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COLLABORATION

A WORD that gained a somewhat sinister meaning during the war—'Collaboration'—was taken by the Vicar of Bray (the Rev. E. C. S. Lomas) for his sermon, preached at the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday. The true meaning of the word, he pointed out, was not only working together but holding together; not only contact but cohesion.

We do not desire to traverse his admirable argument of ringers being collaborators with the Church in its work, each in his or her respective sphere giving the best possible service, but rather to apply his thoughts on collaboration to the general day-to-day life of the Exercise.

In the past few months the Exercise has been passing through one of those periodic difficult phases that befall all organisations. It is a resurgence of an old theme—the creation of antagonism to the art of peal ringing. Indirect methods of approach have been employed, the chief among them being a neglect of Sunday service ringing on the part of peal ringers and general accusations of irreligious conduct on the part of ringers, so familiar with the Victorian idea of a ringer—a tradition that dies hard.

Typical of the campaign of disruption is the utilisation of other than the Ringing Press for soliciting the aid of the public. One of the leaders of English ringing, who this year has had the unique experience of shepherding some 170 ringers either through their first peal or first in a method, has been subjected to attacks on his peal-ringing proclivities. He is a man who has been honoured by the Church in a unique way, but he is very conscious that English ringing will not retain its pre-eminent position without the incentive of the peal.

What the Exercise has to combat is the attitude of mind that a ringer who performs regularly the same set call of 120 Grand-sire Doubles on a Sunday morning and evening is doing all that is expected of him, either by his Guild or Church. The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was a member of a band of five who last year endeavoured to widen the conception of Doubles by a series of peals in country churches where they were visiting ringers. From 21 methods they increased the number to 42 by successive stages. They set an example to towers with a low number of bells.

The gulf between the peal ringer and the non-peal ringer has to be bridged. There must be true collaboration between the two. Generally speaking there is ever available for the keen young ringer a readiness to shepherd him through his first peal. In no sense are peal ringers an exclusive body; they are the backbone of most of the Guilds and Associations and are among the legislators of English ringing on the Central Council.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., July 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

JOHN PINFOLD Treble	*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 10
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5	†HENRY H. FEARN ... 11
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6	†GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Maximus. † 300th peal together. First peal of Maximus in the method. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Treble	*WILFRID F. MORETON... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	*WALTER F. JUDGE ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 10
*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON... 5	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... 11
*JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Maximus in the method. First peal of Maximus in the methods as conductor. First peal of Maximus in the method in the county and for the Association. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

BRIAN G. WARWICK ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6
PAUL L. TAYLOR ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
DOROTHY M. UDALE ... 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	ALAN JACQUES ... 9
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MAGGLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*STANLEY PICKFORD ... Treble	†HAROLD C. LONYON ... 6
JOHN WORTH ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 7
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	*WILLIAM E. MASHITER 8
JUNE HENSHAW ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... 9
ALAN A. POTTS ... 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN WORTH. Conducted by WILFRED STEVENSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Tenor 23½ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUNY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurians' Five-part.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
HERBERT C. SPENCER... Treble	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
*CLARENCE DREWETT ... 2	†R. GEORGE CLEMENS ... 6
JOAN E. WITHEY ... 3	E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS... 7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples away from tenor. To commemorate Canon R. L. Canny's 23 years as Rector and also the 36th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*VERNON SYKES ... Treble	*STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 5
VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
†DEREK OGDEN ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
DONALD R. MARSHALL 4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOCK Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*JOHN BRAMLEY ... Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5
*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 6
THOMAS C. BELTON ... 3	ALAN CATTELL ... 7
ALFRED MOULD ... 4	JOHN J. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST H. MASTIN ... Treble	*WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY ... 2	*CLAUDE COUSINS ... 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	EDWARD BARKER ... 7
MAURICE J. THURMOTT... 4	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* 100th peal together.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sun., July 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SIDNEY A. WHITE ... Treble	BERNARD V. COLLISON... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 6
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
*ROY E. WOOD ... 4	ERNEST J. LADD ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Major.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 13, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. HEATH ... Treble	FRANK TAYLOR ... 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 2	T. REYNOLDS, R.A.F. ... 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 7
ERNEST STITCH ... 4	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 13, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.	Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	ALBERT F. BURBIDGE ... 6
HAZEL DALE ... 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 4	HENRY T. MACEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung for the diamond jubilee of the parish.



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OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 2	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ... 6
CHARLES CLEGG ... 3	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	ERNEST J. GOWER... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST J. GOWER.

First peal as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. V. J. C. Wood for the birth of their second son.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HENRY O. BAKER ... Treble	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
C. KENNETH LEVIS ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 6
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 3	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 7
ERIC J. GILBERT ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.

* 150th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band. Rung without previous practice.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt 9 lb.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON...Treble	†C. HAROLD WHITTON... 5
MAURICE BENNETT ... 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... 6
*GWENDOLINE D. ROBINSON 3	JOHN G. AMES ... 7
AUBREY D. MILLS ... 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. In honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Whitton and Miss Margaret Francis.

GREAT HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

PATRICK HARRIS ... Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 5
*GERALD C. HEMMING... 2	CHARLES N. EDWIN ... 6
MARGARET ROWLAND ... 3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN... 7
ROBERT A. GEDEN ... 4	†JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung to welcome to Hampton, the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. N. Harris, and Mrs. Harris. Also in honour of the 61st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Grove.

HANSLOPE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 6
CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 3	REGINALD H. HOWSON ... 7
WILLIAM YATES ... 4	*A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 225th peal, conducted 125. The first peal of Major on the bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK TARLTON ... Treble	FREDK. W. SHAW... 5
SAMUEL PINDER ... 2	HENRY W. BEARDSLEY ... 6
ERNEST FLETCHER ... 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 7
*PETER NIX ... 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

* First peal of Spliced T.B. Major. A token of appreciation to the Rev. W. F. Butterton on his retirement and as a send-off to the ringer of the 4th on joining the Forces.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*PETER CARTER ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
JOHN O. WELLER... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 3	†BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 7
ROBERT COLLINS ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. A birthday peal for the conductor.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5160 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	HARRY WILD ... 5
ALLAN WEAR ... 2	W. GEORGE TURNER ... 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 7
GORDON BENFIELD ... 4	DONALD R. MARSHALL... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DONALD R. MARSHALL.

First in the method for all and on the bells.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

PETER C. WRIGHT ... Treble	LEWIS NEWMAN ... 5
*REGINALD L. SILLS ... 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 6
*JOHN L. MORRIS ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 7
*EDNA M. SILLS ... 4	†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal and 20th with John L. Morris (aged 13). A 68th birthday compliment to Luther J. Honess.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*HILDRED S. WICKENS Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
*MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2	WILFRED W. RING ... 6
†WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	†THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
PERCY PAGE ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one extent of Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ... Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... 4
*JOHN CLEMENTS ... 2	*THOMAS COOPER ... 5
DAVID H. PEARCE ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in five methods.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Rev. E. Banks James' Arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. SYMONDS Treble	*REGINALD T. JONES ... 4
*DAVID H. PEARCE ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON... 5
JOHN D. ROCK ... 3	LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

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

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	*CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 4
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
CHARLES E. BROWN ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Minor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 240's by Pitman, four by Price, three by Morris and 20 120's with 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOAN WRIGHT ... Treble	FRANK R. MITCHELL ... 4
MARY SMITH ... 2	JAMES H. MUSSON ... 5
HENRY P. COLLINS ... 3	FRED J. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

Rung half muffled to the memory of Mr. C. Brockett, for many years churchwarden.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	DEREK WHITFORD ... 4
*JAMES W. WILLIAMS ... 2	ROGER LEIGH ... 5
KENNETH HARTLEY ... 3	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal 'inside' and first of Minor.

BRILL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY SABAN ... Treble	WALTER SPARROW ... 4
*FRANK C. PRICE ... 2	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 5
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First seven-method peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

BREDON NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE TO ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Oxford, (6) Kent T.B., and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 4
DOUGLAS E. ELLENDER ... 2	FRANCIS MILES ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CLIFTON-ON-DUNSMORE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

DOUGLAS E. ELLENDER ... Treble	HAROLD FOLWELL ... 3
ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 2	W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 4

WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bristow, who were married at the above church on July 16th, 1919.

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	*DAVID R. REED ... 4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
*JOHN HARTLESS ... 3	*RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford T.B., and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*BASIL H. HYATT ... Treble	F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... 4
†JOHN BARNES ... 2	†FRANK PEARSON ... 5
CHAS. E. G. BANHAM ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in five methods. First peal in more than one method on the bells since 1923.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two different extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM UPTON ... Treble	†BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 4
*FRANK S. TAYLOR ... 2	*JOHN H. HUNT ... 5
*LESTER BAILEY ... 3	†FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal in three methods on six bells. † First peal on six bells. A welcome to the new incumbent, the Rev. H. O. Mason.

OCKHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores each of Stedman and April Day, ten each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob (four callings), 14 of Grandsire (10 callings) and two 240's by Morris and Pitman. Tenor 5 cwt.

*GEORGE L. GROVER ... Treble	*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 3
*WINIFRED A. OLIVER ... 2	†HAROLD A. MAY ... 4

*†ERIC T. LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal on five bells. † First of Doubles in five methods. First in five Doubles methods for the Guild and on the bells.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Banks James' Arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... Treble	DEREK SANDERSON ... 4
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 2	R. FRANK BAKER ... 5
FRANK W. LACK ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First Surprise peal. A compliment to J. W. C. Blythe, now demobilised from the Forces.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PATRICIA SMEE ... Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4
TREVOR A. CROSS ... 2	*CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 5
*CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal in four methods. The conductor's 50th peal for the above Association.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Spliced Plain Bob, Double Bob, Spliced Single Oxford and Single Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN HAWTIN ... Treble	SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 4
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 2	C. WILLIAM HALL ... 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in nine methods by all the band and for the Guild.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and 3 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... Treble	†H. ANTHONY TREADGOLD	4
*M. ANGELA CARTER ... 2	CHARLES COLES ...	5
†AUDREY J. WEST ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell, and in more than one method.
† First peal. ‡ First peal on an 'inside' bell and of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.

* 350th peal and first in the method 'in hand' away from the tenors. First peal in the method as conductor on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

EDGAR VALLANCE ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ...	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ROY C. HURST ...	7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Arranged for Mr. Edgar Vallance, of Hinckley, Leicestershire.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ...	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	7-8

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

ALFRED JORDON ... 1-2	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ...	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal in the method with an 'inside' pair.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Mon., July 18, 1949, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

AT 68, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3-4
VINCENT W. RIGG ...		5-6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Minor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 14. Tenor size 17 in A.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... 1-2	*DANIEL T. MATKIN ...	5-6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ROY C. HURST ...	7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* 100th peal together. Arranged for Mr. Frank W. Perrens.

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LATE NEWS

Lincoln Diocesan Guild have lost their President by the death on July 20th of the Dean (the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell). He was a good friend of all ringers.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood writes to us from Rome telling of the beauties of St. Peter's and the Vatican.

Congratulations to Alan Jacques, the 17-years-old youth from Woodhouse, who rang in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. It was a big day for him in more than one sense, for by the time he reached home that night the distance he had cycled that day totalled 50 miles.

The brothers Henry and George Fearn have rung 300 peals together. What is the record of brothers' peals together?

After the peal at Linton, Kent, the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone.

Will anonymous and other correspondents kindly note that letters cannot be considered for publication without the name and address of the sender.

Messrs. George W. Hughes and Maurice G. Turner have completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. The peal of Doubles was at Rushall, Staffs.

Congratulations on ringing their 100th peal to three Kent County Association members—Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. W. A. Oldfield and Mr. Frank C. W. Knight.

Before their end-of-term service of thanksgiving and commemoration on July 22nd, six members of Chichester High School for Boys rang the back six of the Cathedral bells (tenor 21½ cwt.): Graham Challen (IIc) 1, Frank Lewis (IIb) 2, Colin Keen (IIIa) 3, David Braiden (IIc) 4, B. D. Price 5, John Finey (Ve) 6. As the 3rd and 4th were very heavy for their ringers, only rounds were rung. Graham and John are already veterans of the tower, and can ring changes. David Braiden hails from Westbourne; the others are regular ringers at the Cathedral.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. John R. Sharman, of Northampton, writes stating there are four round churches in the country, viz.: The Temple Church, London; St. Sepulchre's, Cambridge; St. Sepulchre's, Northampton; and Little Maplestead, Essex. We and our informant thank him for his correction of last week's Belfry Gossip item.

The marriage of Mr. Geoffrey Dodds and Miss Jeanne E. Askew will take place at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, August 27th, at 11.30 a.m.

The peal at Painswick on July 16th was the 50th twelve-bell peal of G. W. Critchley and Leslie W. G. Morris, and was rung for the birthday of Mr. G. S. Goulding, the local captain.

An interesting fact about the peal of Plain Bob Major at Downham Market, Norfolk, on July 10th, was that it was exactly 40 years since Mr. Edward Barker had rung a peal of Bob Major in the tower. The last peal was conducted from the treble by Mr. F. R. Borrer.

Ringling in Dudley appears to be in a sorry state. The following is culled from the Parish Magazine: 'We would appear to have come to a full stop in the ringing of our church bells. They have been silent for the past two weeks, notably on Civic Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday and the Sunday School Anniversary. There are not sufficient ringers in spite of several efforts made to secure recruits. Perhaps the solution is to resort to mechanical ringing, which can be done by one ringer. Kidderminster Parish Church has solved the problem in this way.' We trust that the Dudley and District Guild will take immediate steps even with visiting ringers for special occasions.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

'NON-RINGING BOB' QUOTED IN SERMON A PROGRESSIVE YEAR HELP FROM BELL RESTORATION FUND 199 NEW MEMBERS HONOUR FOR MR. F. SHARPE

IN true accord with the tradition of the past it was the 68th annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Oxford last Saturday. The event was well supported, and the reports presented denoted a year of progress with 199 new members, activities with bell restorations and the maintenance of advance in the matter of peal ringing.

Proceedings commenced with the Guild's service held at the Cathedral. Singing was led by a choir of ringers arranged by Mr. F. Sharpe. The Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) conducted the service and the address was given by the Rev. E. C. S. Lomas (Vicar of Bray) on the subject of collaboration. In church work, he pointed out, it was not the position they occupied but how they filled that position; it was not the work they did but how they did that work in the sight of God that counted.

The particular work prominent in their minds was the ringing of bells in their churches. Every man and woman, boy or girl, who was worthy of the name of ringer had at heart the perfection of his or her work and a real endeavour for good striking. They were naturally anxious that the Exercise should be progressive and that there should be a sustained interest for all by means of change ringing. Their basic motive was a particular job of work for God, to do it faithfully and well. It was so important that they should keep in their minds the answer to the question, 'Why and for whom were they ringing?'

In his particular branch of the Guild they were always sure of a very frank criticism of their ringing at branch meetings or in attempts for a peal in the person of that well-known non-ringing member known as 'Non-Ringing Bob.' But in their regular service ringing there was One above Who knew whether they were endeavouring to do their job faithfully and well.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg presiding, supported by Capt. A. R. Poyntz (Deputy Master), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Hibbert (hon. secretary) and Miss M. R. Cross (hon. librarian).

Among the apologies were those of Mr. J. Wilkins, aged 87, of High Wycombe, and Canon G. F. Coleridge, aged 93, who was in Devonshire.

The Master's report stated that he was able to attend most of the branch annual meetings. He had inspected the bells and given advice at Ashbury, and was glad to hear that the work on these bells was shortly to be put in hand. A notable piece of augmentation was the addition of two trebles at Shrivensham, and a memorable occasion was the dedication of the recast tenor at East Ilsley, in memoriam R. T. Hibbert. The standard of ringing appeared to be have been well maintained during the year, and new records had been set up in the spheres of Spliced Surprise Major and Doubles ringing.

The secretary in his report wrote that the year had been most successful. The increase of the annual subscription to 2s. 6d. should not prove a hardship to any individual; it was a remarkably low subscription for the privileges and pleasures of Guild membership. The publication of a comprehensive report after 10 years of absence meant starting from scratch. Miss Cross had proved herself a real worker in checking branch reports and typing them to specification for the printers.

They had had a slight increase in the number of peals, and again the Guild was well

to the forefront of the Exercise. It was gratifying to notice the firsts in methods and conducting. He could not help mentioning the names of W. F. Judge, A. R. Pink and G. Gilbert, but he would like to congratulate the conductor of the peal of St. Clement's Triples, which competent conductors would admit was a first-class performance.

The treasurer's report stated that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £558 19s. 4d., of which £500 12s. 2d. was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £15 3s. was contributed to the latter fund by Parochial Church Councils.

Mr. A. D. Cullum moved, and Mr. Corderoy seconded, the adoption of the reports.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Acknowledging the fact that no other name had been put forward for the position of Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg said he was always willing to make room for a worthy successor, although he had the interest of the Guild at heart.

The other officers were all re-elected, and elected to the committee were Messrs. G. Cauldwell, J. W. Wilkins, H. Sear, J. T. Fowler, R. White, W. F. Judge, G. Holifield, W. Dixon, Mrs. D. Fletcher, Messrs. C. J. Hibbert, A. R. Pink and B. S. Nicholls.

Oxford was selected for the Guild festival for 1950.

RESTORATION FUND GRANTS.

The committee recommended a grant of £30 to Hook Norton. The Rev. E. H. Nind said the work would cost at least £2,000, and within 18 months they had raised over £1,300.

A similar grant was made to Burford after hearing a report from Mr. Nicholls. He said it was found that bells three and four would have to be recast, and this work was not anticipated.

Towards Lewknor bells the branch had voted four guineas. Mr. Badger reported that the cost was £150; the band was very keen and the condition left much to be desired. The sum of £10 was voted.

Mr. C. Corderoy, reporting on Blewbury bells, towards which the branch was contributing £5, said the ringers had promised to raise £50, and the work had been started. A contribution of £10 was agreed to.

Mr. A. R. Pink moved that unless a grant from the Restoration Fund was claimed within three years of being voted, it should become void and a fresh application made if a grant was still needed. He said it was the common policy of the Diocesan Board of Finance to cancel grants if they had not been applied for after three years.

The secretary seconded, and this was agreed to.

A notice of motion was submitted by Miss Cross, asking the committee to consider redrafting a section of Rule 5 dealing with the position of resident ringing members leaving the district and subscriptions after the first complete year's subscription being considered as part payment of the life composition of a non-resident member. She said she would like to see a five years' time limit of membership imposed.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded and the motion was agreed to.

THE LATE MR. R. T. HIBBERT.

A recommendation of the general committee was submitted by Mr. A. D. Barker that a tablet be placed in East Ilsley Church to record the recasting of the tenor bell in memory of R. T. Hibbert, any moneys remaining in the fund to be transferred to the general fund.

Mr. Barker said that the tablet which was on view was cut by Mr. Lock.

Seconding, Mr. F. Sharpe commented: 'A very worthy memorial to a very worthy man.'

A GUILD BADGE.

Mr. T. J. Fowler said at the last committee meeting he suggested that the Guild should have a badge, and he was asked to submit a design. He obtained a design from the front page of 'The Ringing World,' which had been suitably engraved. The design had been seen by the officers of the Guild and his branch and they had approved of it. He had given an order for 200, and the die was being made. The cost of a badge or brooch was 2s. plus postage. It had a silver-oxydised finish.

The secretary thanked Mr. Fowler for his work and moved that the badge be accepted.

The Rev. Shelwood urged that there should be some qualification before a ringer should be allowed to purchase a badge—some degree of proficiency.

Mr. Fowler said the same principle should apply to the issue of Guild certificates.

The Master stated that he would like to see ringers have to earn their badges and certificates. It was eventually agreed that the issue of badges should be left to the discretion of the branch secretary.

The attention of the meeting was called to the fact that Mr. O. Francis had given 15 years' service as hon. auditor. The officers were empowered to make a suitable gift to him.

GUILD SERVICE.

The Rev. C. G. Seymour-Metford raised the question of the Guild's service, and said some of them felt they would like a change in the form of service. Something should be done to get it into a more liturgical form.

Mr. Cullum supported and thought it should be left in the hands of the minister. The matter was referred to the general committee.

MR. F. SHARPE.

A resolution was submitted from the Bicester Branch 'that in appreciation of the work done for the Guild in particular and ringing in general Mr. F. Sharpe be made a vice-president of the Guild.' The resolution was carried with acclamation.

The secretary reported that the Guild had made 199 new members during the year. Their election was confirmed.

A letter from Mr. Alan Pink stated that it was proposed to make a 'Campanology Corner' in the 'Oxford Diocesan Gazette.' It was decided to ask branch secretaries to send items of interest to Mr. Pink.

APPEAL TO PAROCHIAL COUNCILS.

The Deputy Master said in 1942 an appeal was made to Church Councils to make an annual subscription of 2s. a bell in their tower to the Bell Restoration Fund. The appeal was then very successful, but had of late decreased, only 15 parishes subscribing. The redrafting of the appeal was approved, the matter being left in the hands of Captain Poyntz.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund was taken and amounted to £6.

THE LUNCHEON

A company of 160 attended the luncheon in Christ Church Hall, at which the Master presided. The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe and responded to by T. W. White, who proposed the health of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild.' Ringing followed at various towers.

Dedication

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN.

For many years before the late war it was known that the six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) in the tower of the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Tanworth, were in need of attention, but it was not until the return of enthusiastic young ringers from the Forces that in 1947 it was decided to call for expert advice. As a result the Whitechapel Foundry was invited to retune and rehang the bells, five of which had been cast in 1707 by Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, and the tenor in 1733 by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston.

When the bells were taken from the tower in January, 1949, it was possible to check old records stating that in 1552 there were 'nij belles a saunce bel' in the tower, for the original timber foundations of these were still in position under the later wooden framework, though much weathered and worm-eaten.

Our plans had to be modified when the foundry reported the bells were too thin to retune satisfactorily, and as the cost of the original estimate had already been found by private subscriptions a further appeal was launched, and the foundry was requested to recast all the bells and rehang them from iron headstocks on ball bearings in a new steel frame.

On the suggestion of the captain of the Stratford-on-Avon band of ringers, we also asked for two pits for additional trebles to be included in the framework so that we might eventually complete the octave. Almost immediately following upon this we were offered the new bells as memorials to two former local residents, and by these generous gifts have been able to combine future with present plans. Within five months all this work had been completed, and local ringers and friends enjoyed a trip to London to watch some of the bells recast on July 4th.

Some misgiving was felt at a break with tradition when we were advised that our ringing should be removed from the ground floor of the tower into the room above owing to the long draught making the new 4 cwt. trebles difficult to handle. However, we tackled this development in the same spirit with which we had met other problems (for example, the bricking up of the tower windows, the removal of a ceiling above the bell chamber and the lowering of the bell chamber floor, as advised in the Central Council's 'Hints'), so that, thanks to a donation from the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, visiting ringers at the dedication service on July 9th were able to comment on the new neatly panelled walls and other furnishings of the converted junk-room, which included fluorescent lighting to give shadowless illumination of the ropes.

The eight bells are now hung in two counter-rotating lines of four swinging east and west and so roped that there is minimal thrust exerted against the tower, and we confidently feel that the whole effect gives us one of the neatest and nicest eighties in Warwickshire.

At the dedication service by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, tributes were paid to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the expeditious and thorough work carried out in under six months and to the captain of the local band, Mr. John H. Jones, who has been the prime mover of the efforts in Tanworth to raise the money required and to ensure that we attained all we set out to achieve.

Rounds were rung during the service by members of the local band, and the opening touch (504 Stedman Triples) after the service was rung by members of the St. Martin's Guild, to whose guidance and encouragement we owe so much. Over 60 ringers attended from Birmingham and the neighbouring dioceses, so Tanworth was regaled until after 8 o'clock with touches in all the standard methods. It is many a day since we had such a gathering in our small village, and in truth it was a day we and our friends will long remember with pleasure. J.W.J.

St. Ambrose's Guild, Bristol

21st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

On Thursday, July 14th, the Guild celebrated its coming of age, and members met during the evening of that day and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. A. T. Maggs, who was captain of the Guild for 17 years, and had to relinquish that office owing to moving from the district. It is interesting to note that all the captains there have been in the band, viz.: W. Lansdown, A. T. Maggs and C. Baker.

The festivities were continued on July 16th in the form of a thanksgiving service and a memorial for the members who have passed on. The address was given by Rev. F. C. Vyvian Jones, and the service conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. S. Lee, and was fully choral.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, about 60 members and friends sitting down. The usual speeches followed. The present captain, Mr. A. C. Baker, said how pleased he was to see so many friends there from near and far, amongst those present being Messrs. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary, Bath and Wells; John W. Jones and C. Greedy, Newport; W. B. Kynaston, Master, Gloucester and Bristol, and Mrs. Kynaston; Cyril Harding, hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol, and Mrs. Harding; Percy C. Williams, hon. treasurer, Gloucester and Bristol; and Mr. F. Hancock, Master, Bristol City Branch, together with members from the Bristol Rural Branch, Gloucester and Bristol, to which the Guild belongs. It was also pleasing to have present Mr. William Lansdown (the first captain) and Mr. Alan Liversedge, both founder members. The absence was regretted of Mr. A. T. Maggs.

The secretary said he was pleased to report such a healthy state of the Guild, its present active membership being higher than at any time; also he said that the bells had been rung twice every Sunday since they were installed 21 years ago, with but very few exceptions, except for the period during the last war when the ban was placed on tower-bell ringing.

The Vicar thanked the Guild for their loyal support to St. Ambrose's during the past 21 years, and expressed the view that if the next 21 years passed like the first all would be well. A vote of thanks was passed to the organist and choirmaster, Mr. A. E. Clarke, for his support, which was always gladly given and much appreciated; also to the ladies for their untiring efforts to make the social functions the success they always were. Further ringing was enjoyed by all present until 8.30 p.m.

There were many happy reminiscences recalled by the older ringers present, which brought to a close (all too quickly) a very pleasant afternoon.

50 YEARS A RINGER

The congratulations of the Exercise, and in particular the Essex Association, will be extended this week to Mr. G. Dawson, of Leytonstone, who has just celebrated 50 years of active ringing with St. John's Society, Leytonstone.

Mr. Dawson learnt his ringing at Kimberley, Norfolk, but moved to London in 1895. He was elected a member of the Leytonstone Society on July 29th, 1899, and became a prominent member of that band who were making history in the ringing of Spliced Surprises.

At the last annual meeting of the Essex Association Mr. Dawson's great work for the Association was recognised by making him a life member.

We feel sure his many friends will join with us in saying, 'Well done, George, and may that infectious smile of yours welcome us to St. John's for many more years to come.'

OBITUARY

MR. ADAM DEAS.

Mr. Adam Deas, secretary of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, a vice-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, passed away on July 15th.

He commenced ringing in 1912, and except for the 1914-18 war, when he served with the Forces in France, and was badly wounded, he had always been a keen and capable ringer and a regular supporter at Sunday services.

Mr. Deas rang about 220 peals, including Minor to Maximus, and conducted six. Amongst these were many Surprise peals of Superlative, Cambridge, London, and the usual standard methods. He will be greatly missed in the north for the work which he so loved, never tiring and never failing to give of his best to further the art and create friendliness in the belfry.

After the cremation service on July 20th a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Margaret Fidell, John Anderson, Joseph E. Keen and R. Alder Gofton. There was a large attendance of ringers from various towers around the district at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Turnbull, Vicar of All Saints', Gosforth. Mr. Deas is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son.

MR. ALBERT H. DRAYTON.

The sudden passing of Mr. Albert H. Drayton, of Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset, on July 17th, at the age of 52, was received by his many friends with profound regret. He was ringing in church that morning.

'Bert' was regarded as the father of the local band. He had been a ringing Master at Shepton Beauchamp for nearly 30 years, but only started change ringing two years ago. With his usual perseverance he had been successful in ringing three peals of Doubles and one of Triples.

The interment took place at Shepton Beauchamp and the service at St. Michael's was attended by a large number of people. He was carried to his last resting place by six ringers, and apart from the local band paying tribute there were present J. T. Locke (secretary, Crewkerne Deanery), T. J. Hill (Kingstone), A. Bond (Darrington), Mrs. E. S. Powell and J. W. Drew (Stoke-under-Ham), H. Hooper (Puckington), F. Virgin (South Petherton), and many others.

After the interment, the bells were rung fully muffled, and in the evening, with the bells half-muffled, 1,260 Grandsire Triples by H. Cornelius 1, D. R. Best 2, R. Beale (cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, J. T. Locke 5, F. Welch 6, K. Welch 7, W. H. Marks 8, all local ringers.

AN APPRECIATION.

The sudden death of Bert Drayton leaves the belfry of St. Michael's, Shepton Beauchamp, so very much the poorer. The Exercise also has suffered a great loss, as his ever-present attendance as a Sunday service ringer and his presence in church afterwards were an example and an inspiration to all who came in contact with him. He was a regular attendant at all meetings in the district. Only the day before his passing he cycled seven miles 'to assist,' as he put it, 'someone who was as backward as himself.' He leaves a widow and a daughter to mourn his loss. May he rest in peace. R. BEALE.

MR. RICHARD J. STONE.

The death occurred recently at Plymouth of Mr. R. J. Stone, late of Portsmouth. For many years he was attached to the company of St. Mary's, Portsea, and was an active member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, serving for a number of years as secretary of the Portsmouth District. His work took him to Bordon and finally to Plymouth. Wherever he went he made contact with the local band and was held in high esteem. The sympathy of his friends is expressed to his widow and two sons.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

SOUTHPORT.

Christ Church, Southport, ringers had their annual outing on July 16th, when, reinforced by some of Old Joe's Saturday band, they visited Lancaster, Hornby and Morecambe.

At Lancaster Cathedral we were joined by the enthusiastic secretary of the Lancaster branch, Mr. Skeats, an old member of our gang, Miss Elizabeth Suart and Mr. Woods. This grand ring of ten was soon set going to Grandsire Caters. Short touches of Bob Royal, Kent T.B. Royal, Stedman Caters and rounds gave everyone the opportunity to try their hand.

A lovely winding country road led to the old village of Hornby. Here some time was lost looking for the belfry key, until a resourceful lady ringer ran it to earth amongst the offertory plates. The less agile feminine members of the party, after one glance at the tortuous-looking staircase, retired down the road for a cup of tea, whilst their braver sisters ascended with many heartrending groans. Yorkshire Surprise, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung after the bells had been raised in peal.

At Morecambe, after tea, we were joined by some of the Aughton ringers, and an excellent course of London was rung, followed by Stedman and Oxford T.B. Major. The gentlemen scattered in all directions when one of the tougher members of the Ladies Guild got hold of the tenor and announced her intention of turning it in to Bob Major. Most of them took refuge downstairs with the handbells.

We rejoined the coach at 8 p.m., and further excitement was caused by two ringers who were nearly left behind. Their absence was discovered just in time. The last stop was at Broughton for supper to the strains of 'Slow Boat to China' and 'In a Shady Nook' from the juke box. Southport was reached at 11.30 p.m. after a very enjoyable day.

Our thanks are due to all the tower captains of the towers we visited, to Mr. Skeats for taking so much care over the arrangements, and to his second-in-command, Mr. Woods, and to Joe and Margaret for organising another successful trip.—V.D.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

On July 16th, the ringers of Bradpole, Dorset, had a pleasant outing. Starting at 8 a.m. with ringing and prayer, the band was soon enjoying the light ring of five at Whimble. The learners found the heavier ring at Alphington more of a task, but stuck to it manfully.

An excellent lunch at Exeter, and a short visit to the war-scarred cathedral preceded a happy afternoon at Teignmouth. Here the venturesome visited H.M.S. 'Battleaxe,' while others preferred terra firma, admiring the lovely flowers and glorious scenery.

Another touch at Dawlish and a call in at the fair at Seaton brought a happy day to a close.—M.R.V.

GREAT TEY.

Ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, with friends had their outing on July 16th. Before lunch at the Victoria Hotel, Rickmansworth, there was ringing at Loughton, St. James', Bushey, and St. Mary's, Rickmansworth.

At Farnham Royal the party was met by Mr. Henley. Then followed St. John's, Windsor, and tea at Ye Olde King's Head. St. Peter's, Staines, was the last stop, where Mr. Parker was waiting for the company. Home was reached at 12.30. The excellent arrangements were made by Mr. J. W. Dyer.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

A party of nearly 40 left Wroughton on July 14th for their annual summer outing. Swindon was the first call, where the fine ten at Christ Church were much appreciated. Then through delightful countryside to Abingdon in Berkshire and a first rate lunch at the Argyle Restaurant. While the ringing members adjourned to St. Helen's Church, the others toured the ancient borough, visiting the abbey, museum and the three churches.

Through a misunderstanding, Mr. Lock was not at the church to receive the visitors, who were apparently expected on the following Saturday, but Mrs. Lock made us all welcome while we rang rounds and Grandsire and Stedman Caters. It was but a short distance to Oxford, but owing to an unspecified 'festival,' St. Ebbe's was the only tower available. Some had cherished hopes of Magdalen, a more satisfactory ring to the heavy-bell men from Somerset, but they did quite well on the toys at St. Ebbe's, although a rope broke early in the proceedings, necessitating a splice, but the bells were soon raised again and there was some excellent striking. Tea had been booked at the Angel, where the variety of the comestibles satisfied everybody.

On the return journey a stop was made at Bampton, a really good heavy eight in a beautifully kept church; there was some well-struck Major here. The last tower was Fairford with its wonderful fifteenth century glass and a tuneful eight, rung from below the crossing, the ringers standing among the choir stalls. As it was the local practice night, the visitors were made free of the bells for the first hour, and then the locals joined with the men from Wroughton in Grandsire and Stedman. Fairford Church is quite a show-place, and one ringer, who had waited years to examine the windows, was gently chided for paying more attention to the glass than to the bells.

The final stop, for refreshments, was at Tetbury, and by this time rain had developed into a steady downpour, but it had been fine and sunny throughout the day, so who cared!

E. G. C.

ST. LAWRENCE'S, SEAL CHART.

This took place on June 11th, to Ramsgate, when a team of ringers, together with the Vicar and Mrs. Harryman, and their wives and friends, spent a most enjoyable day. Stops were made at the Parish Church of Sturry, the outside roof of which was undergoing extensive repairs, also at St. Lawrence's, Thanet, on the outward journey, and at Charing Parish Church on the homeward journey.

At each of these the bells were rung to Doubles and Minor methods, under the skipper, Mr. A. Wenban. It was a most enjoyable outing, which was given an added interest by the tourists being able to visit three very beautiful old parish churches in the Canterbury diocese. The local secretary Mr. R. Chalkin, made the necessary arrangements.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

Some 30 ringers and friends participated in the outing held on June 18th.

A start was made about 8 a.m., and the first tower, Middleton Stoney, was reached by about 10.30 a.m. All enjoyed visiting this delightful six-bell tower. After ringing at Deddington, an excellent lunch was served at Banbury.

During the afternoon ringing took place at Adderbury and Banbury, followed by tea, and then in the evening ringing at Bicester. A grand welcome at each tower testified to the fraternity in the Exercise.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Beale 1, R. Beale (composer) 2, H. R. Moore 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, R. Welch 5, F. Welch 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, J. T. Locke 8.

GRUNDISBURGH AND DISTRICT.

Starting from the wilds of Suffolk at 2 a.m. on July 9th and picking up on the route, we left Ipswich at 3 a.m. A 100-mile ride brought us to Northampton, where we partook breakfast, after which a further 75 miles landed us at Worcester. We were met here by Mr. Albert Walker and other famous Midland ringers. Cambridge Maximus on these noble bells was unsuccessful, due not to the bells but to ourselves. We were also met by the St. Alban's ringers, when touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob were successful.

A further 25 miles took us to Birmingham, where the two parties, together with our Midland guests, enjoyed lunch. From 2.30 to 7 p.m. we were busy ringing on the three twelves and two eights at Birmingham, after which we adjourned to the Tamworth Arms for refreshments and a social evening.

Mr. C. W. Pipe thanked Mr. Albert Walker for the splendid arrangements he had made, and a presentation from the Grundisburgh and St. Alban's ringers to Mr. Walker as a token of thanks was received by Mrs. Walker amid applause. Sunday morning saw us ringing at St. Martin's, where our striking was not up to the high Birmingham standard. Alas! we are not what we used to be.

Farewells were made at 11.15 a.m., and we reached Northampton at 1 o'clock for lunch. Here we were met by Mr. William Hammonds. Ringing was greatly enjoyed on the fine 10 at St. Giles', hung on plain bearings, where Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters and London Major were successfully rung.

At 5 o'clock we arrived at Cambridge, where we enjoyed tea, arranged by Mr. H. Martin. At Great St. Mary's Stedman Cinques, Treble Twelve and Stedman Caters were rung. A start was made for home at 6.45 p.m., reaching Ipswich at 10 p.m.

G. W. P.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.

At a meeting at Oaks-in-Charnwood on July 15th, with miserably wet weather, a small band of staunch supporters gathered for what turned out to be a most enjoyable afternoon and evening.

A service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. C. Holden, who welcomed the members to his church, adding that this was the last time he would be privileged to do so, as he would be leaving to take charge of a parish in another part of the diocese.

At the business meeting, with Mr. H. Over in the chair, it was decided that as the next meeting was to be joint with the Leicester District, it should be held at Hugglescote, where the bells have recently been rehung. Mr. Rowley, in moving the vote of thanks, wished the Rev. Holden every success at his new parish.

Ringling ranged from rounds for the beginners to Surprise Minor for the more advanced, and of the nineteen methods successfully brought round eight were Surprise.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The society's annual shield contest was held at Felkirk on July 9th. Five bands entered, the test piece being 600 changes in any method. The judges were Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, and Mr. H. Chant, of Felkirk.

The order of the ringing and the result were as follows: 1 Shelley, 164 faults; 2 Friesland, 101 faults; 3 Silkstone, 130 faults; 4 Meltham, 195 faults; 5 Cawthorne, 128 faults. Friesland were the winners and hold the shield for twelve months.

About 60 ringers and friends sat down to tea in the old schoolroom. The Vicar, the Rev. Donald Moxon, presented the shield to the conductor of the winning company. A pleasant afternoon was spent amidst glorious sunshine.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. W. White (cond.) 1, H. G. Summers 2, Miss A. Tibbs (first 'inside') 3, S. J. Oughton 4, C. H. Webb 5, W. A. Stote 6, J. W. Taylor 7, G. Gardner 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At the Church of St. Peter, on July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Carter (first quarter) 1, W. Harrison 2, J. Robinson 3, J. Carter 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, R. Edwards 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. Croft (first quarter) 1, B. Scott 2, H. Werrett 3, W. D. Pooley 4, E. G. Buck 5, R. V. Webb 6, J. S. Dear (first of Triples as cond.) 7, W. Collins 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINC'S.—At St. Andrew's Church on July 10th, 1,200 Minor (720 Cambridge, 240 Plain Bob, 240 St. Clement's): W. B. Bray 1, H. Judd 2, J. Scott 3, A. Tomlinson 4, P. Barnes 5, G. Moody (cond.) 6.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSELY, YORKS.—On June 24th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (240 each of Duke of York, Oxford, Sandal, Woodbine, and 360 Kingstone): Bruce Broadhead 1, Cyril Rusby 2, Fred Cowling 3, Roy Brogan 4, Herman Rusby 5, Noel F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Rung for golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Bolton 1, E. Harding 2, F. T. Bolton 3, E. G. Stevens 4, E. G. Swift 5, W. L. Gutteridge (cond.) 6. A compliment to E. Harding (82), ringer at Fulmer for 56 years.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ronald Kotting 1, Miss Margaret Kotting 2, John L. Morris (cond.) 3, R. W. Dent 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, F. C. Mounce (first quarter) 6. In honour of the birth of a son to F. C. Mounts.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Daynes 1, F. Morris 2, R. G. Long 3, J. Warner (cond.) 4, F. W. Richardson 5, E. Mounter 6, J. E. Warner 7, F. C. Shorter 8. Rung for silver wedding of J. E. Warner.

GRANTHAM, LINC'S.—On June 30th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Mattless 1, F. W. Finchbeck 2, E. Nidd 3, R. H. Parker 4, J. Watson 5, F. S. Parsons 6, T. A. Relf 7, H. R. Woods 8, T. H. Hall 9, S. Proctor (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Algonon Markham, late Bishop of Grantham.

HANBURY, WORCS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. Lewis 1, Miss C. A. Harding 2, H. J. Bentley 3, R. G. Morris 4, C. J. Clarke 5, G. E. Large (cond.) 6, A. Morgan 7, J. F. Nash 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 5. Farewell to Rev. G. V. Blois, Rector for 31 years.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On July 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Bullock 1, Miss P. G. Kitchen 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 4, C. A. Hughes 5, C. W. Ottley 6, R. H. Begrie 7, H. G. Andrews 8. Rung to honour the birth of a daughter to Mr. D. F. Harman.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Wenban 1, Edna Sills 2, F. P. Wright 3, Doris E. Colegate 4, R. E. Collins 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 1, 2, 3, 6.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On July 10th, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Y. Tyler 1, J. Chambers 2, W. Perkins 3, J. Le Marquand 4, J. J. Mawby 5, J. King 6, A. Bigley 7, J. E. Skerritt (cond.) 8. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. W. Perkins, a ringer for 60 years.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On June 5th at St. Mary's, 1,250 Stedman Triples: E. T. Beauchamp (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, D. W. Beard 4, J. H. Lott 5, C. W. Attley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, P. Hutchings 8.

QUARTER PEALS

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On June 16th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 each of London and Cambridge): Mrs. E. Bassett, (first of Surprise) 1, J. Bassett 2, A. Relfe 3, C. A. Bassett 4, H. T. Hammond 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On July 9th at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Anne B. Stockdale (Girton) 1, M. R. D. Harford (cond.) (Trinity) 2, B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) 3, J. B. Rowsell (Jesus) 4, A. S. Watt (Pembroke) 5, G. Dodds (Emmanuel) 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, A. Hart 2, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 3, F. Winter 4, D. W. C. Chant 5, A. H. Chant 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging and augmentation.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Thurlow (first in method) 1, F. Robbins 2, Miss P. Holmes 3, G. Hart 4, T. Collins 5, J. Crabbe 6, W. N. Genna (cond.) 7, H. Stratford 8. Rung for 628th patronal festival.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 10th, 1,200 Minor (720 Kent, 120 Oxford, 360 Plain): H. Whymark 1, R. Chambers 2, F. Hunt 3, F. E. Day 4, H. Hollocks 5, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On July 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Harris 1, F. Harris 2, D. Reed 3, W. Shute 4, J. Hartless 5, R. Tiller (first quarter in method) 6, R. Marlow 7, W. Cheater (cond.) 8.

ROCHDALE, LANC'S.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Taylor 1, Miss B. Brierley 2, Mrs. C. Hall 3, Miss M. Leach 4, J. A. Taylor 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. For the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On July 17th, 1,344 Bob Major: Arthur Stamp 1, Cynthia Edmundson 2, Shirley Bampton 3, Elaine Wright 4, Tom Cutts 5, George Preston (cond.) 6, Robin Rhodes 7, Norman Chadock 8. First quarter 2 and 3.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Hinds (first quarter) 1, H. Baker 2, Miss D. Corke 3, P. Turley (cond.) 4, L. Turley 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins 7, G. Davey 8. In honour of a visit from Bishop Dimieari, of Nigeria, and also a birthday compliment to Miss A. Hinds.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Bob Doubles, 420 Grandsire): A. J. Read 1, A. Peake 2, B. Bladon 3, Peter Anger (cond.) 4, T. A. Palmer 5, G. A. Newman 6.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. H. Myhill 1, H. Devenish (cond.) 2, H. W. Shadrack 3, A. Edwards 4, R. C. Thrift 5, L. J. Clark 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Annie White.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hunt 1, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 2, R. C. Chapman 3, H. Brookes 4, H. Price 5, F. C. Lyne 6, W. Cockings 7, J. Findon 8. First quarter 1 and 8. A 71st birthday compliment to 5.

STOKE BRUERNE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Old Doubles, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): P. Stewart 1, W. R. Hammons 2, L. B. Pailton 3, E. G. Bennett 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.—On July 8th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: G. Robson 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, W. Parker 3, W. Goldstone 4, R. Andrews 5, F. Price 6, R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, F. Shepherd 8. For the induction of the Rev. Eric Mark Johnson.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 10th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: H. Ridgway 1, G. Burton 2, W. Yates 3, T. E. Roberts 4, G. Holland 5, F. Green 6, G. E. Green 7, A. J. Green (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

LETTERS

ST. JOHN'S, LEICESTER, RECORDED

Dear Sir,—Regarding the recording of St. John's bells, Leicester, I have been privileged to hear a pre-publication trial run of this record, and I can vouch for its being a grand reproduction. As is well known, St. John's bells are very fine, a delight to ring on and a pleasure to hear. The bob course of Caters given is perfectly struck and the 'fall' is excellent.

I consider this record a great acquisition to all interest in this side of our art.—Yours faithfully,
ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I am much obliged to Charles Roberts for pointing out the falsity of Stephen Wood's composition of Grandsire Caters, and I beg to withdraw the claim to have rung a peal at Wington on May 7th last. I am sorry, particularly for those members of the band to whom the ringing represented an achievement. However, there is another day, and I can promise them that I will look thoroughly into the figures before we start, even if those figures be from Charles himself. After all, who would have thought that Stephen would have slipped?—Yours truly,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

CENTENARY PEAL MEMORIAL

On July 10th, before the evening service, a tablet in the belfry of St. John's, Goole, commemorating the ringing of the centenary peal of Grandsire Triples on May 1st, 1948, was unveiled by Mrs. J. Taylor, one of the ringers, and dedicated by the Vicar (Canon E. H. P. Rawlins).

Those present stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. H. Ludkin, who conducted the centenary peal, and who passed away suddenly a few weeks later.

Other ringers in the peal were: H. Drake 1, H. S. Moreby 2, J. Waud 3, Leonard Drake 4, J. T. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead 6, H. Ludkin 7, Geo. Waud 8.

CHESTER GUILD & N. WALES ASSN.

The third combined meeting of the above Associations was held at St. Chad's, Farndon, Chester, on July 16th, and again demonstrated the popularity of these meetings. Thirty-five members, representing eight towers from as far afield as Bangor, Caernarvonshire, attended, and the bells were kept going merrily to the standard methods in addition to touches of London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Kent and Oxford. The learners were well provided for with rounds and cross changes. The meeting happily coincided with the local festival of 'Rush Bearing,' and thereby served the dual purpose of a meeting and a celebration.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The ringers who attended the meeting of the North-Western District, held at Dorking on June 25th, spent a very pleasant time. Mr. Goldman met the visitors at 3.30 and also arranged for tea in the Church Hall.

At the meeting £1 6s. 6d. was collected for the Benhlton Bell Fund. Ringing continued till 8.30. A combined meeting with the Lewisham District of the Kent Association was arranged for October 1st at St. Peter's, Croydon.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Boyden 1, E. J. Butler 2, F. Oliver 3, H. E. Finch 4, J. Sadler 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. First in method for all except conductor. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Butler.

NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid.

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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Desmond Guy, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. Mayell, Brentwood, Essex, now on foreign service with Cable and Wireless in Nairobi, Kenya, and Mary Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hilliar, Bishopston, Bristol. 5525

MISCELLANEOUS

DELIGHT RINGERS' RECORD BOOK, specially designed for keeping all your records, quarter-peals, peals and towers visited, in one loose-leaf volume.—Details from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 5534

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during August.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5564

ALL RINGERS going up to Manchester University next session are asked to contact R. D. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 5562

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PRAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH', by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS', illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS' will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

INSTALLATION, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings. An essential Central Council handbook for every tower. Price 1s. post free. Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5551

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY AND LADIES' GUILD (Northern District).—A joint meeting will be held at Rotherham Parish Church (10) on Aug. 1st at 2 p.m. Tea at British Restaurant close by.—J. E. Turley and Miss D. E. Kelly, Hon. Secs. 5566

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 6th, Emmanuel, Clifton. Usual arrangements. Tea, York Place Cafe. Notify by Aug. 3rd to secretary. 5570

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton Conquest, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells 3. Tea 5.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5569

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Colemans Hatch (8), Aug. 6th, 3. Names by Aug. 3rd to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 5577

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting Ely and Cambridge Districts.—Histon (6), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5575

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Silchester, Aug. 6th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5573

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Warburton, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 5572

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Saturday, Aug. 6th, Parbold. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be supplied at a moderate charge only to those who notify Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, by Aug. 3rd.—J. Burns, Branch Sec. 5579

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sonning (8) on Saturday, Aug. 6th, 6-9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5561

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Abson and Pucklechurch (6), Aug. 6th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 5563

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Quarterly meeting, Foy (6), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 5565

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Chatham (8) on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. V. A. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, by Wednesday, Aug. 3rd.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5581

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Combined meeting with the Eastern Branch at Alford, Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Monday, Aug. 8th, to K. Ketteringham, 20, Hamilton Road, Alford.—W. E. Clarke and G. W. Moody, Hon. Secs. 5567

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Acton, Saturday, Aug. 13th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Rectory 5. Special welcome to kindred societies.—F. Finch. 5580

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chobham (8), Saturday, Aug. 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 10th.—F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 5571

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Bridlington Priory, Aug. 13th. Bells 8, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) 5, Church Institute. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington, by Thursday, Aug. 11th, latest. 5576

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daverney Branch.—Meeting Dodford, Saturday, Aug. 13th. Tea for those who notify me by Saturday, Aug. 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 5574

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be at Blossom's Hotel, Chester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Details later.—J. Kingdon, St. Bridget's Rectory, Chester. 5568

DEATH OF CANON F. B. MACNUTT

On July 17th the death occurred suddenly of Canon F. B. Macnutt, former Provost of Leicester Cathedral and Archdeacon of Leicester. He was formerly Vicar of St. Martin's Church, Leicester (now the Cathedral), from 1918 to 1938. It was owing to his great enthusiasm and untiring efforts that the bells at the Cathedral were increased from a ring of ten in 1937 to the present set of 15 bells. He was buried at Canterbury, and a special memorial service was held at Leicester Cathedral on July 21st, for which the bells were rung half-muffled. Later in the evening a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at the Leicester Cathedral.

BIRMINGHAM ORGANIST DEAD

On July 20th, as a token of respect for the memory of Dr. Wassell, the St. Martin's Guild of Change Ringers rang at Solihull Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters, 1,277 changes: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, A. Walker 3, T. Warner 4, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 5, W. C. Dowling 6, J. Bragg 7, H. Bragg 8, G. E. Fearn 9, V. W. Rigg 10.

Dr. Richard Wassell was for many years organist at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, and for the last six years had held that post at Solihull Parish Church. He died on July 17th.

CUBITT TOWN TENOR

With reference to Mr. Stote's recent letter, a correspondent writes that the weight of the tenor at Cubitt Town is given on a board in the tower as 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. By the size and sound of the bell this would seem to be about right, although there are many bells of twice the weight which go much better. Perhaps the heavier weight quoted by Mr. Stote is a due allowance for the extensive activities of the pigeons! Hatfield tenor, a D bell, must be more than 17½ or 18 cwt. It is usually given as 26 cwt., which is probably about right, although a recent peal report gave it as 23 cwt.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Holman (first quarter) 1. R. G. Morris 2. E. Wilson 3. Miss C. A. Harding 4. C. J. Clarke 5. A. Morgan 6. G. E. Large (cond.) 7. F. N. Flux 8.

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