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OLIO

THE English language has the happy knack of borrowing any word from another country and fitting it to the circumstances of the moment. 'Olio,' the Spanish word for a mixed dish or hotchpotch, has through the centuries been introduced into the English tongue to represent a medley or miscellany, and it is a discursive article that the Editor submits to his readers this week.

The first point is from an Essex reader. Looking through his 'Ringing World,' he notices that there is a meeting in a neighbouring county—we leave our readers to guess where—and, accompanied by a friend, he decides to make the journey feeling certain that the welcome that is, we might almost say, 'universal' would be accorded him. 'Imagine our surprise,' he writes, 'when we spent half an hour in the tower and the one in charge absolutely ignored us. This is the first time in 26 years I have been in a tower and have not been asked to ring.'

Naturally, everybody sympathises with our Essex friend on making such a journey. We can quote other cases. A young ringer went 26 miles out of his way on a Sunday evening hoping to have the privilege of ringing at a provincial 12-bell tower. The company were ringing Doubles with cover bells and continued in this fashion for 20 minutes. At 6.20 when the time came to lower the bells he was asked if he was a ringer. On being assured that he was there was an expression of regret, but that it was too late now.

Another incident. A lady travelled some 120 miles to attend a meeting in one of Bristol's famous towers. When the Editor enquired whether she had enjoyed her visit he was told that she was ignored and did not have a ring. This we might add was not a recent occurrence and was not a meeting arranged by the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

Now the last thing the Editor desires in mentioning these three incidents is to start a general inquisition and various companies sorrowfully asking, 'Is it I?' The point that arises is how to make the stranger welcome. Some towers and areas take infinite pains to ensure that the visitor receives an opportunity to enjoy the bells and a friendly greeting is accorded the outsider. There are, of course, cir-

cumstances that make the reception not as cordial as would be desired. At a large meeting it is at times difficult to make certain that all visitors have been adequately catered for. Much, no doubt, depends on the visitor. We feel certain, however, that when that 'friendly keenness' is manifested in his face his wants, if possible, generally receive preferential treatment.

Regarding Sunday service ringing, one is tempted to ask how far should it be infringed to enable the casual visitor to have a pull. There are towers that pride themselves on their Sunday ringing. To them it is their best and constitutes for the ringers an act of worship. No choir-master would dream of asking a visiting singer to join his choir without knowing his qualifications and without a previous practice with its members. Ringing, like music, is very much a matter of team work. The perfect performance, or should we say the best possible, should always be the objective when made as an offering to Almighty God. It must be remembered that bells on such occasions are not rung just for the pleasure of the ringer. Their audible properties extend far and wide to the whole community. We hope that no towers treat Sunday ringing as another practice meeting, as an opportunity to try out new methods. These should only be introduced when the conductor is convinced that all the company have fully mastered the method. It is far better to ring Stedman perfectly for a service than to essay an excursion into a Surprise method with some of the company a little shaky.

Public performance is a difficult thing. A reader writes expressing his unhappiness at a handbell performance at one of those gatherings attended by hundreds of people. He felt that those who organised the ringing could have found in the locality better exponents. Probably this was a case of 'the sheep and the goats.' Ringing generally, like most organisations, is apt to get into too water-tight compartments. A good 'goat' will not mix with a good 'sheep.' Some might say, 'Why should they? I like my pals; why should I have to accept others because they are better performers than some of my friends?' The 'olio' is now embarking upon dangerous ground. However much we write on the subject no satisfactory solution will be found. There is something, however, in the principle of 'putting our best face to the world.' Big occasions, however, do create stage fright, and without attempting to solve the conundrum we implore all to exercise that greatest of all gifts—charity.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	JAMES BENNETT 7
DAVID E. PARSONS 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 8
JOYCE A. ENGLAND 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 4	*WALTER H. DOBBIE .. 10
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY 11
WILLIAM BOTTRILL 6	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First twelve-bell peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., May 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. Treble	H. JAMES TURNER 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	FRANK E. HAYNES 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	ARTHUR D. COOK 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	JOHN N. LINDON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the memory of John Neal and Thomas H. Reeves, valued members of the Guild for many years.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 22 cwt.

PETER BAKER Treble	CHARLES W. MARTIN .. 7
JOHN THOMAS 2	CYRIL TANSELL 8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 3	†GEORGE KILLMISTER .. 9
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	†THOMAS BOREHAM .. 10
*FREDK. G. NURDEN .. 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. 11
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 6	EDWIN T. NEWBURY .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Granta Variation. Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN ANDERSON Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 2	*WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. 8
*HERBERT P. CLIFF .. 3	*EDMUND P. CROWDY .. 9
*MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4	*KENNETH ARTHUR .. 10
*ERNEST WALLACE .. 5	ROLAND PARK 11
*THOMAS W. CROWE .. 6	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Composed by JOS. W. PARKER.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Granta Variation on twelve bells by all except the treble ringer. First peal of Maximus as conductor. In honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

H. E. C. GOODENOUGH .. Treble	*LESLIE T. HANSELL .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES 2	BERTRUM C. JOHNSON .. 8
ALFRED HATTEN 3	*REGINALD F. EWER .. 9
*AUDREY BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. SAYER .. 10
*OLIVE MARTIN 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 11
ARTHUR DAY 6	BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	*G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. 6
ROYDON DAVIES 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
EDWARD G. TALBOT .. 3	RAYMOND OVERY 8
GORDON P. T. PETERS .. 4	JOHN W. EUSTON 9
KENNETH SNELLING .. 5	GEORGE W. CECIL Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

LEONARD RODMELL .. Treble	*PHILIP H. SPECK 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 2	*GEORGE DOBBS 7
*G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. 3	*PHILIP BARNES 8
*GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	*JACK BRAY 9
*GEORGE W. MOODY .. 5	*CHARLES BARKER Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung for the patronal festival.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. AND N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW, E.,

A PEAL OF 5030 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES .. Treble	AIDAN J. N. BOYACK .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN .. 7
AUDREY M. CASTLE .. 3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 4	ROBERT H. BEGRIE .. 9
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 5	JOHN H. LOTT Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung by officers of the Association for the Festival of Britain.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT P. CLIFF .. Treble	W. NORMAN PARK 6
*MARGARET FIDELL .. 2	†MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 8
ERNEST WALLACE .. 4	ROLAND PARK 9
THOMAS W. CROWE .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal in the method on the bells for the Association and by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17½ cwt.

RAYMOND OVERY .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
DAVID W. BEARD 3	FREDERICK PAGE 8
COLIN E. WRIGHT .. 4	FRANK V. GANT 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	GEORGE P. ELPHICK .. Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

WALTER AYRE Treble	†D. KAY ADKINS 6
*FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT .. 2	HARRY G. TIMMS 7
*WALTER G. PAUL 3	STEPHEN H. HOARE .. 8
†RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 4	RICHARD G. BELL 9
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten as conductor. Rung to celebrate the bicentenary of the ringing of the first peal at this church, being a peal of Bob Triples on May 25th, 1751, by the Eastern Youths.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6
*MURIEL REAY 2	ARTHUR D. COOK 7
JOHN PINFOLD 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	HENRY H. FEARN 9
FRANK E. HAYNES 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	*ERIC J. GILBERT 6
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	DAVID VINCENT 7
MARY WALSHAW 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 8
GEORGE H. HESKETH 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
FRANK VARTY 5	GEORGE LEDSHAM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman and first peal of Caters. The quickest peal to date on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 84th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

‘Barrabool’ peal by Rev. E. Bankes James. Tenor 15½ cwt.

NORMA HOWES Treble	EDWIN HOPKINSON 5
DOROTHY J. DUNN 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON 3	DENNIS SCOTT 7
WILLIAM A. SMITH 4	HERBERT E. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

Festival of Britain peal.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALAN TAYLOR (13) Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
SAMUEL PINDER 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	ALFRED MOULD 7
HAROLD TAYLOR 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD .. Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 6
SAMUEL PINDER 3	SIDNEY H. JONES 7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE 4	JOHN J. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

A Festival of Britain peal. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Armstrong, of Barwell.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE OF ENGLAND,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

*PETER A. LAWRENCE .. Treble	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

* First peal in the method.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,440 each of Rutland and London, 640 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol, and 320 of Yorkshire, with 135 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

DAVID G. JACKSON Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	GIBSON JACKSON 7
MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal of Spiced Surprise in six methods by all the band and on the bells.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM KILSBY Treble	†VICTOR A. PERRY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 6
*MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 3	RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 7
*LESLIE G. TOWNSEND .. 4	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major ‘inside.’ First peal in the method on the bells.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HEAVITREE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. SCOTT Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
ROGER KEELEY 2	*BRIAN PIDGEON 6
†NORMAN MALLETT .. 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN .. 7
THOMAS G. MYERS .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method ‘inside.’

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Treble	FREDERICK A. FINCH .. 5
*FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 6
*PETER A. LAWRENCE .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE 7
†TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

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



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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicars'.	Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.
WILLIAM WILBY Treble	*JOHN SHATFORD 5
JOHN KING 2	ERNEST WHITMORE 6
ALBERT WILSON 3	*JOHN SKERRITT 7
WILLIAM WHITMORE 4	CHARLES UNDERWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITMORE.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 28 lb. in F.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 5
ROBERT COLLINS 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
DORIS E. COLGATE 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

275th peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the Festival of Britain.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

WILLIAM DIXON Treble	PHILIP M. WHITAKER .. 5
WILFRED H. WHITAKER .. 2	HAROLD TAYLOR 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS 3	MARK J. BARKER 7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

50th peal as conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*VICTOR S. CONNELL .. Treble	†DERICK WOODWARD .. 5
*JACK H. BRETT 2	RONALD SUCKLING 6
†ERNEST BROWN 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL .. 7
CECIL BARKER 4	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
*JILL VERNON (15) .. Treble	REGINALD C. TIPLER .. 5
EILEEN CHENEY 2	LEONARD E. TOWERS .. 6
NUN L. WALKER 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
GERALD L. BALL 4	ROGER HEYWARD Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal. Specially arranged for the 96th birthday of Mrs. Peters, of Stoney Stanton, a lifelong churchworker.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	CLEMENT W. A. BOTTOMLY .. 5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT 6
WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 3	HORACE BENNETT 7
*BERNARD H. DALTON .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal in the method. A Festival of Britain peal.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.
*DAVID J. GOODRIDGE .. Treble	†BRIAN BLADON 5
MARION J. SKINNER .. 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 6
*PAULINE MANNING 3	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. 7
MARGARET E. RICHARDS .. 4	ELI VINCENT Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

IAN JONES Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 5
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	†EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. 6
RONALD KENRICK 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 4	*JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN C. BROWN Treble	CHARLES CLEGG 5
NEVILLE A. BROWN .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 6
JACK CLEGG 3	ALAN J. BROWN 7
ROY BROOM 4	DAVID VINCENT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung for the ordination as deacon of the curate, the Rev. A. W. Penn. B.A., for the 25th anniversary of the Vicar's (the Rev. D. P. Low, M.A., T.D.) ordination as deacon, and for the 60th anniversary of the Assistant Priest's (the Rev. Arthur Dale, M.A.) ordination as priest.

KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 20, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

HAROLD TAYLOR Treble	PHILIP H. WHITAKER .. 5
WILFRED H. WHITAKER .. 2	ALEC SHUTTLEWORTH .. 6
HARRY ROE 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE 7
MARK J. BARKER 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

Conductor's 50th peal for the Association.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 22, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR Treble	VERNON SYKES 5
HAROLD JACKSON 2	RALPH WALKER 6
ERNEST GARSIDE 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 7
HARRY PICKLES 4	*JOSEPH BURGESS Tenor

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Major.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Peter's Society.)

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
MRS. JEAN M. DUNHAM .. Treble	MARY PEMBERTON 5
GORDON W. LIMMER .. 2	FREDA MURKITT 6
JOYCE HEARN 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
MARY JAYCOCK 4	CYRIL A. BURGESS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN G. GIPSON Treble	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 4
†R. FRANK BAKER 2	FRANK WARRINGTON .. 5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 3	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON.. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. A Festival of Britain peal. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. John R. Smith and Miss Elizabeth Faulknall, married at Desford on May 12th. Harold S. Peacock has now circled the tower.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

CYRIL J. EADES Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	ERIC T. EADES 5
WILFRED S. PALIN 3	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

A first birthday compliment to Andrew Eades, son of Eric T. Eades.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day and 12 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 4
MARY C. PAYNE 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE 5
MARY A. CARPENTER .. 3	DAVID BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

A 20th birthday compliment to Harry M. Payne, brother of the conductor, serving with H.M. Forces in Germany.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one each of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 58 lb.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	ROBERT LARKEY 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 5
ANNIE ABRAHAM 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 720's each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise and one extent each of London Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. Treble	ALBERT CLEMENTS 4
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. 5
JOHN G. GIPSON 3	FRANK WARRINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dunnington on their 20th wedding anniversary. A Festival of Britain peal.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALICE WORRALL Treble	A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. 4
ALFRED WILKINSON .. 2	HARRY W. HOWARD .. 5
MARY DREW 3	DAVID SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of Stedman (seven callings), 10 extents of April Day (three callings), 10 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), and 12 extents of Grandsire (ten callings and Morris's 240).

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*BRIAN TAYLOR Treble	*JAMES BROOKS 4
*AUDREY EWINS 2	*WILLIAM BUTLER 5
FRANK H. HICKS 3	*DAVID H. PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

*First peal in four Doubles methods. Rung on the birthday of Colin Gay. The fastest peal on the bells.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WM. A. BRECKON Treble	†GEORGE W. WHITE 4
*ALBERT V. COATES 2	†SIDNEY R. ELWICK 5
†JOHN R. WALLER 3	†HARRY SHORT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. BRECKON.

*First of Minor on tower bells. †First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. 50th peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 70th birthday, this being his 70th peal.

PAULTON, SOMERSET.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Hereward Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDK. A. TARGETT Treble	RONALD G. BECK 4
A. GEORGE CLARE 2	FREDERICK SAVAGE 5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS 3	VICTOR SAVAGE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SAVAGE.

Rung for the patronal festival.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JEAN A. BROOKS Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 4
†MARY A. CARPENTER 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5
MARY C. PAYNE 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Minor 'inside.'

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, two callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE CHALLANS Treble	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 4
*JOAN M. SMITH 2	CYRIL WRIGHT 5
*ERNEST PRESTON 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

*First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. T. Rooke and Miss Catherine Rooke.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*DAVID SMITH Treble	*MARY DREW 4
ALBERT H. CRAWLEY 2	*ALFRED WILKINSON 5
*A. DOREEN EDWARDS 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

*First peal in the method.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

*LEONARD J. MILLS (15) .. Treble	ERIC H. KNAPP 4
*DAVID J. LAKER (13) 2	JOHN H. G. GARDNER 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 3	ALBERT E. LAKER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LAKER.

*First peal.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK WINDSOR .. Treble	*GEORGE ASTBURY 4
JOHN BRASSINGTON 2	†ARTHUR ALLMAN 5
*JOHN TIMMIS 3	ERIC B. ALLMAN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

*First peal of Minor. †50th peal on the bells.

DEEPISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London and Wells, Norfolk and Primrose, Berwick and Hexham, Lightfoot and Wearmouth, Beverley and Surfleet, York and Durham and Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN Treble	*LOUIS WILLIERS 4
CECIL WADE 2	FREDK. FRENCH 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	WILLIAM OLDMAN Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

*First peal in 14 Surprise methods.

EAST FARNDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Simon's and Kennington and six extents each of Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

KENNETH D. PERKINS .. Treble	PERCY AMOS 3
IVOR DICKIN 2	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4

EDWARD G. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD G. BENNETT.

*First peal of Doubles in eight methods. First peal in eight methods on the bells and quickest peal on the bells. Rung for the Festival of Britain and also to commemorate St. Dunstan's Day.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire, 16 of St. Dunstan's and eight 240's of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM STEVENS Treble	THOMAS MARTIN 4
JOAN BUSSEY 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
RALPH HAZELL 3	*VICTOR COX Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

*GILBERT LATTY Treble	HARRY BOYCE 4
LEONARD JONES 2	EDMUND MORRIS 5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

*First peal of Minor.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JUNE AINSWORTH Treble	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4
†JOYCE LEWIS 2	†ERIC N. HARRISON 5
KENNETH ARTHUR 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

*First peal. †First peal in seven methods.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., May 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 4
WILLIAM J. BOWTON 2	GEORGE W. PIPE 5
*ROBERT E. LESTER 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

*First peal of Minor in seven methods.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Double Court. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

*LEONARD WOOLLARD .. Treble	2	†J. PILGRIM 4
†PETER S. BEDFORD 2		NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
*RAY PECK 3		WILLIAM SMITH Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal. ‡ First peal in seven methods 'inside.' This peal was rung on the 17th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Woollard. Also to commemorate the 51st anniversary of Mr. Charles F. Bailey ringing his first peal.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FRANK LORD Treble	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4
ERNEST BRITAIN 2		HARRY HALL 5
JACK BRAY 3		PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

A Festival of Britain peal.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., May 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four methods, viz.: 12 extents of Reverse Canterbury, 9 extents of April Day, 12 extents of Plain Bob and 9 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

*CLIVE M. SMITH .. Treble	2	MAURICE G. TURNER 4
†J. NORMAN HADLEY 2		HOWARD HOWELL 5
†ERNEST STITCH 3		*DAVID WILLIAM BARR .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in four methods and 25th peal together. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Jagger, of Little Aston.

BROAD BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 6 cwt.

*BRIAN BLADEN Treble	†JACK VINCENT 4
WALTER H. TRUEMAN 2	*ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
†WENDY D. PEAKE 3	†PATRICIA CASEY Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BLADEN and ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 25th peal. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells and by a local company. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. H. E. Robeson, a former Rector, who was interred in Blunsdon Cemetery on this day.

HANDBELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

IN THE BELL TOWER OF NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 10 in A.

*ROBIN G. TURNER 1-2	*MICHAEL SLANEY 5-6
M. ELIZABETH ROE 3-4	†W. GWYN THOMAS 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal 'in hand.' A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1-2	DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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of the committee, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The
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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

On his 75th birthday, Mr.
J. Doel rang his first quar-
ter of Triples at Wincanton,
Somerset, on June 7th. It was 1,260 Grandsire
Triples, the band being J. Doel 1, G. T. Dyke
2, F. Symonds 3, Dorothy Lintern 4, S. J.
Pound 5, G. Chilcott 6, J. Lintern (conductor) 7,
R. Higgins 8.

The Editor, on behalf of the Editorial Com-
mittee, acknowledges with grateful thanks a
donation of one guinea to help forward the
finances of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. H. L. Martin, district secretary of Ely
Diocesan Association, writes that Bottisham,
Cambs. has five bells and not six as stated in
the list of errors in the 'Guide to Church Bells
of Britain,' published on page 205.

In an admirable review of 'Bells of All
Nations,' Mr. Ernest Morris's latest book.
M.P. writes in 'John o' London' that 'it is a
mine of information and delight, richly illus-
trated and with a good index.'

On the bicentenary of the first peal at St.
Mary's, Watford (Bob Triples, by the Eastern
Youths on May 25th, 1751), a peal was rung in
the tower by the Hertford County Association.
Participating in the anniversary peal was Mr.
F. W. Brinklow, of Oxhey, who is one of the
few living people to have rung a peal on the
original bells at Watford, which were recast in
1920: these being the bells on which the 1751
peal was rung.

June 6th was a great day for the band of
young ringers at Shipbourne, near Sevenoaks,
Kent, who are largely a self-taught band with
no experienced ringer to help, except assistance
from Sevenoaks. The following quarter was
registered:—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J.
French 1, Miss J. Vidler 2, Miss S. Jenner 3,
Miss D. Colgate 4, R. Pankhurst (first as con-
ductor) 5, R. Fairweather 6. First quarter 1, 2,
3 and 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The five bells of Malmes-
bury Abbey have been aug-
mented to eight with the
addition of three new trebles, and the original
five retuned, the work having been carried out
by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The dedication
ceremony will be held at an early date
before the bells are hung in the steeple. The
opening day is fixed for July 14th.

Mr. Ernest Morris, by ringing the peal at
Grendon, Warwickshire, has now rung a tower-
bell peal at 240 different churches.

By the peal at East Farndon, Northants. Mr.
E. G. Bennett has fulfilled his desire to ring a
peal at the village of his schooldays and at the
church where he served as a choirboy.

A point of special interest in the peal of
Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Granta Variation,
rung at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on May 26th, is
that the first peal of Granta Variation ever
rung on twelve was conducted by W. H.
Barber on these bells on July 22nd, 1930. Mr.
John Anderson rang in both peals. Another
member of the 1930 band was the late Mr. T.
H. Reeves, of Birmingham, who was a frequent
visitor to Newcastle, and an honorary member
of the Newcastle Cathedral band.

'We are all feeling very smug at having
managed the first "all local" quarter,' writes
Miss Joan Hills, of Grays, Essex. The event
took place at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, on June
3rd, and was a golden wedding compliment to
Mr. and Mrs. T. Willis, Mr. Willis being for-
mer tower-keeper and verger. It was intended
to get an outside ringer to call a quarter of
Minor; he did not arrive and the Sunday ser-
vice band decided to go for the quarter 'off our
own bat.' Constance Chinnery, who had never
called a quarter before, was the conductor and,
in spite of the late start, all went 'swimmingly.'
The band was H. Kenyon (first quarter) 1, Joan
Hills 2, A. Reeve 3, A. Howell 4, Constance
Chinnery (conductor) 5, A. Hammond 6.

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NEW BISHOP'S MESSAGE TO RINGERS — MEMBERSHIP AND PEAL INCREASE — MR. G. L. JOYCE
A LIFE VICE-PRESIDENT — CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. ERNEST MORRIS

THE annual meeting of the Essex Association, held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, was attended by 150 ringers and friends.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Precursor, the Rev. J. Morgan James, with Dr. W. Stanley Vann at the organ. The lesson was read by the Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P., and the address given by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

During the service the names of members who had passed on during 1950 were read. Ringing members—E. Bacon (Loughton), E. A. Bowhill (Earls Colne), I. Cavill (Stansted), H. Collins (Braintree), W. Honeywood (Mistley), G. Jay (unattached, of Chadwell Heath), T. Jordan (Stansted), G. Lindridge (Braintree), A. Rolph (Hornchurch), W. Spokes (Danbury), C. Steward (Rayleigh), W. D. Taylor (Prittlewell). Honorary members—F. Jacob (Felstead), the Rev. J. P. Sutherland (Nazeing). Non-resident ringing members—D. H. Elliott (Groton, Suffolk), C. F. Johnston (Croydon), W. Pickworth (Kingston), G. Radley (Broxbourne), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), G. W. Steere (Sutton).

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The recently-installed Bishop based his inspiring address on Zechariah xiv., v. 20:— 'In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, "Holy unto the Lord"; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot shall be Holy unto the Lord.'

The Prophet here is looking forward to the day when even upon the commonplace horses' bells—the bells were the normal ornament adorning the horses of those days—even upon the normal bowls before the altar there would be engraved some very special words 'Holy unto the Lord.' I say very special words because they were words that had a very great significance for the people of those days. They were the words engraved on a gold plate on the front of the High Priest's mitre.

I think it is true to say that the individual Christians are coming in a new way to see that the whole of life is God's gift and belongs to God, and must be offered to God, and, in fact, to be a Christian is to see the whole of life as God's, to live the whole of life for God, without drawing any line of distinction between the so-called secular and the so-called sacred, between our daily life and our Sunday worship. It seems to look back to the Victorian days when a well-known political leader was heard muttering to himself as he left a church on a Sunday having heard a sermon on religion and life: 'Things have come to a pretty pass when religion is allowed to interfere with one's private life.' None of us here this morning would endorse these words. Unless our religion transforms our private lives our religion might just as well be thrown on the dust heap.

If then the Christian ideal is that all our workaday life should be offered to God in worship, how much more so ought we to regard the ringing of the bells as something that we offer to God as an act of worship. When you ring the Church bells, not only are you offering to God, who is the source of all beauty, something very beautiful and very lovely, not only are you inviting men and women to come together as a family and worship in Church, you are doing something which in itself is, or should be, an act of worship, just as every act in your daily life is, or should be, an act of worship. Having worshipped God in the ringing of the bells, that act of worship is only complete as you join in the family of God, the family of God that you have invited to come together, and you offer your ringing, as all your daily work, to God himself, and you join the family of

God in singing the praises of God and offering to God in true worship the ringing of the bells, and all your daily life and work.

May each one of us help to hasten the day when the Prophet's vision will be realised. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses 'Holy unto the Lord.' The whole of life, however commonplace, set apart for the glory of God and offered in worship to God. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses 'Holy unto the Lord', and if upon the bells of the horses, how much more so upon the beautiful bells of our parish churches, the bells of the house of God. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the churches 'Holy unto the Lord.'

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 19s.

The Master presided at the business meeting held in the Chapter House supported by the Bishop, the Deputy Master, the Rev. Scott Little, M.A., and the officers of the Association. After the adoption of Standing Orders, the Master extended a hearty welcome to all visitors and friends, with a special welcome to the Bishop of Chelmsford. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. E. J. Butler (life vice-president), owing to his wife's illness, and from Messrs. H. J. Mansfield and F. V. Gant, members attending the Central Council meeting at Chester.

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were taken as read. Mr. Barnard (Rayleigh) raised the question of the Association badges. The secretary reported on the steps that had been taken and he had hoped that the contractors, Messrs. Denton and Down, Ltd., would have delivered the badges in time for the annual general meeting.

AN EXCELLENT REPORT

The 72nd annual report of the Association again showed that it had been very active throughout the year. Ringing membership had reached 832, an increase of 36, and hon membership 120, an increase of 50 per cent.

The General Committee had given much time and thought to Association business, backed up wholeheartedly by the local bands, and particularly the District officers. A bookcase had been provided to house the Association's library and in time this should be one of the 'highlights' of the Association.

Dr. Henry Wilson, Bishop of the Diocese, retired last autumn and the Association sent congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy retirement, one so well deserved. Congratulations and greetings were also sent to the new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sherard Falkner Allison, M.A.

Restorations had taken place at Foxearth, Bobbingworth, Sandon, Thaxted and Leyton and an augmentation at Fyfield, grants having been made in most of the cases from the Bell Restoration Fund.

Excellent work had been done to build up bands for regular Sunday ringing, with a few 'black spots' still left. Very promising recruits had been enrolled at Stebbing, Witham, Danbury, Sandon, Wanstead and Woodford. Hornchurch merited congratulations for having rung their eight on every Sunday throughout the year: one blank Sunday in the last two years was a record to be proud of. Mr. J. H. Crampton had arranged monthly practices on the ten at Walthamstow and the twelve at Chelmsford and in time these practices should bear good fruit.

PEALS INCREASE

A total of 75 peals was rung as against 68 in 1949. About 180 took part, 55 rang their first in the method, 9 their first in the method as conductor, 16 rang their first peal and 3

conducted their first peal. Twenty-eight shared the conducting, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, H. Turner and R. Suckling reaching double figures. Miss S. Barringer (Stebbing) and Miss B. Candler (Black Notley) scored their first peals at the age of 14. Miss W. M. Elliott added fame to a ringing family by being the first lady to ring a peal at Kelvedon, whilst Mr. H. J. Millatt's calling his first peal, viz., London Surprise Major, at Colchester, was indeed a great achievement. Mr. H. Turner (Shenfield) added to his laurels by successfully conducting a peal of Double Norwich at Hornchurch, his own composition.

The outstanding peals of the year were the 12,740 of Bob Royal and Albanian Surprise Royal at Prittlewell, both conducted by Mr. F. H. Lufkin; Stedman Cinques at Saffron Walden, conducted by Mr. H. N. Pitstow; London Surprise Major at Colchester, conducted by Mr. H. J. Millatt; and Bristol Surprise Major at Leytonstone, conducted by Mr. J. H. Crampton. Quarter peals, though not recorded in the report, showed a pleasing increase.

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) congratulated Mr. F. V. Gant (Hornchurch) on compiling such a comprehensive and illuminating report. He mentioned the good work done by the District secretaries. He thought more could be done to rope in honorary members: at least three per tower should be possible. Roydon, Wanstead and Witham had set the pace, the last-named's list including the name of Dorothy Sayers.

Mr. G. L. Joyce (Hornchurch), in seconding, called attention to the steadily expanding library and desired that more use should be made of it. Messrs. A. H. Everett (Boreham), H. Turner (Shenfield), L. W. Wiffen (Braintree) and the general secretary contributed to a discussion on the correct numbering of the reports.

Mr. G. L. Joyce then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. F. V. Gant for all his work in connection with the report. The Master seconded and endorsed what had been said, the proposition being carried with much applause.

INCREASED INCOME

The treasurer presented the accounts as printed in the report. Mr. H. Turner, auditor, dealt with the figures in the General and Bell Restoration Accounts. The gross income from the districts totalled £105 13s. against £101 11s. 6d. in 1949; £97 11s. 7d. was paid into the General Account. Peal fees added a further £12 8s. The balance at the end of the year stood at £198 13s. 8d., an increase of £8 9s. 11d. £33 3s. 9d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund against £38 3s. 8d. Grants amounting to £45 had been made, leaving a balance of £217 18s. 9d.

Mr. H. Turner proposed that the accounts be adopted. Mr. J. H. Crampton, co-auditor, seconded. Carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. J. H. Crampton proposed that Mr. G. L. Joyce be made a life vice-president, an honour he thoroughly deserved. Miss H. G. Snowden (Bocking) seconded. Carried with applause. Mr. Joyce thanked the members for the honour bestowed upon him and declared that a life vice-president had still a job of work to do, viz., to help the Association in all it undertook. He mentioned that the election of the honorary officers appeared to be cut and dried but this was not the case as it was open to the members to propose anyone for these offices, but in order to save time at the annual general meeting the nominations were made at the District annual meetings.

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The Essex Association—Cont.

The following were declared elected:—Master, Dr P. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P.; Deputy Master, the Rev. C. Scott Little; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. C. Heazel; auditors, Messrs H. Turner and J. H. Crampion; trustees, Messrs G. Green, E. J. Runter and H. W. Shadrack; life members, Messrs W. Butler (Witham), E. W. Palmer (Shenfield) and E. Wright (Clacton); hon. members, the Rev. Burton (Vicar of Romford), the Rev. G. M. M. Lessor (Rector of Shenfield), Messrs M. S. and H. J. Crellin (Wanstead).

The Master thanked the members for their continued support and agreed to take office for another year. The hon. secretary and treasurer thanked all for again electing him to the office and then in turn thanked the Master for his advice and support, the Deputy Master for preparing the agendas and précis of the meetings, Mr. F. V. Gant for preparing the annual report and all those who had assisted during the past year.

Mr. H. W. Shadrack (Springfield) thanked the secretary and Mrs. Heazel for all they had done on behalf of the Essex Association.

A discussion followed on the printing of quarter peals in the annual report. It was decided that those rung should be included in the report in an abbreviated form, as a single line.

Mr. J. H. Crampion requested that the methods in which peals have been rung for the Essex Association be published in the report. Mr. R. Suckling, peals secretary, said that he had the work in hand.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. E. MORRIS

The secretary read a letter on the new book, 'Bells of All Nations,' by Mr. Ernest Morris, Dr. Spencer-Phillips proposed that the book be secured for the library. Mr. J. Chalk then offered an autographed copy of the book to the Association for inclusion in the library. His offer was accepted with thanks. He then spoke of the great work that Mr. Ernest Morris had done for ringing and bells in general, commenting on his previous books and press articles. He proposed: 'That the Essex Association congratulates Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, on his recent production, "Bells of All Nations," and extends its thanks for all that he has done on behalf of the ringing fraternity.' The Master seconded the proposition which was carried with acclamation.

The Master, before closing the meeting, proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford for his fine address; to the Rev. J. Morgan James, the Precentor, for the use of the Cathedral bells and the Chapter House and for conducting the service; to the organist, Dr. W. Stanley Vann; and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success. The Rev. Scott Little seconded the proposition was carried with much applause. The members adjourned to the Cathedral Hall, where lunch was served by the catering branch of the Chelmsford Rural District Council, the Bishop and the Precentor being the chief guests. A buffet tea was in operation from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., an arrangement that was appreciated as the day wore on.

During the day the following towers were open for ringing:—Chelmsford Cathedral, Broomfield, Boreham, Danbury, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Little Baddow, Sandon, Springfield, Little Waltham, Widford and Writtle.

AN IRISH PEAL BOARD

On May 19th, the 60th anniversary of the installation of the bells at SS. Philip and James' Church, Holywood, Northern Ireland, a peal board recording five first and special peals was unveiled by Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Association. The peals recorded range from 1932 to January, 1951.

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Barber). The representative company was afterwards entertained to tea by members of the local band.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

AS has been customary for many years the annual festival and meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held on Whit Monday and this year it was at Leominster. The magnificent Priory Church has a pleasant old ring of ten and these bells were kept going from about 11 o'clock until the service at 3.30, and again after the meeting. Ringers arrived from all over the Diocese, which extends over half of Shropshire and the whole of Herefordshire. During the day parties visited the three six-bell towers in the neighbourhood—Eye, Kimbolton and Kingsland—and even the five bells of Stoke Prior.

Well over a hundred members and friends attended the Guild service in the Priory Church, which was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Benson, hon. secretary of the Guild. Mr. Benson also preached, taking his text from the verse of the Psalm: 'Their sound is gone out into all lands,' and spoke as a ringer to ringers.

After the service 115 ringers and friends sat down to tea at the Central Restaurant, filling it to overflowing. Following this the members of the Guild crowded into the largest room for their annual meeting at which Mr. A. T. Poulton, the retiring Master, at first presided. A message of welcome was sent by the Vicar of Leominster, who regretted that he was unable to be present owing to the Church Fete which was being held in the parish at the same time.

The first business was the election of the new Master, Mr. Leslie Evans of Eardisland, who at once took the chair. Mr. Evans also holds the office of peal recorder, which office the meeting was pleased to learn he was prepared to continue. The other officers were re-elected.

The hon. secretary and treasurer presented the accounts showing a balance in the General Fund of £87 15s. 2d., together with £16 5s. 6d. in the War Memorial Fund and £36 19s. 11d. in the Bell Restoration Fund.

The War Memorial tablet to be placed in All Saints' tower, Hereford, below the 1914-18 tablet was reported to be in hand and it would be ready for dedication about the end of July.

The report shows that there are 77 towers in union with the Guild and nearly 600 ringnig members. All Districts show satisfactory progress and 32 peals were rung during the year.

Amongst items discussed at the meeting was the question of a new supply of badges; and for the annual festival and meeting it was decided to go, if possible, to Coalbrookdale, in Shropshire, another ten-bell tower, but right on the border of the Diocese.

Altogether it was a very pleasant meeting and the members present and their ringing friends from away had an enjoyable day at the Priory and neighbouring towers.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting With Chester Guild

The annual joint meeting of the Chester Guild and the Shropshire Association was held at Market Drayton on May 26th, some 36 members from 13 towers being present, including Mr. F. W. Perrens and party from Coventry.

The service was conducted by the Curate, according to the rites of the Chester Guild. Tea was served in the Parish Hall and the usual lavish spread was in evidence.

During the meeting the secretary (Mr. E. J. Rowe) asked for a committee to be formed to discuss the southern half of the county. This was convened and the meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Salop.

The usual 'enthusiasts' special' left for Norton-in-Hales, where there was a welcome surprise—these supposedly bad-going bells were in good order. This surely is one of the smallest eight-bell ringing rooms in the country. On return to Market Drayton, methods up to London Surprise were rung but somehow Double Norwich 'wouldn't work.' Thanks are due to Mr. Langford, of the Chester Guild, and Mr. Fred Price, of the Market Drayton band, for the arrangements.

E. J. R.

DEDICATION

ST. MARY'S, GUILDFORD

GUILDFORD has another six-bell tower with the rededication on Trinity Sunday of the restored bells of St. Mary's, which have been silent for 50 years. The cracked fifth bell has been recast, the bells mounted on ball-bearings and the ancient wooden frame strengthened, the work being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. It was also necessary to place a concrete girdle around the Saxon tower. The bells are a mellow old six in keeping with the church.

When the bells were last rung, 50 years ago, Messrs. A. H. Pulling and H. Hutton were members of the band. After the rededication by the Bishop of Guildford, they rang treble and second to the customary minute rounds that followed. Other ringers were Messrs. W. J. Robinson, F. J. Munday, G. L. Clode and T. Mark White.

Special reference was made to the service to Guildford ringing by these two veterans by Canon R. G. Clitherow, priest-in-charge, who conducted the service which was attended by the Mayor and members of the Corporation.

Taking as his text Our Lord's words to Peter, 'Lovest thou Me more than thee?' the Bishop said he would give a different interpretation to the words and address them first to bellringers and secondly to church workers. He would ask that question of those who rang Church bells. 'I am not saying anything to those responsible for the task in this place but we know from other experience that it is not always the case that the bellringer comes down from the tower where he has rung to join with his fellow Christians in the worship of Almighty God. He is too often seen, having finished his labours, walking in the other direction. Did they love the Lord Jesus Christ more than their work? Did these secondary things take the first place in their lives? He would ask those who in that place were entrusted with this useful work to say the six words 'Lovest thou Me more than thee?'

The opening touch after the service of 360 Plain Bob Minor was rung by the same band that rang for the dedication. Afterwards a number of visiting ringers tried the bells.

The bells of St. Mary's are being rung for morning service by the ringers of Holy Trinity Cathedral as part of their regular Sunday ringing. For the time being, until present recruits are sufficiently proficient there will be no Sunday evening ringing. Visitors are asked to apply at the Cathedral first and if possible a band will be formed.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The Spring meeting of the Society was held at Rolleston-on-Dove on May 19th. After three successive meetings in industrial towns it was pleasant to visit a country village, particularly at this time of year with the trees and hedgerows resplendent in their fresh green.

The members of the Society received a very hearty welcome on arrival at the beautiful old church from the Rector, the Rev. F. Abbott, and his address at the subsequent service will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to hear it.

An excellent tea, to which 40 sat down was served at the Spread Eagle Hotel, a typical English country hostelry on the banks of the Dove.

The Rector, who was present at tea, invited members to visit the Rectory garden which commanded a delightful view of the surrounding countryside, and the majority of the ringers and their wives availed themselves of this opportunity. The ringing during the afternoon and evening on the easy-going light ring of eight was greatly enjoyed. Altogether it was a most enjoyable meeting.

The next meeting of the Society will be the annual one at Lichfield on June 23rd.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEALS OF DOUBLES AND MINOR

Dear Sir,—I must draw attention to errors in your leading article of this week headed 'The Covering Bells.' The accepted rules adopted by the Council at Chester are as follows:—

PEALS OF DOUBLES

1. Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

- True and complete Six-Scores, without interval between any two Six-Scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
- Round blocks consisting of two or more Six-Scores, provided that each of the Six-Scores which comprise the round blocks shall be itself a true and complete round block.
- Twelve-Scores known as Morris' and Pitman's.

2. Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

PEALS OF MINOR

A peal of Minor shall consist of seven or more blocks of 720 rows. Each block to be true and complete in itself. The peal to begin from and end in rounds. Six bells only shall be used.

Additional touches. It was agreed that there should be no odd lengths added at the end of peals and that peals of Doubles should be in multiples of 120 and peals of Minor in multiples of 720.

Unorthodox peals. The Council also agreed that these should be published. By unorthodox it is meant a peal which does not comply with the Rules and Decisions of the Council. This does not only refer to a multiplicity of cover bells but to methods which do not conform to the Council's requirements, for example, Woodbine Treble Bob, Violet, Duke of York, etc. Since the Council meeting I have been wondering whether Plain Bob on odd numbers does not come under this heading!

I should point out that the definition of a peal of Doubles is that which was accepted in 1937 and that the definition of a peal of Minor includes Bankes James' Cambridge.

I am sorry to take up so much space but as one who did much of his early ringing on six bells and who still enjoys six- and five-bell ringing, I feel the position should be made clear to those who, either from force of circumstances or from choice, ring five and six bells.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

NOTE.—The Editor regrets that the quotation given was from the previous Decision of the Council. We hope to publish at an early date the Decisions of the Council at Chester, together with points from the discussion. The point he was making in his editorial was how cover bells invalidate peals and quarters. Other letters on this subject are gratefully acknowledged.

NORWICH CELEBRATIONS

Dear Sir,—The official celebrations at Norwich in connection with the Festival of Britain will last from June 17th to July 1st. Any ringers in the neighbourhood during that time will be most welcome to share in our ringing at the following places and times: Mancroft on the Sundays at 10.30 and 5.45, also Monday, June 18th, at 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., and Tuesday, June 19th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Giles' on Sundays at 10 a.m., also Tuesday, June 26th, at 7.30 p.m.; and St. George's, Colegate, on Sundays at 10.15 and 6.15, also Mondays at 7.30 p.m. For details of the Festival ringing meeting in Norwich on June 30th see the advertisement columns of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

GILBERT THURLOW.

SINGLE IN STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—In reply to J. A. C. King, the single in Stedman Doubles must be made in the third and fourth changes of the six. If made in the fifth and sixth change there will be a repeat in the six-score.—Yours,

E. V. WILLIAMS.

St. Columb, Cornwall.

METHOD SPECIFICATIONS

Dear Sir,—It is, perhaps, not surprising that Mr. J. E. Cook has received little information in these columns in response to his letter on page 283 of 'The Ringing World,' dated May 4th, 1951. A reason, both for this fact and for the cause of his query about the possibility of a sort of 'omnibus formula' for method-production, he may find satisfactorily given in a former series of articles entitled 'A Note on Method Structure,' in a paragraph headed 'N. Method Formulae,' on page 62 of the issue dated February 4th, 1949.

Mr. Peter White's reply to Mr. Cook (latest issue dated May 18th, page 315), will be found, if he will forgive my putting it this way, to imply only a very small part of the truth about this matter; although even what he says may be regarded as nearer the truth than some previous statements, which might be considered as rather extravagant. Mr. White's last sentence about the 'number of rows per lead' is restrictive, in so far as, put that way, it can apply only to methods of the hunt-controlled class. Indeed his phrase 'with few exceptions,' if it is to be considered as of general application, will be found to conflict with the facts.

Universal types of 'formulae' are hardly practicable in Method Structure; but a specification, mathematically deduced from the basic stage of any given method, will yield the theoretic extensions (and contractions, if any) for all its stages.

If Mr. Cook finds his problem unanswered by the article to which I have referred, and cares to write to me, I will endeavour to give an answer.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Fountains Park.

Netley Abbey, Hampshire

Ringers Honour Crewe's Mayor

A peal of 5,067 changes of Stedman Caters was rung at Christ Church, Crewe, on June 2nd, as a compliment to the Mayor, Councillor John A. Madeley, J.P., M.B.E., himself an old Christ Church boy. The Mayor paid a surprise visit to the church and tower and was introduced to the ringers.

In the tower the Mayor saw, amongst others, two very interesting records; one, a tablet to commemorate the late James H. (Jim) Riding's ringing activities of 471 peals, three of record length, and a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral. The other, a unique peal board recording two peals, one a muffled peal for the Fallen of the first world war, 1914-18, and a victory peal in which appears the honoured name of the late C. J. Bowen-Cooke as a ringer, Mayor of Crewe, and President of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Another interesting exhibit was a fine specimen of 'a ringer's jug,' which holds 11 quarts, and which it is the privilege of any ringer achieving his first peal to fill.

The Mayor said that although he was educated at Christ Church Schools, he had never been into the tower; he would like on some future occasion to see the bells at work; he thanked the ringers for the thought that prompted them to include him in the compliment.

The ringers thanked the Mayor for looking in on them before the peal, and thought his good wish for the success of the peal was a lucky omen. They wished him a very happy and profitable term of office.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Whitsun Tour, 1951

Twenty-three members and friends spent the Whitsun week-end at St. Leonards and were joined at some towers by other members and friends living in the locality. The main party stayed in the only guest-house the organiser could find large enough to accommodate everyone. It must be admitted that there were some restrictions involved, but they were not too irksome, and could, on the whole, be fairly easily and enjoyably overcome. Some appropriate texts on the walls and singing round the piano helped to maintain morale.

After supper on Friday evening there was an hour's ringing at Christ Church, St. Leonards. Ringing on Saturday started at Hailsham, and continued at the three available Eastbourne towers—All Saints', Christ Church and St. Mary's. After this, the party disintegrated to some extent, and the interval before ringing on the very pleasant six at Pevensey was variously occupied by tea, bathing, waiting for buses or going to Westham by mistake. An enjoyable hour at Bexhill, after supper, back at the lodgings, completed the day's official programme.

On Sunday morning, those who had not arrived on Friday went to Christ Church, St. Leonards, for service ringing before joining the rest of the party at All Saints', Hastings. In the afternoon, St. Clement's, Hastings, was visited in order to try the steel bells there. The 'go' of the bells was not nearly so bad as we had been led to believe, but half-an-hour within earshot of this discordant collection of ironware was as much as even the most unmusical person could stand. Service ringing in the evening was at Rye—a charming town with a fine church.

Monday brought with it a cold, northerly wind, and the cyclists found the journey to Battle very hard work. Ringing at Battle was followed by another tiring journey to ring at Brightling before going on to Burwash for lunch and ringing on the bells of St. Bartholomew's. The next stop, Salehurst, will always be memorable for the fine ring of bells and the excellent tea at the 'New Eight Bells.' This was easily the best meal of the week-end. The grand eight at Hawkhurst were a fitting finale to the week-end's ringing, and we were interested to find that in the visitors' book there, the signature immediately preceding those of our party was 'Geoffrey Cantuar.'

Transport during the tour was by nearly every means in common use—car, motor-cycle, pedal-cycle, bus, train and Shanks's pony. This resulted in a delightful uncertainty about the exact composition of the party available for ringing at any given moment. As promised in the circular, details of the bus services were available from the organiser and the secretary, and the information supplied by these two officials agreed on several occasions. The Society thanks all those who helped to make the tour such a success, and particularly Peter Blackman for his organisation. D. N. L.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

A highly successful bye-meeting was held jointly at Seal and Seal Chart, near Sevenoaks, on June 2nd, about 50 ringers and friends being present. The service was held at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Seal, and was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Miller, in the absence of the Vicar of Seal, the lesson and address being given by the Rural Dean of Sevenoaks, the Rev. A. S. Harryman.

At the business meeting the Rev. A. S. Harryman presided and three new members were elected, viz., Miss W. Thomas, Mr. H. King and Mr. A. Hughes, all of Seal. Tunbridge Wells was chosen for the annual district meeting in October in lieu of Tonbridge, where the bells are to be repaired.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, a vice-president of the Kent Association and president of the Central Council, was also present.

STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—15

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 318)

RETURN TO LONDON

In October, 1886, Mr. Russell records: 'Arranged to begin business at Great Russell Street. On arriving at my apartments after unpacking and arranging matters, got to bed at 10 p.m. Although a Sunday, a good deal of noise was occasioned by traffic in streets close by which—after my quiet room at home where I have written my diary for so many months past—will take some time to get used to.' He at once began to visit many churches in the City and says: 'Saw many old friends who seemed pleased to hear of my being up again. The belfry of St. Clement Danes' has been repainted and whitewashed—not before being wanted. Met W. H. Judd and suggested peal by W. H.'s.' (In his diary is a long list of ringers with Christian names William H.)

ROYAL CUMBERLANDS REORGANISED

At this time he notes that: 'The new master, the early meet at St. Martin's, the more business-like style of carrying out the whole meeting, were objects of satisfaction to me as it was time that some change other than the old slipshod way of doing matters as formerly—a drawback to the Society removed in many ways. Also the brotherly good feeling between all the members now existing. Baron, Dains, Newson and Rogers hanging well together and all quite unanimous in their bearing to each other, instead of having anything unpleasant. We may expect to see something done this winter worth hearing.'

A 'TWO-SOCIETY' PEAL

A day or so later they met at St. Giles' (where F. Bennett was steepkeeper) for a peal with J. Smith, of Market Drayton, who was up in search of work. They rang 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by Dains, conducted by Newson, in 2 hours 56 minutes. 'Very good and quick.' All were members of the Norwich Diocesan Association except Titchener so they made him one and booked the peal for that Association and the Royal Cumberlands as well. 'Newson and Dains had a lot to say about the composition while ringing.' He met Mr. G. H. Philott on one occasion 'at a sing-song' and heard him sing a local ringing song of Cheltenham. (The present writer had the pleasure of meeting and ringing with this gentleman, at Cheltenham, on several occasions.) Other artistes included Marriott, 'Shelling Green Peas,' and Newson. 'About the Cumberlands' 12,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch.' Stackwood also sang, making them laugh and roar with his quaint sayings and doings.

While at a Waterloo Society dinner, "Stack" and A. Hayward (a College Youth who is a good cricketer and engaged to play for clubs) arranged to play a single wicket with Newson as umpire, as Arthur had a lot to say about his abilities. This resulted in Hayward being bowled out second ball. Stack's innings also was soon over for the very first ball he sent out of bounds in one hit and not a sign of it could be found by anyone, much to Hayward's discomfort, and whenever they met Stack says the ball hasn't done going yet!

Mr. Fussell went to St. Mary's, Islington, for the first time and describes it as 'a large ringing room with several peal boards, bad ropes, good draught and circle. Went to their meeting house the other side of the churchyard called "The Mitre" where I found one of the best little rooms for a ringers' Society I ever saw—skylight in the centre of the ceiling, no windows and one door, cosy and comfortable. Here I stayed till 12.30, drinking and refreshing with the local gang who had a set of handbells out of tune and tone which were freely used during the evening. Much to the delight of the company, a visitor came in and stood pots of ale which were soon out of sight. There were

five steepkeepers present: Loring, of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; Moore, of St. Bride's; Barry, of Vedast's, Foster Lane; Spicer, of Islington; Bennett, of St. Giles' Bloomsbury. Moore, Tingey (a big, stout man) Bennett and I walked home together.' Horton, now living at Battersea, tells me he keeps a diary, also a list similar to mine. He also told me about the diary the late Jas. Barham used to keep.

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG!

'At St. Martin's everything seemed right to go and ring a good peal.—Alas! the deceptiveness of all ringers. At 2 o'clock G. Harvey sends his boy to Newson with word that "he could not come to Southgate as he had knocked his leg." but rather than fail us, George Newson called on Chapman (out): H. Tyler (at a funeral); T. Gled (tipsy); Foskitt (must stay indoors, as his wife just confined); C. Deal (at work). He was compelled at last to come to Southgate one short, only to find two more were absent (pleasant!). However, Lewis, a cab proprietor, with cab stories kept us alive in good humour, with some difficulty, as our spirits were quite upset.'

TROUBLE WITH A FLAG POLE

'Jack Lewis, who is a Bath man, told me some of his ringing tales of that town which is a very loyal one and always on the Queen's birthday flag all the church towers. At one of these a long pole was raised and lowered inside the tower, vertically, by means of an old windlass. Jack was helping the sexton to lower it once when the old man's handle came off. Jack, being only a lad, could not hold the full weight of the pole by himself, so he let go and the heavy pole went down through each floor like a thunderbolt and smashed through the communion table of the church. Much ado was made about it and the steepkeeper much alarmed. Jack says the old windlass wheel "whissed round" for nearly half-an-hour after the pole had fallen.'

The next day Mr. Fussell went to St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, and says while ringing, Gifford, of Salisbury, came up and a lot of College Youths from St. Paul's—Hayes, Greenleaf, Joyce, French, who took part in a good touch of Caters. After finishing in time for service, 'a numerous meeting of ringing people grouped themselves at the corner opposite—Barry, Dains, Rumsey, Lovett, Taylor and others, besides those already mentioned.' For evening service at St. Clement Danes' they rang Triples and Caters and afterward a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original on handbells by Fussell 1-2, Winney (conductor) 3-4, Gifford, of Salisbury, 5-6, McLaughlin 7-8; Banks and Goddard, witnesses.

During 1886 Fussell rang 14 peals (including 6,048 Kent Major and 5,104 Grandsire Cinques at St. Bride's, Fleet Street) and lost eight. He also rang 18 different 720's of Minor.

(To be continued.)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Bishopstone on June 9th with an attendance slightly below the average. The Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Hatherley Jones) and Mr. H. W. Bishop presided over the business meeting in the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman.

The secretary gave a report on the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Chester, calling special attention to rules governing peal ringing. It was proposed that meetings be held at Wroughton (evening), Castle Eaton and South Marston during the next three months. Ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES SWINDLEY

By the passing of Mr. James Swindley on May 28th, the Chester Diocesan Guild lost one of its foundation members and a familiar figure in local ringing circles. As captain of the Cathedral band and also of St. Mary's, Handbridge, he was well known to the many ringers who have visited the city. A native of Eccleston, he learned to ring there on the six at the old church which was demolished in 1899 to make way for the fine modern building which enriches the village to-day. In the early part of the century he moved to Handbridge and associated himself with the ringing at St. Mary's and later at the Cathedral.

To his great disappointment, his doctor advised him to give up ringing about a year ago but he hoped that this was only a temporary measure and looked forward to an early return to the belfry. During this time his ringers frequently visited him, especially after ringing, hearing his comments on the performance and discussing the latest events in the ringing world. These meetings did much to help him during this trying period.

'Jim' was a keen peal ringer. He had taken part in 249 peals in a great variety of methods and among his accomplishments was the record peal of 17,280 Kent Major at Over, Cheshire, in 1923, when he rang the sixth. He had also taken part in a number of ringing tours, a form of recreation which gave him much pleasure and satisfaction. Six-bell ringing had also an attraction for him and he had been a member of the band which, under the leadership of the late Mr. James Morgan, rang extents in all methods in the C.C. Collection.

He was one of Cheshire's foremost craftsmen in wrought ironwork and in this he followed his ancestors, who had carried on the craft through 300 years. Many examples of his work can be seen in churches, halls and mansions in all parts of the country. The account books, which cover almost two centuries, are interesting, not only as a record of work and places, but also for items concerning bells and ringing jotted in odd corners here and there.

For instance, it is noted that at the opening of the new ring at Eccleston in 1810 'Lord Grosvenor gave a sheep, and the wardens plenty of ale.' Another note records the fact that the same bells were rehung in 1895 at a cost of £5 15s.

It is, therefore, not only among the members of the Chester Guild, but in a much wider circle, that the passing of 'Jim,' ringer and craftsman, is lamented, and many assembled in the church to pay their last respects. Half-muffled bells sounded from the tower as he was carried in, and after the interment a quarter peal was rung on the bells which had held his interest for over half a century.

MR. JOHN GILSON

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. John Gilson (70), a ringer at Erdington Parish Church, Birmingham, and a member of St. Martin's Guild for the past 16 years. He was ringing at Monday night's practice on May 28th, when he was taken ill. He managed to set his bell and was helped down the tower in a state of collapse and taken home by car. A doctor was fetched but Mr. Gilson never properly recovered and passed quietly away at 9 a.m. on May 29th.

The funeral service was at Erdington Parish Church on June 1st, prior to cremation. In the evening some muffled touches were rung to his memory. He was the mainstay of Sunday service ringing and his passing leaves a great gap in the Sunday band, for he could always be depended on and his place will take a long time to fill.

W. J. M.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. D. Coulson (first quarter in method) 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, H. Reynolds 3, J. H. Hunt 4, E. A. Jurd 5, H. A. Nobes 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, R. J. W. Jurd 8.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Hicks 1, A. W. Glazard 2, R. Rowley (first 'inside') 3, E. C. Lucas 4, G. Bowers (cond.) 5, J. Hicks 6.

BANBURY, OXON.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Bishop 1, J. Bishop 2, R. Cave 3, J. Stretton (cond.) 4, T. Impey 5, W. Watson 6, H. Hyde 7, R. Douglas 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 7 and 8.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter-de-Merton on May 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. Harpin 1, E. Izzard 2, W. Carpenter 3, A. Woodcock 4, H. Harlow 5, S. Harlow 6, G. Hullet 7, W. Stapleton (cond.) 8.

BEDWELLY, MON.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Powell 1, Ryan Price 2, G. Williams 3, Mrs. R. Price (first 'inside') 4, F. J. Bailey (cond.) 5, T. Yeomans 6, W. Dare 7, Geo. Flower 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Stedman and Plain Bob, 360 St. Simon's, 420 Grandsire): F. R. Goddard 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, H. G. Goddard 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, D. J. Crouchman 5. First quarter in four methods by all.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. N. Dart 1, N. Denison 2, Miss R. A. Clarke 3, A. C. Baker 4, F. Skidmore 5, R. G. Hooper 6, E. Sutton (first quarter in method as cond.) 7, G. Elliott 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. C. Baker.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Brumpton 1, J. Bray (cond.) 2, A. Tomlinson 3, H. Hall 4, R. Chaffer 5, G. W. Moody 6, P. Barnes 7, B. Cuthbert (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. E. M. Hadley, for some years Vicar of this parish.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's on Trinity Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. C. Bates 1, A. R. Guy 2, R. D. Edge 3, W. J. Ridman 4, M. N. Bland 5, P. A. F. Chalk 6, C. M. P. Johnson 7, A. S. Watt (cond.) 8. For the ordination of J. B. Rowsell, deacon, and P. T. Robbins, priest.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.—On May 27th, 1,288 Grandsire Triples: J. Pheasant 1, C. L. Simcock 2, P. M. Freeman 3, C. E. Brown 4, J. Freeman (cond.) 5, J. Cragg 6, J. A. Freeman 7, G. King 8.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Old Doubles and 180 Grandsire): M. Harding 1, L. Busby 2, J. Adams (cond.) 3, D. Woodley 4, T. Bowles 5, G. Webb 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. Woodward, one time secretary of South Oxon Branch.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garlick 1, B. Hill-Baldwin (first quarter) 2, John N. Money 3, J. Taylor 4, F. Wise 5, A. P. Fletcher (cond.) 6, M. Eccott 7. Rung with 5 and 7 covering.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On May 24th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples: J. Hope 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. 3, V. R. Williams 4, H. L. Cooke 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung for the opening of the Cotswold Tradition Exhibition in conjunction with the Festival of Britain.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. White 1, A. G. Hall 2, Miss F. Raybould 3, H. Wyrce 4, H. White 5, R. Dunn 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, L. R. Hall 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On June 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Fowles 1, P. Woodgiver 2, Barbara Thrush 3, H. Belcher 4, M. Chilcott 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2.

DRIFFIELD, YORKS.—On May 30th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Johnson 1, T. H. Huddleston 2, Miss Anne M. Huddleston 3, H. Parker (cond.) 4, J. A. Parker 5, T. R. Harrison 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. First quarter in the method by all. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd.

EALING, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: B. J. Bennett 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. E. Churchill 3, J. C. Birt 4, H. J. Eldred 5, A. M. Stacey 6, T. E. Davis 7, A. Harding (cond.) 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. L. J. Brown 1, A. Woodley 2, M. Bishop 3, G. Bishop 4, E. Robey 5, H. Bishop 6, J. Gordon (cond.) 7, J. Blond 8.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Jemmett 1, H. Manual 2, P. R. Jemmett 3, C. Eades 4, F. Pack 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, Miss E. S. Wyles 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On May 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: S. Ellis (first quarter on ten) 1, H. Belcher 2, R. Mackrill 3, A. M. Houghton 4, R. Cherge 5, M. Chilcott 6, R. Sanders 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8, R. F. Deal 9, H. M. Page 10.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green (cond.) 2, Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips 3, Dr. P. Spencer Phillips 4, L. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, C. Furbank 7, L. Arnold 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On May 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. A. Warwick 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, Miss V. Willard 4, H. G. Hart 5, W. Wenban 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Kilby, late Master of the Middlesex Association, who was interred at Willesden earlier in the day.

HIGHGATE, LONDON.—At St. Anne's on May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, G. F. Carter 2, R. Newman 3, P. G. Foote 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, J. T. O'Dell (first quarter 'inside') 6, T. Bevan 7, H. S. Ball 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On May 6th, 1,259 Stedman Caters: A. R. G. Twinn 1, F. Blondell 2, F. Corke 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley (first of Stedman Caters) 4, H. W. Impey 5, G. W. Morris 6, A. M. Stacey (first of Stedman Caters) 7, F. W. Goodfellow 8, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 9, W. H. Coles 10.

HOBART, TASMANIA.—At Holy Trinity on May 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. R. Wilson 1, S. Smith 2, L. Lucas 3, J. Gilligan (first quarter) 4, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 5, M. Stops 6. First quarter on the bells by resident members of the Society, rung to celebrate the 118th anniversary of the founding of the parish of Holy Trinity.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.—On May 26th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and 720 Plain): P. Parrott 1, G. Goulding (first quarter of Minor, aged 15) 2, G. Barnes 3, P. Barnes 4, M. Page (cond.) 5, G. Page 6.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Blake 1, Miss E. Roberts 2, Miss M. Flynn 3, J. Oliver 4, M. Flynn 5, P. Williams 6, W. B. Cartwright 7, N. J. Goodman (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Smith 1, L. Pryke 2, W. Jarvis 3, M. T. Symonds 4, W. R. J. Poulson 5, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 6, F. Mortlock 7, L. Offord 8. A birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Preb. M. Fountain Page.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Ashman 1, J. Hillard 2, O. Tucker 3, E. King (cond.) 4, E. Trim 5, R. Hardy (first quarter) 6. First quarter Stedman Doubles 2 and 5.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. S. Bailey 1, C. Whiting 2, A. R. Bridges 3, June Empson 4, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, J. L. Geater 7, E. C. Pizzeby 8. A 77th birthday compliment to C. Whiting.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boyce 1, J. S. Dear 2, Mrs. J. Ling 3, L. Chislett 4, E. Jones 5, S. Ball (cond.) 6, J. Dafters 7, E. Mounter 8. A birthday compliment to conductor.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On May 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. J. Ranzetta 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. R. Smith 3, C. A. Hughes 4, A. C. Chapman 5, G. Dawson 6, C. Otley 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On May 22nd, at St. Michael's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Muriel Fairfoot 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Bottomley 3, J. Smith 4, S. Pickford 5, H. Lonyon 6, K. Smith 7, W. Masheter 8, F. Yates (cond.) 9, G. Morledge 10.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. A. Jaine 1, C. Aaron 2, G. Gee 3, D. Sharples 4, A. Bond 5, A. Rothery 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, D. B. Cater 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2 and 8.

MOORLINCH, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Skinner 1, N. Stevens 2, W. Cavill (cond.) 3, C. Norton 4, E. Skinner 5, F. Cave 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. D. Norton and Miss F. White.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGENDALE, CHESHIRE.—On May 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Parry 1, Miss J. Brown 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, C. Clegg 4, B. Walshaw 5, J. Heap 6, J. Clegg 7, F. Johnson (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mrs. H. V. Greenwood for her hospitality to the church, local and visiting ringers at all times.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Dixon (first quarter, age 11) 1, J. Dear 2, J. Collins 3, M. Collins 4, W. Pooley 5, E. Buck 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, T. Werrett 8. First of Triples 'inside' for 3 and 4. Rung for the opening of Letchworth Festival of Britain Week.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Tallis 1, J. W. F. Trotman (cond.) 2, E. Wilson (first quarter) 3, A. J. Twigger 4, W. R. Beebe 5, J. Turner (first quarter) 6.

OLNEY, YORKS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Stapleton 1, M. Cook (cond.) 2, B. Fisher 3, A. Armstrong (first in the method) 4, F. Mynard 5, A. Freeman 6, F. Boswell 7, R. Perkins 8. Rung for the 71st birthday of the ringer of the 7th.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kitney (first quarter) 1, H. Manuel 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, C. J. Eades 4, W. S. Palin 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, D. E. Eades 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's on May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Roe 1, J. B. Guy 2, Miss S. M. Brown (first quarter 'inside') 3, P. Border 4, Miss D. M. Panting 5, F. P. Wright 6, M. E. H. Barrow (cond.) 7, K. M. Grayson 8.

POPLAR, LONDON.—At All Saints' on May 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, G. W. Morris 3, C. A. Hughes (first quarter of Surprise Royal) 4, E. Furbank 5, E. D. Smith 6, J. Bennett 7, C. W. Otley 8, J. W. Ward 9, J. Bullock 10.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's on May 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. F. Diserens 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, A. Diserens (cond.) 3, B. C. Castle 4, W. Lewington 5, C. Pullen 6, R. W. Rex 7, N. J. Diserens 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On May 9th, 1,296 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent, 576 Oxford): J. Myhill 1, W. Glover 2, E. J. Runter 3, R. Thrift 4, Mary E. Shadrack (first in method as cond.) 5, H. W. Shadrack 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On May 10th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, Mrs. N. O. Manchip 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, Miss E. M. Fadden 4, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, S. G. Peck 7, H. Miller 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10. Rung for the induction of Southgate's new Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Plummer.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. C. Hyde 1, G. P. Elphick (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. S. James 3, F. J. Cress 4, R. W. E. Dawe 5, G. Beency 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, J. E. A. Wilmshurst 8. First quarter in the method for 3, 4 and 8.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral on May 27th, 1,056 Cambridge Maximus: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Miss J. England 3, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 4, Miss D. Lidbetter (longest length) 5, T. Fox 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, H. Langdon 8, J. Crampton 9, J. E. Chilcott 10, J. Phillips 11, R. F. Deal 12.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On April 25th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. G. Mason 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, R. W. Darvill 3, C. F. Sayer 4, F. J. Spicer 5, H. V. Frost 6, B. C. Johnson 7, T. J. Southam (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service. At the Cathedral on May 15th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, C. F. Sayer 2, L. Hansell 3, A. Hatten 4, Miss O. Martin 5, A. Day 6, J. T. Kentish 7, B. C. Johnson 8, R. F. Ewer 9, W. J. Arnold 10, G. W. Debenham 11, W. Nicolls 12.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On May 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. A. H. Cattell 1, D. Cattell 2, J. E. Rootes 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, T. Clark 5, C. Wenban 6, W. J. Nudds 7, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 8.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.—At Holy Trinity Church on Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Juliff 1, B. Comer 2, Miss M. Juliff 3, R. G. Bryant 4, J. W. Smith (cond.) 5, E. Anstey 6. First quarter in method for all. A birthday compliment to 2nd ringer.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' on May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Rowell (first quarter on eight) 1, W. Warren 2, F. Matravars 3, W. Tarr 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. Gigg (cond.) 7, T. Jarman 8.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Canterbury): J. Rainsford 1, L. Butcher 2, J. Clark 3, K. Stacey (cond.) 4, W. Smith 5, R. Smith 6.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On May 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, A. Elsmore 2, H. T. Higgins 3, E. Stitch 4, A. Botterill 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. E. Green 7, B. D. A. Woolley 8, J. S. Eastwood 9, E. T. Smith 10. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Adams, a member of St. Matthew's band for 42 years.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. N. Marlow 1, Miss J. M. Brown 2, W. C. Shute 3, R. W. Rex 4, H. H. Abrahams 5, W. E. Cheater 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, J. Mussell 8.

WIGFOOT, Lincs.—On May 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 360 Double Oxford, 180 Plain Bob): F. O. Richardson 1, P. Reynolds 2, L. H. Taylor 3, J. W. Bailey 4, Rev. A. A. Muxlow 5, R. Padley (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. R. Toynton (captain of the ringers) and Mrs. Toynton.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On May 26th, at St. Maurice's, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 New 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob, 120 Grandsire, 180 Stedman): F. N. Bond 1, R. M. Currie (first as cond.) 2, J. Armstrong 3, J. A. C. King 4, H. D. Buckingham 5, D. Verrier 6. First in six methods by all. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's 84th birthday.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 30th, 1,284 Plain Bob Minor: A. Minney 1, P. Amos 2, E. Morris (cond.) 3, G. Roome 4, R. Russell 5, H. Wooding 6.

RINGERS' OUTINGS IN BRIEF

SOUTH-EAST SOMERSET

On May 26th a party of ringers from several towers in the S.E. corner of Somerset and a few from just over the Dorset border enjoyed a most successful afternoon outing at four towers west of Taunton.

This party was formed about three years ago with a view to encourage the use of more advanced methods. A practice meeting is arranged every fortnight throughout the year at one of the 14 towers within the ten mile radius and practice is confined to Stedman and Surprise Minor and Major methods. The results have been encouraging both in the ringing standard and the attendance at the practice which is almost always 100 per cent. The regular party consists of members drawn from Templecombe, Yeovil, Stalbridge, Yetminster, Queen Camel and Charlton Horrethorne.

The outing started from Preston, near Yeovil, and at the first stop, Rockwell Green, a delightful six were soon going to a fine touch of Cambridge Surprise, followed later with London and Beverley. At Wiveliscombe, another hour's ringing was enjoyed on the eight, which goes well. Another party from Chew Magna followed, who continued the ringing, while a splendid tea at Barrington's Cafe was enjoyed. Here the Vicar of Wiveliscombe (the Rev. V. A. C. Allen) expressed his welcome to all.

A short run followed, to Milverton, where Claude Tarr met the party. After a fine rise of the bells, the company settled down to a long touch of Stedman Triples followed by Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Cambridge Major. The last tower was Norton Fitzwarren, where two of the local ringers awaited the visitors. This heavier six possesses a fine mellow tone and were kept going until 9 p.m. to Stedman, Plain Bob, Cambridge and London.

The long run back to Preston ended a most enjoyable afternoon.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

On June 2nd, St. Margaret's (Leicester) ringers, with friends from the Cathedral, St. John's, All Saints' and Loughborough, set off in good time in beautiful weather. Jean found a dog that took such a liking to her that it wanted to come with us and nearly got run over by two buses in the process. No other exciting incident occurred except the 'back of the bus party' causing Betty to lose her shoes.

Arriving at Stratford-on-Avon, the new ten bells were set going to Grandsire, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal. The bells here are grand, the conditions for ringing ideal and anyone who cannot ring when here could never ring anywhere.

After seeing the bridesmaids and bride arrive for a wedding, we set off for Tewkesbury Abbey, whose great and glorious tower was admired by all. The 12 bells were raised and good use made of them for an hour.

At Cheltenham several of the local company welcomed us and had the bells up ready. The 12 bells here go very well and were kept busy for an hour in several methods. Then off to Painswick for a final hour on this grand 12, which was thoroughly enjoyed. At each 12-bell tower, Cambridge Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung. 'Ernest' was delighted to meet old Mr. Staite, of Painswick, who had stood by his side in 1919 to a peal of 6,335 Grandsire Cinques.

Tea was partaken of at the Falcon Hotel and Paul Taylor, not content with about six cups of tea, had one in his lap, thanks to Uncle Ernest.

A grand run home through the glorious countryside, with a brief stop at Worcester to view the Cathedral, etc., brought a happy outing to a close. Everything went according to plan and good time kept.

IN NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE

The five-bell festival this year was held on Whit Saturday in glorious weather—totally different from last year's festival held on St. Swithin's Day—and, as a result, the 28 people present had an enjoyable afternoon and evening visiting three interesting Bedfordshire churches.

Ringing began at Oakley where, in spite of the absence of a Sunday service band, the bells are kept in very good order by the verger, Mr. H. Stapleton.

At Stevington, a delightful village with grey-walled cottages and the possessor of a holy well and village cross, the bells were not very easy to handle and it was a great moment for the ladies when they succeeded in ringing a touch of Bob Doubles.

Mrs. Stalley, of the Red Lion, prepared a first-class tea.

Pavenham, the last tower of the day, had only four ropes, two of which were badly worn. Luckily, the organiser had been warned, and some spare ropes had been carried by the cyclists. On fitting the ropes it was found that they were not long enough to reach the ringing chamber, so, after some discussion, it was agreed to ring from an intermediate floor.

After half and hour's work, which included removing birds' nests from the bell frame, oiling the bearings and adjusting the ropes, the bells were declared open. The trap door to the belfry was missing, consequently the noise of the bells was terrific. The only way to spot the conductor of a touch was to look for the ringer with the reddest face. Methods rung here included Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles, and the bells were rung down in peal at half-past seven.

Visitors were present from Cambridge, Coventry, Hampstead, Linslade and Newmarket, and to these Bedfordshire ringers would like to say 'Come again next year.' M. S.

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON

Members of the St. Paul's (Burton-on-Trent) band held their annual outing on Saturday, June 2nd, with a tour of North Notts.

Towers visited during the day were Edwinstowe (6), East Retford (10), Sutton-on-Trent (8), Radcliffe (8) and St. Mary's, Nottingham (10). The best part of an hour was allowed at each tower, and in the course of the day the ringing ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters, Oxford Bob Triples and Plain Bob.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Tribute to Canon A. W. Markby

For many years past chairman of Dorchester Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester, celebrated, on Trinity Sunday, the 50th anniversary of his Ordination. He has been at St. Peter's for 21 years.

The sermons on that day were preached by the Vicar's two sons, the Rev. C. E. C. Markby (Vicar of Highfield) and the Rev. A. C. Markby (Vicar of St. Mary's, Kilburn).

In honour of the event, 1,260 Grandsire Triples were rung for evening service by: J. Laws 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, R. H. Duke 3, Hy. Steed 4, Hy. Pink 5, F. Precey (Ringing Master and conductor) 6, J. W. Smith 7, Miss B. Dyke (first quarter in the method) 8.

St. Peter's Institute was filled the following evening with parishioners when, preceded by a short touch on the bells a cheque for £110 10s. and a water-colour painting of High West Street, Dorchester, showing the tower of St. Peter's, were presented to Canon Markby by Mr. J. T. Godwin (Rector's warden and senior member of the tower) and Mr. S. R. Courtney (people's warden).

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith (6), June 16th, 3 p.m. Tea at Victoria Cafe 4.30. 9014

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Meeting, Saturday, June 16th, at Harwich (8). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Duesbury, Dis. Sec. 8925

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys, June 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 8987

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Meeting, Essendon, June 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Hatfield (10) 6 p.m. No tea.—W. J. Southam. 8986

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, New Romney, June 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8952

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Festival of Britain ringing, Newbury (10), June 16th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Demonstration Lecture on ringing given by Mr. A. York-Bramble at 6.30, with slides and handbells. Object—to interest the general public in our art. Please give your support and bring prospective recruits. Tea 5. 8946

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Bere Regis, June 16th. Usual arrangements. Weymouth—Bournemouth bus route.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 8974

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastington, Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea, moderate charge, 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. Kay, Queen Street, Eastington, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead. Hon. Sec. 9027

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Limsfield (6), Limsfield Chart (6). Ringing Limsfield 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Ringing Limsfield Chart afterwards. 8977

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Alvechurch (8), Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 8976

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Tadcaster. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. per head. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8967

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **BARNLEY AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—Annual joint meeting, Penistone, Saturday, June 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Wentworth Arms Hotel 5 p.m. (price 3s. 6d.). 8997

ST CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.—Memorial Service, June 17th, 6.30 p.m. Tenth anniversary of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Pennington Bickford (the ringers' friends). Old members associated with the church cordially invited.—E. Alex. Young. 9032

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester Row, Westminster, Wednesday, June 20th, 7.45 p.m. Surprise practice. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 9036

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meetings, Shipham, June 23rd; Westbury-sub-Mendip, June 30th; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. 9028

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Barton on June 23rd. Bells (8) at 3. Tea at 5.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 9018

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Melbourne, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Maurice Bailey. 9030

DEVON GUILD.—Diptford, South Brent, Saturday, June 23rd, Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 9017

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), June 23rd. Names for tea, by June 19th, to Mr. C. J. Badrick, 53, Western Road, Tring.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8989

GUILDFORD, MIDDLESEX, OXFORD JOINT.—Meeting at Egham, June 23rd. Bells: Egham (8) 3—5, 6—7.30; Staines, St. Peter's (8) 3—5; Old Windsor (8) 7—9. Tea 5, at Egham Parish Hall. Names, by Thursday, 21st, to M. W. Harbott, 7, Manor Croft Road, Egham.—G. Dodds. 9033

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.—Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Tea shop near Church. All ringers welcome.—S. H. Symonds. 9026

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Higham-on-the-Hill, June 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Cups of tea in Church Schools, 5. Please bring own food.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 9024

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barrow-on-Soar, June 23rd. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names, by 20th, to J. Lowe, 8, Beveridge Street.—W. Swan. 9023

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, before June 16th, to Mrs. Lawson, Aingarth, Whaplode, Spalding. 8988

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Messingham on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss J. Blackourn, Scotter Road, Messingham, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 9015

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ebbw Vale, June 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 8972

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 23rd. Service St. Mary's 3.30. Tea 4.30. in St. Mary's Schoolroom. Bells—Cathedral 2.30—3.15 and 6.15—7 o'clock; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3 o'clock. Names for tea not later than Monday, June 18th.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 8944

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells 3.15 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea at the 'Victoria'; please notify for tea, by Wednesday, 20th, Miss J. Brittain, 66, Wilmot Way, Banstead.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8991

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, June 23rd; Pevensey from 2.30, Westham from 6.15 p.m. Tea at Pevensey.—Names to P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 9021

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Wonston, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) 2. Tea 4.15. Saddlers Arms, Sutton Scotney. Convenient five minute bus service Wonston and Sutton Scotney. After tea, London practice. Names, by Monday, June 18th, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 8965

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Summer Festival, Cardington, June 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (at 1s.) for those who notify, by June 28th, Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Bedford. Tea for those who fail to notify will cost 2s. 6d. Cople bells (6) will be available from 6 to 8 p.m. 9019

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton, June 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Coach leaves St. Nicolas', Guildford, at 2.15. Fare approx. 3s. Please send names for coach and tea, by June 21st, to Mrs. Howard, The Caravan, Handpost Corner, Wokingham, Berks.—W. Oliver, Hon. Sec. 9012

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Norwich on Saturday, June 30th. The following bells will be available: St. John de Sepulchre's 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. George's from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; St. Peter Mancroft from 7.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. George's 4.15. Tea in St. Clement's Hall 5. Names for tea, not later than Saturday, June 23rd, please, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. All ringers welcome.—A. Tooke, Branch Sec. 8936

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting, Fornham St. Martin, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea.—W. Stannard, Dis. Sec. 9029

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Patrington, Saturday, June 30th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 3s. 6d. each, in Church Room. Please notify Mr. D. A. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington, E. Yorks. Business meeting, election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 9020

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Ringing tour, July 7th, Northamptonshire area; 8 towers; charge 14s. inclusive lunch and tea—H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 9031

HALIFAX DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest at Sandal, July 7th. For teas, please notify, by June 30th, A. Ball, 13, Elizabeth Street, Sandal, Wakefield. Entrance fee, 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughton, Mossley, Manchester, Lancs. by June 23rd, if possible.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 9016

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Grafton Regis, July 7th. Names for tea, by July 3rd, to G. Atkins, Grafton Lodge, Grafton Regis, Towcester.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 9035

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Ringing week, Bristol, August 3rd—11th. Final reservations now being made. Members wishing to take part please write, by June 23rd, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8978

VETERANS OF LAST CENTURY

Mr. Tom Fowler, of Wilby, Northants, who is in his 82nd year, rang in a peal of Grandsire and Antelope Doubles at St. Mary's, Wilby, on Saturday, February 12th, 1898, and is, incidentally, the only survivor of the band.

Last December, following a fall, he became seriously ill and, by his doctor, was given not more than 48 hours to live. During that time his wife was taken ill and died, but, remarkably enough, 'Old Tom,' as he is affectionately known—recovered and is again a regular service ringer at St. Mary's.

Mr. F. P. Powell, of Southwold, Grahams-town, South Africa, who joined the College Youths in 1894, ten years later conducted the only peal as yet rung in Africa.

Mr. William Collison, of Tunbridge Wells, rang his first peal at St. John-the-Baptist, Crawley, Sussex, on July 5th, 1885. It was the first peal by a local band and the method was Grandsire Triples. The peal was rung for the first anniversary of the restoration of the church. Mr. Collison, now 87, is unable to get up to the belfry, but his interest in the art is undiminished and he still reads 'The Ringing World.'

ST. LAURENCE'S, READING

Thanks to George Fearn, 'Our Kid' and three or four well-known Birmingham ringers, the St. Laurence's ringers had another happy Whit Monday.

Leaving Reading at 6 a.m., the first call was at Kidderminster at 9.30, where Mr. Salter had everything ready. Here Stedman Cinques was rung. Then to Wolverhampton, where we had our greatest disappointment of the day, the eighth's clapper having broken on the previous evening when being rung for evensong. However, after refreshment, we set off for Walsall, where again we had some good Stedman Cinques.

Thanks to Mr. Eastwood, we had a splendid lunch, and then to Aston, where a good half course of Cambridge Maximus was successfully accomplished, as well as Stedman Cinques. At Birmingham Cathedral we had our only fiasco of the day; Stedman Cinques just wouldn't go on this lively 12.

The famous tower of St. Martin's followed and again we rang a good half course of Cambridge and quite good Cinques. Still quite fresh, we rang at St. Chad's and Bishop Ryder Churches, London and Cambridge Major and Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

We Reading people thank our Birmingham friends for the very happy day, and it again proves to the writer what a wonderful spirit abounds in the great ringing fraternity.

W. H.

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256734	3	
472356	1	
S 654237	2	
726354	1	
437526	1	Seven times repeated.
S 564237	1	The block A-A is rung only in the first four parts. In the last four parts a bob (at Home for 7th) is called instead. Also, either call S at B in the 4th and 8th parts, or else Bob for S at C in 4th and 8th parts.
725364	1	
567243	3	
675243	4	
A S 346527	2	Both 6 and 7 are fixed observation bells, and all the 6-7's are at backstroke.
753246	1	
467325	2	
674325	4	
256437	2	
742356	1	
567234	2	
675234	4	
A S 436527	2	First rung at SS. Peter and Paul's, Syston, on March 26th, 1951, conducted by Ernest Morris.
274653	2	
362574	1	
S 473256	1	
S 264573	1	
B 352764	1	
473652	1	
S 624573	1	
C S 536724	1	
S 745236	1	
367524	2	
PL 345267	2	

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—On May 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 of Plain Bob): Miss J. Cummins (first quarter) 1, J. Kemp 2, F. Bishop 3, A. E. Flatters 4, E. Fisher (cond.) 5, E. Kemp 6.

WOOLWICH, LONDON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Grove, jun. 1, Mrs. M. Morsley 2, A. Grove, sen. 3, T. Culver 4, B. Adridge (cond.) 5, R. Johnson 6.

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