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RHYTHM

IT is obvious to anyone who has visited different towers and has rung with many bands of ringers that there are many different ways of ringing a method. Take, for instance, the familiar Grandsire Triples. We can be a 'blue liner,' and stick rigidly to the blue line of the diagram, thinking of the work as a pattern. Very near this is the ringer who remembers the order of the dodging and hunts until he knows a dodge or place must be made. There is the ringer who depends on the treble and knows a rule which tells him where to dodge next according to where he passes the treble. Not so different is the ringer who hears the treble hunt up and down and dodges after he hears (or sees) the treble lead.

All these ways have one thing in common—no one worries particularly over which bell to strike at any blow. Each way assumes that the ringer is competent to place his bell in the right position. There is, however, a fundamentally different way of ringing the method—by learning which bells to strike over or, what is nearly the same thing, learning the order in which the bells are passed.

This method is entirely different (these, of course, are personal opinions) in that it calls only for ropesight, and does not demand of the ringer any awareness of the 'beat' or rhythm of the striking. If the learner by this method picks up true rhythm it is by his own resources, and it does not follow from the method of tuition. That is why I think it is totally wrong to teach beginners a method by showing them repeatedly which bells to pull after. This may be necessary at a very early stage, but the emphasis should be on position. I learnt to ring handbells (whether one or two does not matter), and appreciated the rhythm of the striking and the idea of waiting for one more bell each time to change my position, so that when I came to the difficulty of making a tower bell do the same, I knew what was wanted, and I am grateful to those who taught me that I did not have the extra task of remembering orders of bells.

Ropesight and rhythm are the two essentials which co-operate to make the good striker. The tip-top ringer should be able to ring with his eyes shut (thus using rhythm only) and also with his ears plugged. The 'which-bell merchants' are the slaves of ropesight only.

Now, maybe, I have been fanatical, but I believe it is very important that we do not misguide our beginners. And a lot of it is done undoubtedly. Rather than say '4, 5 and lead,' let us say, 'Wait for two, hunt down to lead.' I believe this puts directly to the learner something which otherwise he will have to find out as best he can. You may have noticed that I said 'the familiar Grandsire Triples.' I do not despise the method, but unfortunately I get far too much of it. Why? Because I think that many of my friends are tied inexorably to their Grandsire ropesight, and the rhythm of other methods is foreign to them. Lucky are those who have the ability to break out of this rut. I believe that the ringing Exercise as a whole must recognise these differences and declare what is the best method of instruction. We have guidance on bell control, but methods of teaching change ringing still vary to a vast extent.

'MUCH PERTURBED.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., July 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	George W. Hughes	7
James S. Eastwood	2	Arthur T. Dutton	8
Maurice G. Turner	3	*Alan Elsmore	9
Richard C. Ingram	4	Aubrey M. Pickering	10
Richard J. Warrilow	5	John N. Lindon	11
P. George Golder	6	Kenneth W. Knowles	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Cinques 'inside.' The quickest peal of Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Terence Thornber	*Treble*	Colin Harrison	6
†Paul L. Taylor	2	Harold J. Poole	7
Dorothy Udale	3	J. Frederick Milner	8
‡Brian G. Warwick	4	Alan Jacques	9
Jill Poole	5	Peter J. Staniforth	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Surprise Royal on inside' bells. ‡ First of Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

William Judge	*Treble*	William C. Porter	6
Wilfred Williams	2	Noel J. Diserens	7
Walter F. Judge	3	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	8
James Higgins	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
Herbert H. Alexander	5	Paul K. Williamson	*Tenor*

Composed by John A. Burford. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*Miss Nelia M. Leahy	*Treble*	*Frederick W. Burnett	6
*Mrs. E. F. Salmons	2	*Charles H. Kippin	7
*Mrs. C. H. Kippin	3	*Ernest F. Salmons	8
*Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	4	Frederick W. Rogers	9
C. Ernest Smith	5	Alfred T. Greenwood	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Fredk. W. Rogers.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county and by the Guild.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	P. George Golder	6
*Charles T. Richards	2	†Derek J. Tranter	7
George E. Oliver	3	‡H. Lewis Aston	8
Christopher Wallater	4	John N. Lindon	9
Jeffrey B. Webb	5	Alan Elsmore	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

Fred Hayes	*Treble*	Anthony E. Cox	6
Ralph Coles	2	*Walter Avery	7
Percy Newton	3	Walter Lee	8
Miss Sylvia Coker	4	Gilbert R. Goodship	9
Miss Doreen Coker	5	Ronald P. Newton	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Fred Hayes.
* First peal on ten. To mark the 55th anniversary of Mr. Coles as parish clerk of All Saints' and a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, of Gravesend, sister of the ringer of the 9th. side.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leodegarius,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Maureen Pinder	*Treble*	*Robert Widnall	5
Sam Pinder	2	*Herbert Bates	6
Edward F. Gobey	3	Ralph W. Carlisle	7
Peter Nix	4	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal. First peal as conductor in the method. In honour of the visit of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the 500th anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter to Nottingham. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Edward Barker	*Treble*	*George P. Adams	5
Ernest H. Mastin	2	Nolan Golden	6
William Buckenham	3	Cecil V. Ebberson	7
F. Charles Goodman	4	*†Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Walter P. Whitehead	*Treble*	Denis R. Carlisle	5
Margaret E. L. Beamish	2	Alan Cattell	6
Leonard E. Trevor	3	J. W. Frank Trotman	7
Paul K. Williamson	4	*Alfred Mould	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Bristol.

LURGAN, CO. ARMAGH, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church, Shankill,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

Thomas Dunwoody	*Treble*	Harry Brown	5
James Rush	2	Fred E. Dukes	6
*Brian Armstrong (17)	3	John T. Dunwoody	7
William Pratt	4	Ritchie Adamson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fred E. Dukes.
* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. In honour of the elevation of Lurgan to borough status and a welcome to the Rev. T. W. Warren Jones, curate.

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STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in E.

*A. W. T. CLEAVER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
TERRY R. HAMPTON	3	CHARLES T. RICHARDS	7
HOWARD HOWELL	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal on eight bells.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

*CLAUDE SNOWDEN	*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	3	ALBERT WIFFEN	7
JOHN WARNER	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
* 100th peal. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Snowden on June 28th. Also a birthday compliment to Albert Wiffen.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt

HARRY G. WAYNE	*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	5
HAROLD KILBY	2	*ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
ARTHUR PATRICK	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Arthur E. Bodycote and his mother.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 6¼ cwt in A.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
MISS MURIEL REAY	3	EDWARD T. LLOYD	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	THOMAS W. ABBOTTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
A wedding compliment to Rev. J. S. Billings, Vicar of Shirley.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,760 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
JAMES HIGGINS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WILFRID STEVENSON	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JAMES A. MILNER	2	JOHN WORTH	6
ALAN A. POTTS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
Rung with double calls throughout, i.e., a bob when the treble is in 7-8 is followed by one when she is in 1-2. The first peal in the method to be rung in this fashion.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Shipway's Reduced. Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES	*Treble*	GERALD C. BRIDGER	5
DENIS D. WRIGHT	2	WILLIAM SMITH	6
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	*FRANCIS H. NEWMAN	7
JOHN C. DUDDINGTON	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* 25th peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	MAURICE HODGSON	5
ERIC A. DENCH	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	LEONARD H. BOWLER	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON	*Treble*	RONALD W. M. CLOUSTON	5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	2	THOMAS SIMMONS	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt.

MISS JULIA PRESTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROBINSON	5
JAMES ROBINSON	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
THOMAS ROBINSON	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
GEORGE H. HESKETH	4	*JOHN STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cave and to commemorate the birth of a son to Mrs. J. Robinson, wife of the ringer of the second.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	*STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN	5
HARRY WOODING	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
KILBY R. HOLTOM	3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	7
ERNEST G. ORLAND	4	PERCY AMOS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Triples. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Gladys Ashby.

SIX BELL PEALS

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

EDWARD CHIVERS	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	4
*E. C. WICKHAM	2	GEORGE CLARE	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method as conductor,

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. *Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 4
CHRISOPHER PILBEAM ... 2	LEONARD W. GILES ... 5
EDITH BASSETT 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES A. BASSETT.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Mon., July 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Single Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob.

*CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM...*Treble*	†LEONARD W. GILES ... 4
*EDITH BASSETT 2	†CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 5
*ARCH. G. GRIMWOOD ... 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal in two methods. † First peal 'inside' to two methods. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells. Tenor 13½ cwt.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., July 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4
JOHN E. T. WISEMAN ... 2	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 5
GEORGE W. PIPE 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal in seven methods.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, and two each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH HARTLEY ...*Treble*	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 4
DEREK WHITFORD 2	ROGER LEIGH 5
JOSEPH PORTER 3	PETER CROOK ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
A 21st birthday compliment to June Redrobe, of the local band.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Single Court Spliced, Single Court and two 720's each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REX WITHAM ... ...*Treble*	‡JACK BENISTON 4
†JOHN HAWTIN 2	C. WILLIAM HALL ... 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal. † First on 'inside' bells. ‡ First in four methods.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD *Treble*	GEORGE W. MOSS 4
*NOEL K. FOAKES 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 5
FRANK BLOMFIELD ... 3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal in seven methods. Presumably the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 3½ cwt.

PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS *Treble*	*CHARLES T. RICHARDS... 4
*DEREK H. WATSON ... 2	*ERNEST A. TURNER 5
*JOSEPH WARR 3	*GEOFFREY WESTWOOD... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY WESTWOOD.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Double Bob, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS PAMELA KEMP ...*Treble*	†MISS PREMA FERNANDO 4
*LAURENCE H. TURNER... 2	JOHN F. LLOYD 5
HENRY T. WILSON ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.' Rung in connection with the celebration of the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob.

FREDERICK W. BUDGEN...*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5
ROBERT COLLINS 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.
A welcome to Juliana Fredericka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Budgen. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. ,July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and three 720's each of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST RODDAM ...*Treble*	RAYMOND OLIVER 4
JACK LISHMAN 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5
GEORGE WALL 3	THOMAS W. DODD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Irene Thompson (conductor's niece) to Mr. Frederick Yates.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSER ...*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 4
TOM SAUNDERS 2	REGINALD L. SILLS ... 5
LEWIS NEWMAN 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MISS EDNA M. PECKETT *Treble*	*M. G. RUTTERFORD ... 4
MISS DORA M. REEVE... 2	GERALD MILLER 5
*CLARENCE E. LAWRENCE 3	JAMES W. PAUL ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. PAUL.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford. Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD A. MAY ... ...*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE 4
*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
* First peal in more than one method. First peal in seven methods as conductor and on the bells.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven varying extents of the Old Chestnut. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

GORDON CHAMBERS ...*Treble*	JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... 4
ALBERT W. BARBER ... 2	SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 5
VINCENT R. OVENS ... 3	GEORGE T. BUNNING ... *Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY MARSHALL.

HANDBELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At 39A, High Street,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Ronald H. Bullen 1-2	Maurice J. Thurmott ... 5-6
Albert E. Austin 3-4	John A. Acres 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Albert E. Austin.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Bray 1-2	Jack Bray 5-6
George E. Feirn 3-4	*Philip Barnes 7-8

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First in the method 'in hand.'

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At The Woolpack,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven variations of extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

George P. Adams 1-2	Nolan Golden 3-4
	Bert Gogle 5-6

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young 1-2	*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 5-6
Daniel T. Matkin ... 3-4	Roy C. Hurst 7-8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* 250th peal. The conductor's 50th peal this year.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At Trentwood,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray 1-2	Jack Bray 5-6
George E. Feirn 3-4	*Philip Barnes 7-8

Composed by F. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C

Alfred Ballard 1-2	Harold J. Poole 5-6
*Peter J. Staniforth ... 3-4	*Jill Poole 7-8
Josiah Morris 9-10	

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters on 'inside pair.'

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At 56, Bank Hey Lane South, Little Harwood,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Frank Heys 1-2	Charles W. Blakey ... 5-6
*Arthur Tomlinson ... 3-4	Charles Sharples 7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Charles W. Blakey.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First peal as conductor of Major 'in hand.'

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of St. Peter's Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

*George E. Padgett ... 1-2	†Frederick G. Hooper... 5-6
Clement Glenn 3-4	Frederick A. Salter ... 7-8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First handbell peal of Triples. † First handbell peal in method.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE
This is the fourth issue of the new quarter. A number of regular readers have not received their copies through neglecting to renew their subscriptions. Remit to-day to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, and avoid further disappointment. Subscription rates: 4/3 quarterly, 8/6 half-yearly.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers should listen-in to West Regional Home Service on Thursday, Aug. 4th, when there will be a special feature, 'From Tower and Steeple,' from 9.30 to 10 p.m.

Hitcham ringers have kindly given their tower once a fortnight for an all Burnham practice.

There will be no practice ringing at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the following three Wednesdays, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, or on Sundays, August 7th and 14th.

Votes of thanks to vicars and towerkeepers in respect of outings have been deleted—not in any sense on account of ingratitude, but to enable as many reports as possible to be published.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, where a peal was rung on July 12th, is one of the three round churches in the country. It will celebrate its 850th anniversary next year.

Mr. George Gilbert is cheered in his quest for £2,000 for Burnham bells by an anonymous donor giving £80 to recast the treble. He hopes to have ten of his girls ringing the Campanile bells at Loughborough on July 27th, the first time that ten 'teen age girls all from one tower have manned the bells.

Mr. John Anderson writes pointing out that he was credited with being a member of the North Staffs Association in 'The Ringing World' of June 24th. He is not a member of this Association. His local Association is the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Have you a story to tell in connection with the 2,000th issue of 'The Ringing World'? We are featuring reminiscences of those who have been readers since its foundation by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. W. P. Whitehead, of Barwell, offers congratulations to Mr. T. G. Miller on ringing a peal on his 76th birthday; further he mentions that a claim made by Mr. C. H. Kippin and him (Mr. Whitehead) over 25 years ago to be the youngest to call Holt's Original turns out to be 36 years too late, Mr. Miller having called the one-part 62 years ago at the age of 14.

Setting the pace this year is Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, who rang his 50th peal on July 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews have now completed the Cambridge circuit from Minor to Maximus.

If a ringer holds the end of his rope in his right hand, is he a right or left-handed ringer? A query from Leicestershire.

This month's 'Ringing Towers' from Australia contains an interesting article by Mr. Duncan on 'Theory for Beginners.'

We have received letters of appreciation of the illustrated article of the Lavenham Ringing Day festival that appeared in 'Picture Post.' 'A little more of this kind of publicity should help to make our silent bells use their voices again,' writes Mr. R. Newman, Finsbury Park, N.4.

Sible Hedingham ringers had a particularly unpleasant experience on their outing on arrival at St. Neots, when they were refused permission to ring by the verger, despite a letter received previously granting their request. To make matters worse, accusations of misbehaviour were made by the verger to the Vicar's wife, which were unfounded. Writes Mr. Archie A. Fitch: 'In my 25 years of ringing I have never met such an inhospitable or ill-mannered man as that verger was to our party of 30 adults.' Happily this is an isolated instance. Reports of ringers' outings that we have received from all over the country testify to the friendliness extended towards visitors.

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Blackburn Cathedral Bells

NOW A FIVE TON RING.

Work is now in progress by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in rehanging the recast bells of Blackburn Cathedral.

The old bells, the back six of which were cast 212 years ago and the other four added in 1852, were removed from the Cathedral tower last August. They have returned a heavier and much finer ring that will compare favourably with any other bells in the North of England. The tenor is 25½ cwt. in D natural and the weight of the tenor exceeds five tons.

A new cast-iron frame has been erected on two sets of heavy rolled steel girders placed transversely on one another; bolted together and grouted into the tower wall. The wheels are of well-seasoned oak, headstocks of curved cast-iron fitted with nickel steel gudgeons and hung in self-aligning ball bearings.

Considerable alterations have been necessary in the tower. The old clock has been removed and is to be replaced by an all-electric one which is in very small compass and gives more room for the bells and also in the ringing chamber. The clock will strike the hour and chime Westminster quarters on the bells.

The louvres in the tower have been bricked up, the roof opened, and a lantern built on top. The sound will thus be thrown upwards before escaping through the lantern roof. This will be a big improvement, since the sound will be diffused and not thrown down into the churchyard and the immediate vicinity of the Cathedral as formerly.

The cost of recasting the bells, alterations to the tower and the new clock is about £3,500. It is likely that the bells will be dedicated near the end of August.

THE INSCRIPTIONS.

The six oldest bells bore Latin inscriptions which have been reproduced. A free translation of these is as follows:—

Second: I call the living, I mourn the dead, I subdue the thunder.

Third: I praise God, I call the people, I assemble the clergy, I lament the departed, I drive away the plague, I proclaim the feasts.

Fourth: I toll funerals, I subdue the thunder, I declare the Sabbath.

Fifth: I hasten the tardy, I scatter the winds, I pacify the angry.

Sixth: O name of Jesus Christ, turn thou and succour us.

Seventh: We praise thee and we pray; deliver us from sad death.

The inscriptions on the other bells are:—

Treble: In memory of W. E. Wilson, Ringer and Belfry Master 1887-1943. Also Edward Wilson (1933-1946). T. Wilson, Captain, 1949.

Eighth: This belfry was restored and the clock, with chimes, renewed in 1949. T. Stirrup, J. W. Wilson, J. L. Heppard, V. J. Abbott, Churchwardens.

Ninth: In memory of those of this congregation and diocese who gave their lives in the war 1939-45.

Tenor: This peal was recast and enlarged in 1949; while extensions to the Cathedral were being made. W. Hare, Treasurer, Cathedral Fabric Funds, from 1934, and of the Bishopric in 1926.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

PRESENTATION TO BRANCH SECRETARY.

In appreciation of his 25 years' service as branch secretary, members of the Peterborough Branch at their meeting at Stamford All Saints' on July 2nd presented Mr. W. H. Waldron with a barometer. The presentation was made by the Master of the Guild, Mr. E. Whitmore, at the conclusion of the business meeting. Mr. Waldren suitably responded.

It was a very good meeting, ringers and friends coming from a wide area. Ringing was from 3 to 4.45 p.m. and after the business meeting in the belfry.

Quarter Peal by Six Boys



On June 27th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorkshire, by six boys whose ages ranged from 11 to 13 years.

Carlton was chosen for the attempt as the bells are a new six by Taylor's with a tenor of 6 cwt. and are an ideal peal for youngsters.

The ringers were:— Gordon Leask (13), Thorne, 1; David Jackson (11), Hatfield, 2; Derek Smith (12), Carlton, 3; Clifford Leask (13), Thorne 4; David Thorley (12), Thorne, 5; William Jackson (13), conductor, Hatfield, 6.

The conductor had not called a bob before the previous week. Mr. James Thorley, who arranged the attempt, wonders if this is the youngest band to ring a quarter-peal.

Names on the photograph are (left to right), back row, D. Thorley, D. Smith; middle row, D. Jackson, C. Leask; front row, G. Leask, W. Jackson.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Peter-in-Thanet on July 9th. Favoured with fine warm weather, 75 members and friends were present representing 19 towers in the district. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Edwards, who welcomed the members to St. Peter's, and gave them a few thoughts to go home with, based on the third verse of the Ringers' Hymn. A collection for the Benevolent Fund amounted to £1 17s. A feature of the service was the attendance of some members of the congregation of St. Peter's, three of whom helped to take up the collection.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, the members being royally entertained by the Parochial Church Council; even appetites sharpened by the sea air failed to clear the tables. The members were welcomed to St. Peter's by Mr. H. Noble, churchwarden, and he and the Council were warmly thanked by Mr. J. A. Russell, who later took the chair for the business meeting. Two practising members were elected. Mr. Noble and Mr. A. Hannibal, parish treasurer, were elected as honorary members. Selling was chosen as the place of the next meeting. Thanks were expressed to all who had helped to make the meeting so memorable.

A return was made to the tower and further ringing enjoyed until 8 p.m., after which some had a quick look at the sea, others to view the coast of France, clearly visible from the tower roof, or to visit the local 'Aquarium.' During the evening the district secretary, in company with the local captan, met the other churchwarden. He was promptly informed by Mr. Appleton that he was to be made an honorary member and the necessary subscription was extracted. B. J. L.

St. Martin's Guild

MEETING AT SELLY OAK.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild took place at Selly Oak on July 2nd. Good use was made of the handy ring of eight, and amongst the visitors was our old friend, Mr. William H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who recalled some of his early ringing experiences at Selly Oak. He and William Short are the only two surviving ringers of the famous peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) presided. Two new members were elected—Mr. John D. Niblett and Mr. David Lane — and the tower elections of Mr. Charles W. Roberts and Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis were duly ratified.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Knowle on October 8th. An invitation was received from the Nuneaton District branch of the Coventry Diocesan Guild to hold a joint meeting with them at Polesworth; and the bi-quarterly meeting, to be held in September, was thought to be suitable for the combined meeting.

A new form of service for use at the Guild's services, to supersede the one which has been in use since 1909, was presented to the meeting by Mr. W. C. Dowding and Mr. E. C. Shepherd, and after an interesting discussion it was unanimously decided to adopt the new service paper.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for making arrangements at very short notice, was proposed by the chairman and seconded by the secretary. G. E. F.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

For the meeting at Knutsford on July 2nd the branch was favoured with excellent weather and over 60 members and friends were present. The old six bells were in use from early in the afternoon until the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Harrison. A bountiful tea was enjoyed in the Parish Hall and following tea the usual business meeting was held.

The chairman, Mr. Elkins, welcomed visitors from other branches of the Guild. Five new members, Messrs. G. Blackshaw, S. Sage, N. Lomas, I. Lomas, A. Rhodes, all of Wilmslow, were elected. The meeting expressed its appreciation of the services of Mrs. D. Kidd in obtaining these new members and for arousing interest at Wilmslow.

The meeting received with regret the news that Mr. W. L. Johnson, of Rostherne, an old and respected ringer, had passed to higher service. The meeting was interested to learn that Mr. S. Hough had completed 60 years as a chorister and over 50 years as a ringer at Knutsford, and congratulated him on his record and his interest in and efforts on behalf of the Guild. Mr. Hough, in his reply, said he would try to emulate the record of a ringer whose grave is in the churchyard and who rang at Knutsford for 75 years.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the local ringers, the ladies who had arranged and served the tea, and to anyone who had in any way helped to make the meeting a success. Ringing was enjoyed on the six bells until a late hour, the tastes of all from expert to learner being catered for by the branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. Wilde.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

An enjoyable afternoon was spent on June 18th at Pensnett. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Lancelot Smith), who extended a hearty welcome to the party. Tea was served on the Vicarage lawn by Mrs. Smith and her band of workers.

A meeting followed, at which six members of the local band were elected to the Guild. The next quarterly meeting in September is to be held at Old Hill, subject to permission being obtained.

Ancient Society of College Youths

SUMMER MEETING AT HENFIELD.

The summer meeting of the Society was held on July 9th at Henfield, Sussex, and was very well attended. Two of the Society's oldest and most respected members, Messrs. H. R. Newton and E. Alex. Young, accompanied the party.

On arrival at Henfield they were met by Mr. F. Cruttenden, and the bells, a very good ring of eight, were soon going to a fine touch of Stedman Triples. Double Norwich, Cambridge and London provided an opportunity for the more ambitious members to show their prowess, and the company were then entertained to high tea by Mr. Cruttenden, who is an enthusiastic College Youth, and insisted on doing the honours. He must have felt gratified if he observed the look of sublime rapture on the faces of the guests — especially the younger ones, as they enjoyed the good fare provided.

Tea over, the business meeting was held, and several new members were elected, amongst them being Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester. The Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh, gracefully expressed the thanks of all to Mr. Cruttenden for his generous hospitality.

Some of the enterprising members of the party then discovered that Mr. Cruttenden possessed a fine set of handbells (some as big as buckets) and tried their hands at some Major on the largest—and sustained a few blisters for their pains. It was a great joy to see Mr. E. A. Young ringing 7-8 to a touch of Stedman Triples on a more reasonably sized set.

Train time came all too soon and everybody left Henfield with many regrets that the time had been all too short—but resolving that Henfield will be 'on the list' for future visits.

J. F. S.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT GORSEINON.

The annual festival of the Guild was held at the Church of St. Catherine, Gorseinon, on July 2nd.

The bells were well rung from 2 to 3 p.m., when the company left the tower for the service. Canon W. J. Thomas read the lesson and the Rev. H. Willis, Vicar of Townhill, Swansea, who was once a ringer at Gorseinon, gave the address. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese gave the blessing.

The company then adjourned to the Church Hall, where the good people of Gorseinon had prepared a lovely tea. The Bishop thanked the ladies who had prepared for the festival, Canon Thomas for having the Guild at Gorseinon, and the choirboys who had assisted in the service.

Canon Thomas, in reply, stated how pleased they were to have the Guild at Gorseinon and how fortunate the Guild was to have the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who took such a keen interest in the Guild as president. The Bishop had refused an important invitation because he had stated that he had a date with the bell-ringers at Gorseinon.

At the annual meeting, at which the Lord Bishop presided, the following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dobbins, Gorseinon; treasurer, Mr. Melville Howcroft; secretary, Mr. D. G. Williams; auditor, Mr. Rowlands.

After some discussion re rules for ringing competition, it was resolved that Rule 8 be deleted and the following take its place: 'The home team be handicapped 5 points and that the test piece for all competitors be 120 Grandsire Doubles or four 30's.'

The 1950 festival is to be held at Brecon on July 1st, when it is hoped that the war memorial will be ready so that the dedication service will take place on the same date.

The hon. general secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop for taking the chair, and also thanked the Rev. H. Willis for his inspiring address at the service.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A FINE BROADCASTING FEATURE

Dear Sir,—On Thursday, August 4th, in the West Regional Home Service, there is to be from 9.30 to 10 p.m. a broadcast feature called 'From Tower and Steeple.' The B.B.C. asked me to advise them on the technical side of this, and I believe they are going to send me the script (to correct any technical errors) before the actual day. They also want me in the studio for the broadcast, but I don't think my dulcet tones are actually to be heard.

The broadcast was planned over a year ago, and the original idea was to include recordings of two towers from each county in the West Region—Hants, Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall — but for various reasons this proved impracticable. However, a good selection, and I hope a fairly representative one, will be available. On my first visit to the studios I spent three solid hours listening to recordings made in the region prior to broadcast church services, and it is a sad comment on the average level of striking up and down the country that not a single one of these was good enough. Not all bell broadcasts are recorded, ringers are naturally nervous on these occasions, and local captains cannot for diplomatic reasons easy to understand always have the ringers they would like, but I came away that evening rather saddened and disillusioned by what I had heard.

Nothing daunted, the B.B.C. sent their recording van to various suggested towers, and whilst no effort was spared to have the best available band, the results were not always as good as might have been hoped. However, if any bad blows come over the air on August 4th the fault will not lie with the ringers or the B.B.C., but with their technical adviser.

Not all the special recordings will be used, some will be crowded out because of the limited time available, some because the quality of the striking was a very poor advertisement for the Exercise in general and the local band in particular.

I would like to pay my tribute to the pains taken by the producer to ensure that no mistakes to which the non-ringer would naturally be prone should creep in, and to the generous way in which he has responded to my advice. I think one recording may be used which I would prefer to leave out, but I can fully appreciate the reasons why the producer wishes to include it.—Yours sincerely,

E. J. TAYLOR.

Tiverton, Devon.

P.S.—I forgot to say that the object of the broadcast is to interest the general public in bells and ringing, so if any ringers hearing it would write to the B.B.C. giving their impressions, it would perhaps be politic not to mention the fact that they are ringers.—E.J.T.

GUILDFORD GUILD MOTION

Dear Sir,—I would remind Mr. Pulling that he was elected as a Central Council representative under Rule 14, also that the motion was addressed to the Central Council, not the Standing Committee or the Editorial Committee. Two representatives attended at York, one spoke in favour of the motion, the other one against it, therefore one of the representatives is out of touch with the expressions put forward by the Guild.

In saying that 'when only half of a case is presented it is unwise to pass judgment,' surely it would have been wiser to have refrained from doing so at York.—Yours sincerely,

W. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

NOTE.—Mr. G. L. Grover unhesitatingly withdrew the motion of the Guildford Guild when he heard the explanation of Mr. Fletcher. Aware of the satisfactory way the Standing Committee proposed to deal with the situation, Mr. Pulling was quite in order in taking the line he did.—Editor.

5,057 GRANDSIRE CATERS FALSE

(See Page 336)

Dear Sir,—I regret to inform you that the 5,057 Grandsire Caters, by S. H. Wood, which is published on page 336 of this week's 'Ringing World,' is false.

The handstroke change of the 4th lead-end of the turning course, which is the 33rd course of the peal, repeats with the handstroke change of the 3rd lead-end of the 48th course. Here are the figures:—

Turning course	48th course
34265978	34562879
—96384725	—86394752
98673542	—79826534
—57928463	S 25749386
52749386	

False changes.

Plain lead		Single
25473968	Handstroke	25473968
52749386	Backstroke	25749386

I should like to point out that, in Grandsire Caters, very careful proof is necessary where singles are used, and all the lead-ends concerned need very careful examination to ensure that no repetition occurs at handstroke, which does not show up at backstroke. — Yours sincerely, CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

ATTACK ON VISITING PEAL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I should like, through your columns, to tell Mr. W. C. Boughton how much I appreciate his agreement with my views. He is not the only one to have done so, though the others were verbally or by letter. It is to be regretted that his suggestion to block louvres is not practicable having regard to the great variety in size, shape and number. There is, however, a much more simple and effective remedy and that is to refuse the use of the tower for peal ringing by visiting bands unless there is some very special reason to justify the peal.

May I reply very briefly to Messrs. F. W. Lack and P. Laflin? There was no imaginary line, except in so far as it was demarked by Mr. Corby. It is true that there are some ringers filling the posts mentioned by Mr. Lack, and, having said that, we may as well admit without any humbug that it is probably true to say that 75 per cent. of ringers attend a service only at a ringing meeting and perhaps on Easter Sunday and Christmas Day. The gibe one hears only too frequently, 'Oh, ringers, yes, they are the people who put on their hats and walk off as soon as the service commences,' is true, and we know it is. A little heart searching on this question of church attendance would do the Exercise no harm, and I suggest that it might be made the subject of some letters in 'The Ringing World' in order to obtain readers' views. — Yours faithfully, T. V. LISTER.

Apperley, Glos.

5,440 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. K. LEWIS.

23456	M	B	W	H	The first course. 2345678	6758234
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35642	1			2	8674523	5674283
34562		1		2	7856342—	7526348
36245		1		1	7863542	
Four times repeated.					6758234	

The calls occur in the lead following that shown in the heading e.g., calls B occur in the lead 7800000 (half lead and full lead).

The figure 1 indicates that two bobs must be called, one when treble is in 7-8 and one when she is in 1-2. The figure 2 therefore indicates that this procedure be repeated.

Rung at Norbury on July 9th, 1949.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Members of the St. Paul's Society and several of their colleagues from St. Wystan's, Repton, toured Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire for their outing on July 9th. Leaving Burton early, the first call was at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, and what a treat it was to ring on this lovely ring! Ringing at the Bell Tower, Evesham, followed, and then on to Tewkesbury Abbey to ring on the twelve.

Across country to Worcester for ringing at St. John's, and homeward bound via Bromsgrove (St. John's, 10), where despite the 'hectic' day, some good ringing was heard. A grand day, everyone happy, and our thanks to the incumbents and tower secretaries for making the outing so successful. W. J. L.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

A well-struck course of Grandsire Triples in the lych gate of St. Andrew's at 7.30 a.m. on July 9th sent the Hornchurch ringers off to a good start on their annual outing.

Dunstable was reached at 9.30 a.m. Woburn, Bedford, Ware, Hoddesdon and Broxbourne were all reached within a few minutes of scheduled time and ringing thoroughly enjoyed at all these towers. Lunch was taken at Bedford and tea at Ware.

Strange belfries and bells brought to light imperfections in the striking of some of the younger members—and the older ones too—but some well-struck Double Norwich at Woburn and a good course of Cambridge at Ware were the highlights of a very successful day.

The day ended at Broxbourne, with some of the party, including a lady member, matching their darts skill against the locals, others reminiscing in the gardens and the more enthusiastic ringing a course of Caters on the handbells. Hornchurch was reached at 11 p.m.

EASTBOURNE.

Fifty-two ringers, wives and friends left Eastbourne in perfect weather at 8 a.m. on July 9th for their annual outing, and the first stop was Chislehurst, where the fine ring of eight at the Annunciation Church was utilised to good effect for an hour. After a good lunch in Maidstone, the ringers were taken out to West Malling for an hour's ringing.

At 4 o'clock the party set out for that delightful Kent village of Goudhurst, where, after another period of very warm ringing on the heavy and rough going ring of eight, a really excellent meat tea was provided in the Church Hall. The next stop on the tour was the small village of Iden, a few miles from Rye, where the six bells of the village church were rung until 8.45 p.m.

After a stop at Battle on the homeward journey for some light refreshment, the tired company arrived back in Eastbourne after what was without doubt a most enjoyable day's ringing outing.

STOWMARKET.

A party of ringers set out from Stowmarket on July 9th for a very pleasant day on the Cambridge district. During the morning stops for ringing were made at Willingham and Longstanton, and after an early lunch the party, reinforced by Messrs. Dennis and Martin, visited the churches of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, St. Mary-the-Great and St. Andrew.

A cup of tea and an all too brief visit to the Chapel of King's College brought the afternoon to an end and a move was made for Ickleton. This was undoubtedly the high spot of the day and it was with regret that the company left for home.

Ringing throughout the day was of a good standard, and methods brought round included Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Oxford and Kent Major, Kent Royal and Grandsire Caters. O. G. B.

GAMSTON AND DISTRICT, NOTTS.

On July 2nd, the Gamston and district ringers held their annual outing, this year visiting some of Leicestershire's towers. Accompanied by wives and friends, the party left Gamston at 8 a.m., arriving at Cotgrave (still in Notts), with its deep ring of six, at 9.20. Here they were met by the local captain and ringing was in progress until 10.30.

At Wymeswald, where difficulty was experienced in obtaining the key, the smooth six pealed merrily until 12.15, when it was time to depart for Loughborough. Here the party was met by a representative of Messrs. John Taylors and escorted over the bell foundry, terminating this interesting visit with a pull on the famous 'light ten.'

Asfordby, with its tall spire and picturesque setting, was the next call, where Mr. Cook had the bells raised in readiness. Ringing was brief, however, owing to illness near the church—a blessing in disguise, perhaps, as the long ropes and acrobatic sallies made ringing awkward, but delighted the onlookers. Mr. Cook escorted his visitors to Kirby Bellars, with its ring of five, where touches of Doubles were rung. After a stay in Melton Mowbray for tea, the tour was completed with ringing at Waltham-in-the-Wold and Harlaxton.

Methods rung included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Single Court and Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Conducting was shared by Messrs. H. Denman, O. Street and R. Ashford.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.

Stratford-on-Avon and the Evesham district were visited by Market Harborough District for their outing on June 25th, two motor-coaches being necessary to accommodate the party.

Mr. A. Manning was waiting for the visitors at Stratford and conducted them to the Parish Church with its beautiful ring of ten, where the tenorman had some good practice.

After lunch there was ringing at Salford Priors and Norton. Tea at Evesham was followed by a trip down the river. On the return journey, Mr. A. Manning, their excellent guide, left the party at Bidford. Kibworth was reached at 11.30 p.m. after a very good day.

WALTON-ON-THAMES.

Another party to visit Cambridge for their outing was Walton-on-Thames ringers, accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Crichton Melville. The party was met at St. Andrew's by Mr. H. Martin. After lunch at the Dorothy Cafe, ringing was indulged in at the Roman Catholic Church and also at Great St. Mary's, non-ringing friends enjoying the beauty of the fine old town.

On the return journey they were met at Hoddesdon by Mr. W. Mumford and enjoyed an hour's ringing, and also met at Broxbourne by Mr. Radley. The outing was organised by Mr. R. Lathbury.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

Blewbury ringers, joined by friends from Farnborough (Hants), Hagbourne and Harwell, held their annual outing on July 2nd. Romsey Abbey was the first call, where the fine heavy eight were soon set going; then to Sherfield English to a light ring and into Salisbury, where a good lunch awaited the party.

The bells of S. Martin's were first objective in the afternoon, followed by a visit to the Cathedral and a look around town and tea.

On the homeward journey ringing was enjoyed at Amesbury and Andover. It was a grand day well spent, meeting good friends and bells at each tower.

Cambridge University Guild

'JUNIOR RINGING WEEK.'

From June 27th to July 4th, the Cambridge University Guild held its 'junior ringing week' in the Isle of Wight. The programme was arranged by Dr. J. B. Williamson, who joined us for some of the ringing, and the party consisted mainly of present members of the University. We had one member of the Oxford Society—Peter Robbins—who was, however, on this occasion fairly restrained about the merits of the 'other place'—apart from a certain over-eagerness to catch hold for Oxford Treble Bob.

Altogether 12 towers were visited on the island, including four eight-bell towers. They varied a good deal, ranging from the lovely ring of eight at Ryde, with its 26½ cwt. tenor, to the five at Arreton, where we seemed to be ringing on warped wheels and square bearings! This was where one of the Guild's conductors was heard to call, 'That's all—oh no! it isn't—but it's quite enough!' (We were glad to hear it is hoped they may be rehung fairly soon.)

Nine of the 16 members of the party conducted during the week, and methods rung included Hereford Bob, London, Wells and York Surprise Minor, Cambridge Major, and, after some protest and several attempts, a production of Brian D. Price's Double Erin Triples!

Our camp was at Whitwell, near Ventnor, where we found one of the several C.U.G. peal boards met with on the tour. A suggestion that we should repeat that performance was abandoned in favour of less strenuous activities, but a handbell peal was rung in the church porch—from 12 m.n. until 2.20 a.m.! Camp life was much simplified by the unfailingly perfect weather, which enabled those who wished to do so to sleep in the open, and by the kindness of the farmer's wife in cooking the joint for us! The ringing of 'J.B.'s' 'saucer' handbells, originally made from clock chimes, was a novel experience, and his set of six others, with round wooden clappers, made a deafening accompaniment to an evening meal!

All the incumbents of the churches we visited were most welcoming and helpful, and a highlight of the tour was when we were invited at Ryde to join the Ruri-decanal Conference at tea in the vicarage garden.

We are very grateful to 'J.B.' for having arranged the week so efficiently, and our thanks are also due to Michael Harford, the organiser, who took on the anxious job of catering, and did a great deal towards making the tour such an outstanding success.

OBITUARY

MRS. A. SHELTON.

The death occurred on July 7th of Mrs. Gwynedd Margaret, the beloved wife of Mr. Ambrose Shelton, of The Cottage, Oakway, Reigate. She learned to ring at Farningham, Kent, and for many years was a Sunday service ringer, also organist and choirmistress.

About 15 years ago she went to live at Reigate and joined the Reigate Parish Church band, advancing in the Exercise as far as Stedman Caters. She was always most regular at service ringing and practices.

The funeral service was on July 11th at Redhill, and as the cortege left the church four of her friends of the Reigate band rang Grandsire Triples on the handbells. G. F. H.

6,400 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

By BRIAN D. PRICE.

23456	B. 5ths. In. H.		Longest length of
23645	—	—	Cambridge Major com-
25634	—	—	posed with the tenors
62453		—	together. Rung at St.
46325		—	Michael's, Southamp-
62345	—		ton, June 3rd, 1949,
			conducted by C. H.
			Kippin.

Four times repeated (6ths place bobs).

QUARTER PEALS

ASHFORD, KENT.—On June 26th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: C. W. Everett 1, P. Page 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, W. W. Ring 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, T. Cullingworth 6, M. S. Lancefield 7, H. Parkes (cond.) 8.

ALMONDSBURY, BRISTOL. — On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Thorne (first quarter) 1, H. Atwell 2, Miss A. Pritchard 3, C. Harding 4, H. Robbins 5, J. Hilliar 6, V. Wills (cond.) 7, W. Cook 8. In memory of G. Capewell, for many years conductor.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.—On July 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. H. Kinch 1, H. Alexander 2, H. Hatfield 3, J. Walton 4, E. Pearson 5, E. J. Smith 6, F. Sharpe 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. For the induction of the Rev. Gatehouse.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On July 3rd, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Redfern (first quarter) 1, W. Harrison 2, G. Taylor 3, R. Wimpenny 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE. — On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. R. Kenny 1, Miss S. H. Kingdon 2, Miss B. Hughes 3, B. Harris 4, J. E. Bonney (first as cond.) 5, J. Payne 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On June 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, B. Scoot 2, S. Bonnett 3, H. Werrett 4, R. V. Webb 5, W. D. Pooley 6, E. G. Buck 7, J. S. Dear (cond.) 8.

BARWELL, LEICS. — On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Lord 1, H. Duncombe 2, W. P. Whitehead (cond.) 3, T. C. Belton 4, C. R. Belton 5, T. K. Deacon 6, G. P. Garner 7, R. Coleman 8.

BATHLETON, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: G. Walford 1, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 2, D. T. North 3, D. M. Bellamy 4. The first quarter on four bells by all.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. J. Spice 1, A. P. Cannon 2, J. L. Morris 3, R. L. Sills 4, G. E. Plater 5, J. R. Wilson (first of Royal) 6, J. E. Lyddiard 7, W. J. Rawlings 8, J. Dafters (first of Bob Royal) 9, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 10.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY. — On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Stovell 1, Rev. K. G Hoare 2, C. Hunt (first of Triples) 3, W. B. Judd 4, F. Jeal 5, T. Arrow 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, E. Ogden (first quarter) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Arrow, local captain, who has completed 54 years as a ringer at this church.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On July 2nd, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. G. Wilson 1, F. A. Finch 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey (cond.) 3, W. J. Ellis 4, W. Welling 5, A. Jones 6, E. C. S. Turner 7, D. R. Judd 8.

FARNINGHAM, KENT. — On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): W. R. Manser 1, J. L. Morris 2, Edna M. Sills 3, A. Bates 4, G. W. Ashdown (first in method) 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX. — On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Robinson 1, F. Cherrett 2, F. Barker 3, P. Blake 4, B. Willis 5, W. Rose (cond.) 6.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Betty Hewitson 1, D. J. Gay 2, G. F. Carter 3, J. Payton 4, T. Bevan 5, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 2. A farewell compliment to the treble ringer.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On June 26th, 1,440 London (Annable's): C. V. Hare 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On June 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, P. D. Beedie (first in method) 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, J. R. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, W. Wenban 6, R. E. W. Wenban 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. Gorringe 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, J. O. Sante (first of Major) 3, A. H. Kemp 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, G. Billenness 6, L. T. Pope 7, M. S. Cloke (first of Major as cond.) 8.

HEREFORD.—On July 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Downes 1, J. D. Rock 2, W. H. Symonds 3, W. F. Moreton 4, A. T. Wingate 5, L. Evans 6, E. P. Rock 7, M. P. Moreton 8, A. W. Davis (cond.) 9, R. T. Jones 10. For the enthronement of the new Bishop of Hereford.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, J. W. C. Blythe 2, G. L. Perkins 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, H. Lavender 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On July 3rd, 1,344 Little Bob Major: W. D. Prockson 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, E. F. Pryor 3, R. F. H. Harman 4, D. F. Harman 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. G. Nash (cond.) 8. First in the method by 3, 4 and 6.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. J. Ivin (11) 1, R. J. Sharp 2, C. H. Harding (cond.) 3, A. C. Sinfield 4, S. Foskett 5, R. Ward (15) 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On July 3rd, 1,272 Stedman Caters: R. Joyce Pett 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, N. Hollingworth 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, S. Croft 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, E. Hynard 8, D. J. Charnley 9, A. Tomblin 10. First in method 1 and 8.

ISLIP, OXON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Mandeville (first quarter) 1, L. Witten 2, D. Bell 3, G. Moisey 4, G. W. Jeffs (cond.) 5, P. Chapman 6.

KITTISFORD, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. T. North 1, G. Walford 2, D. M. Bellamy 3, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 4.

LEICESTER.—On July 3rd, at St. John the Divine's, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. Deacon 1, S. Harrison 2, G. Hebborn 3, Miss J. Ward 4, C. Kirk 5, D. Dalby 6, A. Cattel 7, T. Thornber 8, J. Bennett 9, Alan Cattel (cond.) 10. First quarter-peal of Bob Royal for 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On June 27th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: G. Heyshaw 1, J. Smith 2, J. Worth (cond.) 3, W. Matthews 4, B. Corbishley 5, J. W. Whittaker 6, S. Pickford 7, H. C. Lonyon 8, W. Gayes 9, W. E. Mashiter 10, V. J. Norbury 11, C. Morledge 12. First quarter on twelve for 1, 5 and 10. Rung for the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.

NORTON, HERTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Putwain (first quarter, age 12) 1, J. Dear 2, H. Werrett 3, S. Bonnett 4, W. Pooley 5, E. Bock (cond.) 6, L. Croft 7, D. Shepperd 8.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Ward 1, F. Bennett 2, E. Smith 3, W. Walker 4, M. L. Lockwood 5, C. Ekert 6, J. T. Duffin (first as cond.) 7, L. Fisher 8. For dedication of Parish Church war memorial (1939-45).

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS. — On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Jones 1, Miss M. B. Valentine 2, R. C. Noon 3, Rev. R. H. Palmer 4, W. Mawby 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 4 and 5. In memoriam Mr. W. H. Berry, ringer at Piddington.

RUGBY, WARWICKS. — On June 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Doubles (60 Reverse Stedman, 240 each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day and Stedman): C. Underwood 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, W. Betley 3, A. Barlow 4, W. Vann (cond.) 5.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM. — On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Elliott 1, K. Haslam 2, N. J. Goodman 3, J. Pinfold 4, V. G. H. Hemus 5, Wm. B. Cartwright 6, H. W. Haslam (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On July 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joyce A. England 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, R. F. Deal 3, N. Belcher 4, L. J. Fox 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, A. W. J. Appleton (first as cond.) 7, J. Phillips 8.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On July 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 1,020 Grandsire): P. Warboys 1, F. Bird (cond.) 2, F. Warboys jun. 3, R. Hayden 4, T. Camp 5, Rev. S. E. F. Robinson 6.

Dedication

LUTON PARISH CHURCH.

The service for the dedication of the new ring of ten at Luton Parish Church will be long remembered by those who were privileged to be present. The simple but dignified ceremonial, the packed church of worshippers and the beautiful rendering of the music combined to make the service a memorable one.

The old eight, cast in 1761 and 1775, were taken out last September, and have been recast and two new trebles added, to make the third ring of ten in Bedfordshire. The old oak beams supporting the wood frame were badly decayed by worm and beetle, and the new ten have been hung in a cast-iron frame supported on steel girders. The new tenor is 25 cwt. in the key of D, and the old inscriptions have been replaced on the back eight.

The service was preceded by a procession of the choir and visiting clergy and ministers, and included the Mayor and Town Clerk, the Rural Dean (the Rev. W. H. Orton), the Vicar (Canon W. Davison) and the Bishop of Bedford (the Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood). On entering the church the procession paused under the tower for the singing of the National Anthem. When all had reached their places the choir sang as an introit, 'I was glad,' by Parry, which was followed by Psalm 150 to Stainer's setting.

During the singing of the hymn, 'When morning gilds the sky,' the Bishop was escorted to a place under the tower for the dedication. Those who escorted him were the cross bearer, the churchwardens, the secretary of the Ringers and Bells Committee (Mr. James Wing), the Mayor and Town Clerk, the Rural Dean and the Vicar. The Vicar, handing the rope to the Bishop, requested him to dedicate the bells, and, following the dedication, the bells were heard for the first time, ringing in rounds, as the procession moved back to their places in the choir.

In his address, the Bishop spoke of the use of bells from earliest times and the part they play in our common life for great events, and in our joys and sorrows. He recalled as a boy walking with a friend along the river bank, hearing the bells of St. George's, Windsor, ring out for the relief of Mafeking. He rejoiced that, as he went about the towns and villages of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, he found so many towers where young people were learning the art of change ringing. He hoped the bells would continue to be rung by human hands rather than by mechanical devices.

It was a very impressive finish to the service when the recession paused under the tower whilst the choir sang the old carol, 'Ding Dong! merrily on high, in heaven the bells are ringing.' As the carol finished and the recession proceeded, the west doors were thrown open, and the bells rang out in rounds and into the first touch.

Visiting ringers climbed the tower for a touch, and groups of the congregation stood in the churchyard to listen to the bells. Their lovely tone and easy going were commented on, and Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, are to be congratulated on a fine job of work.

Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. C. Harrison represented the bellfounders, and amongst others present were the architect, Mr. Romilly B. Craze (of Milner and Craze, London), the builder (Alden G. Seaward, of Seaward Bros.), and Miss E. Steele, president of the Bedfordshire Association. Mr. L. A. Goodenough, the captain, was in charge of the ringing. J. W.

THORNE, YORKS. — On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Leask (first on eight bells, 13) 1, D. Thorley (12) 2, C. Leask (13) 3, T. D. Leask 4, E. Thorley 5, W. Hobson (76) 6, J. Thorley 7, C. Thorley (cond.) 8.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Hilda Oakshett 1, Edna M. Sills 2, J. L. Morris 3, J. Q. Weller 4, G. W. Cook 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, R. L. Sills (cond.) 7, F. C. W. Knight 8. First of Treble Bob for 2, 3 and 7.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. James H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs, wishes to express his deep appreciation to ringing friends in the Isle of Wight for their kind hospitality during his stay there from June 4th-18th. He especially thanks Mr. Upton for arranging practices, and Mr. John Hunt and Mr. Pat Page for standing in the peal at Chale. 5559

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Two octaves in F, plus low E, also B flat in lower octave, recently overhauled by Mears; nearest offer to £20. — Apply Houghton, 73, Cholmley Gardens, London, N.W.6. 5560

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken (8) on Saturday, July 23rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec. 5512

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Loughton (8), July 23rd. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Numbers for tea to E. Bacon, 49, England's Lane, Loughton. 5488

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Poynton, July 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. — C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5541

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Winshill (6), July 23rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5539

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Don't forget Annual Festival, July 23rd. Proceedings commence with service Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Vicar of Bray (Rev. E. C. S. Lomas). Luncheon tickets 5s. Ringing: St. Giles' (8), 3 to 4; St. Thomas' (6), 3 to 4; Holywell (6) 4 to 5; St. Ebbe's (8) 5 to 6; Carfax (6), 5 to 6; St. Aldate's (6), 6.30 to 7.30; Merton, 3 to 4; Magdalen, 4 to 5; New, 4.45 to 6.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 5451

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Leverington, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5526

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting at Shedfield (8), July 23rd. Usual times.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 5532

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Longstock (5), July 23rd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Also Lexford (5), near Stockbridge. 5533

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LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Christ Church, Epsom, Sat., July 30th. Names for tea by Wed., July 27th, to Mrs. Massey, 173, Coverts Rd., Claygate; gentlemen welcome. 5546

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Pontesbury, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 5550

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Banham (6), Saturday, July 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mr. W. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich, by July 26th.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 5540

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ispwich District. — Meeting, Holbrook, July 30th, postponed. Notice later.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5553

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Saturday, July 30th. Tower open 2.30. Names for tea by 28th to P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 5549

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Whittlesey, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (St. Mary's, 8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5547

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Great Budworth, July 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Accommodation limited. Names by July 27th to Cecil Holden, Belmont Smithy, Great Budworth. Tea only for those who send in their names. 5548

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting, Mottram Parish Church, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. until 8.30. Meeting 6 p.m. 5536

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Moreton Valance, Saturday, July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea to those who notify by July 25th. — L. Barry, 47, Massey Road, Gloucester. 5518

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on July 30th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Maundrell, 173, Quemerford, Calne. 5557

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members carry own food. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 5555

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Joint meeting Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, available in various cafes, 5-6. More ringing after.—A. Smith and R. Lathbury, Hon. Secs. 5544

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southampton and Christchurch Districts.—Combined meeting on August Bank Holiday, August 1st. Ringing at Milford-on-Sea (8), 11 to 1; Lymington (8), 2.30 to 5; and Lyndhurst (8), 6 to 8 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d.) at Old Bank House Restaurant, Lymington, at 4.45 and 5.30. Names by Wednesday, July 27th, please.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5551

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting Crowland, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Strickland, 5, South Street, Crowland, before July 29th. 5542

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Saturday, August 6th, 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5554

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District. — Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 5552

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Benenden (8), August 6th, at 3. Tea at approximately 5 o'clock. No service. Names for tea not later than August 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 5556

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