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PEAL RINGING IN 1949

THE year 1949 will unquestionably go down in history as the most prolific one in the art of peal ringing. The total of 2,906 peals is far ahead of any previous accomplishment, and records to date for 1950 indicate that it is unlikely that this total will be reached during the current year. The popularity of peal ringing can be judged from the following progressive figures:—1945, 1,304; 1946, 1,795; 1947, 2,174; 1948, 2,639; and 1949, 2,906.

Of the 2,906 peals rung in 1949 2,524 were on tower bells and 382 in hand. There was a pronounced increase in peals of Maximus, the number being 47 against 17 in 1948. The cult of Surprise Maximus is a sign of progress, there being no fewer than 37 peals, recorded chiefly by the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the St. Martin's Guild. Many of these were first essays of the method on 12 bells. Peals of Cinques totalled 43, the same as last year, the honours being shared by St. Martin's Guild, the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Opportunities for 12-bell ringing are relatively few.

Peals on ten bells also showed an increase with Royal 109 (against 92) and Caters 99 (82). No fewer than 32 Associations scored peals on ten bells with Leicester again predominating. The list contains 14 different Surprise methods, and we are likely to see more extensions in the future. In regard to peals of Major there was a definite advance in aggregate and also some fine performances, the total being 1,052 against 957 in 1948 and 861 in 1947. In this field there was an expansion in Surprise ringing with 561 peals against 426. Cambridge maintained its popularity with 133 peals (107), followed by Yorkshire 88 (62), Superlative 69 (63), Bristol 62 (41), London 53 (45) and Lincolnshire 21 (9). Spliced Surprise Major showed another advance with 38 peals against 25. These peals were distributed among 19 guilds, an indication that this form of ringing is becoming more widespread and not confined to two or three bands. The best effort was a peal in 14 methods by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

With the growth of Surprise ringing there has been a drop in other Major peals which numbered 491 against 531. Plain Bob decreased from 222 to 197, Double Norwich Court Bob Major from 152 to 133, and Kent Treble Bob from 103 to 98. Can one assume from these figures that progress is more marked from medium ringers than from new entrants? This should be examined in conjunction with the drop of Triples from 346 to 335. Grandsire maintained its popularity with 190 against 199, but Stedman, for the third successive year, showed a decline, the totals being 129 in 1947, 124 in 1948, and 110 in 1949. Peals of Stedman Triples are so easily lost that many young conductors prefer to go for a Surprise peal for safety! In the Guildford Guild Stedman was for years the most favoured method; last year's record was two peals, partly due to a famous conductor being laid aside from peal ringing.

There was no diminution in five and six bell ringing, the number of peals being 839 against 821 in 1948 and 605 in 1947. Guilds that were in evidence were Lincoln Diocesan 53, Kent County 52, Chester Guild 48, Bath and Wells 48, Leicester Diocesan 48, Peterborough Diocesan 41, Worcestershire and Districts 40. Work of the Lincoln Guild was outstanding, with peals of 35, 32 and 26 methods and in the realm of Doubles ringing the Oxford Diocesan Guild had a peal in 25 methods.

Regular handbell ringing was largely confined to two centres—Bournemouth and Leicester—where enthusiasm almost reached fever pitch. There were 382 peals 'in hand' rung, and of this number 95 were recorded on behalf of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and 82 for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. In the previous year handbell peals totalled 274. Of special mention are the four peals of Spliced Surprise in four methods by the Hertford County Association.

Leicester Diocesan Guild had the amazing total of 267 in 1949 (against 141 in 1948), a figure never previously reached. Kent County Association, who, for the previous three years, had been the leading Association, dropped to second place with 168 peals (against 158), closely followed by Lancashire with 161 (146). Other leading positions were: Yorkshire 150 (111), Winchester and Portsmouth 148 (72), Chester 143 (128), Worcestershire and Districts 108 (62), Suffolk 106 (73), Norwich 94 (96), Oxford Diocesan Guild 94 (124). The Ancient Society of College Youths rang 25 peals and the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths 11. Of the Universities, Cambridge with 17 had a distinct lead over Oxford's 10 (the same as last year). The latter had the consolation, however, of scoring more peals on tower bells.

A word of praise is due to the Peal Analysis Committee, with Mr. Walter Ayre as convener. It is most exacting work compiling these tables. Nevertheless, they are well worth the labour as giving an indication of the trend of ringing in the British Isles, although it is to be regretted that our friends 'over the border' failed to score a peal for the Scottish Association.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

R. LEIGH (St. Cath's)	*Treble*	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's)	5
*S. E. DARMON (St. Jn's)	2	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.)	6
*G. DODDS (Emmanuel)	3	*REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.)	7
*G. ANDERSON-SMITH (G'n.)	4	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Guild.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT 2, CRANMER ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	1-2	G. DODDS (Emmanuel)	5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.)	3-4	A. B. STOCKDALE (Girton)	7-8
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)	9-10		

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT SAXON BARNS, GRANGE ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 11 in G.

REV. B. F. SHEPPERD (Sel.)	1-2	A. B. STOCKDALE (Girton)	5-6
B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity)	3-4	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	7-8

Composed by A. F. LEWRY. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. 26 lb. in C sharp.

*A. B. STOCKDALE (Girt.)	*Treble*	G. DODDS (Emmanuel)	6
*B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.)	2	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	7
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's)	3	REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.)	8
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity)	4	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.)	9
REV. E. BENSON (St. Cath's)	5	*A. S. WATT (Pembroke)	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Stedman.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Sep. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.)	*Treble*	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's)	5
*G. ANDERSON-SMITH (G'n)	2	*A. S. WATT (Pembroke)	6
*A. B. STOCKDALE (Girt.)	3	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	7
†A. R. GUY (Jesus)	4	*G. DODDS (Emmanuel)	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by G. DODDS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method for the Guild and on the bells.

A SUSSEX WEEK

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	T. MARK WHITE	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
*MAURICE J. THURMOTT	3	†R. GORDON CORBY	7
RONALD H. BULLEN	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
ARTHUR D. COOK	2	R. GORDON CORBY	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by C. EDW. JEFFRIES.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	HAROLD A. MAY	5
*W. NORMAN PARK	2	*T. MARK WHITE	6
*ARTHUR D. COOK	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

R. GORDON CORBY	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	PHILIP A. CORBY	6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
FRANK B. LUFKIN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

T. MARK WHITE	*Treble*	HAROLD A. MAY	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	*FRANK H. HICKS	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to John Thomas.

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EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues. Aug. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

R. GORDON CORBY	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK	5
*LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	*ARTHUR D. COOK	6
RONALD H. BULLEN	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	*HAROLD A. MAY	5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	*FRANK H. HICKS	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	*C. ERNEST SMITH	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	*WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal in the method. First on the bells and for the Association.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in A.

ARTHUR D. COOK	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
W. NORMAN PARK	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
First peal on the bells. An 83rd birthday compliment to Job Burley, a local ringer for 70 years.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

T. MARK WHITE	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-CONFESSOR,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*MAURICE J. THURMOTT	*Treble*	*R. GORDON CORBY	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
RONALD H. BULLEN	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

LEONARD H. BOWLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
HAROLD A. MAY	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	C. ERNEST SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	ARTHUR D COOK	6
PHILIP A. CORBY	2	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	8
LEONARD H. BOWLER	4	T. MARK WHITE	9
THOMAS J. LOCK	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	HAROLD A. MAY	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
LEONARD H. BOWLER	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. E. LANXON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
First peal in the method as conductor.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	*FRANK H. HICKS	7
HAROLD A. MAY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Major in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

ARTHUR D. COOK	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
*R. GORDON CORBY	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

R. GORDON CORBY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	5
MAURICE J. THURMOTT	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6
PHILIP A. CORBY	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. (No. 127). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

TEN BELL PEAL

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb.

ALAN J. BROWN	*Treble*	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	†ALFRED SMITH	7
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3	HAROLD WALKER	8
WILLIAM H. PICKETT	4	‡FREDERICK SEAGER	9
DAVID VINCENT	5	§EDWARD HUDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal in the method and on ten. † First peal in the method and of Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters. § First peal on ten. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rev. C. O. Ellison, president of the Association, as Archdeacon of Leeds. Also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Princess Elizabeth.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWENNOC,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY	...*Treble*	FREDK. W. ELLIOTT	... 5
JOHN D. NIBLETT	2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	... 6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	... 7
REV. C. K. DAVIS	4	H. FREDK. MYERS	... *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
Rung on Princess Margaret's birthday.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

PETER KINDRED ...	...*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
J. G. WILLIAM HARWOOD	2	GEORGE A. COOK	6
A. WILLIAM BIRD	3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ...	7
*WILLIAM SIDWELL ...	4	ARTHUR WIGMORE	... *Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. A 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. William Harwood. Ringers of 4th and 6th from Carlisle and Ashtead respectively.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. JACKSON ...	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	2	J. FREDK. MILNER ...	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ...	3	SHIRLEY BURTON	7
*DAVID G. JACKSON ...	4	†GIBSON JACKSON ...	... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside' (aged 12). † First peal in the method.

ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KEVERAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. J. D. NIBLETT	...*Treble*	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS ...	6
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ...	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	4	R. GEORGE CLEMENS	... *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
First peal of Triples on the bells.

MALTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

LEONARD RODMELL	...*Treble*	*HARRY SHORT	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	†FREDK. W. BISHOP ...	6
*SIDNEY R. ELWICK ...	3	BERT SUTTON	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	4	CHARLES BARKER ...	... *Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal on these bells for approximately 30 years. There is no known record of previous peal of Major having been rung on them.

TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY, KENWYN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	...*Treble*	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	5
THOMAS G. MYERS ...	2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	6
*MRS. J. D. NIBLETT ...	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	7
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ...	4	HERBERT C. SPENCER	... *Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 63). Conducted by H. C. SPENCER.
* First peal 'nside' in the method.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt, in D.

*ALBERT W. BEARD	...*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	5
JILL POOLE	2	*HENRY G. KEELEY ...	6
*DAVID W. BEARD	3	*CUTHBERT W. POWELL...	7
*ROGER KEELEY	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	... *Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by G. S. MORRIS.
* First 'touch' in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The first peal in the method for the Guild. A compliment to Elizabeth Faulknall and John R. Smith, of Leicester, on the occasion of their engagement.

WITTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SCOTT	...*Treble*	*ALFRED WILKINSON ...	5
ERIC HORNBY	2	A. GORDON LAWRENCE...	6
ELIZABETH MORTON ...	3	DAVID SMITH	7
BERNARD J. ONGLEY ...	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	... *Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal away from the treble. First peal of Little Bob on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd and for the birth of a son to the ringer of the 2nd.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	5
ISAAC EMERY	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	JOHN E. LYDDIARD	... *Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
Rung on the 60th anniversary of Isaac Emery's first peal, which was on the same bell.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	...*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS ...	2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ...	6
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
ALLEN MORGAN	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS...	... *Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
In memoriam William Short, of Clent.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER BERESFORD	...*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	5
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK...	2	JOAN BERESFORD	6
DENNIS BERESFORD ...	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ...	7
†HAROLD E. HARRISON...	4	†MARK N. CULLING	... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.
* First peal of Stedman Triples and first peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ernest A. Corbett and Miss Phyllis Perry.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

FRANK K. MEASURES	...*Treble*	*HARRY POYNER	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK ...	6
CECIL E. CARR	3	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	7
LEONARD TREVOR	4	JOHN GRANT	... *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method on tower bells. First peal as conductor in the method on tower bells.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

VICTOR A. JARRETT	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
*GLADYS K. JARRETT	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	‡WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
†CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

ERIC DODDS	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	A. LESLIE PEARSON	6
MRS. KATHLEEN PARR	3	DAVID J. CHARNLEY	7
SHEILA E. HARRIS	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by all, on the bells and for the Association. All the ringers are members of the local company. In memoriam Henry R. Newton, past Master of the Association, who was interred the same day.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt.

*IRIS B. CORDING	*Treble*	†ALBERT C. WENBAN	5
*REG. K. C. WILKINGS	2	GEORGE A. PARSONS	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7
*DENNIS NEAL	4	*CHARLES F. NEAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung for the patronal festival.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 46 cwt. in B flat.

JACK MUSSEL	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	5
JEAN M. BROWN	2	†DAVID R. REED	6
*WILFRED P. LAMBERT	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
HERBERT A. ABRAHAMS	4	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal on eight 'inside.' † 25th peal. 150th peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss P. Pope, younger daughter of Mr. W. H. Pope, captain of the local band.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

HENRY STALHAM	*Treble*	BASIL WHITE	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	*MAURICE THOMAS	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVITT	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
ALBERT W. BOND	4	RAYMOND WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Cambridge. A compliment to Mr. B. Challen on his 78th birthday and for his 60 years' connection with the tower.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
M. J. Morris' Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

*EDWARD J. CLEMENTS	*Treble*	§B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
†ERNEST F. PAYNE	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	6
‡WINIFRED MAY BURTON	3	E. CHARLES TURNER	7
†ERNEST MORRIS	4	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal. † Both have now 'circled' this tower in peals. ‡ First peal in method. § First peal 'inside.'

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THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London and Norwich Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*ANSLEY BOWERS ...	...*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL ...	4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ...	2	JOHN A. MAYNE	5
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	CECIL C. MAYNE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Minor.

CHISELDON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Marlborough Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. FARMER ...	*Treble*	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON...	4
WILLIAM E. COURT ...	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ...	5
*FREDERICK J. READ ...	3	WILLIAM A. FARMER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Plain Bob Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells, augmented to six in 1938.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

*GEOFFREY E. LARNER ...	*Treble*	*RONALD G. LARNER ...	4
*GEORGE R. POWLES ...	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
*DENNIS W. GREEN... ...	3	†ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are local men except conductor.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CHAS. F. TOVELL '...	...*Treble*	EDWARD BARKER	4
ERNEST A. SHIPP	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	5
TOM GREENACRE	3	WILLIAM ROSE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL ...	*Treble*	D. A. GODFREY	4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ...	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
*ANSLEY BOWERS	3	CECIL C. MAYNE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 120's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	4
URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	2	*CECIL W. PIPE	5
*FREDK. W. ORRIS ...	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE T. BUSSEY ...	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
*KATHLEEN HARRISON ...	2	KENNETH L. BROWN ...	5
J. G. WM. HARWOOD ...	3	ALBERT G. HARRISON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*E. WINIFRED KEYS ...	*Treble*	‡W. GEORGE CHALLEN...	4
†NORMAN J. SMITH ...	2	†‡HENRY W. STOVELD ...	5
†ENID LONNEN	3	PETER N. BOND ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor, and the first peal on the bells since recasting of the tenor. A birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*DAVID S. HARRIS... ...	*Treble*	*HARRY POYNER	4
*WILLIAM A. LACEY ...	2	†TERENCE A. THORNBER	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ...	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

KENNETH L. BROWN ...	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	4
ELSIE K. FULTON	2	WALTER C. MEDLER ...	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	VINCENT R. OVENS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Ringers of 2nd and 4th are from Harrow Weald.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*FRANCES JOHNSON ...	*Treble*	HARRY BLACKBURN	4
GEORGE MILLS	2	WILFRED RILEY	5
WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	3	CHARLES BLACKBURN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.
* First peal. All the seven 720's were from the Central Council's book of Rules and Diagrams, and were rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BARNSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Plain Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD W. CARBUTT ...	*Treble*	STANLEY DANCE	4
*MARJORIE PERKINS ...	2	EDWIN ATKINSON	5
PETER CARBUTT	3	HARRY MANN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD W. CARBUTT.
* First peal of Treble Bob and first in three methods. First peal by a lady ringer of Barnsley on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Miss Marjorie Perkins, who is leaving for college.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents: (1) Plain and Double Bob, spliced, (2) St. Clement's, (3) College Single, (4) Single Court, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*ROYSTON WILMORE ...	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM HALL	4
†DENNIS BURNETT	2	JAMES W. BOWLEY	5
RICHARD E. MANTON ...	3	ROLAND BENISTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor on 'inside' bell.

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL

The old market town of Wokingham was the centre of this year's joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Guildford Diocesan Guild (Farnham District), Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (Basingstoke District) and Oxford Diocesan Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch). Some 80 members from these districts were joined by visitors from a wide area, including Purton (Wilts), Crayford (Kent), Leicester and Norwich, making a total of about 140.

Proceedings opened unofficially at Finchampstead at 1 p.m., where the six bells of St. James' Church were rung for about half an hour for the benefit of a well-known ringer from Norwich, who was later to play an important part in the day's programme. The local band attended in strength and continued ringing after the visitors departed. At 2 p.m. the towers of Easthampstead (6), Binfield (6) and St. Paul's, Wokingham (8), were open and were made good use of by local and visiting ringers. At All Saints', Wokingham, a wedding held up ringing until 3.20, but as soon as the happy couple departed, the ringing chamber felt the full force of ringers eager to ring before service.

It was good to see the church so full for service, which was conducted by Rev. G. Kenworthy, Rector, and at which the preacher was Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, formerly curate at this church and now so well known at Norwich.

Tea followed at the Church House. The number present, many of whom had failed to notify, gave the officials of the Sonning Deanery a busy time finding odd chairs and tables, but eventually all were seated and a good tea, provided and arranged by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brooks, of All Saints', enjoyed.

At the conclusion of the meal, the chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch welcomed the visiting ringers to Wokingham and expressed the hope that all would enjoy their visit. Votes of thanks were expressed to the Rector of All Saints', the organist and caterers, and all who had worked to make the meeting a success.

Following tea, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Miss A. Diserens 1-2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3-4, A. H. Pulling 5-6, N. Shepherd 7-8, H. J. Poole 9-10.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow then entertained the company with some films taken at Whitechapel Foundry and Norwich, and, although the sun did its best to beat the black-out curtains, some really interesting films were shown accompanied by an even more entertaining commentary from the producer, who made everybody understand that, now its bells are in order, the Church of St. George, Colegate, is the most famous church in Norwich.

At 6.30 everyone began to make their way by coach, car or cycle to the six towers open in the evening. On the pleasant six at Binfield, the not-too-tuneful six at Arborfield, and the rings of eight at Hurst, Warfield, St. Paul's and All Saints', Wokingham, touches, some good, some not so good, were rung to suit all present, and at all these towers local foremen and their ringers were in attendance to ensure that no one arrived and found an empty tower. Thus ended at 9 p.m. the first such festival to be held in Wokingham, and, it is hoped, the first of many more.

B. C. C.

Beverley & District Society

Sixty members and friends of the Society attended the meeting held at the Priory, Bridlington, on Saturday, August 12th. During the afternoon and evening visitors coming from as far afield as Darlington and London were welcomed in the belfry and joined in the ringing.

Canon Lamb conducted the service in the Priory Church and the Rev. G. Storer read the lesson. Canon Lamb welcomed the Society and visitors from other areas, and spoke of the fellowship between ringers which was so evident in his own belfry by the large number of visiting ringers who helped with the ringing during the holiday season.

The tea and business meeting were held in the Church Institute. The Rev. G. Storer thanked the Society for the help he had received at the dedication of Hutton Cranswick bells, and requested that a record of the event be placed with the Society's minutes.

The ringers returned to the tower and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

5,056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER.

23456	W.	B.	M.	H.
52436	—			
23564	—	x		2
23645	—	x		3
64235	—			—
24536			—	
32546	—			3

Three times repeated, with S. half-way and end.

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Mr. R. G. Rayfield, of the Dartford band, is now out of the County Hospital, Dartford, after his sudden serious illness, but regrets it will be some time before he is able to take his place with his many ringing friends. He thanks those who have made inquiries as to his progress.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Blondell, the ringer of the treble in the peal of Double Norwich at Warnham on September 2nd, is in his 81st year, and last rang in a peal, in the same tower, in 1913. It was Cambridge, with Alfred H. Pulling as conductor. On that occasion the band were attempting four peals in a day. A peal of Bristol had already been rung before breakfast. Then came the Cambridge, and after lunch a peal of London was lost after 2½ hours owing to two bells crossing over.

Princess Elizabeth has shown her interest in the peal rung at Naseby. In a letter Her Royal Highness asks her thanks to be conveyed to all the ringers.

It should be pointed out that the bells at Oakham, Rutland, are a Gillett and Johnston ring, not Taylors as stated in the recent report of the Roving Ringers' tour. The recast tenor is 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb., not 22¾ cwt. as printed; 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. was the weight of the old tenor.

Although Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, has been ringing for 60 years, the peal of Stedman Triples in his home tower on September 2nd was his first peal with members of the fair sex. Never too late to mend!

Barwell ringers and friends, accompanied by ringers from Hinckley and Earl Shilton, visited Netherseale for an evening outing and they rang touches ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Major on the fine bells of the Parish Church. They were met at the church by ringers from Overseale, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Repton and the local tower, including the Rector, to whom many thanks are extended for the use of the bells. The evening concluded in a social atmosphere, during which handbells were rung to the delight of the local inhabitants.

We have heard of 'change ringing' and 'scientific,' but a new one is recorded by a correspondent. Recently a young ringer enquired, at a call-change tower, of one of the ringers after Sunday service, when practice was held. The reply was, 'We don't have no practice, but you should go to Isleworth; they allus ring them new-fangled changes there.'

Mr. R. H. Addis, of St. Mellons, Cardiff, is anxious to ring a 'Masonic' peal in S. Wales. He wonders if there are enough ringers who are members of the craft in South Wales who will respond.

To her great disappointment, Mrs. P. A. Corby was unable to go on the recent Sussex tour as her small son decided to develop measles the day before the tour was due to begin. He is quite well again now.

Mr. Clem Glenn writes: Jack Worrall has slipped up with his French. In the last paragraph of his letter the verb 'attirer' (to attract) should surely have the future, not the preterite, tense, and be spelt attirera, not attira.

Mr. John E. Bibby writes from Frodsham, with reference to the youngest ringer in royal birth peals, that his son, William G. Bibby, aged 12, probably has this distinction. The peal the latter rang in was at Runcorn on August 23rd.

Congratulations to Miss Joan Beresford, of Lichfield, who at the age of 18 has called her first peal of Stedman Triples. It is a long time since Henry Johnson, who was born in Lichfield, first called Thurstans'. It would be interesting, writes a correspondent, to know how many ladies have conducted a peal of Stedman Triples.

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CARBIS BAY RINGING WEEK

THE annual Carbis Bay ringing week was held this year from Aug. 19th to 26th, and was, in the opinion of some of the 'regulars,' the most enjoyable of the series.

As usual, most of the party were accommodated in the Vicarage, a building which seems to be able to absorb ringers out of all proprtion to its cubic capacity. An excellent programme had been arranged, enabling visits to be made to 26 local towers, while a peal was attempted each week-day, usually in the morning. Transport, so essential in Cornwall, was fortunately available, and a small convoy of cars was in use daily. These factors all contributed to the success of the week, which will be remembered, not only for the enjoyable ringing, but also for the spirit of comradeship which prevailed.

The first peal (Plain Bob Major) was at Carbis Bay on Saturday evening, and its success was ascribed by some to be due to the unusual opening command of 'Go next tuft.' This saying, attributed to Lancashire, became the talisman of all future peals!

On Sunday, in addition to the normal service touches, the visitors rang during the afternoon at St. Hilary's (6), where one of the party apparently lost his way during heavy rain, while listening to the bells. From there some, tempted by an additional tower and a grand Cornish view, went to Gulval (8) to ring for the evening service. During the evening what must be surely the 'smallest handbells in captivity' appeared from their case, and patient efforts were made to steer the 'Delight' band through a course of Bob Minor. Subsequently the handbells were used for more advanced methods, tune ringing and crazy ringing.

A successful peal of Grandsire Triples at Towednack was rung on Monday morning in such record time that the sightseeing remnant, stealing a visit to Land's End, only returned just before we departed. Afterwards we drove over the moors to ring at Zennor (6), where we renewed acquaintance with the mermaid. Leaving the north coast, we then turned south to have a short ring on the six at Ludgvan before spending a most enjoyable hour on the lovely eight of St. Mary's, Penzance.

COMPETITION.

There was much competition for the peal of Double Norwich at St. Gluvias on Tuesday, and threats were made of poisoning the early morning cups of tea. However, the original band survived to make the attempt, but, sad to say, the peal was lost after about an hour. We then visited St. Budock, where some unfortunate workmen were pointing the tower just outside the louvres. Not wishing to cause an accident by any too sudden descent from the scaffolding when the boom of the ring of eight burst on their unsuspecting ears, we felt it our duty to warn them. Undaunted, they decided to continue work at all costs, but took the opportunity of canvassing for orders to repair all the towers represented by the party! The delightful six at St. Mabe next received general approval, and it was there that it was discovered that, in the opinion of one member of the party, organ snatching was almost as important as tower snatching! The convoy then moved on to Perranwell, where the six bells were considered by one ringer to be so good that it was difficult to persuade him to leave at the correct time. The day's programme culminated in a visit to Truro Cathedral, where we were given a warm welcome by Mr. Southeard, the Diocesan Ringing Master. We left with the sound of these glorious bells still ringing in our ears as we began our long drive back to Carbis Bay and the usual 'good square meal.'

On Wednesday our start was delayed as one car developed a distaste for Carbis Bay hill. Eventually, however, we reached Crowan, but an attempt at Plain Bob Major came to grief after 2½ hours. After an enjoyable ring at Wendron (6), we proceeded to Helston, of Furry Dance fame, and from there on to Phillack, another excellent ring of eight. It was there that the party was introduced to Cornish call changes and found it difficult to remember to lead in the local fashion.

THE BEST PEAL.

On Thursday we rang the best peal of the week on the magnificent bells at St. Keverne (18½ cwt.) Having failed here in each of the three previous ringing weeks, the band this year was determined to break the spell, and to strike Grandsire in a manner worthy of such bells. It was generally agreed that this had been achieved. Indeed, one listening ringer spent most of the three hours walking slowly round the church, murmuring with a beatific smile, 'Beautiful, beautiful!' Then we drove through lovely Cornish country to St. Anthony-in-Meneage (8) in its beautiful situation overlooking the Helford river. The famous whipping stone in the churchward will long be remembered by those who witnessed the position assumed by two popular members of the party! The next stop was at Manaccan (6), famous for the fig tree growing out of the wall. We rang there until hunger (or was it thirst?) drove us in search of tea. We then proceeded to Mawgan where the treble ringer's attempt to adjust the strap of his sandal while ringing led one to believe that he was dancing a jig. The last ring of the day was on the new six at Paul. We were all impressed both by the quality of the bells and by the progress made by the local band—all of whom are new to the Exercise.

Friday morning began with high hopes of a peal of Plain Bob Major at Tuckingmill, but, in spite of some enjoyable ringing, it was lost when only five courses from the end. A visit to Stithians followed (another recently hung six), and from there to two detached towers, Gwennap (6) and Illogan (6). Perhaps it was the wait in the rain while the key was procured—or was it merely the culminating point in a week of hilarity that accounted for some of the crazy ringing that followed? One ringer even decided that in the confined space it would be simpler to sit while ringing! Friday evening saw us in a more normal mood at Carbis Bay practice.

It had been decided that Saturday should be reserved for a second attempt at Double Norwich. The band, mostly with packed luggage, visited Kenwyn, and this time the peal was successful. Unfortunately this was our last venture, and after tea the party regretfully dispersed.

All were unanimous in their agreement that it was a most enjoyable week, and we would like to express our deep gratitude to the Rev. and Mrs. Roberts for their delightful hospitality and for arranging and organising such a tour. J. O. N.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

A joint meeting of the Crewkerne and Ilchester Branches at Drayton on September 2nd was well attended by ringers from Yeovil, Martock, Drayton, Curry Rivel, Shepton Beauchamp, Kingstone, Puckington, Langport, Lemington, Stoke-under-Ham, Hardington Mandeville, Buckland Newton, Piddlehinton, Templecombe, Milverton, Wellington, Stalbridge, Clevedon, Taunton, Kenn (Exeter) and Melksham and Chippenham (Wilts).

The Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Philipson) conducted the service and gave an address. Preb. G. W. Saunders (chairman of the Ilchester Branch) thanked the Vicar, the organist and the local ladies who had provided an excellent tea. He remarked that the attendance proved that joint meetings could be a success.

Curry Rivel bells were available in the evening.

Freedom Bell Completed

On Aug. 25th the giant 'Freedom Bell,' cast recently in the factory of the Croydon firm of Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., in the presence of the American Ambassador, left the firm's foundry on the first leg of its lengthy trip to its final resting place in the heart of Berlin. After being exhibited in America and Germany, the 8ft. high, ten-ton bell will be hung in Western Berlin as a symbol of the new Crusade for Freedom, an American organisation of which General Lucius Clay is chairman.

The bell is decorated with five symbolic figures representing the five races of the earth, each holding jointly a torch of freedom. These were modelled to designs sent from America by a well-known London sculptor, Atri Brown, and in addition the bell is inscribed round the lip with the words, 'That this world under God shall have a new birth of freedom,' a paraphrase of Lincoln's words at Gettysburg.

The bell, which has a counterbalanced clapper and headstock, swings frame high, and despite its size, clappers correctly when ringing. It can be rung easily by a man on each wheel, but when installed in Berlin it will be rung electrically by two 2 h.p. motors.

The pitch of the bell, which is E, compares well with Big Ben, its lowest tone being nearly two octaves below middle C. It has been tuned on the Simpson principle. The permanent frame in Berlin will be of heavy enough construction to allow for open ends so that the bell may be better seen.

In America it is intended to transport the bell assembled in a frame specially made at Croydon for the purpose, and to ring it in all the cities which it will visit and possibly also when it is on the move from place to place. Moneys subscribed during this campaign will go towards the broadcasting stations to penetrate the Iron Curtain.

The dedication of the bell in Berlin is expected to be on United Nations Day, October 24th, when its voice is to be broadcast throughout the world.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN

PRESENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. E. M. ATKINS.

The peal of Bob Major rung at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, reported in 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 1st, was a farewell peal to the conductor, Mr. E. M. Atkins, who is retiring from the Patent Office to live in Teignmouth, Devon.

After the peal the ringers, joined by other members of the belfry and friends, had a dinner and then adjourned to the Parish Room. The proceedings were opened by Mr. D. C. Birkinshaw, who said that the belfry would miss Mr. Atkins after 28 years as conductor. He reminded them that they had had as their leader one of the most prominent members of the Exercise, who had in all these years given up his time in the most unselfish manner to training bands of young ringers.

The Vicar, in making the presentation, said that for his part he had not only to thank Mr. Atkins for his work in the belfry, which he thought was rather the equivalent of Dennis Compton giving up his time to training the boys' club to play cricket in Paddington Recreation Ground, but also for his work in the church and especially as Vicar's warden. He then presented Mr. Atkins with an electric drill equipment.

Mrs. Atkins was also thanked for her work on the social side of ringing, for the many happy evenings the ringers had enjoyed at the Atkins' home, and presented with a large bouquet of flowers. They were then presented jointly with a standard lamp and several other gifts subscribed for by ringers and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins responded suitably.

D. M. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN, 1951

Dear Sir,—At a general meeting of the Universities' Association at which I was privileged to be chairman, during the recent ringing week in Lincoln, some ideas were put forward about the part which ringers should take in the 1951 Festival of Britain. This Festival and the contribution which ringers can make towards it seem so important for the future of the Exercise that any good ideas on the subject should be put before the whole Exercise quickly, and acted upon as soon as possible whilst the preparations for the Festival are going on. So here is the contribution from the above meeting, in the form of six suggestion:—

1. A special day, possibly the opening day of the London Festival Centre, might be appointed for the ringing of peals wherever possible throughout the country.

2. An effort should be made **as soon as possible** to ensure that demonstrations of ringing should be included in the published programmes of events issued by the various local authorities.

3. A cheap and popular pamphlet should be published which could be distributed in large quantities, at many local centres, to the public. The material could be supplied by the Central Council, and worked up into popular form, possibly by some really well-known writer whose name could be attached. This could be published by the Central Council and bought by local companies at something like 7s. 6d. per hundred. It could be distributed to the public gratis. This should be prepared **now**.

4. The authorities of the various dioceses, who already often have exhibitions at country shows, should be invited to sponsor exhibitions of bells and ringing at these. A similar exhibition should be prepared for **now** at the London Festival Hall, and similar exhibitions at the Imperial Institute, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, the Festival Church.

5. A film of bell founding and ringing, even better than any hitherto produced, should be produced for general exhibition at cinemas.

6. Individuals in every place are urged to use their own initiative, **now** and not later on, to see that they get ringing into the programme. It is useless to wait for invitations and then wonder why they are not forthcoming.—Yours faithfully,

GILBERT THURLOW.

A UNIVERSAL BADGE

Dear Sir,—In connection with the Festival, may I suggest to the committee and to the Exercise in general that this would be an excellent opportunity of inaugurating a universal ringers' badge, which could be of a general design (thereby reducing the cost of dies, etc.), with provision for the name of the Association, Guild or Society to be engraved as required.

If the suggestion already put forward, that the bellfounders jointly erect a ring of bells in London, were to materialise, it would be a considerable help to the general public to see and recognise ringers by such a badge. It would also identify ringers to each other, as there is no doubt that many will visit London and other places during the period of the Festival.

Each Association, etc., could circularise its members and form a good idea of the number of badges required in a very short time, and so enable the committee to decide whether such a project would be worth while.

Perhaps other members of the Exercise would care to express their views on the matter.—Yours sincerely,

S. SCATTERGOOD.

Chesterfield.

RINGING IN DEVON

Dear Sir,—Mr. Corby's reference to 'stiffen the bells' is new to me. I think it refers to the fact that round ringers rather 'overring' their bells and turn them quickly, keeping a very tight rope. Thus the bells race round and round.

When Mr. Corby conducted a peal of 'Spliced Surprise' at Okehampton two years ago the comment of a good local ringer was, 'I sat in my garden and listened; the ringing was fine, but I don't understand the pauses.' On the other hand, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by quite an ordinary band, a ringer said, 'Never heard the bells rung better." Call-change ringers do not understand Major ringing and prefer the tenor behind.

Quite recently, the captain of a good local band said, 'I like scientific changes if the bells be struck well.' There is no doubt that many round ringers have respect for scientific ringing and would be pleased if they could ring Grandsire or Stedman well. But all call-change ringing is not good. I know of a ringer who continued ringing for a long time after the clapper of his bell had dropped out. When asked to chime his bell, he was surprised, but even so, a bad striker has a sorry time with a good captain. Call-change ringing, however, requires alertness. It is not exactly easy to stand in with a good call-change band. Nor is it easy to keep a bell striking statically round after round. The lack of dynamic is stultifying. Are method ringers wise in neglecting good rounds before embarking on changes?

The prejudice of call-change ringers in Devon probably dates from the early days of the Guild when it was the practice to follow the course bell without regard to taking each bell in order with due care. 'Clipping' offends anybody's ear. Change ringers know this, and round ringers have ears.

In prize or certificate ringing, referred to in another article, the striking of a band comes under expert review, and the effect of Devon ringing festivals is to improve striking. After all, service ringing, whatever the method, meets with public approval if well done. Our president, Prebendary Cox, insists on good striking, and this means something more than rope-sight and knowledge of method. The blows must be struck with musical effect, little bells wide of big bells, and of this the ear is the only judge.

I think often of an old friend who was keen on Cambridge Major. In his workshop I often saw the 'zig-zags' of his favourite bell. At a meeting, Dick stood in for a touch. He successfully negotiated his bell through to half-way, and then, when the ringing was going quite well, he set her. When asked why, he replied, 'Couldn't remember the rest.' Was Dick right or wrong?

FREDERICK C. SMALE.

Okehampton.

RINGERS AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—Recently I have aroused the interest of a very good friend of mine in the art of ringing. However, there is a serious drawback to his taking up our noble and ancient craft: he is not a member of our Communion, and as such he would be unable to participate in Sunday ringing—our primary aim.

What I would like to know is what would be the attitude of clergy, ringing Masters and ringers in general to such a person, who would only attend practice nights and meetings, yet didn't ring for service?

Thanking you for the use of your columns for this enquiry,—I am, yours faithfully,

P. B. DERBY.

Manchester.

Ancient Churches

Dear Sir,—I am in entire agreement with Mr. Felstead that 'The Ringing World' is not intended for religious argument, but as the ball has been thrown I feel it my duty to return it. He states in his letter that the inhabitants of this country would not see any break in religion at the Reformation. Why then was it necessary to dissolve the monasteries and despoil the churches? Why the penal laws which lasted for three hundred years? The 'Anglo-Catholic' and continuity theories were only introduced with the Oxford Movement during the last century, and some of the most energetic protagonists of that movement, and thousands of humbler followers, have realised the error of their ways and made their submission to the Catholic Church.

I really cannot understand how educated and intelligent people can lapse into such wishful thinking and delude themselves with the idea that the ancient church of this country was not the true Catholic and Apostolic Church in complete union with Rome. That church was suppressed in the sixteenth century due to the political situation (just as is happening in Eastern Europe to-day), and the Church of England, 'by law established,' set up in its place. Now some people are realising the folly and malignity of the legislators of that time and are wanting to be Catholic but cannot 'swallow the Pope.'

I have had my say, Mr. Editor. If the ball comes back, and I have no doubt it will if you allow it, I shall leave it to abler brains than mine in the ringing fraternity to defend the Catholic viewpoint, and I don't mean 'Anglo.'

CHARLES McGUINESS.

Lincoln.

BOTH CHRISTIAN

Dear Sir,—I had not expected that a statement of historical fact would evoke the letters of Messrs. Caple and Felstead, and beg your indulgence for a brief reply.

All our old cathedrals and great churches, practically without exception, were built by the Normans, usually on the site of a smaller church (the natives of that period, and long afterwards, not having the ability to plan and erect such edifices), and it is certainly news to myself that these people, invaders from a foreign country, were Englishmen and C. of E.!

I am aware of missionary effort earlier than Augustine, but they came from Rome, direct or via the Continent. The statement of both that we **were** in communion with Rome and not of it is amazing. Rome then, as now, does not tolerate part-timers; it has to be all or nothing. This attitude was reaffirmed by the Pope in December last, and by Cardinal Griffen again in Lent of this year, as an answer to the Anglo-Catholic movement. All Archbishops of Canterbury, up to the reign of Mary, were required to take an oath (of which I have seen a copy) recognising the Pope as their temporal and spiritual head, and agreeing to observe all the rites and ordinances of the Roman Church.

But why get agitated over the matter? I have always understood that both R.C.'s and C. of E.'s claim to be Christian!—Yours sincerely,

M. F. R. HIBBERT.

ANGLICANA ECCLESIA

Dear Sir,—'Anglica ecclesia libera sit,' 'Let the Church of England be free.' This is mentioned in the clauses of Magna Charta, 1215 A.D., and, moreover, signed by King John, Bishops and Barons. Evidently there was a Church of England in 1215. St. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, was a signatory, but politeness forbids me to repeat what he said of the Bishop of Rome.—Yours truly,

HISTORICAL STUDENT.

Letters (continued)

THE BEARD

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Clegg's protest at the 'repeated correspondence'—three letters in all during the past few months!—concerning 'The Beard,' may I point out that, although Mr. Clegg may not personally be acquainted with Jack Worrall, yet he is well known in ringing circles throughout different parts of the country, not only because of his late lamented beard but mainly owing to his ringing prowess. Therefore, I maintain that mention of any ringing personality in our journal is news and not solely 'personal correspondence of the few.'

Mr. Clegg's suggestion that the beard should be exhibited on our next Rag Day is rather belated, considering that the said beard is now non-existent!—Yours faithfully,

'SANS BARBE AUSSI.'

IS IT HUMOUR ?

Sir,—We seem fated to have to endure the efforts of would-be humorists. The 1920's produced a wearisome succession of inane letters from individuals like 'Sammivell Peppery' and 'Irenæus Pistor.' In the 1930's we had to suffer numerous references to 'Kate' (whoever she may have been). Now we are having a spate of imbecilities about someone's beard. May I remind you, sir, that the function of this paper should be to deal with ringing matters. The owner of the beard and his associates are probably too immature to understand that no one else is interested in the private jokes of a few school children, but you, sir, have the means of enlightening them.—Yours, etc.,

F. I. HAIRS.

ENGENDERING INTEREST

Dear Sir,—May I thus briefly reply to recent correspondents and to others interested.

Mr. Cleaver—Method Extension.

1. There is no disagreement on 'results obtained,' i.e., as to the theoretic form of extension. This is as invariable as any other straightforward mathematical operation. Examples to which he refers are simply modifications of the theoretic forms.

2. The introductory illustrated lecture on Grid Analysis, which indicates the process, was first given before the Universities' Association's summer meeting at Exeter in August, 1949. It is hoped that the full thesis may be completed and published later.

3. As far as I am aware, I have made no statement in this connection that I cannot substantiate. And Mr. Cleaver may be glad to know that in this case, Mr. Editor, the G.A. proof diagrams were sent you in all good faith, although space does not permit of their publication, of course.

4. It is not my intention to presume to 'compare' my humble efforts to help others with those of the authors Mr. Cleaver mentions, but, again, my results and work are open to any serious investigation.

Mr. Hodgson—Group Theory.

1. Calling one's honest efforts to help others' 'wildest phantasies' is hardly likely to contribute towards the common good, especially when the innuendo is unfounded.

2. The article to which he complains certainly did not ascribe to Lederman a book on composition. As may be seen on reference, I indicated that his valuable work applies rather 'in the field of composition than of method structure.'

The foregoing corrections seem due to those who have so kindly expressed their interest in and the help they have derived from what one is trying to do.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE SWASTIKA

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article written about the Swastika in 'The Ringing World' (August 25th), and would like to tell the little story of my Swastika.

The symbol first caught my eye when I purchased in India some years ago a small mosaic trinket box, with a small Swastika incorporated in the design on the lid.

Some years later, when working a tablecloth in drawn-thread work, I decided to work a Swastika in the centre.

During World War II. an exhibition of handicrafts was being held to raise funds for a benevolent cause, and it was with some trepidation I decided to show my cloth with its emblem of Germany (as the Swastika had by then become) thereon. However, perhaps the viewers knew more of the ancient history of the emblem than myself. My cloth came through unscathed.

Being a bellringer myself, the article has cheered me considerably. Henceforth I shall be the possessor of a bellringers' tablecloth.—Yours faithfully, M. M. GROVES,

Queen's Nursing Sister.

Birchington, Kent.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Irish Association was held in Blessington on Saturday, September 2nd. Blessington is a village on the western borden of the Wicklow Hills and is 19 miles from Dublin. It was the first occasion a meeting had been held there.

There are six bells in St. Mary's Parish Church with the tenor 16 cwt. They were cast by Thomas Bartlett in 1682 to the order of Primate Boyle, who was also Lord Chancellor of Ireland. All the original bells remain intact with their canons.

Thirty-seven ringers from Arklow, Blessington, Bray, Drogheda and Dublin (Christ Church Cathedral, St. George's and St. John the Baptist, O.S.A.) were present.

The bells were in contiuous use during the afternoon, when call-changes, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob were rung. A number of local parishioners and holiday-makers remained in the tower throughout the ringing. Some of them were so keenly interested that they requested to be allowed to ring. They were given opportunities under the guidance of the 'experts.' One little girl, aged seven, refused to be deterred and had to be mounted on a box to ring the treble. Unfortunately, in the final ring before tea, the crown staple of the fifth bell broke—having been very much eaten away with rust—which prevented further six-bell ringing during the evening.

Tea was very kindly provided by the parishioners in the Church Hall and was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. J. Blackwell, M.A.). In all, 47 persons partook of the good things.

The Rector welcomed the visitors to Blessington and thanked the ladies for providing the tea. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and parishioners for their welcome, the use of the bells and the excellent tea arrangements.

Handbells were produced after tea, when the ringers rang touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Triples. The locals, including the Rector and the seven-year-old girl, then took the handbells and rang some tunes for the entertainment of the gathering. So ended a very enjoyable day spent in pleasant surroundings.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—I should like to remind secretaries of associations that the final date for sending in names for the Ringers' Roll of Honour is September 30th, 1950. H. MILES.

Tolverne, Headland Road, Carbis Bay,
Cornwall.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM SHORT

As briefly recorded last week, Mr. William Short, of Clent, passed away on August 27th, in his eighty-third year.

Mr. Short was born in Pershore, Worcestershire, on Easter Sunday, 1868, and came to Clent with his parents as a small boy. At the age of sixteen he commenced to learn ringing, and his energy and keenness soon placed him in the forefront of his fellow practitioners in the north of Worcestershire. His work in the building industry took him far afield, and he continued adding to his laurels through the years. His peals totalled nine hundred and twenty-seven, and the outbreak of war in 1939 prevented him from scoring his thousand, for by the time peal ringing was once more a possibility, chronic arthritis precluded his climbing belfry steps and eventually completely incapacitated him.

His prowess as a conductor was too well known to need mention here, one of the high-spots being the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's in eight hours and two minutes on December 26th, 1901, during the time of his mastership of St. Martin's Guild.

For some years in the early part of the present century he was official instructor to the Hereford Guild, during which time he taught change ringing to upwards of eighty bands.

As a raconteur, his genial personality (very seldom ruffled except by slovenly ringing, which he could not tolerate) enabled him to present past episodes in his ringing career and that of many others in their most amusing light. These and the handbells have fittingly rounded off the proceedings of many very happy meetings.

The funeral took place at Clent on August 23rd, the Vicar, the Rev. Gwynfor John, conducting the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by John Bass, Albert Walker, Clifford Skidmore and Bernard Ashford.

Afterwards 504 Stedman Triples was rung upon the tower bells, half-muffled, by William Dowding (treble), John Bass, Albert Walker (conductor), Reginald Chance, Clifford Skidmore, Derek Watson, John Lloyd and Thomas Hemming (tenor). A half-muffled in memoriam peal of Stedman Triples is to be attempted. B. C. A.

REV. S. N. DUDLEY

APPRECIATION.

At West Deeping, on August 28th, a quarter peal was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Sheldon N. Dudley, M.A., Rector of West Deeping, 1925-35, who died at Lincoln on August 23rd.

Sheldon Dudley was not a ringer, but no ringer ever visited his church without a welcome from him. An Irishman, he entertained us with his good old Irish stories, told in his beautiful Irish accent, and always with the joke against his own kinsmen. His marvellous tenor voice was often heard and greatly enjoyed at concerts, ringers' suppers, etc.

How many of us thought, when we rang to welcome him to West Deeping in 1925, when we helped him to sing in his church, when a parishioner had passed away, that beautiful hymn, 'Days and moments quickly flying,' that we should meet 25 years later to pay tribute to his memory as only ringers can. I was only a boy, but a ringer, when we welcomed him among us, and I am very pleased to think that one other member of that band was able to be with me to pay our last respects.—R.I.P.

C. E. B.

QUARTER PEALS

ASH, KENT.—On Aug. 27th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: James Thorley (Doncaster) 1, H. R. French 2, Miss M. Brockman 3, G. R. French 4, T. H. Holmes 5, W. Bottrill (cond.) 6, B. Luck 7, J. Kemp 8.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE. — On Aug. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. C. K. Lewis 1, Neville A. Brown 2, Jean C. Brown 3, Alan J. Brown 4, Jack Clegg 5, Roy Broom 6, C. Kenneth Lewfs (cond.) 7, Frank E. Darby 8. First quarter of Cambridge by N. A. Brown.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On Aug. 15th, 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Spice 1, J. E. Lyddiard 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, C. Cullen 4, G. F. James 5, T. Brett-Smith 6, E. C. Bishop 7, M. E. Oakshett (cond.) 8. Rung for the royal birth.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYS. —At Christ Church on Aug. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bentley 1, Mrs. M. Finlow 2, J. Marriott 3, R. Dawson (first quarter) 4, J. Bagshaw 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

CHURCHSTANTON, COMERSET. —On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 10 callings: Wesley Moore (first quarter) 1, J. Summerhayes 2, W. Burston 3, R. Shire 4, C. Stevens (cond.) 5, Mark Long 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. H. Dommett to Miss Vera Cross.

FULHAM. — On Aug. 27th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Joyce England 1, A. W. J. Appleton 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, J. Allsop 4, J. Stephenson 5, M. V .Chilcott 6. D. E. Parsons 7, P. A. Chalk 8, R. F. Deal (cond.) 9, J. Phillips 10.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. — On Aug. 21st at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. White 1, Miss A. Morrison (first quarter of Stedman) 2, A. H. Pulling 3, W. J. Robinson 4, H. Hutton 5, J. Etherington 6, F. A. Munday (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8. For Princess Margaret's birthday.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 13th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Stephenson 1, Margaret Jarvis 2, W. Clarke 3, J. T. Corder 4, F. Bloomfield 5, E. Hynard 6, F. Willis Betts (cond.) 7, J. Hynard 8. A wedding compliment and farewell to the ringer or the 6th, who is taking up residence at Bures.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: B. W. M. Cowper (first quarter of Triples) 1, E. J. Charman 2, F. H. Meeten 3, P. M. Mayne 4, R. P. Wood 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, S. G. White 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: H. G. Dunnington 1, H. S. Peacock 2, A. Clements 3, G. L. Perkins 4, S. Gilbert 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Leonard's on Aug. 27th, as a birthday compliment to the conductor, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. Webb 1, W. Godfrey 2, J. E. Chilcott 3, K. Gristwood 4, W. A. Lewis 5, E. R. Gladman 6, B. A. Rose (cond.) 7, W. J. Winter 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. K. Parr 1, Miss J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, F. D. Bishop 5, —. Pearson 6. D. J. Charnley 7. H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. First quarter of Yorkshire Major 'inside' by all.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, S. Summers 2, C. Green 3, S. T. Smith 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. To celebrate the patronal festival. First quarter on the bells since being rehung.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Vann 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, R. J. Jackson 3, A. J. Timson 4, A. E. Barlow 5, R. W. Gibbon 6, E. W. Tipler (cond.) 7, T. Bromley (first quarter) 8.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Drake 1, R. Mayne 2, E. Clough 3, J. Timson 4, Miss E. Lawson 5, E. W. Tipler 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, T. Bromley 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall on Aug. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Kenneth Lewis (cond.) 1, Frank Barraclough 2, Mary Walshaw 3, William Robinson 4, Alec Cairns 5, Jack Crawshaw 6, William Pye 7, Richard Benson 8, A. Richard Elkins 9, Stanley Livesey 10. First quarters of Caters for 6. 9 and 10. Rung for the royal birth.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Whiting 1, L. Wesley 2, R. Croot 3, F. Stanton 4, O. Warren (cond.) 5. In honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rector and Mrs. Woods.

STOKE - UNDER - HAM, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Drew (cond.) 1, W. Warr 2, H. Warr 3, T. W. Osborne 4, H. Pester 5, T. Sweet 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Miss M. T. Haine, former organist.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 Reverse Canterbury and 720 Double Oxford): Pearl Gardner (first quarter) 1, Donald C. Price 2, Eric Edmondson 3, Helen Y. Gardner 4, Thomas J. Southam 5, Sidney F. Carter (cond.) 6.

TICKNALL, DERBY.—On Aug. 27th, 1.260 Doubles (240 each St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): W. G. Soar (cond.) 1, P. Marriott 2, T. J. Marriott 3, J. Hulse 4, W. H. Curson 5, W. Noble 6.

ANALYSIS OF TOWER BELL PEALS (cont.)

ASSOCIATION	MINOR																				DOUBLES																Total
	33 Methods	32 Methods	26 Methods	25 Methods	20 Methods	19 Methods	17 Methods	14 Methods	12 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	25 Methods	21 Methods	16 Methods	15 Methods	14 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	
An. Soc. College Yths.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Bath and Wells Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	3	3	21	48
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	1	1	—	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	21
Cambridge Univ. Gld.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chester Diocesan	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	8	1	5	5	5	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	5	48
Coventry Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	9
Derbyshire Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	3	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	16
Devonshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6
Dudley and District	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Durham and Newcastle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
East Grinstead	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	7
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	6	2	—	—	2	2	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	1	9	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	28
Gloucester and Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	8	12	30
Guildford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	8
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	9	22
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	2	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	3	4	6	2	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	7	52
Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	6	4	2	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	30
Leicester Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	8	—	1	2	2	3	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	7	48
Lincoln Dio. Guild	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	2	11	—	2	2	5	—	13	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	8	53
Llandaff & Monmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6
London County Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	9
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	2	9
North Staffs Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
North Wales Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	5	1	3	2	3	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	31
Oxford Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	4	—	—	3	1	1	5	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	6	28
Oxford University Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Peterborough Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	8	—	2	2	6	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	2	3	5	41
St. David's Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
Salisbury Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	25
Shropshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	9
Soc. R. Cum. Youths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Southwell Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	3	2	4	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	19
Stafford Archdeaconry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	6
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	6	4	2	7	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
Sussex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	2	4	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	23
Swansea & Brecon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4
Truro Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	6
Universities' Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Win. and Portsmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	2	—	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	11	40
Yorkshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	4	3	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	25
Unattached	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	9
TOTAL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	2	5	6	120	11	32	50	80	31	272	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	6	5	15	19	28	127	839

Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1949

Association	MAXIMUS		CINQUES		ROYAL			CATERS		MAJOR																					TRIPLES			MINOR								DOUBLES				TOTAL
	Kent Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Kent Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Plain and Medium	Stedman	Grandsire	Spliced Surprise (4)	London Surprise	Cambridge Surprise	Oxford Treble Bob	Kent Treble Bob	Kent & Oxford T.B.	Double Norwich	Double Oxford	Double Bob	Plain Bob	Little Bob	Gainsborough L. Bob	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	Stedman	Grandsire	Plain Bob	14 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	
An. Soc. Coll. Yths																																													1	1
Bath & Wells Dio.																																														—
Bedfordshire Assn.																																									2					2
Cambridge U. Gld.						2	1							1		1			5																						2					12
Chester Diocesan						1																																					1		1	3
Coventry D Guild								1						1					2												3	1														8
Derbyshire Assn.																																														—
Devonshire Guild																																														—
Dudley & District																																														—
Durh'm & Newc'le														1																													2		1	4
East Grinstead																																														—
Ely Dio. Assn.						1													10																						4					15
Essex Association														1																																1
Glouc't'r & Bristol														1					2																										2	5
Guildford Dio.																			1													1													1	3
Hereford Dio.																																									1					1
Hertford County										4	2					1			1																						5					13
Irish Association								1																								2	1						2		7	1			4	18
Kent County																			1																1											2
Lancashire Assn.						1								1				1	3																						4				1	11
Leicester Diocesan	1	1	2	1	5	6		3	2			1		6					16												6	15								1	7			2	7	82
Lincoln Diocesan			1			1		1						1	1	2	1	1	2		1			1					1					1							1					16
Llandaff & Mon.																																														—
London County																																														—
Middlesex County						1													3																						1					5
Midland Counties								4						2	1				4												3	3														17
North Staffs																			2																								1		5	8
North Wales																															1															1
Norwich Diocesan																			1																						2					3
Oxford Diocesan																																														—
Oxford University						2													2																											4
Peterborough Dio.																																														—
St. David's Guild																			1																						1					2
St Martin's Guild						1													1													3									1				1	7
Salisbury Guild						1													2					2								4														9
Shropshire Assn.																																														—
Soc. R. Cum. Yths																																														—
Southwell Dio.																			3												1	4									1					9
Stafford Arch.																																									1		1		1	3
Suffolk Guild						1								3																		1									1					6
Surrey Association																			1																											1
Sussex County																			2																											2
Swansea & Brecon																																														—
Truro Diocesan																																														—
Universities Assn.																			1																						1					2
Win. & Ports. Dio.						7		1	10										31	1			1	4	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	19							1	1	8				1	95
Worcester & Dis.													1	4					3					1																						9
Yorkshire Assoc.			1																																											1
Unattached																																													1	1
Totals	1	1	4	1	5	25	1	11	12	4	2	1	1	22	2	4	1	2	100	1	1	—	1	8	1	2	1	2	2	1	16	53	1	1	1	—	—	—	3	2	50	1	5	2	27	382

Memories

OLD TOM'S NEW IDEA

Old Tom rang the 'ting tang' at the church for many years, but one day he found eight new bells in the churchyard. He did not like 'new fangled' things, so he contented himself with the duties of unlocking and locking the tower door. He would watch the new band of ringers at work and also the chiming for minor services, but Tom would never take a rope. When the Vicar found that Tom was not carrying out his duties, he asked the writer to instruct him regarding the five-minute bell. After explaining everything to him and devoting several evenings to practical instruction, it was realised that Tom would never be able to handle a bell satisfactorily, so he was given the choice of tolling or using a single chime.

One evening I heard the tenor sounding for a mid-week service, so I went up to see how Tom was progressing. The ringing room showed no signs of Tom, neither did the chamber above, but I went up and there, to my surprise, was Tom sitting in the tenor pit. In his hand he had a hammer, and each count of five he would land the bell a hearty blow on the sound-bow. When I sharply told him to stop, he said, 'Don't put me off my counting and stroking'! W. S.

Addlestone.

PEALS AT 2s. 6d. EACH

Seeing Mr. Albert Walker's list of peals reminds me of one occasion we attempted a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham. For some unforeseen reason the peal was lost, but one of the band kept on wailing and moaning about it. At last Mr. Walker said to him, 'Look here, I've got over 500 peals; I'll let you have as many as you like at 2s. 6d. each.' I don't think he sold any!

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

A WAYWARD ROPE

Once I had a very queer experience when I was raising the bells ready for ringing prior to the other ringers coming to the tower to ring for service. When I was raising the second bell I had the misfortune to miss catching the rope when the bell was nearly raised, so you can guess the result when the rope flew about the tower in all directions and, coiling round my neck in my struggle, took the skin off my chin. Of course, this upset me very much, as the choirboys were watching me. This incident happened about the year 1905, when I first started to be a bellringer. A. W. ROLFE.

Bury St. Edmunds

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 changes, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Double Court: W. Neal 1, H. M. Day (cond.) 2, J. Halifax 3, C. E. Black 4, W. Clarke 5, J. Landon 6.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ASHCOTT AND SHAPWICK.

On August 19th the Ashcott and Shapwick bellringers, with their wives and friends, made a tour of various towers, leaving Ashcott at 1 p.m.

They first of all visited Nether Stowey and rang for about an hour. Afterwards they travelled through the lovely country towards Selworthy, stopping at Minehead, where some of the party alighted. At Selworthy the ringers were welcomed by Mr. Arscott, captain of the local ringers. The church is situated on the top of a hill in a lovely spot, and the surrounding country is most picturesque. Here the tourists rang for a while, and afterwards had a splendid tea in a cottage garden. After tea they rang for a short while before continuing their journey to Timberscombe. On the way they passed through the village of Dunster, one of Somerset's most beautiful spots.

The church at Timberscombe, which is very old and well cared for, and which has a lovely carved altar screen, has eight bells. Here the ringers rang until about 8.30. After this they made their way home, via Taunton, after a most enjoyable day. It is hoped that this outing will be made an annual event.

S. J. D.

ST. MELLONS RINGERS.

On Tuesday morning, August 29th, a party of 33 ringers and friends from St. Mellons and Cardiff set off from in front of Reg's house for yet another of their annual outings. At Castleton, next village on the way to Newport, a young lady joined the party, and at Newport there was none other than J. W. Jones himself, looking very well and not his age.

The road to Ross was by now becoming familiar to the regulars, as it had been followed on at least two previous outings. This year we stopped for a ring on the fine eight, but the Stedman Triples, Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Bob Major did not do them full justice.

Next stop was Malvern, the road taking us through some very beautiful countryside. A very fine lunch was served at the Winter Garden Restaurant before the ascent to the Priory tower, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the eight bells. It was but a short trip to Malvern Link, where the light eight were fully appreciated. Among other methods rung here was a course of Kent Major. Tea was at a nearby restaurant.

It was a slow course to Hanley Castle, the only six on the programme, as no one was too sure of the route. Various methods were attempted on these bells, but not with the success that usually accompanies such efforts at home. The non-ringing members of the party regaled themselves on 'scrumpo' and other beverages at the nearby inn. and this stop was enjoyed by all. The last port of call (for ringing) was at Upton-on-Severn, where the light and easy-going eight were much appreciated. Here the ringing was the best of the day, with Stedman Triples the chef d'œuvre.

The journey home was broken but once, in response to many requests, and afterwards one young member of the party could be heard 'driving them home' in the back seat. 'Fireman Bill' delighted those in the rear of the coach with some of his ditties, and in such wise did the day draw to an untimely close.

Memories of this year's outing are once again the excellent arrangements made by Mr. Reg H. Addis, captain of St. Mellons ringers, and to whom all thanks are due, and the sight of J. W. Jones catching hold in every tower for a touch of Stedman. Here's to 1951.

J. R. W.

LINDLEY RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, September 2nd, several Lindley ringers, with others from towers in the Huddersfield area, enjoyed a half-day trip to Skipton and Kildwick. Leaving at 2 p.m. in two cars, the forward party arrived at Skipton on time, but the rear party was delayed, owing to the car, or maybe the occupants, running dry. This fine eight were eventually going to a well-struck touch of Treble Bob, which, however, had to be curtailed owing to tenor rope beginning to snap below sally. While a splice was being made, a touch of Spliced Minor was rung on the top six.

Further touches in Major, Triples and Minor were enjoyed until time for tea.

Proceeding to Kildwick, this handy octave was soon going merrily to a quarter peal. Following a further short touch, the nearest tavern was located, yarns were exchanged and handbells brought out and rung. Altogether a very enjoyable half-day.

A. W. B.

A RINGERS' CRICKET MATCH

Ringing and cricket have as much in common in their attendant social sides as they have in contrast in the manner in which they are performed. Thus, when on August 27th the ringers of the Oxford Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild played the Banbury Branch ringers at cricket we had a very enjoyable afternoon and evening of pleasant contrasts and harmonious splicing of two activities. In fact, the splicing was so natural that this writer, at any rate, was never quite sure when he was supposed to make thirds or bowl, so familiar did he find the atmosphere to that normally experienced at both ringers' meetings and village cricket matches.

If the whole of England had been searched, no place for this event could have been found superior to Great Tew to hold it. The bells can scarcely be surpassed, a finer cricket ground scarcely exists, and the village, the pub and the beer are what they can only be in Cotswold country.

The Oxford District batted first and quickly compiled a useful score, mostly made up of a most attractive innings of 60 by Jim Honey. During the innings a well-known conductor of this locality, who was umpiring, showed that his ability in counting courses is not matched by his ability in counting the balls in an over.

A short shower precipitated a declaration, and so it was then the turn of the Banbury ringers to bat, and it soon became apparent that whereas some of the Oxford ringers very obviously spent more of their summer-time Saturday afternoons on the cricket field than in the tower, this could not be said of the Banbury ringers. A few mis-struck blows soon put them in trouble until tea was announced. This tea was the sort of meal to which only cricketers and ringers can do real justice, and over it the talk was of cover-drives, tenors, the county championship, and peals achieved. One member of the Banbury Branch expressed some doubt as to whether all the Oxford Branch team were bona fide ringers and if some of them were not really local club cricketers surreptitiously introduced into the side. This doubt was, however, soon dispelled when we adjourned to the adjacent tower to enjoy a ring on the magnificent ring of eight.

Battle was rejoined after ringing, and the Banbury ringers once again tried their luck with the bat. This time a varied attack was hit as it deserved to be, and so, when it was time for the Oxford ringers to bat again, they had to press their former umpire and two lady members into their side to strengthen it. After half an hour, in which one lady member showed the men how to bat, it was realised that the Falkland Arms was no longer closed, and so the evening was enjoyably concluded therein.

P. M. J. G.

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ENGAGEMENT

WILLIAMS—ROBERTS.—The engagement is announced between Edward Vivyan Williams, of Borlase Vath, St. Columb, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. C. Williams, Copperhill House, Redruth, and Gwynneth Morwenna, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Roberts, The School House, St. Mawgan. 7576

MARRIAGE

STEVENS—SKIDMORE. — On Sept. 9th, 1950, at St. Ambrose Church, Bristol, by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Lee, Antony, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stevens, of Horfield, Bristol, to Daisy Nancy, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skidmore, of Bristol. 7585

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GLODWICK, ST. MARK'S.—Will visitors kindly note that there will be no practice on Monday, September 18th? Next practice, September 25th. 7578

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—District meeting at Wanstead (6), Sept. 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Woodford (8) 7 to 9.15. 7524

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. 7533

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Joint meeting Thorne, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall (2s. per head). 7565

ELY ASSOCIATION and SUFFOLK GUILD. —Joint meeting Methwold, Sat., Sept. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 7557

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Epping Upland (6), Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Buses leave Epping town hourly from 2.55 for Hertford, passing by church.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7526

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Fulbourn, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Six Bells.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7555

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing until 7.45. Social evening to follow. St. Andrew's bells available 2.30 to 4. Names for tea to F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—F. Finch and A. Barker, Hon. Secs. 7544

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District).—Joint meeting Darley Dale, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Please made own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome. 7546

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Hartlebury on Saturday, Sept. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7559

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting All Saints', Ryde, Sept. 16th, CANCELLED. —Mrs. A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 7545

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Saviour's, Saturday, September 16th, 3 p.m. Tea provided (cups). Will all members look up Double Norwich and Cambridge Major for this meeting? This meeting at St. Saviour's is taking the place of the one which should have been at Leigh. — W. Aaron, p.p. Peter Crook, Secretary. 7574

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—Dedication of St. Paul's Church bells (rehung by John Taylor and Co.) by the Ven. Archdeacon of Gower, the Rev. H. Williams, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Service 3.30. Arrangements for tea have been made at a nominal charge. Names to be sent in not later than Sept. 20th.—J. A. Hoare, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7518

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —Quarterly meeting and contest, Ripponden, Sept. 23rd. For teas notify Mr. F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Halifax, by Sept. 16th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 7532

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Downham (6), Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Good bus service from Billericay and Wickford. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7556

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Market Harborough on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names must be sent by Sept. 19th to F. Wallington, 106, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7548

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION —Chippenham Branch.—Meeting St. Andrew's, Chippenham (8), Sept. 23rd, 2.30. First meeting since rehanging. Names for tea not later than Sept. 20th to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 7538

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Prior, Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 19th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 7563

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—Surprise method practice at Loughton (8), Sept. 23rd. Bells available 3-5. No tea arrangements. Frequent bus service past the church.—F. V. Gant. 7525

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wallingford on Sat., Sept. 23rd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Please notify by Tuesday, Sept. 19th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 7530

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Please book these dates: Rushmere (6), Sept. 23rd; Henley (8), Oct. 7th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Own food to Rushmere. Henley announcement later. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 7549

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting Elveden, Sept. 23rd, 3. Requests for tea to Mr. S. Atkins, The Dell, Elveden, by Sept. 20th.—D. M. Reeve. 7539

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Sowton, Sept. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 17th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 7568

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division. — Practice meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells from 2.30 to 8. Anything from rounds upwards. Tea 5 p.m. at the Station Hotel.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7566

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices at Warfield (8) on Sept. 23rd and Waltham St. Lawrence (6) on Oct. 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7588

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Special meeting will take place at Sketty on Sept. 23rd, immediately after service of dedication of bells, for presentation of Master's regalia. 7589

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice, Locking (6), Sept. 23rd, 5 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 7591

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Wool, Sept. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names by Sept. 19th, please, to Mr. L. Williams, 47, Spring Street, Wool.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 7581

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — St. Neots, Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7580

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Willingdon, Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea arranged.—H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 7579

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 23rd, at Bletchingley (8). Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names for tea by Thursday, Sept. 21st, to Miss R. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7586

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Albans, Sept. 23rd. Ringing at St. Peter's (10), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea (5 p.m. sharp) in St. Peter's Institute, Hatfield Road. Cathedral bells (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 20th to Miss A. Bailey, 59, Charmouth Road, St. Albans. — D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec 7571

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Uttoxeter, Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 125, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs. Derby and Burton District members welcome.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 7575

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS. — 264th Anniversary. Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (12) 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Names for tea by Sept. 19th to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 24th. Ringing at 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. 7601

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Neston (8), Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 19th. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7596

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Penn, Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 18th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7597

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Portishead, 8 a.m., Sept. 24th. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those notifying me by Sept. 21st.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7590

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly Meeting Shaugh, Sept. 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by 25th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 7531

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Meeting at 3.30 in the Schools. Business: alteration of rules.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley. 7536

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Warmington, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 26th to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 7587

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Wenhaston (6), Saturday, Sept. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Blythburgh bells also available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 27th to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold. 7592

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7595

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District.—Meeting at Louth (8), Sept. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 26th to B. Howden, 3, Spaw Lane, Louth. 7584

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Meeting at Leighton, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea notifications to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 7583

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Boughton, Sept. 30th. Names for tea essential by Sept. 26th to Mr. Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 7598

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Burnham, Sept. 30th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus from Maidenhead or Slough. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 27th to Mrs. C. J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 7600

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Alloa, Oct. 7th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by Oct. 4th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 7573

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 7th, joint meeting, Northern and Western districts, Rothbury All Saints'. Names as soon as possible for bus, also tea (leaving Central Garage at 2 p.m.) to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 7572

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, 1950, at 5.45 p.m. Chairman, the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester. All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) bells available from 3.30 to 5.15 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. W. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7593

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the annual dinner which was to have been held on October 14th has now been cancelled. Remittances will be returned immediately.—A. R. Ling, Dinner Sec. 7567

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at the Bars Hotel, Chester, Saturday, Oct. 14th, 6.30. Please apply for tickets (10s. 6d., juniors 7s. 6d.) and enclose remittance before Oct. 7th.—Rev. J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 7577

QUARTER PEALS

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' on Aug. 19th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Burchnall 1, Miss G. Burchnall 2, J. Bartram 3, W. Coates 4, H. Denman 5, W. Norton 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Aug. 20th at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. L. Dadds 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 13, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, L. C. Duke 2, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor 5, D. Martin 6. For the patronal festival.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-8 covering): A. Langstone 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 3, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 4, L. J. Honess 5, J. M. Aspinall 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. F. Perry 8. Birthday compliment toPrincess Margaret.

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