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YORKSHIRE INSPIRED

THE compiler of the committee's annual report for the Yorkshire Association has invariably an interesting point to make which the Exercise would do well to ponder over. In calling attention to the ever-increasing variety of Surprise methods now being practised, he states: 'This trend shows a refreshing spirit of progress in the Association, but your committee hope that this does not mean that the simpler methods are being neglected, as these can and do provide a valuable source of training and encouragement to the less experienced members. In this connection it is interesting to compare the number of 13 peals of London Surprise Major as against nine tower-bell peals of Plain Bob Major and five of Kent Treble Bob Major.'

At one time there was a large intermediate school of ringers between Grandsire and Plain Bob Major and the Surprise methods. The trend of events to-day is, when once the young ringer has mastered two of the Plain Standard Methods, to plunge forward direct into the Surprise school. We have met ringers who, while capable of ringing three or four Surprise methods, have not enjoyed the beauties (we have heard it described as dreadful monotony) of Stedman and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. This haste to reach the front rank of ringing is, to our way of thinking, all wrong. Environmental conditions, we know, are frequently responsible. A young ringer comes into a tower where Surprise ringing is very much the mode and naturally he proceeds to master the methods being practised. Of course, it can be justly argued that, having made his mark in Surprise ringing circles, it is a relatively easy matter to go back and pick up the intermediate work.

The previous year the Yorkshire report issued a warning to younger members of the risk of allowing their ambitions to be ruled by impatience. The point then made was the importance of establishing a good standard of striking until it became second nature rather than to launch out in difficult method ringing in the hope that good striking would follow. The commentary continues: 'That rarely happens, and it should be borne in mind that while the listening public cannot distinguish a Surprise method from a Plain one, there are many people who can tell the difference between good and bad striking; they can be influenced, and often are, by what they hear.'

There is another inference that can be drawn from the ratio of 13 peals of London to nine of Plain Bob Major. Are the number of recruits to the ranks of peal ringers adequate to sustain the present wave of enthusiasm? Out of a membership of 1,575, Yorkshire had 19 members who were ringing their first peal. The proportion, to our way of thinking, seems low. It is somewhat singular that in the Southern District, where peal ringing is prominent, there are very few members that have not a peal to their credit. In the Northern District there were only 16 members who rang a peal last year and there are quite a number of towers without a ringer of peal ringing experience. Unquestionably there is a big field here awaiting the pioneer keen on getting ringers through their first peal. It would indeed be a gracious gesture, and, we believe, an encouragement to the art generally, if Associations were to award an annual medal to the conductor who shepherded the most recruits through their first peal. Opportunities to ring peals must be made available for young men and women with ambition, and even the not so young—our last issue recorded a first quarter at the age of 75 by a veteran at Wincanton.

One thing that Yorkshire can feel happy about is that there is no shortage of conductors within the Association. The calling of the 144 peals was shared last year by 50 conductors, and of these 10 were calling their first peal. The Kent County Association last year had also 50 conductors for their 165 peals. Some will perhaps remind us that there are conductors and 'bob callers,' relatively few of the former and many of the latter. We will not be drawn—but the evidence of both Yorkshire and Kent is significant as revealing an expanding interest in the higher flights of ringing. With 50 good conductors at its disposal an Association can make a very worthy contribution to the advancement of our art.

The year witnessed for the Yorkshire Association the two extremes of age in peal ringing. At Thrybergh on September 28th a band with an average age of 15 years 3 months rang a peal, and at the opposite end of the scale the 'veterans' peal at Chesterfield on December 10th was rung by a handbell team of average age 74 years 6 months. Three other peals are specially mentioned—at Haworth, Kildwick and Whitby—as being rung by the local band.

Finally we would like to commend the producers of this fine report, which contains no fewer than 51 compositions new to the Association. Such a report is of value to the whole Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	†FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 7
*ERNEST STITCH 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 8
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 3	†JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 9
†JOHN W. BEST 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.. 5	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 11
*MAURICE G. TURNER .. 6	WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 25th peal together. † First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Ringers 4, 7 and 9 complete Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH.. Treble	*JOHN HILL 7
*JOHN BRAMLEY 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 8
*JOHN R. SMITH 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	*ALAN JACQUES .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ERNEST G. SHORTING .. Treble	*JOHN G. M. SCOTT .. 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	GEORGE SAYER .. 7
*WILLIAM LOVE 3	BERT GOGLE 8
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 9
ARTHUR G. BASON 5	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on ten bells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 31, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble	JAMES SKEATS 6
*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 2	JOSEPH E. WILSON .. 7
JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON .. 3	CHARLES CLEGG 8
*LEONARD HENRYS 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.. 9
ARTHUR SWINDLEHURST.. 5	†JOHN BENSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, the esteemed conductor at the above tower.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Treble	*WILLIAM J. ELLIS .. 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 2	DAVID E. PARSONS .. 7
*†TERENCE H. BLUNT .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY .. 8
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 4	*RICHARD E. PRICE .. 9
*FREDERICK A. FINCH .. 5	FRANK C. PRICE .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE A. PACKER .. Treble	*FREDK. S. SUTTON .. 6
*IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD.. 7
†HARRY F. HOLDING .. 3	*EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. 8
†WILFRED KERR 4	*JOHN E. BROUGH .. 9
RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 5	WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 200th peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Cdr. John A. Madeley, J.P., M.B.E., Mayor of Crewe, to whom the ringers were presented before the peal. The conductor has now completed the circle at this tower.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD P. BURTON.. Treble	RICHARD KENDALL .. 6
*JAMES WING 2	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH.. 7
†JIM A. HERBERT 3	†HARRY WOOD 8
†ARTHUR J. SMITH .. 4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 9
*JOSEPH G. RUSHTON (15) 5	†HARRY P. C. MANN .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten as conductor. First peal on the bells and all Sunday service ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred King, for many years hon. secretary to St. Mary's Society.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

RICHARD C. INGRAM .. Treble	KENNETH W. KNOWLES 6
*ALBERT D. COLLINS .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 3	†ALAN ELSMORE .. 8
J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 9
ERNEST STITCH 5	MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by W. D. CROFT. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*F. G. OLDFIELD .. Treble	JON. TURNER 5
GERALD BRIDGER 2	DAVID PETERS 6
†WILLIAM H. OLDFIELD.. 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN .. 7
CYRIL DUDDINGTON .. 4	†CYRIL CROUCH Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.

* First peal on the treble. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A Festival of Britain peal. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON .. Treble	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	JOHN HILL 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	JOHN R. SMITH Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

R. GORDON CORBY .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 5
FRED EVANS 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (32). Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth Evans, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.
*FRANK W. LEWIS Treble HENRY W. STOVELD .. 5
RICHARD G. BLACKMAN .. 2 PETER R. BLACKMAN .. 6
†E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3 GEORGE R. H. SMITH .. 7
†NORMAN J. SMITH .. 4 H. FRANK DUNFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡First peal 'inside' to Grandsire Triples. Rung in celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi and Empire Day.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

PHILIP A. CORBY Treble ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 2 RALPH BIRD 6
ALFRED G. HILL 3 FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 7
JAMES BENNETT 4 HARRY PARKES Tenor
Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5152 VAUXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

CHARLES COLES Treble WILLIAM C. PORTER .. 5
MARGARET L. TUTT 2 MICHAEL E. H. BARROW .. 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3 FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4 ALAN R. PINK Tenor
Composed by JOHN REEVES (adapted). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in this method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.
*RONALD F. DISERENS .. Treble †JOSEPH NAPPER .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2 NOEL J. DISERENS .. 6
*JOHN N. MONEY 3 ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
BERNARD C. CASTLE .. 4 VINCENT C. CHERILL .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

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

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*FRANK E. WALKER .. Treble GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 5
WILFRED W. RING 2 THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3 HARRY PARKES 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4 PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor
Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

*First peal in the method.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

LEWIS J. LAST Treble FRANK L. FISHER 5
RONALD W. STEWARD .. 2 WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 6
*RODERICK W. PIPE (11) .. 3 GEORGE W. PIPE 7
CHARLES E. FISHER .. 4 CECIL W. PIPE Tenor
Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

*First peal.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.
FREDK. A. FINCH .. Treble THOMAS G. BANNISTER .. 5
JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. 2 †DENIS N. LAYTON .. 6
*DEREK R. JUDD 3 †RICHARD E. PRICE .. 7
WILLIAM J. ELLIS 4 TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.

*First peal of Surprise. †50th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor. Also a birthday peal to the conductor.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. Treble GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 5
FRANK REED 2 JOHN E. TURLEY .. 6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 3 NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
*BERT SUTTON 4 ERNEST A. THORPE .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's 84th birthday anniversary and as a farewell to Canon Bradley, of St. Marie's.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.
FRANK E. PERVIN .. Treble J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 5
*MARGARET A. BAILEY .. 2 LEONARD TREVOR .. 6
L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 3 PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4 HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

*First peal of Surprise Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

STRETTFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CECIL RADDON Treble HAROLD WORRALL .. 5
ERIC HORNBY 2 ALFRED WILKINSON .. 6
BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 3 HENRY PARKER .. 7
DAVID SMITH 4 HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as birthday compliments to H.M. Queen Mary and the father of the ringer of the seventh, who were 84 on May 26th and 24th respectively.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICH YOUTHS and
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. Treble THOMAS PRICE .. 5
JACQUELINE EVANS .. 2 LESLIE BARRY .. 6
GEORGE GOULDING .. 3 WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 7
JOAN BUSSEY 4 DAVID KING Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Mary.



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SUDBURY, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR			
Middleton's.		Tenor 26 cwt.	
CHARLES W. BEECROFT ..	Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES ..	5
*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ..	2	ALBERT E. WHITING ..	6
ARCHIE A. FITCH ..	3	WALTER W. MILLER ..	7
WALTER RUFFLES ..	4	LESLIE G. BRETT ..	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* 550th peal. Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.			
THOMAS BARKER ..	Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	5
G. ALEC DIMMOCK ..	2	JAMES BLACKBURN ..	6
IAN JONES ..	3	ARTHUR HATCH ..	7
E. ROGER MARTIN ..	4	JOHN CHARNOCK ..	Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
Rung at the request of the local Parish Council for the Festival of Britain celebrations.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.			
FREDERICK C. CASE ..	Treble	WILLIAM YATES ..	5
GEORGE F. BURTON ..	2	*FRANK J. GREEN ..	6
GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	3	GEORGE E. GREEN ..	7
GEORGE CARE ..	4	RONALD C. NOON ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's birthday.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.			
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	Treble	*NORMAN J. SMITH ..	5
BLANCHE M. BALL ..	2	BRYAN C. STIRLAND ..	6
JOHN W. MEADE ..	3	JOHN H. HUNT ..	7
ERNEST TREAGUS ..	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ..	Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.			
*CORALIE J. SMITH ..	Treble	†SYDNEY W. BALL ..	5
PERCY J. SPICE ..	2	FREDK. J. HURRELL ..	6
TOM BRETT-SMITH ..	3	JOHN E. LIDYARD ..	7
GEORGE H. DAYNES ..	4	*ROBERT W. BOYCE ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss C. J. Smith, who is the first Eltham lady to ring a peal on the bells. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. Sydney W. Ball.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,208 Bristol, 1,920 London, 480 Cambridge and 480 Superlative (with 122 changes of method). Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.			
H. JAMES TURNER ..	Treble	*TERRY R. HAMPTON ..	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ..	6
JOHN PINFOLD ..	3	HENRY H. FEARN ..	7
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ..	Tenor

Composed by J. E. TOPP. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.			
JOHN ANDERSON ..	Treble	*STEPHEN THOMPSON ..	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ..	6
ERIC N. HARRISON ..	3	*†JOHN A. BROWN ..	7
THOMAS W. CROWE ..	4	†DENIS A. BAYLES ..	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. Rung to welcome the Festival of Britain exhibition ship, S.S. 'Campania,' to the Tyne.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.			
S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ..	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ..	2	SHIRLEY BURTON ..	6
WINIFRED M. BURTON ..	3	ALAN JACQUES ..	7
PAUL L. TAYLOR ..	4	HAROLD J. POOLE ..	Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.			
HAROLD MARCON ..	Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL ..	4
*ROBERT D. WILSON ..	2	†EDWARD F. M. SAMSON ..	5
†GEOFFREY J. LOWE ..	3	ROLAND BENISTON ..	Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor in five methods.

ASHBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one six-score each of Stedman and Reverse St. Bartholomew, ten six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Kennington and April Day, and five six-scores each of Bob Doubles and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JEANNETTE A. ROSE ..	Treble	ELLIS BOARDMAN ..	4
THOMAS F. STONE ..	2	PETER ANGER ..	5
ANTHONY A. PEAKE ..	3	W. JAMES NEW ..	Tenor

Conducted by PETER ANGER.

* First peal. First peal in seven Doubles method by all the band.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven 120's each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps. Plain Bob. April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ..	Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ..	4
MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ..	5
GEORGE PICKERING ..	3	*PETER J. THOMAS ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal.

HUNTINGDON, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.			
*JOAN HARDING ..	Treble	†CYRIL J. YOUNG ..	4
†JOHN R. G. SPICER ..	2	FRANK W. LACK ..	5
†ERNEST H. MASTIN ..	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent, three of Oxford, and one of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

ARTHUR BALLARD	Treble	STANLEY HONEYBALL ..	4
OWEN BALLARD	2	*HARRY BYFORD	5
SAMUEL TWITCHETT ..	3	†FREDERICK KEMP	Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL TWITCHETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. George Ives, a ringer at the above church, who was interred at Baintree on the same day.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 120 of Reverse St. Bartholomew, four 120's each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southtrepps and Plain Bob, five 120's of Stedman, and twelve 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*EILEEN BURTON	Treble	ALAN CATTELL	4
EDWARD CLEMENTS ..	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN ..	5
COLIN A. KIRK	3	*IVY PRITCHARD	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal. An Empire Day peal.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ..	Treble	*HAROLD PAILING	4
*MRS. J. D. NIBLETT ..	2	JOHN E. WISEMAN	5
*JOHN D. NIBLETT	3	*WALTER NICHOLS	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

* First peal in four methods.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*WALTER G. LANE	Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	5
GORDON H. LANE	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

ROY OWEN	Treble	JACK WILLIAMSON	4
ROBERT ALCOCK	2	*JOHN COUZENS	5
ALBERT COOTE	3	TONY OWEN	Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal 'inside.' A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coote, of Wells, Norfolk.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. MARLOW ..	Treble	CHRIS URWIN	4
*ROBIN STORY	2	JOHN GILBERT	5
CYRIL HERRIDGE	3	FRANK GILBERT	Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by FRANK GILBERT.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD	Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT ..	4
*STANLEY G. PONTING ..	2	†EDWARD J. JENNER ..	5
KEVIN S. HOHL	3	†ALBERT RELFE	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells. ‡ 75th peal on the bells. Rung on the eve of the christening of Roger Ian Relfe, grandson of the conductor.

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THE ST. DAVID'S GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

R. SCUDAMORE Treble	L. HURREN 4
P.C. W. F. SCUDAMORE .. 2	D. CURTIS 5
G. FRANCIS 3	C. H. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

A Festival of Britain peal.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

EDWARD D. COULSON .. Treble	PETER W. ROMNEY .. 4
STELLA M. WICKENS .. 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD .. 3	JOHN W. MEAD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

Rung in honour of the 84th birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Durham, York, London, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge.

*JOHN G. AMES Treble	††STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 4
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	*CYRIL WANDER 5
WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 3	†FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

*Fiftieth peal together. †Twenty-fifth peal together. ‡First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Mary. Believed to be the first peal in seven Surprise methods by resident members of the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob and Oxford Single Minor.

GEORGE MILLS Treble	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. 4
THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 2	RONALD KENRICK 5
JOHN ASHCROFT 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

In memoriam James Mills, father of the treble ringer.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ARTHUR YOUNG Treble	*JOHN P. MORRIS 4
*LESLIE H. TAYLOR 2	*THOMAS CUMMINS 5
*JOSEPH A. BAILEY 3	*EDWIN FISHER Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN FISHER.

*First peal in seven plain methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Mary.

YAXLEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

EDMUND J. WHITING .. Treble	WILLIAM R. BARKER .. 4
D. THOMAS AUSTIN .. 2	*GEORGE S. BUSH 5
HERBERT GOAKES 3	FRANK WARRINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

*25th peal. A birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Mary and a Festival of Britain peal.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

HENRY JOHNSON Treble	WILLIAM A. KITSON .. 4
LESLIE D. YOUNG 2	PERCY H. YOUNG 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG 3	HORACE D. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

Rung for the dedication of the memorial stained-glass window to Col. H. E. P. Pateshall.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven Spliced extents in 21 methods, viz: (1) Primrose, Berwick and Hexham; (2) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (3) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (5) Carlisle and Northumberland; (6) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich; 80 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*ERNEST T. CARVELL .. Treble	JOHN COOKE 4
ALFRED W. CUSICK .. 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
JAMES H. COOKE 3	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

*First peal of Spliced Minor. First peal in 21 methods by all the band, on the bells and in the Wirral Peninsula. Greatest number of Surprise methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild. A compliment to the verger and towerkeeper, Mr. Joseph O. Mann, on his 73rd birthday. Mr. A. W. Cusick has now circled this tower.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Norfolk, Old and Plain Bob, with four callings of each.

BRIAN TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER 3
DAVID H. PEARCE 2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 4

FRANK H. IICKS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

STEEPLE ASTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

EDMUND E. PEARSON .. Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH 4
*JOHN S. WALTON 2	†WILLIAM J. CROSS 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 29, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES W. HAW Treble	JOHN G. M. SCOTT 4
RAYMOND WADE 2	CECIL WADE 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 3	ALBERT SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. D. S. Rowlands, Rural Dean, as Vicar.

HUYTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Reverse Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

JULIA M. PRESTON .. Treble	*ROGER C. PRESTON .. 4
*DOREEN M. JONES .. 2	ALEX. J. WEBSTER .. 5
ERIC J. GILBERT 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

*First peal in seven methods.

WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

AUDREY SMITH Treble	*GEORGE PARKER 4
ANGUS DIXON 2	RUSSELL BARRATT 5
IVOR SMITH 3	CHARLES SPRING Tenor

Conducted by ANGUS DIXON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., May 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, also three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

ERIC NIXON Treble	*PHILIP P. CARTER 4
*EHEL S. WISE 2	PETER E. PARRY 5
J. NEVILLE HAILE 3	DEREK OGDEN Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal in three methods. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the University of Manchester, when H.M. the Queen received the honorary degree of Doctor of Law.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 17, 1951, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 34 extents of Grandsire and 8 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN J. FIELDING 1-2	FRED E. DUKES 3-4
JOAN MCKINLEY 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN J. FIELDING.

A 20th birthday compliment to Miss E. E. Jackson.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 22, 1951, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
IN ST. NICOLAS' BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	ALAN J. TWIGGER 3-4
WALTER R. BEEBE 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A birthday compliment to Alan J. Twigger.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., May 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

IN THE BELL TOWER OF NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 9 in A.

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

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by MICHAEL SLANEY.

* First peal 'in hand' off the tenors. † First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung to commemorate the birth of a daughter to Doctor John E. Spice (ex-Master of the Society) and his wife.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., May 27, 1951, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 1,440 each of April Day and Plain Bob and 2,160 of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER 1-2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
*JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5-6	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal 'in hand.'

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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

Mr. Gordon Walford, of Wellington, Somerset, for his 21st birthday rang his 22nd peal. It was the first time he had ever conducted Kent or Oxford and he thanks all those who came along and made up such a good band.

Dr. C. A. Martin, Bishop of Liverpool, dedicated the Bourdon bell in Liverpool Cathedral on Sunday. 'Great George' is the name of the bell; it has the deepest note of any bell cast in the United Kingdom and weighs 14 tons 15 cwt. 'Great Paul,' at St. Paul's Cathedral, weighs 16 tons 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. 'Great George' was cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Mr. C. Ernest Smith has undergone an operation at St. Thomas's Hospital, Godalming. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Owing to illness, at the last moment Grandsire Triples had to be substituted for Caters in the peal at Christ Church, Swindon, on May 19th.

Mr. Douglas H. Rooke expresses regret that in the peal of Minor at Tibshelf on May 12th, the ringer of the treble was incorrectly reported. He was Mr. Philip Eastland.

Will Mr. Ernest Blake, whose letter is believed to have miscarried, please get in touch with Mrs. J. Barrett, c/o 101, Elborough Street, London, S.W.18. Urgent news awaits him.

Mr. A. W. Cusick has 'circled the tower' of St. Mary's, Birkenhead. It was completed by a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 21 methods. Watch the Wirral Peninsula for progressive ringing.

The grand old man of Sheffield ringing, Mr. John H. Brothwell, is still going strong. He rang the 5th in his 77th birthday peal—Yorkshire Surprise Major—at Handsworth, Sheffield, on June 2nd.

Mr. Stanley G. Ponting, headmaster of Ticehurst School, Sussex, who learnt to ring during the past winter, scored his first peal at Lamberhurst on May 26th. Previously he had never rung a touch of more than 240 changes.

BELFRY GOSSIP

According to the 'Tiverton Gazette,' St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, for their annual outing rang peals at Chulmleigh, Winkleigh, Torrington, High Beckington, Tawstock, Braunton and South Molton, arrangements being made by Mr. E. J. Taylor, chairman of the North-East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. Leicester ringers must certainly look to their laurels.

Mr. Denis A. Bayles has conducted peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. C. E. Lanxon, peal secretary of the Truro Guild, has recently had an operation for appendicitis. His many friends will wish him a quick recovery to full health so that he can return to active ringing with his former vigour and enthusiasm.

We welcome to our peal columns Roderick W. Pipe, aged 11, a member of the well-known Grundisburgh, Suffolk, family. His first peal was Kent Treble Bob Major, and was rung at Grundisburgh on May 26th.

St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, is a tower known throughout the Exercise. We are pleased to obtain evidence of young life in the tower by 1,264 Plain Bob Major being rung by the following band: G. R. Johnson 1, Norma Bickerdyke 2, Patricia E. M. Barton 3, H. Pettingell 4, J. W. Gibson 5, A. I. Johnson 6, E. Johnson 7, R. A. Johnston (first as conductor on 8) 8. First quarter 1, 4, 6 and 7.

A clerical ringer reminds us that at Royal Ascot the New Stakes, on June 14th, was won by Bob Major. Ringers would like to know whether Lord Rosebery was inspired to name the horse through an interest in ringing. Mr. E. A. Barnett asks whether the appropriate committee of the Central Council would consider making representation to Lord Rosebery to change the horse's name to 'Plain Bob Major.'

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT DONCASTER

A Ringing Mayor Welcomes the Annual Meeting in His Town

THE annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Doncaster on May 19th and was attended by a good muster representative of all the Districts. The fine ring of eight at St. George's, with its 30 cwt. tenor, was at the disposal of visitors from 2.30 p.m.

A brief service took place at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea, at which the Association were honoured by the company of the Mayor and Mayoress of Doncaster (Ald. and Mrs. H. Wilson) and the Vicar of Doncaster (Canon H. G. G. Herklots, M.A.). The president (the Ven. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc.) expressed the thanks of the Association to the Mayor and Mayoress for so kindly sparing some of their valuable time to welcome them to Doncaster, a gesture that they appreciated very much.

In reply, the Mayor said that the occasion was his last function in his capacity of Mayor, as he vacated office the following Monday. He was pleased indeed that the Association had elected to hold its meeting at Doncaster whilst he was still in office, as he himself learnt to ring at the Lincolnshire tower at Ewerby, and when his vocation brought him to Doncaster, he continued his ringing career at St. George's under the leadership of that grand old veteran, George Halksworth, until other engagements made it impossible for him to devote the time. It was a really grand art, and peculiarly English, and, during his tenure of the Mayoralty, he had visited the tower once again, and with the help of the enthusiastic local company, had managed to ring a touch of Stedman Triples.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and organist, which was carried with acclamation and suitably acknowledged by the Vicar of Doncaster.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The president presided at the business meeting at which apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. H. Fox, W. Ambler, J. W. Moxon and F. A. Staveley. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. Morley. A vote of thanks to the local company and ladies who had officiated at the tea tables was moved by Mr. A. Sellers, seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse, and carried with applause. Mr. E. Dalingwater replied.

The president next presented the annual report and balance sheet, which was adopted on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. Barton. Votes of thanks were accorded to the treasurer and hon. auditors.

The committee responsible for the report mentioned the great pleasure it was to present it on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Association. 'We are glad to have reached the honourable age of 75 years in full vigour and full possession of our faculties, and to be able to report yet another year of steady progress.'

1,575 MEMBERS

'Our numerical strength shows an increase of two—small, but in the right direction. Beginning the year with 1,573 members, we have elected 83 new members during the year, whilst 57 have been lapsed and 24 have died, leaving a membership of 1,575.'

'Amongst those who have passed on we would especially mention four. Harry C. Walters, of Pontefract Parish Church, had been for many years a member of the General Committee; George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, was a former vice-president of the Southern District; John Thorpe, steeplekeeper at Sheffield Cathedral, had been a member of the Association since 1901; Fred Cryer, of Selby Abbey, who died at the age of 91, was a former vice-presi-

dent of the Eastern District. We salute these and other old stalwarts and gratefully acknowledge all that they did for the Exercise and in the service of the Association.'

The report recorded the 75th birthday celebrations at a meeting at Birstall, the birthplace of the Association, on November 4th, when the president preached at a special commemoration service.

PEAL REPORT

The year's total of 144 peals was only four less than the new record which was set up last year. Again the number had been considerably augmented by the activities of a touring band which had a very successful ten days in Yorkshire. Peals had been rung in 82 churches and three at handbell centres. There were 19 members who rang their first peal and 271 instances of members ringing their first peal in one particular method. Ten members had called their first peal and the calling of the 144 peals had been shared by 50 conductors.

The analysis of peals shows once more that an ever-increasing variety of Surprise methods was being practised. This trend showed a refreshing spirit of progress, but the committee hoped that this did not mean that the simpler methods were being neglected, as they provided a valuable source of training and encouragement to the less experienced members. In this connection it was interesting to compare the number of 13 peals of London Surprise Major as against nine tower-bell peals of Plain Bob Major and five of Kent Treble Bob Major.

The number of Surprise methods which were new to the Association must easily be a record for any one year. The methods were Rutland, Pontefract, London and Aldenham Royal and Wakefield, Runnymede, Leeds, Reverse Doubles, Bradford, Southgate, Double Dublin Major and Bourne Surprise Minor. Pontefract Royal and Wakefield and Bradford Major were rung to a peal for the first time.

Coming to individual performances, the new peal secretary (Mr. W. Eric Critchley) was the top peal scorer for the year with 45 peals to his credit, and Mr. Gibson Jackson second with 38. Mr. J. E. Cawser once again headed the list of conductors having called 28 peals during the year. Congratulations were due to two brothers (Messrs. H. O. and N. Chaddock) who had passed their first century during the year.

FINANCIAL POSITION

During the year all-round increases in subscriptions had been adopted, the full effect of which would not be felt until next year, but the cost of paper and printing continued to rise and it was by no means certain that the Association had turned the corner towards financial stability. There was a loss on the year's working of £13 18s. 4d.. On the capital account, the year ended with a balance of £235 5s. 5d., and on the yearly account of £53 7s. The Bell Repair Fund had a balance of £69 8s. 2d.

The next business was the election of president, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris moved the re-election of the Ven. C. O. Ellison, who, he said, filled the office with great distinction. Mr. E. Hudson seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

The president said he was moved by the unanimous manner in which the members had re-elected him to office and he would do his utmost to fulfil it in the best interests of the Association.

Mr. W. E. Critchley was unanimously re-elected hon. peal secretary on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. P. Birkett.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the next meeting, due by Rule on the third Saturday in September. It was felt that as the Snowdon Dinner was to take place at York on September 29th, it would be unwise to hold the meeting the week previous, and eventually it was decided to hold the meeting at York on September 29th, if local arrangements could be made. (Word has since been received that it will be possible.)

A motion to amend Rule III., the substance of which was to give the trustees a seat on the General Committee by Rule was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson and Mr. S. Steel seconded; the motion was carried.

The following new members were elected: S. A. Jaine, J. A. Grace, J. S. Whithead, F. Livesey, J. Whitehead, H. Clegg and G. Slocombe (all of Marsden), H. Wilson, B. Chambers, T. W. Mann, H. Mason, E. Houldsworth, A. E. Hoodless, J. Scott and Miss Pamela Wood.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the president and principal officers, and an adjournment was made to the tower for further ringing.

A special article on the bells of St. George's, Doncaster, appears on page 394.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Pilgrimage to W. H. Barber's Grave

A large number of London members of the Society travelled by rail and road to Birmingham on June 9th and were met on arrival by Albert Walker and George Fearn. A coach conveyed them to Sutton Coldfield Cemetery, where handbells were rung in the traditional College Youths' style, consisting of the three times three, and course of Stedman Triples, by H. Langdon 1-2, A. Walker 3-4, J. F. Smallwood 5-6, A. B. Peck 7-8.

The Master gave a short address at the graveside and said they had met together to honour the memory of one of the finest ringers who had ever graced the Exercise. The tribute would have been paid by the Birmingham members a year ago, when he was buried, had it been possible. W. H. Barber was a gentle, lovable man and although a giant in ringing matters, was modest and unassuming. He was greatly loved by all who had the privilege of knowing and ringing with him.

He was a pioneer in advanced methods of ringing but was never boastful. Ever ready to assist younger ringers with practical advice, he set them a high example. They did well to honour his memory as they had done that day

and would do well to resolve to follow the example he had set them. Might he rest in peace.

Returning to Birmingham, lunch was taken at Ye Olde Royal Hotel and ringing took place at the Cathedral and St. Martin's, followed by a business meeting at St. Martin's Parish Hall. There was a large attendance of Midland College Youths and the Master particularly welcomed Adolphus Roberts, who has 62 years' membership. Mr. Evans of Cheltenham, who took part in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus ever rung, and W. T. Elson, of Putney, now well over 80 years of age. They also had the pleasure of the company of Mr. E. Alex. Young, who, in spite of advancing years, had specially made the journey to take part in honouring the memory of W. H. Barber.

All present stood in silence as a mark of respect to T. H. Reeves, John Neal and H. Kilby, who had passed away recently.

Many new members were elected and Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Albert Walker and the Birmingham members who had made such splendid arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of the party. It was a memorable meeting and will be long remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

BELLS OF ST. GEORGE'S, DONCASTER

In view of the recent visit of the Yorkshire Association to Doncaster for their annual meeting, the following article by Mr. Harold Walker is of special interest.

THIS church, of cathedral-like proportions, is a well-known landmark to all travellers on the East Coast route to the North. It is in the early Decorated style, of cruciform design, surmounted by a massive central tower 180 feet in height. The dedication took place in 1858; Sir Gilbert Scott was the architect and Mr. Edmund Beckett Denison (later Lord Grimthorpe) was a leading member of the building committee.

The old church which stood on this site was founded about 1200 and its Perpendicular tower was completed in 1430. The entire building was destroyed by fire in 1853. The principal dimensions of the old building were incorporated into the new.

In the old churchyard was a memorial of the two sons of one, Robert Smith, leader of the ringers. One of the lads, John, whilst ringing, was carried up by the rope and received fatal injuries.

'These two youths was by misfortune serounded

One died of his wounds and t'other was drowned.'

The bells of Doncaster have a long and chequered history. In the churchwardens' accounts for 1577 the item occurs 'brass for the gudgeon of the bell.' In 1579 the churchwardens reported that 'They have yet to gather the arrears from them that had not paid their assessment to the bells casting.' In the same year they agreed to pay £20 to Mr. Bellingham, bellfounder for new metal put into two new bells. In 1592 the 'Ladye Bell' was recast.

In 1720 the old bells were cast into a ring of five by Daniel Hedderly, of Bawtry, the whole weighing some four tons. One of the bells was inscribed:—

'Daniel Hedderly cast us five. A.D.1720.'

A year later these bells were sent back to Hedderly to be used in the casting of a new ring of eight with a tenor of 29 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. Robert Southey, in his book, 'The Doctor,' described Hedderly's bells thus:—

'That same St. George's Church has a peal of eight tunable bells in the key of E flat, the first weighing seven hundred, one quarter, fourteen pounds.

'They were not christened, because they were not Roman Catholic bells, for in Roman Catholic countries church bells are christened with the intention of causing them to be held in greater reverence. The bells of St. George's Church, Doncaster, I say, were not christened because they were Protestant bells: for distinction's sake, however, we will name them as the bells of that unfortunate cat whom Johnny Green threw into the well.'

But it will be better to exhibit their relative weights in figures, so that they can be seen synoptically. Thus, then:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Bim the first	7	1	14
Bim the second	8	0	18
Bim the third	8	2	6
Bim the fourth	10	3	15
Bim the fifth	13	1	0
Bim the sixth	15	2	16
Bom	22	1	0
Bell	29	1	20

In 1749, James Harrison, of Barton-on-Humber, was employed to tune the tenor and five others and to rehang four. In 1791 the 7th was recast by Thomas Hilton, of Wath. The tenor

was cracked by the clock hammer in 1834 and the whole ring, except the 7th, was recast by Thomas Mears.

Mears added new metal and when completed it was claimed the new ring was, with one exception, the heaviest ringing ring of eight in the kingdom. The dedication took place on July 29th, 1835. The dimensions of the bells were:—

Treble.—Note D; weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.; diameter 2 ft. 10 in.

2.—C sharp; 8 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.; 3 ft.

3.—B; 9 cwt. 1 qr.; 3 ft. 2 in.

4.—A; 12 cwt. 8 lb.; 3 ft. 6 in.

5.—G; 14 cwt. 2 qr.; 3 ft. 9 in.

6.—F sharp; 16 cwt. 23 lb.; 3 ft. 11 in.

7.—E; 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.; 4 ft. 4 in.

Tenor.—D; 31 cwt. 24 lb.; 4 ft. 10 in.

The cost of recasting was defrayed by public subscription, the Corporation of Doncaster giving £50 and the Archbishop of York £20. The opening was attended by ringers from Rotherham and Sheffield. These bells were destroyed in the fire of 1853.

After the fire, four tons of bell metal were recovered from the ruins and this was used in the casting of a new ring of eight by Messrs. Warner and Co., in 1858. Mr. Edmund Beckett Denison, Q.C., who received his early education at the school presided over by Dr. Sharpe at the old Vicarage near the church, took a great interest in the rebuilding of the church and took full responsibility of the whole casting and hanging of the bells. The three back bells were inscribed:—

'Designed by Edmund Beckett Denison, cast by J. Warner and Co., London, 1858.'

The dimensions of these bells were:—

Treble.—Note E flat; weight 6 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.; diameter 2 ft. 7 in.

2.—D; 7 cwt. 11 lb.; 2 ft. 8½ in.

3.—C; 8 cwt. 10 lb.; 2 ft. 10 in.

4.—B flat; 9 cwt.; 3 ft. 1 in.

5.—A flat; 13 cwt.; 3 ft. 5 in.

6.—G; 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.; 3 ft. 7½ in.

7.—F; 21 cwt. 24 lb.; 4 ft.

Tenor.—E flat; 30 cwt. 1 qr.; 4 ft. 6 in.

In the new ring, Denison closely imitated, both in weight and tone, Hedderly's bells which, he maintained, were superior to the ring of Mears. This was one of the first rings to be designed entirely by Denison and in the hanging of it he introduced several new features, chief of which became later known as the Doncaster canon. The four back bells were maidens. The bells hung in two rows and swung north and south; those on the north side being, east to west, 6, 5, 4, 3, and on the south side, 7, 8, 1, 2. By modern standards the tone was rather hard.

In 1939 a restoration scheme was undertaken when Messrs. Taylor recast and rehung the bells in ball bearings. The tenor now weighs 30 cwt. 17 lb. with a note of C sharp. All who have heard them agree they are now a very beautiful ring and one of the best in the North of England.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Rutland branch held, for the first time, a meeting at Market Overton on June 9th. Visiting ringers came from Empingham, Preston, Wymondham, Ancaster and Great Ponton. Touches of Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and April Day were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A business meeting followed tea, provided by Mrs. T. Newman. The chair was taken by the president, Mr. Reginald Scott. Four new members were elected together with three non-resident life-members. This meeting staged a welcome revival of ringing in Rutland.

DEDICATION

Arreton, Isle of Wight

In the presence of a representative congregation at St. George's Church, Arreton, on June 5th, the Bishop of Portsmouth (the Rt. Rev. W. L. S. Fleming) dedicated a new treble bell, making a ring of six in the tower.

The bell is the gift of Mr. C. B. Yates, of Arreton Manor, who has also defrayed the cost of rehangng the five old bells on new ball bearings, the contract having been successfully carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The old bells appear to have been cast at various dates, the earliest going back to 1559 and being inscribed 'In God is my trust.' Another, dated 1601, bears the names 'Oglander' and 'Henry Brett, Arreton,' and a third is inscribed 'Clement Tosier cut me,' with the date 1699. Though not hung, the sanctus bell is in the tower and is ascribed to the early 15th century. The inscription runs: 'Nicholas Serle and Alice, his wife, caused me to be made.' The new bell has the inscription 'To the glory of God,' and bears the name of the donor and the date 1951.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. Martyn) and the lessons were read by Mr. W. Upton (Master of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and Mr. C. Allen (former churchwarden). Following the dedicatory prayers the new bell was rung, followed by the six bells, by Messrs. L. Orchard (capt.), A. Cook, J. Check, C. Gallop, P. Coombes and R. Draper.

Preaching from the text 'Hallowed by Thy Name,' the Bishop referred to the associations conjured up by the impact on the senses of particular sights, sounds and scents, and said that for most the sound of church bells had a very special meaning—the happy association of the wedding peal, the solemn sound of the muffled peal, the tolling of the tenor bell, the call to worship on Sundays, or the special occasions of national rejoicing.

When the bells were silenced during the war it was as if towns and villages had gone into mourning. Church bells were a part of the Christian heritage and their sound reminded the people of God's holiness. It had influence to soften the hard-hearted, gladden the sad, to be company for the sick, arouse the careless, warn the frivolous, and awaken all to the fact of God. With that message in mind, he had greatly valued the invitation to pay his first visit to Arreton Parish Church to dedicate the bell which Mr. Yates had given as a thank-offering to God for a church and village which he loved.

Ringng after the service was under the direction of Mr. Upton, visitors coming from Ventnor, East Cowes, Godshill, Freshwater and Newport. Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, of Hinton Green, were welcome visitors. The ringers were entertained at the White Lion Hotel and they afterwards visited Arreton Manor where they rang handbells.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD

The Guild meeting held at South Benfleet on May 26th and attended by 27 ringers from eight towers, proved to be a very cheerful and friendly affair.

The Master, Mr. Philip Sadler, was in charge of the ringing, and concentrated mainly on the needs of the many novice members who were present, occasionally providing a break by introducing short touches of the more advanced methods.

At evensong, which was attended by the entire company, the Vicar, the Rev. R. Henthorne, caused some amusement with the text chosen for his address, but asked those present not to take it as a reflection on the quality of their striking.

Tea was provided at a local cafe and ringing was then resumed, being eventually concluded with a well-struck 120 of Grandsire by the local company, who are making excellent progress under the leadership of Mr. C. L. Matson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AUSTRALIA AND CANNED BELLS

Dear Sir,—We have been very interested in the articles and letters concerning 'Canned Ringing.'

Our church has no bells but an enthusiastic handbell society flourishes under Mr. E. L. Bennett, an old College Youth, who emigrated here from the Lake District some 25 years ago.

The Presbyterian Church opposite has an amplifying system connected to their tower and for some time played recordings before service. It must be pointed out that the town was very proud of these 'bells,' the nearest tower bells being 300 miles distant, and probably less than one per cent. of the district people had ever heard actual ringing.

On the invitation of the Minister, four members of our Society tried handbell ringing to see how they would sound over the amplifiers, and as results proved satisfactory, we now ring for service. This came to the ears of the Australian Broadcasting Commission and they took recordings of our handbell ringing—we were flattered.

We now have so many recruits that we have to hold two practice nights per week and, if we are ever able to afford a ring of tower bells (doubtful) we should have a fair team of beginners with some knowledge of the principles of elementary standard methods—Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob at present—on which to draw.—Yours faithfully,

T. S. HENSHALL

Sec., St. Margaret's C. of E.
Ringing Society.

Victoria, Australia.

FESTIVAL CHURCH AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—Some time ago 'The Ringing World' published a statement regarding ringing at St. John's, Waterloo Road, during the Festival of Britain; many ringers from the provinces must have noted these ringing times intending to get a pull whilst in town.

As one who made the journey in vain, might I ask that the position be clarified through these columns, to save others the annoyance and disappointment that I experienced.

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Sec., Shropshire Association, Broseley.

NOTE.—A report on the difficulties that have arisen appeared in the account of the proceedings of the Central Council.—Ed.

DOUBLES DECISION

Dear Sir,—In your report of the Central Council meeting at Chester ('Ringing World,' May 25th, 1951), it is stated the Methods Committee, in their investigations of Doubles methods, are agreed 'that methods with one hunt should have a four-lead course.'

While this would do away with such methods as St. Dunstan's, it would also rule out Itchingfield Slow Course, one of the few Doubles methods that complies with the rule that no bell shall lay more than two consecutive blows in one place.

I do feel that this fine method is much to be preferred to any that have 'four blows at the back or at the lead when the treble is leading or lying behind respectively.'—Yours truly,

J. DAVEY.

Northampton.

CLEMENT TOSIER

Dear Sir,—Could any of your readers provide any information on one, Clement Tosier. This man was responsible for the sanctus bell in our parish church (Godshill, I.W.) in 1703; also for the third at Arretton, I.W., in 1699. From a recent report in 'The Ringing World' this same man cast the tenor at Cranbourne, Dorset, in 1713.

I would be pleased to know where his foundry was situated or whether he was a travelling founder.—Yours faithfully,

Godshill, I.W.

L. BAILEY.

ACCIDENT OR DESIGN?

Dear Sir,—In the report of the C.C. meeting at Eastbourne last year, one expected to read in the account of the activities of the Literature and Press Committee some reference to the 'Bellringer's Guide' by Mr. R. H. Dove.

The reason for the omission, as passed on to me secondhand, was that the Guide had been published too near the date of the Conference for it to be included, but that it would be mentioned 'next year,' i.e., at Chester. Having regard to the fact that the Guide was published approximately six weeks before the Eastbourne Conference, this did not appear to me to be a very convincing reason. If it was, in fact, given as the reason, it becomes even less convincing when:—

(a) No mention was made of the Guide at Chester, and

(b) Mr. Morris' book, which came out about the same time before the Chester Conference, yet manages to get quite a notable mention; see page 346, 'Ringing World.'

Why this difference of treatment?

Which of these books constitutes the greater contribution to ringing literature must remain a matter of individual opinion, and from the point of view of the treatment of the authors, makes no matter. If only on account of the difference in the price it is probable that the Guide will have a greater number of sales; and it will be studied assiduously by an even larger circle who are yet too mean to expend five shillings and possess their own copy.

The position remains—that here are two men, both of whom go to a prodigious amount of trouble and research (and probably expense) to produce two books, both of which are notable contributions to ringing literature, and yet one author is ignored and the other praised. Why this discrimination?

I have met neither Mr. Dove nor Mr. Morris, though I have had correspondence with both at various times, so this letter is not prompted by any personal feelings except that it would appear, on the evidence available, that a great injustice has been done to Mr. Dove. There must be many ringers like myself who are wondering just why there has been this very obvious discrimination.

A Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee clearly should carry out its work without partiality, favour or affection, but these virtues appear to be missing in this case. However, it is undoubtedly the fact that there is always something to be said on both sides, and we have not yet had an explanation from the Committee in question. I trust that the Committee will take a very early opportunity to explain, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' just why no mention was made by them, at either Eastbourne or Chester, of Mr. Dove's Guide.

If I were in Mr. Dove's shoes I should be feeling very aggrieved about this, whilst Mr. Morris, if he is the man I judge him to be, must be feeling not a little uncomfortable at the flattery he received in such striking contrast to the snub administered to Mr. Dove. Clearly, in the interests of equity, the matter cannot be allowed to rest as it is, so, Messrs. the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee, over to you for an explanation.—Yours faithfully,

T. V. LISTER.

Apperley House,
Apperley, Glos.

NOTE.—We feel certain that it was purely accidental on the part of the convener of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee that reference to Mr. Dove's excellent book was omitted from the annual report of the Committee.—Ed.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Marion R. Young (first of Triples) 1. Janet D. Cuddy (first 'inside') 2. Patricia Holloway 3. L. Hall 4. Mrs. H. Smith 5. J. G. Day 6. H. Smith (cond.) 7. W. Hunt 8. A Festival of Britain quarter.

BLOCKING OF LOUVRES

Dear Sir,—Within the last three or four weeks mention has been made of two points on which I should like to make a brief comment.

(a). I was glad, at the Central Council meeting, to hear Mr. Osborn give a word of warning against blocking up louvres. There are undoubtedly cases in which such action has caused deterioration in the sound of the bells as heard from outside. In a very large number of towers, owing to the bells being hung too high in relation to the towers, their sound is too strident in the immediate vicinity of the church, but judging by practical experience, the best way to deal with this defect is to place a lining of felt on wooden frames inside the louvres. Incidentally, this has the further advantage of keeping birds out of the tower. By this means the sound of the bells is not in any way obstructed but simply rendered less harsh in tone.

(b). In publishing 'Peals and Touches rung for the Festival of Britain,' you state that most of the reports received coupled the Festival with the Feast of Ascension. Permit me to express the hope that the prominence given to Ascension Day this year will have the effect of inspiring the ringers of this country to make it their regular practice to honour that much-neglected Festival with a quarter peal or other special effort.—Yours sincerely,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Junction Hotel,
Dorchester.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

On May 26th a motor coach was standing outside Mancroft at 7.30 a.m. It was still there at 7.45. However, the quick and the late were eventually united and off we went, the crowd growing snowball-like at Wymondham, Attleborough, etc., until Baldock was reached about 10.30. The eight (tenor 26 cwt. in D) recently doctored for one or two small matters, were rung to Cambridge, etc.; then on to Luton, where the delightful ten (tenor 25 cwt. in D) gave much pleasure. After Stedman, Treble Ten, etc., off to Dunstable, where the grand Priory Church, with its splendid Norman doorway, arches, etc., was most impressive: Cambridge, etc., sounded well on the eight here.

It seemed more suitable to feed ourselves than to feed the lions at Whipsnade nearby, so on to Woburn for lunch, where Mr. Harris had interesting stories to tell of the 55 cwt. 'great bell' which—once hung in Woburn Church. After lunch it was a pleasure to greet several famous characters whose names have doubtless appeared in the peal columns since, as they were going for a peal as soon as we had warmed the bells up for them. We liked Woburn (eight, 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D) very much, for its bells, its park and for the interest of its Victorian Gothic church.

Then to Kempston (eight, 18½ cwt. in D) in a charming situation by a river, followed by a perhaps even more charmingly situated church at Bromham, surrounded by trees and meadows, and with a fine eight (tenor 23 cwt. in D). Our friends at Bedford had provided a grand tea in the Church Hall, after which the eight at St. Peter's, Bedford (tenor 12½ cwt. in F), proved good fun: ringing the 7th to Superlative there is as good exercise for the neck as watching a table tennis match. Then to the fine church of St. Paul, Bedford, whose grand ten (tenor 28½ cwt. in D) brought the ringing part of the day to a triumphant end, with Stedman Caters, etc.

After extended greetings in a certain place in Bedford, we arrived back in Norfolk in good time to ring for our various morning services. Hearty thanks to all clergy for permission to ring, to Nolan Golden, our brilliant organiser, and to all steeplekeepers and others who so kindly welcomed us; we look forward to doing the same for them any time they like to visit us.

G. T.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION South and West District

In glorious sunshine, the first meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham, took place on June 2nd, when the ten here and the eight at St. Mary's were rung from rounds up to Surprise Major.

The ten were originally cast by the White-chapel foundry in 1726 for St. Dionis', Backchurch, Fenchurch Street. These were transferred to All Hallows', Lombard Street, in 1878, when St. Dionis' was demolished, the fifth having been recast in 1750. Many ringers will remember the bells before All Hallows' was demolished in 1939. Most of the fittings were transferred to the new church of All Hallows on the Great Chertsey Road, Twickenham, including the very fine recoros, Harris organ, some splendid Grinling Gibbons carving and the magnificent unbuttressed tower, hidden in Lombard Street, but now a landmark for miles around.

During the war the bells were stored at White-chapel, awaiting a new home. Largely due to the efforts of the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. A. Charles, himself an enthusiastic ringer, the bells were returned to their tower. They are hung one floor lower to minimise tower sway and to reduce sound in the immediate vicinity of the tower. They were re-opened at a special service, by the Bishop of Kensington, on Sunday, March 11th, when the first rounds and a touch of Stedman Caters were rung here by five College Youths and five Middlesex County ringers. The bells are a fine ten for their weight, tenor 19½ cwt., total weight 95½ cwt.

It was sometimes difficult to persuade enough ringers to remain inside to ring the ten, as many wanted to hear them out in the sunshine. Several of the keen, local band being taught by the Vicar were given their first rounds on ten. After the service, taken by the Vicar, a very good tea was generously provided in St. Mary's Hall by the Vicar, who also took the chair at the short, quarterly business meeting.

The Rev. J. H. A. Charles was elected a ringing member. The next meetings are to be held at Egham, Staines and Old Windsor on June 23rd, Hampton and Sunbury on July 27th, and Hillingdon and Uxbridge on August 24th. After deaf ears had been turned to an appeal for subscriptions, approval was given to the secretary's proposal to buy a new minute book, minutes having been kept on loose-leaf for some years. Following the customary votes of thanks to the Vicars and the tea organisers, the meeting adjourned to St. Mary's.

The tower had been closed for some weeks whilst the church interior was redecorated. By moving one or two planks, ringing was accomplished through a maze of scaffolding. The bells were kept going with hardly a rest in a wide variety of methods, until 8.45 p.m. Peter Bond will long remember this as the first tower where a hole was made for him to ring the tenor! A wooden platform over the porch steps, extending the floor level, was removed for him. G. D.

NORWICH DIOCESAN East Norfolk Branch

Thirty-eight members attended the branch meeting at Ranworth on June 2nd, when the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. D. Everard) who also gave an interesting account of the history of the church.

Following tea in the Church Room, the Vicar presided at the business meeting, when Mr. M. J. Dack was elected a member, and Miss D. R. Ford and Mr. G. Ford life members of the Association.

Norton Subcourse was selected for the meeting on July 21st. After thanks to the Vicar and those who had arranged tea, ringing was resumed in methods to suit all present.

ST. THOMAS', BRISTOL A Lucky Escape in Superhuman Task

The bells of St. Thomas', Bristol, have, as far as is known by ancient ringers of the city, never been rung to any length in a major method, and several attempts at a quarter have failed due to stamina on the part of the heavy enders (tenor reputed 28 cwt.).

On June 10th it was conceived that the right band had been picked, and at 8 p.m. away we went to Plain Bob, ably conducted by John Thomas. Very soon the strength of Truman was being tested on the 6th, whilst Fred Hancock kept the tenor going, although warming up after four courses.

At 8.33 p.m. Fred called 'stand,' and another attempt had failed. He made a remark: 'I'll come up and help anyone out to ring a quarter, the tenor is theirs.' The gentleman on the 7th, bubbling with energy, suggested that there was a weakness somewhere, and on being challenged took the tenor for a touch of Plain Bob.

The bells were once again put into rounds but the tenor was on its way to lead, and only by a superhuman effort was it brought back up to 8th's place, and only then for two places to be made before away it sailed and all the strength of a policeman failed to get it back, with the remark from him that 'The more I pull, the more rope I get.'

The bells were lowered, the tenor being the first down. With an amount of joking from the other seven, the tenor man sat down with a wet shirt, somewhat disgusted.

An examination of the bell in question revealed that the headstock bolts had snapped, the clapper bolt being the only means of keeping the bell to the headstock, hanging on like a loose tooth, and, fortunately, no other damage.

So the bells of St. Thomas' still defy the 'Quarter of Major men,' and they will have to wait until repairs have been effected before another attempt is made. 'PHEW.'

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD Ringing Progress in Wirral Branch

Another milestone has been passed in Wirral with the ringing of a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 21 methods. Previously a peal of Surprise Royal (although possessing only rings of six and eight bells), a peal of Spliced Surprise Major and peals of Spliced Surprise Minor in 14 and 18 methods had been rung by bands of ringers drawn from this Branch.

The peal in 21 methods was specially arranged for Mr. John Cooke, who has been the pioneer of Spliced Surprise Minor ringing in Wirral, and who conducted the first ever Spliced Surprise Minor peal for the Guild to be rung by a Sunday service band.

Mr. Cooke's name has for many years been associated with progress in Wirral, as all his ringing career has been spent in training ringers in this area, and he is possessed of the gift of being able to impart his knowledge to all who make a genuine effort to progress. Moreover, his considerable knowledge of conducting has been readily available and nothing has pleased him more than to see young ringers progressing in this sphere. Consequently most of the Wirral ringers who have become competent Surprise method ringers, at some time or another have come under his influence.

Recently, some of his post-war spade-work bore fruit when the Sunday service band at Bidston accomplished a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 14 methods.

It must, therefore, be gratifying to Mr. Cooke to be able to participate in this 21-methods peal with ringers all of whom he could claim to have taught. The conductor takes this opportunity of expressing to him his thanks for all the assistance he has so willingly given and also, on behalf of the band, wishes him many years of ringing happiness in his impending retirement.

OUTINGS ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Cambridge District

On June 9th a party of 21 members and friends of the Cambridge District of the Ely Diocesan Association had a day's ringing in Suffolk for their summer outing.

Leaving Cambridge at 8 a.m. and picking up en route, we arrived at Stoke-by-Clare in good time and a pleasant hour was spent ringing this delightful six. Then on to Foxearth, where great difficulty was experienced in handling the light eight, made more difficult by the clock-case in the centre of the circle. At Sudbury some very enjoyable ringing was had on the eight at All Saints'. Mr. A. Fitch of the local band met the party and after ringing, an adjournment was made to the Four Swans Hotel, where an excellent lunch was served.

Then on to Lavenham to spend a very enjoyable hour with Mr. Stedman Symonds and that grand ring of bells. Permission having been obtained by phone at lunch time (after an earlier refusal) to ring at Long Melford, we were met by Mr. V. Ambrose, and after ringing, adjourned to The Old House for tea.

The next ring was at Cavendish, a nice six, where local ringers awaited the company.

The last tower was Clare, with Mr. Sam Twitchett. An enjoyable ring followed on these rather difficult eight bells. Cambridge was reached after 11 p.m. H. L. M.

ST. AMBROSE GUILD, BRISTOL Visit to the Shakespeare Country

The St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers, Bristol, held their annual outing on June 9th, being a motor coach trip to the Cotswolds and Shakespeare country. An early start was made at 7.30 a.m., the first stop being at North-leach, an interesting place, nestling in the folds of the Cotswolds, its fine old church containing a lovely ring of eight, which was made good use of for one hour. After light refreshments a move was made into Warwickshire, where at Leamington Spa a ring on the nice eight was enjoyed. Everyone was then ready for lunch, which was disposed of with great relish.

A move was made to Stratford-on-Avon, through Warwick with its ancient castle. At Stratford we were met by two of the local ringers, and thoroughly enjoyed ringing on the beautiful ring of ten. Some of the party tried their skill at rowing on the river, without accident. After tea the journey was continued to Tanworth-in-Arden, with its recently-augmented ring of eight, which is very similar to our own bells and cast by the same foundries.

After an hour here, which was greatly enjoyed, and wishing goodbye to Mr. Jones, we turned our direction homewards, travelling through the lovely Vale of Evesham, Broadway and Winchcombe to Cleve Hill, where the panorama of the surrounding country was much admired. The last call was at Barnwood, Gloucestershire, where we were met by Mr. L. Barry and Mr. C. Larnier and were soon enjoying a very nice supper and a social evening to wind up a delightful day. Home was reached in safety by 11 p.m. with everyone thoroughly tired, but having enjoyed every minute of a splendid outing amidst glorious scenery. F. S.

OLDHAM, LANCs

On May 26th, Oldham Parish Church ringers, together with friends, spent an enjoyable half day among Cheshire towers.

The first stop was at Bowdon, where the ringing preceded a meeting. On then to Warburton, a heavy eight, equally comparable with the lovely surrounding country.

After a pleasant trip to Macclesfield and a superb tea at the Bull's Head Inn, the last tower of the day was at Christ Church, where the pleasant ten were a delight to all. Everyone had now satisfied his ringing thirst except the youngest member, who wanted yet another course on the treble.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Short 1, F. W. Rishworth 2, R. C. Ingram 3, G. Williams 4, A. Rainey 5, J. L. Gray 6, D. Knowles 7, G. Davis 8, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 9, H. Dickens 10. For the visit of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

ASFOEDBY, LEICS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Zanker (first quarter) 1, E. Lomas 2, R. Looker (cond.) 3, J. H. Cook 4, H. Bell 5, A. Thompson 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Stephen Read, age 78, Asfordby's oldest ringer.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.—On June 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Gambrell 1, W. C. E. Goldup 2, T. F. Young 3, J. Walter 4, S. Walter 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Warboys 1, H. M. White 2, F. Springham 3, N. Round-Turner 4, H. Bird 5, R. Hayden 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, T. Camp 8. First quarter Stedman for 1, 4, 8. A birthday compliment to the secretary, Mr. H. M. White.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On May 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Thompson 1, L. Briggs 2, R. Brown 3, D. White 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Leggett 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. A compliment to the new Mayor and Mayoress, also a birthday compliment to the mother of F. Leggett. On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Swann (first quarter) 1, D. White 2, S. Jessop 3, F. Dewey 4, R. Brown 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, G. Burrell 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. E. Wallage, a chorister at this church.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral on June 11th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Unwin 1, J. Walter 2, Miss M. M. Brockman 3, Mrs. B. Chatfield 4, S. G. White 5, F. R. Weller (cond.) 6, F. J. Wells 7, S. Walter 8, B. J. Luck 9, R. G. French 10. First quarter on the rehung bells. Rung to mark the opening of the Canterbury Festival Exhibition.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. J. Muller 1, G. Francis 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, A. R. Price 4, F. Russell 5, J. Evans 6, W. Dare (cond.) 7, S. Barker 8.

CHICHELEY, BUCKS.—On June 5th, 1,272 Minor (360) Disley Delight, 720 Trinity Sunday, 192 Cambridge: J. Hilson 1, C. G. Woodhead 2, P. I. Chapman 3, S. Woodcock 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, B. S. Cope 6. First quarter in these methods by all the band.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. A. Prockson 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, R. K. C. Wilkins 4, D. Neal 5, G. A. Adams (first quarter in method as cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, C. F. Neal 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 3 and 4.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On June 3rd, at St. John-the-Baptist's, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. Razzell 3, W. Oatway 4, G. H. Humphries 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, F. E. Collins 7, D. D. Cooper (cond.) 8. First quarter of Double Norwich by 2 and 3.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's on June 10th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, H. Fletcher 2, Miss Winifred M. Elliott 3, J. W. Glew 4, W. C. Bond 5, B. Barker 6, W. Shaw 7 (covering). A farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, who is leaving the district.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hudson 1, Miss R. Tabraham 2, C. Gay 3, Miss R. Lund 4, D. H. Pearce (cond.) 5, G. Gurney 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Tomlin 1, F. Tomlin 2, H. Deacon (first in method) 3, H. Baker 4, G. Taylor 5, Grant 6, A. E. Beane (cond.) 7, F. Goodearle 8. Birthday compliment to conductor, tenor ringer and sister of the ringer of the 3rd.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On May 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Whitney 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, G. J. R. Spicer 3, A. Clements 4, L. W. Fisher 5, G. H. Dunnington 6, H. S. Peacock 7, R. H. Brooker 8.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On June 9th, 1,440 (one extent St. Clement's, one extent Oxford Minor): F. Bloomfield 1, G. Page 2, M. Page 3, R. Talbot 4, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 5, G. W. Barnes 6.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Franklin 1, F. Warrington 2, H. S. Peacock 3, R. F. Baker 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6. Rung with bells half-muffled after the funeral of Capt. E. H. J. Duberly.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Saddington (first quarter) 1, O. Payne 2, D. M. Newell 3, C. Palmer 4, C. Underwood 5, A. J. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Deighton 7, R. Whiting 8. Rung for the opening of the local Festival of Britain week.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. V. Gant 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, H. Long 4, A. R. Chapman 5, T. East 6, C. E. Wright (first in method as cond.) 7, S. Penfold 8. First in method for 2 and 5. A 79th birthday compliment to the towerkeeper, Mr. F. J. Freestone.

QUARTER PEALS

HOWDEN, YORKS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. B. Smith 1, A. Tate 2, J. J. Taylor 3, C. W. King 4, E. Philpot 5, W. A. Hudson (cond.) 6, E. Newham 7, H. Howcroft 8. A 74th birthday compliment to R. B. Smith.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On June 3rd, 1,299 Grandsire Caters: A. L. Pearson 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, D. J. Charney 6, J. D. Moxley (first quarter Grandsire Caters) 7, H. W. Rogers 8, F. D. Bishop (first quarter Grandsire Caters as cond.) 9, S. Croft 10.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Preston (first quarter) 1, S. Jukes 2, A. Peakman 3, C. Peakman 4, B. Morgan (cond.) 5, D. Griffiths 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. A. H. Messiter, Vicar from 1913-1935.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Saturday, May 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Scott 1, A. Rushton 2, Enid Preston 3, A. King 4, J. Rushton 5, A. Smith 6, L. Goodenough 7, H. Burton (first quarter Caters as cond.) 8, R. Kendall 9, C. Mann 10. First quarter of Grandsire by 1, 3, 5 and 6.

MARKET OVERTON, RUTLAND.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Storey (first quarter) 1, Joan Brandon 2, R. Scott (cond.) 3, F. G. Vickers 4, H. Wand (first quarter on the bells) 5.

NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Hereward Bob Minor: J. Hilson 1, C. G. Woodhead 2, S. Woodcock 3, B. S. Cope 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, P. I. Chapman 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

NORTON, HERTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Bob Triples: T. Putwin 1, R. Dixon (first 'inside') 2, I. Dear 3, J. Collings 4, R. Webb 5, M. Collings 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, T. Werrett 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6 are all under 15 years.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Cotton (first of Doubles) 1, Miss J. Cotton (first of Doubles) 3, J. W. Cotton 4, A. J. Twigger 5, W. R. Beebe 6, J. W. F. Trotman 7, E. Wilson 8. Rung with 7.8 covering.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Mary's on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Cordwell (first quarter) 1, D. Seville (first 'inside') 2, G. R. Fairlie 3, H. Barlow 4, J. T. Walsley 5, D. J. Gay 6, P. H. Tocock (cond.) 7, V. Sykes 8. A 15th birthday tribute to Joan Cordwell.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Barrett 1, Miss A. Rodwell 2, Miss M. Biedermann 3, J. Venn (first quarter) 4, D. Woodley (cond.) 5, T. Bowles 6. A farewell compliment to Miss M. Biedermann. At St. Ebbe's on May 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Beckitt 1, D. Hill 2, S. Rymer 3, W. H. B. Wilkins 4, C. Coles 5, N. G. McCrum 6, P. Border 7, F. Wright (cond.) 8. Rung for the service of dedication of the parish war memorial. At St. Mary Magdalen's on June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brighid M. Rose 1, O. M. Slaney (first quarter on tower bells) 2, M. Elizabeth Roe (cond.) 3, W. G. Thomas 4, F. P. Wright 5, K. M. Grayson 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On June 5th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: G. H. Myers 1, D. F. Wheeler 2, T. G. Myers (cond.) 3, H. W. Milford 4, R. A. Southwood 5, G. K. Dodd (first quarter Stedman Caters) 6, J. H. Tippet 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, A. W. Myers 9, C. A. Jones 10. A farewell to G. K. Dodd, who is leaving for Korea.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Bartholomew (first quarter) 1, Jean Edwards (first of Triples) 2, E. Hotine (first quarter) 3, B. N. G. Hall (first quarter) 4, F. H. Crook 5, T. J. Clark 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, W. H. Edwards 8. A birthday compliment to Jean Edwards.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Osborne 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Miss S. Booth 3, A. T. Langstone (first quarter 'inside') 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. F. Perry 6. Birthday compliments to Mrs. and William Booth, mother and brother of the 3rd ringer.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Green 1, Miss A. Jenkins 2, A. G. Hazelden 3, J. Parsons 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Ashby 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

ST. PETER-IN-TANET, KENT.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Howes 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 5, W. J. Fairbeard 6, F. Gadsdon 7, G. J. Appleton 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Joan M. Smith 1, Jean Haynes 2, D. H. Rooke 3, R. T. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. F. Lowe, for many years choirmaster and organist.

WIGTOFT, Lincs.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. A. Porter 1, P. Reynolds 2, L. H. Taylor 3, R. J. Townton 4, J. W. Bailey (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Padley 6.

WROTHAM, KENT.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. B. Marchant 1, T. Saunders 2, W. R. Manser 3, Miss E. M. Sills 4, J. Medhurst 5, L. Hones 6, R. L. Sills (cond.) 7, C. E. East 8.

OBITUARY

MR. C. L. SADLER

The death has recently taken place of Mr. C. L. Sadler, of Hereford, who was one of the oldest members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He was a native of Ross-on-Wye, where he first learned to ring about 60 years ago. He later lived at Newent, Glos., where he joined the local ringers. Later he kept a grocery business at Leintwardine, Salop., and encouraged the band there to make progress with Minor methods.

In the 1930's he went to live at Hereford, keeping a grocery business at Oxford Street and became attached to the tower of All Saints'. He organised a considerable number of peals in neighbouring counties for Ross and Hereford ringers and on these occasions was accustomed to entertain the company to an excellent tea from his car.

Mr. Sadler had rung about 150 peals for the Hereford Guild and there were few towers in the Diocese at which he had not rung.

MR. EVERED J. WALSON

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. E. J. Walsom, at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, on Tuesday, June 5th, at the age of 78, after a long and painful illness, patiently borne. 'Jimmy,' as he was known to his friends, was one of the old school of ringers, having started at a very early age.

He was the first secretary of the West Middlesex Association previous to its amalgamation into the Middlesex Association, and one of the last survivors of the old band at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, where he commenced his ringing career.

Mr. Walsom was an excellent striker and safe ringer. Sunday service ringing took first place with him, although he enjoyed taking part in a peal with his friends. He was widely known and held in great respect by all with whom he came in contact. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and also the Middlesex, Kent and Oxford Associations. Another of his interests in life was bowls, he being a member of Middlesex Bowling Association for many years. He was a great philanthropist, having been a member of the local Philanthropic Society for 53 years. He was a past president, trustee and a life member for 20 years, his motto being 'Do unto others as you would they should do unto you.' His was a lovable nature.

The funeral service took place on June 9th at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ealing, conducted by the Vicar of Ealing, followed by cremation.

Unfortunately the bells were not available on the day of the funeral, but on June 11th a half-muffled quarter peal was rung as a token of respect and farewell to an English gentleman.

5,120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

IN 12 METHODS

By H. G. CASHMORE

23456	M	W	H
45236	—	—	Lon., Sup. Rut.
24536	—	—	Ash., Rad., Berks.
52436	—	—	Berks. Rad., Ash.
43526	—	—	Rut., Pud., Wem.
54326	—	—	Eal., Yorks, Eal.
32546	—	—	Wem., Camb., Eal.
53246	—	—	Wem., Camb., Wem.
25346	—	—	Eal., Yorks, Lon.
64352	—	—	Lon., Yorks, Rut.
56342	—	3	Rut., Sup. Lon, Bris., Bris.

Four times repeated

First rung 'in hand' at Bushey Heath, Herts on April 25th, 1951.

ST. MARY'S, WALTON-ON-THAMES

A very enjoyable outing was spent on Whit Monday by the ringers and their wives. The first stop was at Romsey Abbey, then to Bourne-mouth, with ringing at St. Peter's and St. John's. Ringing for the very good day concluded at Farnham on the way home.

STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—16

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 380.)

ON January 1st, 1887, Mr. Fussell records going to St. Bride's, Fleet Street, to ring and says: 'Barry made a good start by coming round quite tipsy and was unable to strike the tenor properly—the bell set itself once, much to Barry's surprise, who pulled it off again, after a rest of several rounds. He also fell off the box and made us all laugh. The ringing was bad as a choirman, an amateur at present, formed one of the band, the same person who made a mess of the "midnight firing," his bell being all over the place, although he tried to do well when the Vicar was present, who noticed his inability to ring properly. All adjourned to the pub close by and received the ringing fees. I got 4s. for St. Bride's and 2s. 8d. for St. Sepulchre's from Moore and Lovett, the respective steeplekeepers.' . . . He then went on to Croydon (St. John's) for a peal which was lost after two hours owing to the 7th man being unable to continue . . . he asked Carpenter to call the bells home after 181 leads. The peal was a one-part composed and conducted by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, the first calls S. B. B. S. the 4th called three times "before" only throughout.'

Next day he went to Romford where he met Perkins and Keeble. They clogged the bells and 'we heard some really good striking by James Nash 7-8, Perkins 6-5-4-3 and Keeble 1-2, who chimed a touch of 300 Grandsire Triples, plain course of Stedman and 3 leads Treble Bob. . . . Now this man (James Nash) chimed the methods well and yet has not rung 120 Grandsire Doubles simply for want of opportunity to try, there being no local band. Saw the Romford Ringers' Book, 1755, and other items of interest. A novelty Perkins showed me was a really good hearthrug made out of old bell sallies. He paid our rail fare, but we gave 2s. for the children, of which there are 7.' Mr. Fussell then says he just missed the train and had to wait, and 'contented ourselves looking round the town—Perkins pointing out various places where they received Christmas boxes, saying at intervals: 'get 2s. 6d. there . . . five bob at this shop . . . 2s. here' and so on.'

NEWSON AND ROMFORD

In additional notes on Romford, he says: 'Newson worked and lived at Romford some years ago. He lost a very good place through being too easy as foreman with the workmen. Very often some shavings with pencil figures on were found which he had evidently been writing on a board and had planed off, after doing a little pricking out or composing on the quiet. He often said if he had the chance he would go back again. It would be a bad job for the Cumberlands if he did.'

Early in this year (1887) Mr. Fussell had bad luck with many peal attempts, perhaps the most disappointing being at St. Giles'. Cripplegate, when a peal of Stedman Cinques was lost after 3½ hours and when only 12 changes more to go and 9—11 shifted during a series of bobs called to bring them round. The band was Newson, Rogers, Hannington, Titchener, Fussell, Dains, Jacob, Swain, Doran, Chapman, F. Pitstow and Smith. He says: 'I felt sorry for Pitstow, his being one of the bells wrong and him coming so far to ring in the peal.' Later he states: 'Dains had a lot of figures and diagrams of a new method. "Duffield" from Percival Heywood.'

He describes a visit to Willesden old church: 'a small, pretty little place, very neat and compact in appearance; belfry small, light bells, tenor 9 cwt. Awkward ladder to climb up to ringing room; a small peal board in tower records two 720's of Minor rung by College Youths in 1793 at opening of the six bells.

After a chat with Kilby, the captain, I went to an old house and had tea where Jack Sheppard had been to and supposed to have slept on several occasions.'

HOLT'S ORIGINAL NON-CONDUCTED 'IN HAND'

March 10th, he records among other items: 'At the Goose and Gridiron, Holt's one-part of G.T. was rung, non-conducted, by Winney, McLaughlin, Mitchell and Buckingham—a creditable job? Later he heard an attempt for Holt's 10-part, which was lost, and he adds: 'I heard a deal about the non-conducted peal and can judge that it was a really good performance and well done, the band, too, a young one. Winney is certainly a remarkable man at handbell ringing and is one that will have a peal rung true or else he will at once stop.'

A VISIT TO SQUIRE PROCTOR

The same month he went to Bennington—walking four miles from Knebworth Station. He says it is 'a very pretty, out-of-the-way village. After waiting for Pitstow and others, W. C. Baker, of Hertford, met us. We attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise, but in a preliminary touch Newson broke the 2nd stay while I was listening to the bells. Starting for the peal I let the bell over. After getting it right again, we got no farther. Squire Proctor came in and rang some touches. Went to the 'Bell' till 10 p.m., this county hour of closing being much too early for us. Arranged to go for peal in the morning. Newson and I slept together and got up at 6 a.m. Had a good breakfast (4 eggs each!). Started for peal at 7 a.m. but failed, so touches of Superlative and Cambridge were rung till 8.30. Rang for morning service 10 a.m. I made several sketches. Dined comfortably at the 'Bell,' Chapman having brought a piece of mutton for us. Met again at 2 p.m. and attempted peal of Superlative but failed after 51 minutes. The Squire came and rang . . . invited us to his house and we were taken to his library in which was a large ring of handbells (about 50). Several pictures of large bells and a bookcase crammed with papers from which he produced several pictures of J. Miller, Haworth and himself and figured courses of Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise, each carefully mounted on cloth and labelled at the back. He gave us some apples and plenty of ale, and rang 3-4 in a course of Caters. He was highly pleased with a touch of Triples we rang and listened very attentively. We left in time to ring for evening service. . . . I heard that Leonard Proctor came into his estate in a very poor condition and a heavy mortgage to pay off. This accounts for the careful manner in which the house and property is maintained.'

WITHIN THE MAZE

'Easter Monday, got up at 10 a.m. and went to Cornhill to hear Stedman Cinques by College Youths, who had rung about 15 minutes when I arrived, but stopped after 1½ hours through a shift. The ringing was not up to their standard, several of the "front middle" bells striking unevenly with the big ones. Young band. Numerous ringers were about, listening in all the courts and passages which form a kind of "maze" about the Church of St. Michael. Most of them were, unfortunately, in a public house called "The Bell" just as the ringing ceased, the time being about 11 a.m., the general hour of morning refreshment! Most of the band came in and presented a very humble appearance. I never collectively saw such a band come into a house after a failure with more downcast appearance. The bad striking, the short attempt for such a long job, the shifting of two bells was, no doubt, disappointing to the older members who rang. Several members up from the

country and arrangements soon made by various conductors to attempt a peal somewhere or other in the suburbs. I learned afterwards a band tried for treble-10 at Fulham; another for Grandsire Triples at Putney, this being the only successful peal of the day.' Stedman Triples was lost at Lambeth. The Cumberlands attempted Grandsire Caters at St. Bride's and lost it after 51 minutes, then they went to St. Clement Danes', hoping to try for one there but met short, and as a finale to the day, went to St. Andrew's, Wells Street, but arrived too late to see the steeple-keeper, so didn't get into the tower. 'Not at all a pleasant day; in the future I hope to go into the country for a day's ringing. In London too much refreshment is drunk to get good ringing. . . . if you don't get a peal when in the country, you have a good day's outing.'

Mr. Fussell seems to have struck a bad patch at this time for after a good many attempts and failures says: 'I have had a very unsuccessful run of failures—it makes me feel inclined not to trouble about ringing at all.' Then they met at St. Giles', Bloomsbury, and rang 3 hours 5 minutes in Cambridge Surprise when a trip shifted the bells and stand was called. 'Our disappointment was bitter, so much so that none of us spoke to each other for some time, our looks were sufficient. I shall never forget Newson's face and manner when he let the 3rd bell down in a very sudden and spiteful manner.'

HOLT'S 10-PART 'IN HAND' NON-CONDUCTED

April 20th, 1887. Mr. Fussell went and witnessed Mitchell, Buckingham, Winney and McLaughlin make a successful attempt for Holt's 10-part non-conducted, which they did in 2 hours 24½ minutes. 'No sound or intimation of correction was given by anyone at any time during the ringing. The room was very close. W. H. George heard a good deal of the last part outside. I was the only one present as a witness. The band was pleased to finish the peal as they had made several attempts.'

(To be continued.)

REDEDICATION

St. John the Baptist's, Coltishall, Norfolk

This charming village on the Bure, on the edge of Broadland, was the meeting place on June 9th of 50 or so ringers from Norfolk and beyond who had come to re-open the bells after their rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. They now form a nice-going ring of six (tenor 10 cwt. 25 lb. in G), and as they have been hung lower in the tower the sound is nicely modulated outside and the general stability increased.

The service, at 3 p.m. was taken by the Rev. W. R. F. Addison, V.C., Rector of Coltishall; the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president of the Norfolk Diocesan Association, read the lesson and the bells were rededicated to their task by the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. Prayers followed for God's blessing on the bells, for the craftsmen who made and hung them, for all who should ring them, all who listen, and the faithful departed.

In his sermon, the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow said that the effort of rehanging Coltishall bells was only the local part of a great nation-wide effort which must be made soon if, after years of war and difficulty, the dearly-loved parishes of England were to be prevented from following the abbeys into ruin. We have lost so many lovely things from our land, he said: are we to lose our parish churches as well? Saying that all material things only find their true meaning in life, and in the way people make them live, he asked all to encourage the ringers and to consider ringing themselves.

Tea was kindly provided by the Mothers' Union, and afterwards the ringers adjourned to the tower for ringing from rounds to London; thus ended a most pleasant afternoon.

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BIRTH

WATSON.—On Saturday, June 16th, 1951, at 84, Pioneer Avenue, Burton Latimer, to Enid (née Walklate), wife of Geoff Watson, a daughter, Ruth Margaret. 9054

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MISCELLANEOUS

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BURNHAM (BUCKS) BELLS.—Ringers are invited to Burnham's Festival of Britain parade on Sunday, June 24th, at 2 p.m., when collections will be taken to liquidate the debt on the bells. Service follows procession at Lent Green. Bus service Maidenhead or Slough every 15 minutes. If you cannot attend, send donation to Geo. Gilbert, 29, Salisbury Avenue, Slough. 9048

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MEETINGS

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

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.—G. Dodds. 9033

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

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.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8991

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 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, Mr. Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston, 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

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Ilkerton District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Festival village of Trowell, Sat. June 30th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 27th, to Mrs. W. Thornley, 101, Ryecroft Street, Stapleford, Notts.—D. R. Carlisle and S. Patricia M. Lewin. 9046

DONCASTER & DISTRICT.—Tickhill, June 30th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 9060

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, June 30th, 2.30. Names for tea, by Thursday, June 28th, to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland.—W. F. Sheraton. 9045

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Spaldwick, June 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9064

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, June 30th, in conjunction with the Society's Great Ringing Day. Ringing commencing 10 a.m. Lunch and tea will be provided if application is made early to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 9062

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Marshfield (8), June 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6. Notify tea names by June 26th, to Noel Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol. 5. 9038

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting. Slimbridge, June 30th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by June 26th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9047

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting. Witcomb, June 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 26th certain.—C. C. Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 9072

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, June 30th, 6—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 9044

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting. Brighouse (8), June 30th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in St. Martin's School, at 2s. 6d. per head. Names, please, by June 26th, to Mr. H. Renshaw, 18, Haigh Street, Church Lane, Brighouse. 9057

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.—W. Oliver, Hon. Sec. 9012

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sherburn on Saturday, June 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Ringers carry own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 8. Wortley Road, Leeds. 12. 9070

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Bitteswell (6), Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by June 26th, to J. R. Smith, 13, Leopold Street, South Wigston, Leicester. 9050

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Foxton, June 30th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Shoulder of Mutton.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9058

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. Names, by the 28th, to Mr. C. Matthews, Waltham. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook. 9059

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Walesby (8), June 30th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Bring own tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 9034

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ashby, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by June 28th, to E. W. Beadmoore, Packington Road, Ashby, 9067

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 328th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 30th. Come and make it a big day.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 9042

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sturminster Marshall, Saturday, June 30th. Bells 3 o'clock. Tea 5. Corfe Mullen in the evening. For tea, please notify by Wednesday, June 27th, I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset. 9055

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

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale (8), Saturday, July 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Whitworth Institute Pavilion, at 5. Names for tea, by July 30th, to D. Scott, Orchard House, Hillside, Darley Dale. 9074

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Epping (8), July 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. V. H. Hare, Granville Road, Epping. 9043

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).—Combined meeting, Saturday, July 7th, at Silvertown. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Transport will be arranged from station. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec. 9049

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rodmersham (6) on Saturday, July 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. followed by tea in Village Hall at 2s. per head. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 4th, to Mr. W. H. Tolhurst, 4, Mill Cottages, Rodmersham Green, near Sittingbourne. 9063

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hawkhurst (8) on July 7th at 3. Service (if it can be arranged) at 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, not later than July 5th, to Mr. W. Gorrington, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 9071

LADIES' GUILD.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Worsley, near Manchester, on July 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, kindly advise by July 3rd. Mr. P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley, Manchester. All welcome.—Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec. 9069

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Summer meeting, Shrivenham, July 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 4th. to M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 9037

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

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Winchester, Saturday, July 7th. Full details next week.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9065

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, on July 14th. Service 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, not later than July 10th, to D. G. Williams, 8, Capel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 9073

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter and N.W. Branches.—Combined meeting, Okehampton, July 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Moreton Hampstead (8) available 7.15. Coach leaves Paul Street, Exeter, 2.30; fare 5s. Names, by July 16th latest. Book now!—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 9061

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