhall (10), Oct. 9th, 2.30 p.m. For tea (5 p.m.) notify Mr. P. Fordham, 8, Kingsway, Mildenhall. Private coach leaves St. Margaret's, Ipswich, 1.30 p.m. Book seats early through C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4172

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. 4180

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Luke's, Chelsea (10), Oct. 9th, 3. Tea 4.45. Humphreys, Kings Road, opposite Gaumont (names early). Business 5.45, Church Hall, St. Mary's, Battersea (8), 7 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 4196

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Fareham, Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in School Room. Names to Mr. Linter, 16, Uplands Crescent, Fareham.—J. H. Hunt, District Sec. 4198

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A practice meeting at Ottershaw, Oct. 9th, 5.30 to 8. All welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 4211

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival, Oct. 16th, at Lancaster Hall. Assemble 5.30 for dinner at 6, entertainment 7.30, dancing 9.30 to 11.45. Tickets 10s. each (entertainment and dance only 3s. 6d.). Apply early, with remittance, Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. Ringing details: All Saints' (6), 10.30 to 12, 2 to 4.30; St. John's (10), 11 to 12.30; Belgrave (8), 1.45 to 3, 3.30 to 4.15; Cathedral (12), 2 to 4.30; St. Margaret's (12), 1.30 to 2.30, 3 to 4.30. 4111

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, West Pennard, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify by Tuesday, 12th, for tea.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecoats, Street. 4206

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Hall. Rochester Cathedral (10) and Chatham (8) available after meeting. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Oct. 12th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 4155

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Finedon, Oct. 16th. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Exning, Oct. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening at Newmarket. Requests for tea to arrive by Oct. 13th.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford, Norfolk. 4169

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Rectifying House, North Parade, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 6s. each, obtainable until Monday, Oct. 11th, from branch and general secretaries. Bells available: Cathedral (12) and All Saints' (front six) 3-5 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham, Worcs. 4184

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Meeting at Islip (6), Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Kirtlington (8) available in evening. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 4193

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Chiddingfold, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Tea at the Swan Hotel. Those requiring tea must send name and numbers to Mr. A. J. Bartlett, The Forge, Chiddingfold.—A. C. Hazelden, District Secretary. 4163

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8), Saturday, Oct. 16th, 3 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's Bob and Lincolnshire Surprise Major.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 4215

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Woodchurch, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4202

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Brancepeth (8), Oct. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Bring own eatables.—J. T. Titt, 34, Newlands Road, Darlington. 4214

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 16th, dinner and social evening, to be held at the Denmans Head, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service, conducted by the Rev. E. Pugh, 5.30. Dinner 6.30. A few tickets are available, price 7s. 6d. (apply early), from the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Price. 4210

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hemingbrough, Oct. 16th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify by Tuesday, 12th, F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough. 4217

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Oct. 16th, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. 2.30. Names for tea to V. J. Benning, 15, Fremantle Road, Belvedere. First practice, St. Stephen's, Hampstead, Oct. 11th. 6.30. 4181

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Alcester, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells 3.15 to 4.15 and for one hour in the evening. Committee meet 4.15. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. A bus leaves Priory Street Baths, Coventry, 1.30 p.m. (fully booked). Another bus leaves Coton Church, Nuneaton, 1.30 p.m., travelling via Attleborough, Bulkington, Bedworth and Coventry (few vacancies). Application for bus seats and also for tea if travelling independently by Tuesday, Oct. 12th, to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gibby Lane, Nuneaton (Phone Nun. 3296). 4205

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be at Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells from 3.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 4216

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Pitminster (6), Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 4156

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bidston (6), Oct. 16th. Tea free for those notifying by 12th A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4212

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Corringham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at Beckett Arms 5 p.m. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 12th.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 4218

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Shouldham, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4219

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton (6), Oct. 16th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea. Names by 12th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4223

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Oct. 16th, Coln St. Aldwyn (8), 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Notify by Oct. 12th Mr. W. Godwin, Council Houses, Quenington, Fairford. 4221

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea provided at small cost. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—N. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 16, Portugal Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. 4154

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Newburn, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 19th to C. T. Lamb, District Sec., 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 4199

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Nutfield (6), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify by Monday, Oct. 18th J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshot, Oxted, Surrey. 4208

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Evershott (6) on Oct. 23rd. Bells at 3 o'clock.—Valerie Willard, Hon. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4209

OUTING

BURES, SUFFOLK.

Surrey was selected for the outing of Bures and district on September 18th, the locals being joined by ringers from Mistley and Thorington.

Christ Church, Epsom, was reached dead on time and methods rung here were Kent and Double Norwich. At Leatherhead, Stedman Caters were brought round in good style. After lunch a visit was paid to the old church at Chobham, where Bob Major and Cambridge were rung.

At Cherlsey the party was joined by Mr. R. Lathbury. Here Stedman Triples was the most successful method. Tea disposed of, the Thames was crossed into Staines, where ringing was enjoyed at St. Peter's and St. Mary's. The best thanks of the party are due to Mr. Leslie Mills, who made the arrangements, and to Messrs. F. Oakshott, G. Marriner, J. Hesse, W. Parker and Butler for having the bells ready. H.J.M.

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ST. MELLONS, MON.

On the beautifully clear September morning of the 14th, a party of 33 ringers and friends from St. Mellons, with guests from Cardiff and Newport, set out for their annual outing. This year the route lay through the Forest of Dean. Veteran ringer was Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, present Master of the Association and now in his 83rd year.

The first stop was St. Briavels, Glos., where the eight bells were successfully rung to the four standard methods. Then on to Newland, where the church with all its architectural magnificence is so aptly described as 'The Cathedral of the Forest.' The fine six bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Kent.

For lunch the party returned to home territory and visited Monmouth, where both the fine meal and ring of eight were greatly appreciated. Justice was very ably done to both and regardless of the redoubtable tenor.

Back across the border to Staunton, where the six bells of All Saints' were well rung to the standard methods. The journey continued through the beautiful scenery of the Forest. At Ruardean, where the writer notched up his '100th tower not out,' the 74ft. draught of rope proved too much for several and the ringing duly suffered.

Thence to Cinderford, where further evidence of the thoroughness of the preparations awaited in the nature of an excellent tea.

The last tower of call was Littledean, where, in addition to the standard methods, Little Bob and Oxford were rung on the light six. The ringers had great competition from the choral section of the party, who held community singing round the harmonium in the chancel of the church.

This report would not be complete without expressing thanks to Mr. R. H. Addis, captain and secretary of the St. Mellons ringers, who made all arrangements. J.R.W.

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